

New York District Kiwanis Foundation

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It's 2017 and I can't believe how fast the years have gone by. This is my 10th year of having the privilege to serve as president of the foundation and as president I've been blessed to be surrounded by the best board of directors, officers and appointees in the world.

As I stated many times, we have a constant battle in keeping the Kamp in the best shape that it could be, due to the really harsh winters every year many things crop up that need immediate attention.

This past year it was evident that a few items needed to be addressed, most importantly roofs need replacing. The drama hall and the administration building were

in really bad shape. The decision was made that the roofs will be replaced with a longer-lasting solution, which is a metal roof. Today we have brand new metal roofs on the drama hall and administration building which will last for a very long time, saving money in the long run.

Of course there are always surprises that arise every year like having a water pipe freeze and burst in the administration/infirmery from a malfunction in the heating system. Kyle Hoffman from the Metropolitan division came to the rescue by supplying all the equipment, material and labor for a brand new hot air heating system which eliminated the old, worn-out hot water system.

Other surprises like the water filters that get patched every year, it was time to replace them, so we ordered new ones and Vice President Joe Battista, as always will be going up there as soon as the weather allows and will be installing the new ones. This is of course, beside all of the other repairs that Joe makes every year.

Then we have board member Herb

Chan who decided that the administration building interior needs a revamping, so he demolished and rebuilt the two bathrooms, scraped off the old flooring and put down a new one. He just sees something that needs to be fixed and loads up his truck, gets a few workers and drives from Staten Island, goes and does whatever needs to be done, all at not a single penny cost to the Kamp. Then there is Anthony Merendino who coordinates with Herb so that he can go up there and do whatever electrical work has to be done before Herb closes the walls.

I guess what I am trying to relay to you is that the Kamp always needs funds to operate. There are always surprises that have to be addressed immediately and because this is a brick and mortar business, we always need funds to keep it going.

There are many ways for you to help and the best way is to budget to send kids to Kamp. This past year we had 638 children attend, almost 40 more than last year, let's try to reach 670 or more, we can do it with your help.

Pediatric
Lyme Disease

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Doctors, researchers, and insurance companies who do not acknowledge chronic Lyme Disease have now invented a bogus label for people who still have symptoms after a short course of antibiotics: "Post-Lyme Syndrome."

Patients abused with this diagnosis are either told that nonliving bacterial toxins are keeping them ill, or worse, that remaining symptoms are psychiatric in nature and they should see a shrink who treats hypochondria and paranoia.

So, many patients end up attempting to treat a raging bacterial infection with talk therapy.

The truth is that chronic Lyme Disease is in fact a real condition, caused by an active bacterial infection, and largely disparaged by conventional medicine. The conclusion that chronic Lyme Disease is not a valid medical condition is so preposterous, so irrational, so unscientific that one can't help but question whether the presiding research organizations are actually pursuing truth or instead, acting as puppets beholden to a political or medical agenda.

There is simply too much research to ignore. And as time goes on, instead of behaving rationally and slowly examining new research and moving toward adoption

of chronic Lyme Disease as a real condition, the regulatory agencies seem to be going in the opposite direction and becoming more adamant about their erroneous conclusions.

The doctors who recognize chronic Lyme Disease, and are willing to treat it, are few and far between. LLMDs use extended courses of very powerful antibiotics, sometimes in combinations of two or three drugs simultaneously, at much higher than FDA approved dosages, to try to help people with chronic Lyme Disease.

But even if patient and LLMD are able to connect, there are still additional obstacles. One of the main obstacles related to chronic Lyme Disease is the cost to treat it. That is where the Kiwanis Pediatric Lyme Disease Foundation comes into play. The foundation pays for the treatment and/or medication of a child with chronic Lyme Disease through the issuance of grants. This year the grants will be between \$125,000 and \$145,000. For the first time in the 16 years that I have been doing this I am afraid that the foundation may not be able to meet its obligations and turn away children who need help.

So I am asking if you do not have a Brittany Fellowship please consider buying one. If you have one please consider the next level which is the Emerald Brittany. If you have both, why not consider the Joseph Michael Wuest Fellowship for your club. If you are among the group that has them all maybe you would consider a small donation to the foundation.

If you have any questions or concerns about Pediatric Lyme Disease please feel free to give me a call. As always, remember

that the main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing and in this case the main thing is to help children with chronic Lyme Disease.

Children's Fund Celebrating Progress

The Kiwanis Children's Fund is celebrating those whose gifts changed children's lives throughout 2016.

During 2016, more than 3,279 individuals and clubs gave to the Children's Fund. And they made it possible for the fund, formerly known as the Kiwanis International Foundation, to provide Kiwanis-family grants that helped Kiwanians help kids.

For example, the Kiwanis Club of Ticonderoga, New York, provided more than 27,500 weekend meals to nearly 150 children.

We have one more reason for celebration this holiday season: maternal and neonatal tetanus has been eliminated in Equatorial Guinea. Earlier this year we celebrated similar achievements in Indonesia and Niger. While this is great progress, let's not forget that MNT still threatens millions of lives in 18 countries. They need us to continue to fulfill pledges quickly and release the funds that UNICEF needs to reach those nations. So keep going, because when your goal is to change the world, every penny counts.