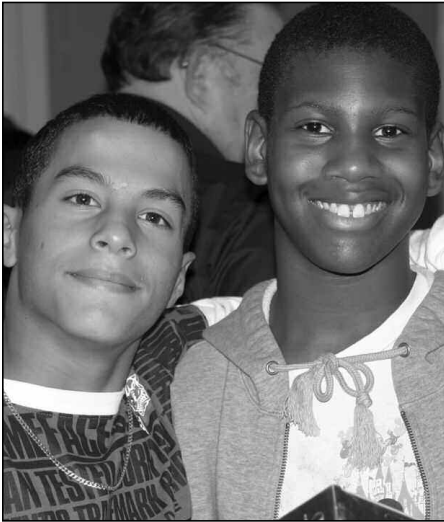


Westchester Village & Morris Park Bring Presents and Smiles to Kids



The Kiwanis Clubs of **MORRIS PARK** and **WESTCHESTER VILLAGE**, Bronx Westchester South Division – for the last fifteen years have provided a Christmas Party for the children of the Institute for Special Education and this year was no different. LG Rocco Riti, Morris Park Pres. Peter Caliendo and Westchester Village Pres. Angie Politano and Kiwanians gathered at the Institute on Pelham Parkway in the Bronx where they decorated and set-up for the party. DJ Serg provided spirited musical entertainment for the crowd who danced and enjoyed the sound.

Each child was asked in advance, “what would you like from Santa?” The highlight of the evening was a visit from the man in the red suit, “Santa Claus.” They children cheered with joy and were thrilled to see Santa (Morris Park’s Gary DeViso) with presents for all. The event was organized by Tony Sassone, who got the toys from Steve’s Toyland.

The Morris Park and Westchester Village Clubs also made sure there was a magician on hand to entertain the youngsters. Everyone feasted on delicious food and the spirit of the season prevailed.

Basket Raffle to Be Held At Mid-Year Conference

*By Rebecca Ovadia
Basket Raffle Chair*

This year, as in the past, we will be holding a basket raffle at the Mid-Year Conference at the Hudson Valley Resort on February 25-27, 2005.

The success of the raffle year after year is truly a shining achievement for our District and for all of our generous Kiwanians within. This year, First Lady Susan had designated Kamp Kiwanis and the Pediatric Trauma Center at North Shore University Hospital as the recipients of money raised by the raffle.

We are requesting at least one gift basket from each Division in the District to be raffled off at the February Conference. Of course, we will be happy to accept as many baskets as are donated. This is a great opportunity for you to showcase the uniqueness of your Club or Division and to highlight the product native to your area.

We hope to create some excitement and fun at our weekend at the Hudson Valley Resort and in the process raise much needed money for our Kamp and the Pediatric Trauma Centers.

If you have any questions about the raffle, please contact me, Rebecca Ovadia, Basket Chair at WoodsideKiwanis@aol.com or at (516) 432 5690. I look forward to meeting you and the fruits of your labor in February. Thank you.



Governor
Glenn W. Hollins

Susan and I would like to extend our sincere best wishes for a healthy and happy New Year for everyone. The good things that our clubs have done through this season brought joy to many families and individuals. It is your Kiwanis club that has made a difference. The variety of projects demonstrated our commitment to our communities.

We are looking forward to seeing you at our Mid Year Conference on February 25-27, 2005 at the Hudson Valley Resort & Spa. It will be a wonderful conference and we have many interesting forums and workshops for you. For further information about our conference schedule, forums and other events, please go to our web site, www.kiwanis-ny.org.

Just a quick update about the terrific K-Family Weekend we had in November. Kiwanians, Circle Kers and Key Clubbers enjoyed a busy weekend of forums, board meetings and best of all some spirited games of cricket, thanks to Queens West LG Eric Shavarain. We met our counterparts in the K-family and got to know each other while having fun. Thanks you to all the helping hands who created a special weekend for all of us.

On page 4 you will notice a Round Robin Form to report your interclub visits. I encourage everyone to get involved in this valuable exchange of ideas from your fellow Kiwanians. Remember to send your reports to the District Office so your club can get credit for your efforts.

All New York District Clubs should be in the process of planning some projects that will meet the criteria for the 2005-2006 Governor’s Project. The types of projects that each club does should be limited only by the imagination and inventiveness of the club members. Therefore, clubs are encouraged to undertake new projects whose basic themes combine children and their safety and partner with other organizations as appropriate.

Here are some ideas for you to consider:

- Partnering with the local fire department and have school children conduct a home fire safety check list.
- Partnering with the local, county or state police and have a car seat safety check;
- Partnering with the AAA and hold a bicycle safety rodeo.
- Partnering with the ASPCA, zoo, veterinarian or local animal rescue group for an animal and child safety program.

With home pool safety, playground safety, road and traffic safety and household safety clubs should have no problem creating new and exciting projects which I look forward to hearing about.

See you at the New York District Mid-Year Conference. I think you will be pleasantly surprised with our new location.

Check out the
New York District Website at
www.kiwanis-ny.org