



Builders Club

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Congratulations are in order for six of our New York District Builders Clubs for the 2003-2004 Kiwanis Year. The Distinguished Clubs were :

- Children's Colony Prep
 - Woodland Middle School
 - Ogdensburg Middle School
 - Broadway Middle School
 - Susan B. Anthony IS 238
- and one honor club:
- Rensselaer CSD

The District winner of the leadership award contest was Simone Descartes of Children's Colony Prep and the winner of the scrapbook contest was Children's Colony Prep. School of Brooklyn. Congratulations are in order for Mr. Rory L Duncan, Jr. the faculty advisor. The Kiwanis Sponsor of this builders club is the Kiwanis Club of Mapleton.

If you are planning to charter a new Builder's Club do not pay membership fees to Kiwanis International at the time of charter. In place of fees, the sponsoring Kiwanis Club pays a 1/ time amount of \$460, which covers the cost of the new club, including the following items: Club Banner, Gong and Gavel, Pins and materials for officers, pins and resource guides for faculty and Kiwanis Advisors, and pins, membership cards and handbooks for members.

New clubs will pay district and International in the second year. All clubs chartered before April 1st will be invoice for fees the following September or October. All clubs chartered after April 1st will not be invoiced until the following year. Membership fees the second year will be \$3.50 per member. Existing clubs must submit the membership fee of \$3.50 per member by December 31st. Clubs submitting their dues by November 1st will receive early birds patches for their banner.

I urged all Kiwanis Clubs currently sponsoring Builders Clubs to contact the respective schools and communicate with the faculty advisors. If there is no longer faculty advisors for your sponsored builder's club, please acquire another faculty advisor. If membership dues have not yet been paid for your builder's club please pay them even if you're late. This will reactivate the club.

I further urge that you encourage your builder's club to take advantage of the opportunities available for individual club members through participation in either the speech or essay contest and leadership award. The club should take advantage of the opportunity available by participating in the scrapbook contest. 2004-2005 contest themes for K-Kids and Builder's Clubs are:

Speech Theme:

How will what you have learned in K-Kids/Builders Club help you to make the world a better place to live?

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Saranack Club Reaches New Heights

Kiwanis Club of SARANAC LAKE, Adirondack Division – When IPG Peter sent out his plan to address childhood obesity in his NY District Governor's Project, the Saranac Lake Club saw an unique opportunity. When the club gathers Thursday morning at the Hotel Saranac, every member sees this opportunity all around. Saranac Lake might be called the epicenter of Adirondack outdoor activity.

Under the direction of the Club President and avid hiker Craig Stevens and experienced community people, the "Kiwanis Mountain Mile Trekkers" Project was born. The club artist, avid hiker, and Adirondack Forty-Sixer Noryce Burgey developed our program mascot.

The goal of the project was to encourage local kids in grades 4 and 5 to participate in one of the areas greatest outdoor activities, hiking. A challenge was made to the kids to join the Kiwanis Hikes. Once a month from May through September children and Kiwanians hit the trail. The children were also asked to hike with their family and/or friends.

In early May, the club presented the programs to all 3 schools in the Saranac Lake Central School District. They spoke to all 4th and 5th graders and presented a slide show and hiker preparation presentation. Program information and registrations papers were distributed to all students.

The club picked up all hiking participants at a central location in the village and provided transportation to the trailhead and returned each participate to their home at the end of each hike. The local Red Cross chapter provided first aid kits, and a few local merchants provided a variety of prizes for the participants to give away to each member based on the level of their success.

Each hike was reported in the local paper the Adirondack Daily Enterprise, with a group photo to acknowledge the effort and participation of all the kids.

The weather never diminished the enthusiasm and interest of all the kids participat-

Marrazzo Kiwanian of The Year



The Kiwanis Club of MASSAPEQUA, LISD Division – presented this years "Kiwanian of the Year" award to Mark Marrazzo for going above and beyond in service and assistance to the club and president. The recipient is chosen by the outgoing president. Above: Mark Marrazzo, Kiwanian of the Year with outgoing President Sue Martin.

Saranac Lake Kiwanis' Mountain Mile Trekkers enjoy the first hike and successfully reached Owls Head Mountain.

ing. Most of the summer in the Adirondacks was rather rainy, but even with the threat of getting wet and hiking on muddy trails the program was a success.

The club had 11 active participants, with many having never had the opportunity to hike. A few of the participant's enthusiasm spread to other members of their families and encouraged family hikes over the summer as well.

The final and longest hike of the season in September was both the most challenging and the most rewarding as the kids were able to reach the top of Ambersand Mountain, which has one of the most spectacular summits in the Adirondacks.

The program finished up with an awards dinner for the kids and their families. It was a great time to talk about the hikes done over the past 5 months, but this talk was drowned out by one question from all of the participants "Can we do this again next year?" So it seems that our Governor's Project has become a permanent part of the clubs activities.



Above: Saranac Lake Past President Cindy Thompson, Brittany Hanley, Brittiny LaPierre, Maggie LaFlame, Colin Farrington, Joe Fiorile and Devon Peria enjoyed their accomplishment.

Falta Receives Hixson Award



The Kiwanis Club of MASSAPEQUA, LISD Division – at their 56th Annual Installation of Officers and Board of Directors presented the George F. Hixson Award to DPP Rick Falta for his efforts on behalf of Kiwanis and our children. Above: LG Sharon Smith congratulates Hixson Award winner DPP Rick Falta with outgoing President Sue Martin (right)



Sponsored Organizations and Programs

Tony Palangi

The Second Semester of a School Year

The second semester of a school year for the Sponsored Youth Organizations reminds us that the current year is rapidly coming to a close. Key Club and Circle K District Conventions are held in March; Key Club Convention, March 18-20, Kutcher's Country Club; Circle K Convention, March 18-20, Hotel Utica. mark the end of their year.

Reminder for the Sponsoring Kiwanis Clubs

Contact your Key Club and Circle K Presidents to make certain that at least two delegates and alternates have registered for the conventions, and that the District and International Dues have been paid, otherwise, they cannot be certified and seated in the House of Delegates election.

Make sure that elects are held for a new slate of officers prior to the District Conventions so that they can gain the benefit of the various forums and workshops available to them at these conventions.

Make every effort possible to support the delegates to the conventions including the Kiwanis and Faculty Advisors. Very often the advisors serve as chaperones for Key clubbers.

Reminder for the Kiwanis Lt. Governors

The months of March is also the time when the new Key Club and Circle K Lt. Governors must be elected at the division caucuses. It's your responsibility to see that these caucuses are held to elect the new Lt. Governors.

The month of November was a very busy period for the K-Family; I would like to mention a few of the activities:

Key Club Week – The Kiwanis Club of Glens Falls held a joint meeting with the seven sponsored Key Clubs: Bolton Landing High School, Fort Ann, Glens Falls, Hartford, South Glens Falls, Lake George and Southern Adirondack Education Center (BOCES). Each Club President reported on the projects and activities of their Key Club – Lt. Governor Heather Silver gave a brief over-view of Division 15 and held a conference following the special program. Over forty Key Clubbers attended the special affair with their faculty advisors.

Circle K Annual Speaking Conference – was held on November 5 – 7, at the Georgian Hotel, Lake George. I often refer to this conference as a Mini-Convention because the structure and activities are very similar to the District Conventions. One of the many benefits of this conference is that it takes place early enough in the year providing the club officers the opportunity to implement the service projects and programs experi-

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