



HOBY

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KEY LEADER AND HOBY

Kiwanis Clubs around New York have been supporting the development of leadership skills in high school students for many years through their sponsorship of participants in Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) seminars. The three-day HOBY seminars continue to be held at four locations around the State, with each high school being asked to nominate one deserving sophomore. Kiwanis support is still needed for these programs. Clubs in the New York District may soon have an additional youth leadership program they can participate in: Key Leader.

Kiwanis International has announced that they will be "rolling out" the new Key Leader program during 2005, with a goal of empowering 250,000 youth leaders around the globe by 2020 by inspiring young people to achieve their personal best through service leadership. This leadership development program is based on 5 "Keys" to excellence: personal integrity; personal growth; respect; building community; and pursuit of excellence. Key Leader events will be open to all students completing the 8th grade as well as those students already in high school. Multiple students from a school may attend as well as those being home schooled. Participants may already be in a Kiwanis Sponsored Youth program, may not yet be a member, or may be a student at a school not currently served by Kiwanis. The all inclusive registration fee has been set at \$175 per student.

At its Mid-Year Conference meeting the New York District Board will be considering whether to organize a Key Leader weekend program in New York in the fall of 2005. If the District holds a Key Leader program, Kiwanis Clubs and their sponsored youth clubs will play a large roll in recruiting participants and Kiwanis Clubs will be asked to pay the registration fees for one or more students from their areas. For further information on how your Club can help develop our future leaders through HOBY and Key Leader, please contact John Swartout at jswartwout@worldnet.att.net or (518)274-8639.

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K-Kids Leadership (A \$200 Bond from Kiwanis Int'l Foundation to each District's winner) Based on service, K-family involvement, other criteria.

Scrapbooks—A certificate will be awarded to best, but even those non-winners may find their photos or stories in the pages of the K-Kids International Magazine. The scrapbooks are the source for many story ideas.

Niagara Frontier Clubs Fund Camp Experience For Boys and Girls

Kiwanis Clubs of **NIAGARA FRONTIER** – For the 30th consecutive year the Kiwanis Clubs of Niagara Frontier funded a camping experience for boys and girls and young men and women with developmental disabilities. This year the camp tour of August 22 through August 27 included 49 youngsters from the Western New York area. An extraordinary effort was made to include a large percentage of mentally impaired youngsters who previously could not attend because of their severe disabilities. Planning included one-on-one counselor attention for these children. The 20 girls and 29 boys ranged in age from 7 to 21 years. The Niagara Frontier Camp Kiwanis Program is sponsored by the Western New York Kiwanis Clubs in collaboration with the Heritage Centers and the Cradle Beach Association, both United Way agencies.

Mid-week of the camping tour was Kiwanis visiting day during which 22 Kiwanians from Western New York Clubs cooked hot dogs, stuffed rolls, served pasta salad, baked beans, potato chips, poured

pop and lemonade, and created ice cream sundaes for the 100+ campers, counselors, staff, and guests. Kiwanians were treated to a spontaneous song fest and a camp tour after the picnic. Kiwanians and visitors enthusiastically followed the guides and were treated to the detailed features of this beautiful and functional facility located 18 miles south of Buffalo to the Lake Erie Shore. Kiwanis prizes were subsequently presented to all campers at the talent show.

Basketballs, footballs, and soccer balls, games, auto and ship models and musical instruments provided by Trooper Toys for Tots of Fredonia, NY were distributed to each camper's family as the children arrived from camp via the 55 passenger air-conditioned coach bus. Pictures of their camp experiences were also distributed to all campers and staff.



Pictured above: Visiting Day at Niagara Frontier Camp – Kiwanians from Western New York Clubs cook hotdogs including DPLG Bill Tober and PLG Hank Self, PP Peter Kosanovich of West Seneca and Buffalo Club Director Bill Schultz. Not pictured, but always helping out DPLG Dave Gallagher.

Corning Sponsors HOBY Workshop for Students

The Kiwanis Club of **CORNING**, Chemung Division – sponsored the 11th annual HOBY Community Leadership Education Workshop for 67 sophomore students from East and West High Schools on Friday, November 5th at the Victory Highway Wesleyan Church. The students spent the day with 7 area community leaders discussing "Architecting a Life".

The students developed leadership skills and learned more about the democratic process. The young leaders were taught competencies of leadership, so that they are better prepared to assume leadership positions in their schools, communities and homes. This year's Community Leaders are Dr. Frank Bourke, PHD, Clinical Psychologist, Rick O'Leary, Human Resource director, Dennis Younge, Chemung Valley Arts Council, Marianne Furfure, Steuben County Family Court Judge, Eileen Bell, Financial Planner, Staff Sgt. David Celej, U S Marine Corps Recruiter and Peter Wallin, motivator.



Above: Children select "welcome home" gifts from a variety of sports equipment, games, models and musical instruments secured from Trooper Toys for Tots, Fredonia, New York.

This Niagara Frontier Camp Kiwanis Program was initiated in 1975 as a multi-benefit project which provides a camping experience for the mentally handicapped children, a change of pace and activities for their parents, and a "real life" experience for participating student counselors and professional advisors. Additional benefits have been realized such as the opportunity for the United Way agencies collaboration, local value from fund raising, and the evolution of an active Kiwanis participation project. To date the Niagara Frontier Clubs have raised and expended over \$260,000 to support this much needed and worthwhile project benefiting the mentally disabled children of Western new York.

Rotterdam Honors Beaupre



Edward J. Beaupre accepts his award.

The Kiwanis Club of **ROTTERDAM**, Mohawk Division – Edward J. Beaupre was recently presented the "Life Time Member Award" by the Rotterdam President Terry Glenn and PP Tony Colose.

Mr. Beaupre, who currently is a Board Member, first joined the Rotterdam Kiwanis in 1970, and served as President in 1977-1978. In 1985, he was the chosen "Kiwanian of the Year" and has been involved in numerous activities through his care. Mr. Beaupre also has been recognized for his 34 years of perfect attendance.

NOTICE TO ALL KIWANIS CLUBS VOLUNTEERING AT HOBY EVENTS:

We have been advised by Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) that they are now requiring background checks for all volunteers who are likely to be in contact with youth participants at HOBY events. This includes both the three-day Leadership Seminars and the one-day Community Leadership Workshops (CLEWs). Kiwanians staffing a CLEW fall under this requirement even where the CLEW is being conducted by their own Club as a Board approved youth service project. The only exception is for volunteers who will serve just as speakers or panelists. The background checks may be conducted by either HOBY or by the Kiwanis Club (in which case a written assurance must be supplied to HOBY). This background check must, at a minimum, search the State's Sexual Offender Registry.

Any inquiries regarding this new policy should be directed to Mr. Frank Sylvester, President of the HOBY New York Corporate Board. Mr. Sylvester can be reached at franksyl@hotmail.com (315) 380-3002 (cell), or (315) 622-0665 (home).

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Essay Themes:

"If you give a person a fish, you feed him for a day. If you teach someone to fish, you feed him for a life time." What does this quote mean to you? How does this apply to K-Kids/Builders Club?

For more information regarding Builder's Club and K-Kids contest, go to Buildersclub.org or Kiwanis.org and link to builders club.

If I can be of any assistance to anyone regarding Builders Club service contact me, Carl E. Johnson, 187-26 Linden Blvd., St. Albans, NY 11412, (718) 949-9300, E-Mail: Carlcarlinda@aol.com

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by the Alzheimer's Association here on Long Island. The Kiwanis Clubs of Long Island understand that need and work diligently to help us meet our Mission which is to provide support and resources for our Long Island families. No words can ever convey our appreciation – but a simple "thank you" I hope will say it all.

All Kiwanis Clubs who participate with a Alzheimer's Project please send an article to the ESK and share you story with us. For more information about Alzheimer's Association Long Island, please visit our website at www.alzheimers.org.