



# ROTHMAN PROPOSES MARRIAGE TO DEBRA and she says . . . yes



On December 15, 2005, Governor David Rothman took Debra and her mother Florence out to dinner to celebrate their shared date birthday along with both their family members. Governor David was planning to propose marriage and everyone was in on the surprise except for Debra.

The challenge began with Governor David trying to figure out how to get the cake pictured above, out of his car to the waiters without notice. Along comes DPG Peter Mancuso's brother Jim through the restaurant doors to help. After exchanging greetings, Governor David pulled Jim aside and told him the plan and asked for help. Jim went to the Governor's car and got the cake into the restaurant unnoticed.

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**Secretary/Treasurer**

J. Don Herring

I have just returned from the International Council Meeting in Orlando, Florida. The District Secretaries were invited along with the Governors of all the Districts worldwide. Governor David and I were able to get much information that will help us serve you better for the rest of this year.

There was a significant amount of time in the meetings dealing with the topic of growing clubs. This topic took into account all aspects of club growth. For example, there are currently 3,700 Kiwanis clubs that are losing members. This is a very large number. It was suggested that we spend time trying to strengthen those clubs that are losing 1-5 members. Practice has shown that clubs in this range are most likely to show progress toward improvement. Ways to strengthen clubs were discussed. For example, there are still 400 clubs who have no women members. Those clubs could be strengthened by the addition of women. There is a need to build clubs in ethnic neighborhoods. There are many neighborhoods that need a Kiwanis club but do not have one because we have not reached out sufficiently to various ethnic groups.

There was also much discussion about getting Kiwanis working again. That means giving the clubs something to do. There are many programs that are available to the clubs. For example; Kiwanis in a Box, Bringing up Grades, Read around the World, the Flu Shot Program, K-Kids, Terrific Kids, and more. We need to take advantage of all possibilities to allow Clubs to serve.

The last portion of the meeting was the goal of 1,000,000 members by 2015. This was discussed at length, with many ideas presented as to how to achieve this goal. We will all hear more about this in Montreal.

All in all it was a very good meeting. The work accomplished will benefit our organization, if we can include many of the goals that were set forth into our District.

The Mid-Year Conference is just around the corner. It will be a chance for all of us to learn more about how to make our Clubs better in the job of providing service to our respective communities. Send in your registration form now and be prepared to have a great Conference.

Lastly, take a look at the Kamp Kiwanis website. Rebecca Lopez and Marty Toombs have updated the information on the site. I think you'll agree with me that they have done an excellent job. We can all be proud of the work that has been accomplished with the Kamp and the Website.

Should you have any questions about Kiwanis please call us at the District Office. We are there to serve you and the Clubs that you represent.

# Lobells Send Thank You to Kiwanians

*"We know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called in accordance with His purpose." – Romans 8:28*

**To those who have touched our lives:**

As we enjoyed the season of celebration of the birth of Jesus, we were so grateful for the blessing of family and friends and the caring and concern they have shown us since the devastation brought upon us by Hurricane Katrina. In these difficult times, communities have grown stronger and we have made many new and lasting friendships. So, while we are saddened by the destruction of our beautiful Gulf Coast, we are a truly blessed family. As God's Word says, God takes care of His children. And He did just that through the generosity of others.

Since August 29, our lives have been greatly changed. Immediately following the storm, we spent a few days in Louisiana where we were able to regroup and find some direction as to what God would have us to do. After much prayer, we returned to Long Beach where Adam returned to his job at BellSouth and I worked with our church's recovery effort.

At first, we stayed in a "tent city" established through BellSouth where the people were wonderful in providing for all of our needs. They not only cared for adults but also kept an ever-watchful eye on our children who grew to love them all. After a couple of weeks, we were able to move into a large camper that belonged to a friend from our church. We remained there for about six weeks before we were able to rent a three bedroom, two bath duplex here in Long Beach.

After three months, our lives have finally returned to "normal." Evan and Christen have gone back to school and are both doing quite well. Both will be celebrating birthdays this month and their major objective is to have a "cool" birthday party. Seth is suffering through the "terrible two's" a few months early! Of course, we were excited about Christmas, but Evan said all he wanted for Christmas is "his two front teeth!"

Our lives will never be the same not only because of the storm but also because of the love, caring, and compassion of others. Your gifts of money, clothes, toys, and other personal items have made our lives so much easier. You enabled us to come out of one of



**Adam, Seth, Christen, Evan, and Dodi, Lobell this past Christmas 2005.**

the most difficult times of our lives with dignity and thankfulness. Your love, support, and prayers have sustained us through these months and we rely greatly on your continuing to pray for all of us. We will continually seek God for direction and are excited to see what He has in store for us.

God has provided for our family most abundantly. His grace has truly been amazing!

We hope you have had a blessed Christmas and will enjoy the fulfillment of God's promises for the New Year! - Adam, Dodi, Christen, Evan, and Seth.

## Mid-Year Basket Raffle Being Held

*by Rebecca Ovadia, 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 Feb. 23-26, 2006.

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 Kamp Kiwanis, the Pediatric Trauma Centers at Albany, Buffalo, North Shore University Hospital, and the Syracuse Children's Hospital will be 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 Pediatric Trauma Centers.

If you have any additional questions about the basket raffle, please contact me at <WoodsideKiwanis@verizon.net> or at 516-462-5690. I look forward to meeting you and the fruits of your labor in February.



**Governor Elect**

Joseph Corace

I can't keep the excitement and anticipation from jumping out. As a result of my trip to Kiwanis International and meeting my fellow Governor-Elects, I am excited about the upcoming year. This meeting took place the middle part of January, a new scheduled time for Governor-Elects. In the past, Governors-Elect would get installed in August, take office in October and were off to International for training and education in November - there was no time to think about what had taken place.

This year, I've been given the time to think of how exciting my term as Governor will be. I met my board of Governors-Elect from all over the country and the world for the first time. I listened to my International President Nelson Tucker speak about his plans and goals. He remarks, "It's an exciting time to be a Kiwanian." He doesn't know just how exciting our New York District can be. I look forward to representing our district and will be reporting his message to all.

Now let's get ready for our Mid-Year Conference. The forums are all in place and the conference will be, as always, informative. Governor David has "Wine Tasting" and "Food Prep Demonstration" planned and a Texas Holdem for those of you that want to try your luck. There's something for everyone at this Mid-Winter. Encourage your club members to attend. It's a learning experience and they will come back rejuvenated.

My board of Lt. Governors-Elect will be meeting at breakfast on Saturday and I will have information and a surprise or two. See you at Mid-Winder.

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**Can You Help?**

**Boy Needs Wheelchair**

The Kiwanis Club of **LEFFERTS-LIBERTY**, Queens West Division - has an ongoing Medical Supply Project where they give walkers, cans and other medical supplies to anyone who needs them.

They are in need of a wheelchair for an 18-year-old boy who is in dire need of one, preferably with a seat belt.

If you would like to donate or receive medical supplies, please contact their Lefferts-Liberty Chair Joan Ferguson at 718-738-5039.



### Kiwanis Int'l Foundation

Joseph Eppolito

#### Your Dollars Go A Long Way

All clubs have received a mailing from the KI Foundation for the Annual Club Gift Campaign. The monies donated are used to support Sponsored Youth Educational Programs, Grants for worthy projects worldwide, Disaster Relief and many other worthwhile projects.

A Kiwanis Club that gives at least \$25 will receive a banner patch for its club banner. To earn distinguished points, a club must give \$5/member as of October 1, 2005 Roster or \$100, whichever is greater. For those clubs that give \$100 for the first time, they will receive a Century Patch.

Any division that has 100% participation, \$5/member or \$100, whichever is greater, will earn a distinguished division award from Kiwanis Int'l. During the 2004-05 year, we had three division winners; Bronx-Westchester South, Metropolitan and Suffolk East. Let's see if we can beat that record during 2005-06.

Please be as generous as you can in 2005-06. I am available for your questions and am at your service. Email: <pepster@aol.com.> 315-0449-8613(B)

There are also many ways that you can recognize members of your club: Hixson Medallions, Tablets of Honor, Memorial Tribute, Fellowship Award. The forms can be found @ the KI webpage: www.kiwanis.org, then hit KI Foundation in lower right corner.

### Proposal

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Since it was First Lady Debra and her mom's birthday, she was not surprised when a cake came to the table – except this cake had no candles and a very important message inscribed on top, "will you marry me?" A very shiny ring sparkled on a delicious chocolate cake.

We are happy to report New York District's first couple will be planning a wedding. First Lady Debra said, "yes."

## Governor David and First Lady Debra Visit Ontario Division



New York District First Lady Debra Fuchs and Governor David Rothman were honored recently at their official visit to the Ontario Division. Pictured above left to right: First Lady Debra, Governor David, Ontario Lt. Governor Ron Kern and Ontario's First Lady Gale Kern enjoy the special evening.

The Kiwanis Club of EASTWOOD-EAST SYRACUSE, Ontario Division – Governor David and First Lady Debra were the honored guests at the Oct.15th Ontario Division Meeting, held at Cucina di Amore in Liverpool. He spoke to the club presidents and secretaries before the dinner meeting. He emphasized the importance of being a mentor to both young people and seniors.

Past Lt. Governor Virginia Eppolito and Distinguished Past Governor Joe Eppolito presented the Lt. Governor's banner to Lt. Governor Ronald Kern and Eastwood-East Syracuse President Ernie Wass.

Reports were given by Key Klub LG Hillary McDonald, and Int'l Trustee Mary Phillips.

The evening was special for the Governor and our First Lady. Thanks to Ontario!

## Bienvenue Du Long Island North Aux Gouverneurs Francophone

The Long Island North Division – at their divisional meeting in January 2006 at Papa Razzi were honored to host two visiting European Kiwanis Governors, Messieurs Jean-Paul Thomas of Belgium and Edmond Ott of France/Monaco. They were escorted to the meeting by Gov. David Rothman.



LI North Lt. Governor Rev. Ken Nelson, center, is shown with Gov. Jean-Paul Thomas of Belgium, right, & Gov. David, left, Gov. Thomas presented Lt. Gov. Ken with a commemorative gift.



Left to right: Governor David Rothman, at podium, introduces Governor Jean-Paul Thomas of Belgium, and Governor Edmond Ott of France/Monaco, while Governor's Executive Assistant SDPLG Mickie Leamey looks on.



Left to right: Governor David Rothman, Past International President Tony Kaiser, LI North Lt. Governor Rev. Ken Nelson, Governor Edmond Ott of France/Monaco, Governor Jean-Paul Thomas of Belgium and DPG John A. Gridley.



### Governor

David Rothman

I am very happy to announce that just before the holidays I gave First Lady Debra one of David's Diamonds, a real diamond. I proposed to her on her birthday with a special cake with the inscription, will you marry me? Happily, she said "yes." First Lady Debra and I would like to wish everyone a happy and healthy year. Additionally, we would like to thank everybody for their hospitality and gifts during our official visits.

I am very proud of the many service projects that our clubs have done so far this Kiwanis year. We grow through service. The New York District has shown just how great we are with the many donations of food, clothing, furniture, sanitary goods and monies to those areas stricken by the many hurricanes that have hit the United States.

It has been brought to my attention that some clubs that should have been billed for their dues during the first billing cycle did not receive their invoices. Kiwanis International has informed me that there was a computer glitch with some of the invoices. Please check to see if you received and paid your invoice if you were in the first billing trimester, and if not please contact Kiwanis International immediately for a copy of the invoice. The second billing trimester cycle bills should be in the mail to you at this time.

I want to thank IPLG Jean Andrick, LG Chester Melius, Jr. and everyone involved with the building of our newest Kiwanis Club, the Kiwanis Club of Cambridge in the Van Rensselaer division for their hard work. Additionally, I would like to wish the club well and I will see them soon during their Charter Night. During these winter months, I urge you to speak with members of the T.A.G. team to discuss new club building and re-building. Now is the time to develop your growth plan. The members of the T.A.G. (Together Achieving Growth) have the tools necessary to achieve your goals. Additionally, we have some very successful Young Professional Clubs that can be contacted to ask for their assistance in attracting members under 39 (Project 39).

First Lady Debra and I recently returned from an International Council meeting held in Orlando, Florida. We attended many workshops and listened to guest speakers and planned for the future growth of our organization. As we were getting ready to return to New York, I learned that the Governors from France and Belgium and their spouses were going to be visiting New York City the coming week. On January 9, 2006 I had them picked up in the city and brought out to Long Island to attend two divisional meetings that evening. Along with the first family, we attended the Long Island South Central Division and Long Island North Division council meetings where everyone was warmly greeted. My thanks to Governors Edmund Ott from France/Monaco and John-Paul Thomas from

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Together We Can

**MONTRÉAL**  
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**First Lady**

**Debra Fuchs**

**Partners Project**

I have been overwhelmed by the response of those of you that I have met during the past three months who have conveyed to me the desire to start an Aktion club. It is so heart-warming to know that so many of you are interested in this year's Partner's Project. Governor David's and my ultimate goal is to form several Aktion clubs for the 2005-2006 Kiwanis year. Many of you have asked for information regarding what an Aktion club is all about and how to start one. Besides going to the Kiwanis International website to download information, you can contact your local chairpersons. The downstate chairper-

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# Ben Bay Kiwanis Holds 16th Christmas Party

The Kiwanis Club of **BENSONHURST and BAY RIDGE**, Brooklyn – recently held its 16th Annual Children's Christmas Party.

This year was the largest turnout that the club had ever had. Many were nervous that Santa might not have enough Christmas presents and stockings for each child, but then they remembered that Santa always had enough presents in his big red bag for all the good girls and boys.

The beautiful Tiara ballroom at the El Caribe Caterers, decorated with red and green tablecloths and many colorful balloons, made the room festive for the children and their parents. The children were entertained by and danced with King Henry and his friends, Elmo, Shrek, Sponge Bob, Dora the Explorer, and Oscar the Grouch.

Bensonhurst and Bay Ridge enjoyed seeing the photographs that club member and photographer Jerry Bertuna took of the children enjoying all the activities. Many happy dollars and thanks were raised for Jerry for taking time to create these photo memories of the families and the children.

The club extends thanks to all those whose made donations to help make the children's Christmas party a continued success. Thanks to Willie Basso, the co-chairman for doing a great job and for the beautiful balloons, President Silvio for the Welcome Banner, Neil Noto, the newest member who donated Burger King crowns and action figures, and Frances DeFranco for doing a

super job on the Christmas Flyers.

The club would also like to thank Santa (name, of King Henry's) for making an early visit to deliver presents to all the children who attended the Bensonhurst and Bay Ridge Kiwanis Children's Christmas Party.

Special thanks to Santa's helpers, First Lady Janet Honovic, Frances DeFranco, and Anne Basso.

Last but not least, a memorable thanks to Phil Kelly and the El Caribe's staff for making the party perfect from start to finish.



*The Kiwanis Club of Bensonhurst and Bay Ridge, Brooklyn Division, created a Christmas Party hat brought joy to many kids and their families.*



*Children pose with cartoon characters above. At right: New York District DPG John Gridley enjoys the party with his grandchildren Paige and Austin on his lap.*



## 2005-2006 KIWANIS PARTNERS PROJECT AWARD REPORTING FORM

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| 1. Build an Aktion Club  | Date ..... |
| 2. Hold a fundraiser for the disabled<br><i>ie: United Cerebral Palsy, AHRC, Down's Syndrome, Multiple Sclerosis</i> | Date ..... |
| 3. Participate in the Special Olympics   | Date ..... |
| 4. Volunteer at a group home for the disabled  | Date ..... |
| 5. Sponsor a Physically Challenged Little League   | Date ..... |
| 6. Volunteer in a respite  | Date ..... |
| 7. Volunteer at a Ronald McDonald House  | Date ..... |
| 8. Provide equipment for the disabled<br><i>ie: swing/wheel chairs</i>   | Date ..... |
| 9. Mentor the disabled   | Date ..... |
| 10. Read and spend time with disabled children and/or children with long term illnesses                              | Date ..... |
| 11. Sponsor a disabled child to Kamp Kiwanis   | Date ..... |
| 12. Visit an assisted living facility for disabled individuals &/or senior citizens                                  | Date ..... |
| 13. Organize activities for the disabled   | Date ..... |
| 14. Sponsor a Locks of Love project  | Date ..... |

Must complete four of the above criteria or build one Aktion club during the 10/01/05-09/30/2006 administrative year. Please forward any articles to both myself and Maureen Neuringer at the ESK for publication. Please send completed application to:

**First Lady Debra Fuchs, 84 Madison Avenue, Island Park, NY 11558**

Kiwanis Club of.....  
 Division .....

Date .....

Club President.....  
 Signature.....  
 Club Secretary.....  
 Signature.....

For additional information contact: First Lady Debra Fuchs, 84 Madison Avenue, Island Park, NY 11558 <Blueyes1255@aol.com>

### Rothman

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Belgium/Luxenburg and their wives Elaine and Alix, respectively, for showing just how global an organization we are.

Our Mid-Winter Conference is approaching fast. I want to thank everyone involved in it's planning for their time and hard work. Thinking "out of the box" and looking to increase attendance, we have planned some special events at the conference. As part of our kick-off to the International Convention in Montreal, we will be hosting a guest chef from the Culinary Institute in Hyde Park. The chef will perform a cooking demonstration for all to enjoy. Additionally, at this time, we are trying to finalize plans for a wine tasting to take place in conjunction with the guest chef. Our finance committee has worked very hard trying to keep our budget in check with he lower membership that is anticipated.

Again thinking "out of the box" we will host a "Texas Holdem" Poker Tournament on Friday evening. The proceeds will go to the New York District. If you plan on playing please contact Alan Beinhacker at <Mrhacker516@aol.com> or 800-547-9000 for the particulars.

This year's Governors Project is Mentoring, and First Lady Debra's Partners Project is working with the disabled. Some clubs have started and or completed some service programs in support of these projects. These are excellent projects to work on with our Sponsored Youth Organizations. Perform a joint program together.

Please make every effort to visit our Sponsored Youth Clubs. Our keynote speaker for the conference will be Dr. Frank Saracino, retired superintendent of schools from East Meadow, N.Y. who still works as an advocate for education. Saracino will speak about mentoring and the No Child Left Behind Program which is supported by Kiwanis International.

Lastly, please keep the dates of May 5, 6 and 7th open for a special treat. Our International President Steve Siemans and his lovely wife Barbra will be making there official visit to the New York District. They will fly downstate on May 5, 2006 and visit the Pediatric Trauma Center at L.I.J. - North Shore University Hospital. That evening many downstate divisions will host a dinner in the International President and First Lady's honor. The next morning we will fly to Syracuse and then drive to Kamp Kiwanis, where the District Foundation will host Kamp Open House. International President Steve will address those in attendance and help make ready the Kamp. From there we will drive to the Finger Lakes, were a dinner will again be held in their honor. International President Steve is a wine connoisseur and will be able to sample the grapes from the region. The next morning we will tour the area before returning home. I want to thank everyone involved with the planning for his or her hard work.

Please remember that, Together we can and Together we will, nothing is impossible!

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# Kiwanis Family at Work in Merrick

The Kiwanis Club of **MERRICK**, Long Island South Central Division – helped the holidays become a ho-ho-whole lot happier for more than 20 local families, residents of Regina House, and parishioners served by the Sacred Heart and Cure of Ars churches' food pantries when members of the Kiwanis Club of Merrick delivered bags filled with food, turkeys and toys the Sunday before Christmas.

Kiwanis President Ilene Dixel praised the community for supporting the food drive the previous two weekends; despite some inclement weather, the Kiwanis carts outside the Stop 'n' Shop, Kings and Associated supermarkets were filled to the brim. The toys were collected at the Merrick and North Merrick elementary schools.

After 20+ Kiwanians, members of the Calhoun High School Key Club, and Merrick Avenue Middle School Builders' Club sorted the thousands of pounds of food, they worked their way through the "warehouse" assembly line, filling the bags and preparing them for delivery. Then, like elves, they gathered up the food and toys, added lots of good cheer, and delivered them – and the hope for a happy holiday – to their neighbors.

The article that follows, written by 13-year-old Amanda McLoughlin, a member of the MAMS Builders Club and daughter of Kiwanian Tammy McLoughlin is the best explanation of the Kiwanis "family" at work.

## A Little Help Goes A Long Way

As my mother, Tammy, my brother Connor, and I surveyed the mounds of food donated by Merrick citizens in the Food for Those in Need Drive, I was hugged by Doug Mills, last year's Kiwanis President who is so close to my family, he is practically my uncle. Pres. Ilene Dixel was there as well, directing the flow of volunteers – for there were a lot of us; two dozen Kiwanians, about ten Key Clubbers, three children of Kiwanians, and my brother and I, who belong to Builders' Club. Yet there was quite a lot of work to be done.

The event got underway as a few Key Clubbers and I numbered bags. Once all the paper bags had been double-bagged with plastic ones and opened up, we formed a human assembly line to stuff them with food. Working quickly to get the job done and also to try to keep warm on this cold Sunday morning, we completely filled all 240 bags. All of the leftover food and turkeys were to be delivered to the Regina House, a local home for unwed mothers, and food pantries at Sacred Heart Church and Cure of Ars.

Once the bags were lined up in rows according to their number, Kiwanis drivers were given the addresses of the families that would be receiving the holiday packages. It was the first time my mother had ever done a delivery. We loaded up six bags of food, one turkey, and two garbage bags full of toys. As we drove to the family's house, I was full of apprehension. Though each family had

been called in advance, what if they were offended? What if they were too proud to accept the food and toys, and we had to go back? What if the children started asking questions that the parents did not want to answer about why we were giving them food?

I could not mull over these "what if" thoughts for very long, for we soon reached the family's house. My brother and I hung back by the car as my mom walked up to the door, one bag of toys in hand. She knocked, and when the door was answered, my mother simply said, "I have a delivery from Merrick Kiwanis." The woman at the door looked sort of shocked, and as we carried bags from our car to her front stoop, she just kept repeating "Thank you" and "This is so much" and "Wow".

When we handed her the final bag of food, she looked to be on the verge of tears, she was so amazed. I could hear her kids yelling in happiness from inside her house. Then she asked me the question that I will never forget: "Are you sure that this is for us? Isn't there some more deserving family who you could help?"

That really affected me. My mom assured her that it was okay, that she needn't worry. With that, we wished her happy holidays and walked back to our car. As we drove off, I thought about that question. The fact that someone who was going through such a rough time could be so selfless as to think of other families was just amazing. Here this person is, not doing too well herself, and she was worrying about others.

So, why did I write this article? One reason is to thank the good people of the Merrick Kiwanis Club. They all come togeth-

er with the Key Club and the Builders Club each year to give families in Merrick a better holiday. They work together, laughing and joking and having a great time despite the cold, or the dust, or the hard work. They are the most optimistic and good-hearted people that I have ever met. I am very fortunate to be part of such an amazing group – for the Kiwanis members are my family just as much as my mother and father. I have grown up around them, attended almost all of their events, and become close friends with most of them.

So I suppose that I should be thanking my parents as well, for instilling in me the idea that in order to be a good person you need to help others. I have gotten to experience Kiwanis from a very early age, and I am a better person because of it.

Finally, and undoubtedly most importantly, I wrote this to show all of you that a little help goes a long way. Every person who donated to the food and toy drive have made the holidays a better experience for a family in Merrick. Each forty-cent can, each dollar, each minute that each volunteer spent helping add up to an amazing thing. As a town we must help our own citizens, for if we do not, we cannot thrive.

My parents taught me that no matter how you're doing in life, you must think of others as well. We need to remember that, especially in such a hate-filled world as the one we live in today. We would all be better people if we took that lesson to heart.

*Editor's Note: Thank you Amanda for sharing your feeling about this experience. It was a very moving account of the day. Thank you Merrick for sharing this and all you do.*



## Alzheimer's Project

Steve Haller

### DO YOU WANT A WONDERFUL SERVICE PROJECT THAT CAN INVOLVE YOUR ENTIRE K-FAMILY???

If your answer to this question is yes, read on.

Each year the Alzheimer's Association hosts Memory Walks across the entire State of New York. To the best of my knowledge, there are only seven divisions who have clubs actually participating in one way or another. They are Bronx Westchester South, Brooklyn, Finger Lakes, Genesee, Long Island North, Long Island South Central and the Long Island Southwest. I must make mention of two divisions that have made a total commitment to the Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk in their communities for the last two years: Bronx Westchester South led by DPLG Sister Anne-Marie Kirmse and the Long Island South Central Division led by DPP Maurice Cassano. On the day of the walk, you can find Key Clubbers and Kiwanians working together handing out tee-shirts, cutting bagels, serving food, putting up sponsorship signs, and collecting pledges from K-Family donors.

If your club or division supports the Alzheimer's Association in anyway please send me an email at [stevenh@minutemanpress.com](mailto:stevenh@minutemanpress.com) so I can get a true handle on who is involved. These K-Family volunteers either give a donation of money, volunteer their services, which is what Kiwanis is all about, or form a team of four or more people who have sponsors and they walk the walk.

All the money raised by the walk in your community stays in your community and helps the many support groups, care consultation, services and educational programs they offer to the patients and their families afflicted by this terrible disease.

I will be sending an email to the presidents in the next couple of months (through the district office, with the help of Gerald Payanoff ) listing all the memory walks around the state, that are usually held in early September. I sincerely hope that our K Family will respond.



**State Senator Charles Fuschillo (left) and State Assemblyman David McDonough (right) joined fellow Kiwanians Alan Aronson and Tammy McLoughlin in choosing just the right toy for each child on the Kiwanis Santa list.**



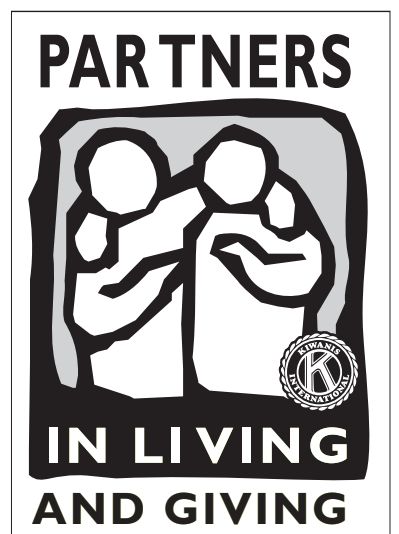
**It takes a village of Kiwanis members – and generosity of Merokians – to help the less fortunate in our community have a more joyful holiday.**

## First Lady Debra

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son is IPLG Peter Mietenkorte (516 546-3277) and the upstate chairperson is PLG Kathy Peris (607 734-7723).

Included in this addition of the ESK are the requirements and reporting form for this year's Partner's Project. Should you have any questions, please feel free to call me. I hope that you all had a happy and healthy holiday. Please complete four of the projects described on the right and forward the completed form to: First Lady Debra Fuchs, 84 Madison Avenue, Island Park, NY 11558.





## Membership Statistics

Jean Andrich

Hi everyone! Hope you're holidays were filled with a lot of joy and good feelings as a result of all of the work you do in Kiwanis, but more especially, all the fun you have had giving back to your local communities.

This Chair is a new one – kind of like the Grim Reaper, which I had originally thought to call it because there has always been this underlying feeling that a lot of people are leaving Kiwanis for all of the reasons we seem to think are happening but there has never been a record of these reasons, so this year, we're tabulating to see the real picture.

Each month (I have sent out Oct and November so far) I have e-mailed or mailed to each club President a request to advise me of why they deleted members on their roster and if possible, to give me the name/phone number of those individuals so we can try to get a better understanding of our District and its objectives for growth. For example – are we recruiting the right kind of Kiwanian, one that has our same values/commitments to our local communities? Are they joining for the right reasons, not just to add another club onto their personal resume?

As of the end of December, I have received several responses that I would like to share: 1 member left for financial reasons, 2 have moved, 2 have passed away, 1 for family obligations. While the records show we have lost approximately 140 members, these are relatively low response levels, so I need your help in asking your Club President/Club Secretary to please respond so we can track the statistics. The records are also showing some of the clubs who have lost members are actively gaining new members – great job! Secondly, if you find members are moving out of the area – please contact the District Office or your Lt Governor – they have rosters of every club's location in the world and what a great way to help another club gain new membership!

Thanks for helping us track our stats – you can e-mail me at [jandrick@adelphia.net](mailto:jandrick@adelphia.net) or call me at 518-686-4188.

## Levittown Parties for Kids This Holiday Season



**Town of Hempstead Supervisor and Kiwanian Kate Murray, Esq, PLG Kevin Regan and Levittown Kiwanians joined together to help Santa distribute gifts at the recent Levittown Holiday Party at Summit Lane.**

# Mandell Honored With Hixson



*(left to right) Elmira President Michael J. Wayne presents Allison Mandel the prestigious Hixson Fellowship Award with the help of DPG Dutch Craumer.*

The Kiwanis Club of Elmira, Chemung Division – recently awarded Alison J. Mandel a Hixson Award based on her exemplary service to the Elmira Club.

Mandel received the award during a meeting which also served as a surprise roast in honor of her birthday (which fell on the same day as the clubs meeting). Elmira Kiwanis Officials wouldn't confirm Mandel's age but did say "it was equal to the former NYS speed limit."

The award was presented to Mandel by Past NYS Governor ('93-'94) S. M. "Dutch" Craumer or Corning and current Elmira Club President Michael J. Wayne (DPP '87-'88).

In acknowledging Mandel's contributions to the Elmira club, Wayne noted that she: joined the club in 1989 and was the club's first female President ('95-'96), the club's first female Lieutenant Governor and the first Elmira Club member (male or female) to ever serve a second term as Club President ('03-'04). In addition Mandel serves as District Co-Chair of Staging and is also a Circle K Administrator at the state level.

In addition to a large number of Kiwanians in attendance a number of her Excellus Blue Cross co-workers also attended the club meeting. All in attendance had expected a representative from Excellus to

speak on the topic of rising medical costs and insurance premiums. In addition to Past Governor Craumer, Circle K. Administrator John Keegan and representatives from the Elmira College Circle K - where Mandel serves as an Advisor - also were present to pay tribute to Mandel.

The program featured toasts, tributes and roasts of Mandel by an Excellus Co-worker, Jim Reid, Elmira Club member Mike Hamula and Elmira Kiwanis Past Presidents Paul Hart ('91-'92), Paul Stull ('92-'93), T.J. Malone ('94-'95) and Desi Schneck ('04-'05).

And while the meeting was filled with lots of funny stories and laughter, the most poignant moment came in a tribute to Mandel from Elmira Club member Dick Shaw - who joined Kiwanis in 1951 and served as President of the former Elmira Heights Club in 1961. Shaw, now 87, said if he had his way "Alison would have never been a Kiwanian." He admitted that he and other Elmira members were against the idea of opening membership to women in 1987. "Boy was I wrong," said Shaw. "When I see how much work Alison, and many of the other women members have done for our club over the years, I now know that we needed them to remain a strong club. And I'm sure glad they joined."

## Merrick install Female President

Ilene Dixel, 42, has become the first female president of the Kiwanis Club of Merrick. She was installed on Sunday, Oct. 2 in a ceremony marked by joyful anticipation of the future and the celebration of a rich past.

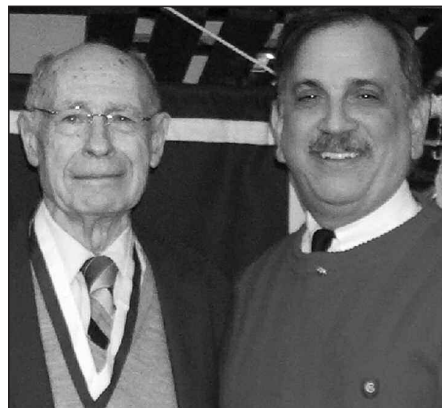


*President Ilene Dixel and daughter Ashlee, 19, a former Key Clubber.*

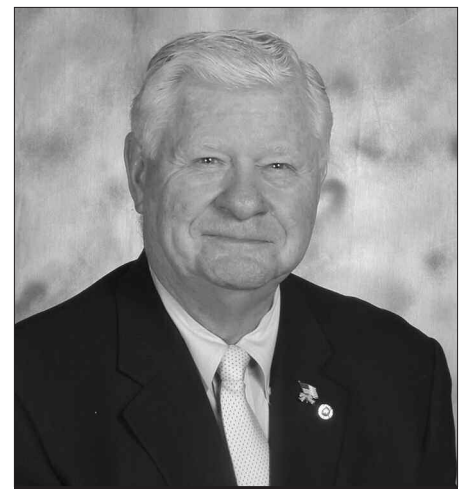
Fighting back tears as she recounted her own experience of needing a helping hand following her divorce, Dixel, who was named Merrick Woman of the Year in 2005 – told the jam-packed room of Kiwanians, friends, family, politicians, business associates and Key Club members, "Kiwanis doesn't make people ask for things they need; they just knock on the door and they are there giving. When I needed help, my family received a knock on the door," she said. As the club's first female President, Dixel promised, "We're going to make Merrick a little bit dif-

ferent. We're going out to tell the community what we are and what we do. The richness of our past is going to be our future, which is dynamite."

## Erwin Stern Celebrates 50



The Kiwanis Club of **EASTWOOD-EAST SYRACUSE**, Chemung Division – recognized Erwin Stern for 50 years of membership at a recent meeting of the Ontario Division. DPG Joe Eppolito reminded everyone that Erwin has served the club and community through the years by participating in fundraisers and service projects. Erwin also led the club to 50 continuous years of Inter Clubs (Round Robbins) and served in a variety of positions, most notable as President in 1988. DPG Joe presented a "Kaiser" blazer, a medallion and a plaque to Erwin, as everyone celebrated the achievements of this fine Kiwanian.



## New Member Orientation

Peter J. Owens

I was asked by Governor David to act as District chairperson for this important operation. Fortunately I had this assignment before with one of David's predecessors so I have good experience.

Unfortunately it is a frustrating assignment. In my travels around the bottom half of the state, I have not seen much improvement in the club approaches in 'how to treat' the new member and how to acquaint them with Kiwanis. Each club within every division has a variation of how they do this vital aspect of a new member's life.

I always ask Kiwanians to remember how they were inducted and how their orientation was handled. The older members have many storied tales of that date-many would have done it differently. It took man of the older members a while to determine what Kiwanis was and their role in this new club and adventure.

Newer members have been more fortunate. KI has prepared tremendous amounts of literature-tapes, seminars-all designed to make this essential moment in the new member life significant. We now have speakers who would visit, tapes to listen to, and many 'how to' brochures etc, all readily available.

I encourage the club president to petition their Lt. Governors to have a divisional meeting set aside to have this matter explored and centered by a 'speaker' who can make the presentation successful.

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## Sherman Named Kiwanian of Year



The Kiwanis Club of **CORTLAND**, Chemung Division – honored Rachelle Sherman with a plaque naming her as the **New Kiwanian of the Year**. She was recognized for her outstanding dedication to Kiwanis. During 2004-05, Rachelle enrolled a new member, chaired the preparation of the booth for the business show case, prepared the vehicle and signs for the dairy parade and is the counselor for the SUNY Cortland Circle-K. For the year 2005-2006 she has accepted the position as Secretary.



### Tag Team

Ann Sewert

Each Kiwanis club should strive to recruit 5, 6, or more new members each year.

The secret for bringing in new members – “Go Back To The Basics.”

**Intrigue** – Talk about Kiwanis often - Raise curiosity about what Kiwanis does in the community - Publicize Club Activities.

**Invite** – Prospective new members to a meeting or service project.

**Inform** – New members must receive an Orientation to fully understand what Kiwanis is all about - our history, information about our clubs, and our commitment to serving the children. Kiwanis education is an ongoing process. We can't expect our new members to learn in 5 meetings, what some of us have taken 5, 10, 15 or more years to learn.

**Induct** – New members should be inducted into your club as soon as possible after approval from you board of directors. Keep in mind, this should be a special event. This new member will tell others about his/her “Induction” into Kiwanis. Make this a “WOW” experience.

**Involve** – Get new members involved in a service project that is of interest to them, as soon as possible.

**Keep your “I” on the prospective new members.**

I've attended many business/practice building seminars looking for the “Secret” to building a business. The message is always the same “GO BACK TO THE BASICS.” What worked when you were building your business in the beginning, still works today. The same principles apply for building our Kiwanis clubs, Intrigue, Invite, Inform, Induct and Involve. They have worked for 90 years, bringing in over 300,000 members. They will work in the future as we strive to build our Kiwanis membership to 1 Million Members.

There are prospective new members everywhere. They're just waiting to be asked.

### Retention

To energize your club and retain your current members, your club must be active in the community doing service projects. Get all of your members to take an active part. If your project requires 3 or 4 members, ask 6 members to participate. The easier the task and the less time required, the happier your members will be. Kiwanians are much happier doing community service projects than they are sitting in meetings. Call your inactive members and ask them to participate. Keep it simple and make it FUN.

Use our new Public Relations materials to make your club visible, in the community. Get the community involved in your service projects and fundraisers.

## Membership Growth T.A.G. Team Together Achieving Growth

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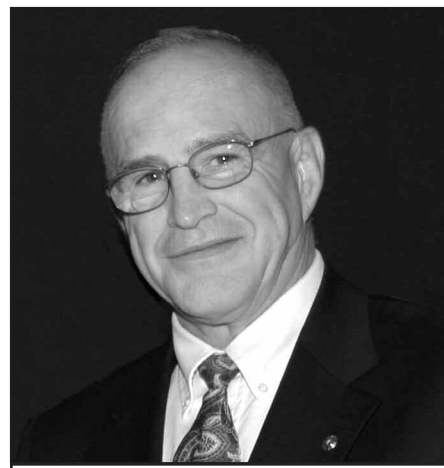
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### New Club Building TAG Team

Mike Malark

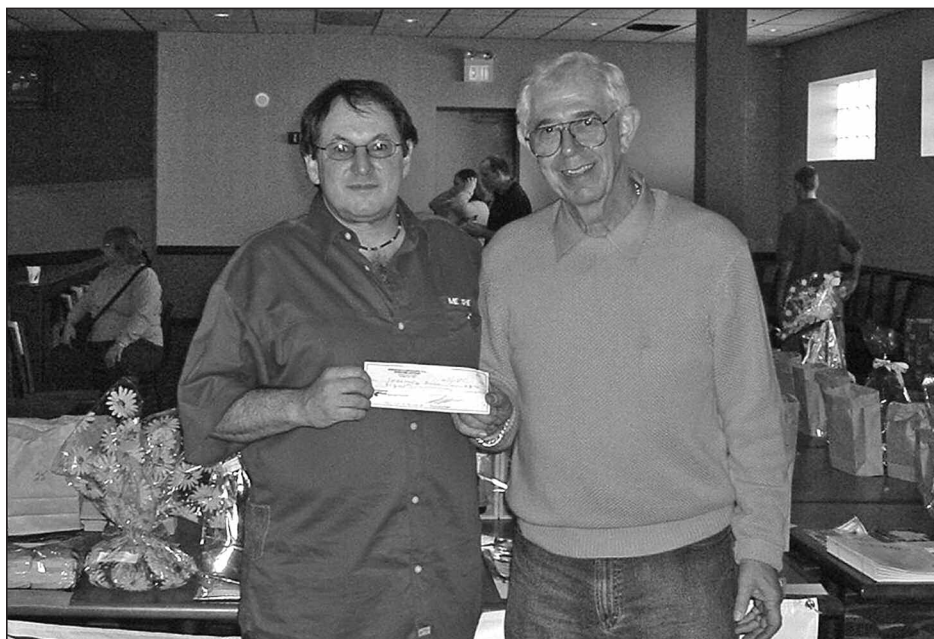
In the New York District, there is at least one community in each of the 28 divisions that does not have a Kiwanis Club, that should have one. Building new clubs is the only way that Kiwanis can help those communities help the children. Kiwanians can help make the community a safer place for the children to live. We can build our sponsored youth programs in the schools which will teach the children community service and leadership skills. We can build an Aktion club in the new community for disabled individuals. We can fill the communities food pantries, build play grounds, serve meals to senior citizens, provide Christmas for needy families, or sponsor youth sports, BUT FIRST we must build the club.

## Five Towns Installs New Officers



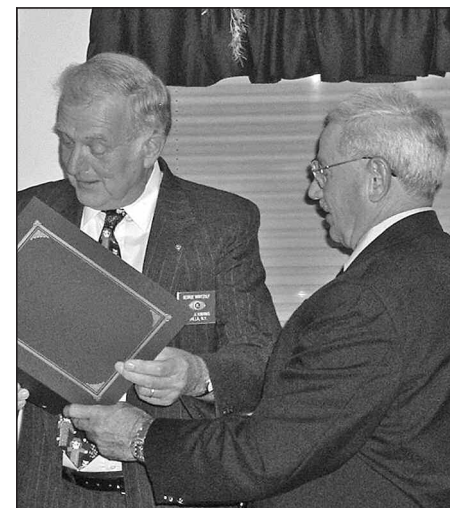
*The Five Towns Kiwanis Club recently installed their new officers for 2005-2006. The event was held at Goldies Restaurant in Gibson, New York. Long Island Southwest Lt. Governor Jim Reed installed the new officers. Councilman Anthony Santino from the Hempstead Town was also on hand to congratulate the new officers. Left to right: Vice President Anthony Campanile, Long Island Southwest Lt. Governor Jim Reed, Councilman Anthony Santino, President David Vines, and Treasurer Marty Schwartz.*

## Syosset/Woodbury Holds Successful Bowl-a-Thon and Raises \$500 for KPTC



*Ken Robinson Esq., President of the Syosset/Woodbury Kiwanis Club hands a check for \$500 to DPLG Jerry Rudnick, President, Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center at North Shore. The monies were raised by the Syosset/Woodbury Kiwanis Club at their first annual Bowl-a-thon for the KPTC.*

## Martzolf Chosen Kiwanian of the Year



*(l-r) George Martzolf and Niagara Frontier East Lt. Gov. Angelo Polisano.*

The Kiwanis Club of MARILLA, Niagara Frontier East Division – was honored recently to have long time Kiwanian George Martzolf chosen as the Kiwanis Club of Marilla's Kiwanian of the Year. The award was given to him by NFE Lt. Gov. Angelo Polisano from Elma. George was chosen for this award because of his many hours spent in the betterment of the club, which in turn helps them to serve the community. George had a very successful Presidency within the past few years, during which he brought the “Comfort Doll” Project to the club. He also along with David Wyzykowski, took the helm of the Mother's Day Rose Sale; he refurbished the “President's” Plaque, and helped with many other maintenance projects of the club's equipment.

George was the liaison for the “Welcome” sign rebuilding with the Boy Scouts, and he took the time and patience to untangled the many strings of lights for the Christmas Trees! He said, “I did this alone away from women, children, and those with good hearing.” The club is very appreciative of all of their hard working members, and this year especially for George Martzolf.



## Pediatric Lyme Disease

John Gridley

Governor David has asked me to co-chair along with Joe Wuest, the district committee on Pediatric Lyme Disease. It is both my honor and privilege to serve Governor David and our great New York District. Pediatric Lyme Disease is an on-going program that was started when I was Governor brought to my attention by Joe Wuest.

The Lyme Disease Project was set up to help pay for treatment of this disease. Most insurance companies DO NOT pay for its treatment, and might I add that, the treatment is very expensive. It is funded through donations from clubs or individuals to the Pediatric Lyme Disease Fund. To date we have paid out about \$50,000 for treatment to doctors and/or hospitals for kids with Lyme Disease.

Lyme Disease, is caused by bacteria usually transmitted by the deer tick. It is a scary possibility to consider for New York State residents who enjoy spending time outside during the summer months. Lyme disease may affect the brain in many ways. The most common is a disturbance in thinking (cognition). Other symptoms that occur frequently include headache, mood swings, irritability, depression, and marked fatigue.

The spirochete, which causes Lyme disease, (*Borrelia burgdorferi*), can invade the central nervous system within days to a week of initial skin infection, as a result it disseminates through the blood stream. The majority of people who are treated early with antibiotics do well and incur no long term problems. People who are not treated until later in the illness may have a more complicated course.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me.

## New Cassel Kiwanians Gives Hundreds of Holiday Gifts to Kids



The Kiwanis Club of **NEW CASSEL**, Long Island North – distributed hundreds of toys and gifts to children in New Cassel and the Westbury area during this past 2005 holiday season. Club member Art Merahn assumed the role of Santa, and over 100 delighted girls & boys in the New Cassel Head-Start Program were the beneficiaries of the New Cassel Kiwanians' generosity. Everyone had a great time in the spirit of the season.

# Lt. Governor Melegrito Receives the Hixson Fellowship Award

The Kiwanis Clubs of **ITHACA** and **CAYUGA**, Chemung Division – It was a rare moment indeed. Mimi was speechless. On Friday, September 30, 2005, Miriam "Mimi" Melegrito - Palmer was recognized with the prestigious Hixson Fellowship Award for her significant commitment to Kiwanis and the children of the world. As the award was presented to Melegrito was met with a standing ovation and applause by fellow Kiwanians who admire her commitment to service.

Melegrito admirably served as the Lieutenant Governor for the Chemung Division for a year, and this was her final divisional meeting. She has been a member of Ithaca Kiwanis since 1988 and served as the first female President; she has been a member of Cayuga Kiwanis for five years, where she served as Charter President.

The Hixson Fellowship was presented to Melegrito by members of Ithaca Kiwanis and Cayuga Kiwanis and their sponsored youth programs: Cornell University Circle K, Ithaca College Circle K, Ithaca High School Key Club, and Spencer-Van Etten Key Club. These organizations made a contribution in her honor to Kiwanis International for the



**L-R: (seated) Ithaca Kiwanian Robin Palmer, (standing) Ithaca High School Key Clubber Ruth Ezra, Chemung Lt. Governor Mimi Melegrito, Spencer-Van Etten Key Clubber Josh Stangle, Ithaca President Bruce John presenting plaque, and in the rear Spencer-Van Etten Key Clubber Nate McNamara.**

organization's Worldwide Service Projects: the elimination of Iodine Deficiency Disorders (IDD) and to support international disaster relief.

## Seaford Receives Mentoring Grant for School District



The Kiwanis Club of **SEAFORD**, Long Island South Central Division – recently received a legislative grant through Senator Charles Fuschillo for \$1,250 which has been made available to the Seaford School District to help support the mentoring programs. Mentoring is the project that New York District Kiwanis Governor David Rothman has chosen for this year's Governor's project for Kiwanians throughout the New York District to support.

Mentoring of the students in Seaford takes many forms. There are adult-student mentoring partnerships, as well as student-student partnerships, where high school students work with middle school and elementary school children. Many of these high school students are Key Club Members.

The available funds have been used to purchase some valuable DVDs, DVD players, and some other supplies, such as board games (Chess sets, Scrabbles sets and Connect Four sets), which are often used as "ice breaker" activities by our mentors.

During February, members of the Kiwanis Club of Seaford will be working with students in the mentoring program.

Superintendent of Schools George Duffy thanks Kiwanis for their donation to this program and also for the support the Seaford

**Warren Kalmenson, Lt. Governor of the Long Island South Central Division Kiwanis; Lucie Dean, Secretary of the Kiwanis Club of Seaford; David Rothman, New York Kiwanis District Governor; Brian Conboy, Assistant Superintendent; George Duffy, Superintendent of Schools; Robin Asighieri, President of the Kiwanis Club of Seaford; Timothy Voel, Assistant Principal, Seaford High School; Roseanne Careri, Principal of Seaford Middle School; Philip Goldstein, Principal of Harbor School; John Strifolino, Principal of Seaford Manor School.**

Kiwanis club gives to the Seaford School District programs.



**Chemung Division PLG Don Josslyn, Hixson Fellow Mimi Melegrito, a member of the Kiwanis clubs of Ithaca and Cayuga and Cayuga President Satomi Hill.**

## ELMIRA KIWANIS FOUNDATION AWARDS \$8,500 IN COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

The Foundation of the Elmira Kiwanis Club today announced that it has awarded \$8,500 in college scholarships to five area high school seniors. The scholarship recipients were introduced at the club's meeting on Thursday, June 2, 2005.

The 2005 Scholarship Winners are:

- \$2,000 – Lawrence W. Hastings Memorial Scholarship:  
**Matthew J. Wilson**, Elmira Free Academy
- \$1,750 – John C. Habin Memorial Scholarship:  
**Kathryn E. Conwell**, Elmira Free Academy
- \$1,750 – Dr. Edwin P. Krzesinski Memorial Scholarship:  
**Amber R. Gordon**, Southside High School
- \$1,500 – Kiwanis Foundation Scholarship:  
**Chelsea E. Ambrose**, Elmira Free Academy
- \$1,500 – Kiwanis Foundation Scholarship:  
**Timothy R. Krebs**, Notre Dame High School



# NYC Young Professionals Hold Key to Your Future Day

The Kiwanis Club of **NYC Young Professionals**, Metropolitan Division – held one of their signature projects – their second annual “Key to Your Future Day”, according to Immediate Past President Kevin Dean. The project is patterned on Circle K’s successful “Key to College Day” project where Circle K members speak to Key Club members about college, but takes it a step further. The Key to Your Future Day event is a combination of presentations, workshops and one-on-one discussions among the Kiwanis members and members of its three sponsored Key Clubs. Attendance was also opened up to other Key Clubs sponsored by neighboring Kiwanis Clubs. Approximately 50 students attended the event.

The day, which included lunch for the attendees, began with remarks by Kiwanis Governor David Rothman who commended the young professionals for their commitment to his Governor’s Project “Mentoring Kids,” and advised the attendees to continue to develop their relationships with their Kiwanis sponsors and to remain active in the Kiwanis family throughout their lives. Guest speakers also included representatives from two local colleges, one also on mentoring, and the other on the college admissions process. Workshops followed on topics such as “Writing a Winning College Application Essay,” “Financing Your Education,” “College & Employment Interviewing,” “Employment in Accounting & Finance,” “Résumé Writing,” “Key Club Leadership Opportunities and Life Outside Your Club,” and finally “Employment in the Arts & Media,” all with the Kiwanis members as panelists. Attendees were given information in advance and were



**Kiwanian Kevin Dean outlines the day’s events at the beginning of the session.**

required to sign up for the workshops. In order to maximize attendance and make the event interesting for as many attendees as possible, the workshops were delivered in three repeating sessions with the different topics offered in varying combinations. The day finished with an open time of refreshments and mingling where the attendees got the opportunity to speak directly with the Kiwanians. Nearly all of the young professionals’ membership took part in some way, and the club calculates that over 300 service hours were involved, from planning to fruition.

The event was held in the conference center of Ernst & Young’s Times Square office tower. The club is lucky to have six members who work at Ernst & Young, and the company was very supportive of this effort, including donating the space and providing supplies. The club believes that holding the event in such a professional environment provides a unique opportunity for these students to which they might not otherwise be exposed, and also lends a sense of substance and polish to the proceedings. As with the first event a year ago, the attendees’ response has been overwhelmingly positive, and the club plans to continue this annual project.

According to Charlotte Owens, chair of

the young professionals’ Sponsored Youth Committee, “The idea wasn’t to hold ourselves out as experts on any of this subject matter. It was to pick subject matter that was relevant to the students, and then to present it from our own individual perspectives. We thought this would generate an atmosphere of inquisitiveness and curiosity, and we were right.”

Immediate Past Key Club Governor Kristin Kramer, who was a guest panelist at the event a year ago observed, “Key to Your Future Day was absolutely fantastic. From the professionalism and the eagerness of the Key Clubbers to the down-to-earth nature of such distinguished Kiwanians, I was impressed and invigorated everywhere I looked. Key Clubbers were able to learn from their Kiwanis sponsors about college, the corporate world, opportunities in public



**Attendees at the Kiwanis Club of NYC Young Professionals’ Key to Your Future Day II Event.**

service, and even how Key Club can play into all these things through unique leadership opportunities. Learning from one another in a forum such as this truly exemplifies what it means to be a Kiwanis family.”

The club believes that although certain ideal circumstances may have been unique to them, any Kiwanis club could easily undertake this project – an outstanding illustration of Kiwanis International’s recent partnership with the United States Department of Education, “Take the Lead in Preparing America’s Future.” Additionally, although the club does not yet formally sponsor a Circle K club and is actively pursuing that opportunity, with minimal tailoring the project would be just as successful to a college-level audience. A formal event-style program is not required in order to establish this kind of a relationship with youth. Dialog can be held at club meetings, or more ambitious clubs can open up the program to students outside of sponsored youth, such as an event at a community center or at a high school. The beauty of the event is that it is scalable; it can be tailored to the needs of the Kiwanis club and still be successful.

Dean summarized, “As Kiwanians, we often say that the sponsored youth are the future of the organization. We can better ensure that future by treating youth as equal partners in our common mission, thereby making it obvious why they should stay involved with us after they graduate. Through projects like Key to Your Future Day,



**Attendees participate in a roundtable discussion in the Ernst and Young boardroom with the Manhattan skyline visible in the background.**



**New York District Governor David Rothman addresses sponsored youth and Kiwanian attendees.**

we show them that we care and want not only to help but also to learn from them, and as a result we believe they will be more interested in continuing their participation with the Kiwanis Family.”

The club has been approached by IPLG Eric Shivrinarain, Queens West to assist him in holding the project in that area, and Dean encourages all Kiwanis clubs to consider holding such a project this year. Questions on the project may be directed to Dean, Chair of the NY District Young Professionals Committee for 2005-06.



**Key Clubbers, Kiwanians and Guest Speakers.**

## Tips for Holding a Key to Your Future Day

1. Review the Circle K Key to College outline and presentation available online at [www.circlek.org/circlek/lit/ck8.pdf](http://www.circlek.org/circlek/lit/ck8.pdf) and [www.circlek.org/circlek/lit/k2cpresent.pdf](http://www.circlek.org/circlek/lit/k2cpresent.pdf) for a sense of structuring.
2. Plan early! Discuss it with your Board of Directors and form a committee to handle the details. No matter whether your event is simple or complex, you need to make sure that you’re well organized.
3. Don’t patronize the attendees. Make it clear you are there not only to give them information, but also to learn from them about how to be better sponsors, if your attendees are sponsored youth, or about how to make the Kiwanis Family a more attractive prospect, if they are not.
4. Get a sense somehow of the magnitude of the event. Require advance signups, do an informal survey, inquire of related parties, etc. Volume is important. You don’t want to over-design the event, or be caught by surprise with a larger than anticipated group.
5. Don’t be discouraged if the youth don’t seem interested. Select compelling subject matter, tell them about it early, and tell them about it often. They will come. They don’t plan ahead as far as we do.
6. Encourage them to participate. Ask for their questions, involve them in the planning, solicit their contributions, and seek their feedback after the event.



## Young Professionals

Kevin Dean

What is a Young Professionals Kiwanis club? This is a question that many people have asked over the past few years. As 2005-06 Chair of the Young Professionals Committee, along with committee members Rich Hall, Alison Mandel and Diane Taranto Horan, our goal is a simple one: to eliminate the need for that question by expanding the scope of Young Professionals clubs in the New York District by at least double its current status.

First and foremost, Young Professionals are Kiwanians. A common myth is that such clubs are transitional clubs, meet only on the Internet, or are otherwise not full-fledged members of our organization, and nothing could be further from the truth. Presently New York boasts two active Young Professionals clubs – New York City and Nassau County. Both clubs were formed in 2001 and have continued to grow and perform additional service hours since their inception. The NYC club currently sponsors three Key Clubs and is pursuing co-sponsorship of two Circle K clubs, and both Young Professionals clubs are made up primarily of former members of sponsored youth organizations, including club members and officers, as well as district and international officers of both Key Club and Circle K.

Kiwanis International formed Young Professionals clubs several years ago as an outlet for generating membership interest in Kiwanis by younger citizens. Through the years it has become clear that the model is more viable in cities and suburban areas where there is a substantial enough population of young professionals for potential members. Although not always, Young Professionals members are generally just that, in their 20s and early 30s, and many of them are still in college or graduate school, or in the first jobs of their careers. Thus, although they may be extremely interested in performing service to those less fortunate than themselves, they often do not have the time or resources to belong to a more traditional Kiwanis club.

Young Professionals clubs may meet less frequently than once a week, and may not have meals with their meetings. The concept is that the club conforms to the schedules and needs of its membership (within the confines of the Bylaws of Kiwanis International) in order to maximize their ability to perform service and to promote membership growth. However, Young Professionals clubs pay dues and perform thousands of hours of service annually. For example, the NYC Young Professional club, which currently has approximately 35 members, performed over 2,000 hours of service in the 2004-05 administrative year, equating to more than one hour per member per week.

Most recently, a club was chartered in Washington, DC with approximately 35 new

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### Governor's Project

Tricia Hook

THINK. Is there someone who has made a difference in your life? Perhaps it was a teacher, a coach, a neighbor, a clergy member or a relative? This years Governor's project is challenging each of you to make that difference in someone else's life.

Relevant website: <www.mentoring.org Expanding the World of Mentoring> Once you go to this website you may type in your zip code and the site will list agencies in your area involved with mentoring.

Places you may want to contact to set up a mentoring project:

Well known youth serving organizations such as: • Big Brothers Big Sisters, YWCA/YMCA, Boys and Girls Clubs, Communities in Schools, Junior Achievement, etc. • Public and private schools • Employment training agencies • Churches and synagogues • Soup kitchens and homeless shelters • Department of social services or welfare agency • Day-care agencies • Free clinics • Community Centers • Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation centers • Chamber of Commerce • and Family Court

Suggestions: (1) Have a speaker at a club or division meeting to discuss mentoring. (Do this as early in the year as possible so you can plan a club or division project). (2) Sponsor a community event in conjunction with a mentoring agency. (3) Sponsor a career day. (4) Involve sponsored youth clubs in your projects.

For further information contact: Alan Beinhacker, 1059 McDonald Avenue, Wantagh, NY 11793. (800) 232-2118 <mrhacker516@aol.com> Alan Hodish, 2364 Seventh St., East Meadow, NY 11554 (516) 222-1640 <alhodish@aol.com> Tricia Hook, 11 North Street, Canandaigua, NY 14424 (585) 396-3130 <triciahook@frontiernet.net>

### Old Cell Phones Needed

The Kiwanis Club of WEST END, Brooklyn in coordination with Our Lady of Guadalupe School are running a drive to collect old cell phones.

All items that are collected will be used for the schools "Funding Factory Recycling Program." The goal of this event is to help alleviate the waste that goes into our landfills.

In addition, it helps raise operational funds for the school. Enrollment in Catholic Schools in Brooklyn is way down. In fact, several schools have consolidated forcing those to close all together. The now empty school buildings are now being sold to developers who are turning old classrooms into condominiums. For information and to make donations contact Joe Costello (718) 227-9871(h) (718) 331-4600(b).

# Tonawandas Hold Mock Trial on G. Delwin Hervey Law Day

Kiwanis Club of the TONAWANDAS, Niagara Frontier North Division – and the Tonawanda Youth Court celebrated Law Day, a nationwide commemoration of liberty and the law, at a luncheon at the Knights of Columbus on Main Street. The Kiwanis Club honored the 12th-grade members of Youth Court for four years of service. Tonawanda Town Judge Frank Caruso was the guest speaker. Judge G. Delwin Hervey, for who this event is named, was a Hixson Fellow and a Mayor of Tonawanda, as well as a life member of the Tonawandas Club.



L-R: Judge Caruso, resided over the mock youth court put on by the students, Nicole Pezone, a participant in the mock trial, and Mark Saltarelli, Tonawanda Event Organizer.

## Plattsburgh Breakfast Participates in Dairy of Distinction Program

The Kiwanis Club of PLATTSBURGH BREAKFAST, Adirondack Division – Each year, the members of the Plattsburgh Kiwanis Breakfast (AM) Club, in conjunction with the Clinton County Cornell Cooperative Extension Agency, participate in the Dairy of Distinction Program which is a rural beautification contest. The 2005 winner is the Don-Sher Farm owned by Don and Sherry McNeil of Ellenburg Center, New York.



L-R: Bill Glidden, Plattsburgh Breakfast Club Board of Director, and 2005 winners Sherry McNeil and Don McNeil.

## Owens

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As I have said many times and on many subjects, the district as well as International have recognized the issues that need to be addressed at the club levels. They have spared no expense to make all matters understandable and manageable. Your presidents and secretaries have been exposed to great amounts of material-use them.

Make your new member feel like an old member in the shortest amount of time for the best end results. START NOW!



Tara, Kordela, Melissa Montante, Lt. Lori Rank, Rosellen Marohn, Rhiannon Genung, and Nicole Pezone are participants in the G. Delwin Hervey Law Day..



Judge Caruso, Tara Kordela, Melissa Montante, Rosellen Marohn, Rhiannon Genung, and Nicole Pezone pose for a photo.

### QUALIFICATION FORM

The Kiwanis Club of \_\_\_\_\_, or  
The \_\_\_\_\_ Key Club, or  
The \_\_\_\_\_ CKI Club, or  
The \_\_\_\_\_ Division.

Hereby certifies that it has completed the following mentoring project for our club or Division: \_\_\_\_\_

List the name of the speaker who attended your club or division meeting, the name of the agency they work for and the date they spoke. \_\_\_\_\_

The following is a brief description of our project:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Please attach additional pages if necessary. Also, include photos, press releases or new clippings that you have.

Chairperson or Contact person if there are any questions:

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

President/Secretary \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Lt. Governor \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

To receive your banner patch and completion certificate please send this completed form no later than September 30, 2006 to:

Tricia Hook  
11 North Street  
Canandaigua, NY 14424.



## Public Relations

Janice Seyfried

### KIWANIS "BRANDING" AND THE NEW PUBLIC RELATIONS AWARD FOR 2005-06

We are approaching the busy growth building part of the Kiwanis year, and public relations - "Getting the Word Out" - becomes a focal point. KI has new programs to enhance knowledge of Kiwanis by our communities. "One Can Make a Difference" - The Kiwanis Branding Campaign - can be utilized to reach new members and raise the awareness of Kiwanis in the community. The campaign will be covered in detail in the Public Relations forum at the Mid-Winter Conference in February. A sample press release for the Kiwanis Public Service Campaign can be downloaded from KI website (labeled "marketing/pr public service announcement scripts"). Let's remind our members to always broadcast the Kiwanis "brand" by wearing pins, shirts, caps, or using banners and encourage the media to broadcast our good works.

Our public relations award last year was met with a good showing of applicants. The awards and banner patches will be given at the Mid-Winter Conference. Governor David Rothman has approved another banner patch for public relations this year. Most clubs are already using many of the various media included in the criteria. The clubs will be recognized with a Public Relations Banner Patch when they promote their activities, club meetings, members, and other items of interest during the year using a variety of public relations venues. Two required elements have been added: one club newsletter/bulletin issue and one article published in the local newspaper are required items plus an additional nine (9) times during the Kiwanis administrative year, in any combination of two or more of the following categories: **Electronic Media** - (interview, news coverage, remote broadcast, commercial, PSA or scheduled program); **Radio, Broadcast TV, Cable TV; Print Media; Daily or weekly newspaper** (press release, article, photo, guest editorial, letter to the editor, newsletter promoting club activities); **Regional Magazine** (article or photo); **Direct Mail** (club newsletter to non-club members, invitations, announcements); **Business/Calling Cards** (club card or personal business card with Kiwanis logo); **Outdoor Signage** - Any outdoor display, banner, billboard, wagon or tent or street signs or meeting signs that generates awareness for and about Kiwanis - send photo; **Public/Business Event Presence**; Parades, fairs, festivals - send photo or clippings; New Media: **Club website; Broadcast email; Internal Publicity: ESK, Kiwanis Magazine, and Club Newsletter.**

Please send newsletters, press releases, photos, clippings, etc. by September 30, 2006. to: Public Relations Award, N. Y. District Kiwanis, 2104 Willow Street, Wantagh, NY 11793, Tel: 516-826-6344 E-mail: <KIWANISPR@aol.com>.

# Cortland Kiwanians Celebrate Senior Birthdays With Style



The Kiwanis Club of **CORTLAND**, Chemung Division - On Oct. 19, 1993 held a "Make A Difference Day" for the residents of the Cortland Care Center. The party went so well, Cortland Kiwanians decided to make it a tradition and a party was scheduled to be held the third Saturday of each month.

The event begins with the residents admiring the birthday cake, upon which is scrolled "Happy Birthday" and the names of the celebrants. Each celebrant individually, at a central birthday table is honored by reviewing their age, birth date and city.

They are presented with ice cream and a

**July Birthday Gal Nina Stevens, 103 years young receives roses from Cortland Program Chair George Williams.** piece of cake with a lit candle on it, and are requested to blow out the candle and make a wish.

At this point they're wished a happy birthday and all the residents sing happy birthday. The celebrants are then given the PA microphone and asked if they'd like to say anything. Most do with amusing and enlightening results.

The event is a special way to honor and recognize our seniors.



## Webmaster

Marty Toombs

So you've got a couple members planning on attending the Mid-Year conference and another making a cross-state trip who want to visit Kiwanis clubs in the area. And you also are looking for the form to make sure one of your members gets their Distinguished Kiwanian award.

All of those problems can be solved quickly by a visit to the District web site at [www.kiwanis-ny.org](http://www.kiwanis-ny.org).

So you're not the club secretary but are interested in the history of the district or what you can do to help your club be distinguished this year? That information is on the site as well.

And if your interest is centered on Kamp Kiwanis, there's information on the Kamp's history, directions to the Kamp, information on this summer's program, and even the information and forms needed by kamps and prospective staff. Pictures of the Kamp and activities from the summer season are a featured part of the site. The Kamp Kiwanis section of the site includes 177 pictures.

During the past year some significant changes were made to the site's underlying structure which has had the result of making the data which has been there for a few years more easily accessible. All the information regarding the district's 297 clubs is now housed in a searchable database, allowing visitors to get the information in the format they need.

Using the Club Locator feature on the site lets you search according to various criteria, including Division, City, and club meeting schedules. For example, a search for "Mon" will give you a list of all the district clubs that meet on Monday. A list of all clubs by their organizational date, and a list of all the club web sites in the district also is available.

Club information available includes president and secretary contact information, meeting times and locations, and the club web site, if there is one.

The information on the 180 people who hold district offices, including officers as well as district committee chairs, lieutenant governors and others, also has been put in a database and can be searched according to various criteria.

The club and other directory information is updated as needed, on a daily basis. (Check your club's listing and make sure it's correct. If not, the e-mail address to submit a correction is on the bottom of each page.)

When it comes to searching, you also can search the entire site, or just the Kamp Kiwanis portion of the site. The searches will find references on the web site, as well as any in the Empire State Kiwanian since October of 2003.

Each edition of the district's newspaper is posted on the site as soon as it is published, before most Kiwanians will find it in their mail box, and they remain posted for later

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## Asighieri Receives Hempstead Recognition



The Kiwanis Club of **SEAFORD**, Long Island South Central Division - Hempstead Town Councilwoman Angie M. Cullin and Town Clerk Mark A. Bonilla recently presented an official Town of Hempstead Certificate of Recognition to Seaford Secretary - President Elect Robin Asighieri at the 2005 Kiwanis Club of Seaford Awards Ceremony, which was held at David's China Garden in Seaford.

**Pictured above (left to right) are: Seaford President Elise Doyno, Hempstead Town Clerk Mark A. Bonilla, Seaford Secretary-President Elect Robin Asighieri, Councilwoman Angie M. Cullin, NYD Public Relations Chair Janice Seyfried of Wantagh and New York District Distinguished Past Governor Peter J. Mancuso of Bellmore.**

## Dean

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members, and clubs exist in various other districts with more to come. For the 2005-06 year in the New York District, the committee will be focusing on the possibility of chartering new Young Professionals clubs in the Rochester, Syracuse and Buffalo areas. As with every other Kiwanis Club, Young Professionals clubs require a sponsoring Kiwanis club in order to organize. Once sponsoring clubs are secured, the committee then hopes to identify a critical population of former sponsored youth in those areas who can take on the all-important roles of Charter officers and assist in Charter membership recruitment. Even more so than traditional

Kiwanis clubs, the success of Young Professionals clubs is tied directly to the commitment and participation of their Charter membership.

Young Professionals clubs are a great way to energize your division and even to potentially recruit younger members for your own clubs as a result. Please make a commitment to this important effort. If you or your club would like more information on Young Professionals Kiwanis clubs, are interested in potentially sponsoring one of our new clubs for 2005-06, or are aware of potential Charter members for these proposed new clubs, please contact us.



**Sponsored Organizations and Programs**

**Tony Palangi**

**It's Time To Reflect Upon the Safety of Our Nation and the Impact On the Youth of America**

America is a great nation. In times of threat and conflict, her greatness has been defended and sustained by those who bravely fought on her behalf – the men and women of our Armed Forces. Unfortunately, today America appears divided in our effort against terrorism and the conflict in Iraq. Demonstrations on the part of many citizens and opposition to the war among legislatures, have taken a significant toll on the status and image of this great nation worldwide. While our veterans fought for, and many died for the right of Americans to protest and enjoy freedom of speech, history tells us, there is a downside to protesting irresponsibly or freely expressing opinions that carry the wrong message to the enemy. Terrorists are encouraged, by public antiwar displays here at home. It sends a message that we, as a people, are not united on winning the war on terror. The lack of support is devastating to the morale of our troops who are valiantly fighting to protect our freedoms and the American way of life, as well as giving hope and democracy to the people of Iraq.

As Kiwanians, we are patriotic and believe in the traditional values that were largely responsible for the rapid growth of America both economically and militarily: Love of country, love of family, and love of God. The K-family together can make a difference. Each one of us can carry the message to our communities, friends, and most important to the legislatures who now appear divided in their support of the war in Iraq.

The Circle K Speaking Conference held on November 4-6 at the Georgian Hotel in Lake George, New York, was a highly successful weekend that was both informative and fun. Annually, it's a very important conference because it takes place in the first semester of the school year. It provides Circle K members with the opportunity to implement new service projects and activities offered by the many panels and forums. Also, the new club officers have an opportunity to attend special sessions for training. Governor David Rotham was the featured speaker on Saturday evening. He encouraged all Circle K members to work together with the K-Family. Governor David was especially pleased to hear that both Circle K and Key Club were extensively involved in "Tutoring" as an on-going project. At the closing session on Sunday morning, Past Governor Tony Palangi presented a program on Kamp Kiwanis. Circle K annually supports the Kamp. They hold meetings there and enjoy a fun weekend.

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# Metropolitan K-Family Project Brings Holiday Joy to Children

**METROPOLITAN DIVISION** – This holiday season marked the first annual Children's Christmas Party Metropolitan Kiwanians have begun. Over 80 underprivileged children and their parents were treated to joyous party. There were 143 children and 98 adults who came to enjoy the festivities. The children ranged in age from 2-10. These children came from the Bronx, Manhattan, and Staten Island.

The project was a joint Divisional and Key Club event. In attendance were, Curtis High School Key Club with its advisor Janet, and the newly formed Saint Joseph Hill Academy Key Club with its advisor Brian and 12 of its new to-be inducted members.

The party was held at the Renaissance on Hylan Boulevard from 11am to 3pm. Four characters continually walking around (this is when the Key Clubbers helped out) and played with the children. Key Clubbers face painted and used stick on tattoo's for the children.

Bonkers the Clown and his associate brighten up the experience. Throughout the

four hours the clowns continually walked around making balloon animals for the children. Bonkers wowed the children with a 20 minute magic act in front of his audience of children and adults. He was great!

After the magic show, all the children sang Christmas Carols which hailed in the big man himself. Santa visited the children and toys were given to each child present.

The DJ kept the action going on, playing Christmas songs and the Macarana, as well as the Cha Cha Slide. The food ranged from a fine breakfast to an elegant dinner with dessert bestowed to all in attendance.

The Chairmen for this event were DPP Alex Inserra and DPLG Joe Battista. Thank you to IPLG Mark Russo and LG Fran Hogan for their great insight in making this party a reality as a joint venture between two terms of office. Also a great thanks to the sponsors; Sean Cusick, PLG and board president Lindy Marrazzo, Mark Russo, Jodi's Bar and Grill, and JR Landscaping. The event was a huge success by the smiles on the children's faces, or was it all that food and the clowns?



*Cartoon characters entertain the children.*



*Bonkers the Clown made balloon animals for the children.*



**Key Leader**

**John Swartwout**

Key Leader is Kiwanis International's new leadership education program for high school students. Its mission is to provide a "life-changing experience that inspires young people to achieve their personal best through service leadership." Service leadership is the concept of leading by example and empowering others to achieve their full potential. It is the cornerstone of the Key Leader program. The weekend program consists of experiential learning which focuses on building the participants' personal integrity, growth, respect, community building, and pursuit of excellence.

To follow up on the successful Key Leader event held in Holmes, NY in September 2005, New York District will host 2 weekend events in 2006: on May 19-21 at Camp Stella Maris south of Rochester and on October 6-8 at the Warwick Center near the NY-NJ state line. The program is open to students in grades 9 through 12 (plus graduating 8th graders for spring programs).

What can you and your Club do to enable youth from your community to benefit from this program? Contact your local schools, Key Clubs, Builders Clubs, Scout Troops, Youth Groups, etc. and invite them to participate. Sponsor one or more of the local teens at \$150 each. Partner with other local civic organizations, fraternal organizations, and businesses to sponsor additional participants. There is no limit on the number of students from a given school that may participate. You can download a fact sheet on this program to share with your community by visiting the sponsored youth page of the New York District Kiwanis web site ([www.Kiwanis-NY.org](http://www.Kiwanis-NY.org)).

For further information, contact John Swartwout (Upstate Co-Chair) at (518)274-8639 or [jswartwout@worldnet.att.net](mailto:jswartwout@worldnet.att.net); or Kim Scharoff (Downstate Co-Chair) at (516)432-0850 or [kscharoff@yahoo.com](mailto:kscharoff@yahoo.com). A PowerPoint slide show of the September Key Leader event is available for your use and Key Leader Committee members are available to speak to your Club.



*Above: DJ adds a lot of fun for children. Left: Events Chairs DPP Alec Inserra, DPLG Joe Battista and LG Fran Hogan (seated) pose with Santa and children. Missing from the picture IPLG Mark Russo.*

# Roscoe Kiwanians Provide Dictionary to Students

The Kiwanis Club of **ROSCOE**, Hudson River West Division – for the past four years has participated in The Dictionary Project, a program with the goal of getting all 3rd graders their own dictionary.

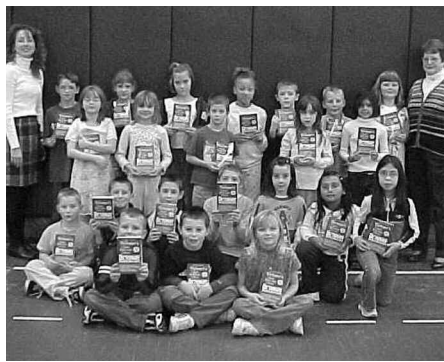
A dictionary is perhaps the first and most powerful reference tool that a child should own. Its usefulness goes beyond the spellings, pronunciations and definitions it lists. It is also a companion for solving problems that arise as a child develops his or her reading, writing, and creative thinking abilities. Students benefit from an increased self-reliance and resourcefulness inspired by the maxim, "look it up." The importance of using a dictionary to make sure all words are spelled correctly is emphasized. This is an opportunity for children to expand their vocabulary.

The success of The Dictionary Project has been through the tireless efforts of the people who have made a personal commitment to improving literacy and the quality of life in their community. A dictionary is an essential tool for a quality education. A child cannot do his or her best work without one. Together we can make sure that every child benefits from the power of words, because that is the only way they can become self-reliant. Reading is the most important skill of all. It is the starting point for all the economic and social opportunities this world has to offer.

Over 3,022,088 children have received a dictionary from volunteers who have participated in the Dictionary Project to provide a dictionary for the children in their community each year, so they can enjoy the benefits of a large vocabulary.

1,128,579 dictionaries were given to students in the 2004-2005 school year as a gift from people who live in their town.

<[www.dictionaryproject.org](http://www.dictionaryproject.org)>



**Teacher Kristy Robinson, left and Roscoe member Shirley Wood, right present third grades with their own dictionary.**



## Heritage Society

Carla Ingram

My name is Carla Ingram. I am the District Chair for the Heritage Society. The Kiwanis International Foundation established the Heritage Society to recognize individuals who have named the Foundation in their estate plans.

I have been in Kiwanis for over 15 years and have served on a few committees as the chair. I am a Past Lt. Governor three times over and want to do it again some day. I am honored to be the Heritage Society Chairperson and with my background as a paralegal, I hope to do a good job.

There are several types of Planned Gifts. They are Bequests, Charitable Gift Annuity, Life Insurance, Charitable Remainder Trust, Revocable Living Trust, and Retirement Plan Beneficiary. The Heritage Society is a main source of endowment support and is needed to ensure future financial stability of the Foundation. Membership to the Heritage Society is offered to individuals who signify their intent to: provide a "planned gift" to Kiwanis International Foundation Endowment Fund or make an outright charitable gift of at least \$5,000 US Funds.

My goals for this committee are to make each and every Kiwanian aware of the Heritage Society. I also want to make sure that every Kiwanian not only knows about the Heritage Society, but they consider putting Kiwanis International in their estate planning.

For more information about the Heritage Society or to find out if you qualify for membership in the Society, contact the Kiwanis International Foundation or contact me by phone number 315-268-0424 or email <[challenge741@yahoo.com](mailto:challenge741@yahoo.com)>.

## Clubs Honor Members With Foundation Distinguished Service Awards

In an effort to recognize individuals for meritorious service, the New York District Foundation has developed the Distinguished Service Award. This high gloss color certificate will be personalized with recipients' names and signed by our Foundation President and packaged in a leather folder with an embossed Foundation label.

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## LaGuardia Airport Supports PS 127



The Kiwanis Club of **LAGUARDIA AIRPORT**, Queens West Division – The local LaGuardia Airport Kiwanis Club has donated multimedia projectors, digital cameras and science activities sets worth over \$2,000 to PS 127, a local grade school. The items will support the schools Science and Technology Department and will benefit the students in

**Above: LGA Kiwanis Board Members Warren Kroepfel [left] and Richard DeCastro [right] flank PS 127 Principal Chayvonne Matthews.**

achieving the schools standards. This new annual donation program was initiated after Warren Kroepfel joined the "Principal For A Day" program this past year.

## Toombs

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viewing as needed.

Over the years more and more information useful to the district's Kiwanians has been added to the site. It's the best place to get the latest information on upcoming conventions, both District and International, as well as many of the events which occur around the district each year including the annual Open House at Kamp Kiwanis, the Black and White Ball to raise funds for the Pediatric Trauma Center at North Shore University Hospital on Long Island, or the annual Buffalo Bills Kiwanis Charity Football Game.

Most of the forms needed by club officers during the year are available on the site. The monthly statistics for the district's clubs since October of 2004 also are available.

When possible the site also features pictures and coverage on district or international events, such as conventions. Last September the latest information on the district's efforts to aid the victims of Hurricane Katrina was available on the web site soon after it happened. That coverage is still available, as are pictures and coverage from last summer's District Convention and last June's Kamp Kiwanis Open House remains available for viewing.

The site's calendar lists events from around the district. In addition to district events, special division events and club events can be added to the calendar to publicize those efforts. There's room for a lot more events on the calendar; send them along and they'll be added. The calendar also can be useful to check to make sure the event you are planning doesn't fall on the same day as another one.

If you haven't taken time to check out the site, take a look. And send an e-mail to me <[webmaster@kiwanis-ny.org](mailto:webmaster@kiwanis-ny.org)> if you have suggestions for ways to make the site more useful to the district's Kiwanians.



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## Poughkeepsie Kiwanis Presents Gilroy Support Person of the Year Award



Kiwanis Club of **POUGHKEEPSIE**, Hudson River Division – presented the Support Person of the Year Award to an employee of the Poughkeepsie City School District. This award for distinguished service is presented annually to a staff member who is not an administrator or teacher. Melissa Gilroy, secretary in the Poughkeepsie High School Guidance Office received the award in 2005.

The Kiwanis Club of Poughkeepsie also presents an award annually to students in local high schools for outstanding community service and offers a \$1,000 scholarship to a worthy student from a local high school for academic achievement, community service, and financial need.

*Left: Pres. Cliff Scholl gives Melissa Gilroy flowers after presenting her with the Support Person of the Year award.*

## Members Honored for 55 Years Service

Kiwanis Club of **LINDENHURST**, Suffolk West Division – President Henrietta Gardner presented Mitch Rothberg his pin for 55 years of dedicated service. Mitch is a charter member and was President in 1954.

PP Charlie Harvey received his pin for 55 years of Kiwanis service at a recent club meeting. Charlie served on many club committees and is a valued club member.



**L-R: Lindenhurst President Henrietta Gardner and honoree 55 year member PP Charlie Harvey.**



**L-R seated in background: Dave Woods. Standing Lindenhurst President Henrietta Gardner and honoree 55 year member PP Mitch Rothberg.**

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**K-FAMILY WEEKEND:** Held at the Hudson Valley Resort in the Catskills on November 11-13, the meeting of Key Club, Circle K and Kiwanis dramatically demonstrated the K-Family working together. It was a weekend of interaction, fellowship, sharing of ideas and innovations to make our communities a better place to live. The K-Family Weekend always reaffirms Kiwanis' commitment to the Sponsored Organizations: Key Club, Circle K, Builders Club, K-Kids and Aktion Clubs.

**REMINDER – KIWANIS CLUB PRESIDENTS AND LT. GOVERNORS:** The annual New York District Key Club and Circle K Conventions this year will be held the weekend of March 24-26. Key Club will meet at Kutcher's Country Club in the Catskills and Circle K at the Radisson Hotel in Corning. First of all, note that according to Key Club and Circle K by-laws, the new club officers for 2005-2006 must be elected before March or the District Convention. March is also the time when the Key Club and Circle K Lt. Governors must be elected at the division caucuses. The Kiwanis Lt. Governors are responsible for making sure that these division caucuses are held. Also, please consider offering financial support for two delegates and alternates to the convention. The sponsoring Kiwanis clubs should pay at least one third of the total cost of two delegates and alternates. The Kiwanis Club should also support total cost for both the Kiwanis and Faculty advisors who generally work very hard to make arrangements and encourage attendance. In the case of Key Club advisors, they often serve as chaperones. Please consider fulfilling this responsibility.

## Three Village Decorates Park for Season



The Kiwanis Club of **THREE VILLAGE**, Suffolk East Division – and the Key Club at Ward Melville High School recently decorated the Setauket Kiwanis Park for the holidays. The park is home for Santa when he arrives at the community's annual electric Holiday

**Three Village Kiwanians and Melville High School Key Club.**

Parade. This year, over 1,000 people in the community attended the event, which included free hot chocolate and cookies.

## Rotterdam Kiwanis Holds Garage Sale

The Kiwanis Club of **ROTTERDAM**, Mohawk Division – conducted their third annual Garage Sale. It was held at the South Schenectady Fire Dept. meeting hall. The fire department donated the use of the hall.

For several months prior to the event, three of our members, PP Dave Kazda, PP Norm Seymour, and President Jack White gathered the donated merchandise and stored it in a facility PP Jack White had made available.

The day before the sale, the merchandise was transported to the meeting hall where it was arranged by categories. The day of the sale, President Jack White brought home-

made soup and meatballs, which his wife, Terri, had made. This would be nourishment for the working Kiwanis families.

Kiwanians working on this project were: Sec'y Ed Barkowski, DPP Tony Colose, PP Clem Garkowski, PP Dave Kazda, DPP Dave Keiski, Herb Kingsbury, Nancy MacLea, Henry Polgreen, Mary Regal, Treasurer Bob Reid, PP Norm Seymour, President Jack White, and spouses and significant others: Jean Brown, Ursula Keiski, Carol Reid, Carol Seymour, and Terri White.

Each year they surpassed the previous years in income received. This year they raised \$1,360.

## Patchogue Holds Toy Trot for Children



The Kiwanis Club of **PATCHOQUE**, Suffolk East Division – 130 Toy Trot participants began a 4 Mile Run in Patchogue on Jennings Avenue. Timing and officiating was done by the Bohemia Track Club. The event was sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Patchogue and the Brickhouse Brewery to

**Toy Trotters benefit children.**

benefit needy children of the community. Each participant donated a Christmas toy besides the entry fee. The Patchogue Medford Key Club helped by wrapping the toys which are to be distributed for Christmas.

## Jones Repeats As Floral Park President - 3 Members Installed



## District Convention

Rick Thompson

Hi, as you all know the NY District Convention is being held in Saratoga Springs from Sept. 7th to September 10th.

While this is a little different than the usual August time period, I am sure this year will be a wonderful convention.

The main hotel The Saratoga (formerly the Prime) has gone through a major renovation and has upgraded significantly.

There will be many activities for Kiwanis with discounts at the stores on Broadway. Our downtown district was voted best main street in the USA in 2000. There are a variety of stores to shop all within walking distance of the hotel.

Saratoga is your ideal golfing destination, with 3 golf courses located right in the city.

Saratoga Gaming and Raceway has become very popular with many VLT machines and serves complimentary coffee, tea, soda, juice and water while you play on the gaming floor. Parking and admission is also free. Fortunes, a restaurant in the gaming facility offers a wide variety of food and specials.

Saratoga is an ideal golfing destination! There are more than 15 top rated golf courses our area offers. Also, Saratoga Springs has always been famous for its mineral springs. At the Roosevelt Baths and Spa, we invite you to experience the luxury of those naturally effervescent waters, with soothing baths and also wonderfully relaxing spa treatments.

Saratoga Springs is also home to the fourth largest brewery in New York State. Olde Saratoga Brewing Co. offers tours, tastings, retail outlet and gift baskets made to order.

Family attractions include: Children's Museum, National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame, Saratoga Automobile Museum, New York State Military Museum and the National Museum of Dance and Hall of Fame. With everything available in Saratoga Springs, we are sure to have a great convention and a great time.

Kiwanis Club of **FLORAL PARK**, Long Island North Division – Maria Gridley Jones, daughter of DPG John Gridley, was recently installed for her second term as President of the Kiwanis Club of Floral Park. At the same time her mother, former First Lady Rosemarie, and her grand mother Anna Quattrochi, were also installed. In addition Barbara Cirlincione, wife of former SDPLG Ben Cirlincione also became a member.

**Photo left, L to R, Standing: Barbara Cirlincione, SDPLG Ben Cirlincione, former First Lady Rosemarie Gridley, DPG John Gridley, Anna Quattrochi. (Rosemarie's mom), President Maria Gridley Jones. Seated: Governor-Elect Joe Corace and Gov. David Rothman.**



### Foundation President

Lindy Marrazzo

The new year has begun and we are gearing up for a new camping season for 2006. Applications have been mailed or e-mailed to each club. Please review them and reserve your slot as soon as possible in that we are anticipating a full camp once again. Allow your children in your area to attend Kamp Kiwanis and enjoy the camping experience.

As a reminder, campers, including transportation to and from the camp, the fee is \$500 per camper. Without transportation, for those living close to Kamp Kiwanis, the fee is \$400 per camper. To make payment a little easier, we now accept credit cards including American Express, Mastercard, Visa, Diner's Club and Discover.

Our work weekend this year is May 4th through May 6th. Please call either myself at 718-983-8000 or Rebecca at the camp, if you are coming. We will paint, clean cabins, fix plumbing, install carpeting, and do electrical and grounds maintenance. We accomplish many things while having good time. This makes for a great club function. There are plenty of hotels and motels to stay at for reasonable prices. Turning Stone Casino and Resort is only 30 minutes away from Kamp Kiwanis for those so inclined.

Remember, for those interested in honoring a member, you can do so in a number of ways. Our Kaiser Fellow program entails a \$1,000 donation to the camp. You can buy a brick for:

- 4" X 8" - \$125
- 12" X 12" - \$500
- 18" X 18" - \$700
- 24" X 24" - \$1,500

You can buy an acre of property for \$1,500, a bench with your club's name for \$1,500, adopt a cabin for \$10,000 or build a new cabin for \$30,000.

In January, the North Central Club held a Texas Hold Em Card Tournament. Over 120 players participated and a donation of \$12,000 was made to Kamp Kiwanis. Thanks to President Tim Sullivan, DPLG Mike Assenza, DP Harold Kaplan, DPLG Scott Spina, DPLG John Mansfield and to all the members of the North Central Club who helped.

Two great Kiwanians and my good friends, Ron Shattila and Drew Danischewski, passed away in January. Please keep their families in your prayers.

Great Fun!

Texas Hold Em Tournament

Mid-Winter at

Hudson Valley Resort and Spa  
7:00pm Friday, Feb. 25, 2006



# North Central Kiwanians Raise 12GS for Kamp Kiwanis



The Kiwanis Club of **NORTH CENTRAL STATEN ISLAND**, Metropolitan Division – presented a check for \$12,000 to the NYD Foundation for Kamp Kiwanis. These proceeds were raised through the club's Texas Hold em Tournament which was chaired by Past Presidents Len Bosso and John Mazza. Additionally the event was attended by State

Senator Diane Savino and Assemblyman John Lavelle. Each year through it's foundation the North Central Kiwanis Club donates to various community and charitable organizations along with the New York District Foundation. It is President Tim Sullivan's goal for this administrative year to exceed in donations of \$50,000.

*L-R: Harold Kaplan, Assemblyman John Lavelle PLG, Foundation President Lindy Marrazzo, Club President Tim Sullivan, North Central Kiwanis Foundation President Scott Spina PLG, State Senator Diane Savino and Foundation Vice President Sal Anelli.*

## Floral Park Sponsors Students to Kamp Kiwanis

The Kiwanis Club of **FLORAL PARK**, Long Island North Division – sponsored two NYC children at Kamp Kiwanis in Taberg, NY. The sponsored youth are students of PS222 at PS266 in Bellerose, NY.

As part of the Floral Park's sponsorship, the children were presented customized embroidered tote bags chock full of goodies and sundries for camp. The embroidered duffel bags, bearing the NY District Kiwanis logo along with the child's names, were filled with towels, disposable cameras, post cards, stamps, pens, flashlights, batteries, suntan lotion and sun-screen, bug spray, markers, journals and other personal items.

Representing the Floral Park Kiwanis Club at the presentation were former 10 year Glen Oaks resident and Floral Park Treasurer Joyce Manley-Ryder, a NYC Department of

Education staffer at PS266. Also in attendance was Floral Park Past President Joyce Moyse. Joyce is also a past Club Treasurer and Secretary, as well as Advisor to the Floral Park Memorial High School Key Club. Helping out were their children Megan Moyse and Barbara-Anne Ryder. Representing the staff of PS200 at PS266 were, Ms. K Bougadious, Teacher; Ms. R. Spitzer, Unit Coordinator; and Ms. K. Navins; Teacher.

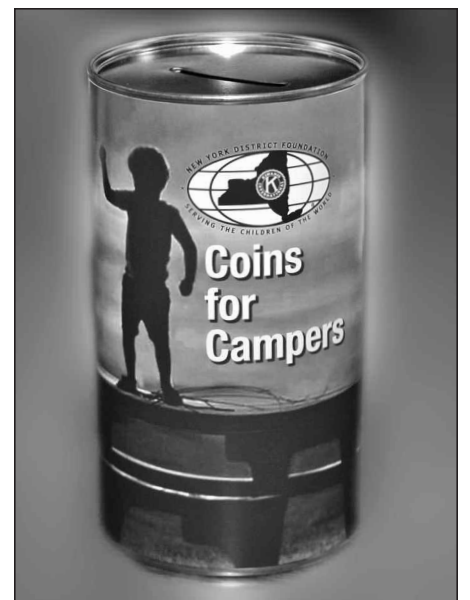
The Floral Park Kiwanis Club's current President is Maria Jones. The club serves the Nassau County communities of Floral Park, Franklin Square, and Bellerose; and the Queens County communities of Bellerose, North Floral Park, and Glen Oaks.

The club recently celebrated its 30th anniversary.



*Floral Park makes presentation to Kamp Kiwanis. Front L-R: Megan Moyse and Barbara-Anne Ryder. Rear L-R: Ms. K Bougadis, Ms. R. Spitzer, Mrs. Joyce Manley-Ryder, Mrs. Joyce Moyse and Ms. K. Navins.*

## Get Canisters for Sponsored Youth



If you are interested in getting some canisters to give to your Sponsored Youth to help raise some funds for Kamp Kiwanis this holidays season, please call Maureen (718) 259-9679 or email her at <NYKIWESK@aol.com>. It's a great way to celebrate the season and support our camp.

## Merrick Kiwanians Send NCMC Kids to Kamp

The Kiwanis Club of **MERRICK**, Long Island South Central Division – In the truest spirit of camaraderie and compassion, the Kiwanis Club of Merrick opened its heart and its pocketbook to help the Nassau County Medical Center club send kids to Kamp Kiwanis this summer. In addition to the 12 children from the Merrick and North Merrick community, the club sponsored 12 children whom the NCMC club wanted to send but were unable to fund.

"A few years ago, the Nassau County Medical Center club asked us if we could help them out by adding a couple of kids to the group we were sending," Merrick Club

President Douglas Mills explained. "Some of the children recommended by the Medical Center Club may also be from our community. The criteria are that these kids have siblings who are very ill, and might need some attention or a break from the stresses and strains at home, as so much of the family's attention is focused on the child who is ill. This year, I am delighted that through our fundraising efforts, we were able to send 12 of those children to Kamp Kiwanis."

The Nassau County Medical Center kids went to camp the last week in July, along with the Merrick and North Merrick children recommended by the towns' school districts.