



### Key Leader

Kim Scharoff

Kiwanis Key Leader is going strong in New York. This fall we hosted an event at the Greenkill Conference Center facilitated by Jane Erickson. The students went through life changing experiences and have learned skills that they will be able to use throughout their lives.

We have a few interesting things on the horizon for Key Leader in the Spring of 2009. We will be hosting a school-based event on Long Island at Levittown Memorial Education Center on April 25-26. This will be an overnight event with the students sleeping in the school building. We are waiting to hear from International what the registration rate will be for this event. Students will arrive Saturday morning and depart late Sunday afternoon. Transportation from a local railroad station (LIRR) can be arranged. The program will be facilitated by one of the certified facilitators of the program. We will be looking for chaperones to spend the night with the students at the school. Start looking for your students now because we are sure this event will sell out quickly. Registration will go live early in 2009.

In addition, we will be hosting an event May 15-17 at Camp Stella Maris in Livonia (outside Rochester). This will be the 4th year that we are holding the event there and we are looking forward to being able to use some of the new facilities at the camp. Registration for this event will also go live early in 2009. Now is the time to start looking for students to attend. In addition, we will need chaperones for this event as well.

For those clubs that are not near either of those areas and wondering how they can get involved, there are events in northern New Jersey and Massachusetts that may be closer to you. There is no reason why you cannot sponsor a student to go to an event outside of New York. All of the Key Leader programs are facilitated by certified facilitators and cover the same curriculum. All I ask is that you notify me if you are sponsoring a student to an event outside the district so that we can recognize you (there is no way for me to know otherwise).

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me via e-mail at kscharoff@yahoo.com or via phone at 516-432-0850.

New York District

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## New York Attends New England Fall Conference



Left to right: New England Governor Dick England, New York DPG David Rothman, International President Don Canaday and New York Former First Lady Debra Rothman.



DPG David Rothman and Former First Lady Debra with New England Former First Lady Diedre and PG Timothy McMahon.

## Rachel Sherman Honored

the Kiwanis Club of CORTLAND, Chemung Division - Rachele Sherman was presented with a "Distinguished Service Award" plaque for her outstanding devotion and service to the club. During her two years as president "2007-2008 and 2008-2009" programs were presented at each meeting, four new members were inducted, both years the New York District Governors projects were completed, Round Robins were made (two club members attending a meeting of all the Chemung Division Kiwanis Clubs during the fiscal year.) The club received banner patches for their Honors banner for each program. In addition she assumed a two year position as

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their pin and membership certificate, and the relationship between Kiwanis Club and Builders Club members will become real to both clubs.

The dues for your Builder's Club, was due by the end of December, 2008. However, we have been given a grace period until the end of February. After that you will have to pay the annual club fee, plus a reactivation fee. It is in the best interest of your club's finances, to pay the annual club fee (Builders Club Dues) on time. Please check to make sure it has been done. It really is the best \$150 your club will spend this year.

I wish you all the joy that comes from working with this age student. They have so much energy, they think they are grown up at this age, and you allow them to prove it, to themselves and to the community by doing service. It's a wonderful experience; one you will not regret, I promise.



Lt. Governor Rachele D. Sherman

Lieutenant Governor for the Chemung Division "2008-2009 and 2009-2010".

At the meeting, firefighters of the Cortland Fire Department presented a program on controlling a fire. Captain Scott Buchanan explained the Application of three fire extinguishers he displayed, as well as to the technique in their use of putting out a fire. The use of home fire extinguishers was discussed, the types of fires the department handled and the average calls answered night and day. After the program the Firefighters Mike Tenkate, Jim Zelsnack, Derek Reynolds and Tim Clemens had a controlled fire outside on which they displayed the proper application of a fire extinguisher on the fire. Several Kiwanians using a fire extinguisher, put out the fire under the guidance of a firefighter to assure the proper technique was used.



### Youth Services

Ed Stoddard

Governor Doreen Pellitteri has asked me to Chair the Committee on Youth Services for the 2008-2009 year. In an attempt to learn more about this committee and to gain insights, I have been in contact with chairs for the following: Aktion Club/ Debra Rothman, Builders Club/ Joanne Underwood, Circle K/ John Keegan, K - Kids/ Mickie Leamey, Governor's Project/ Rick Santer, Human and Spiritual Values/ Sister Anne-Marie Kirmse, Key Club/ Andrew Lowenberg, Key Leader/ Kim Scharoff and Young Children Priority One/ Rev. Kenneth Nelson.

Additionally, I have contacted Kiwanis International and have received the following information as it relates to the Committee on Youth Services. The description reads as follows:

"The Committee on Youth Services shall study, devise and suggest methods and means to the clubs to assist boys and girls to adjust themselves to their environment and become adapted to the social, economic, and moral demands they may encounter. This committee shall develop ways and means of assisting in the guidance of youth in the selection of proper and suitable vocations, as well as other areas which the committee may deem pertinent. It shall endeavor to inspire the clubs to an increasing participation in these activities and shall make proposals to the clubs of means whereby such purposes may be accomplished."

Having attended the Tri- K weekend at the Crowne Plaza in Albany on November 14 and 15, it is most obvious that the work which the committees, listed in the opening paragraph, are doing in the New York District is in line with the goals of the Committee on Youth Services. As I listened to and responded to the words and comments which came from the Governors of the New York Key Club, / Amy Lorenc and the New York Circle K Club/ Mike Ott, as well as the comments and reflections from International Key Club President Kia-Rogers Albertson and International President of Circle K, Kristen Reed I could only think of a "Perfect Tribute" which is attributed to a comment a little girl made to President Abraham Lincoln after his Gettysburg Address. She paid tribute to him and her comments brought joy and pleasure to the President at that most trying time in his life. The comments we heard brought pleasure and tribute to all.

Governor Doreen had selected self esteem for her project for the year. Key Club Governor Amy said at one point during the weekend, "Goals are the fuel in the furnace of achievement". Governor Doreen had to be pleased as she observed the actions and the reports that were coming from all quarters as the Tri K weekend progressed. More to the point, each and every Kiwanis Club that sponsors one or more of the Kiwanis Family entities should be most proud. Unfortunately, not all clubs are able to attend events such as the Tri K Weekend. Therefore, members of

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