



### Sponsored Organizations and Programs

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### A New Year For the Sponsored Youth Organizations

Traditionally, the Key Club and Circle K district conventions are held in the month of March. This year the Key Club convention will be held on March 19-21, Kutshers Country Club, and the Circle K convention will take place on March 26-28, Hotel Utica. These conventions designate the beginning of a new year for our Sponsored Youth Organizations – 2004-2005. At these conventions a new slate of District officers are elected.

Please note that sponsoring Kiwanis Clubs should make sure that their Key Clubs and Circle K Clubs elect a new slate of officers before the conventions take place so that they will be able to attend the conventions and gain the benefits of the various forums and workshops. It's also the responsibility of the sponsoring Kiwanis Clubs to support two delegates to the conventions, normally one third of the total cost. Also, it's beneficial, if financially possible, to support the Kiwanis and Faculty Advisors who play a major role in the success of our Sponsored Youth Programs. They often serve as chaperon at the Key Club conventions.

The Kiwanis Lt. Governors should take the initiative and make sure that his or her counterpart, the Key Club or Circle K new Lt. Governors are elected prior to the District conventions. They should oversee the election together with the District sponsored Youth Committee.

### Operation Crayon for the children of Iraq

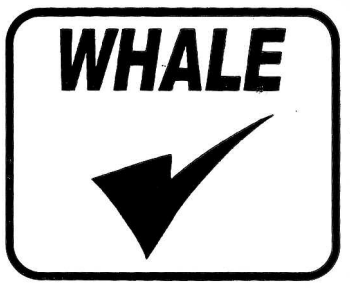
Recently, I attended a meeting of the American Legion where several programs were discussed to promote nationwide support for our troops serving in Iraq. One of the projects, which particularly got my attention, was "Operation Crayon." The program solicits school supplies so that the American Troops can distribute them to children in need, in the countries that they are deployed in. My thoughts immediately reflected upon the children of Iraq - indeed, this is a great avenue to help these children and at the same time create good will towards America and our troops.

War has had a great effect on the children of Iraq. Their world as they know it has been ripped from around them. They are scared, they are in need, and they want to know that they are not forgotten. Operation Crayon can provide them this comfort.

Our soldiers, through the Chaplains deployed with them, deliver these common every day items to the children of Iraq. They personally hand out the items, hoping to establish security and trust among the people. Your donation will be rushed to the

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# Lindenhurst Gets the Word Out About a Whale of a Program



The Kiwanis Club of LINDENHURST, Suffolk West Division – instituted the WHALE program, "We Have A Little Emergency." The program is an identification and information package for child car safety seats. In the event of a motor Vehicle accident that incapacitates the driver, emergency service personnel have no source of information to identify the child or his/her social needs. The WHALE Program helps with that information.

The WHALE program requires the use of one information label, attached to the back of the car seat. In addition, two WHALE car seat stickers are attach to each side of the car seat.

The labels alert rescue personnel that behind the seat there is information about the child. Last but not least, two WHALE stickers attach to the rear side windows, of the vehicle alert rescuers that the occupant participate in the program.

The WHALE program is the first of it's kind in the United States and is currently used in at least 32 states.

The Lindenhurst Kiwanians have distributed and explained the program to families



Left to right: Marti Guadagno, Angela Petri holding baby Sophia Petri and Lindenhurst President Henrietta Gardner.

via community functions. They have place newspaper articles anywhere there are families gathering. In the future, Lindenhurst

Kiwanians will be visiting day care centers and PTA meeting. Protecting our children is what Lindenhurst & Kiwanis is all about.

## Ken-Ton Club Install Kiwanis Family Officers

The Kiwanis Club of KEN-TON, Niagara Frontier North Division – held their kick-off celebration and installation of officers for the Ken-Ton Kiwanis and the Jefferson Elementary School K-Kids that they sponsor. Other sponsored clubs (Circle K at the University of Buffalo, Roosevelt Elementary K-Kids) were invited however their officers were unable to attend.

Aside from the installation of officers by LG Ken Bell and installation of K-Kids officers by LG Elect Robert Wunsch, eight Jefferson Elementary K-Kids received pins and certificates from President Bush as they volunteered over 75 hours to the community last year. K-Kid award winners were Nate Wiles, Mary Brigante, Jessica Fitscher, Kevin Fitscher, Caleb Berry, Kaitlynn Reilly, Chelsea Heins and Deanna Nolan.

Installed officers for K-Kids are: President Deanna Nolan, Vice President Chelsea Heins, Treasurer Caleb Berry, Secretary Danielle Lucas and Directors, Taylor Tamburlin, Dylan Cownie and Allie Marasco.

Installed officers for Ken Ton Kiwanis are: President Dan Wiles, Past President Paul Nikischer, President Elect Shawn O'Hargan, Treasurer Joe Buch, Secretary Ken Butkowski III and Directors Joe Kryszak, Jim Rowlands, Bruce Ruark, Bob Wunsch, Tim Chase, Pete D'Orsaneo, Jim Peszko, Don Kunzelman.

Goals for the 2003-2004 Ken-Ton Kiwanis include sponsoring an additional K-Kids in the Town of Tonawanda for a total of three, educating children on flag etiquette with a talk and short video presentation in elementary school classrooms, providing flags at the annual Town Memorial Day Parade, donations to local Paramedics and Meals on Wheel Foundations, sponsoring youth athletics and recreation programs and increasing membership.

Goals for the three K-Kids are still being formed, however, each will follow a model of a project for their school followed by a project for their neighborhood and a project for the community.

The process will be repeated at least a second time in the school year.

## Freeport Kiwanians Anchor Away



The Kiwanis Club of FREEPORT, Long Island Southwest Division – held their eighth annual Children's Fishing Trip last summer aboard the good ship Captain Lou VI. Fifty children between the ages of 8 and 14 lined up on the dock on Freeport's famous Nautical Mile at 7:00 am for a weather perfect fun-filled day of fishing.

The fluke were running that day and almost every child caught a fish. Only 9 fish were large enough to take home. Every child took home more than one fish story and the

Children enjoy the Freeport Fishing Trip. Many caught fish for the first time. memories of a day they will never forget.

Members of the Club donated all refreshments, consisting of a wide variety of sandwiches, soda, cookies, chips and Kiwanis peanuts. The boat charter and special "T" shirts were paid for by donations from local merchants and members. They look forward to holding another fishing trip this summer and are devoted to serving the children of the world.

## Children Bensonhurst & Bay Ridge Party



This past holiday season Kiwanians from the Bensonhurst & Bay Ridge Kiwanis Club, Brooklyn, brighten the season for neighborhood children with a gala party. Event chairs LG Joseph G. Schiavo Jr. and Frank DeFranco report, "a fun time was had by all."