

Bowling Green K-Kids Named 2008-2009 Distinguished Club



At the NYD Kiwanis Mid-Winter Conference which was held at the Hudson Valley Resort from February 20-22, 2009, the Bowling Green K-Kids received exciting news.

First, they were presented their banner patch for completing 2008-2009 NYD Kiwanis Governor Doreen's Governor's Project. Later, at 2007-2008 Governor Don Herring's Awards celebration, they learned that they were the only K-Kids in the New York District to complete First Lady Marlene's Book Folders Project.

The Bowling Green K-kids were also selected as the NYD winner of the K-kids Single Service Project. This award designates the best community service project done by a K-Kids Club in New York State during the 2008-2009 service year.

The Bowling Green K-Kids' poster that was drawn by K-kids Secretary Dana Stokum was also selected as the NYD winner. Dana's poster will now represent New York in the Kiwanis International poster contest.

Finally, on Sunday morning NYD K-Kids Administrator SDPLG Mickie Leamey informed Faculty Advisor Rich Santer that the K-Kids would be designated as "Distinguished" for their charter year and that their scrapbook had won the New York District competition and would be sent on to Kiwanis International.

Bowling Green K-Kids Receive their "Distinguished" Club Banner Patch (L to R) Treasurer Regina, VP Miranda, Faculty Advisor Rich Santer, President Emma, Secretary Dana and 5th Grade Director Tori

Faculty Advisor Rich Santer was surprised at the number of honors the club had earned. "This is our first year as a club. For a K-Family Club to be so successful in its "Charter Year" is



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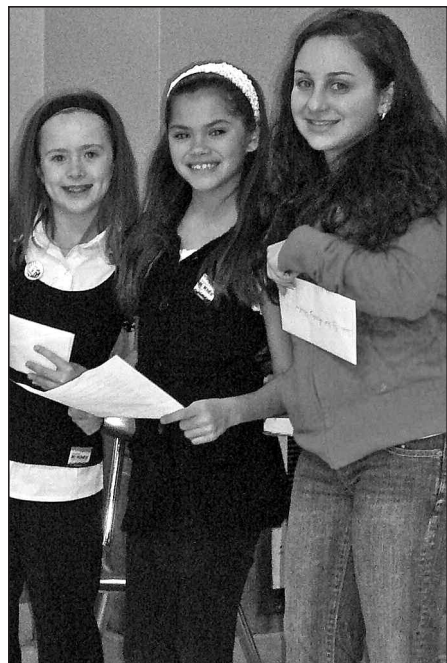
unheard of. The Bowling Green K-kids are a an amazing group of young people. Emma is an incredible President. We also have great officers and wonderfully enthusiastic members. We are very grateful for the outstanding support we have received from the Key Clubs of Division 6 and our sponsor the East Meadow Kiwanis Club."

Recently, the K-Kids also attended the Key Club Lt. Governor Robin's Divisional at Clarke HS and participated in Division 6's fundraising for Sleeping Children Around the World (SCAW). The Bowling Green K-Kids donated two bed kits with funds raised by club members and one additional bed kit through a matching donation made by East Meadow Kiwanis Club.

The K-Kids are also excited about their recent invitation to appear before the Nassau County Legislature during their March 23rd Legislative Session. The K-Kids are looking forward to the opportunity to inform the Legislators about the community service work of the K-Family.



K-Kids Vice President Miranda Presents a Donation to Purchase a Bed Kit for a Child in a Underdeveloped Country to Key Club Lt. Governor Robin and Aktion Club Advisor Diann Forquignon



K-Kids President Emma and Secretary Dana Thank W T Clarke Key Club Secretary Christina for her support this past year.



K-Kids

Mickie Leamey

K-Kids is the beginning of our service to the World. It's a child's introduction to the community service that has made ours a great society.

Sadly, in our district, the work done by our K-Kids members remains one of the deepest secrets throughout our state.

Much of this is due to the lack of reporting by the adults responsible for guiding our students in their endeavors. Currently, we have forty previously established clubs, 2 new clubs and at least 3 in formation. I recognize that Kiwanis International policy of charging \$150 per year has led to the loss of many of the clubs we formed in recent years but the opportunity to teach students with the energy, desire and need to make a difference at their earliest stages of their education is incalculable. We need to consider the benefits of training these students early in life with the same love of doing for others which we share with our fellow Kiwanians. We also need to consider the benefits of doing the paperwork which comes with reporting the achievements of our clubs and apply for credits and contest awards. The impact of creating clubs and taking the short time to report on activities and announcing contest opportunities can build a child's self-esteem at his/her most impressionable age. If your club sponsors a K-Kids Club, I urge you to complete the Annual Report. I encourage you to work with the sponsor, teacher and students to enable them to plan as soon as possible for a successful school year. I implore you to keep track of deadlines for the 2008-2009 contests and take note of which students display the talents and leadership potential to earn those accolades.

If you do not yet sponsor a K-Kids Club and especially if you do sponsor a Builders or Key Club, I strongly suggest you consider the benefits your community, your sponsored youth club and your school students will enjoy by creating a K-kids Club. It is not a matter of cost but a matter of investment. The return on your \$150 is that you begin young students on the path of doing for others simply cannot be measured.

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