



At left, Levittown Club President Ann Torcivia (left) and Discovery Bay Kiwanis President Nellie Sievwright (center) are interviewed by Party 103.5 radio while in Jamaica. At right, Torcivia with children from the Hoolebury Primary School.

Levittown President Takes School Supplies to Jamaica

Inspired by her time at New York District Kiwanis Mid-Year Conference, Levittown Kiwanis President Ann Torcivia decided to incorporate her business as a Travel Agent into her Kiwanis work. After contacting the Discovery Bay Kiwanis Club in Jamaica regarding their effort to support the island nation's school children, Ann asked clients traveling with her to Jamaica to bring school supplies for the needy.

As Ann put out the word that she was looking for school supplies, the Bowling Green K-Kids responded by holding a club school supply collection drive. Ann also received items from Kiwanians from several clubs in the Long Island South Central Division.

When Ann and the Party 105.3 group arrived in Jamaica, their suitcases were stuffed with school supplies. After meeting with Kiwanians of the Discovery Bay Club, Ann visited the Hoolebury Primary School where she presented the school supplies to the school's administrator, teachers and

students.

Ann was also given the honor of naming four Hoolebury students terrific kids on behalf of the Discovery Bay Club.

After Ann shared that a majority of the school supplies had been donated by the Bowling Green K-Kids, the Hoolebury students filmed a "thank you" to Bowling Green. The students also performed a Jamaican children's dance which was included with the video.

After the presentation, Party 105.3 interviewed President Ann and Discovery Bay Kiwanis President Nellie live on air from Jamaica. The focus of the broadcast was Kiwanis' global mission to serve the children of the world and the organization's international fellowship.

Upon her return to Long Island, Ann visited the Bowling Green K-Kids meeting. She showed the K-Kids the "thank you" video, the Jamaican dance and shared a musical sideshow of her visit to Jamaica.

Exhibitors Sought for Convention

The New York District of Kiwanis International is inviting Kiwanis and non-Kiwanis businesses offering merchandise, programs, products, or services that may be of interest to Kiwanians and/or Kiwanis Clubs to participate as a Vendor/Exhibitor at the 2012 Annual New York District Convention, August 16-19 at the Niagara Falls Conference Center.

Exhibiting at the District Convention gives you an opportunity to make an impact, and show your stuff.

For information and contracts, contact District Convention Exhibitor Coordinator Jack A. Tetamore at the district office, (585) 427-0006 or by e-mail to pgjack72@yahoo.com.

Huntington Club Supports Home for Injured Marine

On March 31, Building Homes for Heroes broke ground on construction to the home of Lt. James Byler, 26, a Marine who lost both of his legs and 2 fingers in 2010 when he stepped on an improvised explosive device while serving in Afghanistan.

The goal is to make Lt. Byler's home handicap-accessible when he returns from the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Md., where he is learning how to manage using prosthetic legs.

Today he can walk with his prosthetics and the help of a cane, but for months he spent up to five hours a day in physical therapy.

The outpouring of support for Lt. Byler and his family was evident from nearly the minute the community heard what had happened. The lieutenant was hailed as a hero and emotional support and donations to modify



Mark Mayoka, Huntington Town Councilman and Kiwanis Club member gave remarks as Lt. Byler looks on.

his home started pouring in.

The Kiwanis Club donated \$3,000 from its November Veteran's Day "Field of Honor" to the construction effort.

The renovation will create an accessible ground-floor mini-apartment for Byler, and will be the first of 10 housing projects across the country planned for veterans this year. The group built or remodeled five homes last year.