

**Governor**

**Eric G. Paul**



As long as I have been involved with the K-Family, I have heard that "our Sponsored Programs (sponsored youth) are the very best things that we do". These people are correct.

Our brother and sister service organizations cannot hold a candle to our K-Kids, Builders Club, Aktion Club, Key Club and Circle K programs.

This was especially evident this year. We have been asking clubs to recognize a "rededication to our Sponsored Youth" and pay attention to our interaction with our Kiwanis sponsored programs. The Governor's Project includes two requirements of interacting with our sponsored groups.

As a result, 2015 has been a "Banner Year" with the largest Circle K District Convention in 30+ years and a "Sold Out" Key Club Leadership Training Conference, both held in Albany this March.

Circle K Governor Renee Girard and her board had a fantastic year, with membership nearing 1200, huge increases in reported service hours, and a renewed spirit among our Circle K Clubs in New York.

Key Club Governor Jacob Spencer and his board surpassed all of their goals of membership, service hours and funds raised for charity. Congratulations to all our recently retired District and Club leaders for an exceptional service year.

I look forward to working with Circle K Governor Walaa Ahmed and Key Club Governor Hanna Nichols, and their boards, as we begin the 2015-16 Service year. I also congratulate Administrators John Keegan and John Goldstein and their assistants for another year of exceptional hard work and dedication.

Yes, they are the best things we do. Not yet involved? Email or message me and I will tell you how!

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There are certain times in life when you just know you got it right. Maybe you bought the perfect gift or shared in someone's milestone; maybe you volunteered at a food drive or took someone to an appointment; maybe you skipped buying that coffee and gave that money to Eliminate or Pediatric Lyme; maybe it was donating that coat you could have kept, but you knew it would keep someone else warm; maybe you shoveled out a neighbor. Whatever your "got it right" moment is - We as Kiwanians get THIS right everyday -- our support of our Service Leadership Programs.

Helene and I had the absolute honor of attending the Circle K and Key Club conferences held during the last two weekends of March. To say these stu-

dents are incredible would be an understatement; to talk of their poise, motivation and desire to serve would be an injustice; they are so much more. To hear these kids talk of a former Key Clubber (now in Circle K) who would spend \$2.50 on transportation to a meeting, and by doing so would have to give up a meal that day was inspiring and eye opening to say the least.

These students performed well over 100,000 hours of service and raised hundreds of thousands of dollars this past service year. Why did they do this? That's simple WE give them the opportunity - the opportunity to serve, to lead, to give back and to get it right and all they ask in return is our support - PLEASE SUPPORT THEM. This is what KIWANERGY is all about.

This article would be incomplete without talking about two individuals and their respective staff - John Goldstein and John Keegan, the administrators of Key Club and Circle K, respectively. The title administrator is probably the wrong word. They are the guardians, champions, cheerleaders, protectors, confidant, the shoulder, the

motivator, the gatekeeper, the teacher and sometimes the student. I've heard both these gentlemen say that "every year they learn just how amazing these kids are," but how could they not; they get to see who these students were to what they've become: outstanding members of the Kiwanis family. Again, please support them.

Hopefully you are finalizing your plans for ICON and the celebration of our first century of service. Indianapolis promises to be a fantastic time. Helene and I were fortunate to be there in November for training, and it is great convention city.

Speaking of great times, how about joining us May 16 at Kamp Kiwanis for the opening of Kamp. I guarantee you that the day spent cleaning, painting, raking will be a day well spent getting it ready for the kids. If you can't make it, a couple of dollars in the happy box for the Kamp or KPTC goes a long way.

Finally, please remember The Formula - live it - share it - love it - always be proud of who we are, where we are from and what we are trying to do.

## Oceanside Roller Skating Program is 52 Years Old

For the past 52 years the Oceanside Kiwanis Club has co-sponsored, along

with the Oceanside Department of Community Activities, the annual

Roller Skating program.

For months more than 100 children come together on the weekends at an Oceanside school gym to learn how to roller skate.

This program ends in March with a show to show the parents what the children have learned. This year the theme was Candyland.

The parents/grandparents sat back during the two shows on March 13th and 14th as their children took them to a world of sweets and goodies.

