

## New Club Opening

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As part of the Formula team, I am the Chair for New Club Opening for the New York District. We have divided the District into nine zones, with a Zone New Club Opening Chair and Division New Club Opening Chairs for all divisions except Long Island South Central and Suffolk West.

These Kiwanians have been trained by Kiwanis international and are com-

mitted to work in their divisions to build new clubs along with their respective lieutenant governors.

Each division has two New Club Counselors who have been trained to work with newly formed clubs for a time period to ensure their success in operating.

The New Club Counselors are also available to clubs that are struggling as well. Do not hesitate to contact them.

We need to grow. The Formula is a five-year program (in its second year) to grow Kiwanis significantly to meet the challenges ahead of us for service and fellowship.

Congratulations to Hudson River West Lt. Gov. Gerda Krogslund for building the first new club in our dis-

trict in Washingtonville. She was assisted by New Club Opener Super Past Distinguished Lt. Gov. David Morse and New Club Counselor Past Distinguished Lt. Gov. Jim Lawyer. The club received its charter on April 10.

A few club sites are under way as the good weather finally comes to New York. If you have a site ... contact your Division New Club Opener. He/she will form a team to pursue the opportunity!

The entire Formula Team can be found on the district web site or ask your lieutenant governor.

If we do not grow Kiwanis now, we will have dim future for our great organization. Let's grow together!

Feel free to contact me at (215) 449-3000 x358 or by email: pepster@aol.com.

## Builders Club Visits Nursing Home Residents

The Monticello Middle School Builders Club recently visited the Skilled Nursing Unit (SNU) at Catskill Regional Medical Center. Last year they came bearing gifts of hand-made fleece pillows. This year the Builders Club members made beaded bracelets that will be used as Bingo prizes.

The students mingled with the residents one-on-one, introducing themselves and learning a little about each other. Some of the students entertained by singing songs with music provided by a Builders Club member playing the guitar. They also enjoyed singing Karaoke style, which was led by Nursing Home Activities Director Jeffrey Pryluck and Monticello Kiwanis President Jane Sorensen. Eventually, everyone joined in and there was a lot of loud laughter and applause heard throughout the room. The students received a personal invitation by one of the residents to come back next year to help celebrate her 100th birthday.

The Builders Club members were accompanied by their School Advisor William Oefelein and Kiwanis Club members

Jane Sorensen, Patricia Monteverde and Sheila Lashinsky.



## Minisink Valley celebrates in 1915 Style

Many people dressed in 1915 dress when the Minisink Valley Kiwanis Club hosted a gala reminiscent of 100 years to celebrate Kiwanis International's centennial. Pictured are, from left, (rear): Past Super Distinguished Lt. Governor David Morse, Minisink Valley President Chip Lain, James Burtis, Kimberly Strieffler, Past Distinguished Lt. Governor Ed Stoddard; front: Cynthia Ewanciw-Morse, Shari Lain, Past Lt. Governor EJ Szulwach, Elaine Flynn, Lt. Governor Gerda Krogslund and Norma Stoddard.

## Chester Serves 550 Dinners

On Feb. 20 the Kiwanis Club of Chester held its 8th annual First Friday in Lent Fish Fry at the Chester Academy.

A record-breaking 550 dinners were served. Pre-sales are a must at this event, but we had over 85 tickets sold at the door for walk-ins.

Assisting with the event were the Chester Key Club and Builders Club.

Co-chair-people Frank Sambets and Sue Bahren marveled at the way all members of the 3 service clubs came together and worked in harmony. It was truly a great event for our group.

The Builders Club assisted in the dining room and sold raffle tickets.

All the money raised at this event will go back to our community to serve the children of Chester and the surrounding areas.