

K-Kids Support Eliminate Project

On Tuesday March 17th, St. Patrick's Day, Sister Anne-Marie Kirmse, district chair for the Eliminate Project, visited with Oceanside School 5 K-Kids Club. This club has raised in their two years of being chartered more than \$4,000 towards the Eliminate Project and are looking forward to doing more.

Both the club advisors and the K-Kids were excited to meet her and hear what she had to say about the project. The School 5 K-Kids club presented her with flowers, thank you cards and had several questions and great ideas on how to fundraise for the rest of this year.



Eliminate Project
Sister Anne-Marie Kirmse



These are exciting times for the ELiMiNaTe Campaign! We are drawing closer to our goal as we have raised \$81 million worldwide, and now only \$29 million is left to reach our goal of \$110 million. The Kiwanis world is working diligently to reach \$100 million by the end of June for the 100th year celebration.

Here in the New York District we have raised approximately \$1,150,000, thus saving over 639,000 mothers and their future babies from MNT. In addition to achieving our goal of \$1,796,314, my personal goal is to have 100 percent club participation by the International Convention in June. So far 84 percent of our clubs have participated; now the remaining clubs need to come on board. Time is of the essence!

The best way that we can reach our goal is by pledges--club and individual.

Clubs choosing to pledge to become a Bronze, Silver, or Model Club have five years from making the pledge to finish it. Clubs also receive 20 percent matching funds for the amount remaining to become a Model Club. Since the last issue of ESK, Huntington, Amherst, and North Central, Staten Island have become Model Clubs. It is time for each club to have a serious discussion about what they can do for ELiMiNaTe. It is more important than ever now for each of our clubs to pull together, work harder, and stretch a little bit more.

The Centennial Award is a surefire way to boost our club totals. A pledge of \$1,500 payable over two years will bestow a commemorative pin immediately and a shadow box presentation on the completion of the pledge. This Centennial Award will only be available until June 30, 2015. Details about this award and the Baby-A-Day Project can be found on the ELiMiNaTe portion of the Kiwanis International website, or you can contact your division coordinator, lieutenant governor or me for further details.

The Mother's Day Matching Zeller is back by popular demand! This means that a gift of \$625 will be matched by



NY District ELiMiNaTe Funds to equal the cost of the Zeller. These matching funds come from money we have raised as a District at conventions, the Craft Fair last year, as well as the remainder of the Stanley Trust donation. As these matching funds are limited, the Mother's Day Zellers are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Another incentive for purchasing a Mother's Day Zeller this year is that this is the last time that they will be offered. So don't delay if you are interested! Information and forms will be posted on the New York District website.

A girl in the Oceanside #5 School K-Kids said it all: "My mother is healthy and every kid should have a healthy mother. So I am going to work for ELiMiNaTe so that all mothers can be healthy and have healthy babies." How simple and yet profound! Let's all imitate her generosity.

Governor Eric Joins the Fun At Minisink Valley Pancake Day

On Jan. 17, Gov. Eric G. Paul made the trip to Minisink Valley's Pancake Day. Gov. Eric jumped right in to help serve the more than 1,200 hungry attendees.

Minisink's Pancake Day started in 1959 and has been held each third Saturday in January ever since. It has become the social event of the winter for

many within the five towns that Minisink Valley Kiwanis serves.

Hot pancakes off the grill are served along with eggs made to order, homemade apple sauce, homemade sausage and locally made maple syrup.

The proceeds help with funding the high school scholarships to graduating seniors from the Minisink Valley High School.

Last year 20 \$1,000 scholarships were awarded.

