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Clubs, Divisions Honored at Mid-Year

The 2017 Mid-Year Conference took place Feb. 10-12 at the Villa Roma in Callicoon.

The annual event provided those attending with many educational opportu-

nities, and the chance to applaud individuals and clubs for their efforts during the 2015-16 Kiwanis Year.

Immediate Past Gov. Forbes Irvine distributed many of the awards, including

those to the distinguished lieutenant governors for the year.

Honored as distinguished for 2015-16 were: John Bartunek (Bronx Westchester South), Nancy Nicastro (Chemung), Jordan Neuringer (Finger Lakes), Anne Kelly (Genesee), Barb Ewanciw (Hudson River West), Jeanne Egan (Long Island North), Charles Cronin (Long Island South Central), Donald Pagano (Metropolitan), Jack Purdy (Mohawk), Susan Smith (Niagara Frontier North), Joseph Eppolito (Ontario), Julie Watterson (Suffolk East), Robert Kueber (Queens West) and Patricia Lane (Van Rennselaer).

Irvine also honored five of them with the additional title of "Super Distinguished". They were Ewanciw, Egan, Cronin, Smith and Kueber.

Irvine also honored two individuals for their efforts. Female Kiwanian of the Year was Jeanne Egan, the Long Island North lieutenant governor, and the male Kiwanian of the Year was Keith Cummings, who chaired the anti-bullying campaign as part of the governor's project.

More information and pictures from the event are on pages 6-7.



Immediate Past Gov. Forbes Irvine and former First Lady Helene Irving presenting awards at the Mid-Year Conference.

The Formula

David
Morse



I just got home from the 69th New York District Key Club Leadership Training Conference where I heard a quote from John Shertzer, the Chief Programs Officer for Kiwanis International and one of the keynote speakers at the conference. With his permission I am using the quote with a little tweaking for Kiwanis.

"The biggest problem with Kiwanians today is that they don't understand the power of Kiwanis."

How True!

For if all Kiwanians did understand the power of Kiwanis, each one would be running out asking everyone they meet to join

us in order to experience that feeling of satisfaction we all get when we are doing service. To share with them, the power of making a difference in the life of another.

So please harness the power within yourself, share it with someone new and welcome them into our Kiwanis family.

The latest example of this occurred in the Long Island Southwest division within the town of Lynbrook. On March 22 an organizational meeting was held and charter papers were submitted. Welcome to the Kiwanis family Lynbrook. Powerful things are happening in Lynbrook.

Special thanks go out to several people: Kiwanis President-Elect Jim Rochford for asking if he could bring his Eye of the Tiger team into New York to help build a new club; Gov. Stephen for accepting the offer, LISW Lt. Gov. Thomas Cesiro and Long Island North Lt. Gov. Kathy Levinson for immediately getting on board and creating a team within each of their divisions to help; to the charter members of the Lynbrook

club. Lastly thank you to Lynbrook charter President Denise Rodgers for stepping up to the most important leadership role we have in our organization, Club President.

The district is making good progress on membership. There are several locations that are about to open new clubs with several others in the works. With your help, the district has been able to bring in 444 new Kiwanians since October 1, 2016, and we are currently at plus 219 members this year.

We are asking each one of you to reach out to members who you may not have seen in a while. Let them know they are missed. We also need to contact those that do leave and ascertain what could have changed their decision.

The Formula Team is working hard to help all that ask for assistance with membership. Please feel free to contact the Formula Team members or your lieutenant governor and we will get you the information and help you need.

Governor-Elect

Candace Corsaro



With much to be done and positions to fill, I need your help. Service is an important (integral) part of what we do in Kiwanis, service to the community and to our district. There are many ways for you to serve this organization.

International President-Elect Jim Rochford has stated the best way to show people about Kiwanis is to lead by example. Becoming a chairman for something you are committed to is a great way to start. There are exciting opportunities for

anyone who would like to step forward and volunteer. The work of Kiwanis and the district cannot be done by one person alone. As the saying goes, "We need you". With enough volunteers, we can make a difference in the lives of our children and communities, our priority. Please contact me with your desire to serve. E-mail knydg201718@aol.com or call (718) 804-4698.

If you are unable to volunteer for a position at the district level, there are other ways you can help serve our great New York District. Ask someone to join. Kiwanis and the New York District will continue to grow with your help by recruiting qualified new members and opening new clubs. These roles are local and no one knows your communities better than you. Remember to ask someone to join your club today and refer them to our newly formed Internet club called the New York

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Tigers Kiwanis Club. Contact nydkiwani@aol.com for more information.

We also are looking for your ideas, ones that have worked for your clubs and divisions in enabling them to grow. Sharing and communicating ideas will benefit all of us with Kiwanis in our hearts. Remember that "Together We Can".

District Secretary

Rich Hall



As we mark the half way point in the 2016-17 Service Year I would like to congratulate all our clubs on great strides they have made to build better communities and a better Kiwanis organization.

The service projects reported to the district office from across the state have been truly inspirational. At the same time, it is encouraging to see the number of new Kiwanians our members have sponsored into our organization. Please keep up the great work as we move forward in this Kiwanis year.

While this is a good time to look back

on our accomplishments and to work together to reach our goals for this year it is equally vital that we insure the future of Kiwanis for the years to come. That means we need to make the decisions now to guarantee that our clubs and divisions have the leadership needed for the future.

Each club and division should be holding elections to select our 2017-18 leaders. It is only through the process of new leaders stepping up to guide our organization will it continue to thrive. And since no job is fully complete until the paper work is done, please remember to file your election report online at the Kiwanis International portal. Both the District and International offices need this information to keep the lines of communication open throughout Kiwanis.

Also remember to start planning for the

'no job is fully complete until the paper work is done ... remember to file your election report'

100th Annual New York District Convention to be held this August in beautiful Lake Placid. It will be a time of celebration of our past and future that should not be missed. More information including registration information will be forthcoming.

As always, if I can be of any personal assistance please do not hesitate to contact the District Office. I look forward to seeing many of you at our 100th District Convention in Lake Placid this August.

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Your Club May Be Owed Money

The New York State Comptroller's office currently has funds in the name of various Kiwanis organizations which it is waiting to have claimed.

There are 34 Kiwanis organizations listed. The money comes from banks, utility companies, phone companies and others.

You can check to see if your club has funds it can claim. Go to <https://ouf.osc.state.ny.us/ouf/> and search for Kiwanis in the Search for Organization area.

2016-17 Events

May 18-20, 2017:

Kamp Kiwanis Week/Open House, Taberg

May 18-21, 2017:

2017-18 Lt. Gov. Training

July 13-16, 2017:

Kiwanis International Convention, Paris

Aug. 24-27, 2017:

District Convention, Lake Placid

Lt. Gov. Jack Purdy Remembered

By Past Gov. Forbes Irvine

On March 21 Distinguished Past Lt. Gov. Jack Purdy passed away. Jack was a current member of the 2016-17 Board, as well as serving Past Gov. David Rothman as one of David's Diamonds in 2005-06.

I had the great privilege to get to really know Jack when our board got together in Utica in May 2015 for our training weekend. I loved Jack Purdy. He



was a son, a husband, a father and a grandfather. Jack was a veteran and served in a combat unit in Vietnam. Jack became a police officer and rose through the ranks and became chief of police. Jack was very community-minded. He served on the East Glenville Fire Department. He was a member of the Elks Club, VFW and International Association of Chiefs of Police; AND Jack was a Kiwanian.

Jack was a Kiwanian in its purest and most eloquent term. Jack wanted to serve his community. The community of his youth. The community he proudly represented in the U.S. Army. The community where he fell in love with the love of his life, Lena. The community where they raised their family. The community he faithfully served everyday as a policeman.

When we proposed our agenda of getting student athlete hearts checked, going

into the community to talk about prescription drug and heroin awareness and the anti-bullying program, he saw the value to his community. When we asked him to do something for our foundations - KPTC, Pediatric Lyme Foundation and Kamp Kiwanis, and asked him to do a Baby Shower for YOUR local hospital or organization that provides for mother and newborns, being the poker player he was, Jack was all in.

The Mohawk Division had a tremendous year; and Jack told me he was having such a great year he was going to do it again and he did. Sadly, his term ended too soon. His loss leaves a void in K Kids, Builders Club, Aktion Club, Key Club and Circle K. He supported them all. Jack was a champion of his clubs and division, but most importantly his members. His heartfelt sentiment, how Kiwanians, regardless of their current circumstance, never waiver in service to their community and the people they serve. Jack Purdy was the first person at our board meetings. He was also the first person at the bar. Jack worked hard and Jack played hard. His lovely wife, Lena, at his service described him best, he was a "Hell Raiser" and loyal beyond reproach.

I hope I speak for the entire 2015-16 Board and actually for all of the New York District - Rest Easy My Friend. I know those you served will never forget you; and I pray those you helped, never need you. Helene and I will be forever grateful that we served with you and are humbled that you considered us YOUR Friend.

Past Gov. Jack Tetamore Died Feb. 3

Past Gov. Jack A. Tetamore died on Feb. 3. He was 88.

Tetamore, whose Kiwanis sponsor was George Hixson, the first president of Kiwanis International, was a member of the Kiwanis Club of Rochester for 59 years.

When the Rochester club celebrated its centennial last May, his club surprised him with a Centennial Award from the Kiwanis International Foundation. Tetamore took the opportunity to talk about his years in Kiwanis, and about Hixson. Tetamore was a pall bearer at Hixson's funeral.

District Governor in 1972-73. Tetamore served the district in other capacities over the years. He was a president of the District Foundation; past chairman of the Past Governor's Council, served as chair and as a member of many International and District committees, and was a member of the district PAC committee for many years.

Tetamore is survived by his wife of 66 years, Joan; his children, Laurence (Marcea) Tetamore and Jacqueline VanSlyke; by grandchildren and great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.



2017 International Convention is in Paris July 13-16

The 2017 International Convention will be July 13-16 in Paris, France, at the Paris Convention Center.

Registration can be done through the Kiwanis International web site. Registra-

Gala Event in Paris Planned to Mark Bastille Day

On July 14, Paris celebrates Bastille Day. That evening, the Kiwanis International-European Federation is hosting a gala evening at the hotel Le Méridien Etoile, and all Kiwanis convention attendees are invited!

A link to a personalized ticket-booking page will be included in the registration-confirmation email for the Kiwanis International convention. Non-Europeans are advised to contact their banking institution of the upcoming charge prior to booking the tickets in order to minimize the chance of payments being denied due to a foreign transaction.

The ticket price is 63 euros. Admission includes the choice of a vegetarian or non-vegetarian meal, live music for the

entire evening, two dance floors and the promise of new international friendships!

You can book your hotel online as well; there are two convention hotels, and according to International, they are close

entire evening, two dance floors and the promise of new international friendships!

Our featured musicians will be:

- The Love Beatles, a Beatles tribute band
- Jan Parent and his back up singers, various dance and dinner music and songs from around the world

The bands will perform in two different rooms: Mac Mahon Hall Neuilly and Wagram. You will be free to circulate between the two rooms. However, you are asked not to change tables during the evening. (Tables will be first-come, first-pick.)

Dress code is black tie/dark suit for men, cocktail dresses for women.



enough to the convention center that no shuttles will be used. Costs start at 190 Euros per day; currently the exchange rate is \$1.05 to purchase 1 Euro.

The Kiwanis International European Federation Convention will be taking place at the same time.

Information on the candidates running for office in Paris and the bylaw proposals to be considered is available on the International web site.

The opening session will be Thursday July 13, in the evening and the business session will be Friday afternoon.

Friday, July 14, is Bastille Day, a major holiday in France. Friday morning's schedule is open so that Kiwanians can attend the parade and other Bastille Day activities.

Formula Team Presents Education Day for 3 Divisions

The Zone 2 Formula team, chaired by Past Distinguished Lt. Gov. David Jacobus, conducted an educational program on Saturday, Jan. 28, at the Mendon Golf Club for members from the Genesee, Finger Lakes and Chemung divisions.

The more than 30 Kiwanians present heard several speakers on topics designed to help the club members market their clubs in their communities and build membership.

Kiwanian Mary Whittier, founding and executive Director of the Bivona Child Advocacy Center in Rochester, talked about her organization's use of marketing to inform the community about the organization's work with abused children. While some wondered about the amount of effort and cost, the agency's work has paid off, she said.

Farmington-Victor President Leo Fisher and club member David Plante talked about the use of Facebook and other social media sites to attract community interest and prospective members.

Canandaigua Past President Chris Bross talked about his club's success with "Meet and Greet" programs conducted outside of the club's regular meetings.



Mary Whittier, Bivona Child Advocacy Center executive director, speaking about her her agency has used marketing efforts to boost its presence in the community.



Jeff Antoninio talked about various ways for clubs to get their information to the people they are trying to reach, including use of Facebook.

Geneva President Virginia Torruella

talked about the work to build her relatively new club, and the successes they have had.

Jacobus ended the day discussing a variety of methods clubs can use to spread the word of Kiwanis.

Among those in attendance were Past Gov. Eric G. Paul, the Zone 1 Formula chair, and Past Distinguished Lt. Gov. David Morse, the district Formula chair.

Finger Lakes Division's New Project: Family Assistance Fund

The Finger Lakes Division conducted its annual Miracle Mile of Dollars on April 1 at the Eastview Mall in Victor.

More than 100 volunteers, including many members of Builders Clubs at local schools, spent the day in the mall seeking donations from shoppers.

During the past year the division completed its \$75,000 pledge to have a family lounge at the new Golisano Children's Hospital in Rochester named the Finger Lakes Kiwanis Family Lounge.

With the pledge completed, this year the funds will go to a new project. The money raised will be used for a new fund which will be managed by the hospital but used for the unexpected expenses facing families who have children who are being treated at the hospital, who come from Rochester, the Finger Lakes and surrounding area.

The goal was more than just a good idea for some people who stopped at the Kiwanis booth, including one woman who had with her a daughter who had spent two months as a patient there following her birth.

The efforts at the mall April 1 raised \$3,700. A check for that amount was presented to Golisano Hospital officials at the Finger Lakes Division's Governor's Visit on April 7.

Past Lt. Gov. John Hanratty, who chairs the division's efforts on behalf of the children's hospital, reports that hospital officials are excited about the prospect of being able to offer aid to families for the non-medical expenses that occur when a young child is hospitalized.



Above, Builder's Club members check in before collecting donations. Below, Kiwanians at the booth in Eastview Mall.



Saying It's a Labor of Love is an Understatement

By Jim Mancuso
East Meadow Club

One Kiwanis project I have been fortunate to take part in for the last several years is the Nassau County Empire State Games for the Physically Challenged.



The multi-day event, held in Garden City, Long Island, has an impact like few others I have seen in the Kiwanis world. The signature project of West Hempstead Kiwanis, and conducted by its President and First Lady George and Sandi Silkes, distributes thousands of toys for free to all the child athletes who compete in this Olympic-style sporting event. Accumulating all of the toys each year through donations (both funds, toys and other items) and staffing the event is a daunting task which they have performed professionally for years as a labor of love.

The first time I took part in the event, was nothing less than life-changing. The reasons for feeling this way were three-fold.

1: The children themselves, some with beyond imagination physical deformities and others with great mental handicaps are a joy to be around and so appreciative. There was one child whose head was of typical size but with a body and arms that were several orders of magnitude too small (in a wheelchair and using a breathing apparatus as well). He was outgoing and had a sense of humor, which was unexpected given his situation. Another,



whose body could be described as being bent into the shape of a "pretzel." At an event like this you truly realize how fortunate you are and why as Kiwanians we do what we do.

2: The parents of these severely handicapped children amazed with their loving nature and positive attitudes. They do not see their kids as burdens but rather as blessings. On an everyday basis, they deal with challenges, taking care of these children in ways few of us can imagine. And, they do it with happiness in their hearts, which is truly inspiring.

3: Dignity. That is the real gift, which is given to these children. Yes, they get excited when picking out toys by the dozen. But, what they get even more excited about is participating in games where they can feel just like everyone else. In a Frisbee competition I watched, the disk only actually went a foot or so when thrown, due to the physical deformities of the child. In their heart, though, I could see that Frisbee went miles as the child was able to take part in a sport like they had seen other kids, but they were never able to do so before.

By the way, other Kiwanis clubs help at this event. Garden City flips hamburgers; Nassau University Medical Center applies temporary tattoos and other club members (like me) contribute by staffing booths and distributing toys and prizes (every child who attends is guaranteed to get a toy). More clubs, like my own in East Meadow, also donate funds in support of toy purchases.

The next games take place June 2, and I plan to be there. If you are a nearby club or just in the neighborhood come see for yourself. If you do, I promise it will be a life-changing event for you too. My great thanks to George and Sandi who have dedicated countless hours to this cause and help to fulfill the Kiwanis mission of serving the children of the world.

Lyme Disease Foundation Receives Letter of Thanks

Stephanie Szymanski and family
1605 Marion Ln
East Aurora, NY 14052

March 29, 2017

Dear Kiwanis Clubs and New York District Pediatric Lyme Foundation;

On behalf of Stephanie Szymanski and our family, we would like to thank you and your Foundation for all the financial help given to us for the past three years in Stephanie's battle with Lyme disease. Your generosity of \$50,000 has helped our family get Stephanie the much needed testing's and treatments for Lyme disease. She has gone through neurological testing and consultation with a neurologist in New York City; 40 dives of hyperbaric treatments as well as consultation appointments along with doctor prescribed supplements with a local doctor in Buffalo; 4 treatments of plasma exchange at an infusion center in Connecticut and 3 years of out-of-town doctor consultation appointments and blood testing in Connecticut. We have seen some improvement and we cannot thank you enough for all you have done.

Not only did we receive financial support we also received comfort, understanding and kind words from Mr. John and Rose Marie Gridley as well our local Kiwanis Club members. This organization has a strong constitution in helping children and families get through these financially burden times with Lyme disease.

Now that we have come to the end of our journey with your organization, I feel a sense of sadness and hope. The support you have given us has made a difference in our lives. I wish your organization prosperity and success in helping other families. Once again, thank for all that you have done.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Szymanski and family

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Mid-Year Brings Kiwanians Together to Celebrate, Learn

The 2017 Mid-Year Conference took place Feb. 10-12 at the Villa Roma Conference Center in Callicoon.

It was a weekend of learning and celebration, as honors were announced for the work done during the 2015-16 Kiwanis Year, and those at the conference attended many forums and workshops to give them information to take to their home clubs.

Featured at the event was Kiwanis International President-Elect Jim Rochford. In addition to speaking at the district board meeting on Friday and the banquet Saturday evening, Rochford conducted three forums to overflow crowds. Rochford, who has played a role in opening 150 Kiwanis clubs over the years, provided information on opening new clubs, recruiting and retaining members.

See the district web site, www.kiwanisny.org, for lists of distinguished clubs, club achievement award winners, and many pictures from the weekend's events.



Gov. Stephen Sirgiovanni speaking at Friday's District Board meeting. Seated, from left, are Past Gov. Forbes Irvine, Kiwanis International Trustee Peter Mancuso, District Secretary Rich Hall and Gov.-elect Candace Corsaro.



The 2015-16 Distinguished Lieutenant Governors with Past Gov. Forbes Irvine and Past First Lady Helene Irvine. Missing is Patricia Lane of the Van Rennselaer Division

Gov.-Elect Candace Corsaro, who chaired the Achievement Committee, announcing the 2015-16 Club Achievement Award winners. At right is Gov. Stephen Sirgiovanni.





On Friday evening a Pajama Party was used to collect bedding supplies for Kamp Kiwanis and have some fun. Above, left, you can see the pillows and other items which were collected. Above, District Secretary Rich Hall and Past First Lady Helene Irvine. At left are Carole Anelli and Helene Irvine.



On Saturday morning a group of first ladies spent some time decorating "onesies" as part of the Warm Beginnings project. Others also joined in the project.



Kiwanis International President-Elect Jim Rochford speaking to the board meeting.

Governor

Stephen
Sirgiovanni



Thank you, New York Kiwanis members for your great support and contributions to a successful Mid-Year Conference. Our event was a tremendous success, and gave us the opportunity to have some fun, raise some money and continue our pledge to help the children in our communities.

Our annual basket raffle raised more than \$4,000, money that will be split between KTPC to buy trauma kits and the Pediatric Lyme Disease Foundation to purchase Brittany Fellowship medals. Thank you for supporting this effort. Congratulations to the Kiwanis Club of Middle Village for winning the outstanding basket -- a weekend at Villa Roma.

Our pajama party on Friday was a fun time, and your donations have provided enough sheets, blankets and pillows to stock the linen closets at Kamp Kiwanis for three years. Thank you to former First Lady Helene Irvine who put together this wonderful event.

Kiwanis International President-elect Jim Rochford was among our distinguished guests. He and his Eye of the Tiger Team brought great enthusiasm for club building. He and his team headed downstate after the conference for a club opening blitz. Our work was quite successful, opening a new club in Lynbrook on Long Island. The new club has 23 members and is growing steadily. We have the opportunity for two to three more clubs on Long Island, in Westbury, Malvern and Valley Stream. Additional thanks also go to Peter Mancuso, a member of the Kiwanis International Board of Trustees; Formula Chair David Morse; Lt. Gov. Tom Cesiuro; Lt. Gov. Kathy Levinson and District Secretary Rich Hall.

I also challenge you to help us send 650 kids to Kamp Kiwanis this year. Last year we sent 620 kids to camp. Let's hit our goal of raising enough money to send those kids to camp this summer.

I'm so impressed with the work being done by clubs around the district and have had positive experiences on my governor's visits -- more are scheduled this spring and summer. Thank you for the work you do for the children in your communities and I'll see you soon.

The Circle K and Key Club Leadership Conferences were well-attended this year and gave me an opportunity to learn about

their projects and service.

The CKI students raised money for St. Baldrick's Foundation which supports pediatric cancer research. I helped Circle K's initiative by shaving my goatee and the lucky barber was Gov.-elect Candace. She didn't cut my neck!

Key Club set a goal to raise \$125,000 and provide 95,000 hours of service. Both goals were surpassed, as \$160,000 was raised and 100,000 hours of service were contributed. Funds will be shared among Kamp Kiwanis, Camp Abilities, the Icing Project and the Thirst Project.

We should acknowledge Circle K Gov. Jerry Cimo and his team and Key Club Gov. Matt Garver his team for their outstanding work. And congratulations to the newly-elected governors, Jack Curzon from NYU for Circle K and Gavin Li of Francis Lewis High School in Queens, for Key Club.

Soon it will be time for the Kiwanis International Convention in Paris. Check the website for information on how to register, where to stay and what to expect. I hope to see you there.

Then it will be time for our New York District Convention, our 100th district convention. This year's celebration will be Aug. 17-20 in Lake Placid, the site of the 1980 Winter Olympics and a vacation destination. Check the New York District website soon for registration information.



Circle K Convention Draws 150 Delegates to Albany

By Terrell F. Merritt
Immediate Past District Editor
RIT Circle K

The Circle K District Convention took place March 17-19 at the Radisson Hotel in Albany. More than 150 Circle K members had the opportunity to attend training workshops, participate in a service fair, and elect the district's next leaders. In the spirit of preparing the leaders of to-

tomorrow, a networking session hosted by Kiwanians from various professions was held during the convention.

To raise money for children's cancer research through the St. Baldrick's Foundation, 2016-17 CKI Gov. Jerry Cimo offered to have his head shaved. While donations poured in initially, we reached our goal after CKI Convention Chair Ryan Coffey offered to additionally have his head shaved. I am sure that Gov. Stephen Sirgiovanni having his goatee shaved by Gov.-Elect Candace Corsaro helped bring

in some funds.

This convention was an amazing conclusion to the two years that I have spent serving on the district board, and I am excited to see what next year has in store. Gov. Jack Curzon of NYU, Secretary Julia Dressler of Canisius College, District Treasurer Kate Wong of NYU, and District Editor Rebecca Lopez of Rochester Institute of Technology were elected to continue to lead our district to greatness, and I have the utmost confidence that they will.

Past Lt. Gov. Council Collects Food at Mid-Year

Each year at the District Mid-Winter Conference and at the District Convention, members of our District Past Lieutenant Governor's Council plans a service project to benefit the areas in which these events are held.

This year, at the Villa Roma Resort in Callicoon, council members donated food items for those in need in Sullivan County which is an area identified as having the second highest poverty rate in the state.

Also contributing were members of the Hudson River West Division clubs, host of this year's conference.

The Salvation Army of Middletown's Outreach Officer Nicole Fullop, who is also an incoming Kiwanian, assisted by delivering the food collected to the needy residents of Sullivan County.



From left, Council Vice-President Joe Ruggiero, Treasurer Sue Sheehan, President Mary Burns, Salvation Army's Nicole Fullop, Secretary Noreen Barrett and Robert Witherspoon.

Monticello Middle School Builders Club Participates in Heart-a-thon

Again this year, the Monticello Middle School Builders Club members showed that they have warm, caring hearts by participating in the annual WSUL/WVOS Heart-a-thon.

They sold paper hearts and raised \$85. This was a huge accomplishment considering the number of days that school was either cancelled or dismissed early due to inclement weather during the past few weeks.

Al Frangipane, the "Heart Man" representing Catskill Regional Medical Center (CRMC), was a guest at the Feb. 15 Builders Club meeting and thanked the members and their School Advisor, Bill Oefelein, for their contribution. The money will go toward an important piece of equipment in the Harris and Callicoon sites of CRMC.



Pictured are the Builders Club members along with Builders Club Advisor Bill Oefelein, Heart-a-thon representative Al Frangipane and Kiwanis Liaison to Builders Club Sheila Lashinsky.

Amityville Club Visits Nursing Home on Valentine's Day



From left, Kevin Smith, Past President; Ellen McVeety, Past President; Rich Anderson, DPLG and Distinguished Past President; Ed McDaniels; Linda Kay, Past President; Kathy Corbett; Barbara Ruggiero; Kathy Schmidt (front).

The Kiwanis Club of Amityville continued with one of its nicest traditions - to brighten Valentine's Day for all those who reside in our local nursing home. Just a little bit.

They visited Broadlawn Manor in Amityville on Feb. 14.

Club members bring individually wrapped flowers and sweet Valentine cards made by second and third graders who attend our public schools, and deliver them to each nursing home resident - everyone gets a flower, a card, and a few minutes of personal attention.

Builders Club

Millie
Mandese



During these troubling times, powerful and purposeful Kiwanis education is more important than ever!

At the middle school level, this is accomplished through a Service Leadership Program within Kiwanis. As my predecessor Joanne Underwood has said many times, "there's only two groups of people that give Middle School children a chance to prove they are young adults, and they are Kiwanians and drug dealers! Which do you want influencing your children?"

Wow! What a powerful statement from a very knowledgeable Kiwanian! Throughout my term, I will be focusing on several of our Builders Clubs and the

wonderful projects they have been involved in.

Kudos to Long Island North Lt. Gov. Kathy Levinson and to the Finley's Builders Club of Glen Cove, who along with the Student Council and National Junior Society, created a food pantry in their school which provides assistance to Glen Cove families in need. Their dedication to this worthy cause which started in April 2016, continues to this day!

A special "Shout Out" to Long Island South Central Lt. Gov. Theodore Helm; The Kiwanis Club of Bellmore; The Grand Avenue Middle School Builders Club; and Advisor Sean Doherty for collecting and organizing new or gently used books suitable for young children to adults. They collected more than 250 books and have distributed them to high-poverty schools and organizations in the metropolitan area. Their next project will be to collect "Pennies for Patients" to benefit the Leukemia Society.

Special Honors go to Maspeth Kiwanis on its IS 73 Builders Club that has been

continually operating since 1977, 40 years! According to Advisor Michael Terry, they have raised tens of thousands of dollars for many, many causes. There were two projects that impressed me the most. The first was their work with the Maspeth Senior Self Help Center, where they participate with seniors to decorate dolls, which are then used by doctors and surgeons at various children's hospitals to show the ill children the parts of the bodies; and second is their participation in the Kiwanis Club of Maspeth's Annual Law Day, which is in its 45th year! In May, they will be marching in the Maspeth's Memorial Day Parade.

Accolades go out to Brooklyn Lt. Gov. Joseph DeMarco who will be adding a new Builders Club in IS 303, and to both a Builders Club and K-Kids Club in PS/IS 288.

As you can see, the children are our future, and what a better way to teach and show them this than to share with them our "Helping Hands".

Aktion Club

Debra
Rothman



I would like to thank many of the Kiwanis Clubs in the New York District for supporting/sponsoring the fastest growing segment of Kiwanis International's Service Leadership Program, Aktion Clubs.

Aktion Clubs are Kiwanis clubs for adults living with disabilities. Aktion Clubs are an untapped source of Kiwanis Club support. Aktion Club members can

assist with your club's service projects from pancake breakfasts to special olympics. Their members are eager to host their own meetings and participate in yours.

I would like to thank Sullivan County Aktion Club and several Kiwanians for assisting at the display table at the recent Mid-Winter Conference; Kiwanis adviser Sheila Lashinsky, Kiwanians Kathy Garklick and Karen Linen, Aktion Club President Lara Biella and Secretary Roberta Foster. In addition, they participated in decorating pillow cases for Kamp Kiwanis. Thank you to all the Kiwanis advisers and members from various clubs that helped out at the forum.

We started this Kiwanis year with 40 Aktion Clubs and added one new club,

Anchor Aktion Club sponsored by the Peninsula Hewlett Kiwanis Club. Now the bad news, five of our Aktion Clubs' dues have remained unpaid. Telephone calls and emails were sent to the Kiwanis advisers of the clubs. I was given assurances that the dues were going to be paid. I'm sorry to report that Kiwanis International has suspended those clubs. I don't want to embarrass any of the sponsoring Kiwanis clubs, so, please contact me at blueeyes1255@aol.com to verify if your Aktion Club is up to date with its dues. Please understand that when you sponsor these clubs, they depend on you for guidance, and in some cases financial support.

"If you can dream it, you can do It"
~Walt Disney

Fordham Kiwanis, Circle K, K-Kids Join for Warm Beginnings

Fordham Kiwanians teamed up with its sponsored Circle K and K-Kids members at PS 205 last week to knit baby hats for newborns in local hospitals to support of the District's "Warm Beginnings" service project.

Fordham Kiwanis club president Juliana Krammer, shown in group photo with the K-Kids club, heard about their weekly knitting sessions at a recent induction ceremony and invited Fordham Circle K members to get involved in the project.

K-Kids Advisor Sue Bruculeri is shown knitting with a member of the K-Kids club and was accompanied by 10 Circle K students. The K-Kids club, under the guidance of their faculty adviser, Mylene Michel, also meets each week to write out "get well" cards to children in hospitals.



New York District Kiwanis Foundation

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Sal Anelli



It's spring of 2017 so it's time to think about kids and Kamp Kiwanis, the two really go well together.

When we closed the Kamp last September, everything seem to be in great condition. We had recently installed a new roof on both the Drama Hall and the administration building, we purchased new water filters, and we started to tackle a much needed renovation to the interior of the administration building. Of course leading the renovation projects, as always, is our very own Herb Chan who decided that we needed new bathrooms as well as redoing the office area, so once again he brought up material, labor and by the opening of Kamp season, we will have new bathrooms and new kitchen and a

renovated office area, what else can we say but "Thank You Herb".

I stated that when we closed the Kamp, everything seemed to be in good shape, but of course we won't know what the winter brought us until we start the process of getting the Kamp ready for opening day. That's when we see what surprises come up and we'll have to do whatever it takes to get them repaired and sometimes get items replaced. For those of you who may want to come up and help, the work weekend this year is May 18-19. Come on up and we'll put you to work.

This year we're looking to eclipse the number of Kamps from last year. Thanks to Gov. Stephen Sirgiovanni we have a very good possibility of doing it. Gov. Steve has been very helpful to our Kamp as well as the other fine foundation we have in the district and by his decision to continue the "Take Care Of Our Own" policy started by Immediate Past Gov. Forbes Irvine. It promises to be another great year.

I want to thank Gov.-Elect Candace Corsaro for her commitment as well to

2017 Kamp Kiwanis Schedule

Adult Week 1	June 25-30
Adult Week 2	July 2-7
Child Week 1	July 9-15
Child Week 2	July 16-22
Child Week 3	July 23-29
Child Week 4	July 30-Aug. 5
Child Week 5	Aug. 6-12
Child Week 6	Aug. 13-19

our Kamp, I am looking forward to working with her and her board to continue helping the children of our district.

A very special thanks to all those who have reached out to me telling that they will continue to support our efforts to help needy children attend Kamp this summer and help the Kamp maintain a standard of excellence for those children. Have a great summer and we'll see you in August.

Partnership
Coordinator

Chuck
Eckert



Welcome fellow New York District Kiwanians, I wish to introduce myself to you as your Partnership Coordinator.

In the days and months ahead you will be hearing from me in my role, which is a newly created in each Kiwanis District by Kiwanis International. Thank You Governor Steve for this three-year appointment.

In October 2016, I attended a training session at Kiwanis International headquarters in Indianapolis. The Partnership

Team there worked and trained us in our new roles. After two days of indoctrination and fellowship, we are now prepared to share this important information where Kiwanis Clubs throughout our district can obtain support and services from these many Kiwanis-sanctioned partners.

You can go to this link and gain more information on the Kiwanis Partners <http://www.kiwanis.org/kiwanis/about-kiwanis/partners>

The national partners include JCI, March of Dimes, Sister Cities, Boy Scouts of America, US Army, Landscape Structures, Scholastic Books, Boys and Girls Clubs, Children's Miracle Network Hospitals, Up with People and many more.

Kiwanis International has broken down the partnerships into seven categories: Vision Partners, Promotional Partners, Preferred Charities, Community Partners,

Cause Marketing Partners, Marketplace and Service Leadership Program co-sponsors.

This is a large undertaking to absorb and assimilate information about each category and partner in such a manner that can explain how they will benefit your local club, division our District and Kiwanis International, so I can talk with any club or lieutenant governor about the benefits at any time.

I will be in Lake Placid to do a forum and will be glad to answer any questions. If you have any questions about any of our partners as to how they may benefit your club or how your club may help, please feel free to contact me, chuckeckert@yahoo.com or (716) 759-1111.

I look forward to sharing information with our Kiwanis family.

Former Key Club Member Inspires Project

The Chester Key Club from the Chester Academy in Chester recently made knotted Fleece Blankets in honor of a former Key Club member, Danny Mulvey, who is currently battling cancer.

Danny has been treated since July 2001 following a bone marrow treatment for a rare form of Leukemia (Junior Myelomonocyte Leukemia JMML) Danny is being treated at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. After all his stays in Children's Hospital and the great, kind care he received there, Danny wanted to give back to the hospital and help many of the other

young patients that are being treated in the Oncology Clinic, so he solicited the help of his former Key Club at Chester Academy and help they did.

The students started making the blankets, 18 of them, and Danny along with his parents, Dan and Maureen Mulvey, presented the blankets to nurse practitioner Virginia Guzikowski, who in turn made sure that the blankets got distributed.

Pictured at right are Nurse Practitioner Ginny Guzikowski, Danny Mulvey, and Dan Mulvey, Danny's father.



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Norwood Kiwanis, K-Kids Support Wounded Warriors

Approximately 40 Norwood Kiwanis K-Kids from Norwood-Norfolk Central School, joined Kiwanis members at their meeting Feb. 6, accompanied by their faculty and club advisors, Lee Mittelstaedt and Gabrielle Martineau.

Norwood K-Kids held a "Holiday Dress Up" fundraiser with students and faculty from pre-Kindergarten through fourth grade donating to the project. For the second year in a row, K-Kids designated that the proceeds be given to Wounded Warriors Outdoor Adventures. K-Kids were proud and excited to present their donation to Wounded Warrior Outdoor Adventures board members, Juddy Plumb and Eric Sweet. WWOA is a local non-profit, volunteer group that strives to provide outdoor adventures at no cost to wounded warriors, battle buddies, veterans and their families. They host hunting, fishing and boating events primarily in Northern New York, as well as others throughout the U.S. and Canada.

The guest speaker for the evening was U.S. Army veteran Dennis Jeffers. Along with his service dog, BoBo, Mr. Jeffers explained how service dogs are trained to as-

sist with the specific and unique needs of each veteran. Mr. Jeffers and BoBo demonstrated to the children the various ways

BoBo assists him with routine tasks. The K-Kids thoroughly enjoyed the presentation and enthusiastically asked questions.

