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NEW YORK DISTRICT KIWANIS MID-YEAR CONFERENCE AT THE HUDSON VALLEY RESORT AND SPA
Top Photo: Kiwanians listen intently during the Governor's Project Forum: Mentoring Kids and Helping the Disabled held during the New York District Mid-Year Conference. Middle Photo: Chef Jennifer F. Stoker, Culinary Institute of America in New York along with her publicist/Manager Kim Brown discuss the Conference menu with Governor David Rothman. The food demonstration and tasting were part of the innovative plan Governor David devised to attract attendees. Bottom Photo: Brotherhood Winery Event Director Randy Maduras pours a taste of a wide assortment of delicious wines for Kiwanians to sample.

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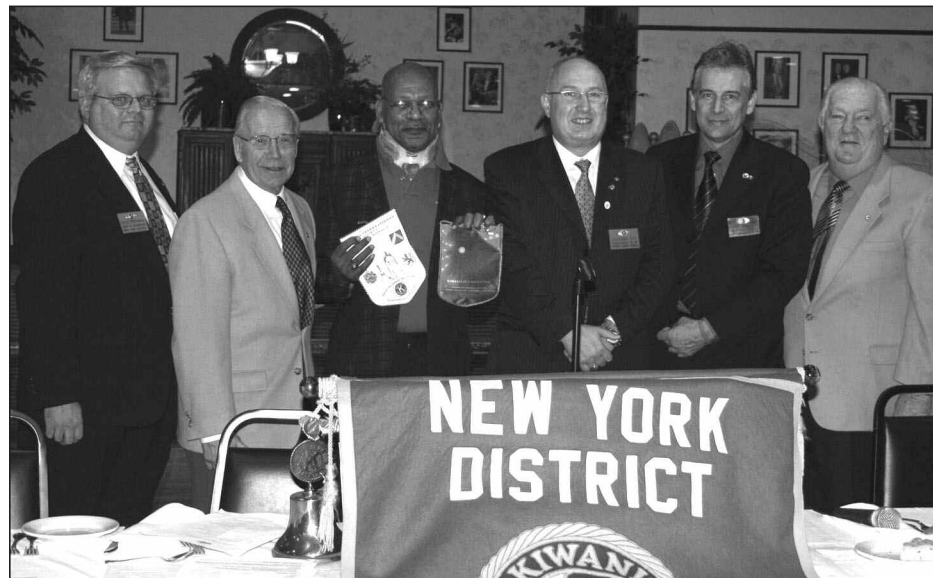
We recently enjoyed a great Mid-Year Conference. The forums and other meetings were well attended and proved to be very informative. The Mid-Year Conference is a time for us to evaluate how we are doing toward the goals we made at the beginning of the year. It also provides an opportunity to rethink and reshape our actions for the rest of the Kiwanis year. Now both the rethinking and the reshaping have been completed. We must now get to work and make all those good things happen. The original purpose of the Mid-Year Conference was to provide Club Presidents and Secretaries with needed information and training so that they could complete their year with success. I believe that this is still happening. Just look at those present who were able to provide insight and knowledge to the rest of us. There were: fourteen (14) Past Governors, twenty six (26) Lt. Governors, twenty two (22) District Chairs, and sixty six (66) Past Lt. Governors, all with a wealth of knowledge to give to those who might need it. It is these people who are in a position to help other Kiwanians learn what it takes to run a successful Kiwanis Club. On the other hand there were Fifty one (51) Club Presidents, eleven (11) Presidents elect, eight (8) Vice Presidents, twenty nine (29) Secretaries, and seven (7) Treasurers who were in attendance gathering information, both formally and informally about how to make their clubs better. I am sure the results will pay off and our clubs will be better because of the Conference.

Now is the time for us to switch our thoughts to the upcoming International Convention. As you no doubt know, this year's International Convention will be held in Montreal, Canada from June 28, 2006 to July 2, 2006. Registration forms (if you need one) are available at www.kiwanis.org. The opening session of the Convention is scheduled for 1:30 PM on Thursday June 29th. On that same evening at 8:00 pm there is a planned "Spotlight on Broadway" show (\$25 advance, \$30 on site). This should be a excellent production. We are in the planning stage of a New York Breakfast on Friday morning June 30th at 8:00 am. This will be followed by the District Caucus at 9:30 am and the District Board Meeting at 10:30 am. The first House of Delegates session will be at 1:30 pm that same afternoon. The second Delegate session will be held on Saturday July 1 at 1:00 pm. The closing session will be that same evening at 7:00 pm.

The headquarters hotel for the New York District will be the Delta Centre Ville. This is a very nice modern hotel with a revolving restaurant on top. There are several overflow hotels, but you should make reservations early to stay at the headquarters hotel. Although passports are not required until December 2006, some Airlines are already

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Belgium-Luxemburg and France-Monaco Govs Visit



L to R: Governor David Rothman, Past International President Tony Kaiser, Long Island North Lt. Gov. Rev. Kenneth Nelson, Belgium Governor Edmund Ott, France Governor Jean-Paul Thomas and New York Distinguished Past Governor John Gridley.



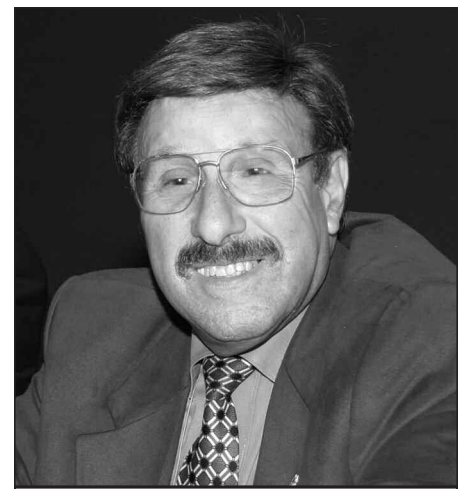
L to R: France's First Lady Elaine OTT, France-Monaco Governor Edmond OTT, NYD Governor David Rothman, NY First Lady Debra Fuchs, Belgium-Luxemburg Governor Jean-Paul Thomas, Belgium First Lady Alix Thomas, Richard Deremer, President of Kiwanis Club of Garden City, Denise A. Thibou, President Kiwanis Club of Hempstead, LISC LG Elect Sue Martin, and SDPLG Tom Gallagher.

LONG ISLAND – Governor David invited the governors from Belgium and France to visit two divisional meetings on Long Island when he found that they would be visiting New York City for four days after their board meeting in Florida before returning to Europe. A limo whisked them from NYC to downtown Levittown, and then on to Domenico's Restaurant, where the Long Island South Central Division was holding its

divisional. Both Governor Ott and Governor Thomas spoke briefly to the membership.

Then they were both off to Paraparazzi for the Long Island North Divisional Meeting, home division of Past International President Tony Kaiser.

After dinner, there were many cordial speeches and remarks. The Governors and First Ladies returned to New York City and then made their trip back home to Europe.



Governor Elect

Joseph Corace

It's a great time to be a Kiwanian

In January, I went to Kiwanis International for my Governor's training and educational conference. I spent four days with Governor Elects from around the world and it was a very inspiring experience. Imagine an entire group of Governors, representing ninety countries, together with one purpose and one mind set, "Helping others." Throughout our conference the theme was "It's a great time to be a Kiwanian" and during those 4 days we all came to believe it. With Kiwanis' new ideas, plans and many of the stories I heard from my peers, I knew this to be true.

I came back from International and less than a month later, I was at our Mid-Winter Conference, and this one was truly special for me – I was Governor-Elect. Governor David did some new things to give this Mid-winter a different look. I liked his approach. New! Different! More enjoyable, yet educational as well.

Yes, it truly is a great time to be a Kiwanian and an even better time to be a New York District Kiwanian.

I also had the opportunity to meet with my NY District Board of Lt. Governors-Elect. We started planning our year together to lead this Great New York District. We will meet again at our Orientation in May at the "Kamp Kiwanis Weekend."

As you take the time to read this, please consider 'How can I help?' I am looking for Kiwanians like yourself, who want to be part of a winning team. So please call me at (917) 282-9498 or e-mail me at joecorace@aol.com.

Let me share with you the feeling – "It's a great time to be a Kiwanian."

Flame Gets Green Light for Saratoga

In 2003, a unique event in the United States if not the world, happened at Lexington Center (Fulton County Chapter NYSARC Inc.) in upstate New York. That year, eleven people who happen to have autism, Down's syndrome, mental retardation, total blindness and other disabilities formed the soft rock band FLAME. Before long, this band started playing not only adequate music or good music, but great music. Because of their amazing musical skill and broad repertoire, including over 100 songs from Pink Floyd to Gershwin, FLAME has had hundreds of paid performances throughout New York State, into New Jersey and Washington, D.C. Everywhere the band plays, their extraordinary music thrills and inspires audiences, including people with disabilities and their families.

For this year's District Convention in Saratoga, FLAME will perform during dinner on Saturday, September 9th thanks to Mohawk PLG George and Karen Wells. We are all looking forward to this exciting experience.

Together We Can

MONTRÉAL

91st Annual
KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION
June 28-July 2, 2006

www.kiwanis.org

Governor Participates in Unsung Hero Event

The Kiwanis Club of **WANTAGH**, Long Island South Central Division – “Unsung Hero” Day is a part of the mentoring program in the Wantagh school district. Selected 7th and 8th grade boys participate with a panel of “unsung heroes” and become exposed to

several different career possibilities.

Each panelist describes his or her vocation, the training or education required, and

then the panelists answer questions from the students. Approximately 30 young men attended.



L to R: Maggie, on the floor, pet therapy dog; (standing) Mr. Hagstrom, Director of Bide-a-Wee Home Association; auxiliary policeman; Assistant Principal of Wantagh Middle School, Gov. David Rothman; volunteer fireman; Jeannette Stern, principal of Wantagh Middle School; John Theissen, Toys for Sick Children; a representative from the Interfaith Nutritional Network; (seated) Dr. Carl Bonuso, Superintendent of Schools; Ralph Spignola, Board of Education member, Mr. Cuccio, C.P.A. and Board of Education member; Dr. Taylor, school psychologist and chairperson of the mentoring program.



Governor

David Rothman

What an exciting time of the year. Flowers are blooming and Kiwanis is growing. We recently held the charter night of our first new club of the year, Cambridge Valley in the Van Rensselaer Division. We have several clubs in the development stage and I would like to thank the members of the T.A.G. team for all their help in building and rebuilding our clubs, and especially the efforts of all those involved in the launch of Cambridge Valley.

As the seasons were changing, we held a wonderful Mid Winter Conference. Many new ideas were exchanged and our own International Trustee Tom DeJulio provided a vision of the Kiwanis of the future. We held several new workshops and introduced a fundraiser to our conference. I would like to thank the host committee and the district chairs for making the conference a success. A special thanks to our guest speaker, Kiwanian Nancy Kosloski who provided us with an inspirational talk about Mentoring with the services of Big Brothers Big Sisters.

As part of our kick off to the International Convention in Montreal, we held a wine and food tasting session. We sampled some of the items that we might find in the Montreal areas bistro's. Our guest chef, Jennifer Stoker, was from the Culinary Institute of Hyde Park and our wine master Randy Maduras, was from the Brotherhood Winery of Washingtonville. The Brotherhood Winery is the oldest winery in the United States.

International Registration Forms have been sent to Kiwanis members and are also available on line <www.kiwanis.org>. Montreal is easily accessible from all parts of our great district. We are currently planning a District breakfast to be held during the convention. First Lady Debra and I are looking forward to greeting each and everyone of you at the Convention.

The District has received several Governors and Partners Project report forms to date. I know that many more clubs have completed service projects. Please get your reports in soon so that you may get the recognition that your club deserves.

Recently, we attended the Key Club and Circle K Conventions and had a wonderful time at both. I would like to congratulate our outgoing Governor Kristin and Governor Helen and their boards for an outstanding year of service. As always, our New York District Key Club Administrator Andy Lowenberg and Assistant Administrators Bob Cummo, Judge Bob Rosenthal, Jim Farrell and David Vail, as well as the Committee Representative did a fabulous job on the Key Club Convention. I also extend our thanks to Circle K Administrator John Keegan and Assistant Administrators Rich Hall, Greg Faulkner and Alison Mandel for all their hard work making Circle K Convention a successful event.

In addition, I extend our continued support to our new Key Club Governor Joe and Circle
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2004-2005 Distinguished Lt. Governors

Governor's Citation 50%

- Rocco Riti – Bronx Westchester South
- Salvatore Mazzaro – Brooklyn
- Duane Niemi – Central
- Mimi Melegrito – Chemung
- Raymond Pfeiffer – Finger Lakes
- H. Joanne Underwood – Genesee
- Aileen Halchak – Hudson River West
- Sharon Smith – L.I. South Central
- Peter Mietenkorte – L.I. Southwest
- Mark Russo – Metropolitan
- Angelo Polisano – Niagara Frontier East
- Robert Wunsch Jr – Niagara Frontier West
- Virginia Eppolito – Ontario
- Gwendolyn King – Queens East
- Eric Shivanarain – Queens West
- Richard Fancher – Saint Lawrence
- Gina Doerler – Suffolk East
- Jean Andrick – Van Rensselaer

Outstanding Leadership -40%

- James McGrath – Niagara Frontier West
- Marie Lewis – Southwestern

Outstanding Performance – 35%

- Raymond Sculky – Hudson Tri-County

Honorable Mention – 25%

- Raymond Radel – Hudson River
- James Whittaker – Susquehanna

TAG Team Makes Member Presentation

The Kiwanis Club of **LATHAM**, Capital Division – President Ted Fedak invited the TAG Team members for the Capital Division, David Booker and Jean Andrick to give his club more information on the new TAG Team. The club currently has approximately 25 members and is looking to rebuild. David Booker began the presentation with a brief outline of the strategy of TAG – Together Achieving Growth – “We won't do the work for you, but we'll be there every step of the way with you” and presented to the club a number of publications to assist them in their efforts. Jean Andrick then took a segment of the “Six Pack plus Two” section “Rebuilding a Club” and outlined the first two steps – a Club assessment followed by a Community Analysis. When completed, the club would have a good idea of where it is and where it needs to go, to be successful and effective in its community efforts. The NY District TAG Team is available in your area. For more information, contact Mike Malark, District Chair, at 518-765-4392.



TAG Team Committee Leaders Jean Andrick (standing) and David Booker make an informative presentation to Latham Club about the TAG Team. TAG leaders offered suggestions to Latham to successfully build their club membership.

Happy Kiwanis Couple to Wed



New York District First Lady Debra Fuchs happily accepts Governor David's marriage proposal. The beautiful couple cuddles whenever the schedules permits.

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First Lady

Debra Fuchs

I am so happy I had the pleasure of meeting and discussing the Partner's Project with so many of you during the Mid Winter Convention. Additionally, I was pleased at the tremendous turnout for the forums that both Gov. David and I hosted for the Governor's Project as well as the Partner's Project. Numerous interesting questions were raised and I hope that we were able to answer most of them. Many of you have come up with even more innovative ideas on projects for the disabled. I was quite touched and deeply moved.

Recently, I attended both the Circle K Convention and the Key Club Convention. Both Gov. Helen of the Circle K and Gov. Kristen of Key Club have had their groups participate in projects for the disabled. These young adults have put in countless service hours, as well as raising large sums of money for some wonderful causes. They never cease to amaze me with the amount of energy they put into each and every new endeavor. I applaud them for the help they have given me with the Partner's Project this year. As the new district officers take over for the 2006-2007 year, I know that they will continue helping me with this project.

Finally I would like to congratulate my daughter Gabrielle on her election as Treasurer for the New York District Key Club. I am so proud of her accomplishments. I am confident in the knowledge that the "Mighty New York" District of Key Club will have another successful year.

Please continue the excellent work that you are doing in your clubs and divisions as I look forward to receiving many more completed Partner's Projects.

Mid-Year Conference

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NEW YORK DISTRICT MID-YEAR CONFERENCE, HUDSON VALLEY RESORT & SPA, KERHONKSON, NY – Kiwanians gathered in the beautiful Catskill Mountains for their annual Mid-Year Conference. This year's event included some very unique opportunities to attend interesting forums, enjoy a food preparation presentation and taste by distinguished Chef Jennifer Stoker, Culinary Institute of America in New York and Kiwanians also sipped delicious wines from the Brotherhood Winery.

This year's forums included topics about the new Key Leader Program, Attracting Sponsored Youth, and Mentoring the Disabled, as well as Member Retention, New Club Building and TAG Team. Our International Trustee PG Thomas DeJulio held a very well attended forum on Kiwanis International. The discussion included our agenda to bring in one million members before the year 2015.

After reviewing the Convention Survey, it was clear Kiwanians has a great weekend.

Yonkers Sends Love to Riti on Valentines Day

Kiwanis Club of **YONKERS**, Bronx Westchester South Division – gave Distinguished IPLG Rocco Riti of the Yonkers Kiwanis Club a party to honor his term. The event was not the typical celebration and held several surprises. To the audience's delight, Rocco himself sang his rendition of "Cabaret" from the Broadway musical. Rocco was persuaded to perform by the Master of Ceremony and co-chair of the occasion, PLG Bob Rubinstein (Riverdale Club). Rocco was terrific, judging by the response.

The fun was just beginning with the premier performance of the "Roccoettes", which consisted of one extremely talented Key Clubber from Ursuline High School, Gillian Munsayac, and seven Kiwanians to fill out the chorus. The ladies, who had rehearsed several times over a one-month period, highlighted the evening with an adapted version of "Don't Forget About the Boy" from the Broadway hit, Thoroughly Modern Millie. It was staged and directed by DPP Division Public Relations Chair Claudia White. The performance, dedicated to Rocco by describing his term as Lieutenant Governor, was a smash hit with the crowd. How else could they respond to the lovely Roccoettes wearing their costumes from the roaring twenties and their fishnet tights? As they sang and tapped their hearts out, they also danced the Charleston. Among those in the chorus line was one of the co-chairs of the event, DPP Millie Radonjic (Parkchester Club).

Just when you thought the night could not improve, the testimonials and the awards were presented. Rocco received the George

A second recognition from the Bronx Westchester South Division was the presentation of the Kaiser Award by PLG Bob Rubinstein, who also gave testimony to Rocco's exceptional leadership.

Governor Elect Joe Corace was in atten-

Pediatric Lyme Disease).

The special night was like no other in recent memory. Everyone strolled away humming. Once again, Rocco had won their Kiwanis admiration and respect, and had stolen their hearts.



Left to right: The "Roccoettes" – East Yonkers DPP Palma Volino and DPP Nancy Shaw; the Honorable West County Legislator Lois Bronz from the Hartsdale Club, Parkchester DPP Millie Radonjic, Key Clubber Gillian Munsayac, Fordham Pres. Susan Brucculeri, Hartsdale DP Secretary Lucille DeBellis and East Yonkers Pres. Vickie Volino.



Past Governor Glenn Hollins (left) joins the festivities and thanks DPLG Rocco Riti for his service to Kiwanis and the New York District, along with Bronx Kiwanians.

dance and made Rocco a Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Fellow in a touching moment. IP Governor Glenn W. Hollins also spoke in glowing terms regarding Rocco's year and declared him highly distinguished. One of the "energizers" had proved to be just that.

Other dignitaries in attendance were: Lt. Governor of Bronx West Division Jack Glazier, DPLG Nydia Corace (upcoming First Lady), Peter Owen (District Chair of New Member Orientation/Special Assistant), Senior Anne-Marie Kirmse (District Chair of Human and Spiritual Values), and Joseph Michael Wuest (New York District Co-chair of



DPLG Rocco Riti, is congratulated by International Trustee Thomas DeJulio and DPLG Dr. Rosemary DeJulio.



LG Jack Glazier and DPLG Rocco Riti.



Hartsdale DP Secretary Lucille DeBellis, DPLG Rocco Riti and the Honorable West County Legislator Lois Bronz also from the Hartsdale Club enjoy the fun.

F. Hixson Fellowship, presented by International Trustee Thomas DeJulio and DPLG Dr. Rosemary DeJulio (Fordham Club). In his speech, Tom remarked, "In my forty years of being part of the Kiwanis family, I have seen many hearts of gold, but few glow with the goodness, humility, and compassion we discovered in the heart of Rocco Riti."

Rothman

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K Governor Grace for their coming year. Please make every effort to attend the meetings of our Sponsored Youth and invite them down to your club meetings. Share their enthusiasm by doing more joint projects together and invite their parents to attend your meetings and ask them to join our Kiwanis organization.

As you know by now, our new Sponsored Youth Leadership program is Key Leader and no longer H.O.B.Y. Please support the Key Leader program. There are two scheduled for this calendar year in the New York District.

Clubs should now be scheduling elections for the coming Kiwanis year and all dues should be paid. If you have any questions or need assistance with this matter please contact the District office.

The New York District will be hosting our International President Steve Siemans and his

lovely wife Barb, from May 5 thru May 7. He will be visiting the greater New York City and the Long Island area on May 5. He begins his visit at the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center at North Shore University Hospital and ends the day with a gala affair where both first families will make official visits. The next day we will travel to Kamp Kiwanis and be part of the open house weekend ceremonies.

President Steve will have the opportunity to address Kiwanians present, as well as the incoming class of Lt. Governors. We will then be traveling to the Finger Lakes for a gala dinner that will be hosted in Steve and Barb's honor. They return home the next day.

Please make an effort to meet and hear the dynamic International President Steve Siemans speak. Kiwanians strive to grow to one million members for our centennial in 2015. Remember one can make a difference!

Everyone Had Smilin' Irish Eyes at Garden City

The Kiwanis Club of **GARDEN CITY**, Long Island North Division – held its 52nd Annual St. Patrick's Luncheon, sponsored by The Garden City Kiwanis Foundation. Nearly 500 people gather for Irish Music, comraderie, a professional comedian, and a world class meal at the five star Garden City Hotel. The guests ordered whatever they would like from the menu - as long as it was corned beef and cabbage.

This largest Long Island Charitable Luncheon was attended by a very distinguished dais.

The first \$1,500 raised from the event is donated to charity. This year, The Garden City Volunteer Fire Dept. received funds to purchase a defibrillator.

The rest of the funds underwrite the foundation's activities, which include sending 25-35 kids to Kamp Kiwanis each year. Funds also go to support *Mercy First*, a Garden City not-for-profit organization that provides social services to families at risk of having their children placed in foster care. The Club also supports the Garden City High School Key Club and the Adelphi Circle K.

All members participate by decorating the night before, putting up balloons the day of, and selling raffle tickets like mad at the day of the event. This is the club's major fundraiser of the year. Everyone who attended has a great time and sang favorite Irish tunes, *Danny Boy*, *Harrigan*, *When Irish Eyes Are Smiling* and *Too-Ra-Loo-Ra-Loo-Ral*.



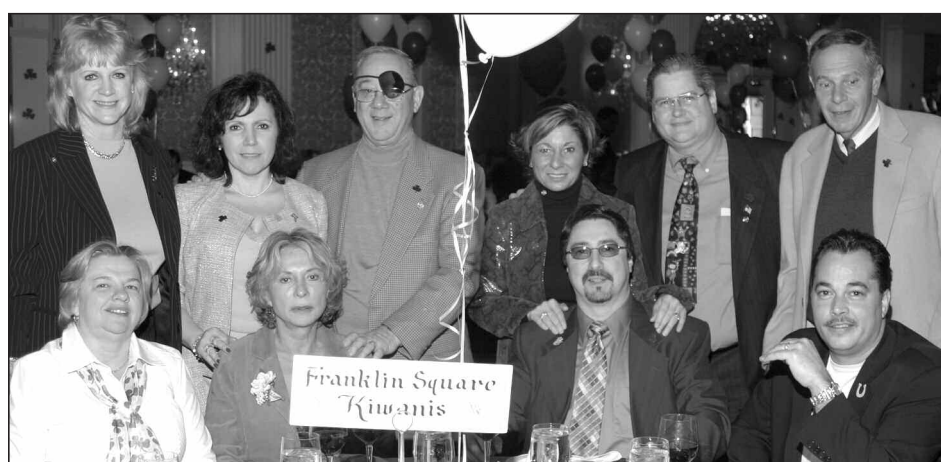
Garden City DPP John Collins, Co-Chair of St. Patrick's event.



Msgr. Edward Tarrant.



Governor David Rothman, District New Member Chair Pete Owens and Former First Lady Susan Groenewoud.



Garden City DPP Patrick W. Curry, Co-Chair of St. Patrick's event.



Color Guard.



Wantagh DPP Nancy Kalberer, sells the winning ticket to Wantagh Pres. Ken Klein, whose going on a trip to Ireland.



Garden City DPP Bertram Donley, and Garden City's first tenor.





New Member Orientation

Peter J. Owens

From the last monthly statistics from the district, we do not appear to be doing New Member orientation.

The report indicated that with over 300 clubs in the District, we only managed to effect a net change of twelve new members. That increase is not even divisible by the overall number of clubs.

We try to make a change 'one child at a time.' Why can't we make a change 'one member at a time'? If every club decided this quarter to develop plans to get only one new member, regardless of the size of the club, we should have close to 300 new members – one person at a time. If you look at the materials that Kiwanis and the District have provided for our officers, you will see an excellent path to obtain new members.

My assignment for Governor Dave is to acquaint your club with the proper way to induct and orient a new member. It seems like the cart may be before the horse. We need to get out and find resourceful candidates to join Kiwanis. Each club should have a New Member Orientation Chairperson who is equipped with the mechanics to do the job.

I will go on record as saying – there isn't a club in this district that cannot find one new candidate to join. We just aren't trying.

Each president received a copy of the New Member Orientation brochure. It is very well prepared and will provide you a way to keep the member – once you get the member.

Why not schedule a New Member Orientation function in the spring? There is no doubt that with the effort, you will get that one new member. Governor Dave is halfway through his term and so are you.

If the club is showing minus, take the small step. If we all agree to get on new member this quarter, great things can happen. I think Kiwanis deserves that, don't you?

Herring

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requiring them. You will need to have TWO FORMS OF IDENTIFICATION a drivers license and birth certificate will suffice.

I look forward to a large number of New York attendees so get your reservations in early. If I can be of any help to you as you make your plans, please call at the District Office 315-735-3463.

Check out the
New York District Website at
www.kiwanis-ny.org

KI Michelle Sperr Brings Club Leader Education to New York

CLUB LEADER EDUCATION – On Saturday, March 18th, 2 dozen Kiwanians representing 18 divisions from across the New York District gathered in Fishkill for an all-day session to receive certification as Club Leader Education instructors for the period 2006-2009. Dr. Rosemary DeJulio, DPLG and Master Instructor for NY District, welcomed everyone and thanked them for the overwhelming response to her invitation. She then introduced Michelle Sperr of Kiwanis International who led the informative, inspiring and fun-filled session.

Many topics were covered including review of the Leadership Guide for Presidents and Secretaries, Membership Development Manual, KI's public relations campaign with specific emphasis on Kiwanis University and Key Leader, team building, KI Annual Dues structure, and recruitment /retention of members. All present were also shown some of the most recent KI service announcements.

As we plan for the new Kiwanis year, it is imperative that all club officers be educated in a timely and efficient manner. CLE ses-

sions should be held starting in May/June and continuing throughout the summer. This new cadre of trainers stands ready to serve you and your division's needs. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Dr. Ro directly at dejulio@fordham.edu. Remember, together we can make a difference.



Michelle Sperr of Kiwanis International shares invaluable information with participants about training Kiwanis Presidents and Secretaries.



Club Leader Education participants included Governor Elect Joseph Corace, Master Instructor DPLG Dr. Rosemary DeJulio, KI Presenter Michelle Sperr and New York District Governor David Rothman.



CLE participants share their thoughts and challenges with Michelle. When things got a little slow, Michelle was known to toss some candy to perk things up, a technique she suggested to keep local training moving.

2004-2005 Achievement Awards

Citizenship

Winner

Norwood

St. Lawrence Division
Adopt-A-Platoon

Honorable Mention

Rockaway Blvd. Golden K, St. Albans

Queens East Division
Veterans Hospital Service Unit

Public and Business Affairs

Winner

East Meadow

Long Island South Central Division
East Meadow Pride Day

Honorable Mention

Sand Lake

Van Rensselaer Division
Music In The Park

Youth Services

Winner

NYC Young Professionals

Metropolitan Division
Key to Future Day

Honorable Mention

Canandaigua

Finger Lakes Division
Easter Egg Hunt-Booster Seats

Spiritual Aims

Winner

Spring Valley

Hudson Tri-County Division
K Family Prayer Breakfast

Honorable Mention

Painted Post

Chemung Division
Echo Taps

Young Children Priority One

Winner

Newburgh

Hudson River Division
Baby Bookstart

Honorable Mention

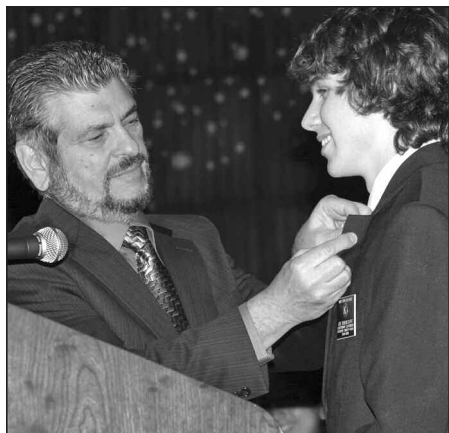
West Seneca

Niagara Frontier West Division
Buffalo Bills Day

Denoncourt Elected New York District Key Club Governor

by Joe Denoncourt to Key Clubbers

It is my distinct honor to introduce myself to you as your new 2006-2007 New York District Governor. There is no doubt that the 2005-2006 service year was a great success, but Key Clubbers, I guarantee you, with your continuing drive, dedication, and motivation to better the world around you, the NY District can maintain and surpass our previous accomplishments.



Joe Denoncourt is installed 2006-07 NY District Key Club Governor by Key Club Administrator Andy Lowenberg.

I asked everyone at District Convention while campaigning, "Why are we in Key Club?" The answer members – is simply to serve. With my Governor's Project, "Cleaning up Communities," each club has the chance to lend a helping hand in improving their homes, schools, and communities. There are numerous events in which clubs can take part in all year to better the world around them.

Be expecting everything else I promised at convention as well; member and officer education, interclub relationships, and communication. I'm so excited to meet and work

with you in this upcoming year at Regional Training Conferences, K-Family Day of Service, and various other district events. I can't wait to hear your ideas and thoughts on the district level.

Thank you again for this incredible opportunity to serve you this upcoming year; I am looking forward to every bit of it. Please, always feel free to call, e-mail, or send me a letter or IM. Joe is off to a great start.

Hartsdale Club Raises Funds to Purchase KPTC Trauma Kit



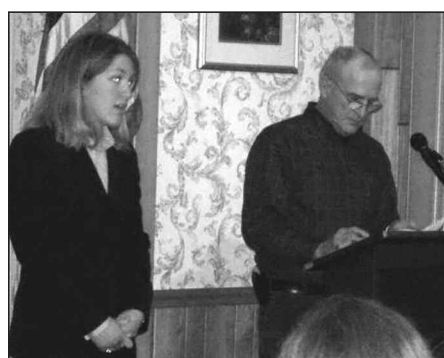
L to R: KPTC Foundation Past President Jerry Rudnick, Hartsdale President Iris McLee, DP Secretary Sharon Hernstadt (Hartsdale Halloween Window Painting and KPTC Drive Chair) and Lt. Governor Jack Glazier. Back row: PP KPTC Foundation John Lalena, Manhasset Kiwanian Carl Lalena and Port Washington Kiwanian Ed Rubin.

Kiwanis Club of **HARTSDALE**, Bronx Westchester South Division – A KPTC Kit was presented to the Kiwanis Club of Hartsdale by KPTC Past Presidents "Jerry" Selwyn Rudnick and John Lalena. Video Producer Ed Rubin presented his highly informative video on KPTC. John Lalena spoke with great enthusiasm about the benefits of KPTC.

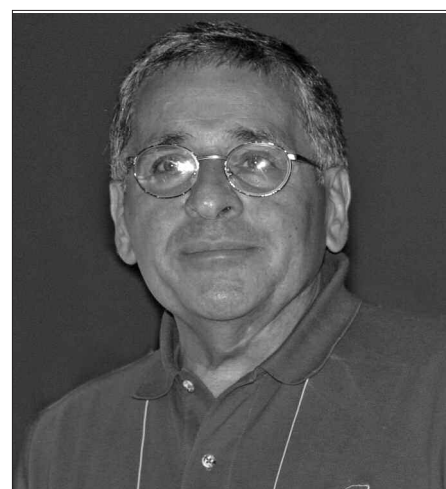
Hartsdale DP Secretary Sharon Hernstadt spearheaded the drive to raise funds for the KPTC Kit, which was donated to the EMS of the town of Greenburgh Police Department. Sharon chaired the Hartsdale Halloween Window Painting Contest, which earned significant monies toward the project.

Also present at the event were Bronx Westchester South Division Lt. Governor Jack Glazier and Hartsdale President Iris McLee, along with ten Hartsdale Kiwanians. Lt. Governor Jack stated that the program is worthwhile and should be presented at every club. KPTC Past President was presented a thousand dollar check for the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center Foundation.

Kim Worobey Elected Circle K Lt. Governor



Lt Governor Mike Malark introduced the new Circle K Lt Governor Kim Worobey, to the Capital Division membership at a recent Division Council meeting. PLG Jean Andrick and LG Mike are joining forces to help improve the communication with their Sponsored Youth groups. Kim is a member of the newly formed Russell Sage College Circle K group, and was a former Key Club member with the Castleton-on-Hudson sponsored group. Kim outlined a number of her goals and announced her candidacy for next year as Circle K Lt Governor for the Capital Division, which will include RPI, Russell Sage, SUNY Albany, and Adirondack Community College.



Interclub

Tom Mollo

Hello. My name is Tom Mollo. DPLG John Deleo and I are co- chairs of the District Interclubs Committee.

An Interclub is a meeting agreed to by two or more Kiwanis clubs or by a Kiwanis Club and any K Family Club. The visiting club must have at least four members in attendance. Through the fellowship gained by interclub activities, members learn how other clubs function; they get to know their neighboring Kiwanians; and develop new ideas and a broader interest in how Kiwanis operates. When Kiwanians visit with a K-Kids, Builders Club, Kiwanis Junior, Aktion Club, Key Club or Circle K, they demonstrate an interest in the activities of sponsored youth groups as well.

Some incentives for interclub activities are needed for a well rounded promotion by the Committee on Club Meeting. A successful interclub campaign leads to greater interest in the home club through specific, meaningful programs. As word of a terrific experience begins to circulate, more members will be inspired to create more interclubs.

Past club, division and district officers can be urged to remain active in Kiwanis by participating in interclub meetings. Through interclubs, a strong club can counsel and inspire clubs in their division not to fall below charter strength. Each club should prepare an interclub membership roster and record participation of club members at interclub meetings. Furthermore, the District Secretary, Lieutenant Governors and Chairmen of District Committees on club meetings, know about existing incentives and can help develop programs where none exist.

As the fifth objective of Kiwanis states, we are here "to provide through this club a practical means to form enduring friendships to render altruistic service and build a better community." There is still time left in this Kiwanis year to let Governor David know that the New York District is promoting fellowship, counseling and assistance in fund raising projects to other clubs through interclubs. How about your club? For more information email <tommollo@optonline.net>.

Northport-East Northport Donates Trauma Kit



Above: Northport-East Northport Kiwanis donates a KPTC Kit to the Eatons Neck Fire Dept. Northport-East Northport member Glenn Mazzella and KPTC Foundation Board members Tom Mollo, IPG Glenn Hollins and First Lady Susan make the presentation to the EMTs.

KIWANIS FAMILY DAY AT SHEA

SUNDAY JUNE 4, 2006 1:00 PM

NEW YORK METS VS. SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS

Benefiting the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center at North Shore University Hospital Foundation Inc.

- ♦ Post-Game Dynamets Dash for Kids. Run the bases on Field.
- ♦ View Batting Practice at 10:40AM must enter gate C.
- ♦ Gate E to Mets Fan Fest Park. Bring your glove to pitch.

- ♦ Acceptional Key Club to receive the METS Spirit Award
- ♦ All attending will receive a Free Mets Souvenir Item.
- ♦ Pre-Game Ceremonies Start at 12 :40 PM

MAIL ORDER TICKET SALES ADD FOR \$5.00 S & H

KIWANIS FAMILY DAY AT SHEA
c/o RDS INDUSTRIES INC.
43-01 162nd STREET
FLUSHING, NY 11358

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
RICH DeCASTRO (718) 321-9000
LEE DeCASTRO (718) 321-9006
JOE CORACE (212) 868-3760

Upper Reserved Sec 3 \$18.00, Mezz Reserved Sec 21-25 \$29.00, Field \$44.00 call. Sun.6-4-06
Make checks payable to: Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center Foundation

Name..... Phone #.....
Club..... Cell #.....
Division..... Email.....
Address..... Town..... Zip.....

Please send me..... Tickets at the price of \$..... each for a Total of \$.....dollars.
We support Gov.Dave Rothman's Project saving childrens lives and in celebration of Kiwanis's 91st Birthday

2006 Mid-Year Highlights



Finger Lakes DPLG Doreen Pellittieri and Wantagh DPP Nancy Kalberer generosity contribute to the Baskets Raffle.



Niagara Frontier West Lt. Governor Elect Dennis Gallagher entertains Kiwanians in the Hudson Valley Resort lobby with a tune on the piano. He's a gifted guy!



Governor David Rothman thanks Jennifer F. Stoker, Chef, Culinary Institute of America in New York and her publicist/Manager Kim Brown for sharing their talents with Kiwanians and giving us a "Taste of Montreal." If you are interested in contacting Jennifer <jstoker@atfirstbite.com>.



Kiwanians enjoy fellowship at the Conference.



Governor David toasts Brotherhood Winery Events Director Randy Maduras for bringing a taste of the New York State grapes to the Conference. If you are interested in finding out more about the wines offered go to <www.brotherhoodwinery.net>.



Finger Lake Kiwanians Jennifer Barnes (left) and Howie Barnes (right) along with their twins share the Kiwanis experience with Lt. Governor Elect Trisha Hook (Center).



Public Relations Chair Janice Seyfried created a display with various examples of new and interesting member ideas for getting the word "Kiwanis" out.



PG Jack Tetamore enjoys the hor d'oeuvres at the Governor's Cocktail Reception.



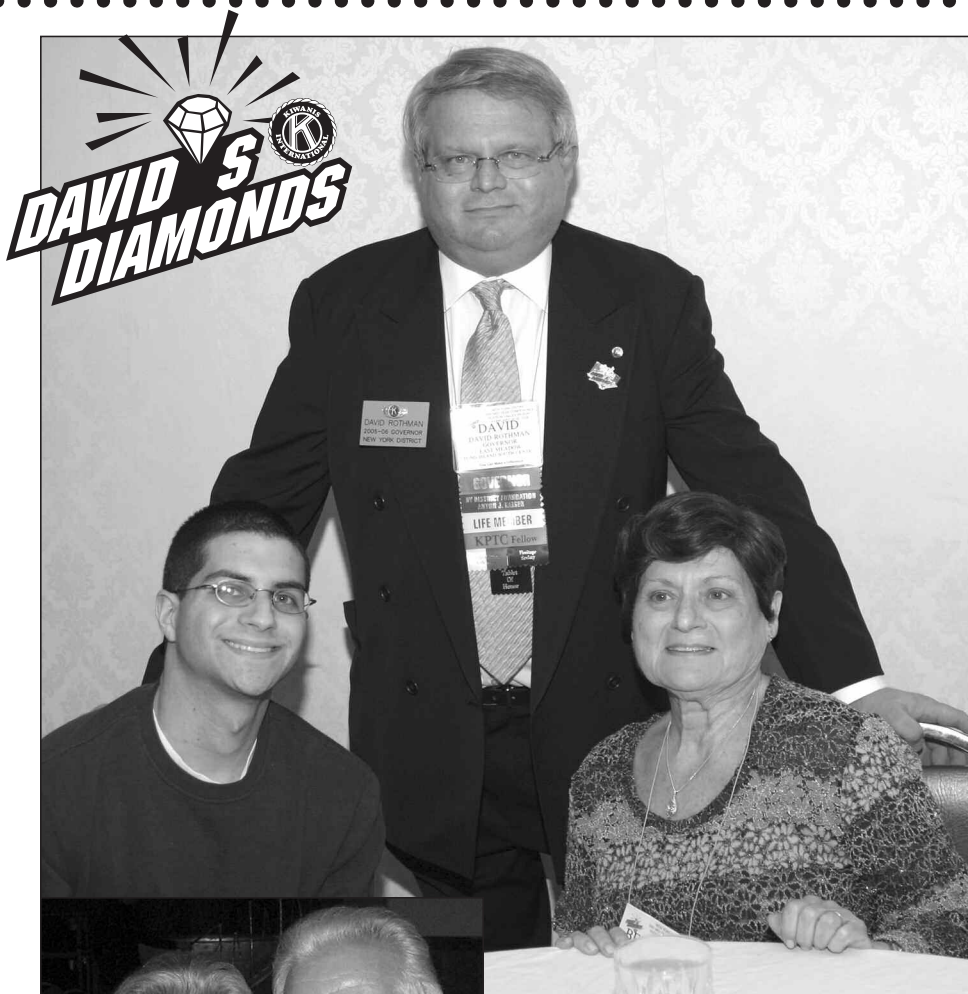
Kiwanian Nancy Kosloski gave an inspirational keynote address on the value of mentoring to youngsters.



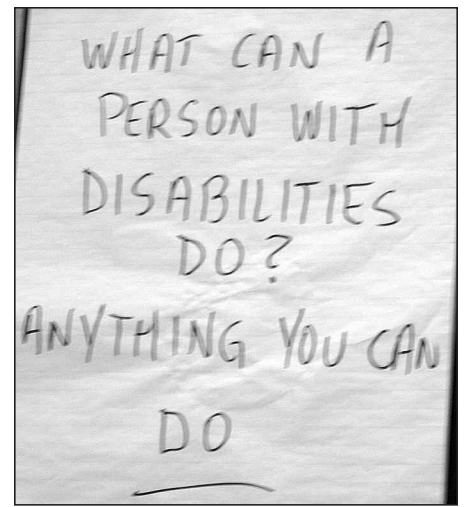
Under the leadership of DPG John Gridley, the Lyme Disease committee sold pins and raffles, and gave away material to educate Kiwanians about Lyme Disease.



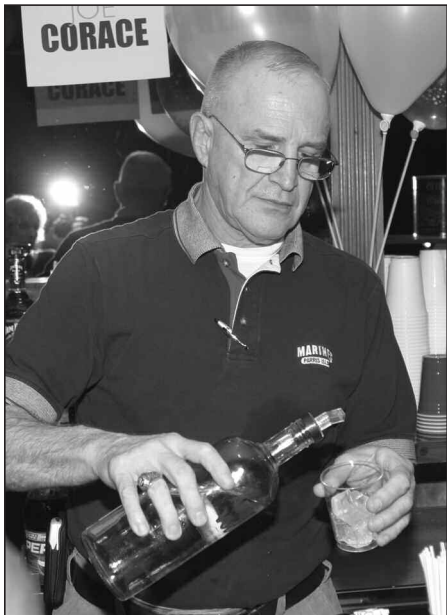
Governor David's son Neil and son-in-law Shalom raise a glass to all Kiwanians for all the service they perform for our communities.



Governor David is joined by his son Neil and his mother Beverly. The family members are very proud to be part of this fun and festive weekend.



Forums offered informative sessions and new fundraising ideas.



Capital Lt. Governor Mike Malark helps out with hospitality room bartending.



Past International President Jerry Christiano and Linda.



DPLG Dr. Rosemary DeJulio and International Trustee Tom DeJulio.



Above: Long Island South Central Kiwanians gather for a photo while enjoying a wonderful weekend. Left: Barbara Ann Ryder, daughter of Joyce and DPLG Woody Ryder, could be found cheerfully operating the elevator. "What floor please?"



Cheers to all New York District Kiwanians!



New York District Secretary Treasurer Don Herring throws his hat into the ring for Governor 2007-2008.

5 Towns Receives 7 Kaiser Fellowships Awards At Recent Divisional Meeting

The Kiwanis Club of 5 TOWNS, Long Island Southwest Division – On April 6 2006, the New York District Foundation of Kiwanis presented seven members of the Five Towns Kiwanis with the Anton Kaiser Fellowship Award. The recipients include: Past President Bill Bressant, Vice President Anthony Campanile, Past President Tony Campanile, Past President Herbert Petersen, Dr Gus Rodriguez, DPLG Dr. Fred Seltzer, and President David Vines.

The prestigious Kaiser Award is presented to Kiwanians who show exemplary service to Kiwanis and their community.



PG AI Bevilacqua presents Kaiser Fellowship Award to 5 Towns PP Tony Campanile with the help of Governor Elect Joseph Corace.



PG AI Bevilacqua presents Kaiser Fellowship Award to 5 Towns member Dr Gus Rodriguez with Governor Elect Joseph Corace and DPLG Danny Ditkovich (in rear).



PG AI Bevilacqua presents Kaiser Fellowship Award to 5 Towns Past President Herbert Petersen with Governor Elect Joseph Corace and DPLG Danny Ditkovich (in rear).

Guess Who's Gettin' Big?



Circle K Assistant Administrator Diane Taranto Horan's Little "Big Boy" Tim.



Rear L-R; Vice President Anthony Campanile, DPLG Dr Fred Seltzer, Dr Gus Rodriguez, Past President Bill Bressant. Front L-R; Past President Tony Campanile, Past Governor AI Bevilacqua, Governor-Elect Joe Corace, President David Vines, and Past President Herbert Petersen.



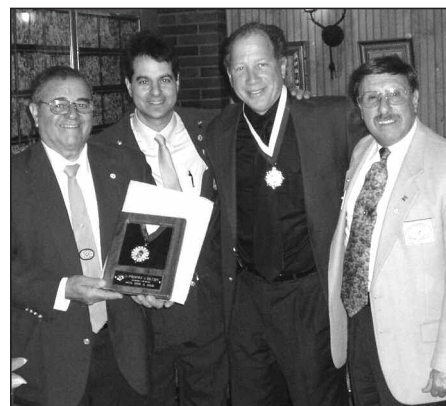
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New York District 2004-05 Public Relations Awards

- Adirondack**
Saranac Lake and Tupper Lake
- Brooklyn**
Mapleton
- Central**
Central Adirondacks, Old Forge
- Chemung**
Cortland
- Finger Lakes**
Canandaigua and Newark
- Genesee**
Batavia, LeRoy-Pavilion-Stafford and Livonia
- Hudson River**
Kingston, Hudson River West and Woodridge
- Long Island South Central**
Franklin Square, Massapequa Seaford and Wantagh
- Long Island Southwest**
Peninsula
Niagara Frontier North
Lewiston and The Tonawandas
- Ontario**
Eastwood - East Syracuse
- Queens West**
Maspeth
- Southwestern**
Cassadaga Valley and Falconer
- Suffolk East**
Easthampton, Patchogue
Three Village-Brookhaven
- Suffolk West**
Lindenhurst
- Van Rensselaer**
Castleton-on-Hudson, Sand Lake and Troy

Teacher Responds To Key Leader Program

Kiwanis

Kiwanis Club of Palmyra - Macedon

1462 Wayneport Rd
Macedon, NY 14502

CLUB MEETINGS
1st and 3rd Thursdays
Palmyra Town Hall
7:30 pm

As a teacher, I am writing to tell you about a new student leadership program that is coming to our area this spring. Kiwanis Key Leader is the premiere student development program for service learning. It is targeted at student leaders to help you become better and more concerned leaders, but more importantly, it is designed for emerging leaders. It will give you the confidence you need to step up to that next challenge, while preparing to be tomorrow's leaders.

This program will positively reinforce Palmyra-Macedon's character development program. Our five keys to leadership that you will learn about are:

- Personal Integrity—Doing the right thing.
- Personal Growth—Developing in mind, body, and spirit.
- Respect—Showing consideration for self, others, and property.
- Building Community—Developing relationships to achieve positive goals.
- Pursuit of Excellence—Expecting and achieving the best.

Now, here is the opportunity! This program is being offered in our backyard, May 19-21st at Camp Stella Maris, just minutes south of Rochester. It is a fun and exciting weekend that you are guaranteed to enjoy, but more importantly it will improve your school for the better!

- Kiwanis Key Leader is designed to begin a process of personal leadership growth and development as opposed to being a weekend event that is forgotten weeks or months later. It will be a life-changing experience.
- Kiwanis Key Leader is designed to open doors to leaders as young as soon as to be eighth grade graduates. Leadership development shouldn't wait!
- Kiwanis Key Leader is designed to teach what it means to be a youth leader in three different communities: the local community; the state or national community; and the global community.

Cost for the weekend, including all food, lodging, materials and a t-shirt, is only \$150 dollars per youth. The Palmyra - Macedon Kiwanis club has committed to send two youths from our school district. We have included an 'application' form in order to find students who would be interested in attending. We would like to send one student currently in 8th or 9th grade and one student in 10th, 11th or 12th grade. We will pay for the registration for 2 students; however the program is open to anyone. If you are not selected, you may wish to find your own sponsor, a church, a family member etc.

When you want to know more about the program please feel free to contact me or go online at www.key-leader.org. I have included some promotional material, and there is more available. We have set a deadline of April 15th to have student name to us so we can make a selection...

Handwritten signature: Howard G Barnes

Howard G Barnes
President, Teacher
hbarnes@frontiernet.net

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www.kiwanis.org/club/palmyra-macedon

2004-2005 Distinguished Clubs

Adirondack Division

Plattsburgh Breakfast

Bronx Westchester South Division

Bronx Shore

East Yonkers

Fordham

Hartsdale

Morris Park, Bronx

Riverdale

Westchester Village, Bronx

Yonkers

Brooklyn Division

Bedford Stuyvesant

Bensonhurst Bay Ridge

Coney Island

Eighty Sixth Street Bath Beach

Gravesend

Kings Plaza Carnarsie

Mapleton

West End, Brooklyn

Capital Division

The Helderbergs

Central Division

Central Adirondacks, Old Forge

Clinton

Frankfort

Lake Delta, Rome

New Hartford

Utica

Westmoreland

Chemung Division

Cayuga

Corning

Horseheads

Ithaca

Painted Post

Southport

Finger Lakes Division

Canandaigua

Geneva

Lakeshore-Rochester

Newark

Penfield-Perinton Townships

Penn Yan

Seneca Falls

Webster

Genesee Division

Batavia

Eastridge Irondequoit

Gates-Greece

Geneseo

Henrietta

LeRoy-Pavilion-Stafford

Livonia

Nunda

Rochester-West Central

Warsaw

York Leicester

Hudson River Division

Beacon-Fishkill

Newburgh

Town of Ulster

Hudson River West Division

Callicoon

Middletown

Minisink Valley

Port Jervis

Roscoe

Shawangunk Valley

Woodridge

Hudson Tri-County Division

Mamaroneck

Spring Valley

Long Island North Division

County Seat, Mineola

Manhasset

LI South Central Division

The Bellmores

East Meadow

Elmont

Franklin Square

Franklin Square Golden K

Garden City

Hempstead

Levittown

Merrick

Nassau County Medical Center

Seaford

West Hempstead

Long Island Southwest Division

Baldwin

Five Towns

Freeport

Long Beach

Oceanside

Peninsula Hewlett

Roosevelt

Valley Stream

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Gravesend Kiwanians Go The Extra Mile to Help Worker



The Kiwanis Club of **GRAVESEND**, Brooklyn Division – When Luis Sandoval told his boss in September that he had been diagnosed with a rare, life threatening disease (aplastic anemia) and would need a bone marrow transplant, his co-workers at Island Ford, a car dealership in Staten Island, NYC, opened their hearts - and their wallets. They contributed from their paychecks and opted to cutback on their Christmas party, with the difference going to Luis's medical fund. The Ford dealership donated \$8,000, however, since Luis's Local 529 health plan does not cover the co-payments, lab tests and operation, a lot more funding is needed.

Kiwanian Bill D'Emic, a top salesman at Island Ford, brought Luis's plight to the Gravesend Kiwanis Club where he is a member. Bill's moving narrative not only prompted the club and many individual members to donate to Luis's medical fund, but Past President Mike Burke took things one step further.

Mike, an agent for New York Life spoke with Gil Chapman, the owner of Island Ford

L-R: Luis's daughters Christine and Samantha on either side of his wife, Carrie Rios; Gil Chapman, President of Island Ford; and Mike Burke and Bill D'Emic of the Gravesend Kiwanis Club and found out that Chapman had several New York Life Insurance policies. Mike appealed to fellow agents in his NYC office and was able to raise significant additional funding from his colleagues.

In acknowledgment of the efforts of the Gravesend Kiwanis Club, Gil presented the Club with a major league baseball autographed by New York Yankee super star Derrick Jeter. Gravesend will raffle the ball (worth approximately \$300-\$400). The Kiwanis Club of Gravesend is celebrating their 50th Anniversary this June 17th. They will be holding a Gala Dinner Dance at the Rex Manor in Brooklyn on that Saturday evening. All proceeds of this special raffle going to Luis Sandoval's medical fund. If any Kiwanian's are interested in helping Luis out by purchasing a raffle ticket, please call Mike Burke at 212-757-9191.

Madison High School Key Club Gets Salute from Ft. Hamilton Commander



The Kiwanis Club of **KINGS PLAZA-CANARSIE**, Brooklyn Division – sponsors the newly formed Madison HS Key Club. As one of their first projects, members collected many Toys for Tots and donated them to the Fort Hamilton Army Base. Col. Tracey E. Nicholson, Ft. Hamilton Commander, right, went to a Madison Key Club meeting with

Command Sergeant Major Juan A. Caez, left, to salute the club for their efforts. Madison Key Club President Steve Herbst, second from left, proudly accepts this honor on behalf of the Madison Key Club. Kings Plaza Canarsie President Andy Manicone (3rd from left) and his club are very proud of their Key Clubbers.

KI Governor Elects Corace & Jennings

MID-YEAR CONFERENCE 2006 – New York District Governor Elect Joseph Corace shares Kiwanis International training stories with his counterpart Governor Elect Jim Jennings from the Southwest District. Jennings, a member of the Kiwanis Club of Santa Ritas, Arizona, served as a high school teacher/administrator for 31 years. This year, the New York District was proud to have Jim as a presenter in the Key Leader Mid-Year Forum held on Saturday.



Southwestern Governor Elect Jim Jennings and NY Governor Elect Joe Corace.



Webmaster

Marty Toombs

The third annual District Web Site contest for division and club websites will take place this summer.

All club and division web sites included in the listings on the District web site will automatically be entered in this year's competition, so all you need to do is make sure your site is listed <www.kiwanis-ny.org/clubloc.htm> to be part of the competition. If your club or division's site is not included, send a message to the webmaster <webmaster@kiwanis-ny.org> with the information so it can be added. Judging will begin July 20 and be finished by Aug. 1.

Between now and July 20 you have time to either start a site, or make sure yours is in the best position it can be, to be a winner. Once again, this year the sites will be judged by webmasters from other Kiwanis districts in North America.

Here are the judging criteria:

1. Is the site up to date? Are there any out-of-date references? Are new and upcoming events listed?
2. Does the club/division have its own domain name?
3. Is a link to the Kiwanis International web site featured?
4. Does the site include information of interest to non-members?
5. Does the site include information of interest to club members?
6. Do the links on the site work properly? Is the navigation easy follow? Are graphics displayed properly?
7. How strong is the site's overall impression on a visitor?

Each category will be worth 10 points.

To prepare for the contest, evaluate your site against the above criteria. In the past, the major problem with club sites has been that they are not kept up to date, so make sure yours has the latest information. Outdated information should be removed.

You also can take a look at the listing of all club web sites, also included on the District web site, so that you can evaluate the competition and pick up ideas for how to make your club's or division's site better.

There will be one award for the best division web site, and three awards for club web sites. Winners will be honored at the District Convention in September and have their sites featured on the District web site.

Last year, the West Seneca Kiwanis Club scored 66 out of a maximum of 70 points to win a tight competition for the club first place award. Pleasant Valley placed second, with 65 points. Placing third was Sand Lake, with 60 points.

Long Island South Central Division won the contest for the best division site.

If you want to create a web site for your club, information on how to do that is included on the district web site as well, at <www.kiwanis-ny.org/www.site.htm>.

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Sponsored Organizations and Programs

Tony Palangi

A New Year for Key Club and Circle K

Traditionally, the Key Club and Circle K conventions held annually in the latter part of March designate the beginning of a new year for the Sponsored Youth Organizations. This year both Key Club and Circle K Conventions were held at during the weekend of March 24-26. Joey Denoncourt, Lt. Governor of Division 24, was elected New York District Key Club Governor at Kutcher's Country Club for the year 2006-2007, and Grace Wright from Elmira College was elected New York District Circle K Governor at the Radisson Hotel. Corning, New York. Congratulations to both and best wishes for a highly successful year of growth and service.

Ideal Joint Project: With the approach of the summer season, Kamp Kiwanis is an ideal joint project with your sponsored Key Club, Circle K Club, Builders Club, and Aktion Clubs. Work parties this year will begin on Thursday May 4th, Friday May 5th, and Saturday May 6th. Saturday is also open house with several dedications scheduled. Some of the activities for the work parties include Painting, Cleaning, Plumbing and electrical work, Grounds Maintenance and much more. This is a great opportunity for your club members to become acquainted with our young people and at the same time enjoy working together and sharing the recreational facilities the Kamp offers. Most of all, enjoy the satisfaction in the knowledge that you have helped Kamp Kiwanis for another season to accommodate over 800 underprivileged and handicapped children.

Key Club Growth: Congratulations to F.D. Meyers Education Center (BOCES) Key Club in Saratoga Springs, New York, recently organized with 26 members. The Kiwanis Club of Wilton is the proud sponsor of the new club. Maureen Clancy was appointed Faculty Advisor and Joseph LaFuria Kiwanis Advisor. Also, congratulations to the Luzerne Central High School Key Club, organized in March and with 28 members sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Ballston Spa, Saratoga. Jill Bovee was appointed Faculty Advisor and Bill Davis the Kiwanis Advisor.

Reminder for Club Presidents: Sponsored Youth activities normally subside in the summer months when the schools are enjoying the summer recess. However, it's important to note that there are two conventions that take place in this period: Circle K International Convention during August 12-15, 2006 in Boston, Massachusetts, and the Key Club International Convention during July 1-5th, 2006. Make sure you support at least two delegates and the Kiwanis and Faculty Advisors to these conventions.

Reminder for Kiwanis Lt. Governors: Now that Key Club and Circle K's new year 2006-07 is upon us, don't forget to contact your counter-part newly elected Key Club and

Grace Wright Elected 2006-07 Circle K Gov

GRACE WRIGHT is a junior at Elmira College, right in the heart of the Southern Tier (Circle K) and Chemung (Kiwanis) Division. Her club is sponsored by the Elmira Club and they work very closely with them under the outstanding leadership of their Club President Mike Wayne. Grace is a psychology major with a women's studies minor. Aside from Circle K, she has been involved in many different clubs. Currently she is involved in Psi Chi (psychology honor society), Phi Eta Sigma (freshman honor society), Omicron Delta Kappa (leadership honor society), residence hall council, She is a psychology tutor and an orientation leader. She didn't have a Key Club in her high school, and was introduced to the K-Family in college. She Became a member in 2003, was club editor (outstanding NY District club editor 2004-2005) and was elected Vice President and New York District Conferences and Conventions chair for 2005-2006.

Grace is originally from Maine, but con-



New Circle K Governor Grace Wright.

siders herself extremely fortunate to be a part of New York District Circle K. Grace remarks, "I'm incredibly excited to lead the District in a year truly dedicated to what's most important to us; service, leadership and fellowship."



Elmira College Circle K is proud of the awards they received at DCON. Front left: Elmira Club President (also 2005-2006 NY District Outstanding Club President) Erin Quinn and Governor Grace Wright (right) celebrate with their club members.

First Timer James Johnson Wows Kiwanians at Conference



Key Club outgoing Governor Kristen Reed, Gabrielle Fuchs and friend provide background for the singing James Johnson.

The Kiwanis Club of **KINGS PLAZA CANARSIE**, Brooklyn Division – was proudly represented at the Mid-Year Conference by one of their newest members, James Johnson.

When James found out their was a hospi-

tality room that needed some spicing-up he headed for his car, unloaded his equipment and entertained with his gal Colette until the wee hours of the morning – no charge. James has got he right Kiwanis spirit not to mention a great voice. Thanks to both of you!

2004-2005 Distinguished Clubs

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Metropolitan Division

Chinatown
North Central Staten Island
NYC Young Professionals
Richmond County

Mohawk Division

Ballston Spa-Saratoga
Glens Falls
Schenectady

Niagara Frontier East Division

Alden
East Aurora
Marilla
Springville
Wales

Niagara Frontier North Division

Ken-Ton
Lewiston
Lockport
The Tonawandas

Niagara Frontier West Division

Buffalo
Orchard Park

Ontario Division

Dewitt
Eastwood East Syracuse
Fulton
Oswego
Owasco Fleming
Solvay-Geddes-Camillus
Syracuse Brighton Towers Golden K

Queens East Division

Bayside
Cambria Heights
Flushing
Hollis
Rockaway Blvd. Golden K
Rosedale-Laurelton
St. Albans

Queens West Division

Corona-East Elmhurst
Far Rockaway
Glendale
Howard Beach
La Guardia
Lefrak City
Queens Boulevard
Richmond Hill
The Rockaways

Saint Lawrence

Gouverneur
Jefferson Breakfast, Watertown
Norwood
Ogdensburg
Potsdam

Southwestern Division

Cassadaga Valley
Jamesville
Lakewood
North Chautauga

Suffolk East Division

East Hampton
Greater Riverhead
Greater Westhampton
The Islips, Bay Shore
The Mastics
Patchogue
Sayville
Southampton
Southold
Three Village

Suffolk West Division

Amityville
Copaigue
Lindenhurst
North Amityville
Northport, East Northport

Susquehanna Division

Broome County
Oneonta
Owego

Van Rensselaer Division

Hoosick Falls
Wynantskill
Troy

**Key Club Lt. Governor's
Choice for Outstanding
Club Award**

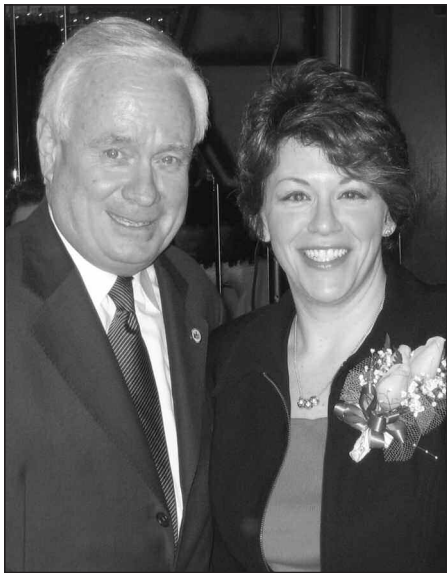
(1 club per division)

Division-Club

- 1 - Riverhead
- 2 - Lindenhurst
- 3 - Ward Melville
- 4 - Great Neck South
- 5 - John F. Kennedy
- 6 - W.T. Clarke
- 7 - Island Park
- 8 - Far Rockaway
- 9 - Midwood
- 10 - Curtis
- 11 - Stuyvesant
- 12 - Spring Valley
- 13 - Minisink Valley
- 14 - Saranac
- 15 - Glens Falls
- 16 - Shaker
- 17 - Fonda-Fultonville
- 18 - Averill Park
- 19 - Thomas R. Proctor
- 20 - Maine Endwell
- 21 - Nottingham
- 22 - Elmira Free Academy
- 23 - Mount Morris
- 24 - Gouverneur
- 25 - Niagara
- 26 - Silver Creek

**Guardino Honored by
Bishop Kearney HS**

The Kiwanis Club of **NYC YOUNG PROFESSIONALS**, Metropolitan Division – member Stacey Guardino, former Kearney Key Clubber, was recently honored as an alum by Bishop Kearney HS. She was inducted into their “Hall of Fame” because she exemplifies their spirit and supports Kearney’s mission to educate young women.



State Senator Marty Golden congratulates Stacey Guardino on a well-deserved honor.



Honoree Stacey Guardino and attendee DPLG Marty Neuringer.

**Past Gov Tony Palangi Proclaimed
Circle K Convention Honoree Again**

2006 CIRCLE K CONVENTION - PG Anthony Palangi became the first person in Circle K history to be Convention Honoree twice. The first time, he became Convention Honoree was 1986. Since then, Palangi has continued to be an amazing support system and advocate for many Circle K'ers. It seems appropriate that they re-honor such an amazing and dedicated individual again twenty years later.

Palangi migrated to America in 1929 from Moccasicura, Italy. He attended St. Mary's High School in Glens Falls and moved onto Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs before studying at the American Conservatory of Music as a Violinist.

Palangi was in the United States Air Force and served in World War II (Asiatic Pacific Theater) and the Korean War. He was awarded the Asiatic Pacific medal with two Bronze stars, the Philippine Liberation medal, the New York State Medal of Merit, the American Campaign Medal, and the Efficiency Honor and Fidelity Medal for his efforts and service. He is currently a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Palangi worked as a General Manager for the Saxton Manufacturing Corp. for thirty-two years and created wall clocks. He is still continuing to make clocks in his retirement and each year honors the outgoing Kiwanis Governor with an original “Tony” clock.

Palangi joined the Kiwanis Club of Glens Falls in 1966 and has 38 years of perfect attendance at meetings. He was honored as a Distinguished Club President 1972-73. He served as the Lieutenant Governor for the Mohawk Division in 1975-76 and then as the New York Kiwanis Governor from 1983-84. He has been the Sponsored Youth Chairman and a Kiwanis Advisor since 1975 and has been involved with the Kiwanis Foundation Board since 1983.



Circle K Convention Honoree PG Tony Palangi, Outgoing Circle K Governor Helen Polari and Circle K Administrator John Keegan.

Palangi

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Circle K Lt. Governors if you haven't had the opportunity to reach them. Plan to work together to ensure a successful year of service. They look to us for guidance and support.

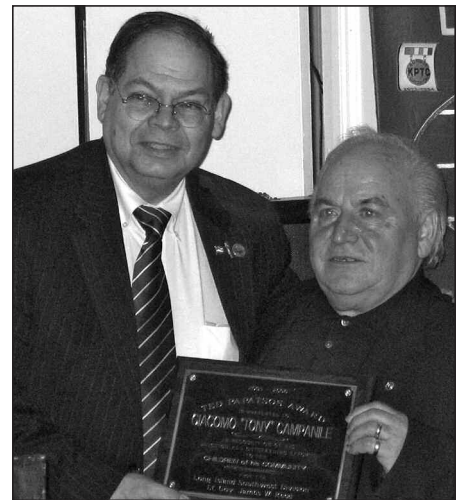
Let's help them become responsible citizens and the future leaders of this great land. It's truly the best investment that we can make.

Toombs

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This information on the contest and any updates will be posted at <www.kiwanis-ny.org/contest.htm>.

**Campanile Receives
Teddy Papatsos Award**



LONG ISLAND SOUTHWEST DIVISION – presented the Teddy Papatsos Award to a member of the Five Towns Kiwanis. Pictured above: LISW Lieutenant Governor James Reed presents Five Towns Past President Giacomo “Tony” Campanile with the prestigious award. The Long Island Southwest awards this honor to a Kiwanian who shows untiring dedication to children.

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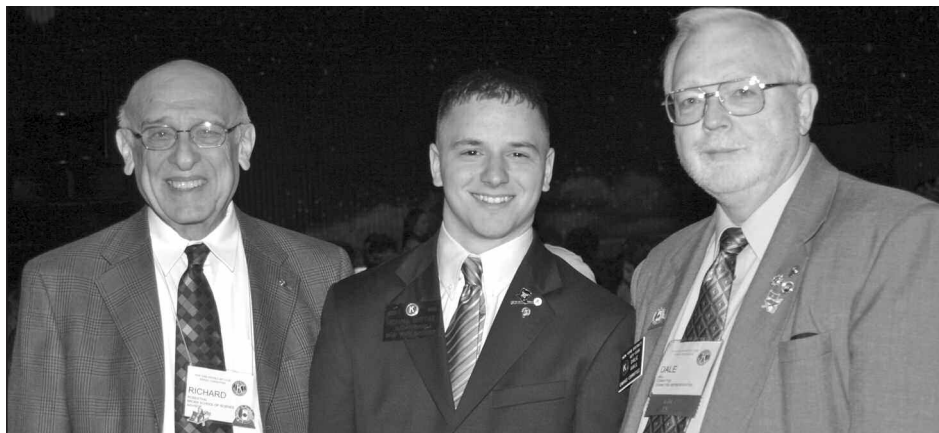
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Key Club Committee Runs Successful Convention



Seated left to right: Robert Cummo, Andrew Lowenberg, Julie Albertson. Middle Row: Judge Robert Rosenthal, Kevin Dean, David Vail, Mary Beth Vail, Dale Hall. Back Row: Dan Nagy, James Farrell, Joe Eppolito, Leonard Gioia and Edward Sexton all worked tirelessly to create a safe, fun-filled convention for Key Clubbers.

Berthel Supports Convention



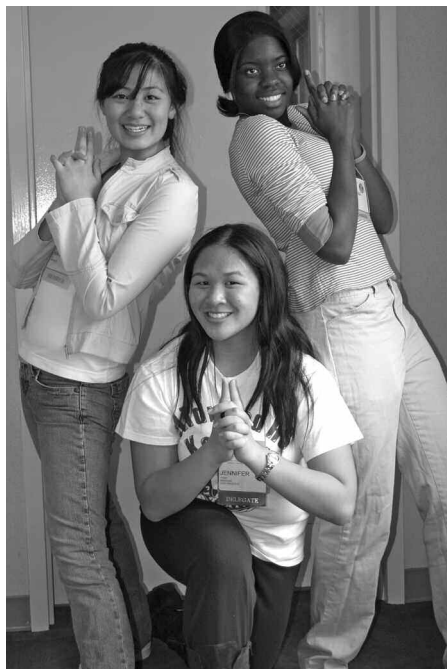
2003-2004 Key Club Gov. Michael Berthel (center) attended this years Convention and offered support to all new officers. Key Club Advisors, Bob Rosenthal (left) and Dale Hall (right) are happy to see Mike again. Mike, a great Governor set the bar up high for all to strive to.



Brooklyn Techies are out in full force supporting the Key Club Convention.

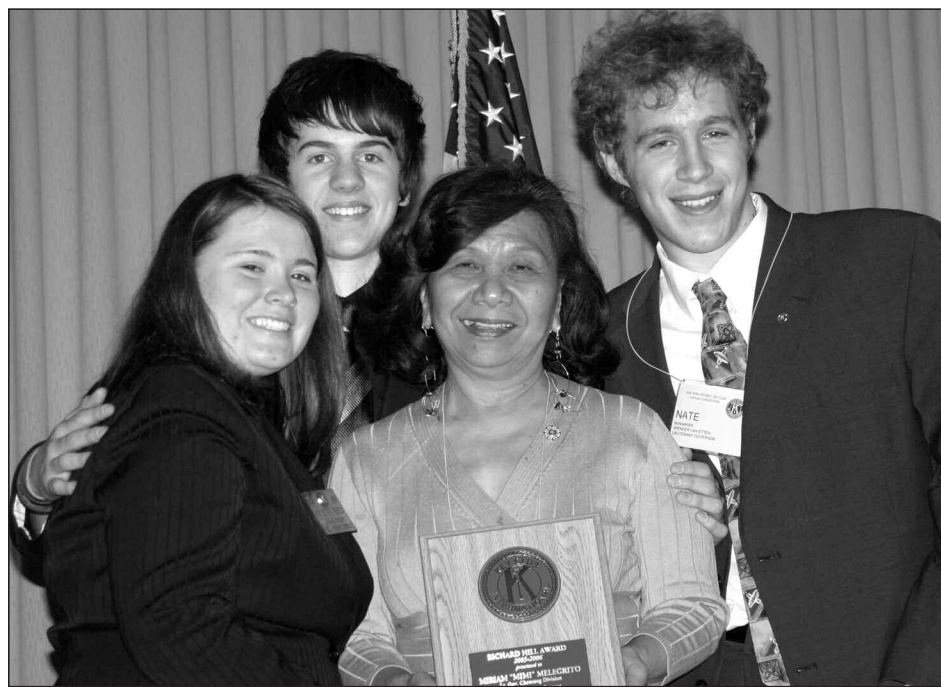


Gabrielle Fuchs, daughter of First Lady Debra proudly accepts the election of District Key Club Treasurer.



Midwood HS Key Clubbers Han Le, Jennifer Yong and Kathryn Pitt are having a fun time at the Key Club Convention in Kutsher's Country Club.

Key Club Presents Richard Hill Award to DPLG Miti Melegritto



Left to right: Outgoing Key Club Governor Kristen Reed and Wren Albertson-Rogers, present DPLG Mimi Melegritto the "Richard Hill" Award with Nate McNamara's help.

Highest Award "Key of Honor" Presented to Lesky and Reagen

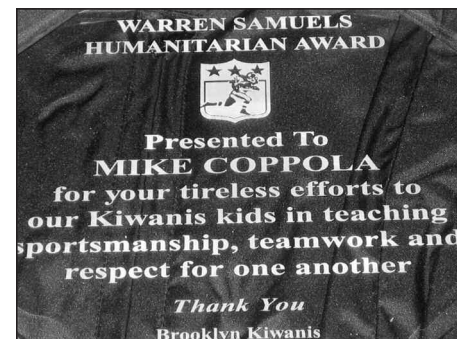


New York District Key of Honor recipient Jim Reagen, from Ogdensburg Free Academy, Outgoing Key Club Governor Kristin Reed and New York District Key of Honor recipient John Lesky, from Elmira Free Academy.

Brooklyn Kiwanis NFL Flag Football League Honors Players



League Director and Mapleton Member Charles Russo and Governor Elect Joseph Corace explain to football player's parents and guests about Kiwanis and the work we do in our communities.



The Kiwanis Club of MAPLETON, Brooklyn Division - sponsor of the Brooklyn Kiwanis NFL Flag Football League recently enjoyed an awards night. The leagues teams, coaches and parents were present to honor the players achievements. Individual awards and championship trophies were presented. In addition, the Warren Samuels Humanitarian Award was presented to Mike Coppola for his tireless efforts on behalf of our Kiwanis kids and for teaching sportsmanship, teamwork and respect for one another. Samuels was a Distinguished Past LG from Brooklyn.

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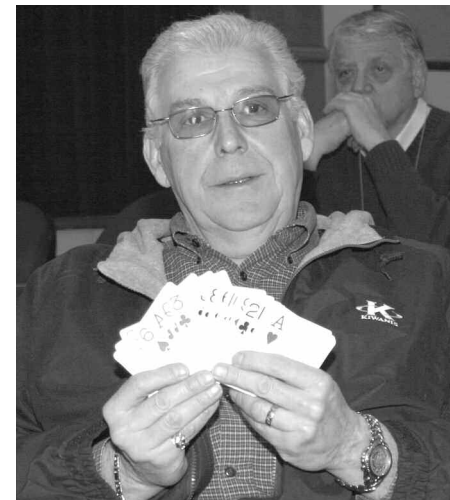
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Mid-Year Conference Winners



Basket Raffle supporters hold up their tickets in hopes of taking home the beautiful basket of their choice. In front, Rebecca Ovadia worked very hard in setting up baskets and selling raffles with her co-chairs Herman Ovadia and Marion Ong. (not shown) Thanks to all!



Super Distinguished Past Lt. Governor Ben Cirilione (LIN) was the champion winner of the big Texas Holdem event.

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Foundation President

Lindy Marrazzo

Once again we had a successful Mid-Winter Conference. Many Kiwanians attended our forum and our Board of Directors meeting recently.

Camp applications are out. Please complete them and send them to Rebecca at the camp, as soon as possible, to reserve a slot.

As for my last article, we intend to make the camp available to children whose parents are overseas in the military. I wrote to Kiwanis International and they agreed to fund \$25,000 towards this endeavor. Speaking with Rebecca, we now have 200 children who have applied. This may involve keeping Kamp Kiwanis open for at least one or maybe two additional weeks. Unfortunately, the aforesaid \$25,000 will only allow us to send 50 of the children to Kamp Kiwanis. **WE NEED YOUR HELP IN FUNDING THE OTHER 150 CHILDREN.** If you or your club would like to sponsor a child, call Rebecca at the camp. If you know of any banks, businesses, politicians, or VFWs who may be interested, call them and ask for help. I cannot think of a better project or way to help these children who can attend the camp and enjoy themselves for a few weeks. If we don't get the money, we may have to refuse some of the children. Look into your hearts.

Thanks to Bruce Brooks, Peter Mietenkorte, and Jerry Ferringer for donating \$1,500 each for our Adopt-an-Acre program.

Thanks to the Hewlett Peninsula Club once again for an additional donation of \$5,000 towards the Dominick Sciarrota infirmary.

Finally, congratulations to two of our board members, Tony Palangi, who was the honoree at the Circle K Convention, and Mike Malark, the recipient of the distinguished Gerald P. Christiano Award. Mike is not only indispensable at the camp – he was able to send five truckloads of food and clothes to the victims of Hurricane Katrina. If we had to pay for what he donated, it would have cost \$1,000,000.

Peninsula Donates \$5000 More in honor of Sciarrota



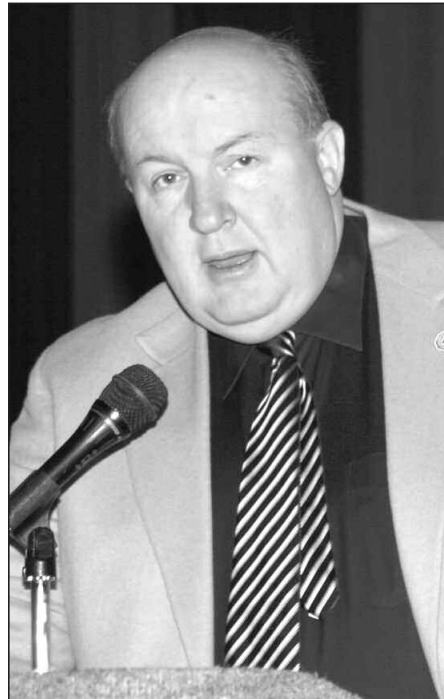
Above: District Foundation Secretary/Treasurer Don Herring helps run the meeting. Right: Peninsula Past Pres. Anthony Merendino presents Foundation President Lindy Marrazzo with an additional \$5000 check for the Dominick Sciarrota infirmary.



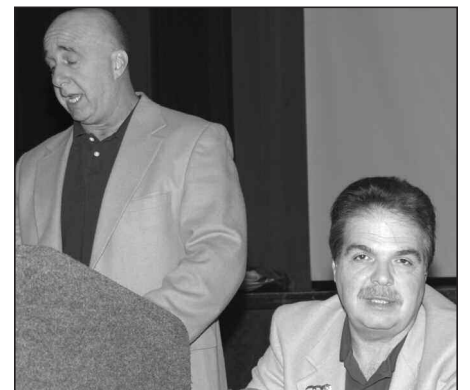
Foundation Board Members Present Reports at Mid-Year Conference



PG Tony Palangi reports on Sponsored Youth projects for Kamp Kiwanis.



Tom Gallagher reports on fundraising and upcoming Fdn. Golf Outing.



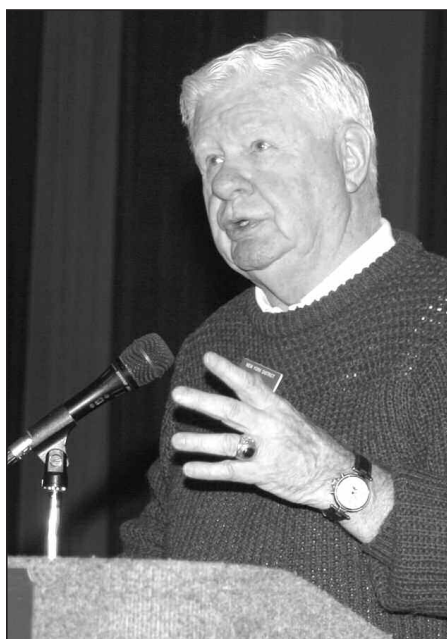
Steve Saletto reports on the Kaiser Program and Sal Anelli reports on camp construction.



Maureen Neuringer reports on the Outreach & Coins for Campers Programs.

Spring is a Great Time to Adopt An-Acre

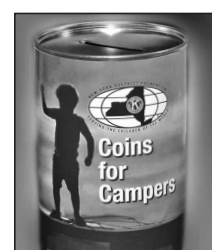
For \$1500 your club can adopt an acre at Kamp Kiwanis and help support our efforts. Contact Chair Pete Owens for details 516 294-0010.



Pete Owens reports on fundraising and the Adopt-an-Acre Program.



Marty Neuringer reports on new collectible Foundation pin fundraising.



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