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.

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 Shivnarain – 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

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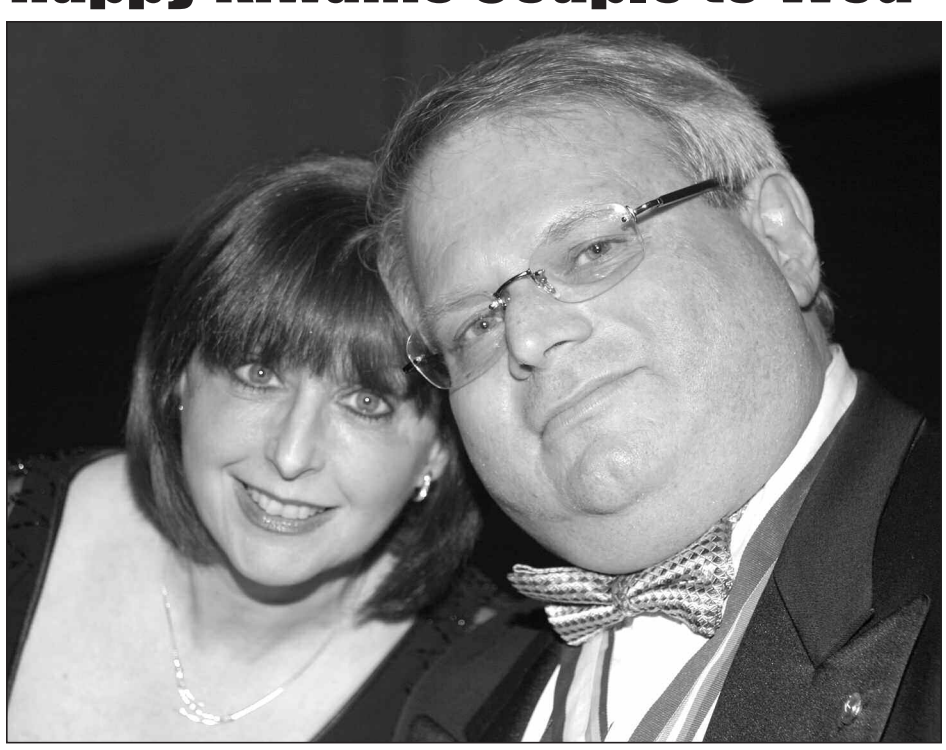
TAG Team Makes Member Presentation

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.

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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