

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*.



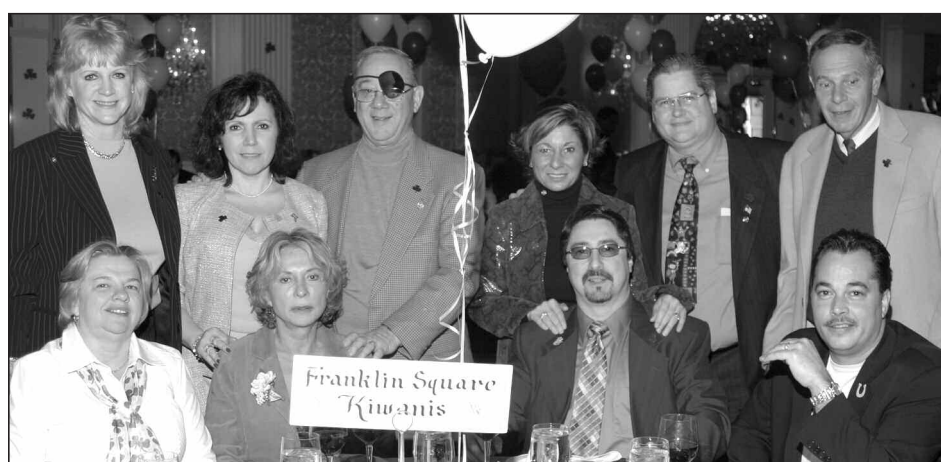
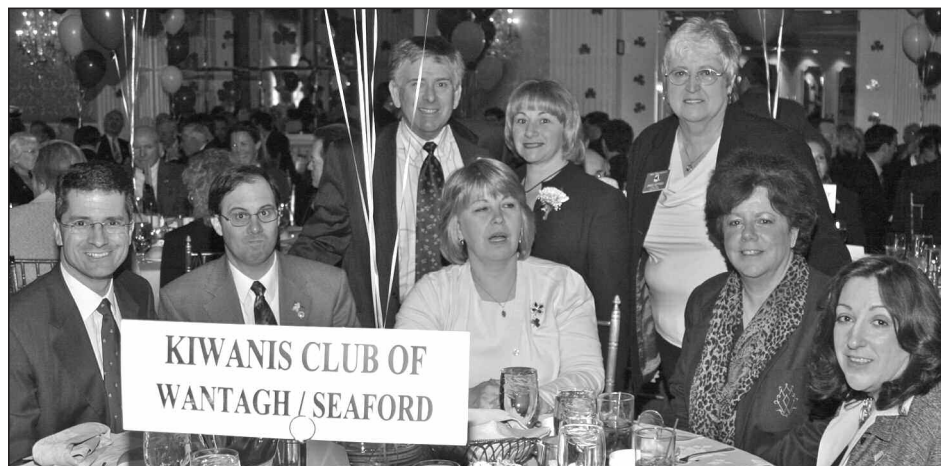
Garden City DPP John Collins, Co-Chair of St. Patrick's event.



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.

