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upstate and downstate alike. Thank you to Rebecca and Herman Ovadia for running the Basket Raffle. The $5000 raised will be shared by New York State Childrens' Hospitals. Thank you again Kiwanians for your unending support.

The afternoon forums and educational experiences were plentiful. If you attended the Governor's Service and Fundraising Ideas Forum, you gained incite into new ways to recruit members through service. We appreciate the efforts of all our presenters.

With a quick change into our western garb, we were on-to-San Antonio. International Convention Chair Maureen Neuringer presented a short DVD which included our hotel, the Marriott Riverwalk. It is centrally located right on the horseshoe riverwalk, which is out the back door of our hotel. You can enjoy many cafes, restaurants and even Mariachi Bands who stroll around the area. The RiverCenter Mall is only steps away for those Kiwanians who wish to shop and pickup souvenirs. It has a "western" flair food court for our nourishment. The attractions, like the Alamo, are only a few short blocks away. We are planning a real "Western Experience" for the New York District Dinner at an air-conditioned ranch with real longhorns. We got a few fun surprises in store for everyone. We will be joined by the Eastern Canada and Caribbean & New England Districts. See page 5 for details. Please get your reservations in early, since space is limited. Best of all, the San Antonio Convention Center is directly across the street from our hotel.

At the Mid-Winter Conference, upbeat, toe-tapping, one-eyed Joe music played in the background, where Kiwanians with cowboy hats and bandannas learned to line dance. It was great fun and a little exercise and excited everyone about our International Convention.

Mid-day, we enjoyed a delicious courtyard lunch. It actually felt like spring has sprung. This year we decided to honor first timers and new members at the luncheon. I expected 10 (or dare I say 20) new/first time Kiwanians to attend. We had certificates of thanks prepared for the honorees – that's when he magic began. One by one, over 55 new/first timers made their way to the podium. All were proud and shook my hand and waited for a photo. Their sponsors in the audience applauded and cheered loudly. We were all proud to be Kiwanians at that luncheon.

First Lady Nydia was also swept up in the moment and asked that we declare our District Convention in August be named for all women Kiwanians in celebration of the twentieth anniversary of women being invited into our ranks. We gave out commemorative pins to the ladies present who were obviously feeling proud about all their contributions.

Saturday evening, Governor David's Diamonds were honored for their year of dedicated service to the New York District. First Lady Debra and Governor David graciously expressed thanks to all Kiwanians who gave of their time and energy to make the year a success.

By Sunday morning, the Foundation Board Meeting was well underway. Board members made their reports and generous Kiwanians presented checks to benefit the Kamp.

It was a wonderful weekend for First Lady Nydia and me and will remain in our minds as one of the very best Kiwanis experiences we have had. Thank you everyone!

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If you do not have the Registration Form, go to *www.kiwanis.org/convention/*
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Suffolk Health Services Recognized for Leadership in Second Hand Smoke Project

SUFFOLK EAST DIVISION's Secondhand Smoke Education Project Chairman Walter Ladick, Jr., is shown here presenting Patricia Bishop-Kelly, Director of Public Information & Education of the Suffolk County Department of Health Services, with a plaque and a painting of Montauk Lighthouse expressing appreciation for her work in designing the workbook being used for the project. The workbook is used in hospital emergency rooms with children when they present with respiratory or ear infections and smoke is suspected as the cause. The Suffolk East Division is distributing 20,000 copies for use in nine hospitals and nine health centers on Eastern Long Island.

The project started with the encouragement of Glenn Hollins when he was Governor of the New York District. The presentation took place at the January divisional meeting hosted by the Three Village/Brookhaven Club.

Suffolk East Division recognizes Director of Public Information and Education Particia Bishop-Kelly, Suffolk County Department of Health services.