

Kim Scharoff Follows Kiwanis Tradition

Kiwanis Club of **MERRICK**, Long Island South Central Division – Kim A. Scharoff, daughter of DPG Steve Scharoff was recently installed as the 58th president of the Kiwanis Club of Merrick. New York State Assemblyman DPP David G. McDonough presided over the afternoon's event as Ms. Scharoff, made Kiwanis history; she is the first daughter of a New York District Governor to take the top post at her father's home club. Her father, the late Nassau County Judge Steven R. Scharoff, was Governor from 1989-90. "This is a very special day," McDonough said, admitting that he was getting a little choked up, "because we are installing a president whose name is Scharoff. Those of us who knew Steve know he would be so happy to see his daughter standing here."

"I actually was born the day of a Kiwanis meeting," Ms. Scharoff recalls. "My father had just joined, and he wanted to go and give Happy Dollars." In introducing her at the installation, her brother, Jerome Scharoff – also a Merrick Kiwanian – noted, with a laugh, "The K in her name is for Kiwanis, and



Merrick PP Ilene Dixel, left, passes the baton and a bouquet of flowers to the President Kim Scharoff.

she was actually born in a blue and gold Kiwanis outfit with a big K on her chest."

Ms. Scharoff also is co-chair of the District's Key Leader program. "Given that my career is working with children, and being at the weekend leadership retreat and seeing what the kids take away from it – for

me, that is the heart of Kiwanis, serving the children of the world.

"My father was so proud when I ran for international office for Circle K," she recalled, "but he told me not to run the second time, that I should concentrate on my studies. I won that one," she smiled, "and now I think he'd be extremely proud."

At the Installation, Governor Joe Corace told Ms. Scharoff, "When I was president of my club, your father was Governor."

2005 – 2006 Achievement Awards

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Ruby Section (46 to 75 members)

Citizenship Services

WINNER

Patchogue (Suffolk East)

Golf Tournament for pediatric Crohn's & Colitis

Honorable Mention:

Peninsula (The) Hewlett (Long Island Southwest)

Home Cooked Meals for families at Ronald McDonald's House

Young Children Priority One

WINNER: Lefferts Liberty (Queens West)

Support of Home for infants run by Dominican Nuns, Hour Children

Honorable Mention:

Wantagh (Long Island South Central)

Arts & Crafts & Entertainment at Nassau University Hospital's Pediatric Ward

Youth Services

WINNER: Geneseo (Genesee)

Renovation of picnic area and Children's play area at Village Recreational Park

Honorable Mention:

Patchogue (Suffolk East)

Projects and Santa Claus at AHRC, an organization for retarded Children

Public and Business Affairs

WINNER: Schenectady (Mohawk)

The purchase of Memorial Day and Christmas Flowers for gravesites at VALE Cemetery

Honorable Mention:

Sand Lake (Van Rensselaer)

Beautification of Town Park with Key Club and HS Environmental studies Program

Veterans Affairs

WINNER: Peninsula (The) Hewlett

(Long Island Southwest)

Veteran's Appreciation Day Dinner to Honor a Gold Star Mother

Support of Spiritual Aims

WINNER: Levittown

(Long Island South Central)

Brotherhood/Sisterhood Luncheon with local Clergy and Outreach Workers

Diamond Section (76 and more members)

Citizenship Services

WINNER: Elmira (Chemung)

Elmira Kiwanis Day of Caring.

Honorable Mention: Kingston (Hudson River)

Holiday Dinner for Senior Citizens serving 350 citizens

Young Children Priority One

WINNER: Kingston (Hudson River)

Early Intervention Reading, tutoring

Kindergarten children

Honorable Mention:

Middletown (Hudson River West)

Nutrition & oral health of 3-5 year olds from Migrant Families



Give Kids the World

Bob Rubenstein

For several years our Riverdale Kiwanis Club has sponsored Give Kids The World (GKTW), a 70-acre, non-profit resort village in Kissimmee, FL for children with life-threatening illnesses. I want to thank Governor Joe for introducing in New York what we hope will ultimately be an International commitment to terminally ill children.

Founded in 1986, GKTW is not a wish-granting organization, but it is the place where over 250 wish-granting organizations from all 50 States, and over 50 countries around the world, send these children and their families for a one week fantasy vacation. The sponsor provides transportation and spending money, and GKTW provides tickets to Disney World, two meals daily, and deluxe accommodations in villas designed by Disney for these children. Among the whimsical venues in the village are an ice cream parlor, a gingerbread house, pool, theater and game rooms. During the week, Disney characters and Santa Claus come to visit.

This, then, is one week during their young lives when these children will be free of Doctor's visits and hospital visits and the painful reminders of their illnesses. At present, 96 families can be accommodated each week at the village, and the administrators are planning to double that number. Over 70 major corporations are participating in this enterprise. By joining as a sponsor, Kiwanis would be associated with an international effort on behalf of these children.

Some of us have visited GKTW's village, and found it an inspiration - more than words can describe, and truly a goal worthy of Kiwanis support! Visit www.GKTW.org to view their new website. If I can answer any questions, or if you want to know how your club can help, please call me at 718-543-2600. See photos of the beautiful booth at the Mid-Winter Conference in Albany on Page 7.

Youth Services

WINNER: East Meadow

(Long Island South Central)

Scoliosis Screening Project in 9 schools

Honorable Mention: Kingston (Hudson River)

Holiday Program for physically & mentally challenged Children

Public and Business Affairs

WINNER: Middletown (Hudson River West)

Pizza for Parks Program with dedication of

Kiwanis Pavilion

Honorable Mention: Merrick

(Long Island South Central)

Food for Those in Need Program

Sponsored Youth

WINNER: Elmira (Chemung)

Builders Club established at Ernie Davis

Middle School



KIWANIS SCHOLARSHIP FORM

YEAR

The Kiwanis Club of

Hereby nominates:

(name of nominee)

Street

City, State, Zip

Phone () - / /

Date of Birth / /

Social Security No. - -

High School

Please fill in the necessary information and attach required exhibits

A. Scholarship Achievement

1. The Nominee's Rank in class is _____ of _____ Students

2. The Nominee's combined SAT scores are _____ or the composite ACT score is _____

Please include a copy of her/his high school transcript

B. Merit

1. The Nominee must include a list of activities he/she participated in, both in and out of school.

2. List any awards or achievements received by the Nominee during her/his high school years.

3. Submit three letters of recommendation on behalf of the Nominee: e.g., teachers, counselors, employers, clergy or community leaders.

C. Need

The awards will be evaluated based on the family's net taxable income for the prior . . . taxable year. Nominee's must include a copy of parent's or guardian's State or Federal Tax Return for the prior year (or year previous tax return if prior year is unavailable). Nominations without the requested tax returns will not be judged!

D. Career Goal

The Nominee must write a short essay that describes why he/she wants to attend a program of higher education and his/her plans aiming towards a meaningful career, beneficial to both themselves and the community.