



Foundation President

Lindy Marrazzo

Once again we are gearing up for another camp season. The applications for camp have been sent out to each club. If you have not received one, call Kamp Kiwanis at 315 336-4568 or email the camp at Kamp@kiwanis-ny.org. You can also go on our website at www.kiwanis-ny.org/kamp.

If you do not have a specific child to send to Kamp Kiwanis, you can still sponsor a child. We have a list of children who would love to go to our Kamp Kiwanis, you can still sponsor a child. We have a list of children who would love to go to our camp and need sponsors. Also, we will be having our military week again this year, where we will have one week for children who have a parent or parents in the military. We have the children. We need sponsors. Remember it only costs \$500 to send one child to Kamp Kiwanis for one week. It costs us \$700 to have that child there, which is the purpose of our fundraising activities. Please help a child by sending him or her to your camp.

I need to thank all those who were involved with the Kamp Kiwanis Baby Shower at the MidWinter Convention, in particular Carole Anelli, Maureen Neuringer and Governor Joe for coming up with this fun idea. We raised about \$5000 and put a big dent in our wish list. Special thanks to LG Roger Sirangelo from Long Island North for their generous contributions to the camp.

We are putting on E-bay a Rolls Royce which was donated to the Foundation. If anyone is interested, you can call Don Herring at the District Office. All proceeds will go to Kamp Kiwanis.

Within the last two months, I lost two great friends and fellow Kiwanians. DPLG John Lavelle and DPP Ronald Liss. Both members of the Brighton Club on Staten Island and will be missed.

Our camp opening weekend will be May 4 - 5th. For those who wish to help with the camp cleanup, please call Rebecca at the camp. We have plenty of work and it makes a great club project.

York Children's Foundation Donates Funds to Kamp

The Kiwanis Club of the **TONAWANDAS**, Niagara Frontier North – Distinguished Past President and 25 year member Jim Fretthold recently secured a grant from the York Children's Foundation of Houston, Texas for \$1000 for Kamp Kiwanis. A check was sent to Kamp Kiwanis Director Rebecca Lopez.

DPP Jim Fretthold of the Fretthold Funeral Home Inc. was instrumental in securing funds from the York Children's Foundation, which was started by the casket manufacturer, the York Group, Inc. in 1992. Since that time the York Foundation has awarded over \$2.2 million to local children's organizations through local funeral homes. In the past 10 years, DPP Jim has helped secure \$8700 in grants from York for Kamp Kiwanis.

DPP Jim has also secured \$13,400 for the Tonawandas Club and \$18,400 for the Buffalo Kiwanis Club over the past 10 years.

Kamp Shower A Huge Success



Linda Christiano marks her ballot trying to figure out "Who's Your District Baby Contest" kids. It was tricky!

Letters for Joe Wuest

FROM HIS "YOUNG" FRIENDS

(former Key Club and Circle K members)

■ by John G. McCarthy, Esq. Bainton McCarthy & Siegel, LLC

As everyone knows, both Joe and Ginny are the type of people who would give you the shirts off their backs. You may remember that at the 1986 Kiwanis District Convention, Joe literally gave me his shirt. I returned home from the Circle K International Convention in Boston and had less than a day to pack and head upstate for the District Convention to address the convention as the Circle K Governor. In my rush, I forgot to pack a dress shirt. I discovered my error shortly before my speech. Before I knew what happened I was in Joe and Ginny's room and they were helping me select one of his shirts to wear for my speech. I still have a photo of me (in Joe's shirt) and whenever I come across that photo I fondly remember Joe and Ginny helping me out on that occasion and countless others. I want to say thank you again for all they did for me and for being such a great example of what it means to be a member of the Kiwanis family.

■ by Rosemary Manning Hughes
Fidelity Employer Services Company

I am beginning to feel old – college seems like a long time ago. But, when I think of Joe Wuest, I always get a picture in my head . . .

He is in the midst of a bunch of guys telling a funny story. Inevitably, everyone is laughing and holding their sides because no one can tell a story like Joe. What struck me though, at that time, and it remains with me twenty years later, is how he reached out to me and invited me in.

I was a bit intimidated by the laughing guys, because in those days, Kiwanis was ALL men, and they were a close bunch. Joe pulled me into the conversation, made me feel at home. It is a gift that he has to touch people and put them at ease.

The other memory that stands out is how gallant he is. He would make sure Ginny was introduced to everyone. He would pull out her chair and the chair for all women at the table. He would make sure we had a soda or something to eat. You could count on Joe to keep you safe.

Finally, Joe is one of the most generous guys. He is quick to pick up a tab and the first to donate to a project or a Circle K cause. His generosity often pressured, or should I say, "shamed" the other Kiwanians to ante up.

Thanks for allowing me to share some wonderful memories; I will always tell my children, my three girls, how much fun I had growing up, thanks to Kiwanis and people like Joe and Ginny. – **These are just a few of the many items we received. Congratulations, Joe & Ginny!**



Foundation Board Member Joe Battista (seated) accepts donations with incoming Governor Don Herring and Camp Director Rebecca Lopez. Our Foundation extends a very special thank you to all Kiwanians who sent gifts and items from our Kamp Kiwanis Wish List for the Shower. You made all the difference.

Chinatown Honors Members With Kaiser Fellowship Awards



At the Mid-Winter Conference the Kiwanis Club of Chinatown, Metropolitan Division, honored members Mei Y. Sham (top center) and Anne Miao (bottom center) with the distinguished Kaiser Fellowship Awards with the help of Foundation President Lindy Marrazzo, left, and Chinatown DPOP James Tong.