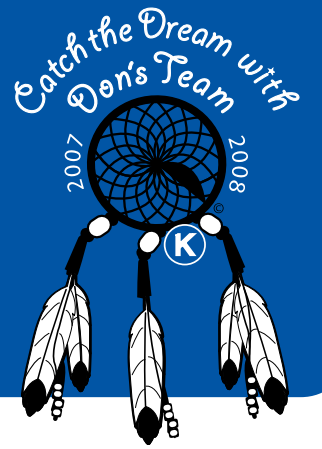


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# Kiwanians Gather At MidYear Conference



*Pictured above: The Metropolitan Division was out in full force at the MidWinter Convention.*



## It's Time Get Ready for the Int'l Convention in Orlando!

*On left: Orange County Convention Center, site of the International Convention in Orlando, Florida. The Convention Center is right across the street from the Rosen Plaza Hotel where the New York District delegation will be housed.*

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## Secretary/Treasurer

Justin Underwood

### Federal Income Tax Filings and other personal questions

All Kiwanis Club Secretaries should have received their "ominous letter of change" of reporting requirements for current Kiwanis year (2007 – 2008). So, let's try to decipher the "good news".

All Not – For – Profit organizations (such as Kiwanis Clubs) with Gross Receipts (that is all money taken in before expenses are subtracted) of less than \$25,000 are affected. Through this year, you did not have to file a Form 990 or 990-EZ. Beginning with this Kiwanis year, your club will have to file a Form 990-N electronic postcard regardless of the club's receipts. This applies to all 501(c)3 AND 501(c)4 organizations. This "Electronic Postcard" (990-N) needs to be filed by February 15th after the end of the Kiwanis year.

The electronic 990-N form will require you to provide the (1) Legal name of your Kiwanis Club and/or Foundation (2) Any other name your Kiwanis Club and/or Foundation uses (3) The Club and/or Foundation's legal mailing address (4) The Club and/or Foundation's website address (URL) if there is one (5) The Club and/or Foundation's employer identification number (EIN) (6) The name and address of the Club and/or Foundation President(s) (7) Your Club and/or Foundation's Tax Year – always Oct. 1 to Sept. 30 (8) A statement verifying that your Club and/or Foundation's annual gross receipts are still less than \$25,000.

The 990-N form can only be filed electronically. No special software is needed, but access to the Internet is necessary. The IRS expects organizations that do not have easy access to a computer to go to places such as their local library to file the e-postcard. The filing system is not yet ready to be used by the IRS. To register for an e-newsletter that will inform you when the new e-form is available, go to [www.irs.gov/eo](http://www.irs.gov/eo) to sign up for Exempt Organization's free e-mail newsletter.

If you do not file the 990-N form for three (3) years, you risk losing your tax-exempt status! So, if your Kiwanis Club has lost its employer identification number (EIN) or your club never filed to get its own EIN, be sure that you request your EIN now, before June 30, 2008. The fastest and easiest way is to go to <https://sa2.www4.irs.gov/modiein/individual/index.jsp>. You can get an immediate response electronically or by mail in four weeks. The form SS4 can still be used, but it takes several weeks to receive a response. Visit [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) for more information.

### What is the status of Kiwanis International 501(c)3 application?

In May 2005 Kiwanis International filed an application to the IRS for 501(c)3 status. Kiwanis currently is a 501(c)4. Both designations qualify as nonprofit entities, but as a 501(c)4,

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# Power – Prestige – Purpose

*"Wisdom comes only when you stop looking for it and start living the life the creator intended for you." Hopi proverb by Dave Curry, International President*

What drives your leadership success? In Kiwanis, leaders excel only through membership support. Some members are willing to back you if you decide to exercise positional power. Others automatically respect you because of the prestige associated with the position. Still others are willing to support you if the purpose to which you are aligned is attractive to them. How do you choose to lead? Two of these are fleeting and will end when you no longer have the position. Only a meaningful purpose will create a legacy.

Regardless of the reason you sought your position, your choice to lead for power, prestige, or purpose will determine the impact you will have in Kiwanis and the legacy you will leave.

If you want to examine your leadership principles, ask yourself these questions:

Do you ask others to do something that you are not willing to do?

Do you seek out and interact with new Kiwanians at meetings?

Does your message have a purpose that

will benefit other members, their clubs, and Kiwanis?

Our organization has an exceptional history of involvement and fellowship. You are in a position to continue that legacy.

• As a club officer, are you are focusing on helping your club excel? Clubs that conduct meaningful -service are making a difference in their communities and will attract and retain members. It is never too late to start any club on a journey of exceptional service. Even one more meaningful project this year helps.

• As a district or international officer, are you focusing on expanding our mission through voice and action? Districts and divisions that are growing generate excitement and commitment. Are the new clubs you are building centered on a purpose, such as our service leadership programs? Are you personally involved in expanding our mission?

Most importantly are you persevering toward accomplishment of your goals?

Our year of service together has less than nine months remaining. Many of you have been living a life of Kiwanis leadership, hopefully that our creator intended for you. Congratulations! Your efforts will be blessed.



## International Trustee

Thomas E. DeJulio

This will report on actions and strategies undertaken by the 2007-08 Kiwanis International Board, in four key areas: Growth, Finance, Leadership Development, and Governance.

### Growth:

Pursuant to the "Flexibility Amendment" passed by the KI House of Delegates in San Antonio last year, KI is developing several models to be unveiled at the 2008 Orlando convention, including company based clubs and "at-large" membership for all current and former members of the Kiwanis Service Leadership programs. The KI board directed that the "one million member" goal be re-designed and remarketed to include members of Key Club, Circle K, and Aktion clubs. The newly combined Kiwanis family membership total exceeds 515,000.

### Finance:

The Board concluded its evaluation of the Key Leader Program since its inception three years ago. Noting the financial and program outcomes, measurable and non-measurable, both positive and negative, the Board approved the continuation of the Key Leader Program and charged staff with the directive to enhance revenue and reduce the annual subsidy over the next four years to \$250,000.

At the Board's direction and with its support, an unprecedented staff reorganization is nearing completion, contributing to budget savings of over \$1.5 million. Staff has adopted "zero-based budgeting" principles and is redirecting resources to support growth and marketing objectives.

The Board-appointed, independent Financial Advisor has made significant progress in promoting the adoption of financial policies which conform to "best practices" in budgeting, auditing, and investment policies and procedures.

The Task Force on Dues Structure will be recommending proposals to the Board in April to substitute the "New Member ADD Fee" with the payment of "pro-rata" dues and is considering new member, family and spouse dues discounts or waivers to be effective in 2009.

The Board also approved staff's recommendation to replace "dues per member" with a per club fee for Builders' Clubs.

### Leadership Development

The Board and staff, led by the Committee on Leadership Development, will be creating and unveiling proposals to improve the delivery of consistent and sustainable training modules designed to develop leaders at all levels. It will propose a leadership and character development system that blends traditional and networked E-Learning to reach a global audience and ensure the right measure of "quality control" to build and deliver the Kiwanis brand. In addition, recognizing that every new member is a new "leader" in Ki-

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# 10 Ways to Treat Your Senses in Orlando, Florida

Orlando, Florida, proves to be a perfect place to exercise your senses. Find these ideas and more at [www.orlandoinfo.com](http://www.orlandoinfo.com).



- Smell the roses at the Harry P. Leu Gardens
- Take in the beautiful colors of Tiffany glass at The Charles Hosmer Morse Museum of American Art
- Listen to the reggae sounds at Bob Marley—A Tribute to Freedom restaurant/open-air house
- Touch a stingray at SeaWorld Orlando
- View the stars from the largest refractor telescope in Florida at the Orlando Science Center
- Feel the force of an earthquake at WonderWorks
- Taste some real key lime pie—it's yellow!
- Listen to the engines roar at the Richard Petty Driving Experience
- Taste astronaut ice cream at Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex
- Enjoy the aroma of international flavors cooking at Epcot.

## Ways to Save

Planning a vacation or a trip to the Kiwanis International convention can add up. To ease the wear-and-tear on your wallet, try some of these tips:

- Take advantage of Early-Bird Registration by registering for the 2008 Kiwanis International Convention before April 25.
- Pack a lunch. If you're driving to Orlando, save money—and time—by eating meals at a picnic bench, at a rest stop, or inside your car.
- Book your convention hotel room through Kiwanis to secure major discounts at first-class hotels.
- Bring refillable water bottles. You'll save on drinks at the parks if you simply bring your own water bottle. It'll come in handy during the convention as well!
- If you're driving, bring a cooler stocked with goodies—and don't forget the loaf of bread and peanut butter.
- Buy the multi-day, multi-park passes if you plan to go to the famous parks in Orlando.
- Bring your own stroller/wheelchair. If you're

driving, and space is not an issue, bring your own wheelchair or stroller for the kiddies. Renting one at the parks can cost as much as \$10 a day.

- NEVER head to Florida—or any vacation, for that matter—without coupons. It's simple to find cost-saving coupons at almost any Florida Web site. Find special attraction discount tickets through the Orange County Convention Center.

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Best one-liners to tell your boss/kids/mail carrier/anyone who will listen about the 2008 Kiwanis International Convention in Orlando, Florida:

- Of course there is business to be done in Orlando! What? You think everyone dresses up in a mouse suit every day?
- I just retired from work, and all the kids are out of the house (finally)! Guess what I'm going to do? I'm going to Disney World!
- I'm going to miss work for about a week in June. I'm meeting Bob Newhart for a few hours in Orlando. No, seriously.



## Governor Elect

Doreen Pellitteri

Looking back on the many events of 2007, it truly was a very busy and exciting time for me, my husband Peter and our family. I value the opportunity to work with you as we look forward to the future of our great organization while we continue to do what we do best which is serving the children in our communities.

Kiwanis International provided an informative training session for the Governor-Elects from around the world in Indianapolis this past November. Our group of Governor-Elects was the first to use the new auditorium at Kiwanis International and it certainly was a superb setting. How awesome it is to meet so many other men and women from all corners of the world and recognize that we are all working together to change the world one child and one community at a time!

We certainly Caught the Dream with Don's Team at the Mid-Winter Conference and it was a pleasure to be a part of the District Conventions for Circle K and the Key Club. Circle K Governor Mike and Key Club Governor Karen are to be congratulated for the great leadership that they provided this past year. We also thank their Boards, Administrators and Advisors for their dedication as well. Welcome to Circle K Governor Amanda and Key Club Governor Amy. We wish you and your Boards a successful 2008-2009!

Since being elected last August in Buffalo much time is being spent planning for the Kiwanis Year beginning on October 01, 2008. Our hope is to take the New York District from being GOOD to being GREAT! All of us, as New York District Kiwanians, will need to work together to accomplish this. Please feel free to contact me if you have the desire to serve on a committee or to work with the membership Growth Team that is chaired by Linda Christiano.

I look forward to being with you in Orlando at the International Convention!

# Kiwanis Club of Albany Chartered

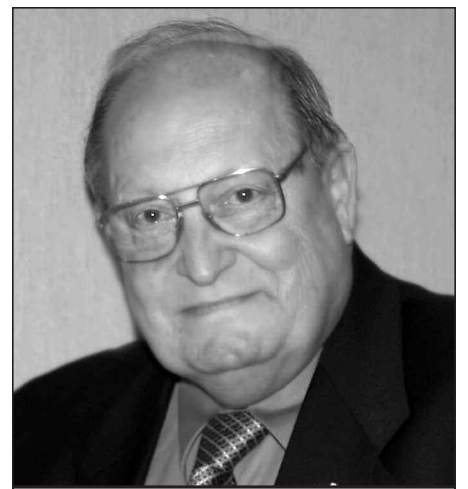
Kiwanis Club of ALBANY, Capital Division – The first new club chartered during Governor Don's year is the Albany Kiwanis Club. The original Kiwanis Club of Albany, the 16th Kiwanis Club in New York was chartered in August of 1916. It is appropriate that this club would retain its original Key number of K0002A. The new club chartered with 25 members after over 2 years of building a membership base.

Besides sponsoring a Christmas Lights event, they supplied meals during the holiday season for many needy people. They are now working to send some children to Kamp Kiwanis®.

The Charter event held on Tuesday, January 8th, 2008 at the Albany Crowne Plaza.



**President Joe Wiley leads the New Kiwanis Club of Albany during their Charter Night Celebration.**



## Governor

Don Herring

I hope that all of you who attended the Mid-Year Conference enjoyed it as much as Marlene and I did. We had a great time. There were many enlightening and valuable forums that were presented. The forum that I presented "Grill the Governor" was well attended and many topics were discussed. I'm not sure if we solved the problems that we discussed, but at the very least we have a better understanding of each one. The Mid-Year Conference is intended to be a training Conference for Kiwanis Club leaders, and a time to say thank you to last years Board of Leaders for a job well done. The New York District was named a Distinguished District, and Past Governor Joe Corace was named a Distinguished Governor. District Secretary Justin Underwood was also named a Distinguished Secretary. Many Clubs, and their Presidents and Secretary's were also found to provide service at a distinguished level. My congratulations to you all.

Now it is time for this year's Board to build on the activities of the past, and seek to fulfill the distinguished criteria during this year. I have heard some of you say that you don't care about being distinguished; you just want to serve in your Community. Let me say to all of you in this category, that by earning the title of Distinguished Kiwanian you will have served to the utmost. You will have done those things that are necessary and needed in your Community, and you will have insured that Kiwanis will grow and prosper for years to come. You will have allowed Kiwanis International to better serve the children of the World. If you have looked at the Distinguished Kiwanian criteria you will have found that most of you routinely complete all of them with the exception of sponsoring two new members. As you have heard me say before we must insure the health of our Clubs by bringing in new members. So far this year we have over thirty five Distinguished Kiwanians. I am trying to reach the number of two hundred. Please join Marlene and me in our endeavor to strengthen Kiwanis and Kiwanis service by sponsoring two new members now.

You will recall that I set three goals for the District to work toward this year. One was to grow. We are on our way with over three hundred fifty new members, but we must do more. We all need to work on membership in our clubs. A second goal was to encompass diversity in our activities. I have designed the Governor's project to allow all clubs to take part in a diversity experience. So far some of you have completed the Governor's project and will receive a banner patch for your efforts. Others are completing the reporting phase of this project and will soon have completed the diversity goal. Still others are now planning how they will complete the requirement and show diversity in their club. Good luck to you all in this goal area. I would like to see every club earn the Governor's Project

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**Left to Right: Lt. Gov. Marty Herzog, Sec. Cindy Engelhart, Christina Wiley, Pres. Joe Wiley, First Lady Marlene and Governor Don Herring.**



**Left to Right: Pres. Joe Wiley, Lt. Gov. Marty Herzog, DPLG Jean Andrick, DPLG Mike Malark, GNew York District Governor Don Herring, DPLG Dave Booker.**

## T-Shirts Donated to Kamp Kiwanis



**The Kiwanis Club of Franklin Square and Special T Printers of Franklin Square have donated 1000 T-shirts to Kamp Kiwanis. Left to right: Tony Genova Past President of Franklin Square Kiwanis and owner of Special T Printers, Rebecca Lopez, Executive Director of Kamp Kiwanis and Julie Davis-Olson current President of Franklin Square Kiwanis. Thanks to all!**

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## Aktion Clubs

Debra Fuchs

I had the distinct pleasure of attending the annual Service Leadership Conference in Denver this year, and I return with great news. The NY District is fourth in growth for Aktion Clubs with a 52% increase over last year. When I first started in the position of Aktion Club District Administrator in October of 2006 there were nine clubs and we successfully added five more last year, bringing us to the current total of fourteen.

It looks like we may have several more clubs in the works for this year, as numerous LTGs have contacted me regarding start up and chartering information. Any club, division or sponsored youth club that is interested in starting a new Aktion Club can reach me at blueeyes1255@aol.com or visit the Aktion Club website at [www.aktionclub.org](http://www.aktionclub.org).

Every two years each of the Service Leadership Programs of Kiwanis International participate in a wide scale service project. The current service project for Aktion Clubs is "SCAW", Sleeping Children Around the World. This past year the Aktion Club's participation with SCAW was instrumental, as we donated approximately 800 bedkits to children in the Philippines. SCAW was founded in 1970 by the late Murray Dryden, a Kiwanian, along with his wife Margaret. Murray had a hobby of photographing sleeping children, and as a retirement project both he and his wife decided to provide bed kits to fifty children in India. The concept grew and eventually "Sleep Children Around the World" was born. Bed kits are produced in the country where they are being donated, to bring money into the county as well as allowing for varying contents based on need. For a \$30 donation each kit may contain: a mat or mattress, a pillow, a sheet, a blanket, a mosquito net (if applicable), clothing, a towel and school supplies. Every child is photographed with the kit and a photo is mailed to the original donor. For each \$200 donation made through an Aktion Club, Kiwanis International will match the funds. This program truly enables Aktion Clubs to become part of a world wide project. To date more than 800,000 children, in over two dozen nations have been the recipients of free bed kits. For those of you who attended the NY District Convention in Buffalo, we had the pleasure of having Dave Dryden (Murray's son) speak about SCAW and his recent trip to the Philippines with Anthony Ng, the president of the Toronto Aktion Club. I was so honored that they took the time to visit our district convention. Dave even left me a SCAW kit that was used for donations in India. If your clubs are interested in making donations, you can make them through an Aktion Club in order to receive matching funds or a Key Club, Circle K or Kiwanis Club can make a direct donation to Kiwanis International. Remember to write SCAW in the memo of the check along with your Kiwanis ID number and include your address for a picture. If you are interested in having me attend a meeting to speak about SCAW please feel free to contact me.

# Penn Yan Celebrates 69 Yrs of Service

The Kiwanis Club of PENN YAN, Finger Lakes Division – was founded on February 13, 1939 with Ralph Davis as their first President. The club was sponsored jointly by the Geneva and Elmira Clubs. After the addition of the Penn Yan Club, the Geneva Division had quickly grown to an impressive 21 clubs. With such a strong number, the division had to be divided and thus the Finger Lakes Division was formed. Penn Yan is the southern most club in the division, being 12 miles from the Chemung Division border. Despite the distance, the club is still very active. The club has had seven LGs, two of which remain active, Bill Sutherland and Bill Moravec, and one honorary member Ted Henry. Also notable, Penn Yan has one Hixson Award member and numerous Legion of Honor recipients. The club was one of the first to admit ladies following by-law changes. Two of the original ladies, Delores Southerland and Marilyn Moravec, are still active and received the 20



Left to Right: President Barbara Pringle, PP Art Covert, 65 year member, Susan Loughnane, PP Delores Sutherland, PLG Bill Sutherland, and PP Deborah Clancy.

year perfect attendance awards.

The club has a reputation of commitment as there have been three sets of father and

son Presidents and three husband and wife Presidents. Their current President is Barbara Pringle.

# Penn Yan Crafts for Golisano Hospital

The Kiwanis Club of PENN YAN, Finger Lakes Division – has a special project going for the Golisano Childrens hospital.

They are knitting, crocheting or sewing hats for the preemie babies in the NICU. These newborns must keep their bodies warm and the hats provide them with a nice cozy headcover. Not only have the Kiwanians been making the hats but many churches and individuals in the community have joined in on the project.

They are also collecting beanie babies for the children awaiting radiation treatments at the hospital. President Barbara feels this is a good project and would like to see Kiwanis clubs around the state pick up on it for the local NICU in their community.

**Photo right: Penn Yan Kiwanians display hand-crafted items for Golisano hospital children.**

## DeJulio

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wanis requiring "orientation", staff has been directed to produce a downloadable video or DVD to be delivered to every new member.

In connection with its focus on mentoring and developing future leaders, the Committee, with the assistance of the Task Force on Service Leadership and Branded Program Expansion, will be submitting proposals to the International Board regarding service leadership expansion in all regions.

The Committee has also been charged with the assignment to develop proposals to achieve organizational objectives at conventions, with strategies to maximize focus on leadership through service, diversity, and global inclusion. Some ideas that have surfaced include the promotion of more interaction and participation by international participants; spotlighting present and former members of Kiwanis Service Leadership programs; workshops to identify and cultivate new and more diverse leaders at the highest levels of Kiwanis; and offering a convention-wide service project that will involve simultaneous action by more than "5,000 volunteer leaders" assembled at convention.

## Governance

The Board enhanced and expanded its "conflict of interest" policies, amended board counseling and travel policies, clarified the role of the International Committee on Resolutions and Bylaws, and considered proposals to have Districts hold their conventions concurrently with the International convention. - January 2008



# Sunnyside Celebrates 60th Anniversary as a Family



Queens West LG Angelo Maltaghati, PLG Joanne Billharz, DPP Robert Billharz, and newest Sunnyside member Henri J. Billharz.

Kiwanis Club of SUNNYSIDE, Queens West Division – When Henri X Billharz founded the Sunnyside Kiwanis, in 1947, he knew it was a good thing for his community. Whether he envisioned the club becoming as important to his family as it has been, we're not sure. At the 60th Anniversary celebration of the Sunnyside Kiwanis Club, Henri J. Billharz (grandson of Henri X. Billharz) thought, It's time for me to do more than just help out this club whenever they have a project that needs me. It's time for me to "join the family" in another way, and become an active member of the Sunnyside Kiwanis Club, and join it he did, making three generations of Billharz, active Sunnyside Kiwanians.

Kiwanis is a family, and has become a

family undertaking for the Billharz family as well. Founder Henri X. Billharz became Lt. Governor of the Queens West division. Henri's son Robert became a member and a distinguished President of the club and brought his wife Joanne in as a member. Joanne Billharz became Queens West Lt. Governor in 1995-96, leading the division to the rank of Super Distinguished that year. Now Bob and Joanne's son Henri J. Billharz has joined his parents and grandfather, in the Kiwanis family as well.

Congratulations to founder Henri X. Billharz for founding not only a great Kiwanis club but for founding a family whose hearts belong to Kiwanis and their community, generation after generation, as well.

# Metropolitan Spreads Kiwanis Word

The **METROPOLITAN DIVISION** – For the first time ever, the Staten Island St. Patrick's Day Parade featured an all Kiwanis Kazoo Band. Lead by Lt. Governor Glen Mancuso, more than 40 Kiwanians from five Staten Island Clubs participated in the parade.

The happy paraders were from the kiwanis clubs of Richmond County, South Shore, North Central, Brighton and Staten Island. They marched to the accompaniment of the Hibernian Kazoo Band. The parade spanned 2 1/2 miles from start to finish. More than 500 Kazoos were given out to children along the parade route. The parade was broadcast on live TV throughout Staten Island. The Salvation Army provided the color guard.

This was an excellent opportunity for the Metropolitan Division to get the Kiwanis brand out to their community. Great Job!



*Pictures above and on the right demonstrate the Metropolitan Division proudly displaying Kiwanis banners and material for the community to see. It was a fun-filled day and a great public relations event.*



## Tag Team

Ann Sewert

On page 14 you will find the latest list on sponsors for Governor Don's Honor Roll. In the fall we held a membership contest. All clubs that participated earned a banner patch. In a conversation we had earlier, we decided that we'd have 3 levels 1-3 new members earned a Red Banner Patch, 4-6 new members earned a Blue Banner patch and 7 or more earned a Gold Banner Patch.

I think we finally have all the new member adds in for that time period. In a discussion with Governor Don, he would like the Banner patches to be identifiable to his year. We talked about getting something "generic", but we got the distinct impression that he wanted something more than that. I guess that means something dated, says membership growth and I don't know if you can put his logo on it or not. At this point, I'm open to suggestions, your the expert in this area. We'll need about 85 Red, 25 Blue and 2 gold. We will also give the clubs another opportunity in the spring or early summer to earn another banner patch. For the spring incentive, we'll only have one level, to keep things simple. My guess would be that we'll need 125-150 more Banner Patches at that time. Let me know what your thoughts are and how to proceed.

# Bronx West South Cares For Troops

**BRONX WESTCHESTER SOUTH DIVISION** – recently held a Kiwanis Family event in which approximately 75 members of Key Club, Circle K, and Kiwanis attended to network and learn about a service project that sends care packages to our troops in partnership with the organization, A Soldier's Wish List, a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization that collects "wish lists" of military service men and women. Approximately 45 of the attendees were members of Key Club and Circle K.

The event was co-hosted by the Ursuline Key Club and the East Yonkers Kiwanis Club. Ms. Selo Beckford of the Hartsdale Kiwanis Club, and former member of the DeWitt Clinton Key Club and University of Virginia Circle K, inspired the group with her personal reflections on her own journey from Key Club member to Kiwanian. Lt. Colonel Glen Sadowski and Corporal Victor Sozio, of the US Marines, spoke about the impact that care packages have on members of the military in Iraq. Kiwanis Family members in the Bronx Westchester South Division will come together in January for an Interfaith Prayer Breakfast and Soldier Care Package Service



*From left: Corporal Victor Sozio, US Marines, Palma A. Volino, Lieutenant-Governor, Bronx Westchester South, and Lt. Colonel Glen Sadowski, US Marines.*

Project, during which members of the Kiwanis Family in our division will honor our service men and women and will prepare care packages to send to our troops.

## Central Adirondack Reports Operation Stuff a Success

The Kiwanis Club of the **CENTRAL ADIRONDACKS**, Adirondack Division – Vice President Sheila Brady has announced that Operation Stuff has been a great success. Hundreds of stuffed animals have been collected and shipped to Army Major Jeremy McGuire, a nephew of Central Adirondack Kiwanis Member Bill Ransom. Major McGuire is a Police Mentor Team Leader training police forces in Afghanistan.

The stuffed animals are being distributed to children in Afghanistan as part of a medical team project.

Sheila has been busy collecting and shipping the many generous contributions from the Central Adirondack community for the past several weeks. Due to harsh weather conditions in Afghanistan and the upcoming transfer of Major McGuire to another assignment, Sheila has announced that the project will be put on hold for the time being.

Sheila stated, "Our sincere thanks to the entire community for their generous response, the cooperation was heart warming".

## Oceanside Keeps Kiwanis Tradition Alive and Very Well

The Kiwanis Club of **OCEANSIDE**, Long Island Southwest Division – gathered for their traditional charter night. Pictured at right: Back row: Tom and Roxanne Mollo, Maria Heller, Rev Janet Porcher. Front row: DPLG JoAnn Giretti, DPLG Ethel and Dan Gilloon and Lt. Governor Patrick and Yvonne Buckland.



Check out the  
New York District  
Website at  
[www.kiwanis-ny.org](http://www.kiwanis-ny.org)



## Community Services

Peter J. Owens

Everyone knows that part of our fabric as true Kiwanians is to develop new and inventive ways to do Community Services in our towns and villages. Some clubs – for years have concentrated on the same certain projects and have accomplished them. Others do not have a designed project and will do one or two random service projects each year.

First thought is – each club should appoint and maintain the position of a Community Services Coordinator/chairperson.

This individual should immediately review what is planned or not and begin to tie all loose ends to accomplish the goal.

Another thought is – try something new. Last year Governor Joe asked me to begin a new project – to get all clubs to try a new project – one they never did before to attain a new dimension of service. About 20 clubs made that effort last year- they broke the mold and did something new. Finally – we suggest that clubs ally themselves with neighboring clubs to try something more inventive – like blood drives, clean – ups projects. We suggest to include your Key Clubbers and K Kids to expose them to community service and broaden your commitment. Governor Don is anxious to make this year more productive and wants clubs to be creative especially by breaking out and trying something NEW.

## Kingston Kiwanians Bring Joy to Kids



The Kiwanis Club of **KINGSTON**, NY, Hudson River Division – held their annual Children's Party for the Brookside School this past December. The party, held at Skytop Steakhouse, hosted 36 children from the school. Santa (played by Kingston Kiwanian Joey LoBianco) distributed gifts donated by club members to each child.

The children and their teachers/ chaperones were treated to lunch at the restaurant.

# Everyday Heroes Honored For Unique Refuse Art Trucks



**BWS Lieutenant Governor, Palma Volino, seated second from right, joins many other Kiwanians in honoring local Everyday Heroes at November 28, 2007 event.**

The Kiwanis Club of **EAST YONKERS**, Bronx Westchester South Division – attracted wide publicity and special recognition recently as they wrapped six refuse trucks in colorful art work depicting environmental themes, a project of the Yonkers Department of Public Works.

New York District 2006007 Governor Joseph Corace asked local Kiwanis Clubs to present "Everyday Hero Awards" to individuals who have performed acts of service that go beyond the ordinary.

The East Yonkers Kiwanis chose to honor local "heroes" involved in creating and producing the unique "Refuse Art Truck" project,

as well as members of the Yonkers DPW Educational Environmental Team who go into the Yonkers public and private schools to give presentations to students about the work of DPW.

According to the President of East Yonkers Kiwanis, Claire Campisi, "The art trucks offer a dramatic method of raising public awareness of the importance of recycling and other conservation approaches."

Presentations to honorees were made at a special Awards Dinner sponsored by East Yonkers Kiwanis. It was held recently at the Dunwoodie Golf Course Oak Room.

The Everyday Hero Recipients are:

Hon. Phil A. Amicone, Mayor  
John A. Liszewski, Commissioner DPW  
Helen Tvedt, Director of Economic Dev.  
Mona Chen, JMC Art Partners  
Jodi Moise, JMC Art Partners  
Barbara Segal, Segal Fine Arts  
Lou Picani, Safety Coordinator, DPW  
Pete Capobianco, Environmental Manager, DPW  
Michael Ruggiero, Environmental Manger, DPW  
Tony Martelli, Labor Supervisor, DPW  
Brian Carter, Environmental Worker, DPW  
Rosemary J. Uzzo, Educational Consultant

## 10 Tips for Effective Club Meetings

A club meeting is usually the only time when members interact directly with the club. What do your meetings say about your club? Are they friendly, organized, and interesting to all members?

Here are 10 tips for holding a well planned meeting that projects a professional image to both members and non-members.

- Start on time and end on time.

Delaying the meeting start time for the sake of latecomers only penalizes those that do make the effort to show up promptly. It may take a few weeks, but once those latecomers see that the meetings really do start with or without them, they will eventually start showing up earlier.

- Introduce visitors and guests warmly.

This starts off the meeting on a friendly tone and makes non-members feel welcome. Remember that every visitor is also a prospective member.

- Prepare and follow a proper agenda.

This point cannot be emphasized enough – agendas are critical to meeting success. Give the mic to committee chairs or other members who would like to make announcements, but keep good control on time.

- Plan meetings with variety.

Strive to plan meetings to be interesting, entertaining and informative for added value to the membership. Search for speakers bureaus to get ideas, or contact nearby clubs to exchange tips on great speakers.

- Create a congenial atmosphere.

Members feel best and gain the most when they are at ease. They need opportunities to get to know each other, to talk together, and to build trust. A few ideas to help create positive situations where members feel free to "join in" are team-building activities, small group discussions, and committee work.

- Move people around.

In a meeting, seating arrangements become important. Some members, especially new members, may not be outgoing. By changing the seating arrangements from time to time, members will get better acquainted and feel more at ease. Some clubs use a system where each member upon arriving at the meeting will draw a number from a hat, which will designate which table they will sit at, which helps eliminate cliques.

- Hold interesting programs.

To ensure interesting programs for the whole fiscal year, the program committee divides the membership into groups of two. Each pair is assigned the responsibility for one program during the year.

- Keep backup programs.

Have the program chairperson keep a good program or two available that can be substituted on short notice. Or, hold an impromptu club assembly where the club is divided into two or three groups, and each will focus on different areas of improvement for the club. At the end of the meeting, each group will present to the rest of the club their ideas and conclusions.

- Promote meetings in advance.

Announce the program for the following meeting in advance to give people enough notice to ensure they attend. People are much less likely to double book their meeting if they are aware of the speaker and have a genuine interest in attending.

- Keep the board meetings open.

Encourage all members to attend board meetings even though only board members have voting privileges. It is particularly valuable for new members to attend and learn the business operations of the club, so add this item to the list of new member induction steps.

## Central Adirondacks Kiwanis "One Day" Event a Success

Every one of the more than 600,000 people in the International Kiwanis family has been encouraged to participate in a special ONE Day of community service. The worldwide event is scheduled for Saturday, April 5.

However, due to the annual spring break in the Central Adirondacks the Kiwanis Club of the Central Adirondacks determined that it should schedule its event to coincide with another need in our community.

Recognizing the need for operating funds for the Community Youth & Activity Center (KYAC) in Old Forge, The Kiwanis Club and the Town of Webb School Key Club determined to hold a Spaghetti Dinner as a fundraiser.

The event was held at the Old Forge Fire House on Saturday March 8 and was a great success. Nearly 200 were served a spectacular meal prepared by Jim Connerty and his staff from the North Woods Inn and assisted by many Kiwanis and Key Club volunteers. A super bake sale and a 50/50 drawing were held.

Several local businesses donated supplies. DiOrio's sent makings for 150 salads and food distributors Sysco, Maines, and Zy-mowski donated most of the food and paper products for the event.

Over \$2,000 was raised for KYAC and Leo DeVincenzi won the 50/50 drawing.

Sheila Brady and Jim Connerty, co-chairs for the event, were especially thankful for all the neighbors who attended, all the volunteers who set up, served the meal and cleaned up and noted special thanks to the contributors of supplies that made the unique Kiwanis ONE Day event such a success.

When the International Kiwanis One Day arrives on April 5, the local Kiwanis Family will be enjoying a well-earned Spring Break.

## 2006 - 2007 Achievement Awards

### YOUNG CHILDREN PRIORITY ONE

#### CORAL

**Falconer Kiwanis Club** Southwestern Division  
Activity Packs for Young children in Hospital emergency rooms

#### EMERALD

**Hartsdale Kiwanis Club** Bronx-Westchester South Division  
Pediatric Trauma – Raising awareness and money for pediatric trauma kits

#### RUBY

**Five Towns Kiwanis Club** Long Island Southwest Division  
Toy Drive for Five Towns Child Care Center

#### DIAMOND

**East Meadow Kiwanis** Long Island South Central Division  
Pediatric Wards - Improved conditions in two local hospitals

### YOUTH SERVICE

#### CORAL

**NUMC** Long Island South Central Division  
Teddy Bear Day - Children from community brought bears for mock hospitalization

#### EMERALD

**Central Adirondack-Old Forge** Central Division  
Central Kommunity Youth Ct - Raised funds to open year round center

#### RUBY

**Minisink Valley Kiwanis** Hudson River West Division  
"Not One More" - Program to identify realities of speed, drugs and alcohol for teenage drivers

#### DIAMOND

**Webster Kiwanis Club** Finger Lakes Division  
Community Ctr. - Maintain Filed house and provide free of charge for youth groups and summer camp for visually impaired

### PUBLIC & BUSINESS AFFAIRS

#### CORAL

**Rockaways** Queens West Division  
Career Day - Speakers from all walks of life to inspire for future careers

#### EMERALD

**Jamestown** Southwestern Division  
AMBA Blood- -Blood testing for community at reasonable cost

#### RUBY

**New Scotland** Capital Division  
Youth Sports - Raise money for and sponsor youth sports teams

#### DIAMOND

**Elmira** Chemung Division  
Clean-up - sponsored the entire Downtown Clean up Event

### CITIZENSHIP

#### CORAL

**Jamaica** Queens East Division  
Gifts for Soldiers - Partnered with Girl Scout to make gift envelopes for soldiers in Iraq

#### EMERALD

**Lakeshore-Rochester** Finger Lakes Division  
Law & Order Day - Honor over 100 Police officers and firemen at a luncheon for their service

#### RUBY

**Maspeth** Queens West Division  
Law Day - Through presentations from elected and law enforcement of the community to students they learn about law and civics

#### DIAMOND

**Glens Falls** Mohawk Division  
Medical Supplies and toys and money to Pediatric Burn Center in Iraq

### INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

#### CORAL

**Plattsburgh Breakfast** Adirondack Division  
Mission of Hope to raise funds for a home in Nicaragua

#### DIAMOND

**Canandaigua** Finger Lakes Division  
World Link - Ukraine  
Kiwanis Club of Kiev

**East Meadow** Long Island South Central Division  
World Link - Kazistan  
Kiwanis Club Phillipines

**Webster** Finger Lakes  
World Link - Nigeria + 1  
Kiwanis Club of Aba

### SUPPORT OF SPIRITUAL AIMS

#### CORAL

**Three Villages** Suffolk East Division  
Soup Kitchen

#### EMERALD

**Farmington-Victor** Finger Lakes Division  
Rel. Appreciation Church Pantries

#### RUBY

**Castleton-on-Hudson** Van Rensselaer Division  
Clergy Recognition

## Maspeth Installs New Officers

Kiwanis Club of **MASPETH**, Queens West division – Lt. Governor Angelo Maltaghati was proud to install and pin incoming 60th president of the club Marie Breslin. Ms. Breslin of O'Kane Real-estate a active member since 1988 and has received the distinguished member award on several occasions.

Also installed during the evening was President Elect J.P. Di Troia of Fresh Pond Crematory and Columbarium, along with Vice President Nunzio J. Russo of Grand Processing Service. To show support for this great club the Glendale Kiwanis Club and Lefferts-Liberty Kiwanis club were in attendance.

The Kiwanis Club of Maspeth has served the community for the last 60 years by providing fund raisers which include: Kiwanis Auctions, an annual Pancake Breakfast, Flea Markets and annual raffles. Proceeds from these events are used to support community programs like: • Law Day (May) • Participation in the Maspeth Memorial Day Parade (May) • Grand Avenue Street Festival (June) • Key Club and Builders Club barbecue (June) • Scholarship Awards (June) • Kamp Kiwanis (July) • Holiday Food Baskets (November) • Children's Christmas Party (December) • Maspeth Self-Help Senior Center • Builders Clubs at IS73 and IS5 • K-Kids Club at PS229 • Key Clubs at Martin Luther High School and Forest Hills High School • Circle K Club at St. John's University • Sports Activity Programs and • an Anti-Graffiti Program.



### Historian

Anton "Tony" Kaiser

### Happy 90th Birthday, NYD!

On September 27, 1918, soon after enabling legislation was adopted at the 1918 Providence, R.I. convention of Kiwanis International, at a meeting of delegates from the then existing nine Kiwanis Clubs in the New York State – Rochester, Lockport, Buffalo, Syracuse, Albany, Utica, Troy, Binghamton, and New York City – the NYD of Kiwanis international was officially organized. That makes 2008 our District's 90th Anniversary Year!

Not many individuals or even organizations reach four score and ten years, so we should again take note, even if only briefly, and celebrate our great district and some of its many contributions to Kiwanis International.

Even before the formation of our district, New York State Kiwanians played major roles in the birth and gestation of the fledging Kiwanis organization: Allan S. Brown, "National Organizer"; George F. Hixson, the first International President (1916-1917); and Albert Dodge, the first International Secretary were all New Yorkers. On November 1, 1916, less than two years after the first Kiwanis Club was formed in Detroit, Michigan, our Buffalo Club sponsored and Allan Browne organized a new club in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, adding the "International" to Kiwanis. In February 1917, the first International Magazine was published and edited in Buffalo and printed in Rochester.

At that 1918 "convention" in Syracuse, the delegates elected Clarence A. Nelson from Utica our first District Governor. He was followed by 89 other dedicated Kiwanis leaders who proudly and with distinction led the district as governors. Of those, ten went on to serve Kiwanis International as International Board Members: Seven as Trustees (including our own Tom DeJulio whose anticipated campaign and election as Vice President and then International President we eagerly await), two as Vice President, and finally two as President and Chief Executive Officer of the worldwide organization (yours truly in 1987-88, and Jerry Christiano in 1996-97).

In 1922, the seminal work on the six Objects of Kiwanis, still unchanged since their adoption in 1924, was done by Buffalo's Lewis Mitchell, our District Governor in 1923, Poughkeepsie's Walter O'Lloyd, our 1924 Governor, and George Ross from Toronto, Canada.

Scores of other distinguished New Yorkers have served Kiwanis International as important committee chairs and members as well as Key Club international and Circle K International Presidents and leaders.

Also noteworthy, our New York District has hosted (only) two of Kiwanis International's 93 conventions, both in New York City, in 1953 and 1965, the latter our Golden Anniversary convention, attended by over 18000 persons, the third largest convention ever. (Rhetorical question: Isn't it long past time for another New York District – hosted International con-

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President Marie Breslin and LG Angelo Maltaghati.



LG Angelo Maltaghati pins incoming President Elect J.P. Di Troia.



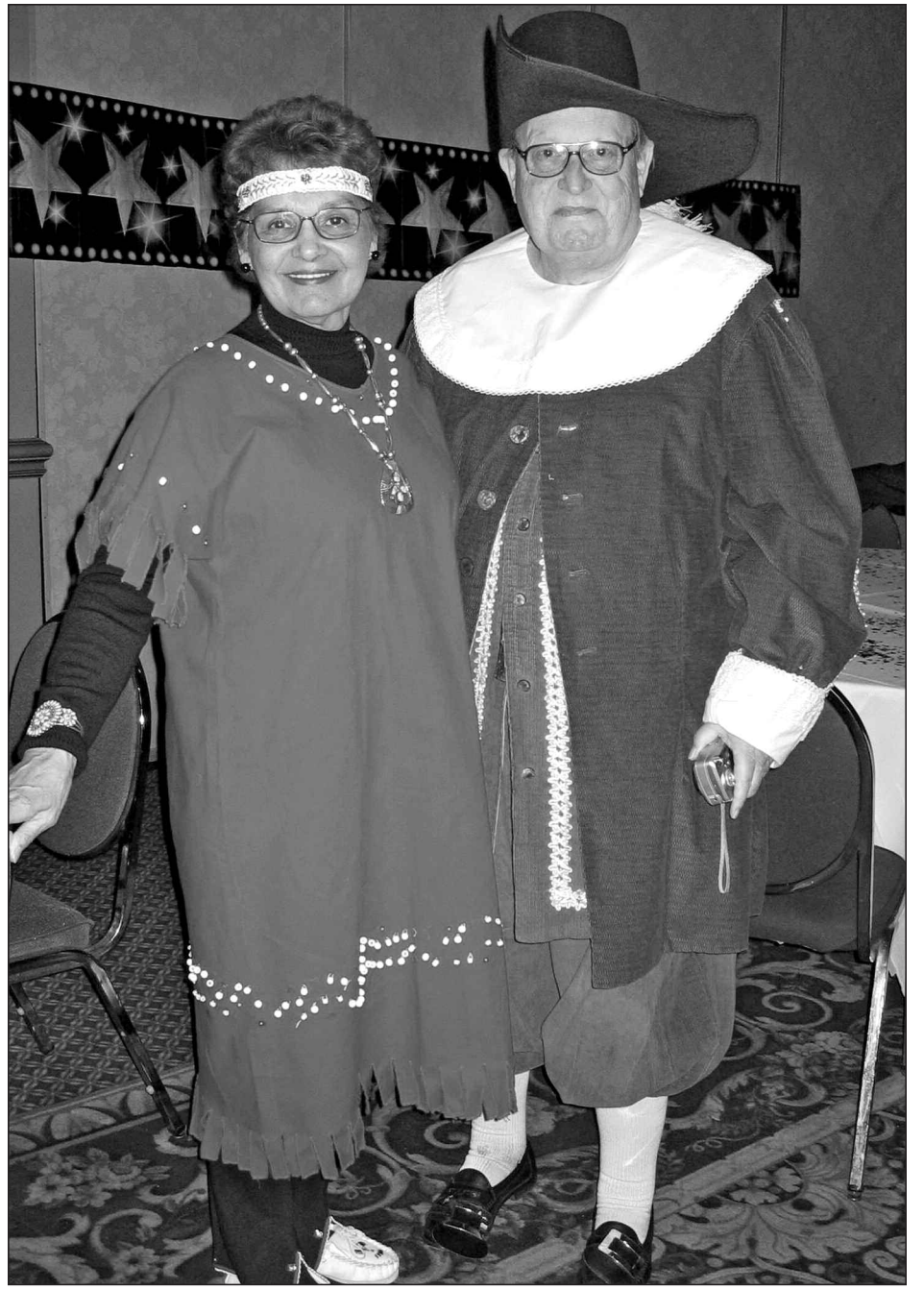
Kiwanians were on hand to congratulate and support the Maspeth Club.



# Kiwanians Enjoy MidWinter Fun









### Builders Club

Joanne Underwood

Being the Builders Club Administrator is a lot different from being a Builders Club Advisor. The responsibilities are different, the people I am responsible to are different and quite frankly, you adults are not as much fun as Middle School Kids nor, are you as easy to motivate to take on another project (such as starting up a New Builders Club or reactivating a former one), and I know, that's because of the many many demands already on your life and your time. FOR THIS VERY REASON, we NEED to build and reactivate as many Builders Clubs as possible! Let me explain.

Students in the Middle School and Junior High years have more energy than any other group I know, and they can use that energy in focused, productive ways, IF given direction and support. While we (adults) have 10 important projects pulling us in every direction, vying for whatever time we can find, these students dream of being given a chance to show they are grown up and can do things!

They are too young to have part time jobs, cannot yet drive, but know they can do important things, yet no one seems to give them a chance to prove it. This is a crucial time in a young person's life. Self-esteem is ready to develop, but often not given a chance to.. After all, there are only so many truly gifted athletes, or academically gifted students.

The rest (the vast majority of students) are falling through the self-esteem cracks. We have an important opportunity to help these kids develop into productive, caring people with leadership skills, experienced at planning and carrying out projects that will benefit their communities and as a result, develop true self-esteem (which can carry them far when faced with negative peer pressure). These are the kids who (with direction and guidance) will become the leaders of tomorrow. That opportunity they need, is a Builders Club.

Builders Clubs are Student run organizations, guided by their Faculty Advisor and a Kiwanis Advisor. The service they perform often puts our Kiwanis Clubs to shame; they don't know that there are limits, so they are almost unstoppable. They thrive on the sense of accomplishment and the esteem that comes with it. They love to work with adults, so can double the productivity of your club if asked to join you in a project! And with every project they undertake, they develop those leadership skills that were unavailable to them without their Builders Club but so necessary for productive, confident citizens.

Now I ask you, if your club does not sponsor a Builders Club, what is holding you back? Especially since they no longer have to be in schools?

Yes, you read that right. Kiwanis International has agreed that if " a junior high/middle school will not allow a Builders Club in the school, a community-based or  
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# Sibs Place Gets \$3000 from Peninsula Kiwanis Fundraiser



The Kiwanis Club of PENINSULA, HEWLETT, Long Island Southwest Division – On February 1st with the help and support of Peninsula Kiwanis, Hewlett High School hosted its 4th annual Hoops For Hope basketball game with the event proceeds going to SIBSPPlace. The project was started by Hewlett High School basketball coach and Peninsula Kiwanis member Bill Dubin.

This year with various fundraising efforts

**Pictured above, left to right: SIBSPlace Founding Donor Michael Schamroth, Hewlett High School Basketball Coach Bill Dubin, and Peninsula Kiwanis President Kevin Cooney display the check for \$3000.**

including the Hoops For Hope basketball game the club has donated over \$3,000 to help the siblings of children with catastrophic diseases.

## Secretary Underwood

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your Kiwanis Club does not qualify for tax-deductible contributions for individuals and corporations. (Your club may have a separate 501(c)3 entity that you most likely have the identified as a foundation). This is an update of Kiwanis International's application to the IRS:

1. The applications have been forwarded with an agent's and supervisor's recommendations to the IRS Quality Review Department. Though no official communications have been received, this department reportedly will send Kiwanis International additional questions related to the original applications.

2. If that department denies 501(c)3 status, the application will proceed to Washington DC for another level of review.

3. If 501(c)3 tax reclassification is approved, the IRS wants a January 1, 2007 effective date, not October 1, 2007 as requested in the application. Kiwanis has responded that it will accept that change.

### Why should my club be incorporated and is it hard to do?

Incorporation of your Kiwanis Club is not really an option. All new clubs that are chartered agree that the club will be incorporated within one year of their charter. Why is this important? It provides a layer of protection of the individual officers and board members. We do live in an era of lawsuits.

It is not hard to become Incorporated and does not need to cost a lot of money. Yes, an attorney would be good to have do this for your club, however, you can easily go to the New York State website (Department of State, Division of Corporations) [www.dos.state.ny.us](http://www.dos.state.ny.us). There you will find a blank Certificate of Incorporation (under Section 401 of the Not-For-Profit Corporation Law). Just fill it in with your Club's name, purpose for which your club is formed, the names and addresses of the initial directors and officers. Send that form with \$75 payable to "Department of State" NYS Department of State Division of Corporations, Albany, NY 12231.

### How your club can have free dues for new members

During the Montreal Kiwanis International Convention the delegates approved a bylaw

that would reward those clubs that grew by 25% from September 30th of one year to September 30th of the following year. Clubs that achieved that growth would receive a credit or other payment for the International Dues for those new members over and above the club membership of the previous year. In January, Kiwanis International sent checks to the following clubs for achieving this criterion:

- Baldwinsville (Ontario)
- Fonda – Fultonville (Mohawk)
- Fordham, Bronx (Bronx Westchester South)
- Gouverneur (Saint Lawrence)
- Hamburg (Niagara Frontier South)
- Manhasset Port Washington (LIN)
- Mount Morris (Genesee)

What a terrific motivation to grow! We hope to report your club here next year! Just three caveats, be sure to get all your member adds and deletes into Indianapolis well BEFORE September 30th. Your club's dues billing must have been paid in full. Additionally, the credit or payment will be for ONLY Kiwanis International dues (currently \$42) and only for the numbers of members at year's end that exceed the beginning of the year!

### The Kiwanis International Site has changed!

When you go to [www.kiwanis.org](http://www.kiwanis.org) you will find a brand new look. This is now the site that most people surfing the Web will see. The content is designed to explain to non-Kiwanians what we do as a group of volunteers. Lots of splash and neat stuff will be found on this page. However, to find the form downloads and reporting information you need to administer your clubs just click on "member resources" on the left menu and you will be taken to [www.kiwanisone.org](http://www.kiwanisone.org). This is the site that will give you all of the information and forms you need as Club Secretary, etc. They have also added some neat features and search functions that should help your club improve your members' experiences at meetings and projects.

If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact the District Office or me at ANY TIME! ... Justin Underwood, NY District Secretary/Treasurer, 1-800-419-8898 or [justinau@rochester.rr.com](mailto:justinau@rochester.rr.com).



### Key Leader

Kim Scharoff

### Kiwanis Key Leader going Strong...

Kiwanis International has impacted positively on the lives of young leaders since 1925 through its youth leadership organizations K-Kids, Builder's Club, Key Club and Circle K. Many credit these programs for their first taste of leadership, including myself, senators, governors, university presidents, corporate executives and a United States President.

In 2003, a task force of professionals was asked to invent something extraordinary. The result is an exciting program designed to move beyond where most other youth leadership programs stop. The result is KEY LEADER. Sponsored by Kiwanis International, a professional facilitator will guide the potential youth leaders through an interactive weekend retreat at the conference site. KEY LEADER is designed to open doors for teens, graduating eighth grade through high school seniors. It is designed to reach students in the middle of the pack as opposed to those on the top of the academic pyramid. It focuses on personal leadership growth and service leadership as the most meaningful leadership –development experience.

In the New York District, we have 2 events each year. The first will be May 16-18 at Camp Stella Maris in Livonia and the second will be October 17-19 at the Greenkill Conference Center in Port Jervis.

The all-inclusive cost for this weekend is \$175 for a student and \$95 for a student facilitator. A school, Kiwanis Club, community organization, church group, family or others may pay this cost.

What we have found successful is for clubs to award "scholarships" to the Key Leader Weekend so that students realize that they have been singled out because of apparent potential. The best way to do this is to contact local schools and ask for nominations. Clubs can then either require an essay from each student or work with a leadership club advisor (hopefully a Key Club Advisor) to work on selecting the recipients. The Kiwanis club would decide who and how many they will send to the Key Leader weekend and present the awards with enough time for the students and their families to plan.

A Kiwanian should be assigned to contact the students 6 weeks prior to the event and help guide them through the registration process. I would also suggest keeping the names of other students in case substitutes are needed. You can also let those students know that they can attend the Key Leader weekend if another sponsor can be found (it can be a parent, church or any other group).

Here in New York, we have a committee of dedicated Kiwanians who are available to answer questions and provide additional support/information. Please do not hesitate to contact me at [kscharoff@yahoo.com](mailto:kscharoff@yahoo.com). I look forward to making the Key Leader program a larger success in New York.

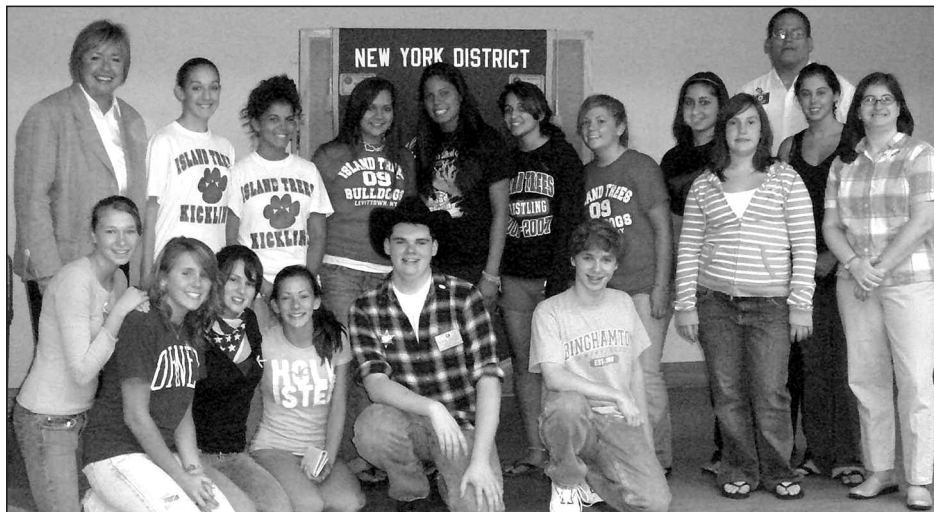
# Long Island and NYC Key Clubs Hold Service Fair

**KEY CLUBBERS** from Long Island and New York City came by car and train to Island Trees High School in Levittown to learn about Key Club, meet with representatives of Kiwanis charities and other charitable organizations and, actually do service projects.

The Key Club Lt. Governors from Divisions 1-11 spent the later part of the summer organizing and planning the event. Gigabytes of email communications and a meeting at Lt. Governor Rickie Santer's house produced a service fair that included an opening session, two rounds of workshops a video session and a meet and greet with representatives of charitable organizations.

During the opening session, County Legislator and East Meadow Kiwanian Norma Gonsalves and Town of Hempstead Supervisor and Levittown Kiwanian Kate Murray presented each Key Club Division and the hosting Key Club with citations recognizing the effort that went into organizing the service fair and honoring the Key Clubbers for their community service.

For their first round of workshops, the Key Clubbers attended workshops on increasing membership, K-Family relations, completing the Governor's service project, public relations, winning District Convention awards and improving service projects. Key Club International Trustee, NYD Key Club Governor Karen DeMaria, District Secretary Alex Geroux, and several Lt. Governors all ran workshops.



**Kate Murray congratulates Lt. Governor Rickie Santer, Island Trees Key Club President Robin Kornstein, Kiwanis Advisors David and Gail Cummo as well as the officers and members of Levittown's Key Clubs**

The service fair concluded with a second round of workshop focused on service projects. The Key Clubbers made "Pillow Hugs" for injured soldiers at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington DC, created Kiwanis dolls for children in the hospital, designed book marks for Gulf Coast schools still rebuilding from Hurricane Katrina. Materials for these service projects were generously donated by the East Meadow Kiwanis Club.

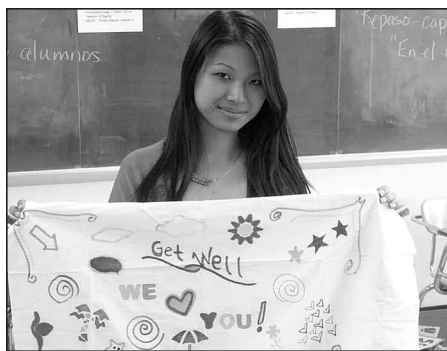
Service Fair Committee Chair Rickie Santer was pleased that so many Key Clubbers came from the Suffolk and New York City Divisions.



**Key Club Lt. Governor Rickie Santer demonstrates how to make Kiwanis dolls for hospitalized children to service fair workshop participants.**



**Key Clubbers learn how they can volunteer at Long Island's Ronald McDonald House**



**Brooklyn Tech Key Club Treasurer Judy displays the "Pillow Hug" she made for a soldier being treated at Walter Reed Army Medical Center**



**Island Trees Key Clubber stitches her Kiwanis doll for a pediatrics patient.**



**Patchogue-Medford HS Key Club President Tara and Secretary Stephanie meet with a representative from the Alzheimers Association to learn how their club can support Memory Walk.**

Following a video session that included informational and inspirational video segments, the Key Clubbers enjoyed bagels provided by Levittown Kiwanis President Peter Ray and discussed how their club could work with the charitable organizations in attendance. The organizations included NYD Kiwanis Foundation – Kamp Kiwanis, Key Club International Youth Opportunities Fund, Aktion Club/Sleeping Children Around the World (SCAW), Ronald McDonald House, Operation Smile, Coins for a Cure, the Foundation Fighting Blindness and, the Alzheimer's Assn.

## Seaford High School Key Club Raises Dollars for UNICEF



**Members of Seaford High School Key Club, sponsored by The Kiwanis Club of Massapequa recently raised money for the United Nations International Childrens Education Fund (UNICEF). Key Clubs (KEY = Kiwanis Educating Youth) are the high school division of the Kiwanis Sponsored Youth Programs that teach school children charitable giving, to reach out and help out those less fortunate than themselves. Pictured above from left to right: SHS Key Club Faculty Advisor Keri Degnan, members Kaitlyn Swift, Rick Del Guidice, Chris Moy, Massapequa Kiwanis Key Club Advisor Bill Moseley, and Anthony Maffetone. Photo by Bill Moseley/BBA Photography Corp.**



### Key Club Governor

Karen DeMaria

**"Success comes to those who love what they do."**

This phrase has been attributed in part to athletes and celebrities, but it is also true for those volunteers who have provided thousands upon thousands of service hours this year for Key Club alone. In just eleven months, Key Club members in the New York District have worked to make a difference in their homes, schools and communities and have enjoyed every second of it.

In March of 2007, the New York District vowed to carry on the tradition of service, fellowship and fun. Now, eleven months later, the tradition could not have been carried on any more successfully. Throughout the year, your Key Clubs have raised funds for our eight District Project Charities: American Cancer Society, Kamp Kiwanis, Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center, Make-A-Wish, Alzheimer's Association, Sleeping Children Around the World, Local Causes and Ronald McDonald House Charities. In addition, Key Clubs have been working towards the goal of contributing 15,000 hours of their time and talents to this year's Governor Project, "Project Pals."

This project encourages clubs to work with children and adults with physical disabilities and mental handicaps to include them in community activities. Please check with your Key Club for details about their plans to participate in the first Governor's Project Day of Service, to be held between now and Key Club District Convention. In almost every direction you choose to look, the New York District of Key Club International is moving forward.

So far, the New York District has officially built ten new Key Clubs and is awaiting charters on several others. In addition, Key Club has helped to build multiple Builder's Clubs with the hope of expanding the K-Family to our younger brothers, sister, cousins and friends. Members of the District have commented that they have constantly heard Kiwanians talking about how the best way to ensure membership growth in Kiwanis is to recruit members from a young age. By helping to build new Builder's Clubs, that is exactly what we are hoping to accomplish.

For the first time in the history of the New York District, we are about to break the 13,000-membership mark. Key Clubbers are very excited about this accomplishment; the more members we have, the more service we can achieve. You can help us to accomplish this goal by checking with your sponsored clubs to ensure that they have paid dues and held membership drives to increase our membership!

The New York District Board has been working hard all year long to ensure that 2007-2008 is the best yet, and working equally hard is our Convention Committee who has been planning the 60th Annual New

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## Lyme Disease

John A. Gridley

### The Children of Lyme Disease

Current research indicates that the Lyme disease bacteria, *Borrelia burgdorferi*, can be transmitted within hours after an infected tick attachment. Failure of parents and teachers to recognize Lyme disease early in its course can result in a child developing a chronic difficult to treat infection in the brain, eyes, joints, heart and elsewhere in the body.

In my experience (said Dr. Charles Ray Jones, M.D. Lyme Disease Specialist and Pediatrician) treating 7,000+ children birth to 18 with Lyme disease, 50% have no tick attachment history, 10% or less have an erythema migraines (bullseye rash) history, but all have a history of living, near or having visited a Lyme endemic area and have a decline in the way they play and perform in school.

They are tired, wilt easily, have dark circles under their eyes and are sick. Lyme disease has a profound negative impact on a child's life, cognitive function and ability to perform maximally in school. Severe fatigue unrelieved by rest results in decreased stamina and a decreased ability to play and to do school work. Insomnia, headaches, nausea, abdominal pain, impaired concentration, poor short-term memory, an inability to sustain attention, confusion, uncharacteristic behavior, outbursts and mood swings, fever/chills, joint pain, dizziness, noise and light sensitivity, and difficult thinking, expressing thoughts, reading, writing and making decisions as well as feeling of being overwhelmed by schoolwork plaque a child with Lyme disease. Pain and impaired cognitive function make it difficult to sustain attention and to learn and recall material.

When Lyme disease is a possible diagnosis, the children should be evaluated by a Lyme knowledgeable physician, such as Doctor Jones, who will continue antibiotic therapy until all Lyme symptoms resolve. This past year the Kiwanis Pediatric Lyme Disease Emergency Fund Foundation paid out approximately \$75,000 to help pay for the treatment and/or medication of 16 children throughout the New York District. Thank you to the following that have received a Lyme Disease Brittany Fellowship and have made all this possible:

#### Bronx Westchester South Division

Paula Angerame, Laura Berardi, Susan Bruculeri, Peter C. Caliendo, Ben Celaj, Don Ciota, Brian Hickey, Douglas Hickey, Maury Kahan, Bill Kenny, Brittany mezzancello (who the Fellowship is named after), Mark Mezzancello, Patricia Mezzancello, Vincent Pistone, Angela Politano, Cathy Racanelli, Dennis Rosa, Robert Rubinstein, Amato "Tony" Ruggiero, Kurt Schneider, Arlene Soto, Marsha Sulecki, Joseph Wuest, and Virginia Wuest

#### Brooklyn Division

Joseph Corace, Frank DiSanto, Silvio Honovic,  
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MAKING THE WORLD A LITTLE SAFER

# Valley Stream Kiwanis and Crochet Club Team Up to Provide Trauma Kits to Schools

As reprinted from Valley Herald  
By ANDREW HACKMACK

Two elementary schools in Valley Stream have been equipped with life-saving equipment thanks to a pair of community organizations. With the addition of pediatric trauma kits at Blessed Sacrament and Holy Name of Mary schools, children at those two facilities are in safer hands.

The Crochet Club at the Monica Village senior housing complex and the Valley Stream Kiwanis Club worked together to make it all happen. By selling a variety of items its members knitted, the Crochet Club was able to raise the necessary funds to acquire the trauma kits.

Lucille Moran, executive director of Monica Village, is also a member of the Kiwanis Club. She was familiar with the organization's past efforts to outfit local emergency vehicles, and knew that Kiwanis officials wanted to expand the availability of the trauma kits to schools. She also knew the ladies of the Crochet Club wanted to do something special with the money they were raising from selling their items "They came to me just for suggestions," Moran said. "It was really that simple."

With that, the idea was born. On Jan 9, Kiwanis officials presented a trauma kit to Holy Name of Mary School Principal JoAnn Vitiello and Msgr Tom Harold before members of the Crochet Club. Last May the two groups made a similar donation to Principal Mary Earvolino and the Rev. Gerald Cestare of Blessed Sacrament School. "I think this is a wonderful addition to our nursing program," Vitiello said of the trauma kit, adding that she hopes it never has to be used "We're just very grateful to the Kiwanis Club and the residents of Monica Village for their thoughtfulness."

The Crochet Club raised \$1,000 per trauma kit. The actual duffel bag and supplies were donated by the Friends of Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center at North Shore University hospital in Manhasset. The money raised by the residents of Monica Village goes toward education in the use of the pediatric trauma kits. Robert Coppola, president of the Valley Stream Kiwanis, explained that the nurse at Holy Name of Mary School would be invited to an upcoming training seminar



Members of the Crochet Club at Monica Village with officials from the Holy Name of Mary School and the Valley Stream Kiwanis Club.

"It's the education program that is saving lives, along with the kit," Coppola said. Al Bevilacqua, past governor of the New York Kiwanis District, said that in a 1991 study by Kiwanis, it was discovered that 25,000 children were dying each year from trauma related injuries. Bevilacqua explained that treatment within the first few minutes can often mean the difference between life and death.

In the 17 years since then, EMTs have become better trained and trauma kits have been provided for emergency vehicles for children. "It's not just us giving a duffel bag full of equipment," Bevilacqua said. "It's an entire process." The number of trauma related deaths has decreased by more than 30 percent, he explained. Kiwanis chapters all

across the country have worked to provide this life-saving equipment and training. "This is how we help the community," Bevilacqua said "If you need it, it's there. What better thing can you do then save a child's life?"

Dorothy Lambiaso-Artemisio is president of the Monica Village Crochet Club. She has six grandchildren of her own, and, she says, anything that can be done to make the world safer for children is meaningful. "We wanted to do something that would really help," Lambiaso-Artemisio said, adding that all members of the club think this is a good use of the money they raise.

Bevilacqua praised the ladies' hard work. "I have to give them a lot of credit," he said. "It's wonderful when you have a group that is so community-minded."

## LaGuardia Receives Mets Spirit Award

The Kiwanis Club of LAGUARDIA, Queens West Division – President Doris Mellina reports she had the honor of accepting the NY Mets, "METS SPRIT AWARD" given to a Kiwanis Club that has supported public awareness of KPTC. Accepting the award allowed her to praise and thank Rich DeCastro for his dedication to Kiwanis and KPTC. Rich has served as President of KPTC for the past two years. Immediate Past NY Governor Joe Corace is currently the President of KPTC.

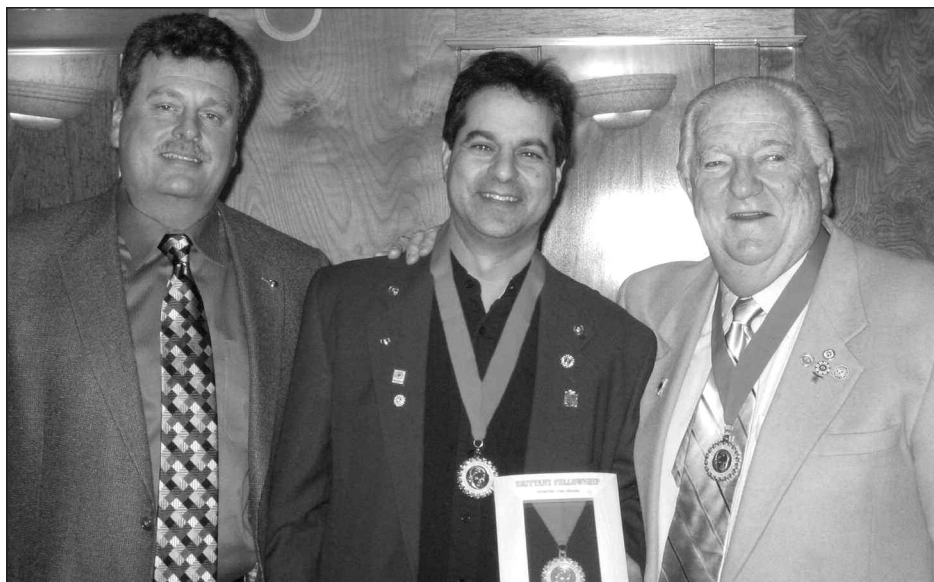
Since 1991, the New York District of Kiwanis International has created and supported the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center

at Schneider Children's Hospital at North Shore.

Through a variety of fundraising efforts, Kiwanis has also worked closely with the North Shore-LIJ Health System's Department of Health Education to provide funding for educational, safety and health programs, as well as informative literature for the schools and community.

In every serious injury there is a small window of time before a child suffers irreversible damage or dies. Most emergency care systems place the emphasis on adults. Children's needs are very different. For instance; a Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Kit is a child-sized ambulance equipment kit donated by local Kiwanis Clubs to local fire departments, ambulance corps, EMT units and police ambulances.

## DPLG Ditkowich Become Brittany Fellow



Kiwanis Club of FIVE TOWNS, Long Island Southwest Division – On March 13, 2008 the Five Towns Kiwanis Club held it's Award Night. The event took place at Mezzanotte Restaurant in Hewlett. Over 60 people were on hand to join in the festivities. DPLG Daniel Ditkowich was awarded the coveted Brittany Fellowship Award. The award is presented to a Kiwanian who contributes to the Brittany

*Pictured above left to right: Five Towns President Edward Monaco, Long Island Southwest DPLG Daniel Ditkowich, New York District Distinguished Past Governor John Gridley.*

Fund a program that helps in the research of Pediatric Lyme Disease. Kiwanis Governor John Gridley was on hand to present the award.

## DeMaria

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York District Convention.

This weekend will be under the theme "New York District ... Celebrating 60 Years" and will be one of the best yet! I encourage you to come to the Nevele Grand Resource March 28-30th and see what it is all about! Please speak to your clubs to ensure that they have registered. This year, registration forms will not be accepted upon arrival so please ensure that your clubs mail their paperwork in ahead of time.

On behalf of the New York District of Key Club International, I thank you for your continued support to our District! I encourage you to continue to strengthen your relations with your Key Clubbers and help our organization to flourish as a result. Remember: separately we can achieve great things, but united the Kiwanis Family is unstoppable. We have done an excellent job improving our K-Family Relations this past year but let's bring it a step further and continue to work together!

## ABCD Migrant Day Care Receives a Visit From Newark and Santa

The Kiwanis Club of **NEWARK**, Finger Lakes Division – This past holidays season members of the Kiwanis Club of Newark took Santa Claus, bags of gifts and Christmas cookies to the ABCD Migrant Day Care in Williamson. They were greeted by staff and 72 children, ranging in age from infants to five years. The reaction of the children ranged from wide eyes and smiles to a few tears at the sight of Santa Claus.

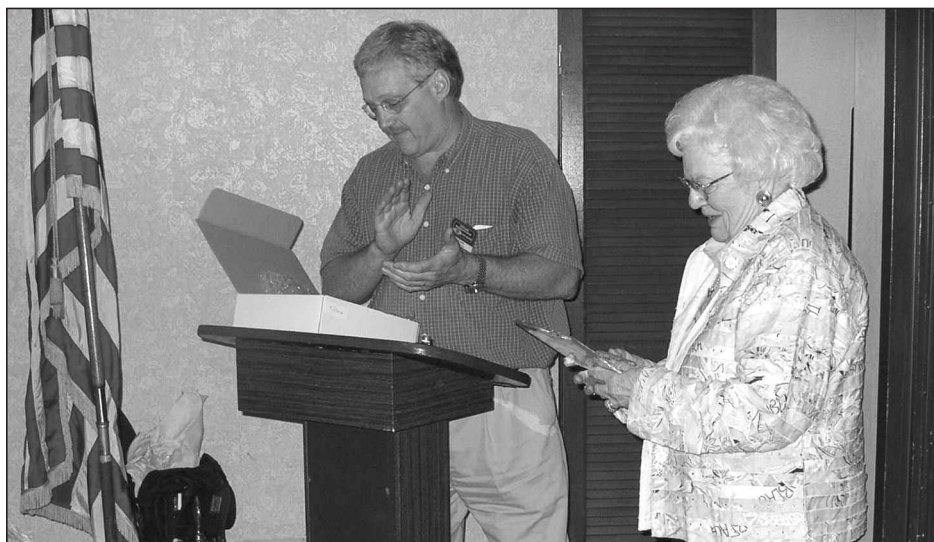
In preparation for the visit to the Day Care, members of the Kiwanis Club read letters from the children about their Christmas wishes and filled a shoe box for each child with dolls, crayons, trucks, balls and other toys that had been requested. Many of the children sat on Santa's lap and accepted their gifts. Watching them tear the paper away from their boxes and discover a box of toys brought smiles to the faces of staff and Kiwanis members.

The ABCD Day Care is in session year round to serve migrant Mexican families.

The children are taught English that will enable them to have a smooth transition to public school. Santa received scribbled notes from the older children and we were impressed with the verbal Thank You's from the children.

The visit to the Day Care was heartwarming and exciting for everyone. The smiles, hugs and love were very visible that day and everyone who attended carried away a warm heart and smiles and the Spirit of Christmas.

# Shirley Sutherland Gets Outstanding Service Award



The Kiwanis Club of **CORNING**, Chemung Division – was honored to present the Outstanding Service Award to Shirley Sutherland in recognition of her 20 years of service in Kiwanis. Over 26 Kiwanians as well as friends and family joined in a luncheon to honor Shirley at The Radisson Inn in Corning. Shirley was one of the first females to join Kiwanis after the by-laws were changed to invite women as members. She was the first woman President of the Corning club, serving in a distinguished capacity for 1992 - 93. She served as Lieutenant Governor for the Chemung Division and NYS from 1995 to 1996 and represented the area at many International conferences. She even carries over Kiwanis in her personal life, having met Tom McIntyre in 1998 and finally marrying him when he was Kiwanis Governor of New York State. She has been the club secretary for the last 5 years and as such has kept the

**PLG Shirley Sutherland proudly accepts her award.**

club operating on all its cylinders. She is a very special Kiwanian, who cares and demonstrates that caring with her actions. Shirley is the stuff that makes a Kiwanian proud to be a Kiwanian!

## THANK YOU

DPG Patrick J. Cooney and Former First Lady Linda Cooney would like to express their sincere thanks to fellow Kiwanians and friends for the outpouring of support and sincere condolence wishes upon the death of their grandson Spencer.

Senior Airman Spencer Knapp, 19, lost his life in a single car accident while traveling through Ohio. A brick was dedicated this past weekend in Spencer's name at Kamp Kiwanis.

## Costa Award Presented to Police Officers



Picture above: Peninsula Kiwanis holds the Louis Costa Humanitarian annual award night.

The Kiwanis Club of **PENINSULA HEWLETT**, Long Island Southwest Division – recently held its annual Louis Costa Humanitarian Award night. The prestigious award is an annual presentation given to a Fourth Precinct Police Officer for his or her outstanding work in their community. Louis Costa, a two time past president of the Peninsula Kiwanis was very active in all community service.

Police Officer Vincent Adamo was the recipient of the 2008 Peninsula Kiwanis Louis Costa Humanitarian Award. Police Officer Vincent Adamo has been a member of the Fourth Precinct since 1997 and has a tremendous impact on the residents of the Fourth Precinct. He serves the community well and helps apprehend drunk drivers and other violators which create hazards to children and other safe drivers.

## Herring

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banner patch for diversity. The third goal is to strengthen the ability of Kiwanis worldwide to help the children of the World. To do this we need to support Kiwanis International's Children's fund by each of our clubs donating \$5.00 per member to this most important cause. I can not tell you enough how this contribution will help thousands of children world wide. If you do not have this item in your budget, consider doing an extra fund raiser for this purpose. All will benefit your club, and many children in need.

In closing, thank you for what you have done so far. Let's do more. Let's sponsor more members, do more service, be more diverse, and extend our reach to the needy children every ware. If we do these things we will be able to look back on this year with fondness and pride in a job well done.

## Gridley

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Maureen Neuringer, John Passariello, and the Kiwanis Club of Bensonhurst and Bay Ridge.

### Finger Lakes Division

Doreen Pellitteri, Long Island North Division: Barbara Cirlincione, John A. Gridley, Rose Marie Gridley and Maria Jones

### Long Island South Central Division

Alan K. Beinhacker, Charles Cronin, Thomas Kane, Steve Kaplan, Ken Klein, David Rothman, Georgianna Sena, Janice Seyfried, Kristin Seyfried, Mitchell Skoller and Woodland Builders Club

### Long Island Southwest Division

Danny Ditowich, Peter Mientenkorte, and the LISW Division

### Metropolitan Division

Orlando "Lindy" Mazzarro Jr.

### Ontario Division

Joseph C. Eppolito

### Suffolk East Division

Mary Loud Baldin, Samuel C. De Bono Sr., Alan Dixon, Ann Fitzpatrick, Mary Beth Henderson, Edward Hughes, Mary Ellen Illardo, William A. Jackson, Kevin C. Judge, Carol A. Kroupa, Garrett R. Lacara, Greg Menegio, Sonia Messana, Frank Montanez, Robert Newell, Albert E. Notaro Jr., Peter P. Ostapow, Lynda Rakvin, Harry E. Wilkinson, Louise Wilkinson, and Saul Zabell

### Suffolk West Division:

Barbara Macchiaroli and Louise Perrotta



## Public Relations

Janice Seyfried

### KIWANIS

#### "THE BEST KEPT SECRET IN TOWN"

Branding can help reveal to your community our organization. Kiwanis is part of the non-profit sector; and for whatever reasons, organizations in the non-profit sector have a history of underselling themselves. In most cases organizations are too understaffed, too busy providing services, or too overwhelmed with its own survival to promote itself and its true value to the community.

Branding can help bring clarity to our purpose, strengthen our voice in the community and open more funding sources. Branding is a form of relationship building. It tells who we are, what we do, how we do it, and why anyone should care enough to support us. This, however, does not happen overnight. A great deal of time and thought should go into providing a branding message that defines our organization and your club.

First, the brand has to be defined. Much of this has been done for us. The defining statement (the 30-second "elevator response" to "What is Kiwanis?") sums up our mission. "Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world, one child and one community at a time." There are also other key statements available that can be used, saying the same thing in different ways. Utilize these whenever possible.

Secondly, the use of a logo instantly ties the club and Kiwanis together and gives identification to the club's activities. Use of the Kiwanis logo, club logo, or just the word "Kiwanis" becomes an organization-wide effort at all levels (club, division, district, KI), raising the visibility and value of our "brand", the role we are playing in achieving our goals. It is similar to the first person answering the phone for a company – the first words heard by the caller will connect the caller's mind with that company or organization and one that will last, whether it be good or bad.

Keep our branding efforts within our range of what is doable. Using branded items, such as shirts, banners, pins, brochures, and many other handouts doesn't take much in the way of resources but will give consistent messaging which will help promote Kiwanis

Everyone in the organization needs to work together so that consistent and clear messages reach target audiences. Our members are the most cost-effective "brand ambassadors." We can represent Kiwanis because we know and understand our mission.

Members can become educated in using the branding tools through a well-thought out orientation program. There is a Power Point orientation program available for downloading; this presentation can be customized for use at your own club meeting.

Officers and board members should lead by example – always putting forth Kiwanis, your club, and our mission.

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# Patchoque Presents Another \$10,000 to Kamp Kiwanis

The Kiwanis Club of **PATCHOQUE**, Suffolk East Division – After last year's District Convention in Buffalo, district member's read in the Empire State Kiwanian about several donations made by various clubs to help support Kamp Kiwanis. It is through the generosity of so many that the Kamp had a banner year with a record number of regular and special needs campers.

During the Foundation meeting, clubs were encouraged to submit contributions and briefly describe their club's efforts in raising the funds. Many diligent efforts and diverse events were and are used to generate the funds raised to assist Kamp Kiwanis.

Patchoque President Elect Joseph L. Barry and members made a special contribution of \$10,000 as a down payment for a new cabin to be built in the club's name: "PATCHOGUE," to commemorate their 70th anniversary. The Patchoque club received a "standing ovation" for this very generous donation.

Like every good effort, there is always an interesting background story. It all began at the District Convention in Saratoga Springs, where Lt. Governor Elect Al Notaro picked up a Kamp Kiwanis brochure. He was aware that his club was about to complete the third and final phase of a multi-year program (\$30,000 paid over three years) geared towards teaching pediatric trauma nurses and staff at Brookhaven Memorial Hospital Medical Center. He was happy to recommended adopting a cabin at Kamp Kiwanis in Patchoque Club' name.

After that recommendation, Foundation Board Members visited the Patchoque Club, as well as the Suffolk East Divisional meeting and made a presentation about the great job Kamp Kiwanis was doing for underprivileged kids and people with special needs.

Patchoque senior board members, made up of Past Presidents, felt it would be worthwhile to build a cabin in anticipation of the club's 70th anniversary (May 5, 1938). A vote of the entire club, pursuant to international by-laws, was conducted on July 24th, 2007, in which the multi-year proposal passed.

To assist them in their efforts to raise the funds to build for the cabin, members had to work harder to fulfill the Kamp pledge, while continuing to meet the needs of their community.

Throughout the year, they held a pancake breakfast on Super Bowl Sunday; they held a hugely successful Oktoberfest; a popular golf outing and Patchoque's annual sweepstakes raffle. The success of these events were realized through the dedicated efforts of the entire membership.

During the 2008 Mid-Winter conference, President Joe and Lt. Governor Elect Al attended the Sunday morning foundation meeting and presented the second \$10,000 installment for the Patchoque cabin.

Every person who has ever been to the Kamp claims remarks, "It's a place that allows



**Suffolk East L. Governor Elect Al Notaro, Foundation President Sal Anelli and Patchoque President Joe Barry.**

children to enjoy themselves," remarks Lt. Governor Elect Al. "Kamp's Executive Director, Rebecca Lopez, proudly demonstrates enthusiasm that she and her staff offers to the chil-

dren. If you are ever thinking of a program to help children and can't think of group in your area perhaps you'll take a second look at this district's crown jewel – Kamp Kiwanis,"

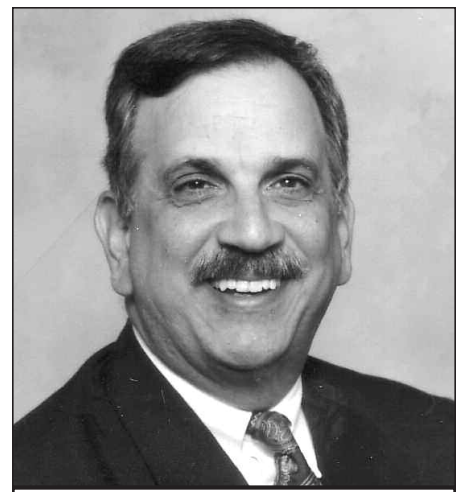
## New York Meets New England



**New York DPG David Rothman, New England Former First Lady Dierdre McMahon, Kiwanian hospitality room hostess Patti, New York Former First Lady Debra Fuchs and New England DPG Timothy McMahon**

**NEW YORK** recently New York District visited the New England District Mid Winter Conference to showcase the wonderful Kamp Kiwanis. They hoped to entice some of the New England Kiwanians to send their children to our great camp. DPG David and Former First Lady Debra visited with PG Tim McMahon and his lovely wife Former First Lady Dierdre. Also partying was the hospitality room hostess, Patti, Kamp Director Rebecca Lopez, Jaralee O'Hara, NE Key Club Gov. Jeff Poulin, and NE Aktion Club Administrator David Koohy.

**At right left to right: NY Former First Lady Debra Fuchs, New England Aktion Club Administrator Dave Koohy, Jaralee O'Hara (from Kamp Kiwanis), and DPG David Rothman.**



### Empire Club

Joseph Eppolito

The Empire Club allows Kiwanians and friends of the NY District Foundation to make a long-range gift to further help children that we serve through our District Foundation. It can be through a cash donation of at least \$5,000, life insurance and/or any other bequeath that you so desire to earmark. The information is kept confidentially in the NYD Foundation Office.

Remember, joining the Empire Club allows you to make a long-range gift to the District Foundation and be recognized at all District Conventions with a reception in your honor, a plaque, pin and a banner patch for your club's banner. NYD Foundation President Sal Anelli and I (or an area Foundation Board member) would be honored to make the presentation at a Division Council Meeting or the District Convention in August.

We have grown from 30 members to 34 since November, 2007 and hope that you would consider the NY District Foundation in your estate plan as bequeaths will reduce your estate tax liability. Check with your financial planner, who can assist you in this manner.

Feel free to call me – 315-449-3000, ext 358, or email me: [Pepster@aol.com](mailto:Pepster@aol.com) with your questions, suggestions, concerns or any other comments that you have about the program.

We plan to have the revised on-line form.

### Kaiser

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vention, say in 2015, Kiwanis International's 100th Anniversary?)

Aside from these and many other organizational and leadership contributions to Kiwanis International, the contributions of New York's K-Family clubs to their communities over the past 90 years are countless, truly awe-inspiring and a source of great pride, inspiration, and challenge to all present day K-Family members.

Our 90th Anniversary is a great opportunity to re-dedicated ourselves to making our clubs even better wellsprings of community service and fellowship. Let's resolve now to make the final decade of our first century the best ever!

### Underwood, Joanne

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ganization may be substituted for the school. Such organizations might include the community library, Boys Club, Girls Club, YMCA, YWCA or church."

Contact me! Call (585)342-7657, write: 91 Jewel Street, Rochester, NY 14621, or email me at: [HJoanne202@aol.com](mailto:HJoanne202@aol.com) and we can get your Builders Club going. Should you lose my contact information, call the NY District Kiwanis Office and the Secretary will know just how to reach me. What are you waiting for?

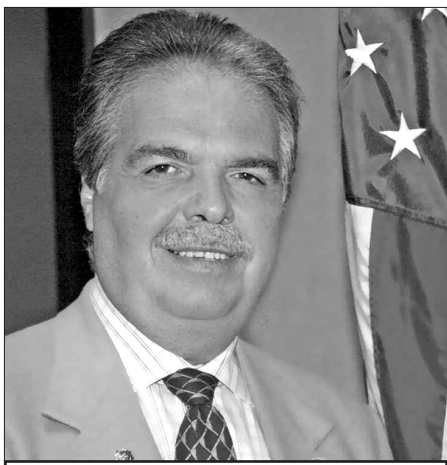
### Seyfried

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Live our brand! It is only as good as the people who live it.

**Take pride in our brand.**

Being appreciated for the good works the club is doing is the best resource for keeping Kiwanis and your local club from being the "best kept secret in town." Always wear your "K"!!



## Foundation President

Sal Anelli

As I am asked to write an article for each publication I can't help but think about what I am going to write and the overwhelming theme that comes to mind is always "Thank You". My message will probably always be thank you. Thanks to every one who does so much for our foundation, Thanks to those Kiwanians who always respond to the needs of Kamp Kiwanis. In this article, I would like to point out a few:

The Patchogue Club presented the foundation with its second installment of \$10,000 on their commitment of \$ 35,000 for the construction of a new cabin. I want to assure the members of the Patchogue Club that those funds are earmarked for that cabin and as soon as we can, we will start building it.

Of course I cannot go further without mentioning Joe Aiello and the Glendale Club for wiping out the office supply needs on the wish list for the next two years; and for Bill Jackson for bringing a truckload of wish list items to the mid-winter baby shower for the Kamp.

To all the clubs and divisions who contributed to the Baby Shower, "THANK YOU." The Baby Shower was an idea put together I by DPG Joe Corace and my wife Carole and it looks like it's going to be around for a while. Next year we hope to get started earlier with the wish list and possibly get even more clubs and division involved. It's really proven to be a fun way to get needed supplies to the Kamp.

I can't go on further without thanking our Kamp Director Rebecca, Counselors Jarred and Jeralee, along with two of Jarred's college friends, who came to the mid winter conference. They are the real work horses. They made the Baby Shower a fun time for those who were there and they lugged all those boxes back to the Kamp. I am extremely proud and thankful for Rebecca and her staff.

Lastly but certainly not least, I thank my wife, Carole who shares my love for the Kamp and always works tirelessly in putting together the Baby Shower and many other projects for the Kamp. With all that, she is doing a remarkable job planning our daughter's wedding – she always makes the time for the Kamp.

So I guess the theme of this article is "THANK YOU" I sincerely mean it. I hope that in the next article I can thank all those Kiwanians that came up to work on the Kamp opening weekend. The weekend is scheduled for May 2nd and 3rd and I hope that many of you can make it to lend a hand. If you so desire, please call Rebecca at the Kamp and let her know how many of you are coming up. Thank you.

## NURSES NEEDED

**Kamp Kiwanis is looking for RN's (Registered Nurses) to donate a week of their time to be the Kamp Nurse at Kamp Kiwanis. There are 8 weeks to choose from. New York License required. Please contact Rebecca at 315-336-4568 if interested.**



*by Mark Ashkinazy  
Secretary, Kiwanis Club of Staten Island*  
This special evening arranged to honor Past Foundation President Orlando "Lindy" Marrazzo Jr. for 10 years of dedicated service to the NY District Foundation and Kamp Kiwanis was held at the Staaten Restaurant in Staten Island on Thursday, March 6th to a sellout crowd of about 200 guests. Newly elected Foundation President Sal Anelli was in there with his lovely wife Carole and made sure to thank all the helping hands for putting together this fitting honor for Lindy.

President of the Staten Island Kiwanis Club Charlie Milatta opened the evening by asking all to all rise and sing the traditional "My Country Tis of Thee" and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. An invocation was made by Past President Jim Braisted. President Charlie then asked "Mr. Kiwanis" DPLG Al Federico to announce all the attending dignitaries. Kiwanis came from throughout our great New York District to pay tribute to outgoing Foundation President Lindy Marrazzo, as well as many Marrazzo family and friends.

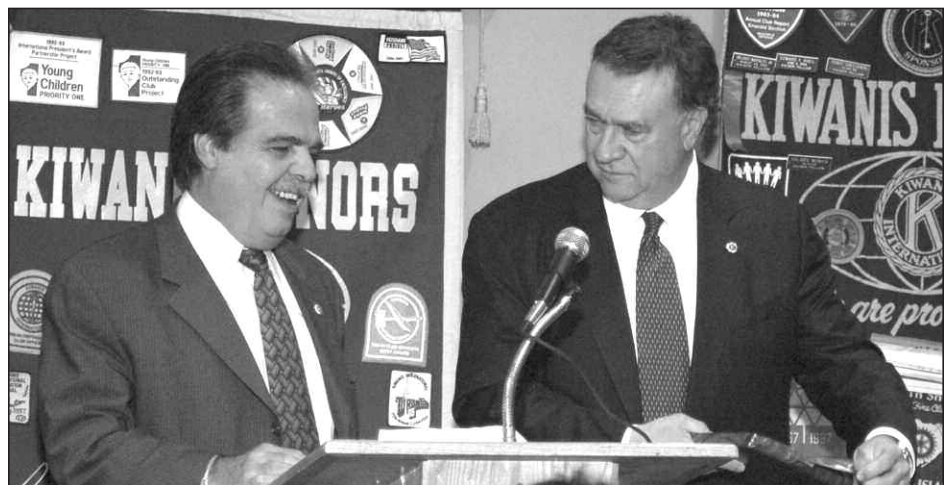
Foundation Board Member and PLG Fran Hogan read a letter of congratulations from New York District Governor Don Herring who unfortunately could not attend. Fran also took



*Foundation Board member PLG Fran Hogan chairs successful Marrazzo event.*

# Kiwanians Honor Lindy Marrazzo

*Pictured above Lindy's mom Anna Marrazzo, his lovely wife Chris and son Graig Martin. From the wonderful smiles you can tell they were all very proud to be part of this wonderful evening.*



*Foundation Pres. Sal Anelli congratulates Lindy Marrazzo for his 10 years of service.*

the time to thank all the individuals who helped make the evening a success.

Master of Ceremonies, longtime NY District Past Parliamentarian Steve Eisman, began the fun with some roasts and toasts to Lindy. The onslaught continued with eight other roasters who were hysterical.

The night culminated with a pictorial video extravaganza put together by Staten Island's own Rich "Paparazzi" Pirraglia. The show included many silly things in Lindy's dossier that depicted the years of Lindy's life and was truly the highlight of the evening. The crowd

could not stop laughing.

Orlando "Lindy" Marrazzo, Jr. then took center stage. As usual, in his special inimitable way, Lindy thanked everyone for their attendance and their generosity in helping to raise money for the Kamp.

Altogether, including a 50/50 run by Gary Malandro, the evening raised more than \$12,000 for the Kamp.

A special thank you goes out to all Kiwanians and clubs for their generosity and for making donations to the journal honoring this special Kiwanis leader, Lindy Marrazzo.



*Kiwanians, family and friends filled the Staaten to honor Orlando, "Lindy" Marrazzo for his contribution to the New York District Foundation and Kamp Kiwanis.*