

# 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 Stuffy 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.



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