## 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 the 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.



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



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



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

## Seaford High School Key Club Raises Dollars for UNICEF





**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 Continued on Page 12



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



Patchoque-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.

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.

