



Key Leader

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Kiwanis International held its first Key Leader weekend for youth on April 15-17 in Stanwood, Washington. Here is a compilation of some of the comments from the participants' evaluations: "This was an incredible experience that you should try to share with as many people as possible. . . This was awesome. . . Lots of group interaction. . . I made awesome friends. . . I learned what it truly means to have integrity and what a great listener is. . . Incredible. . . Super Idea. . . Key Leader rocks!!!"

The New York District Key Leader Committee is working with Kiwanis International to bring this program to New York on September 16-18, 2005. We need your Club's assistance to make this a reality! I am asking you to reach out to your community and find deserving high school students who could benefit from participating in this experience. Your Kiwanis Club can sponsor them for only \$150 each. Note that this program is open to all high school students, not just Key Club members. We are also seeking Key Club members with leadership training to serve as junior staff.

For further information on the program and instructions for on-line registration – email: <NYKIWESK@aol.com> and we will be glad to forward pdf files with instructions. Our New York Key Leader event will be held at The Presbyterian Center at Holmes, NY, located in the Putnam Highlands 55 miles north of New York City (just off I-84). I have also enclosed a compilation of participant comments from the Key Leader event held in Indiana in May.

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Club Organization Dates

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Tonawandas (The)	7/3/24
Town Hall of Hempstead	12/15/86
Tri-County, Sidney	7/21/93
Troy	10/26/20
Tupper Lake.	9/28/05
Ulster.	3/16/59
Uniondale	3/28/55
Utica	9/24/20
Valley Stream	4/16/47
Wales	6/7/71
Wantagh	3/12/58
Warsaw	7/18/27
Watertown.	1/24/24
Webster.	5/15/61
Wellsville	9/15/76
West End, Brooklyn	3/19/84
West Hempstead	6/23/59
West Seneca	11/20/62
Westbury, Long Island	11/9/49
Westchester Village, Bronx.	12/14/94
Western Turnpike Guilderland	11/18/57
Westfield	6/12/74
Westmoreland.	5/24/95
White Plains.	12/23/30
Widewaters Professionals-Dewitt.	6/21/06
Willsboro-Essex	4/15/70
Wilton	9/25/95
Woodridge	11/21/60
Woodside.	11/29/81
Wynantskill	12/27/55
Yonkers	11/12/33
York-Leicester	6/8/71

Melville Key Club Decorates for Prom



Pictured above with the Key Clubbers are Paulette Iovino, President of the Three Village Club and Kiwanian Mary Jean Illardo.

Kiwanis Club of **THREE VILLAGE**, Suffolk East – The Ward Melville HS Key Clubbers are shown decorating the school cafeteria for their annual Senior's Prom.

The event brings together approximately 300 senior citizens for an afternoon of dining and dancing. The Key Clubbers enjoy helping seniors have a special night out.

Massapequa Key Club Works for UNICEF



L to R Key Clubbers Vanessa Lind, Greg Resnick, and Lauren Lucca, Kiwanis Key Club Chairman Bill Moseley, and Key Clubbers Cara Schlefman, Elyse Kenealy, Pres. Rachel Solomon, and Fred Bastien.

The **MASSAPEQUA HS KEY CLUB**, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Massapequa, recently collected over \$500 for UNICEF. The

MHS Key Club does many community service projects during the year, including a coat drive and a Senior Citizens Prom.

Dolls Ship to Africa for Mission Children

Kiwanis Club of **LINDENHURST**, Suffolk West Division – goes International. The club shipped dolls overseas to benefit the children in the missions in Ghana, Africa. The hospital dolls were such a success with the children in their local hospital that they decided the mission children might like them also. They forwarded 50 dolls to the Catholic Near East Welfare Association and they are on their way to the missions. They call them the "Hospitality Dolls."



Pictured above: Louise Perrotta, Mary Jane Rafferty, Mitch Rothberg, Lindenhurst President Henrietta Gardner-Gae Lozito gets dolls ready for their journey to needy children.

Scholarships Awarded



Kiwanis Club of **LINDENHURST**, Suffolk West Division – awarded scholarships to well-deserved students of Lindenhurst High School at a recent dinner. It was held in their honor, to date the club has awarded \$279,400 to 175 recipients. All the money is raised from their annual Steak Fry. Save the date, this year's Steak Fry will be held August 11th at Fireman's Park in Lindenhurst.

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Convention Chairman Pete Papistrat and his committee have worked very hard to make sure New York Kiwanians will have a great time and enjoy the fellowship.

Enjoy "A Day At The Wineries" on Thursday, August 18th, as well as our annual "Past Governors Memorial Golf Classic." "The Binghamton Mets vs the Trenton Yankees" Baseball Game will be played on Friday, August 19th. Executive Assistant Joe Corace has planned interesting forums. I look forward to seeing all of you in Binghamton.



Sponsored Organizations and Programs

Tony Palangi

Mentoring a Joint Project

Many of our youth today don't see what the future holds for them. Without a feeling of the future, without long term goals, they can have little sense of self-worth.

Kiwanis can help these young people through the sponsored youth organizations, the avenue that Kiwanis has developed on all levels of the education institutions to reach and work together with them.

The implementation of a joint mentoring program can undoubtedly, provide a decided advantage because of the sponsorship and close relationship that already exists between the Kiwanis and Faculty Advisors who guide and counsel the students. Much of the red tape, so to speak, that is normally encountered in the process of implementing a new program can possibly be avoided. In most cases the Faculty Advisor is authorized to approve the new program.

The challenge for Kiwanis is to give these young people a sense of a personal future. This can come from projects that encourage youth to explore careers and set goals or it can come from younger children encouraging them to develop and appreciate their abilities.

Each Kiwanis club has a membership whose experience and ability are reflected in successful businesses and firms throughout the community. The aggregate knowledge in the club is an important resource for the community. This is especially true for young people, who could learn so much in so many areas from Kiwanians.

What is mentoring? – Mentoring is the process of sharing knowledge and skills with a young person. It is usually a form of personal instruction that involves experience in the mentor's work place for a young person.

What is a mentor? – A mentor is a responsible adult who provides a young person with support, advice, friendship and reinforcement. Mentors are people who listen, people who want to help young people bring out the strength they already have.

Mentoring works: Time and again, mentoring programs have made a major impact on the lives of children and adolescents. Teenagers who meet regularly with their mentors are less likely to skip school or drop out, less likely to use drugs and alcohol, and less likely to get lost in a complex and scary world.

The design of a mentoring program will largely depend on local needs. The range of possibilities is enormous. Students in the middle schools, can profit from a mentorship as much as high school students. The mentorship program outlined below provides a system to work from and recommends procedures that are likely to work well for a Kiwanis club:

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