

# Patchoque Club Takes Lead In Keeping Kids Healthy

Kiwanis Club of **PATCHOQUE**, Suffolk East Division – In a bold step forward to help prevent some very common and disabling childhood illnesses, Patchoque Kiwanis, with the Brookhaven Memorial Hospital Medical Center Emergency Room Nurses, and Suffolk County Department of Health Services, have joined together in a life saving partnership.

This past year, PG Glenn Hollins Governor's Project was "Child Safety." "I was very deeply concerned about children becoming sick or injured from things that are 100% preventable," said PG Hollins. "As I checked into it further, I became aware that a lot of kids visit the Emergency Rooms of hospitals with illnesses that are caused by other people's smoking. The public may not be aware of this, secondhand smoke is a cause of many very serious illnesses, even death in children," Hollins said.

In what has proven to be a unique and cutting edge approach to a much needed medical intervention, PG Hollins created a committee of dedicated Kiwanian to create an initiative that would address those sick children, their parents, and caregivers when they are seen in emergency rooms.

Committee Co-Chair Walter Ladick, Past Chairman of the Board of Directors of



Brookhaven Memorial Hospital Medical Center, and Patchoque member, along with committee members, worked together to reach out to local hospitals and emergency room nurses to help with the project. A workbook, created by Patricia Bishop-Kelly of Suffolk County Department of Health Services' Office of Health Education, will be distributed to children when they are seen in Emergency rooms with illnesses that are created or made worse by exposure to secondhand smoke.

Kiwanis will provide free training and the workbooks to any Suffolk County hospital Emergency Department that wishes to participate in the project. Richard T. Margulis, Vice President of Operations for Brookhaven

**Above L to R: Committee Co-chair Walter Ladick Jr., LG Frank Virno Jr., and PG Glenn Hollins.**

Memorial Hospital Medical Center said, "I am very pleased to have Brookhaven Memorial Hospital Medical Center join with Kiwanis and the Suffolk County Department of Health Services in working to counter the serious and preventable childhood diseases caused by exposure to secondhand smoke."

Those are unacceptable statistics that we must work hard to change", said Ms. Crook. Co-Chair Walter Ladick said, "This is a project with such great potential to improve the health and future of thousands of kids." For more information about this project call Walter Ladick at 631-289-0938

## Lane and Raimond Receive Hixsons

Kiwanis Club of **MONTICELLO**, Hudson River West Division – At a recent Divisional Meeting, two members of the Monticello Kiwanis Club received the prestigious Hixson Fellowship Award. The recipients were: Past Lieutenant Governor William Lane, a devoted and outstanding member for over 25 years, and President Rose Raimond, also a devoted and outstanding member for over 12 years. Rose was Kiwanian of the Year twice.



**Monticello President Rose Raimond and PLG William Lane.**

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**Left to right Legion of Honor Recipients: DPLG Rocco Riti, PLG Dan Ilich, DPLG Pat Pilenza, PG Ralph Vasami, Gov. David Rothman, Int'l Trustee Thomas DeJulio, DPLG Ron Volino, Peter Gaito, Angelo Francino, PP Anthony DeBellis (Mt. Vernon), LG Jack Glazier and PLG Bob Rubinstein. Special thanks to: Bronx Westchester South PR Chairman Claudia White for photos and many articles.**

Lt. Governor Jack Glazier introduced Governor David who delivered a motivating message emphasizing the goals of his term. He stated: "We need to build and rebuild our Sponsored Youth . . . This is the kind of thing we need to do in our own community." The Governor cited, as an example, the K-Kids from Hampton Bay Elementary School who fundraised \$6,000 for John Theissyen, a forty-year-old who was suffering with a brain tumor. Because of the great generosity demonstrated by others, John formed the John Theissyen Foundation.

Governor David's address also focused on mentoring partnerships, supporting underprivileged children, sending sponsored children to Kamp Kiwanis, support for seniors, and continuing support for the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center. He referred to First Lady Debra's work with the disabled as part of the Partnership Project. Governor David reported, "Kiwanian are performing countless other projects which make a difference in the lives of our children." He challenged all Kiwanian to do their parts for a better world. He declared, "We need a new Kiwanis - we need one million members. Yes, Kiwanis will

expand in other parts of the world... Will you be part of the magic?"

Following the Governor's optimistic closing, Lt. Governor Jack Glazier, with his wife Ellen, presented the gift of two books, which included photos and histories of Westchester County and the Bronx. Additionally, clubs pledged donations to Kamp Kiwanis and the NY District Kiwanis Foundation. The Dinner Dance Committee who successfully coordinated the Governor's Visit included Division Secretary Milijana Radonjic, Distinguished Immediate Past Lt. Governor Rocco Riti, Special Assistant DP Secretary Suzanne Willis, and Past Governor Ralph Vasami. Special thanks must also go to DPLG Dr. Rosemary DeJulio for her tremendous efforts.

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**Editor's Note: In the previous edition of ESK, we neglected to acknowledge the Bronx Westchester South's participation in the Valentine's Day Testimonial for Rocco Riti. Without the tremendous support of the division and the Kiwanis clubs of Riverdale, Parkchester, and Hartsdale, this event would not have been so successful.**



## Governor

David Rothman

Recently the New York District had the opportunity to host the official visit of our International President Stephen Siemens and his wife Barb. It was a busy weekend for our District. After picking up International President Stephen and Barb at LaGuardia Airport, Queens, New York, we headed out to North Shore University Hospital on Long Island for a visit to the local Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center. The Center is one of five across our District. After an informative educational program and lunch, IP Steve and Barb prepared for a dinner hosted by many of the Long Island and neighboring divisions. After an enjoyable evening, IP Steve and Barb retired to the home of Past International President Tony and Mim Kaiser. I want to thank our International Trustee Tom DeJulio, PIP Tony and Mim Kaiser, SDPLG Mickie Leamey, SDPLG Tom Gallagher and his daughter Lindsey, DPLG Janice Seyfried and everyone else that helped make this part of the visit such a huge success.

The next morning, the IP Stephen and Barb, 1st Lady Debra, District Key Club Treasurer and our youngest daughter Gabrielle, and myself, flew to Syracuse on the next leg of the weekends events. We were joined by Kiwanian from the previous evening.

We arrived at Kamp Kiwanis, to take part in the Kamp Open House Weekend. IP Stephen and Barb got a "wet" tour of our Kamp. Governor Elect Joe Corace, 1st Lady Nydia, Lt. Governor Elects, the New York District Foundation Board and many other members of the K Family, were in attendance to hear the inspirational words of IP Stephen. At the start of the Foundation meeting, I had the great pleasure of announcing that Foundation President Lindy Marrazzo will be the 2006 District Convention honoree this September. Lindy has worked tirelessly to bring the Kamp and Foundation to the next level - he never looks for any accolades. My best wishes to Lindy. I want to thank Kamp Director Rebecca and her staff for all their hard work making the Kamp visit a special part of this event. I also want to mention that the Past Governors Council honored IP Stephen with a "Brick" on the wall at Governors Hall.

Soon after, we were back on the road traveling to Geneva, New York to visit the Finger Lakes. This evening was the official visit of both First Families. Members of several divisions attended the dinner in our honor. I want to thank PIP Jerry Christiano, 1st Lady Linda, LG Ann Sewert, LG Mike Day, LG Jerry Ferring, DPLG Jim Paduchowski, SDPLG Doreen Pellitteri, SDPLG Dr. Peter Pellitteri and the many others that helped make the dinner a success. The next morning IP Stephen and Barb had an early breakfast with several of us before flying home.

During each of our stops IP Stephen provided insight to the vision of a new Kiwanis. A

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