

I'm so proud of the K Family members of the Capital, Mohawk and Van Rensselaer Divisions for their stamina in working toward our \$400,000 pledge for the Pediatric Trauma Unit located at the Albany Medical Center Hospital.

During the past year, through golf tournaments, pancake breakfasts, duck races and the Bells of Life Drive, we've moved closer to our goal. To date, nearly \$360,000 has been raised and given to the hospital. We anticipate completing this task during 2007.

Upcoming events include our participation in the Children's Miracle Network Telethon as well as continued fund raising activities. Members will also tour the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Unit on June 15, 2006.

My thanks to all who have not lost sight of this worthwhile cause.

## Ryder Becomes Honorary Member



The Kiwanis Club of **SYOSSET/WOODBURY**, Long Island North – at the March 13th meeting of their Board of Directors conferred 'Honorary Membership' in the Syosset/ Woodbury Kiwanis Club upon Miss Barbara-Anne Lillian Ryder, the youngest daughter of DPLG Edward (Woody) and Joyce Ryder, Syosset/Woodbury Kiwanis members.

The motion was submitted by Debra Parisi, and was unanimously approved by the full Board. Miss Ryder, a student in the Elwood School Districts' James Boyd Intermediate School, resides in Greenlawn, Town of Huntington, in Suffolk, New York. She is also active with Girl Scouts, Tae Kwon Do, soccer and lacrosse.

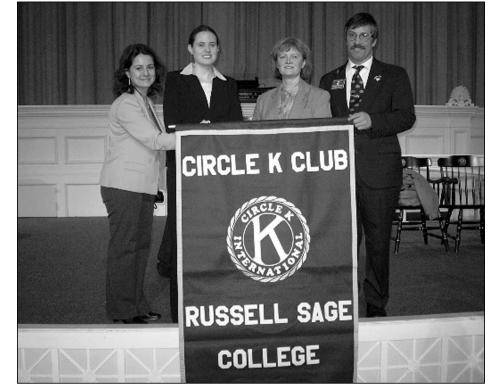
"Barbara-Anne has been a gleeful supporter of all Kiwanis activities, from her attendance at Kiwanis conventions, conference, and at our meetings. She acts as the club's Sheriff collecting 'Happy Dollars' and other monies, and has become a much looked forward to presence at our gatherings" noted Ken Robinson Esquire, President of the Syosset/Woodbury Kiwanis Club. "We were also glad to welcome Barbara-Anne and her classmates from Mrs. Chairello's 3rd grade at James Boyd Intermediate School when they came to tour the Harry Chapin LI Cares Food Bank" noted Super DPLG Jo Greene, Mgr. of Special Events for Harry Chapin LI Cares Food Bank."

# **KPTC Holds Day at Shea**



Governor David, First Lady Debra, KPTC President Rich DeCastro, Governor Elect Joe Corace, DPLG Marty Neuringer and incoming First Lady Nydia (behind Kiwanis circle) gather with Midwood High School Key Clubbers at Shea Stadium to benefit the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center. This year's Mets Spirit Award was presented to Midwood HS Key Club for a great year of dedicated service to Kiwanis and our communities.

# **Russell Sage Circle K is Formed**



Holding the new Club Banner proudly are (left to right): Cary Lombardo, Faculty Advisor; Julie Cunningham, Circle K Club President Russell Sage; Past Lt Gov. Jean Andrick, and Lt Governor Chet Melius who officiated the Oath to the Club members.





### **Key Leader**

**Kim Scharoff** 

#### Kiwanis Key Leader a Success in Livonia!

The weekend of May 19 – 21 found 42 students and 8 adults at Camp Stella Maris in Livonia for the first Kiwanis Key Leader weekend in New York for 2006. *(See photo on page 11)* The students came from Western New York and a few from Pennsylvania. We were visited during the weekend by Kiwanis International Foundation Trustee Jack Harten. Lead by Facilitator Jack Christ, the students explored the Key Principles of Service Leadership – Personal Integrity, Personal Growth, Respect, Building Community and the Pursuit of Excellence.

Throughout the weekend, the students were lead through activities by both the head facilitator and student facilitators who were trained to lead small group discussions and activities. The students also participated in a ropes course that forced them to work together as a team to solve a variety of challenges in a truly experiential learning experience.

We would like to thank the many Kiwanis Clubs that sponsored students to attend this weekend. The students raved about the program and went back to their schools and communities talking about what a positive experience they had. Thank you to the chaperones – Dean Beltrano (Lewiston), Ron Parent (Lewiston), Ann Holevinski (Livonia), Normal Day (Batavia) and Holly Loganbill (Mansfield, PA) – who participated in the weekend activities and supervised the students in the cabins at night. Special thanks to Howie and Jennifer Barnes, who served as Site Coordinators because without them, the weekend could not have happened.

Now is the time for those clubs downstate to start finding and registering students to participate in our second event of 2006 at the Warwick Center October 6-8. Governor-elect Joe has issued a challenge to reimburse the club who sponsors the most students the cost of one registration.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions, comments or concerns at kscharoff@yahoo.com

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Russel Sage College Circle K.

The Kiwanis Club of **Hoosick Falls**, Van Rensselaer Division – (sponsor) held a Charter Night for the new Russell Sage College Circle K at the Sage College Bush Memorial Pavilion. The club was organized on October 31, 2005 as a result of efforts by Past Lt Governor Jean Andrick and Faculty Advisor, Cary Lombardo (a previous Circle K member and Troy Club Kiwanis member). In attendance were many Kiwanis members from the Division as well as Lt Governor Key Club Elizabeth Counterman from Division 18. A reception followed where Kiwanis members were able to interact and get a chance to meet the new members. RPI Circle K President David Armandt was also present to support the newest Circle K Club in the Van Rensselaer Division. York District office location at the time.) Walter Lloyd, who had served as our District Governor in 192 was then the Dean of our past District Governors (the oldest in point of service of our living past governors) and serving as our District Historian, a position he held for a record 22 years, 1944-1966.

I served as Lieutenant Governor in 1962 and so had the great privilege of knowing both of these truly dedicated Kiwanian, especially Ted with whom I worked closely until his retirement, in 1966, when he was named an Honorary Past Governor.

Thanks to Ted Rand, beloved by all who knew him, Vol. 1 No.1 of the Kiwanis Club magazine is among my Kiwanis treasures.