



## Aktion Clubs

Debra Fuchs

I am very happy to report that we have chartering two new Aktion Clubs in the down-state area.

The Charter Night for the Forest Park Aktion Club was recently help. I am so thankful to Lt Governor Mike Miller and the entire Queens West Division. I was also present at the Aktion Club's Elections of Officers and I have to tell you it was an experience, one I will not soon forget. It was remarkable to watch the officers of the club assume their new positions. I am looking forwarding to raising their self esteem and making them active members of their community. They are already planning a bake sale in the spring.

The West Hempstead Court Aktion Club is comprised of consumers from the West Hempstead and East Rockaway ACLD (Adults and Children With Learning Disabilities) group homes. It is also underway and is sponsored by the Long Island South Central Division. I thank all of the clubs in the Long Island South Central Division that have contributed to the sponsoring of this new club. The club already has a list of service projects for the upcoming year, and Key Club Division 6 has offered to help out with the projects. I will be meeting with the Long Island Southwest Division as well as the Long Island North Division to discuss the possibility of Aktion Clubs in their areas.

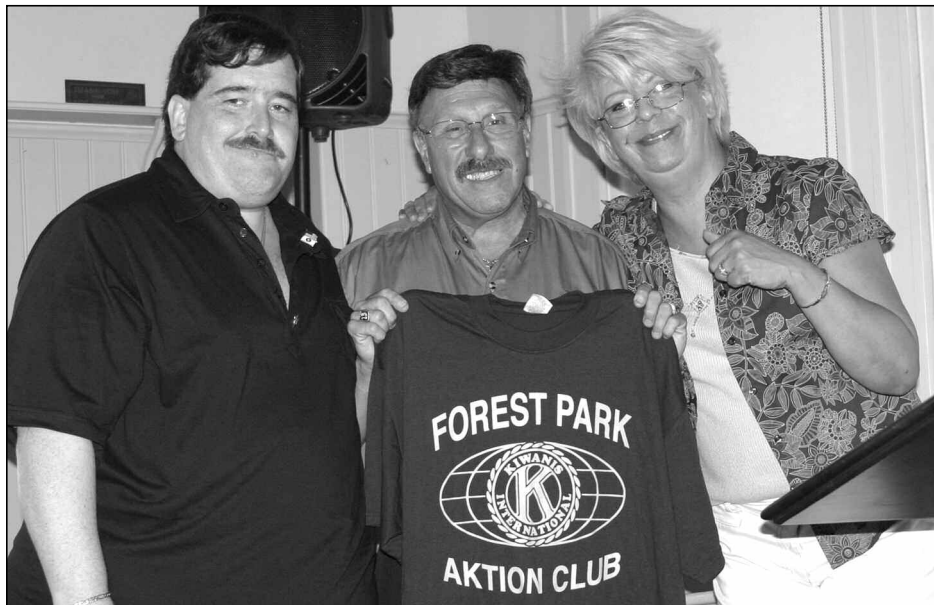
I am always available to speak with clubs who are interested in sponsoring Aktion Clubs. It's a great way to get the Key Clubs and Circle K Clubs involved in working with the disabled. If you are interested in having me speak or would like some printed material about Aktion clubs please feel free to e-mail me at Blueyes1255@aol.com.



*East Meadow Kiwanian and Nassau County Legislator Norma Gonsalves presented West Hempstead Court Aktion Club President Ronnie with a citation.*



*NY District Aktion Club Chair Debra Fuchs thanks all the attendees of the West Hempstead Court Aktion Charter Night for their help and devotion to this endeavor.*



*Queens West LG Mike Miller presents Governor Joe Corace and First Lady Nydia a souvenir T-shirt from the newly chartered Forest Park Aktion Club.*



## Governor

Joseph L. Corace

It is hard to believe that it is already June. We are on our way to the International Convention in San Antonio and are very excited about all the fun things we have in store. I will update you in the next edition.

First Lady Nydia and I want to send out a very special thank you to all the Divisions for hosting us in the most special ways. If you look at the centerfold of the ESK you can see all the wonderful places and people we have had visits with. We will never forget the experiences of being with all of you.

I would like to take the time to congratulate District Chair Debra Fuchs on doing such a tremendous job with all our new Aktion Clubs. Forming clubs does not happen without the helping hands of many unsung heroes. I send my best thanks to all who gave of themselves to succeed in establishing these important clubs. Your efforts are appreciated.

The Everyday Hero's Project has exceeded my every expectation. We have given out over 450 medals and kits to Kiwanians throughout this great state. People who would not have ordinarily been noticed have been ask to step forward and be recognized. Many kiwanians have told me how they have used this opportunity to invite people into our organization. Remember to be sure to complete your Qualification Forms, which can be found on our website <www.kiwanis-ny.org> under the Governor's Project Forms. We are approaching the time of year when the Scouting and Family Day parts of the project can easily be done in the nice weather. The pie-shaped patches are all ready to be sent to you as soon as your forms are in.

Before you know it our District Convention will be upon us. Registration Forms are already on their way, so look for them. We plan to honor our veterans and we want to celebrate the anniversary of 20th years of women being invited to join our ranks. Come be with Nydia and I as we share this special time with all of you.



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