

SE Health Services Director Thanked for Smoke Project



SUFFOLK EAST DIVISION – Walter Ladick, Jr. Division Chairman of Secondhand Smoke Education Project, presented Patricia Bishop-Kelly, Director of Public Information & Education of the Suffolk County Department of Health Services, with a plaque and a painting of Montauk Lighthouse expressing appreciation for her work in designing the workbook being used for the project. The workbook is used in hospital emergency rooms with children when they present with respiratory or ear infections and smoke is suspected as the cause. The Suffolk East Division is distributing 20,000 copies for use in nine hospitals and nine health centers on Eastern Long Island. The project started with the encouragement of Glenn Hollins when he was Governor of the New York District. The awarding took place at the January divisional meeting hosted by the Three Village/Brookhaven Club.

Seaford Kiwanians Participate in 5th Memorial Day



This was Seaford's 5th year participating in the annual Memorial Day Parade. They were honored to participate and placed a reef at the Memorial stone by the Seaford Middle School. The parade, run by the American Legion, included the HS marching band, Fire Department, cub scouts and the Seaford Wellness council, and politicians. Above: Seaford Pres. Robin Asighieri (right) joined by Seaford Kiwanians.

Handy, Finch & Papke Mourned By Marilla

The Kiwanis Club of **MARILLA**, Niagara Frontier East Division – over the last year has mourned the loss of three of its longtime members. James (Jim) Handy was the last remaining Charter member of the club which formed with his leadership in 1965. Wesley Finch was a very active member since 1977, and Alanson (Lance) Papke was also an active member since 1980.

The club looked to these three dedicated Kiwanians for leadership, and it is hoped that their examples of dedication to serving the community have been passed on to the current membership.

Glens Falls Sends Supplies for Iraq Children with Burns

The Kiwanis Club of **GLENS FALLS**, Mohawk Division – embarked on an international project, beginning in March 2007 collecting over-the-counter medicines, hygienic supplies and other sundries for children in Iraq who suffer burns through-out their daily lives. The pediatric burn clinic is called the Smith Gate Clinic, named after Corporal Darrell Smith of Indiana who was killed in combat. The clinic, set up in an 18-wheeler trailer, is run by our American soldiers who are providing care to our troops but also take the time to treat the Iraqi children. The soldiers treat as many as 30 children day who have suffered burns from a variety of causes, such as spilt milk which is heated over open flame. There is no burn treatment expertise among the Iraqi's and these children often suffer in agony with little to no pain medication.

Glens Falls Kiwanis is proud to announce that it sent over nine boxes of supplies to the Smith Gate Clinic and collected over \$1,000 in funds to be sent to the Smith Gate Foundation for surgical supplies. This success is directly attributable to our wonderful Key Club organizations who collected countless supplies and raised the majority of the funds. The Glens Falls Hi-Y Student Association presented the Key Club at Glens



Falls High School with a check for \$1,000. Thanks also belong to COOL Insuring Agency, Glens Falls National Bank, TD Banknorth and Adirondack Trust for allowing the Kiwanis Club of Glens Falls to place boxes for collection of items in their buildings. We would like to thank everyone who contributed to this event. The Smith Gate Clinic is continually in need of supplies and funds. For more information about Smith Gate Clinic and getting involved, go online: <http://www.medcenterone.com/foundation/smithGate.htm>, or by contacting Hilary Stec at 793-9845 or Bob Hafner at 798-2340.

Woodridge Awards Scholarships

The Kiwanis Club of **WOODRIDGE**, Hudson River West Division – held their annual Scholarship Dinner to honor five deserving Fallsburg High School graduates. The recipients were Rudy Dieudonne, Melissa Mielnicki, Danielle Persell, Jasmine Santiago and Shakira Shaw. Eligibility is based on scholastic achievement and community service. All students are well rounded and display a variety of interests.

This year's dinner, held at the Woodridge Family Restaurant, was special for two reasons. One of the recipients, Melissa Mielnicki, is the granddaughter of Past

President and current Treasurer Diane Garritt, and Melissa has been active in Key Club and has served as President.

The Club celebrated its 50th Anniversary this year. The first President and founder of the Scholarship Program was Bernard "Pity" Ruderman. His daughter, Sue Kasofsky, is the Club's President this year.

The Club has worked hard to ensure the growth of this Scholarship Program with the help of the Town of Fallsburg community. Several years ago, two scholarships were given in the amount of \$250.00. This year, five winners will receive at least \$750 each.



Pictured above are the happy winners along with Scholarship Committee Chairperson DPLG Aileen Halchak and President Sue Kasofsky.

North Shore Key Club Clowin' Around With Evy



The Kiwanis Club of **NORTH SHORE**, Long Island North Division – had some fun at the recent fundraiser North Shore Kiwanis Pancake breakfast held at the North Shore High School. Pictured are Key Club members posing with Evy the Clown, her performance was arranged by the Key Club to entertain the children attendees for the breakfast.

Left: L to R: standing: Rebecca Webb, Justyne Passerelli, Kneeling: Ashley Kim, Holly Mandel



Lyme Disease

John A. Gridley

In a move that coincides with scientific concern worldwide over global warming and the resultant increase in the range and numbers of ticks and tick-borne diseases, Columbia University Medical Center has opened the first endowed research center for chronic Lyme disease in the world on April 30th. The Lyme & Tick-Borne Diseases Research Center in New York will use its vast resources to bring together various disciplines from within and outside of the University to address fundamental clinical and basic science questions that plague adults and children affected by Lyme disease.

The New York District Pediatric Lyme Disease Emergency Relief Fund was started seven years ago when I was governor of this great district. We are now a non-profit foundation dedicated to public education of the prevention and treatment of Pediatric Lyme Disease.

According to all published reports that I have read, this year is expected to be the worst in many years of reported Lyme disease cases. So far this year we are helping or will be helping young children with Lyme disease in: Long Island, Brooklyn, the Bronx, and Hudson Valley and in the Rochester area. As I have said many times in my visits to the clubs and divisions in our district, Lyme disease is not a down state or up state problem, it is a problem throughout the state. IF YOU KNOW ANYONE IN YOUR AREA WITH LYME DISEASE, PLEASE GIVE ME OR ANYONE ON OUR BOARD A CALL. WE WILL HELP!

In my many travels throughout New York State the concerns and questions are almost all alike. But the one most asked is could I put together a list of symptoms and signs. Well I have with the help of many fine doctors and that list is below.

LYME DISEASE SYMPTOMS OR SIGNS:

- Persistent swollen glands
- Sore throat
- Fevers
- Joint pain (fingers, toes, ankles, wrists, knees, elbows, hips, shoulders)
- Joint swelling
- Unexplained back pain
- Stiffness of the joints or back
- Muscle pain or cramps
- Muscle weakness
- Confusion (difficult thinking)
- Difficulty with concentration (reading, problem absorbing new information)
- Word search (name blocking)
- Forgetfulness (poor short term memory, poor attention)
- Disorientation (getting lost, going to wrong places)
- Speech errors (wrong word, misspeaking)
- Mood swings (depression)

Continued on Page 15