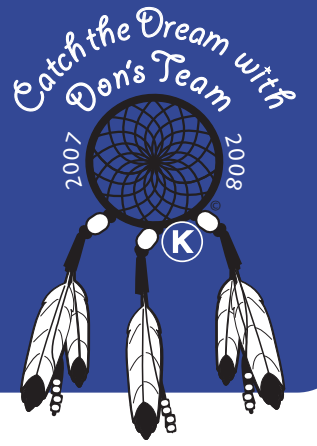


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Club Elections Need to be Reported NOW!

Each year it seems to be a struggle to “get the information right” when we do the District Directory. If you check your club bylaws you will note in Article XI, Section 5 the following:

Section 5. The annual meeting of this club should be held at a regular meeting no earlier than the first meeting in April and no later than the second week in May. The membership shall be given at least two (2) weeks notice of the date and place of the annual meeting. One-third (1/3) of the active, senior, and privileged members of the club shall constitute a quorum.

Now that you have your officers for the 2008 – 2009 Kiwanis year, it is important that the information be sent to Kiwanis International and the New York District Office so that we can have some means of communicating important information to your Kiwanis Club throughout the year.

Let me list for you the “Top Ten Reasons Club Secretaries Need to Report Your Club Elections”:

10. The District Directory will help you know when and where your Club is meeting.

9. The information in the International Directory will be correct for your Kiwanis Club.

8. The information in the District Directory will be correct for your Kiwanis Club.

7. Kiwanis International will know where to send The Official Call to their Annual Convention.

6. NY Kiwanis will know where to send The Official Call to our Conferences & Conventions.

5. Your Lt. Governor will know where to send notices of Division Council Meetings.

4. You will get timely notices of Kiwanis events that might interest your club.

3. Other Kiwanis Clubs can find out where you meet so that they can visit you.

2. KI can send you timely roster requests so your Kiwanis Club is properly billed for the right number of members.

And finally, the Number One Reason to report your Club Elections now is:

1. Your Kiwanis Club is the most important service organization in your community and all of your members are proud to be part of the “Kiwanis Club of My Community”.

Today, it is so much easier to report your club elections. When you go on – line to do your monthly reports, one of the selections you have available is to report the club officers for 2008 – 2009. No need to print out and mail (at 42 cents each mailing) the election reports to International and the District. When you report your club officers on – line both Kiwanis International and the New York District has access to your club’s new officers’ information immediately.

Finally, several years ago Kiwanis International (for those clubs that did not report their

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Past Governors’ Distinguished Award

by DPG Jack Tetamore,
Award Committee Chairperson

Every New York District Kiwanian now has the opportunity to recognize and honor an “unsung hero,” grass roots Kiwanian with the District’s highest Distinguished Service Award. If you know of a Kiwanian who works tirelessly and continuously to help your club improve the lifestyle of disadvantaged citizens in your community and is seldom or never recognized for their efforts, you can reward them by submitting their nomination for this prestigious Distinguished Service Award.

The New York District Past Governors Council encourages all New York District Kiwanians to submit recommendations and proposals for nominees qualified to receive the “Gerald P. Christiano Distinguished Service Award” sponsored by The New York District Past Governors Council and awarded annually at the District Convention. The award is intended for the ‘grass roots Kiwanian’ often overlooked for their continuous dedication, untiring efforts and commitment to the betterment of people in their community who are less fortunate than themselves.

Nominations must comply with the following criteria established by the Council March 3, 2001.

The award may be presented to only one Kiwanian each year at the annual New York District Kiwanis Convention. The Honoree should be a living New York District Kiwanis member in good standing, who has exhibited outstanding meritorious service to individuals in the community and has contributed in an extraordinary manner over a significant period of years to the advancement of Kiwanis. Governor-elects, sitting Governors and Past Governors shall not be eligible to be nominated for or receive this award.

Award presentation and expenditures will be financed by the Council only, and cannot be purchased by any club or individual.

Recommendations and proposals for award nominees must be submitted by a Past Governor and shall be presented in writing to the current Council Chairman, not later than January First each year.

The Council Chairman shall mail a copy of submitted proposals to Council members not later than February first each year.

Evaluation and approval of each award recipient shall be by a two-thirds majority vote, by closed ballot of all Council members present at the Mid-Year Conference Council Meeting each year.”

Kingston Runs in 27th Classic 10K Race and Supports Senior to End



Kingston Kiwanians race participants with LG Matt Hall in background.



Kingston Kiwanians and run along side of 71year old to offer support.

The Kiwanis Club of **KINGSTON**, Hudson River Division – 27th Annual Kingston Classic 10K Race was held with 463 runners finishing the challenge. The Kiwanis Club of Kingston had seven members run in the race proudly sporting their Kiwanis shirts. At the finish line they were met by Matt Hall of Mobile Life and currently the Lt. Governor for the Hudson River District.

Along the race route, the group encountered a 71 year old runner who had collapsed and was having difficulty. The Kiwanians stayed with the runner who eventually decided to not quit the race and make it back to the finish line with their assistance.

The gentlemen sent a very nice thank you card to the Kiwanis Club for their kindness and help.



District Convention

Joe Battista

This year marks the first of a series of new venues for our District Convention. On August 6th thru the 10th 2008 the New York District Convention will be held at the Turning Stone Resort and Casino (TSRC) located in Verona, Oneida County NY; Exit 33 on the New York State Thruway. This facility is on The Oneida Indian Reservation, A sovereign state.

The TSRC has many amenities to offer to us. There are 3 health spas, 2 beauty salons, 3 indoor pools, 3 golf courses, tennis courts, and of course a full casino, from Keno and slots to craps and card tables; which ever your choice of gaming, I’m sure you’ll find it at the TSRC.

The facility itself is constantly upgrading. Our guest accommodation will be in the Towers, a new addition to the TSRC as of 2004 which is a 21 story modern building with a spectacular lobby with water falls and indoor horticulture arrangements that are soothing to the eye; which immediately relieves the stress and tension of the day. Or you may prefer their award winning “LODGE” suites, which premiered in the fall of 2005. If relaxation and a stress free environment are your pleasure, then I strongly urge you to partake in the accommodations at the Lodge.

A morning or late afternoon stroll around the rear of the facility by the golf course is highly recommended. The grounds of the facility are nothing less than a pictures fanfare of flowers, trees, ponds, wildlife, and breathtaking views.

There are 9 eateries within the facility. EMERALDS,(\$) a diner type environment open 24 hours a day with a wide variety of items; PEACH BLOSSOM,(\$\$) an Asian restaurant with an atmosphere of tranquility and food to match. PINO BIANCO TRATTORIA,(\$\$) an Italian restaurant that is second to none, (try their Osso Buco). THE FOREST GRILL,(\$\$\$) an authentic New York steak house, featuring the finest cuts of meat and fresh seafood situated in a sophisticated atmosphere. RODIZIO,(set pricing 29.95 per person) is a Brazilian style grill complete with Gaucho cowboys serving an unending array of grilled meats continuously until you burst, (a definite must). WILDFLOWERS,(\$\$\$\$) which is located off the Great room of the Lodge, here exquisite fine dining is the to call of order, if your palate is up to the challenge, I recommend making a reservation, ask for Jerry and mention my name, he will see to your request. SEASON’S HARVESTS,(set pricing 12.95 to 16.95 per person) open for breakfast, lunch and dinner, this is a buffet style restaurant featuring a wide variety of foods, including, Mexican, Italian, American, Seafood, Chinese, a salad and desert bar and so much more (even hot dogs and hamburgers). THE CORNER MARKET,(\$) consist of several types of eateries in one, from sandwiches, pizza, fried chicken, panini’s, desserts ect. And lets not forget OPALS, they feature Starbucks coffees, and their desserts are to die for, (try the peanut butter brownie). Or you may choose to dine in

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Governor Elect

Doreen Pellitteri

There are twenty-seven men and women who have accepted the leadership role as Lt. Governor Elects for the New York District.

Many of them had the opportunity to gather in Utica in May to begin to get to know each other, share goals and look forward to a bright future for us, the members of the New York District of Kiwanis, and those that we serve. They also attended the Open House at Kamp Kiwanis, some for the first time. Many volunteers worked tirelessly to prepare the Kamp for the Open House and the camping season that has begun.

Our Lt. Governor-Elects attended a Training Conference in July to hone their leadership skills and gather information to bring to each Club in their Division. We addressed the opportunities that we have to try new initiatives and make all of our experiences in Kiwanis better!

There are many interesting Forums at the District Convention. International Trustee Tom DeJulio and Trustee and NYD Counselor Don Sanker will present What's New and What's Next from Kiwanis International. The Membership Team and SLP representatives want to bring you new information and I hear there will be some "grilling" and "toasting" of the Governor and Governor-Elect! Please join us at the District Convention.

We do have a bright future in Kiwanis but, it really depends on each of you making a commitment to work together and keep the light shining!

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Linda Canaday Dies

It is with deep sadness that we report that Linda Canaday, beloved wife of Don Canaday, Kiwanis International President-designate, died Wednesday, July 16, 2008, in Indianapolis of complications from surgery.

"Linda was the most incredible woman I have ever known," Don said of his First Lady. "Her unparalleled commitment to caring and service were an inspiration to everyone who knew her."

"She was a wonderful mother. She was committed also to her church and her community, and I will miss her more than I can possibly say," he added. "She put up quite a struggle, but God must have needed her more than we did."

Kiwanis International President Dave Curry said of Linda: "Linda was a blessing to everyone she came in contact with. She always had a smile and a kind word of encouragement for every person."

"Linda was always thinking of others," said Kiwanis International CEO Rob Parker. "On the day before her surgery, Don delivered a large box of homemade treats for the Kiwanis staff that Linda had spent the weekend baking. That was the kind of servant leader she was. She will be missed."

Linda Gale (Canaday) was a native of North Carolina and a former schoolteacher. She and Don met in Augusta, Georgia when she was teaching middle school and he was stationed at the U.S. Army Signal Center at Fort Gordon, Georgia. The mother of one of Linda's students was married to a friend of



Int'l President-designate Don Canaday and Linda Canaday.

Don's, who recalls "inviting myself" to the friend's house so he could meet Linda.

Linda was a member of Kappa Delta sorority and with her husband, was associated with Kiwanis many years.

"One thing I like about Kiwanis is that we don't help just sick children," she said once in an interview. "You don't have to be poor to be needy. Through programs like BUG and Terrific Kids, we are helping children who otherwise might be overlooked."

Linda played a vital role in every part of Don's life but wanted to be sure that the role was complimentary, and that they brought two pairs of hands to every task, not just one. "Don and I don't have to do everything together," she said. "He's president, but I'm Linda."

Linda is survived by her husband, International President Don Canaday, six children and 17 grandchildren.



Governor

Don Herring

I have great news for the New York District. David Curry, President of Kiwanis International will make a second visit to New York in August. He will arrive on August 19th and will stay until August 23rd. He will be staying with Marlene and I during his visit. The reason for this visit is to take part in a new club building project. We will attempt to build a new club in the Ontario Division during David's visit.

I am told that when an International President does not have an "official visit" to a District it is most unusual to have them appear in the District, even once. This will be David's second visit to our District this year. You will recall that his first visit was back in October when he led our 10 K walk (Walk for a Childs Dream). At that first visit he was only able to spend one day with us as he had to be at an official visit in Ohio the day after the Walk. However on this second visit he will be with us for five days.

In addition to the new club building activity I would like to propose a District wide membership roundup. In this roundup I would like each Lt. Governor to hold a membership roundup in their Division on Tuesday Evening August 20th. I would further propose that each Lt. Governor set a goal of 100% participation by each club in their Division and that each club bring at least one new member to be inducted at that meeting.

I would like to have a conference call set up where each Lt. Governor could place a call to President Dave to announce to him the number of members enrolled at each roundup. What an outstanding tribute it would be if we could have 100-200 new members in his honor. He will be taking calls at the Ontario roundup, and we will keep a running total of the members enrolled in his honor that evening. I can think of no better way to say thank you to the President for his fine leadership this year, and for coming to New York twice to help us with our Kiwanis activities.

By the time you read this article, Marlene and I will have completed all of our Governor's visits to the Divisions. All Divisions will have hosted a visit by the Governor. Marlene and I wish to thank you all for the graciousness you exhibited during our stay in your respective Divisions. It is difficult to put into words how proud we felt to hear of your accomplishments, and how you took us into your hearts. We will fondly remember each visit, and the great feeling we had of how much Kiwanians are doing to make lives better in each of our communities.

If you have completed the Governor's project, and/or the First Ladies project, be sure that you down load the forms and fill them out so that you may receive credit for these fine projects. I would like to see every club receive both banner patches for completing both projects.

There is still much to be done on membership as I write this we have signed up 501 new members. This is a significant number but we

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Kiwanis Brooklyn Division marches in the annual Memorial Day Parade.

Club President Role Summary

As our next year approaches it is valuable to summarize the duties of the Club President.

Club President

Serves as club leader by setting and implementing goals for improving the members' club experience and increasing the impact of the club's service in the community by adding new members to the club.

Qualifications: A proven leader with the ability to:

- Motivate and inspire volunteers
- Empower and influence others
- Manage time
- Build relationships with community leaders
- Facilitate club meetings
- Lead by example
- Facilitate change
- Use Microsoft Office Products Suite

Responsibilities:

- Establishes a vision (or implements the stated vision) for the club and motivates and inspires club members to meet that vision.
- In consultation with the Board of Directors, establishes goals for the club including membership growth and community service goals.

- Facilitates fun, educational and efficient club meetings. Ensures a quality speaker/program.
- Ensures a successful club experience by providing a New Member Orientation, surveying the members regularly (Club Excellence Tool!), and maintaining high quality standards.
- Ensures that the club is productive by leading the club to participate in a periodic Community Analysis and supporting Kiwanis branded service projects and fundraising events that are meaningful to the members and the community. Fulfills sponsorship responsibilities to Service Leadership Clubs.
- Organizes an effective Leadership Team by appointing and training effective committee chairmen to focus on the club's goals. Leads effective and efficient Board Meetings. Implements a succession plan for future leaders ensuring a seamless transition.
- Communicates regularly with club members to keep members informed about the business and activities of the club.
- full fills all other duties documented in the Standard Form for Club Bylaws.



Aktion Clubs

Debra Fuchs

In this issue I am taking the opportunity to showcase some of our NY District Aktion Clubs. Our Adirondack AC held a very successful Spring Dance back in May. It was attended by about fifty five people, who danced the night away and snacked on pizza. Thank you to the Kiwanis AC advisors, Martha Butler Keck and Rabbi Ken White, for sharing that information with me. The Kiwanis AC advisor from the East Aurora AC, Don Bach, recently emailed me regarding an ice cream social they held for senior citizens in their community. Seventy five senior citizens were entertained with a talent show produced by thirty East Aurora AC members, besides having ice cream, cookies, pop and coffee. Additionally East Aurora AC placed flags on veterans' graves for the Memorial Day holiday. Thank you East Aurora AC and Kiwanis AC advisor, Don, for all that you did!

Newark Aktion Clubbers held a cooking class with the help of Kiwanis member and local caterer, Natalie Lemon. They prepared calzones, tossed salad and cupcakes while learning about a well balanced diet. This class is part of a yearly ritual. They are currently planning a car wash to benefit the Wayne ARC's Greenhouse Program. Kudos to Newark AC for a job well done and thanks go out to Diana Lagenor from the Wayne ARC for giving me this information. Finally, the Elmira AC received the 2007 Community Partner Award given by the Cerebral Palsy and Handicapped Children's Association of Chemung County in recognition of their efforts to build partnerships with persons with disabilities which promotes community inclusion and mutual learning for the betterment of all. The Kiwanis AC advisor, Mel Dunlap, has been asked by the NYS Cerebral Palsy Association to do a presentation on Aktion Clubs at their convention in Albany in October. Thank you to Elmira AC and Kiwanis AC advisor Mel. I think you showed that there is there no better way to get the word out about our Aktion Clubs. We are all about service!

We currently have fourteen clubs in the district and I am hoping that more Kiwanians will get involved in chartering some new clubs. Get the word out! Contact me for information. I will be happy to help out. Any of the Kiwanis AC advisors would be glad to answer you questions regarding new clubs. My email is blueyes1255@aol.com.

US Africa

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them set up a parallel system so they can help other countries. So now, we're helping people in Kenya, Sierra Leone, Nigeria and we've expanded into Tanzania. We could double what we're doing," concludes Grashow, "but we don't have the manpower."

If you'd like to help or learn more about helping Zimbabwe's school children, you can go to www.childrensfellowship.org or call Sheri Saltzberg and Mark Grashow at 718-965-2560.

Finger Lakes Genesee Honored by CMN

Kiwanians of the **FINGER LAKES DIVISION** and the **GENESEE DIVISION** received an award for Outstanding Support to the Children's Miracle Network. The award was presented by the Golisano Children's Hospital at their annual Miracle Children's Luncheon in Rochester.

The hospital recognized Kiwanis' 25 year history of support for the CMN and noted that Past District Governor and Past International Trustee Jack Harten was involved with the first CMN telethon, 25 years ago and through the efforts of Jack and Past Governor Bob Calabrese Kiwanis support for the CMN expanded from the Rochester area to the entire country.

In accepting the award, Lt. Gov. John Hanratty, Finger Lakes Division and CMN Coordinator, Vince Lang, Genesee Division, cited the significant growth of pediatric services by the hospital and stated, "Kiwanis is dedicated to improve the communities we live in and especially to improve the lives of children in those communities. A world class Children's Hospital improves the quality of life



CMN Coordinator Vince Lang (Genesee) and Finger Lakes LG John Hanratty.

for all families in the region.

We are proud to continue the work that such outstanding Kiwanians, such as Jack and Bob, started 25 years ago and are gratified that Kiwanis has had a beneficial effect on the lives

of so many families". In the last four years, the two divisions have contributed more than \$100K to the hospital. The luncheon was attended by approximately 400 people including 70 Kiwanians.

Nassau to Suffolk Bike Challenge Benefits KPTC



Nassau to Suffolk Bike Challenge Riders refuel at the half way point, Southdown Elementary School in Huntington, before continuing on.



Although wet, volunteers for the 11th annual Nassau to Suffolk Challenge Bike Ride, spirits were not dampened as the event, sponsored by North Shore Kiwanis, went off without a hitch. Proceeds from the event went to fund the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center at North Shore Hospital in Manhasset.

Battista

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your room from the service menu, a late snack, or maybe a nice sundae with hot fudge and fresh strawberries. Whatever your taste buds may desire, the TSRC eateries will fulfill. (Legend of pricing: \$ = 5 to 15 per person, \$\$10 to 28 per person, \$\$\$ = 15 to 45 per person, \$\$\$\$ = 25 to 75 per person.)

The surrounding areas also have many locations for you to venture off too. The town of Rome, which is just a 10 minute drive away, along with the Onieda County chamber of commerce, will have booths at our convention with brochures of the shops and restaurants in the area along with day trips. There is also Vernon Downs, a trotter's horse track about 5 minutes away, an exciting evening outing. On Friday August 8th, from 4:30 Pm to 8:30Pm there will be tours of Kamp Kiwanis, sponsored by the New York District Foundation, this is a unique opportunity to visit the Kamp while in session. The children will be present and the amount of guests will be limited. See the foundation booth at the convention for details. First come basis for busing.

The TSRC also has headline entertainment in their Show Room and Event Center on Friday and Saturday evenings, call them directly to see who will be performing and to make reservations; 1 800 771 7711, ask for the "Box Office". Also, on the premise is the newly opened "LAVA" a Las Vegas style night club (alcohol is served here). Or you may want to just sit back and relax in the Copper Lounge or Delta Café. But don't forget why we are here, this is our District Convention and there is a full agenda of Kiwanis business to attend too.

Santino Honors Fallen At Peninsula Veterans' Nite



Pictured (left to right) are Peninsula Kiwanis President Kevin Cooney of Island Park; Tim and Janet Scherer, parents of fallen soldier Marine Corporal Christopher G. Scherer; Kenneth and Joann Lyles, uncle and mother of fallen soldier Lance Corporal Jordan C. Haerter; Daniel and Maureen Murphy, parents of fallen soldier Lieutenant Michael Murphy, who was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor from U.S. President George W. Bush; Peninsula Kiwanis Committee Chairman John Jonza of Cedarhurst; and Councilman Santino.

Kiwanis Club of **PENINSULA**, Long Island Southwest— Hempstead Town Senior Councilman Anthony J. Santino (right) presents official Town of Hempstead Citations during the Penin-

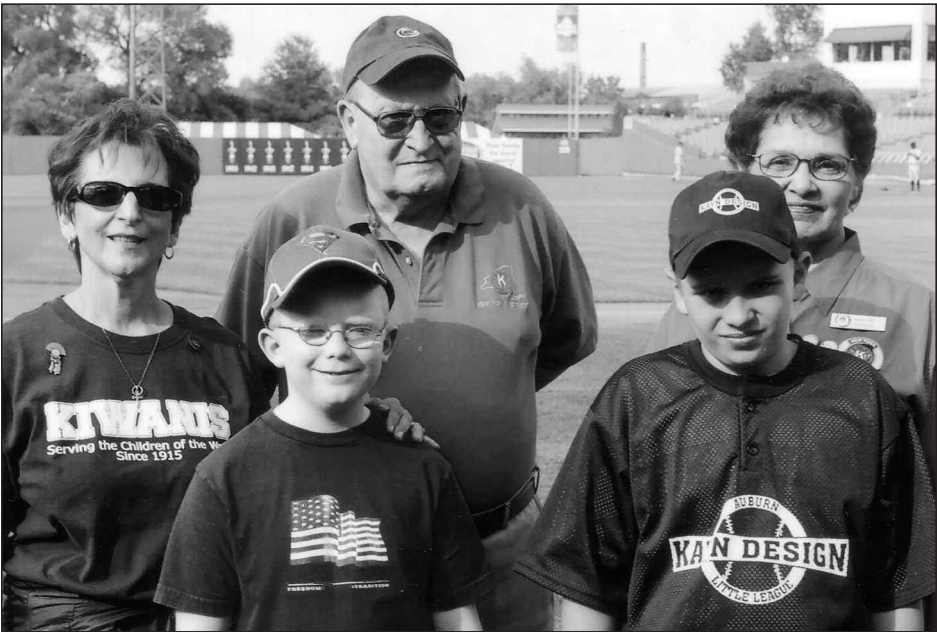
sula Kiwanis Annual Veterans Night honoring the parents of soldiers who lost their lives in Afghanistan and Iraq. The event took place at Pompei Restaurant in West Hempstead.

Kiwanis Ballpark Day Benefits Golisano Children's Hospital

The Kiwanis Club of **SOLVAY-GEDDES-CAMILLUS**, Ontario Division – When Kiwanians of Ontario Division sponsored an International League baseball game in Syracuse recently, the big winner was the Golisano Children's Hospital as well as the Syracuse Chiefs.

Kathy Amman of Solvay-Geddes-Camillus Kiwanis club chaired the event in which thousands of tickets were handed out in advance and Kiwanis received several hundred dollars to contribute to the Children's Hospital. Governor Don Herring's grandson Alex Herring of Auburn threw out a "first ball" as part of the ceremonies. He pitches for one of the Little League teams in Auburn. Also throwing out a "first pitch 11 was Brennan Carman of Syracuse who has a close association with the Children's Hospital since he has visited his 2-year old brother there nearly every day for an extended period.

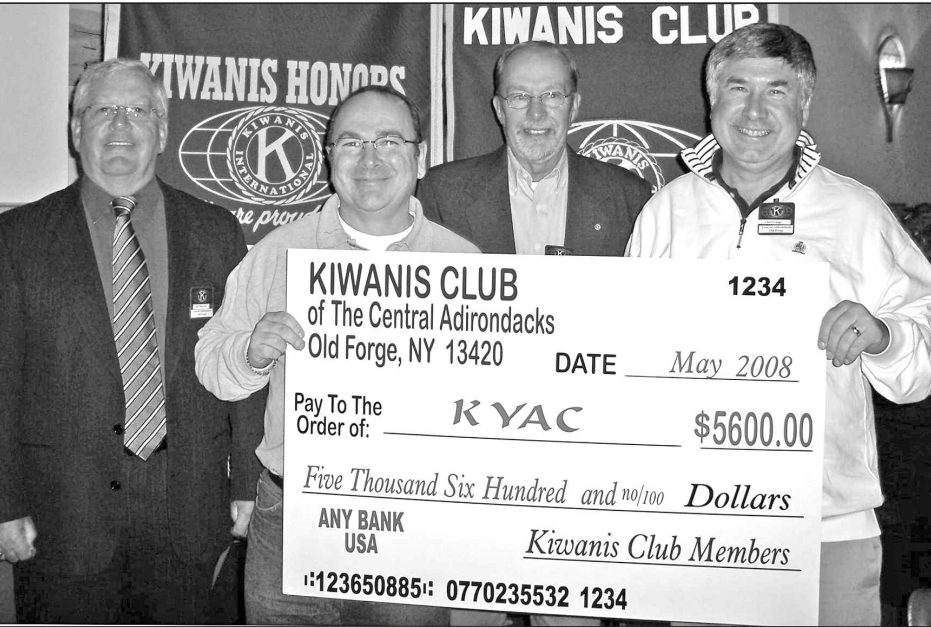
Kiwanians took advantage of spreading the word about Kiwanis by handing out a



brochure to fans telling about the many projects benefitting children such as First Lady Marlene Herring's "Reading to Children Pre-

Above: Alex Herring, at right, front row, and Brennan Carman, at left front were "first ball" pitchers while in rear, from left, are Kathy Ammann, Kiwanis Ballgame chair, New York Kiwanis Governor Don Herring, and Kiwanis First Lady Marlene Herring.

Kommunity Youth and Activity Gets \$5600 From Central Adirondack Winter Carnival



Bill Ransom Winter Sports Challenge Co-chairman, Jim Connerty KYAC President, Bob Baker and Chris Gaige KYAC Directors.

Kiwanis Club of the **CENTRAL ADIRONDACKS**, Adirondack Division – Each year as part of Winter Carnival holds it's Annual Winter Sports Challenge fundraiser. This year the 8th Annual Winter Sports Challenge raised \$5,600 and the proceeds were donated to the Kommunity Youth and Activity Center (KYAC) in Old Forge.

Jim Connerty, President of KYAC in accepting the important funding, expressed his sincere thanks to Kiwanis and the entire Central Adirondack community for their dedication to creating and financing the Youth Activity Center, which has been so successful.

This year's event was on Saturday, February 9, and included snowshoeing, cross-country skiing and an indoor walk. The snowshoe and ski events were held at McCauley Mountain Ski Area and the walk event at the Town of Webb Park Avenue Building.

Over 150 people participated this year and the No. 1 Fundraising Team was Town Of Webb Union Free School District Key Club who received the Traveling Plaque and a Permanent Certificate, the No. 2. Fundraising Team was The Waterbabies who received a Permanent Certificate. The No. 1 Fundraising Individual, Hazel Dellavia received a Permanent Certificate and \$50. The No. 1 Fundraising Individual, 18 or under, was Josh

Mahoney who received a Permanent Certificate and \$100.

Corporate Sponsors were Community Bank, Ace Hardware, North Woods Inn, B. J. Queen, Last Run cafe, Mountainman Outdoor Supply Co., TOW Bar Restaurant, Century 21 Realty, Burke's Marina, Rivet Realty, Eileen & Dennis Michaels, Old Forge Fire Department, Old Mill Restaurant, Timm Associates, Rivett's Marine, Adirondack Bank, Byrne Dairy, Central Adirondack Assoc., American Legion, Enchanted Forest, George's Thing, Inlet Youth Commission, Thor Information Services, McCauley Mountain Ski Center, Northeastern Loggers, Old Forge Hardware, Helmer's Fuel & Trucking, Levi Lumber, Peter Shannon, George Villiere, Drs. Karen & Michael Brady, and Twitchell Sportswear Inc.

Bill Ransom and Dick Olson, Kiwanis Co-chairs of the Winter Sports Challenge Committee stated that; "The startup of the Kommunity Youth and Activity Center (KYAC) has been one of the most important projects that Kiwanis has participated in and expressed their sincere thanks to all participants, sponsors and volunteers that make this such an exciting community event". Ransom also noted "it is important to recognize that all the funds raised by Kiwanis stay in the community".

natal to Age 5" program •. The goal there has been to get more "age appropriate" books into Birthing Clinics, Pediatric Clinics, other Prenatal Centers, and in particular, clinics in disadvantaged areas.

The brochure noted that since the early 1980's the Ontario Division Kiwanis clubs have worked together to provide support of the Children's Miracle Network and now is looking to help fund the Pediatric Trauma Unit at Golisano Children's Hospital.

Money raised at the ball game is expected to be directed toward that Pediatric Trauma Unit which was recently announced as the 5th such Kiwanis-sponsored trauma unit in the state. The others are in Buffalo, Rochester, Albany, and North Shore Long Island.



Auburn's Alex Herring swingings in a first pitch to Chief Catcher Magnante when Kiwanis Baseball Day was held at Syracuse Chief's Alliance Bank Stadium.

Saratoga Springs Serves Roast Beef



The **SARATOGA SPRINGS** held a roast beef dinner with all the trimmings, for the Saratoga Springs Soup Kitchen. The event was attended by over 140 needy Saratogians. Above are some members of the Saratoga Club, Saratoga Kiwanis Key Club. President Nadine Sleasman is on the far right.



Tag Team

Ann Sewert

Join the summer fun with a Membership Round-Up as we honor our International President Dave Curry. International President Dave will be here in August to help us celebrate our new members. Need some ideas to start your membership drive? Here are some suggestions to help freshen up your club. Remember, every club is different, so you may need to modify the techniques to fit your club. The most important thing is to start with a plan or a goal. Consider the following ideas when reviewing your club plan.

- **Create a Membership Committee** – recruiting new members requires a constant effort so your committee should consist of 2 or more members. Form a committee or team to create a clear goal and a plan for achieving your goal. Be sure everyone on the team understands their role and announce the plan to all members of your club, to get everyone involved.

- **Call in the experts** – the New York District TAG Team is ready to help as well as our Club Development Manager, Algernon Alexander, from Kiwanis International. Past Governors and Past Lieutenant Governors are also an excellent resource. Membership information can also be found on the Kiwanis International Website www.kiwanis.org. On the home page, click on Member Area, then click on Club Excellence, there you will find many membership ideas.

- **Set goals and responsibilities** – goals provide a unifying purpose for your team and allow you to monitor your progress. In order to achieve your goal, you must have a plan and you must know who is responsible for carrying out each assignment and when it should be completed. "Who will create the new member prospect list?" "Who is responsible for sending out invitations?" Are a couple of specific assignments with timelines.

- You must also **think outside the box** – If your club's membership drive works well, then continue with it. But don't overlook some additional ideas that can complement your efforts. Such as:

1. Look for members in ethnic groups, not represented in your club.
2. Contact former members.
3. Put club brochures in doctor's offices, hospital waiting rooms, libraries, etc.
4. Put articles about your club in the local newspaper.
5. Send newsletters to local business's and program speakers.
6. Wear your Kiwanis pins or Kiwanis shirts
7. Celebrate your successes.
8. Invite prospective new members to a service project or fundraiser.
9. Provide new member incentives.
10. Make your Meeting a social event.
11. Host a club open house.
12. Plan a membership drive for parents of your sponsored programs.

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Community Services

Peter J. Owens

As we enjoy the summer, it is certainly the time for club leaders to identify exactly what service projects the club accomplished so far.

I pose the question – did you do any new projects or did you continue to perform the “old tried and true” ones?

In training sessions – we suggest that leaders (and club members alike) look outside the box.

Try to create new ways to provide Community Service.

You may attract a new audience, and interest club members who are not now included in your regular projects. We also suggested that if you are comfortable with a regular community service and are successful with it – to do it again within the year. Is it impossible to have TWO car washes, TWO Pancake breakfasts or TWO Pasta dinners? What about TWO bowling afternoons?

Have you considered the inclusion of a nearby club to stretch the box. With the resources of two clubs, almost any project can be attempted and successfully concluded - I think this is a great way to hold BLOOD DRIVES by sharing the load with another club. Two groups acting together will insure the Drive would be a ‘home run’ and provide anxiously needed blood.

Remember – clubs need to perform community services to be given Distinguished status. There are only a few months left in this administration and you should reflect on what you have done. It is not too late to develop a service project this year.

Canvas your members at the next meeting and ask them what would they like to do. Set up committees and go for it.

I ask you especially to think about doing successful projects a “second time” this year.

There are many people counting on you, your club and those community service projects you perform – so keep positive attitude and think “outside the box” MAKE A DIFFERENCE – IT COUNTS! Are you a member or are you a Kiwanian?

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Let’s show International President Dave Curry what the New York District is made of on August 20th, by honoring him with 200 new members. As Governor Don mentioned in his article, what a tribute it would be to a Gentleman that has given so much of his time and talent to serve the children of the world and to grace us with his presents as he visits the New York District for a second time. The true gift will stay in the New York District with 200 new members. Just think of the additional children we can serve.

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Website at
www.kiwanis-ny.org

US and Canada Toast Friendship

The PLATTSBURGH BREAKFAST Kiwanis Club, Adirondack Division – met with members from the Montreal St George Kiwanis Club at the St James Club in Montreal to observe Canada-United States Goodwill Week This annual celebration focused on the nearly two centuries that Canada and the US have lived together in peace.

In 1921, Kiwanis International adopted a resolution to celebrate the signing of the Rush-Bagot Treaty in 1817. In short, “The treaty provided for the demilitarization of the Great Lakes and Lake Champlain, where many British naval armaments and forts still remained. The treaty laid the basis for a demilitarized boundary between the US and British North America. Kiwanis received greater public recognition and commendation through this resolution than any other good deed. The values in international goodwill and friendship are inestimable.

In a time of passport discussions and policy changes, Canada-United States Goodwill Week observances reaffirm and further build upon our continued camaraderie. The photo on right, depicts such a relationship between Kiwanis members across borders. In 1935, Kiwanis erected the first peace marker along the common border at the Ambassador Bridge between Detroit and Windsor. The establishment of thirty-five Kiwanis peace



Plattsburgh Breakfast Kiwanians Tony Moran, Bob Turoff, DPLG Helen Chauvin, Nicole Guy (Canadian Kiwanian) and Bonnie Fenwick, (88-89 Lt Gov Designate) toast in celebration of the friendship between our countries.

markers along the common border now exist including the one depicted which is located at the LaColle crossing. There are also two peace markers not on the border that are located in Washington DC and Mount Eisenhower (near Banff) in the Canadian Rockies. Each marker

bears the inscription “This unfortified Boundary Line between the Dominion of Canada and the United States of America should quicken the remembrance of the more than a century of old friendship between these two countries – a lesson of peace to all nations.”

BWS Sends Troups Caring Paks

BRONX WESTCHESTER SOUTH DIVISION – Members of the Bronx Westchester South Division Kiwanis Family recently sent over fifty care packages to men and women of the United States Armed Services serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. The project was launched at a Kiwanis Family Divisional in November. In February, over 100 Kiwanis, Key Club, and Circle K members, representing nearly every K-family club in the division, gathered for an Interfaith Prayer Breakfast. Members of the Kiwanis family in the Bronx and Southern Westchester brought items for care packages to the breakfast and worked together to prepare over fifty packages filled with snacks, sports equipment, toiletry items, and letters. Soldier names and care package requests were obtained through the 501 c (3) non-profit organization – A Soldiers Wish List (www.asoldierswishlist.org).



Kiwanian Changes the World One Child at a Time



Reprinted from Courier Life Publications – Local couple helps change the world. Brooklynites featured in President Bill Clinton's book 'Giving.'

By Beth Sarafraz

Kiwanis Club of **MAPLETON**, Brooklyn Division – Former Lincoln High School teacher and 30 Year Key Club Advisor Mark Grashow (Mapleton) and his wife, Sheri Saltzberg, residents of Park Slope, Brooklyn, have been featured in former President Bill Clinton's latest book, *"GIVING: How Each of Us Can Change the World"* because of their endeavors to save schools and schoolchildren in Zimbabwe.

For the past couple years, the organization founded by the couple, U.S. Africa Children's Fellowship, partnering with the Zimbabwe Organization of Rural Associations for Progress, has been bringing containers of supplies to support the devastated Zimbabwean education system. The supplies are donated by participating sister schools, mainly in Brooklyn, such as Abraham Lincoln, Brooklyn Tech, John Dewey, Midwood, and Lafayette High School, intermediate schools such as the Bay Academy and Mark Twain, and elementary schools such as PS 329 and PS 100.

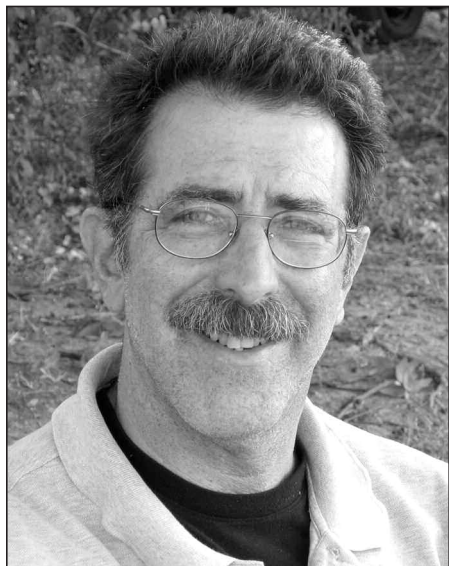
It all started with an invitation to a wedding in Zambia. After the wedding, Saltzberg and Grashow traveled to Zimbabwe to meet a friend of their son's and take a tour of the country and some local schools.

Hardly a vacation paradise, the southern African nation ruled by Robert Mugabe since its independence in 1980 seemed on the verge of collapse. Recent elections threatening to unseat Mugabe won't undo the damage anytime soon. "The inflation rate in Zimbabwe is 66,000 percent, which means the prices double every two weeks," said Grashow. "There isn't any electricity, hardly any food or water and one third of the students in school are orphans, due to a devastating AIDS crisis."

As a former school teacher, Grashow was appalled by the schools he and his wife toured. "Since the 1980s, no money has been invested. The buildings have holes in the roofs and broken windows and toilets. The libraries consist of shelves made of boards and bricks, with no books on them. There are no textbooks or science equipment, no pens or pencils. Blackboards were shredded and

peeling off the walls. There weren't even chairs or desks in the classrooms - students sat on the floor."

When asked why he was motivated to help the youth in another country, rather than right here in America, Grashow replied "If life brings you to a place where you see somebody drowning, you don't yell out to them 'Where do you live? What country are



Mapleton Kiwanian Mark Grashow.

you from? You just do what you can. Our lives brought us to Zimbabwe and we figured out a way we could help a substantial number of people. We also created a model that can be used anywhere."

The model created by Grashow and Saltzberg resulted in a win-win situation. American students got to experience how it feels to give by donating books, sports equipment, art supplies and toys that were no longer used in their schools, to live not only devoted to self-centered goals, but for the sake of others. African students got a chance for an education that could help them rise above the misery in their country.

Saltzberg cited a poignant example of how the things we take for granted in this country could actually change someone's life in another. "We got to a school where we had already sent one shipment - this was our second shipment. The principal asked me if I would go and greet this woman who had been waiting for two hours to meet me. She came over, took my hand and told me that she was raising her orphaned nephew, who had not had a pair of shoes in two years. She

Sheri and the kids from Zimbabwe.

wanted to get him shoes but she couldn't. But because of our shipment, he walked to school in a pair what they call 'tackies' (sneakers). She just wanted to thank me for the shoes."

The venture succeeded beyond anyone's wildest dreams. According to Grashow, "in one school, the kindergarten population went from 15 to 80 in six months, because we brought toys. Sixty percent of Zimbabwe's seventh graders now pass the reading test, whereas formerly it was only five percent. In one district, 38 students passed the A level exams required to be admitted to a university; three years ago, only one student passed.

"Schools now offer art, sewing and soccer, because we brought them supplies and soccer balls. Education is incredibly valued in Zimbabwe. Kids will walk two to three hours to get to school because we gave them all the abandoned sneakers cleaned out of the locker rooms of various high schools over here. We've brought six containers - six shipments so far - so the kids know we'll keep coming back."

Bill Clinton's book *"GIVING"* carries a message of hope and inspiration for ordinary people to realize we all have the power to change the world, to live not just for ourselves, but for the sake of others. Because they were featured in the book, Saltzberg and Grashow say "people have been contacting us from all over the country - not so much for giving us money, but asking us if we can help

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Monticello Awards Scholarships

The **MONTICELLO** Kiwanis Club, Hudson River West Division – has awarded a total of \$8500 in scholarship's to the follow Monticello High School Grad's: Pictured on the right: 1st row-Taylor Alper, The Max Shapiro Memorial \$1000; Samatha Putzer, The Kathy LaBuda Scholarship \$500; Autumn Eggleton, Florence Leshner Memorial \$500; 2nd row: Daniel Green, Kiwanis Memorial award \$1500; Frank Segro, Ben Golden Memorial \$1500; Maria Pavese, Founder's Award \$1500; Liana Perez, Irving Kaufman Memorial \$500; Ashley Shore, Rose Raimond Scholarship \$500; Rebecca Perlman, Leo Rappaport Memorial \$500 and Dior Jackson,



KPTC Albany

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ALBANY MEDICAL CENTER PEDIATRIC TRAUMA UNIT

It's a wonderful Life!

Little did we realize just how successful the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Program would be at the Albany Medical Center Children's Hospital! K family members have gone from the ill fated duck race in the Hudson River to providing actual cash payments to the hospital totaling more than \$400,000. Clubs in the Capital and Van Rensselaer Divisions continue to support this worthwhile project.

Genesis – NE Children's Hospital In Boston – Past International President Anton Kaiser.

One cold and snowy Sunday, Tony approached capital district Kiwanians in the hopes of realizing a dream of creating trauma coverage for all of New York State's children. Founding Chairman KTPC Campaign, E. Kenneth James, a past Lt Governor from the Van Rensselaer Division, and many other Kiwanians from the Van Rensselaer, Mohawk and Capital Divisions adopted Tony's goal and planned the OVIDE Fund raising Duck Race in Hudson River. This occurred on 9/11/1993.

Since the race many fund raising efforts were attempted that led to the Bells of Life Program.

The Bell originator Dominick DeCecco of the Delmar Kiwanis Club and Past Lt. Governor approached me with the idea that people would donate \$1 to see their name on one of the Bells.

What a successful program! In addition, this program has been run for all these years with little or no administrative costs. During the tenure of the program, we have also sponsored 3 Black and White Balls and a children's day at the Great Escape Amusement Park in Lake George. The program has also benefitted from donations arising from Convention basket sales and from the receipt of contributions by our District Governors.

Since 1994, It has been an honor and a pleasure for me to have teamed with so many New York District Governors and K Family heroes who have worked so hard to see this program through!

Let's keep the program moving at all locations and associate Pediatric Trauma Coverage with the Kiwanis organization!



Monticello Scholarship Award Winners.
Ursula Good Memorial \$500.

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Suffolk West



What Happens to Everyday Heroes?

Last year, when Past Governor Joe Corace suggested the "Everyday Hero" part of his Governor's project, many people thought it would be a one-time award. This was not the case, however, at Windom Elementary School in Orchard Park, NY. The "Everyday Hero" award has turned into a gift that keeps on giving at Windom Elementary. Teachers have extended the award by passing it around the school as a way to recognize acts of volunteerism and thoughtfulness of staff members.

Jim Waack - the gifted and talented specialist for the school- received the "Everyday Hero" award last year from the Orchard Park Kiwanis based on his commitment to students, family, church and community, as well as many civic activities "It was a tremendous honor to be recognized," Mr. Waack said.

Mr. Waack, however, didn't keep the medal long before he and a few staff members had a better idea to pass it along to recognize others who carry out "every day" acts of kindness. Through an e-mail message and an informal ceremony, Mr. Waack passed his medal to fourth grade teacher, Nancy Buck,

for her special efforts on behalf of area service families. Mrs. Buck, the mother of a soldier in Iraq, instigated a Wall of Heroes at the local Town Hall honoring service men and women serving in Iraq.

It then was Mrs. Buck's turn to find the next recipient. She, in turn, passed it to Resource Teacher, Judy Schaner, who works tirelessly for overseas charities, local shelters and caring for special needs of students at school. Mrs. Schaner passed the medal to Mary Vesneske, the school's Computer Teacher, for her caring attitude and for her rescuing efforts of another staff member was in a car accident. Then a Resource Teacher, Bonnie Platt, received the award for managing the school's "Sun Shine" fund and starting a message quilt for a staff member battling cancer.

"It was a spontaneous act that grew out of our relationship with Kiwanis," commented Wendy Gloss, Principal of Windom Elementary. "Compassion and generosity aren't just lessons taught. They are words our staff lives by. Passing the medal became an outlet to



(Left to Right) Orchard Park Kiwanis President Joe Czarnecki, Mary Vesneske, Nancy Buck, Bonnie Platt, Judy Schaner, Jim Waack, and Orchard Park Secretary Sue Tober.

recognize people's giving. And, at the same time, it models to students how to take a

proactive role in our community," Mrs. Gloss added.

Monticello Names Tuno Everyday Hero



(L to R) Joy Tuno, Senior Detective Doug Tuno and Monticello President Henry Good.

The Kiwanis Club of **MONTICELLO**, Hudson River West Division – bestowed it's annual Everyday Hero Award to long time Monticello Police office Doug Tuno. Doug, with 35 years on the force is the Senior detective and youth officer. He has served thousands of local youngster, teens and there families. He started the local Youth Court 20 years ago which gives local high school students real

courtroom experience. He was instrumental in starting the School Resource office program and has been the department liaison with the school district. He is also the Head Firearms instructor and the range master.

The NYS Police named Doug last year as their Youth Officer of the year. He just recently headed three gang awareness seminars for local officials.

Suffolk East Receives Tobacco Action Coalition Awards

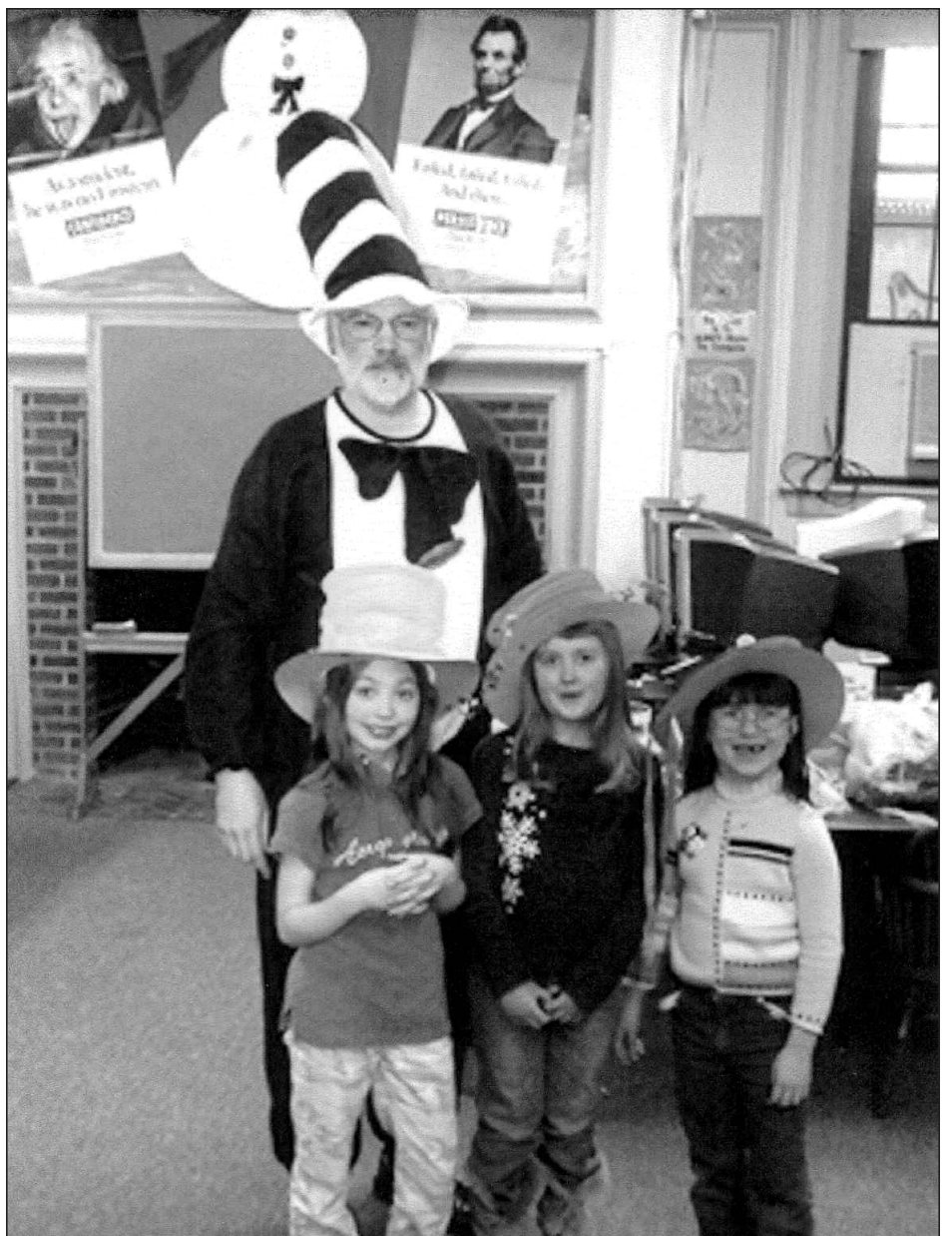


Director of Public Information and Education Patricia Bishop-Kelly, Dept. of Health Services, Suffolk East Health Education Chair Walter Ladick, Jr., PG Glenn Hollins and PLG Frank Virno.

SUFFOLK EAST DIVISION – receives awards from the Tobacco Action Coalition of Long Island. The project, a partnership with Suffolk County to promote health education regarding the grave dangers to children with smoking parents and caretakers in a contained environment, is a training program to and subsequent intervention by physicians and nurses

in emergency rooms and health centers. The nationally recognized program is in response to the thousands of children with second smoke related illnesses who appear in health care facilities and emergency rooms throughout Suffolk County. Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to serving one community and one child at a time.

LeRoy Pavillion Stafford's Cat in the Hat



The Kiwanis Club of **LEROY PAVILLION STAFFORD** – newest member of the Gene-see Division, held its first Read Around the World event this past March. In conjunction with the local library, Woodward Memorial, and the children's librarian, the club supported and participated in a Dr. Seuss Birthday Party for 24 children from the LeRoy community.

The event was held from 3:15-4:15 and the children were engaged for this hour in Dr. Seuss activities. A fifth grade student read Dr. Seuss' book, Happy Birthday to You! After the story, the Cat in the Hat paid a visit to the children and helped them play a game of Seussical chairs. Each child was given a paper top

hat to decorate as they saw fit and the Kiwanis members, including the Cat, helped them with this activity. The event ended with Kiwanis members distributing copies of The Cat in the Hat, Green Eggs and Ham, and One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish to each child in attendance. The Cat agreed to sign each child's copy.

The members of the LeRoy Pavilion Stafford Club felt strongly about donating books to the children as part of this event. The club also provided the top hats, a snack, and, most importantly, the Cat in the Hat.

Fonda-Fultonville Presents First Lady Packets to Fulmont Head Start



The Kiwanis Club Fonda-Fultonville completes First Lady Marlene's Book Project "Catch a Child's Dream, Read to Your Child."

The Kiwanis Club of **FONDA-FULTONVILLE**, Mohawk Division – presented to the Fulmont Head Start program at the Fonda-Fultonville Central School packets containing books for preschoolers as part of the New York District

Kiwanis Project called "Catch a Child's Dream, Read to Your Child". Each packet contained a nursery rhyme book or other book suitable for children ages birth to five years along with a bookmark, a pamphlet

about the Frothingham Free Library located in the Village of Fonda and a fact sheet on the value of reading to your preschool child. Each of the Head Start preschoolers were recipients of this project.

Key Leader Program Held at Camp Stella Maris



61 students and 9 adults attend Camp Stella Maris for Key Leader training.



Key Leader

Kim Scharoff

Despite the inconsistent weather, 61 students and 9 adults descended upon Camp Stella Maris the weekend of May 16-18, 2008 for the Western New York Kiwanis Key Leader program. The students ranged in age from 8th graders through high school seniors. During the course of the weekend, the students were lead through the program curriculum by Lead Facilitator Chris Niles and his group of student facilitators. The participants learned about personal integrity, personal growth, respect, community and excellence – both in terms of how it relates to themselves as individuals and as leaders. The rain held up on Saturday afternoon to allow the students to participate in a low ropes challenge course where they needed to work together in teams to complete a variety of activities.

The students were supervised throughout the course of the weekend by a dedicated team of volunteer chaperones from various Kiwanis Clubs. Without these chaperones helping during meal/snack times, sessions and sleeping in the cabins, the weekend would not have been a success. A special thanks to the Western New York Site Coordinators Ann Holevinski and Dean Beltrano.

5 Towns Honors Kiwanian of Year

The Kiwanis Club of **FIVE TOWNS**, Long Island Southwest Division – recently held their Annual Kiwanian of The Year Awards Night. The event attended by over 65 people was held at Goldie's Restaurant in Gibson.



Kiwanian of the Year IPP Tony Campanile and DPG Joe Corace.

This year's recipient was Immediate Past President Anthony Campanile. Campanile served as the Five Towns Kiwanis Club President 2006-2007 and achieved many awards for the club. The club was awarded the Kiwanis Distinguished Award for it's club and officers. The club raised record funds due to the large success of their Golf Outing and other events. He was also instrumental in forming Kiwanis Key Clubs at Lawrence Woodmere Academy and Lynbrook High School. Mr Campanile is a resident of East Rockaway where he and his wife Renee, are raising three daughters.

Hudes Presents Citation at Bowling Green K-Kids Charter



Hempstead Town Councilman Gary Hudes (right) presents an official Town of Hempstead Citation and Certificates of Recognition during the Charter Night Celebration of the Kiwanis K-Kids Club at Bowling Green School in Westbury.

Kiwanis K-Kids Club is a student-run organization of elementary school students dedicated to community service and leadership development, sponsored by the East Meadow Kiwanis Club.

A determined and dedicated group of third, fourth and fifth graders prepared and submitted to Kiwanis International a petition for charter which was granted. Officers and members were inducted during the Charter Night Celebration.

Also pictured with the students are Principal Maria Ciarametaro, K-Kids Administrator Mickie Leamey, LTG NYD Kiwanis-LISC Division Mary Burns of Hempstead, President Liz Fries of the East Meadow Kiwanis Club and Faculty/Kiwanis Advisor Rich Santer.

Key Clubs Celebrate Outstanding Service

Key Clubbers from Division Avenue, East Meadow, GC Tech, Island Trees, MacArthur, Uniondale and West Hempstead High Schools gathered to celebrate an outstanding year of community service.

As Lt. Governor Rickie Santer, a senior at Division Avenue HS, prepared to pass the Divisional banner and his office to Lt. Governor-Elect Robin Kornstein, a junior at Island Trees HS, he used his final divisional to honor Key Club members for their accomplishments and thank several Kiwanians for their mentorship and support during his two terms.

During this past year, the Key Clubs of Division 6 have made dozens of "pillow hugs" for injured soliders at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, chartered and supported an Aktion Club for special needs adults living in a group ACLD home, raised money to support the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center at North Shore-LIJ Hospital, sent bed kits and schools supplies to children in developing nations, raised money for the Key Club International Foundation's Youth Opportunities Fund, and raised over \$10,000 for the Foundation Fighting Blindness through their Spotlight 4 Sight Talent Show. The Key Clubs also participated in walks for Alzheimers, autism, breast cancer, lupus, and diabetes.

Lt. Governor Rickie presented awards for: K-Family involvement to GC Tech Key Club; divisional attendance to MacArthur Key Club; best new fundraiser to Uniondale Key Club for their Relay for Life; club leadership to Island Trees Key Club; single service to East Meadow Key Club for their Senior Citizen's Thanksgiving Dinner; and Governor's Project to West Hempstead Key Club for helping the disabled. The Island Trees Key Club was named this year's Distinguished Club for overall outstanding performance.

Also honored for their support of their Key Clubs were East Meadow, Levittown and West Hempstead Kiwanis Clubs.

Many individual Key club members were also recognized. In addition to a number of special certificates being awarded, Shannon Marlow of the Island Trees Key Club and Christopher Severance of DAHS Key Club were presented I Made a Difference "Starfish" pins as this year's outstanding Vice Presidents. In addition, Uniondale President Chris Greggs received the Kiwanis "Everyday Hero" Medal. The year's most active Key Clubbers Maggie Marcinczyk, Katherine Ysinare, Michelle Ysinare, Shannon Marlow, Chris Severance, Katieanne Molloy, Catherine Porras and Robin Kornstein were named Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center Sponsored Youth Fellows. Island Trees President Robin Kornstein also received Key Club International's highest honor the Sandy Nininger Medal which is presented to the "ideal Key Clubber."

Lt. Governor Rickie also honored several adults who have advised and supported the Key Clubs this year. GC Tech Faculty Advisor Lillian Creedon and Uniondale Faculty Advisor Andrea Battle-Brown received I Made a Difference "starfish" pins and West Hempstead Kiwanis Advisor Diann Forquignon received the Kiwanis Pediatric Lyme Disease Brittany Fellowship Medal. Levittown Kiwanians Rich and Lisa Santer (Rickie's parents) received the KPTC Sponsored Youth and the G. Harold Martin Fellowship Medal.

Lt. Governor Rickie acknowledged the support and inspiration of NYD Kiwanis Distinguished Immediate Past Governor Joe Corace with the G. Harold Martin Fellowship Medal.

The night's top award, the first Bob Cummo Exemplary Service Award, was given to Levittown Kiwanians David and Gail Cummo for their work with the Key Clubs as

Long Island South Central's Key Club Administrators.

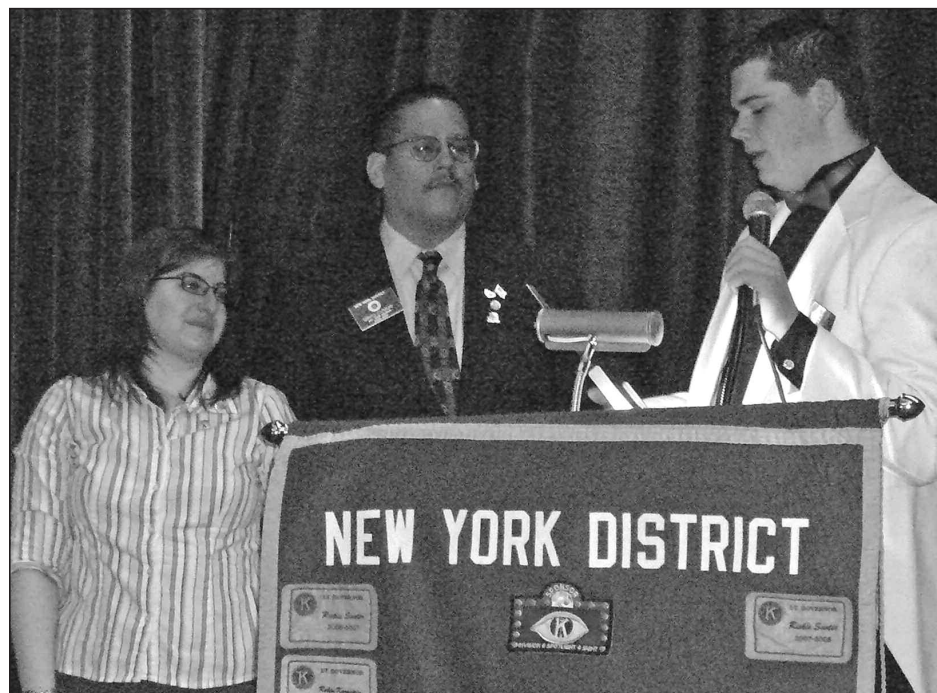
Local Kiwanians and the Foundation Fighting Blindness also had a few awards for Lt. Governor Rickie. Rickie received a New York District Governor's Certificate of Recognition from Joe Corace, an award recognizing his work producing the Spotlight 4 Sight Talent Show from the Foundation Fighting Blindness and a KPTC Sponsored Youth Fellowship from the East Meadow Kiwanis Club.

Finally, it was time for the Key Clubbers to acknowledge their Lt. Governor. The tears flowed as the Divisional Secretary Katie Molloy, W. Hempstead Vice President Cat and Island Trees President Robin, told the audience about Rickie's impact on their lives and dedication to Key Club. Following their moving presentation, the girls presented Rickie with the Key Club International Foundation G. Harold Martin Fellowship Medal.

The evening ended with Lt. Governor Rickie passing the divisional banner to Lt. Governor-Elect Robin and a music video showing the fun and friendship the Key Clubbers

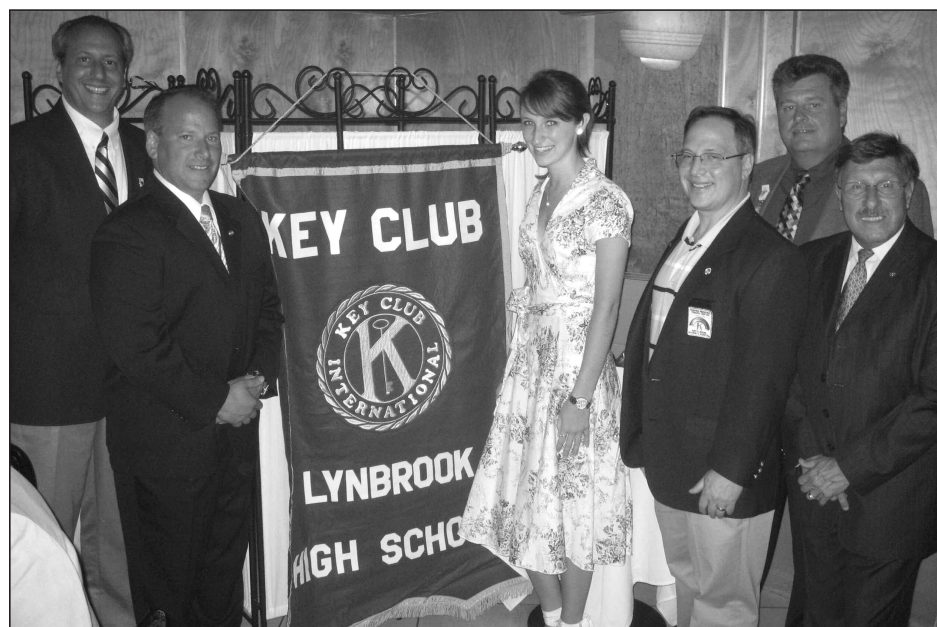


New Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center Sponsored Youth Fellows Rickie Santer, Maggie Marcinczyk, Christopher Severance, Catherine Porras, Robin Kornstein, Shannon Marlow, Michelle Ysinare, Katherine Ysinare and in front Katie Molloy



Key Club Lt. Gov. Rickie Santer presents the first Bob Cummo Exemplary Service Award to Long Island South Central Kiwanis Key Club Administrators David & Gail Cummo.

Five Towns Welcomes New Lynbrook Key Club



Pictured above: Members of the Five Towns Kiwanis Club presents the official Key Club Banner to Lynbrook Key Club President Alyssa Moody. (Left to Right) Tom Cohen, Anthony Campanile, Alyssa Moody, Lt Gov Elect Ralph DeSena, President Edward Monaco, Distinguished Past Governor Joe Corace.

The Kiwanis Club of **FIVE TOWNS**, Long Island Southwest Division – welcomed the newest member of it's family. The Lynbrook Key Club has been formed and was officially installed. The new Key Club consists of High School Students performing community service duties along with it's sponsor club, the Five Towns Kiwanis Club.

Five Towns Kiwanis Club advisors are Anthony Campanile and Tom Cohen. The new Key Club from Lynbrook High School consists of Principal Joe Rainis, Teacher Advisors, Allison Barrer, and Erin Murray. The new Student officers are: Pres. Alyssa Moody, Vice President Sendi Djeljevic, Sect. Francesca Marano, and Treasurer Alyssa Holler.

had shared through community service.

Rickie Santer will be officially retired and Robin Kornstein will be officially installed as Lt. Governor on Sunday, March 30, 2008 during the New York District Key Club Convention.

Key Club International is the world's largest student-run organization dedicated to service leadership and community service. High school clubs are sponsored by local Kiwanis Clubs.

Secretary Underwood

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elections) began to automatically "roll – over" the club officers from the prior year sometime each August. This is done to assure that the International Directory did not have Kiwanis clubs listed with no officers. For the past year, the New York District has also taken that policy. No reported officers, then the officers listed will be those last known to the District Office.

The 91st Annual New York District Convention at Turning Stone

This year, our District Convention will be August 7th (August 6th for Lt. Governors and VIPs) through the August 10th at the Turning Stone Resort and Casino. Our District Convention Chair Joe Battista has done an outstanding job in making arrangements that are set to "Wow" you! The registration forms are available now on our website.

There is an early registration deadline of July 7th, so be sure you make your arrangements now! For those of you not familiar with Casino hotel pricing, you will note that the cost of a room changes from Wednesday and Thursday to a higher cost on the weekends. And, if you are interested, check out what their "rack" rate is compared to our special rate negotiated by Convention Chair Joe Battista.

Of particular note, Chair Joe has arranged (for one fabulous price) a special Governor's Reception and Dinner that includes an open bar, a raw bar, ice sculpture and a dinner that features a beef and reef selection. See more of the menu on the registration form.

Again, please be sure to register for this Awesome Convention.

If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact the District Office or me at ANY TIME! ... Justin Underwood, NY District Secretary/Treasurer, 1-800-419-8898 or justinau@rochester.rr.com.



Lyme Disease

John A. Gridley

Lyme Disease: (When to act)

You should call you health care provider if you can't remove the tick or the tick's head; if fever or widespread rash occurs in 2 weeks after a tick bite; or if your child starts acting very sick. Lyme Disease had been divided into three stages.

Stage One:

3 to 30 days after the tick bite

- A unique rash develops in 80% of infected people. The rash (called erythema migrans) looks like a large red ring or bull's-eye that starts where the person was bitten and expands in size.
- The rash at the bite becomes larger than 2 inches (5 cm) across. A small rash (the size of a dime or quarter) is not Lyme disease.
- The rash is neither painful or itchy.
- It last 2 weeks to 2 months.
- Many children develop additional smaller.
- Some children develop a flu-like illness including fever, chills, sore throat, and headache that last for several days.

Stage Two

2 to 12 weeks after the tick bite

- Only about 15% of the people who have not received treatment for the disease develop Stage Two problems.
- The main symptoms are related to the nervous system: for example, stiff neck, weak facial muscles, and weakness or numbness of the hands and feet.
- A few children develop some problems with heart rhythm.

Stage Three: 6 weeks to 2 years after the tick bite

- About 60% of the people who have not gotten treatment for the disease will have Stage Three symptoms.
- Often these people have had no Stage Two symptoms.
- The main symptom of this stage is recurrent attacks of painful, swollen joints (arthritis). It usually affects the knees. The arthritis becomes chronic in 10% of children.

Call your doctor if you think your child might have Lyme disease and ask them to test for it. That is the most important thing to do. Just as a reminder, the Pediatric Lyme Disease Board will have its annual meeting at the District Convention in August and it is open to all.

Cent. Adirondack Distinguished



CENTRAL ADIRONDACK one of nine clubs in the Central Division was honored with the distinguished status. In addition, Chris Gaige was honored as Distinguished President and Bob Van Slyke as Distinguished Secretary.

Kiwanis and Suffolk Partner to Prevent Child Illness

SUFFOLK EAST DIVISION – In a bold step to provide critical education to doctors and nurses on how to help parents prevent serious illnesses in children caused by exposure to the poisons in secondhand smoke, Kiwanis Clubs of the Suffolk East Division have helped raise funding to support this program and made possible the full color printing of a children's workbook. The education program, created and implemented by staff from Suffolk's Health Department's Office of Health Education has been presented to Emergency Room doctors and nurses in hospitals and health centers throughout Suffolk County.

"Preventing illnesses in children by eliminating exposure to secondhand smoke by family members, visitors, and others who come into contact with a child reduces the child's risk for developing lung cancer and other life threatening illnesses later in life, reduces the number of days missed at school for these illnesses, lowers the amount of money parents must spend for doctor's visits and medication, and ultimately saves taxpayers thousands of dollars in taxpayer funded health care," said Walter Ladick Jr., Chairman of the Suffolk East Kiwanis Foundation for Health Promotion & Education.

Glenn Hollins, NYS Governor 2004-2005 added," this program has been so successful



(left to right) **Dr. Humayun J. Chaudhry D.O., MPA, Commissioner Suffolk County Department of Health Services; Suffolk County Legislator Kate Browning (3rd Legislative District) who provided a \$2,000 grant to the Kiwanis Club of Mastics for the program; Glenn Hollins, New York State Kiwanis Governor 2004-2005; Patricia Bishop-Kelly SC Dept. of Health, who is the creator of the program and author of the children's workbook; and Walter Ladick, Jr. Kiwanis Project Chairman.**

that it was granted national recognition by the National Association of City and County Health Officials as a "Promising Practice."

This prestigious honor is validation to our combined efforts to keep kids healthy and safe."

Franklin Sq Pres Donates Locks of Love



President Julie Davis-Olson preparing to donate to Locks of Love.



(left to right) **Stylist Tara Altrui holding \$100 donation check for Locks of Love from Franklin Square Kiwanis, President Julie Davis-Olson holding hair donation & Allison Ciccarello owner of Salon Tika of Rockville Center.**

Booker Campaigns in Ontario Division



New York District Governor J. Donald Herring, Candidate for Governor-Elect David Booker and DPLG Joe Eppolito.

ONTARIO DIVISION – PLG David E. Booker, center, of Sand Lake, NY and candidate for Governor-Elect of the New York District shared with the Ontario Division his qualifications for Gov. Elect at a Council meeting in Liverpool.

A Kiwanis member for 26 years, he has served in numerous club and state posts - Lt.

Governor of Tri-State Division in New England and Lt. Governor of Van Rensselaer Division in eastern New York. He also takes part in several Kiwanis-related community activities.

Booker will visit various divisions of Kiwanis in New York State in his bid for Governor-Elect for 2008-2009.

Fonda- Fultonville Cleans Community



Fonda Fultonville participates in a community wide clean up service project.

Patchogue Donates \$5000 to Crohn's & Collitis



Circle K News

by Chelsea Saccu

The members of the 2008-2009 New York District Board have been out and about lately working on some great things, and participating in some awesome events. The school year ended for most of the board in early - to mid - May. Right around this time, the board, as well as a couple of NYCKI members went up to one of my favorite places, Kamp Kiwanis. We helped to get the kamp cleaned and set up for the start of the season.

That very same weekend, we drove from Taberg to Elmira to participate in the Circle K Olympics, which is an event held by Elmira College's Circle K club every year. Events included and old favorite—eating a donut from a string without using your hands.



Attendees of the 2008 Circle K Olympics at Elmira College.

Members of the district board returned to Kamp Kiwanis for a larger cleanup this year. We cleaned up the bunks, swept out the cabins, and pulled weeds around the fire pits and the pool. Our June Board Meeting was also held that weekend.



NYCKI Governor Amanda Brennan, Empire Division LTG Michael Zebrowski, and Chelsea Saccu pulling weeds at Kamp Kiwanis.

Coming up in August is the Circle K International Convention, held in Denver, CO from August 6-9, which is preceded by the Large Scale Service Project (LSSP), also held in Denver, from August 2-6. These are two very exciting events, filled with fun experiences, and plenty of opportunities to do what we do best in the K-Family, Service!



Donut Eating Contest at Circle K Olympics. Co-Con-Con Chair Eric Hotchkiss, Immediate past Western Division LTG William Kelly, Chelsea Saccu and NYCKI Treasurer Alex Allen.

Helping Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America with a check for \$5,000 as part of the proceeds of PATCHOGUE Kiwanis' Annual Golf Classic. Receiving an award of CCFA Appreciation (from left) is Kiwanis Tournament Chairman, Chris Picini.

Holding the check from the left is Susan

Gomberg, Development Director of CCFA and Linda Berman, Development Manager of CCFA. Looking on from the rear is Phil Muller of the Patchogue Kiwanis and a Director of the CCFA. Looking on from the right is the President of the Patchogue Kiwanis, Joseph Barry.

Elmont Awards Scholarship to Feurteado



(L to R) Elmont Kiwanis Club President Robert J. Nori, Esq., Graduating Senior Ian Feurtado, Former Club President Joe Greenblatt and Club Secretary Lee Greenblatt

The Kiwanis Club of ELMONT, Long Island South Central - President Robert J. Nori, former club President Joe Greenblatt, and club Secretary Lee Greenblatt presented the Rev. Duncan Kennedy Scholarship Memorial Award, in the amount of \$2,500.00 to Ian Feurtado, graduating senior from Elmont Memorial High School. Mr. Feurtado will be at-

tending the University of Rochester this Fall and will be studying PreMed. The Kiwanis Club of Elmont meets every second and fourth Tuesday at Filomena's Restaurant, located at 1037 Hempstead Turnpike, Franklin Square, New York. All are welcome to join. For information, contact Lee Greenblatt at 516-2857921.



Public Relations
Janice Seyfried

Criteria for Media Relations Success

There are lots of ways in which Kiwanis can get positive coverage in the news. To begin, try some brainstorming to come up with ideas for news stories. Then, measure your story against the following criteria:

- Timeliness**
- What new club happenings are occurring?
- Is Kiwanis about to announce a fundraising event or service project?
- Is there any way to tie in your announcement/event to a current event, holiday, or observance?
- Is your club celebrating an anniversary or noteworthy milestone?

- Proximity**
- Is the Kiwanis event/announcement occurring in the media outlet/station's coverage area?
- Is this event a first for your club? The county? The region? The world?

- Impact**
- Will it affect a lot of people?
- Who will be involved? Club members? Volunteers? Event goers? General public?

- Importance**
- Is this important to the people in your community? Why? And why should it matter to them now?
- Is your club making any donations in the near future? What will these donations support?

- Novelty**
- Is the event/announcement unusual? Different?
- Can you connect your announcement/event with a local celebrity or elected official?
- Is there an opportunity to bring in a media personality to assist with your event? (e.g. Emcee of the event)

Don't forget to apply for the PR Award for 2007-2008 – the application/criteria is downloadable from the District website or you can email me at KiwanisPR@aol.com. Stop by our forum at the District Convention for new ideas.

Herring

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need to add another 200 members to be close to the needed amount to reverse the trend of membership losses over the past ten years. I am sure we can and will do this in the next four months.

Again I thank you all for your support and I look forward to the future as we build Kiwanis in New York. Always remember more members means more service. More service means better communities.

New York District
Website at
www.kiwanis-ny.org

Flushing Kiwanians Keep Kids Hopping



Flushing President Tak-Fu Chan (Tiger) and Cecelia Wong distribute Easter candy to children at the Shield School.



Children and their teacher at the Shield School do the bunny hop at Easter Party sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Flushing, Queens East Division.

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Late Breaking News from New York District Key Club Administrator Andy Lowenberg.

As members of the New York District of Kiwanis, we should be extremely proud of the members of Key Club.

At the recently concluded International Convention in Denver:

1. **Kia Albertson-Rogers** from the Spencer-VanEtten Key Club was elected International President
2. **Jessica Morris** from the Jamesville-DeWitt Key Club was elected International Trustee
3. **IP Gov. Karen DeMaria** from the Floral Park Key Club and IP Sec. Alex Geroux from the Glens Falls K Club were honored as Distinguished District Officers.
4. In addition, **Eastport/South Manor Key Club** was awarded first place for Single Service in the Silver Division and **New Hyde Park Key Club** was awarded third place in the Major Emphasis category as well as third place scrapbook.

A summary of the convention may be found on the Key Club website, NYDKC.org.

Thanks to all who support of Service Leadership Programs.

Hempstead Town Clerk Bonilla Awarded Everyday Hero Award



The Kiwanis Club of **SEAFORD**, Long Island South Central Division – Hempstead Town Clerk Mark Bonilla (2nd right) was recently presented with an Everyday Heroes Award from the Seaford Kiwanis Club during an event held in his honor at the Aztec Emperor Restaurant in Wantagh. On hand to congratulate Town Clerk Bonilla was the New York District of Kiwanis Immediate Past Governor Joe Corace. As Governor, Corace established the Everyday Heroes Award to recognize those who go above and beyond without getting significant recognition for their efforts. Pictured (left to right) are: Immediate Past Governor Joseph Corace of Brooklyn, Kiwanis Club of Seaford President Robin Asighieri, Town Clerk Bonilla, and Nassau County Legislator Dennis Dunne.

Anchor Program Receives \$5,056 in Memory of Morra



Pictured above: Peninsula Kiwanians Ernie DiChiaro, Frank Mistero, Lisa Morra, Mattie Morra, Peninsula President Kevin Cooney, Anchor Coordinator Joe Lentini, and Town Clerk Mark Bonilla.

The Kiwanis Club of **PENINSULA**, Long Island Southwest Division – sponsored the Anchor Family Spring Picnic for the 30th consecutive year on Saturday May 10th. It was once again a huge success, for the 30th consecutive year. Peninsula Kiwanis served over 600 Hamburgers and Hot Dogs. The club provided face painting, temporary tattoos and an 18 foot slide for the children. The Inwood Fire Department came down and gave tours of their trucks for the children.

A Disk Jockey from the KJOY radio station provided the music. Peninsula Kiwanis gave out 444 tee shirts to commemorate the 30th Anniversary of Sponsoring the event.

Peninsula Kiwanis also presented the Anchor Program a check for \$5,056 for their Building Fund. The funds were raised by the Peninsula Kiwanis Annual Bowling Fundraiser in memory of deceased beloved member, Fred Morra.

The Town of Hempstead **ANCHOR** program serves the handicapped of the Town of Hempstead.

Kiwanis & Key Club Wash Cars



Key Club and Kiwanis Members wash 128 cars.

The Kiwanis Club of **CENTRAL ADIRONDACKS**, Adirondack Division – with the Webb School Key Club washed 128 cars at their 8th Annual FREE Car Wash on Saturday, May 24 at the Calypso's Cove Parking Lot in Old Forge. The Kiwanis Club and Key Club raised nearly \$3,000 at the event.

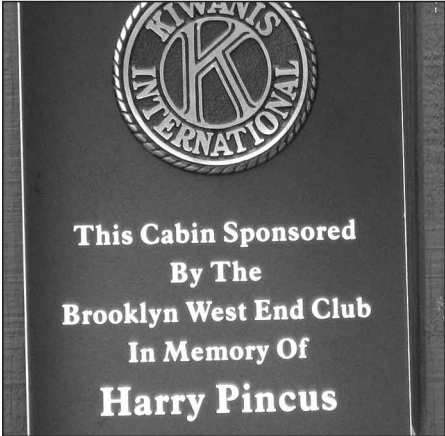
Chairman Bob Baker is pleased to report that the Kiwanis FREE Car Wash was a great success. The event is the primary fund raiser for the Kiwanis Club's child-oriented community programs such as, Key Club, Town of Webb School, Senior, Student of the Month/Year Scholarship, Christmas for Kids, Christmas Holiday Movie & Refreshments for Kids, Winter Carnival - Winter Sports Challenge benefiting Kommunity Youth & Activity Center (KYAC). In addition, programs such as: Benches on Main St., Kamp Kiwanis Scholarships, Books for Kids, Hugh O'Brien Youth Conference (HOBY) Scholarships, Mentoring Program, and Outdoor Youth Experience Kayaking and Mountain Climbing are provided for.

The Kiwanis Club and Key Club would like to thank Doug Clark of the Old Forge Car Wash for his generous donation of Car Wash soap for the past 4 years, the Noonan family at the Enchanted Forest/ Water Safari for the use of the Calypso's Cove Parking Lot, Pizza Hut at Calypso's Cove, The Rowe Family at The Donut Shop, The Town of Webb and CAA for loan of the signs and the many sponsors and patrons who make this special fund raising event possible.

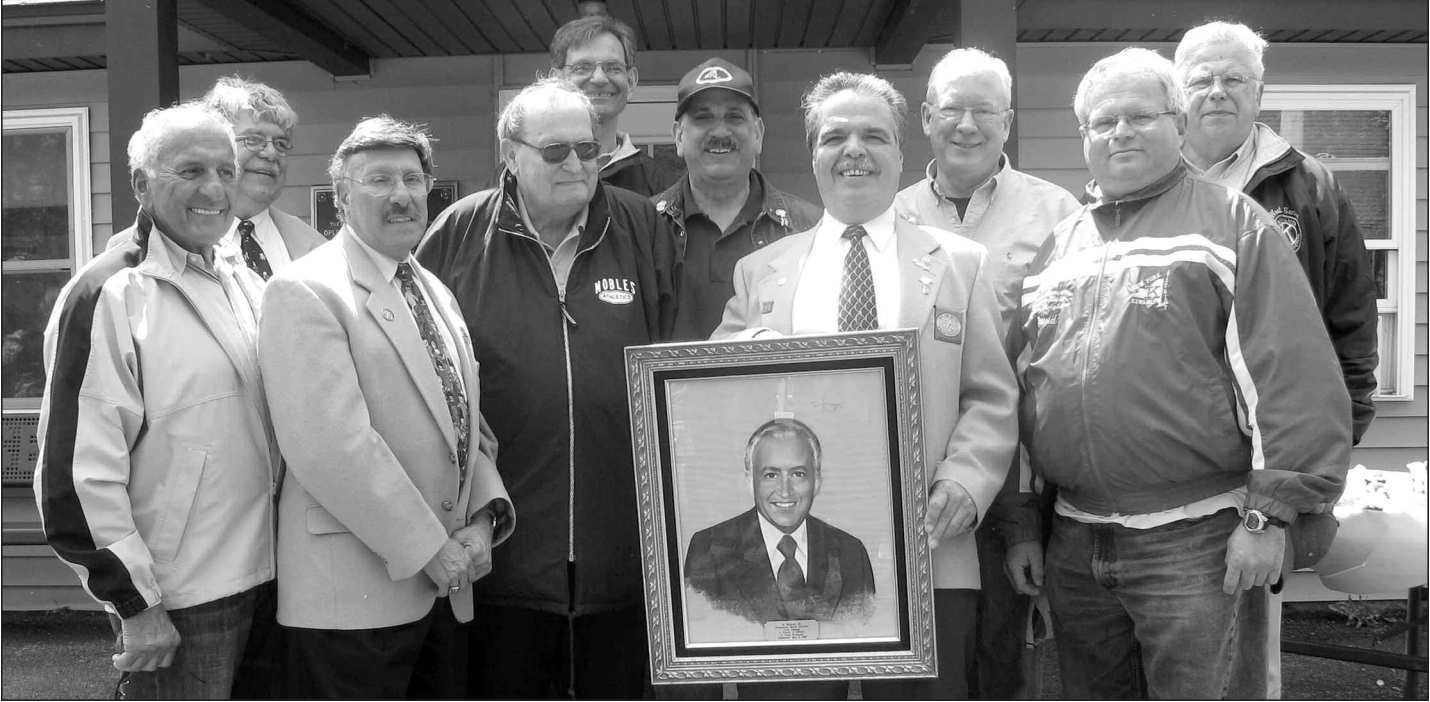
Kamp Kiwanis Work Weekend May 2008



La Guardia Airport Kiwanis Club bench in honor of member Charlie Bow.



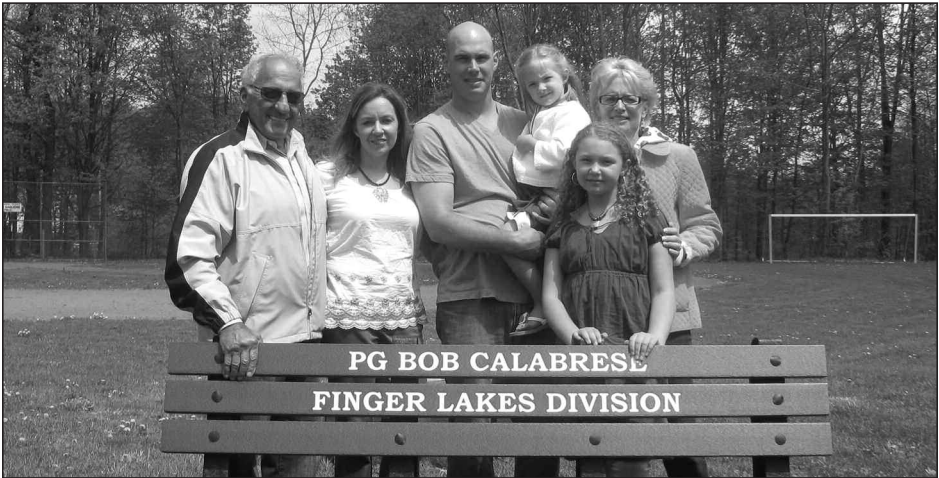
West End Kiwanis donates cabin in memory of member Harry Pincus.



New York District gathers to honor the memory of Past Governor Tony Palangi. (left to right, front row) DPG Bob Calabrese, DPG Joe Corace, Governor Don Herring, Foundation President Sal Anelli, and DPG David Rothman. (Back row) DPG Justin Underwood, DPG Peter Mancuso, DPG Joe Eppolito, DPG Pat Cooney and DPG Jim Yochum. The artist's rendition of PG Tony will be placed on the walls of the infirmary for all to remember this great friend of Kamp Kiwanis.

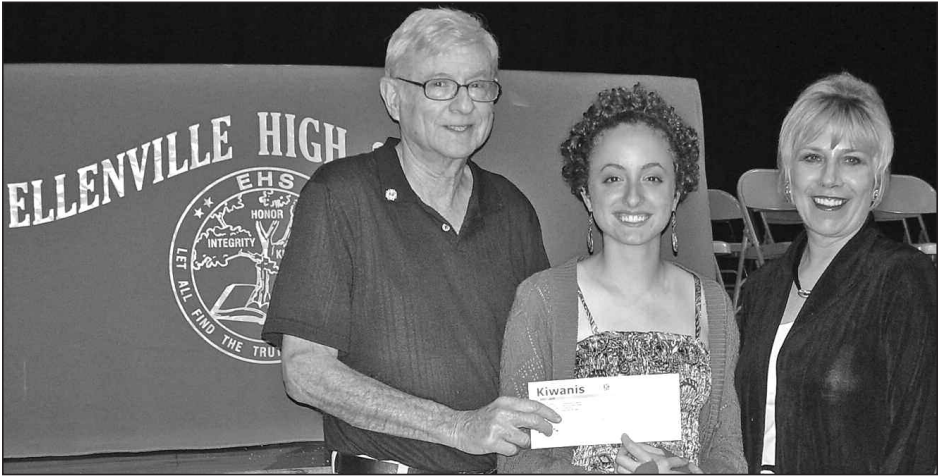


Foundation President Sal Anelli joins Joe's Heroes, DPLG Bill Jackson, DPG Joe Corace, Former First Lady Nydia, DPLG Dennis Rosa, DPLG Trish Hook and DPLG George Wells in the dedication of the Heroes Bench.



PG Bob Calabrese, daughter-in-law Stephanie, son Michael, holding granddaughter Ava, Janet Calabrese and granddaughter Michaela enjoy the dedication of their bench.

Shawangunk Valley Sponsored Key Clubber Wins NY District Foundation Scholarship



PLG Max Cohen, left and Shawangunk Valley President Sue Nibe, right, with Rebecca Cohen, recipient of the NY District Foundation Scholarship. Rebecca was president of the Ellenville High School Key Club, Class President, and recently graduated as Salutatorian of the Class of 2008. Rebecca will be attending Harvard this upcoming Fall.



Executive Assistant Mike Malark, Governor Don Herring and Foundation President Sal Anelli host Kamp Kiwanis Work Weekend. In back, LG Jow Weiss & Carole Anelli.



Foundation Board Member Tony Merendino makes sure everything is tip-top shape in the newly finished upper bathhouse.

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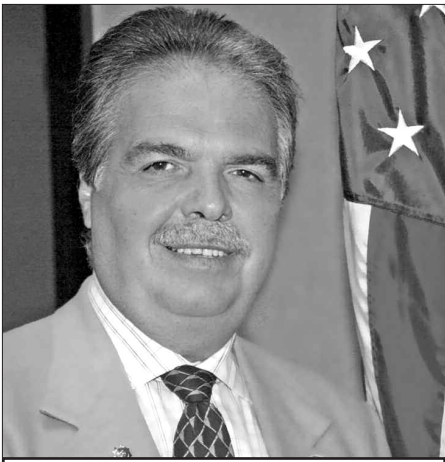
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devoted his life to children. He will be sorely missed, but never forgotten.

Congratulations to our new Governor Doreen Pellittieri and her team of Lt. Governor's. It was apparent all incoming leaders are going to have another great Kiwanis year. I want to extend my very best wishes to all of them and I look forward to working together during the upcoming year.

You will also notice in the photos the beautiful upper bathhouse has been completed. Thank you to all those helping hands who helped us realize this dream.

As you have read throughout the ESK, Kamp Kiwanis has been having several challenges, as a result of some severe weather. I just received a call from Kamp Director Rebecca Lopez letting me know that heaving rain storms have collapsed the retaining wall near Lake Janis. Everyone at the Kamp is safe and sound, but we are going to need to rebuild the retaining wall. Anything your club can do to help us, through donations or volunteering would be greatly appreciated. Thank you to all who have already sent donations to help.



Foundation President

Sal Anelli

This past May, Kamp Kiwanis held its annual work weekend. Incoming Lieutenant Governors gathered for a tour of our beautiful Kamp and helped us celebrate the dedication of benches for Joe's Heroes, PG Bob Calabrese and Charlie Bow, 45 years in the LaGuardia Airport Club. We dedicated a cabin in memory of Harry Pincus, a member of the Kiwanis Club of West End. The generous donations of benches, acres and cabins help us maintain the excellent level our camp has reached. We thank you for your continued support.

During the weekend, New York District Past Governors gathered for a photograph and displayed an artist's rendition of a devoted Kamp Kiwanis friend, Past Governor Tony Palangi. PG Tony's image was placed proudly on the wall at Kamp Kiwanis for all to see and remember this wonderful man who

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Monhagen Builders Club Raises \$2000 for Kamp



HUDSON RIVER WEST DIVISION – Under the leadership of Lt. Governor Chuck Krogslund the Mohagen Builders Club, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Middletown conducted their second annual “Mohagen Idol” Contest. The

Mohagen Middle School raises \$2000 in Idol Contest for Kamp Kiwanis.

contestants are all members of the builders club and other students from Monhagen Middle School.

The Builders Club used this event to raised money and voted to donate the proceeds to Kamp Kiwanis.

Kamp Clean-up Begins



As reported by Kamp Kiwanis Executive Director Rebecca Lopez – June 9, 2008

So it has now been 4 days since the storm hit our property and although there are down trees all throughout the property; each day it is looking better and better. Tree Services and contractors are on site and are in the process of cutting, chopping and removing debris. Some Kiwanis members from Capital and Central Divisions have already been on-site working and clearing the property. Kiwanians from the Niagara, Long Island SouthWest and Metropolitan Divisions are on their way to help tonite, tomorrow and next weekend. We have also received a call from the local Mason Club and they have also offered to volunteer on property next week. In an effort to help; the Kiwanis Club of Staten Island has pledged \$4,000 to the cause and has issued a challenge to all other Kiwanis Clubs to match or beat their pledge. Foundation Board President Sal Anelli has determined with every thousand dollars donated, a Kaiser will be issued to the donating club or individual.

With the current and future help of clubs

we will be able to serve children in need with the highest possible level of care.

Take a look at pictures, so that you may see for yourselves the damage. In an effort to determine the “true” cause of the storm the National Weather Bureau has been on-site and has determined that the storm included 60-70mph winds. I would like to reiterate that this storm will not affect our summer season. We are anxiously awaiting our Kamper's arrivals and another fantastic summer session.

If you would like more information or would like to help out please call 315-336-4568. We always appreciate all help whether in the form of volunteers, in-kind donations or financial assistance.

June 19th Update –

We found some new damage to the electricity to include downed lines and downed lighting. Our PA system was also blown in addition We are having to blaze a few new trails as at least one of our hiking trails is completely ruined and very dangerous with the amount of downed trees.



Trees are downed at Kamp Kiwanis.