



Aktion Clubs

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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.