

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 Fellowships respectively.

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.

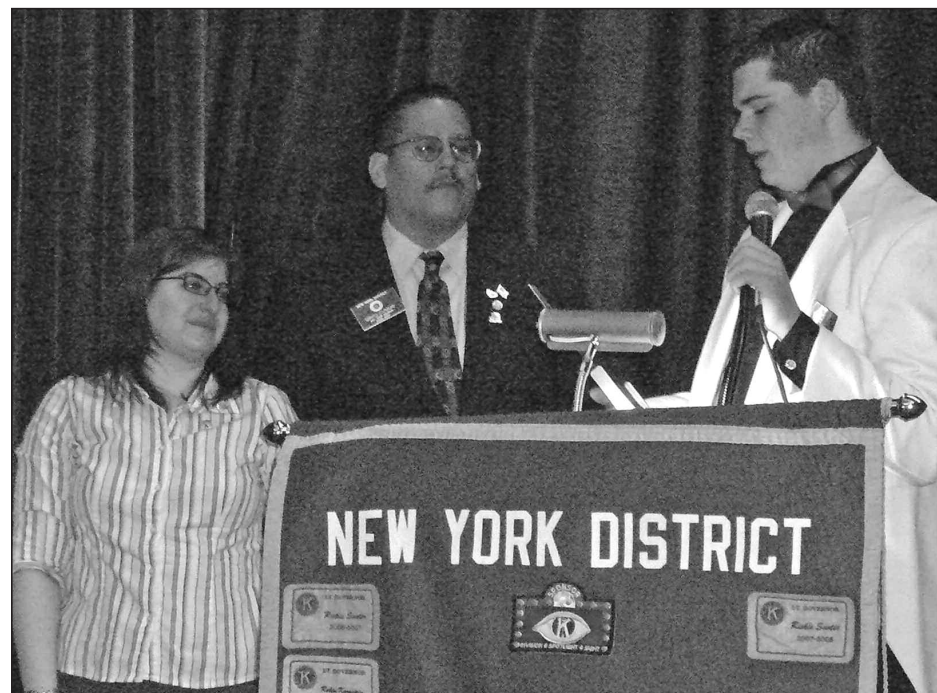
Local Kiwanians and the Foundation Fighting Blindness also had a few awards for Lt. Governor Rickie. Rickie received a New York District Governor's Certificate of Recognition from Joe Corace, an award recognizing his work producing the Spotlight 4 Sight Talent Show from the Foundation Fighting Blindness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

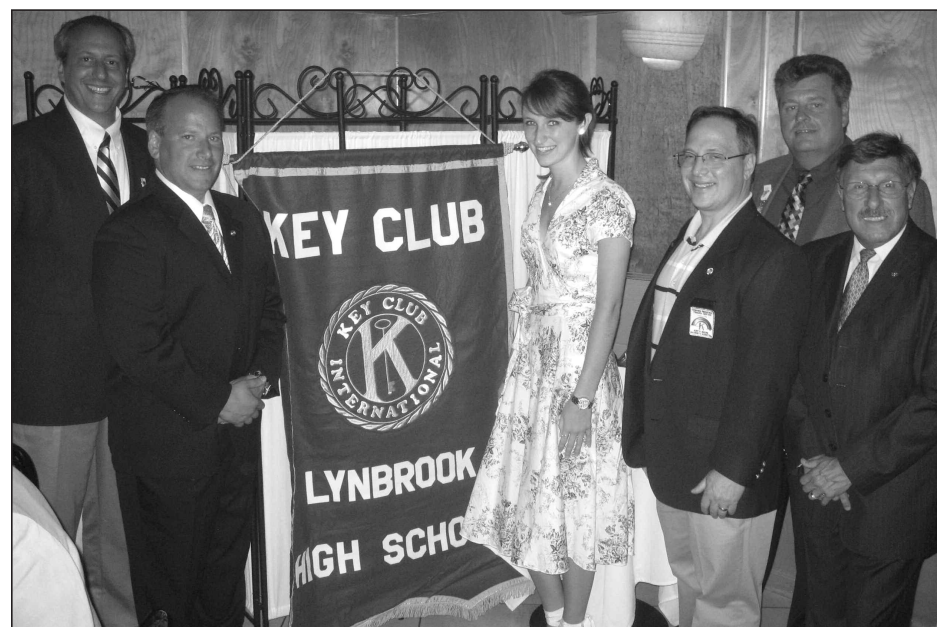


New Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center Sponsored Youth Fellows Rickie Santer, Maggie Marcinczyk, Christopher Severance, Catherine Porras, Robin Kornstein, Shannon Marlow, Michelle Ysinare, Katherine Ysinare and in front Katie Molloy



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.

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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.