

# New Golden K club organized in Queens West



Members of the East Elmhurst/Lefrak Golden K club met on July 4 for some activities.

The organizational meeting for the Kiwanis Club of East Elmhurst/Lefrak Golden K took place on Monday, May 24.

The new club, which is in the Queens West Division, is starting out with 40 members.

Queens West Lt. Gov. Verdina Noel says the new club is a group of individuals who are retired from various careers who wish to continue giving back to the community. They participate on community boards, civic associations, other community organizations and volunteer as customer assistance aides at LaGuardia Airport. Having recently donated items to a hospital neonatal unit, they are looking for more areas where they can be of service. They have heard quite a lot about Kiwanis and so needless to say they are thrilled to become part of the Kiwanis family!

The new club is sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of LaGuardia Airport. It will meet at 11 a.m. on the first Monday of each month at 98-18 Astoria Blvd., East Elmhurst.

The president is Larinda Hooks; vice president, James Fogle; secretary, Barbara Clark; and treasurer, Muriel Pinnock.

The New Club Building Chair for the zone, Governor-Elect Joe Aiello, notes that this is the second new club in the district this year.

## KPTC North Shore

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The Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center Foundation at North Shore-LIJ continues to support our hospital in a wide variety of ways.

The Foundation Board's Programs Committee continues to visit Kiwanis and other K-Family clubs looking to educate members or their communities about the work of the KPTC. If any club, would like to schedule a program, please contact Foundation President DPG Joe Corace at [jcorace@icmdata.com](mailto:jcorace@icmdata.com).

Also critical to the trauma center's success are our continued financial contributions. In addition to the life-saving work your club's contributions make possible, the KPTC Foundation and our KPTC Service Leadership Committee have developed a wide array of recognition programs. These include our KPTC Fellowships, our Trauma Kit Program, our Annual Gift Campaign, our KPTC Service Award and our Service Leadership Fellows. For more information about any of these programs, please see our webpage at [www.kiwanispediatric-traumacenter.org](http://www.kiwanispediatric-traumacenter.org).

The Foundation is grateful to the Friends of KPTC who held their Annual Basket Raffle in May. This very suc-

cessful fundraiser supports the Trauma Kit program. Thank you to all those that planned and ran the event, donated baskets items or attended.

As many of you know, the raffle at District Convention in Rochester will be a gift card raffle rather than a basket raffle. Rebecca and Herman Ovadia are asking clubs and generous individuals to donate gift cards. All proceeds from the raffle will be split among the Trauma Centers across the state. We appreciate everyone's participation.

For golfers across our great New York District, please consider joining us for 18 holes at the Cedarbrook Country Club on Aug. 12, 2013.

We would be remiss if we did not acknowledge the many successes and support from our KPTC Service Leadership Committee that recently held its annual End of Term meeting. At this meeting, the KPTC Foundation awarded two memorial scholarships to graduating Key Clubbers who served on the KPTC Service Leadership Committee for several years. These recipients also served their respective Key Clubs as presidents and guided their clubs to leadership roles in the support of our KPTC. Congratulations to North Shore Key Club Past President Christopher Sharkey who received the KPTC Robert Cummo Memorial Scholarship and WT Clarke Key Club Past President Gina Principato who received KPTC Alfred Bevilacqua Memorial Scholarship. Special thanks goes to the Kiwanis Club of Five Towns for its generous donation of the funds used in presenting the KPTC

Scholarship in Past Governor Al's name.

The committee also elected new officers and bid farewell to graduating members including Committee Chair Rickie Santer, distinguished past Circle K governor. Rickie has served as Circle K Chair of our KPTC Service Leadership Committee since its inception five years ago. We are grateful for his commitment to KPTC, his dedication to the Safe Kids program and his outstanding leadership.

The KPTC Foundation looks forward to working closely with newly elected Service Leadership Committee Chair Kat Graves, her Vice Chair Key Club Lt. Gov. Michael Rovner and re-elected Secretary Christina Principato.

In addition to planning a KPTC Hoedown and Fall Fair for early October, the committee is also planning a large-scale Safe Kids training for Key Clubbers and Circle Kers. Kiwanis Clubs and other K-Family Clubs who would like to host a Safe Kids safety program for their community can schedule a program by Facebook messaging Joey Safe-Kids, calling (516) 690-SAFE or emailing [joey.safekids@gmail.com](mailto:joey.safekids@gmail.com). Joey is the talking bicycling riding robot donated to the KPTC Service Leadership committee by Ann Torcivia and her Joey Foundation.

Finally, the KPTC Annual Black & White Ball will be Friday, Sept. 27, 2013, at Leonard's of Great Neck. Please mark your calendars!!!