

Eliminate Project

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Remember the song, "June Is Bustin' Out All Over" from the musical Carousel? That would be a good way to describe what has been happening in the EliMiNaTe Campaign in the New York District. We have some marvelous news to report.

First of all, the Mother's Day Matching Gift Zeller Program was a huge success! All 50 Zellers that were offered in this way were obtained by our members. Thus the original bequest of \$50,000 from the Vincent Stanley Trust brought in another \$31,250. The goodness of Mr. Stanley lives on in the 45,139 mothers and their future babies who will be protected from MNT.

The East Meadow Club, one of our largest clubs, voted to become a Bronze Level Club, pledging to raise \$350 per member. That decision brought our district giving total to approximately \$955,000, which means that we made our benchmark of

\$950,000 by June 30. Then the Hartsdale Club voted to become a Model Club. They are a small club, but their generous commitment to raise \$750 per member brought us over \$970,000.

Just when I thought that the good could not get any better, our Service Leadership Programs distinguished themselves again. The Bowling Green K-Kids raised \$3,900 at their talent show to complete their Bronze club pledge. And they are only 8 through 10 years old! Then our District Circle K was honored for leading the Circle K world with the most money raised for EliMiNaTe -- \$9,503. Congratulations, Gov. Kelly Chan and all CKI members!

And last, but by no means least, several clubs made their very first donation to EliMiNaTe. We are now over 75 percent club participation, and are eagerly awaiting word from the remaining 25 percent.

We are now so close to my goal of \$1 million by the International Convention in Tokyo. By the time this column is printed, the convention will have taken place. I hope that those of you who were able to attend that convention will have heard the good news that we accomplished this and cheered so loudly that we heard you back home

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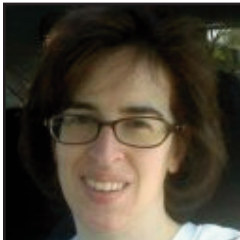
Also, I hope that many of you were able to take part in the Global Walk on July 17 organized by Distinguished Past Lt. Gov. Sean O'Sullivan. My thanks to Sean for coming up with such a creative idea! Those who took part demonstrated that we are an international organization. How nice for Past International President Tom DeJulio and Past first Lady Rosemary to lead the walk in Tokyo knowing that we were walking with them throughout New York.

The Craft Fair in Inlet on July 19 was another sign of our solidarity as a District. Many beautiful items were made and donated to our table there.

I won't have the final results of the Global Walk and Carefull Crafts projects, but hopefully we will have raised much needed funds and came closer together as New York Kiwanians. I'll have those totals for the next column, so stay tuned!

Key Leader

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I became District Chairperson for the Key Leader program once again after the untimely passing of Mary Jean Sprague. I was fortunate to be able to work with MJ when she became chairperson after me and her amazing team of site coordinators.

Key Leader is a weekend experiential leadership program for today's young leaders. This life-changing event focuses on service leadership as the first, most meaningful leadership-development experience. A Key Leader will learn the most important lesson of leadership -- it comes from helping others succeed.

Participants begin by attending a Key Leader conference, which is a weekend retreat. Large and small group workshops, discussions and team-building activities take place over the course of the weekend. Students have opportunities to learn leadership skills that will

help them to change their schools, communities, and world for the better. While exploring leadership in a whole new way, participants will make amazing new friends and have experiences they will never forget. Positive, ongoing interaction with other Key Leader graduates offers continuing reinforcement, encouragement and growth of leadership skills.

This spring the New York District held 2 Key Leader events back to back! The first was at the Greenkill Conference Center and coordinated by Distinguished Past Lt. Gov. David Morse. The following weekend, the program was conducted at Camp Stella Maris, coordinated by Distinguished Past Lt. Gov. Ann Holevinski and Lewiston club President Dean Beltrano. All three of the site coordinators went above and beyond expectations to make the events a success for the nearly 70 participants. Thank you to these three individuals for their dedication and commitment to this program.

In addition, financial donations were received from numerous Kiwanis Clubs from throughout the District to help support the program through student sponsorships and additional monetary support to ensure that all necessary supplies were purchased and available for use during the weekend. Thank you to those clubs that sponsored students or made additional donations to support

the program.

The Key Leaders that participated in these weekends learned the tenants of service leadership through lecture, group activities, self-reflection and participation in a low "challenge" ropes course. The individuals gained valuable insight into who they are and how they can make a difference in the world. We know that the participants learned valuable information that they will be able to share and implement.

We are hoping to be able to host another event at Camp Stella Maris in the spring of 2015. Please keep your eyes open for further information.

Monticello Gives Books To Second Graders

The Monticello Kiwanis Club recently visited the Second Grade classes at the Monticello Rutherford Elementary School. During the school year, the students were introduced to reading books with chapters so they were very excited when they were advised that the Kiwanis Club was presenting each one of them with a "chapter" book for their summer reading pleasure.

The students were encouraged to read out loud to their friends and family members as well as for the enjoyment of their pets. Doris Motl, retired Rutherford Elementary School teacher and Kiwanis member, organized this event.