

## Key Club

**John  
Goldstein**



I am sitting on a train with four Key Club district board members on our way to Buffalo where we will leave tomorrow for the Key Club International Convention (ICON) in Anaheim, CA.

The district tour includes touring the sites in San Francisco and Yosemite National Park and then on to the convention on Wednesday for 4

days and then home again on Sunday. We have three past district board members running for International Office. Immediate Past Governor Paul DeSantis is running for International President and Past Lt. Govs. Laken Kelly and Lillian Xie are running for International Trustees.

We have a total of 40 students and 8 adults attending this wonderful leadership development experience. Whether the candidates win or lose it will be a priceless experience for them.

The students who are attending and not running for office will receive valuable training in workshops designed to strengthen their leadership skills.

I want to say thank you to the many, many Kiwanis clubs who financially

supported these students so they could attend this great educational experience. I also want to thank those divisions who also sent money. We received money from clubs that do not have a lieutenant governor in their division. I will attempt to compile a list of all the clubs and divisions that donated to the students going to ICON.

I also want to thank you for your financial support of your Key Clubs that attended the District Leadership Conference this past March. We had over 650 Key Clubbers that benefited from your generous support of that educational event.

I am proud to be a Kiwanian, I am extremely proud to be a New York Kiwanian and I am honored to serve as your District Key Club Administrator.

## Aktion Club

**Debra  
Rothman**



Congratulations to Aktion Clubs, Kiwanis International announced in June, that they reached a membership milestone with 12,050 members.

Our New York District Aktion Clubs have been extremely busy this year. Many of their activities have been showcased on our Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/home.php#!/pages/NY-District-Aktion-Clubs/230243933653497>.

The Holland Aktion Club participated in both the Governor's Project for Autism and in the First Lady's Project to support our troops.

The Aktion Club of Livonia recently had a fundraiser dance and cleaned up

a local cemetery for a service project.

The Nassau BOCES Rosemary Kennedy School Aktion Club made "homemade" Dog Biscuits and then donated them in person to the Town Of Hempstead Animal Shelter.

The Lifetime Assistance Aktion Club of Rochester did a Car Wash fundraiser on July 8.

The Niagara Falls/Lockport Aktion Club held a Beef on Weck fundraiser, which was a huge success and generated more than \$750 in profit. They also participated in Niagara Falls County-wide Clean Up.

Last month the West Hempstead Court Aktion Club made 60 bookmarks for the Kamp Kiwanis Library with the help from the Hempstead Kiwanis Club. In April they made get-well socks for the children in the NUMC Pediatric ward with the help of the NUMC Kiwanis club.

Members of the FEC/HRW Aktion Club took time to address the fact that the "friction/bullying/anti-bullying" signal is one they certainly related to and

wanted to see it being shared with the youngsters at a local elementary school. They have had a huge success with this program.

The Buffalo Aktion club recently helped to clean up the Niagara River shoreline in collaboration with Buffalo Riverkeeper.

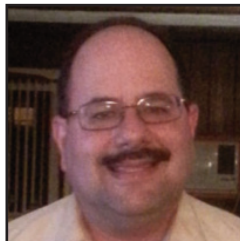
The Nassau BOCES RKS at John F. Kennedy High School Aktion Club did Treats for Troops. They invited a Blue Star Mother to come speak to the club about the importance of sending treats to the troops in Afghanistan. They presented three dozen bags of treats to the Blue Star Mom to mail overseas.

The Jamestown Aktion Club wrote thank you notes to community leaders and politicians for their service to the community, and made Easter egg decorations.

If you are interested in starting an Aktion Club please speak with me at the District Convention, contact me via email or attend our workshop at the convention and remember to check us out on Facebook.

## Governor's Project

**Kevin  
Kamper**



Summer is here and even though the year is winding down there is still time to educate your members about autism and help make a difference.

There are many special needs camps that could use your help and support.

Autism Speaks will be having walks on July 20 in Brooklyn, Sept. 24 in Staten Island and Oct. 5 on Long Island, Oct. 11 in Rochester, Oct. 18 in Suffern, Oct. 25 in Sullivan County.

Autismspeaks.org is also a great re-

source for the latest articles on resources and news that impact the community.

New York Kiwanians have taken to this project in many ways. The first Key Club for autistic children has been formed at the Eden II School in Staten Island.

The Niagara Frontier South Division raised \$15,000 that will be used for the Children's League School for autistic children in Springville.

On June 8, the Long Island divisions came together to sponsor an art show for youngsters with disabilities. More than 74 students participated and more than 300 people attended the show at the Art League of Long Island in Dix Hills.

To me, the best part of this show was

to see the proud students showing off their work next to their proud parents.

Thank you Doris Mellina for organizing this great project and Huntington Kiwanis and all of our volunteers, students, teachers and schools who made this project a success.

Please remember to send in your Governors Project forms to [knkamper@gmail.com](mailto:knkamper@gmail.com). Also I still have governors' project pins available and will have them at convention.

Thank you Governor Joe for the privilege of serving on this committee and thank you all for all you do. Keep autism in your heart.

