

Eliminate Project

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HEAR YE! HEAR YE! EXCITING NEWS from the International Convention-The EliMiNaTe Project is now up to \$91 million in cash and pledges! What a wonderful announcement to celebrate Kiwanis' 100th birthday!

New Yorkers have a right to be proud of what we have done for EliMiNaTe. As of our latest report dated June 16, 2015, we have raised \$1,269,155.55, thus protecting 705,086 mothers and their future babies from MNT.

This is even more amazing since we had not hit the million dollar mark at this time last year. New York can boast of two \$100K clubs (Chinatown and Fordham), one Platinum Model Club (All Island, Staten Island), and eleven model clubs: Amherst, East Greenbush, Hartsdale, Huntington, Lewiston, North Central Staten Island, Patchogue, Sand Lake, Sayville, Three

Village Brookhaven, and York-Leicester.

Three of the Model Clubs-All Island, Hartsdale, and Sand Lake-have become Legacy clubs, i.e., they have already completed paying their pledge in full. All Island then went on to pledge to become a Platinum (double) Model Club. We are on a roll!

But so much more needs to be done. The Campaign still needs \$19 million to reach the total amount needed to rid the world of MNT, and New York has to raise \$527,258.45 to reach our goal. Our District goal was set by the Multi-Division and Division Coordinators and me several years ago. Since some of these leaders were not able to attend one of the series of meetings scheduled to work on this task, I had to estimate what the clubs in divisions that were not represented would be able to give. In many cases, I projected \$500 because the clubs were small. This was over the course of five years, so it came down to \$100 per year, or \$2 per week. Even the smallest clubs should be able to donate that amount.

My own personal goal has been to have 100 percent of our clubs participate. To date, 87 percent have done so. But 87 percent, as good as it is, is not



100 percent!

I have written personally to the presidents and secretaries of the non-participating clubs to ask them to send in a donation to EliMiNaTe. It would have been nice to reach this goal by the International Convention, but I will be just as happy if we reach it by our August convention.

One more thing! That will be our new mantra. Let's all do one more thing in the next few months. Let each individual give one more donation; each club have one more fundraising activity.

The Centennial Award and the Zeller Award will be available until December 31, 2015. Let each club and/or each division raise enough money to donate one more of these. We can reach our New York goal and help the EliMiNaTe Campaign reach \$110 million if we all do ONE MORE THING!

Excelsior!

Builders Club Awards Zeller to School Leader

On May 20, students from the Kiwanis Builders club of PS MS 207A presented a check for \$676 to Lt. Gov. J.P. Di Troia for the Kiwanis International Eliminate Project which saves babies by giving potential mothers vaccines to prevent Maternal Neonatal Tetanus. Another donor will add \$625 to the donation, enabling the club to present the school's coordinator, Dorothy Baran, with a Mother's Day Zeller Award.

Frankfort Kiwanis, Key Clubs Support Eliminate

Frankfort Kiwanis and its sponsored Key Clubs, Builders Club and K-Kids are proud to contribute again to the Kiwanis International Foundation's Eliminate Project.

Over the four years of participation approximately \$3,500 has been raised, enough to pay for more than 7,000 tetanus vaccinations.

The project is truly a "kids helping kids" experience in that Frankfort Kiwanis provides financial/logistical support to its sponsored youth clubs in both the Frankfort Schuyler and Central Valley Schools with the actual fund raising done by students.



Fordham Completes Eliminate Pledge

On April 26, with a special gift tendered to Kiwanis International President Dr. John Button by Sister Anne-Marie Kirmse and supported by club president Vinnie Lippiello and Committee Chair Mike Feierman, the Kiwanis Club of Fordham, achieved its goal of raising \$100,000 and saved more than 55,000 mothers and their newborn babies among the poorest of the poor in

living conditions that do not resemble the modern era.

The presentation took place during the Governor's Visit to the Bronx Westchester South Division. Shown above is Lippiello, International President John and Sister Anne-Marie Kirmse, the district's Eliminate Project chair and a member of the Fordham club herself.

Chinatown Presents 13 Centennial Awards

A large crowd attended the annual Kiwanis Club of Chinatown Benefit Night on April 22, including International President Dr. John Button, who was in town as part of the Centennial Tour celebrating the anniversary of Kiwanis by conducting the ground breaking for a Kiwanis Centennial Playground on Long Island.

At the event, the Chinatown club presented Centennial Awards to 13 people, and inducted nine new members into the club.