



Sponsored Organizations and Programs

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September a Vital Period

Annually, the month of September represents the beginning of the first semester of a school year. It's a very important time in many ways. It's time for Kiwanis club presidents to make sure that their sponsored youth clubs have resumed regular club meetings following the summer recess. IT'S TIME TO IMPLEMENT A MEMBERSHIP DRIVE, especially for Key Clubs and Circle K Clubs who experience a membership loss due to graduations and transfers. Also, additional manpower is needed to implement programs and activities planned for the semester.

Traditionally, in this period enthusiasm among the students is at its peak and are anxiously seeking activities to become involved in. Let's not overlook the opportunity available to us in the first semester that will ensure a smooth and early start.

Kindly review the following recommendations – the key to a highly successful school year:

- Establish a line of communication through the Kiwanis and Faculty Advisor. The individual Kiwanis club newsletter is an excellent vehicle for communicating. Make sure that your sponsored youth club is on your mailing list.
- Assist the club officers in planning for the first semester: prepare a budget, appoint service committees, analyze and implement service projects and activities that meet the needs of the school and the community.
- Share club meetings with them: Invite their members to your club meetings and likewise, Kiwanians should attend their club meetings regularly.
- Invite your sponsored youth club to conduct a Kiwanis club meeting. It will expose them to the entire Kiwanis club membership.
- Participate in joint projects: Service projects, Fund Raisers, Kamp Kiwanis, and many other activities. Key Club and Circle K members are a very significant source of manpower.
- Financially support delegates to the District and International Conventions including the Kiwanis and Faculty Advisors.
- Include Key Club and Circle K members in your interclubs. Officially they can be a part of a Kiwanis interclub.

Make sure that your sponsored youth club has all the materials available from the International office to assist and guide them to a successful year of service and growth.

Most importantly, communicate and work together with the young people who look to us for guidance and support. It's our responsibility to help them become responsible citizens and future leaders of the country.

New York K-Kids Growing Strong Diamonds Sparkle-Heroes Will Shine!

by Mickey Leamey, K-Kids Chair

Governor David and I would like to thank all the clubs and divisions that started a K-Kids club. We are sure that you are very proud, as you should be. The youngsters are a real joy to work with.

Imagine, less than three years ago there were as few as thirty two K-Kids clubs around our entire district. Since then, we have nearly quadrupled our total, that there are now over one hundred and eight! It proves as always, the clubs in the NY District decide to do the job with flying colors. We do

not have time to stop. As I said before the state has over 2,000 elementary schools and the kids are the easiest mold to young productive citizens.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if we doubled out total this year? Think of how it will make our District Governor Joe look in the eyes of the rest of the world.

Starting a club is only the beginning. To work with the kids is where we do our best job. School will begin shortly, so consider starting your very own K-Kids club. Contact me if you need any help.



Photo above: McVey K-Kids Club. Photos inset - Carla Vultaggio from NUMC Kiwanis Club. They are the sponsoring club for McVey K-Kids in East Meadow.

Merrick Scrabbles To Help Kids

Kiwanis Club of MERRICK, Long Island South Central Division – The new project for Merrick Kiwanis is supporting and sponsoring School Scrabble in their community's six elementary schools and one middle school. The first Merrick School Scrabble Tournament held at the Merrick Library.

Thirty 5th and 6th graders competed in the day-long contest. The students had all



The first annual Merrick Kiwanis School Scrabble tournament was letter perfect!

been playing Scrabble throughout the year, either in class or in Scrabble Clubs; they were chosen for the tournament based on their cumulative averages. The Scrabblers played in teams against similarly-ranked teams from other schools in the first three rounds and finally against a team from their own school.

All participants received certificates,



Chatterton's 6th graders Daniel Ma and Bradley Michalak, and Jessica Ruggiero and Rachel Safford, got to compete against each other in the 4th round of the tournament.

tournament T-shirts that were donated by the Herald community newspapers, and movie passes donated by a club member who owns a local theater. First-, second-, and third-place teams from each grade received trophies, as did the team with the highest cumulative score and the team that



It was a double-header for Daniel Multer (left) and Adam Stein: They were the top 6th grade team and they amassed the highest total in the tournament's four rounds of play.

had the highest score in one turn, 91 points (including a 50-point bonus), for using all of its tiles to make the word "wagered." An award also was given for Sportsmanship.



Fifth graders Eric Fegan (left) and Skyler Rudolfski were thrilled to take home the trophy for the tournament's single highest-scoring word, as Kiwanis School Scrabble chairperson Linda Susman (from left) and teachers Robin Harris and Arlene Manning look on. Eric and Skyler also won trophies as the top 5th grade team.



Governor's Project

Tricia Hook

Each year the Governor of the New York District has the opportunity to choose a project that they feel strongly about in an area they would like to make a difference. This year Governor David's project is mentoring. Mentoring is working with others and helping to make a difference in their lives. Anyone who is a parent, a coach or a teacher has been a mentor. This project is all about helping others just by using your lifetime experiences. There does not need to be a cost involved - just your time and your ability to share the things and events that have shaped your life. We are extremely disappointed in the participation of this year's project. We are here and willing to help in anyway we can. It is up to you to make this happen! We have information and ideas. Please let us know how we can help? This project means a lot to Governor David, he has been involved in mentoring for many years and talks about it at every event. Let's show him how much we appreciate the time and effort he has given our district this year and let's start a Mentoring Program in your hometown.

Big News from the 63rd Annual Key Club International Convention in Boston, MA.

Shivani Radhakrishnan from Minisink Valley HS Key Club in NY was elected Key Club International PRESIDENT. Katrina Roehrig from Riverhead HS Key Club in NY was elected Key Club International trustee. Mary Phillips from Jamesville-Dewitt HS Key Club in NY was elected Key Club International trustee. Ogdensburg Free Academy Key Club was named a Key Club International Diamond Level Distinguished Club. Kristen Reed from the Ogdensburg Free Academy Key Club in NY was named a Distinguished District Governor. Derrick Asiedu from the Spring Valley HS Key Club in NY was 1st place in the Key Club International Oratory contest.

The following NY Board Members were named Robert F. Lucas Outstanding Lt. Governors: Joseph Denoncourt, Steven Daniels, Atrish Bagchi, Elizabeth Counterman, and Dana Modafferri.

