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NEW YORK DISTRICT KIWANIAN GET FIT IN BUFFALO



New York Kiwanians get ready, get set and go for fitness at our District Convention in Buffalo.

Convention Dedicated to SDPLG Haller

The 87th Annual New York District Convention, held in Buffalo, NY was dedicated to Stephen G. "Steve" Haller for his untiring efforts on behalf of Kiwanis and the communities we serve.

Haller, a Distinguished Past President of the Levittown Kiwanis Club rose to the office of Super Distinguished Lt. Governor of the Long Island South Central Division in 1987-88. He brought his characteristic enthusiasm, joy and a "can do" attitude.

Haller has held various District Chairmanships including: Governor's Project, Building Fund, International Foundation, Citizenship Services, Young Children: Priority One, Interclubs and Community Services.

Steve, has also been a past Special Governor's Assistant. Currently, he also heads the New York District's Alzheimer's Project. He has also played a very important role on our District Foundation, serving as an elected Director from 1995-2001. In 2001, he was

instrumental in procuring a donation of \$85,000 in memory of his brother Peter to construct a beautiful outdoor pool with a lift for handicapped children at Kamp Kiwanis.



Stephen G. "Steve" Haller

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DISTRICT CONVENTION

What a great time – especially Saturday Night. Governor Peter and Chairman Jim Yochum put together a great program. People danced the whole evening, the food was great and as Peter promised, no long speeches. The entire convention was well-planned and well-run.

Monthly Reports

Our last report shows a number of monthly reports missing. I ask that each Lt. Governor reduce the number of missing reports to zero. Please contact each of the clubs and ask for their missing reports.

Membership & New Club Building

We have on month left to make this a great year. We already have a great year in new club building. If we can end the year with an increase in membership it will be an even greater year. I ask each Lt. Governor to contact each club in their division and make September Membership Month. If each club brings in two or three new members in September, it will help us in our year's end results. Let's give Governor Peter J. Mancuso the year he deserves. Those Lt. Governors who are working on new clubs should push hard to complete them early in the month.

Lt. Governors Reports

There are still some Lt. Governors who have not submitted their required reports. I ask that all Lt. Governors make an extra effort this month to complete their reports, which enables the Governor and the District Office to determine the status of each of the clubs in your division.

At the end of this Kiwanis year I will be retiring as New York District Sect./Treas. I have enjoyed working with all of you over the years I have been in this position. This is our last month, let's make it a good one.

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Kiwanis Int'l Fdn Recognizes Robert P. Connelly Heroes

Indianapolis, Indiana – Robert P. Connelly, 34, a member of the Kiwanis Club of Lisle, Illinois, lost his life September 23, 1966, in an attempt to rescue a disabled woman who had fallen in the path of an on-rushing passenger train. Both were killed.

The first Robert P. Connelly Medal of Heroism was awarded posthumously to him at the 52nd Kiwanis International Convention in Houston, Texas (1967) with this statement: "By his unselfish action he put tremendous and dramatic meaning into the phrase 'personal involvement,' which is so much a part of Kiwanis philosophy. This man was the epitome of all that Kiwanis strives to be."

The Kiwanis International Board of Trustees established the Robert P. Connelly Medal to honor Kiwanians or non-Kiwanians who had no official responsibility in a rescue effort yet risked physical harm or death by attempting to save the life of another.

The following recipients were recommended by the Grants and Connelly Committee and approved by the Kiwanis International Foundation Board of Trustees at the June 2004 Board meeting to receive the Robert P. Connelly Medal for Heroism:

Justin Gregorich, nominated by the Kiwanis Club of Countryside-Clearwater, Florida. Gregorich, a 14-year-old high school student, saw an automobile careen off the road and into a retention pond. He and another gentleman pulled the driver, trapped in the submerging vehicle, to safety.

Yusuke Hara, nominated posthumously by the Kiwanis Club of Tokyo, Japan. Hara, a 13-year-old junior high school student, drowned attempting to save a classmate from death.

Dan Johnson, nominated by the Kiwanis Club of Bellefonte, Pennsylvania. Johnson worked feverishly for six hours at the site of a horrific crash that took the lives of six and injured 17. Johnson warned oncoming cars and trucks and helped people trapped inside their vehicles in the 44-vehicle interstate pileup.

Mark Johnson, nominated by the Kiwanis Club of St. Cloud Sunrise, Minnesota. Johnson helped disarm a student in a shooting rampage inside a school where one student died and another was critically wounded.

John Lane Jr., nominated by the Kiwanis Club of Brunswick, Georgia. Lane rescued two people from a burning car after it was struck by an out-of-control tractor-trailer.

Douglas Peterson, nominated by the Kiwanis Club of St. Charles Noon, Illinois. Peterson saved the life of an elderly woman by pulling her from her vehicle after a train struck it leaving it in the path of a second train plowing toward her at 65 miles per hour.

Cedric Redus, Latoris Shepherd, and **Michael Travis**, nominated by the Kiwanis Club of Dearborn Heights, Michigan. Redus, Travis, and Shepherd saved a man from burning to death in a tanker explosion by racing into flames, hoisting the man on their backs, and moving him out of danger before the tanker exploded into a fireball.

Lynn Rich, nominated by the Kiwanis Club of Dexter, Michigan. Rich rescued a horse show visitor who was attacked by an out-of-control stallion. Police reported the visitor and the horse's owner could have been killed if Rich had not stepped in.

Eric Tiemann, nominated by the Kiwanis Club of Little Falls, Minnesota. Tiemann rescued a nine-month pregnant mother and her two young boys from a burning home. The mother dropped her children out of an upstairs window into Tiemann's arms before

she maneuvered herself out of the narrow window, also to be caught by Tiemann.

Carol Williams, nominated by the Kiwanis Club of Canton, Ohio. Williams saved the life of an 11-year-old boy, pulled downstream and struggling for air in a rain-swollen, swiftly raging river. Williams, unable to swim to the shore, put the boy on her back and found her way to a rock until help arrived.

Wayne Wooten, nominated by the Kiwanis Club of Greenville-Eastside, South Carolina. Wooten rushed toward a home after seeing flames shot up from the garage and smoke through the trees. Ignoring dispatchers' pleas, Wooten rushed inside the home to rescue a woman trapped inside.

William Van Scoyoc, nominated by the Kiwanis Club of East Yonkers, New York. Van Scoyoc ensured the safe evacuation of 276 employees from the 61st floor of the south tower of the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001.

The Foundation financially supports the programs of Kiwanis International and its sponsored programs. It enables individual Kiwanians, Kiwanis clubs, and the general public to support national and international programs and organizations through disaster relief, grants, and scholarships.

November 6th Sixth Annual NYD Kiwanis Charity Football Game

at Ralph Wilson Stadium
Orchard Park, NY

Sponsored by the
Kiwanis Club of WEST SENECA
Niagara Frontier West

To benefit Kiwanis Camps in
Taberg and Angola, NY

10:00 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.
Pre-Game Party and Buffet Luncheon
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Approximate time of Raffle
1:05 p.m.
Bills vs. Jets Kickoff!
4:00 p.m. - ???
Post-Game Victory Party
with Subs and Liquid Refreshment

Business Sponsorship

Platinum \$1,000.00
Gold \$500.00
Silver \$250.00
Bronze \$100.00

Individual Sponsorship

Patrons \$50.00/\$25.00

Any questions, please contact:
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Kiwanis Int'l Foundation Board Approves Grants

The Kiwanis International Foundation Board meets officially three times per year at which time they review, recommend, and approve grant requests from throughout the world. Applications are accepted from Kiwanis International and Kiwanis-family sponsored programs, Kiwanis clubs, local club foundations, Kiwanis districts, & district foundations.

Because funds are limited and needs are great, priority is given to programs that are Kiwanis-family related, national or international in scope, serve young children, and are consistent with Kiwanis Int'l objectives. Funding for these grants are made possible from the generous contributions to the Foundation's Annual Club Gift Campaign and Kiwanis Children's Fund, among other donations.

The Board of Trustees approved the following financial grants in June 2004 for the 2003-04 adm. year: AYUSA International, Key Club Study Abroad (KCSA): To provide 10 to 25 partial scholarships to eligible Key Club members from across Key Club International districts with additional financial support to participate in a semester, summer, or academic year program abroad. From 1999 to 2004 AYUSA has awarded 56 full and partial scholarships to Key Club members.

University of the West Indies Mona Campus Circle K, Jamaica, Gordon Town All Age School Project: To prevent school closure and provide more than 1,000 students between six and 15 years of age a computer, improved learning environment, and various levels of reading material for those unable to read and those reading challenged.

Kiwanis Club of Capital Hills, Salt Lake City, Utah, Kiwanis Baby Care Cupboard: To serve babies and young children through the Crossroads Urban Center, the only emergency needs pantry in Utah. The center gathers and distributes infant necessities such as diapers, formula, and baby food to low-income families to meet basic survival needs and addresses issues affecting quality of life.

Kiwanis Club of Kiwanis Family House, Sacramento, California: To fully equip one bedroom of the Kiwanis Family House that provides shelter and respite for the families

of critically ill or injured children being treated at the University of California Davis Medical Center in Sacramento. Staffed around the clock by Kiwanis volunteers, it has served more than 11,000 families from all over the world since 1984.

Kiwanis Club of Sebring, Florida, Heartland Horses and Handicapped Inc. Program: To provide individuals who are physically, emotionally, or developmentally challenged free equine interaction to improve motor skills, posture, balance, coordination, and strength. Approximately 50 families take advantage of the program.

Kiwanis Club of Stuttgart, Arkansas, Kiwanis Early Learning Program and Early Learning Wing, Grand Prairie Child Development Center: To meet the early learning needs of 87 children ages six weeks to five years by providing quality learning activities to enhance their overall development and prepare them for academic success.

Kiwanis Club of Texarkana, Arkansas, Kidtopia Community Park Project: To provide the 'Kiwanis Tot Lot' part of the Kidtopia Playground that will be a picket fenced area containing scaled down playground equipment designed to give children ages six and under an area of their own.

Kiwanis Club of Escondido, California, YMCA Child Care Enrichment Program: To create an outside play area for 72 elementary students enrolled at a YMCA on-campus Child Care Enrichment Program. The program assists low-income families and single mothers in receiving quality before-and after-school care.

Kiwanis Club of Quito, Ecuador, Integral Care Service for Youngsters: To improve the integral health of urban teenagers, their families, and parents through an ambulatory service of integral health attention to youth.

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Contest Winners

The following are the results of our district contests, which we thank PG Governor Sue Ganey and her staff of volunteers for judging. The results of our informal web site contest have already been posted on our district web site, with our appreciation to Webmaster Marty Toombs.

Club Bulletin

Gold Division

61 members and over

1st PlaceCopiague
2nd PlaceNorth Shore
Honorable MentionSchenectady
.....Maspeth

Silver Division

47-60

1st PlaceSand Lake

Orange Division

30-46

1st PlaceWarsaw
2nd PlaceNewburgh
Honorable MentionMalone
.....Greece

Blue Division

21-29

1st PlacePotsdam

White Division

20 or less

1st PlacePleasant Valley
2nd PlaceSaratoga Springs

Scrapbooks

Gold

1st PlaceNorth Shore

Silver

1st PlaceLindenhurst
2nd PlaceWest Seneca
Honorable MentionPatchogue
.....Corning

Bronze

1st PlaceDelmar
Honorable MentionGates-Greece
.....Hempstead Division

Division

UnofficialGenesee

How To Survive A Heart Attack When You're Alone

Many people are alone and without help when they suffer a heart attack. When their heart starts beating improperly and they begin to feel faint, they have only about 10 seconds left before losing consciousness. However, these victims can help themselves by coughing repeatedly and very vigorously. A deep breath should be taken before each cough and the cough must be deep and prolonged, as when producing sputum from deep inside the chest. A deep breath and a cough must be repeated about every two seconds without let-up until help arrives or until the heart is felt to be beating normally again. Deep breaths get oxygen into the lungs and coughing movements squeeze the heart and keep the blood circulating. The squeezing pressure on the heart also helps it regain normal rhythm. In this way, heart attack victims can get to a hospital. Tell as many other people as possible about this. It could save their lives.

Dr. Sclafani Addresses Kiwanis

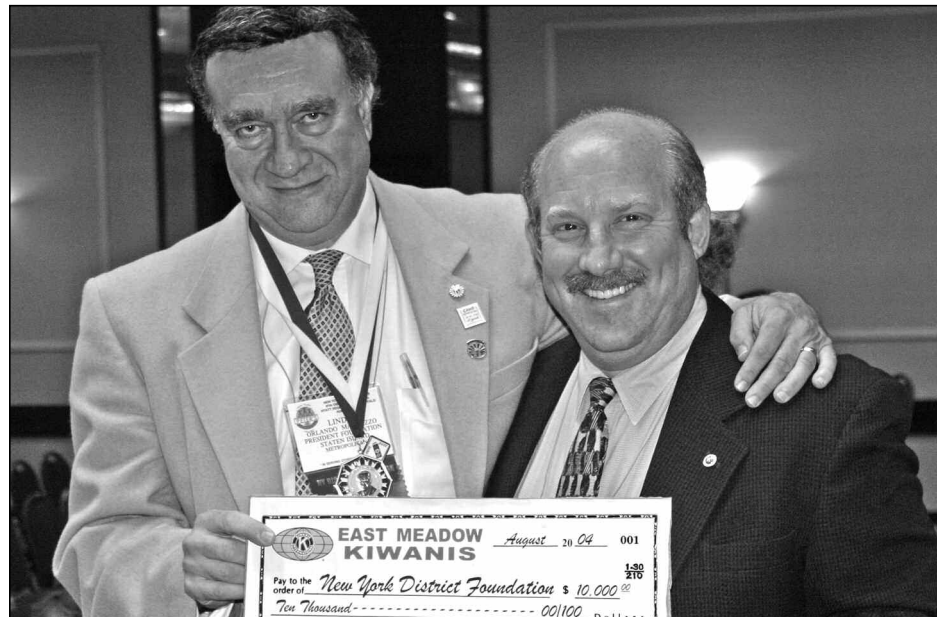


New York District Convention in Buffalo – Assistant US Secretary of Education Dr. Susan Sclafani appeared at our District Convention and made an excellent presentation to our House of Delegates about a new collaborative effort between Kiwanis International and the Federal Department of Education to promote greater community involvement in local high schools, entitled "Take the Lead in Preparing America's Future". The program will encourage local Kiwanis clubs in the United States to become

Dr. Susan Sclafani, Counselor to the U.S. Secretary of Education and Assistant Sect., Office of Vocational and Adult Ed. more involved in such areas as mentoring and tutoring.

At the conclusion of her thoughtful remarks, Dr. Sclafani was presented with a certificate to express our appreciation by Governor Peter, who told her that the New York District would take the lead in supporting our children through this program, "as we have in so many other ways in the past."

East Meadow Donates \$10,000 to Kamp Kiwanis

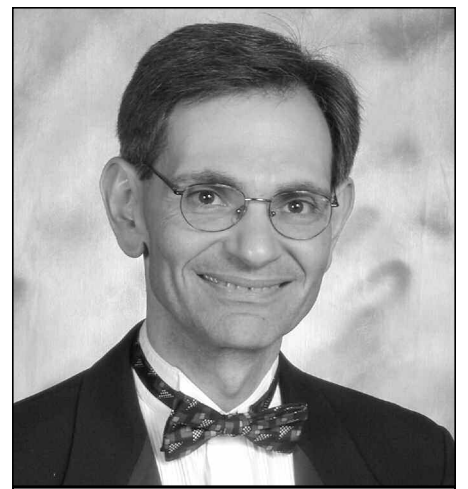


East Meadow President Mitchell Skoller (right) presents a check from the Kiwanis Club of East Meadow to New York District Foundation President Lindy Marrasso for \$10,000 as an additional payment for the \$35,000 pledged by the club.

Hudson River West Attends St. Louis Brunch



Nineteen members of the Hudson River West Division enjoyed food, music, and fellowship at the New York District Sunday morning brunch at the St. Louis International Kiwanis Convention. They are: Ricki Leal, wife of Ron Leal, Middletown President; PLG Ed Flynn; Elaine Flynn, Ellenville Delegate; Shirley Wood, Roscoe Secretary & Delegate; Rick Scott, Middletown member; Sue Scott; PLG Lou Morse; Madeliene Doss, Middletown member; Dan Snyder, Middletown member; LG Designate John Goldstein, Hudson River West; Lilly Vazquez, Middletown member; Chuck Kroglund, Middletown member; LG Jim Schalck, Gerda Kroglund, Middletown member; Sharon Snyder; Hazel Goldstein; Patricia Flynn, Middletown President - Elect; Betty Schalck, Middletown member.



Governor

Peter J. Mancuso

Our District Convention in Buffalo was a smashing success, with approximately 550 Kiwanians and friends in attendance. Conventions are intended to rekindle the fires of enthusiastic Kiwanis participation in our members, and this one certainly did. Everything went smoothly, and there were many special moments, including a resolution honoring Secretary/Treasurer PG Bill Martin for his lifetime of service to Kiwanis, and another endorsing PG Tom DeJulio's candidacy for International Trustee in Honolulu. Our District Wide Governor's Project, a scenic 5K walk through downtown Buffalo to the waterfront and back, including a Martial Arts class on the way, attracted nearly 50 Kiwanians and children. And the Hospitality Suites were hopping!

The list of people to be thanked is enormous: Convention Chair PG Jim and Mary Yochum did an incredible job, and were ably assisted by Bill Martin, Assistant Secretary Gerald Payanoff, Secretary/Treasurer Designate DPG Joe Eppolito, Ernie Smith (Registrations), Dick Johnson (Credentials), Joe Corace (Forums), PIP Tony Kaiser (Resolutions), Mike Malark (Sergeant at Arms), Shirley Conrad (Elections), Rich Hall, Alison Mandel, Maureen and Marty Neuringer (Staging & Photography), Janice Seyfried (Public Relations), Jean and PG Bob Weeks (Silent Auction), PG Ralph Vasami (Golf Outing), our volunteer chauffeurs to and from the airport and many others. Dennis Gallagher, Key Club LG Sunita Shivanarain and her father, LG Eric also played key roles in our Governor's Project.

Our congratulations also go to newly elected Governor Glenn Hollins, a caring and dedicated Kiwanian who will have our full support; Governor-elect Dave Rothman, a member of my club and one of my oldest and dearest friends; and Foundation Board election winners Lindy Marrasso, Ed Sexton and LG Tom Gallagher, another close friend and fellow club member. Convention Honoree Steve Haller also capped off a weekend of celebration by raising \$25,000 for our District Foundation raffle.

With less than a month to go in our administrative year, we have built eight clubs, with perhaps a few more on the way. The latest additions are in Lakeview (LG Tom Gallagher and New Club Builder Yours Truly), North-East Bronx (LG Sister Anne-Marie Kirmse's second of the year and New Club Builder Patrick Tomlinson), and Rolling Meadows, New Jersey (LG Mike Assenza and New Club Builder Al Federico). Congratulations to all concerned! Due in large measure to these new clubs, our District has grown by more than 400 members since the beginning of the year.

Please, let's keep it that way when you submit your final club report at the end of September. Early this year, I encouraged all of you to "drop the deadwood", that is, drop

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Kiwanis Club of Staten Island Celebrates 80 Years of Dedicated Community Service

The Kiwanis Club of **STATEN ISLAND**, Metropolitan Division – On Thursday, June 10th, celebrated their 80th Anniversary at the Staten Island Hotel Ballroom. Kiwanians from many different clubs came out to celebrate and show support for Kiwanis. Among them were, New York District Governor Peter Mancuso and First Lady Karen.

Two members of the Staten Island Club, Metropolitan Lt. Governor Designate Fran Hogan and Club Treasurer Ed Sheil, were awarded Diamond Kaiser Awards for their outstanding service to the community and to Kiwanis.

To make the night extra special, two new members were inducted into the club. Rebecca Ortiz, the Coordinator for the Staten Island Cares/AIDS Network, and Adam Brenner, a financial adviser and Vice President with the firm of Quick and Reilly, were brought in as members of the club. Both new members were inducted by Gov. Peter in a special ceremony.



Kaiser Chairman Steve Saletto (left) and Foundation President Lindy Marrazzo (right) present Lt. Governor Designate Fran Hogan with Diamond Level Kaiser.

One of many interesting points of the evening was the presence of Jim and Jack Braisted, both members of the club and a family legacy since their grandfather James



Lt. Governor Mike Assenza and PLG Theresa Manley enjoy the festivities.

Sr. was a founding member of the club in 1924. The Braisted family has served in the club continuously since the club was formed.



PLG George Dorry congratulates Lt. Gov. Designate Fran Hogan on her honor.

The night culminated in a rousing rendition of Happy Birthday to Diamond Kaiser recipient Ed Sheil who is celebrating his 80th birthday this year also.

Elmira Celebrates 85th Anniversary and Vows To Continue Service

The Kiwanis Club of **ELMIRA**, Chemung Division – celebrated its 85th anniversary with a dinner meeting featuring New York District Governor Peter J. Mancuso.

The meeting was hosted by Chemung Division Lieutenant Governor Kathy Peris and Elmira President Alison Mandel. Also in attendance were: Distinguished Past Governor Patrick J. Cooney, from the Canandaigua Club in the Finger Lakes Division and Past Governor and Candidate for KI Trustee Thomas E. DeJulio, from the Fordham Club in

Elmira Downtown Development Operation Green Streets. • Kiwanis high school athletes of the month, coaches and athletes of the year, and softball and baseball players of the year awards. • The Senior Citizen Dinner Dance, as a sponsor and participant. • Salvation Army bell ringing, Arctic League packing and the Christmas Basket project.

“Our activities are designed to impact a wide section of our community,” President Mandel said in a news release. “We’ve been involved in many projects for many years, but



Elmira Kiwanis Club President Alison Mandel, left, is shown with New York District Governor Peter J. Mancuso and First Lady Karen, at the Elmira club's 85th Anniversary Dinner meeting.

the Bronx Westchester South Division and Past Governor Robert Calabrese, Penfield Perinton Club in the Finger Lakes Division.

The Elmira club was chartered by Kiwanis International on May 10, 1919, and was the 12th club formed in the state.

It has 125 members and is among the 100 largest clubs in Kiwanis International. The club meets for lunch at noon each Thursday at the Holiday Inn-Riverview.

The club has participated in more than a dozen community service projects this year, including: • The Terrific Kids programs at Diven and Beecher elementary schools. •

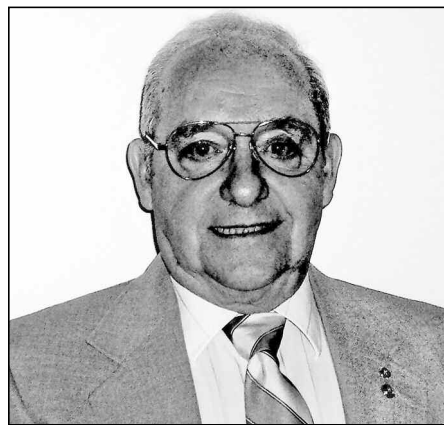
we’re not afraid of accepting new challenges to address new needs within the community, as evidenced by our newest project, A Day of Caring.”

In this latest endeavor, Kiwanians assisted a number of community agencies and plan to do so at least twice each year, the club said.

The Elmira Kiwanis Club also sponsors Key Clubs at Elmira Free Academy, Southside High School and Notre Dame High School, and a similar Circle K Club at Elmira College.

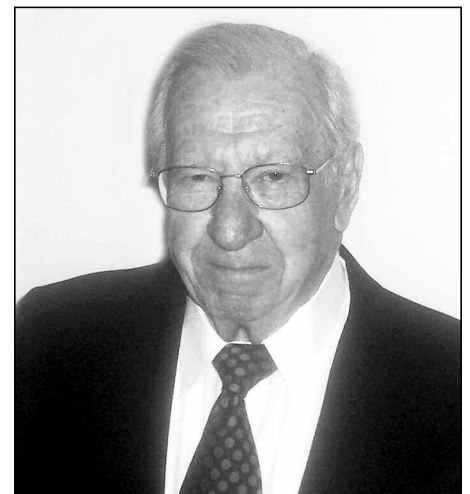
Additionally, the Elmira Kiwanis Foundation awards college scholarships to area high school students in June and has awarded more than \$100,000 in scholarships since its inception in 1972.

Rochester West Central Celebrates 25 Years and Presents Four Hixsons



Rochester West Central Hixson recipient Joseph Mangione.

The Kiwanis Club of **ROCHESTER WEST CENTRAL**, Genesee Division – PLG Ray Jobs reports that on Friday, June 16th, the Kiwanis Club of Rochester West Central celebrated its 25th Anniversary at the Ridgemont Country Club, with approximately 155 Kiwanians and guests in attendance. Two of the original sponsors, then Past Governor Gerald Christiano and PLG Pat Bonacci were present, as they were 25 years ago, when Rochester West Central Kiwanis was installed into Kiwanis.



Rochester West Central Hixson recipient Henry Oipari.

Along with this 25th Anniversary, Rochester West Central proudly presented four George W. Hixson awards to some special hard working Kiwanians. George W. Hixson awards were presented to Kiwanians Henry Oipari, PP James Gligora, PP Vince Lang and Kiwanian Joseph Mangione. Rochester West Central can not say enough to thank these fellow Kiwanians.



Rochester West Central Hixson recipient PP Vince Lang.



Rochester West Central Hixson recipient PP James Gligora.

KI Foundation Helps Hurricane Victims

Your International Foundation has received numerous messages of concern for the well being of those distressed by the recent Florida hurricanes. It has been determined, therefore, that the Kiwanis International Foundation Disaster Relief Fund will be utilized to aid children affected by these devastating hurricanes.

The Foundation, working through the Florida District and clubs within the affected areas, ensures that contributions will be directed to children with the most immediate and critical needs. Contributions are being accepted.

Please send your support to the Kiwanis International Foundation Disaster Relief Fund, 3636 Woodview Trace, Indianapolis, Indiana, USA 46268.

Our thoughts are with the countless individuals suffering because of this disaster. Please join us in serving children who are truly the most innocent victims of severe tragedies.

East Yonkers Kiwanis and Ursuline School Key Club Hold Fitness and Nutrition Obstacle Course for Kids

The Kiwanis Club of **EAST YONKERS**, Bronx Westchester South Division – recently joined with members of its newly formed Ursuline School Key Club to hold a Fitness and Nutrition Obstacle Course at the Ursuline School's May Fair. Inspired by Governor Peter Mancuso's Governor's Project, this endeavor aimed to improve the health of school-aged children.

Children moved from one station to the next, completing different physical tasks such as jump rope, hula-hooping, a tennis ball toss, 20 yard dash, football throw, soccer kick, and ring toss. After conquering the physical activity part of the course, children moved to the nutrition station where they participated in several hands-on experiments to discover how much sugar is in a can of soda and the amount of fat in french fries. Children, parents, and Kiwanis members alike were alarmed at the results! Participants went home with an informative packet about the importance of physical activity and a healthy snack of raisins and sugar-free jello.

The Fitness and Nutrition Obstacle Course educated children and parents about the importance of exercise and making healthy food choices. It was a fun and rewarding experience for the children who completed the course as well as the East Yonkers Kiwanis Club and The Ursuline School Key Club.

Top: East Yonkers Pres. Palma Volino gets right in there with the kids and enjoys helping the children to become more fit while having fun. "Kiwanis and Kids Do Fit Together." Bottom (l-r): Ursuline School Key Club Pres. Jazmine Pina, East Yonkers VP Vickie Volino, DPLG Dr. Ron Volino, Bronx-Westchester South Division and East Yonkers Pres. Palma Volino.



Governor's Project

Alan Beinacker

It is hard to believe that we have completed our District Convention in Buffalo, and that this administrative year is nearly over. It has been an honor and a privilege for Alan Hodish and myself to serve as Co-Chairs of this year's Governor's Project. "Kiwanis and Kids Fit Together" was an idea we know Governor Peter had in his mind a long time before he took office. Peter is a physical fitness nut. He is a man who runs or trains every other day and knows it is good for the soul. Governor Peter's enthusiasm about wanting to tackle the epidemic of childhood obesity became our theme for the year.

As we traveled, e-mailed and spoke to your clubs and divisions, we tried to motivate you to find new and exciting ways to get a child to be more active. Our kids today sit behind computers for hours on end, instant messaging their friends. They have become a lazy generation. We, as parents and grandparents, aunts and uncles, continue to play a major role in their lives. We are the ones who can help make a difference. We need to encourage them to join a team, play outside, ride a bike or even just walk to school.

Our kids are our future. We want them to be of sound mind and body. Kids who are obese have many problems growing up. They are made fun of, teased and laughed at. They have low self esteem and a high rate of suicide. Kids can be mean to other kids, we all know that. As adults we are there to comfort and guide them. Many of us are busy and we sometimes take the easy way out. Instead of cooking, we head to McDonald's. Let's show our kids the right from the wrong in all aspects of life, from the food we eat to the exercise we all need to do. Just like a smile, exercising is contagious. If you do it, your kids will follow.

We want to thank the clubs that have received their Governor's Project Patch upon completion of their project. You all did an outstanding job and we hope that you will continue to encourage the kids in your community to be active. For those of you who have not yet completed your project, we look forward to hearing and reading about them very soon. Alan and I are available to help you in any way we can. Once again, thank you for letting us be a part of this project and for making a difference in kids' lives.

New Scotland Kiwanis Baseball Promotes Kids' Physical Fitness

Kiwanis Club of **NEW SCOTLAND**, Capital Division – Long ago a former U.S. President said "The business of America is business." The apparent truth of that statement has never been disputed.

Kiwanis Int'l is likewise in business – the business of serving the children of the world; helping them to become better citizens, better nourished, medically sound and physically fit. On the local level a prime example is the children's baseball programs sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of New Scotland, New York through which youngsters ages 5 to 12 learn the fundamentals of a good healthy life. Participation also teaches them sportsmanship, honesty and the importance of a sound body and an alert mind.

Since its inception nearly 50 years ago, the New Scotland Club's Children's Baseball Program has exposed these benefits to over 10,000 youngsters.

Annually, in late winter, baseball registration forms are distributed to local area schools, bulletin board notices are posted and news releases appear in local newspapers. In 2004, 250 youths signed up for par-

ticipation in T-Ball, Big Sticks T-Ball and the Pee Wee and Minor Leagues. Of this total, 91 were girls who played in each of the divisions named above. In addition, 60 fathers and mothers served as coaches and there were 11 young boys and girls who worked as umpires. The fees charged were used to cover umpire and coaches fees and purchase players shirts. New Scotland Kiwanis furnished helmets, bats, balls, chest protectors, masks, and bases. In addition, it operated a refreshment stand using the net proceeds toward the children's baseball program.

After the completion of this season (April 21-June 5, 2004), championship games were played between the two top teams in the Pee Wee and Minor Leagues. This year's champions were the new Scotland Kiwanis Blackbirds in the Pee Wee league and the New Scotland Kiwanis Ravens in the Minor League.

Following the championship playoffs, a family picnic was held in the New Scotland Town Park, to which parents brought a variety of dishes and desserts. New Scotland Kiwanians grilled nearly 500 hot dogs and provided an assortment of condiments. A rousing good time was enjoyed by all.

By their participation in this New Scotland Kiwanis Club's baseball program, youngsters learned not only valuable life lessons but the importance of being physically fit.

Heading up the New Scotland Kiwanis Club's baseball program was Kiwanian Lew Scheidlbauer, who as commissioner coordinated the registrations, made up teams, and recruited coaches and umpires. He was assisted by Kiwanians Richard and Molly Reilly, who handled the T-Ball segments. Kiwanian Amy Faustel oversaw the refreshment stand operation with the help of several Kiwanians and players' parents.



T-Ball Learner gets some advice from his coach.



Ravens team and their coaches who won the championship of the minor league in the New Scotland Kiwanis Baseball Program.



Blackbirds team and their coaches, who won the 2004 championship of the Pee Wee League in the New Scotland Kiwanis Baseball Program.



Lew Schedlbauer, New Scotland Kiwanis Baseball Commissioner.



K-Kids

Mickie Leamey

FOR PETE'S SAKE LET'S BUILD K-KIDS CLUBS

September is both the last month of Governor Peter's administration and the first month of the new school year. For those clubs that truly want to make an impact on both their members and their community's citizens, this is the perfect time to end our "K" year with a brand new start. The K-Kids Program offers youngsters a chance to learn about volunteerism from neighborhood leaders and enables them to get their first taste of altruistic service and K-family involvement.

Sadly, clubs both within our District and around the globe have not taken full advantage of this unique opportunity. Children in their early years are at their most impressionable stage. The lessons we impart, and the desire we inspire, will last them for the rest of their days.

Is there any grandparent who reads this who does not know the joys that come from watching your young grandchildren follow in your footsteps? As K-Kids advisors, that chance comes from being "foster grandparents," as well.

This past year, Kiwanis International had a \$3/member dues structure. At the International Convention, that structure was changed. It will now cost only \$150 for any school that wishes to enhance their students' sense of community. Imagine...if we can get an entire grade, or even an entire school, involved in doing for others, it can cost as little as a quarter per child instead of \$3.

Where else in Kiwanis can we get such a bargain?

As always, these dues can be split between cosponsoring Key Clubs, PTA's and local business groups, and the sponsoring Kiwanians. Is there a better way to keep our children from the evil temptations that would lead them down the wrong path than to get them involved in life-affirming activities that will lead down the right one?

K-Kids clubs are not built overnight. Take advantage of the overlapping schedule between our K-year and the K-12 school year. I am honored that Governor-elect Glenn has asked me to continue as K-Kids Administrator. Please feel free to contact me to help build a club in your area.

As for Governor Peter, I am proud to have worked with him, as I did when he was Lt. Governor-Elect my year as Lt. Governor. I have known Peter since his earliest days in East Meadow, and was Division First Lady his year as president. His leadership skills and dedication to our organization were obvious from the start. I am thrilled, as a friend and fellow LISC Kiwanian to see how he and First Lady Karen have held our banner high.

Now, for Pete's sake, let's end the year on the right note. Let's build the K-Kids clubs. If we build them, they will come.

Ryan's Story

Editor's Note: Recently on our return from the New York District Convention in Buffalo, we were driven back to the airport by a kind Kiwanian of the West Seneca Kiwanis Club. His name is Charlie and during our short drive he told us his story . . .

by Charlie Markel, Ryan's dad

My son drowned while taking a swim class at school. We were told it was mandatory for children, so we let him. I also had a pool in my backyard at the time of the tragedy. My son was taught to swim since he was a baby.

When this happened, we set up 3 goals. We had to find out what happened, make sure it never happened again and make sure my son was never forgotten. When he had his wake there were so many people that came for it. They didn't know what to do so they gave us money. We didn't want to touch it so we set up a fund to put the money into. We called this **Ryan's Fund**.

We use this money to give away scholarships every year in his name. Last year, we gave away three. I keep putting his allowance money in the account, as well as, Christmas, birthdays and any other holiday there is. The only catch to winning this scholarship is you have to be below a 90 grade average and be active in serving your community.

My wife Sandy is an RN. When we found out what happened we couldn't believe it. He lost his life because no one knew how to do CPR. Even though they were trained they panicked. The teacher wasn't paying attention and didn't know what to do when the time came. My wife decided to start teaching CPR, so no family has to endure what we are going through. We started Ryan's Hope Foundation Inc. We are waiting for our not-for-profit to come back from the federal government. It should be back any day.

Our Foundation has taught over 1000 people this year. We have eleven teachers, who go to school, churches, fire halls and houses. We will teach from one person to 50 at one time. We have focused our attention on schools in the beginning but now we want everyone. When someone has a heart attack or drowns you have up to 4 minutes to revive them with no brain damage caused. From 4 to 8 minutes you can revive someone but there will be damage. What we are trying to do is give people the knowledge to save a life until the EMT show up. When performing CPR you give the patient extra time until help arrives.

My wife and I fund this project. Once a year we have a fundraiser to help defer the cost of this. Whatever we need, we just pay for it ourselves. We charge \$12 to take the course. American Red Cross charges \$80 for someone to take the course. The only reason we charge \$12 is because that's what we get charged from American Red Cross. If the people can't pay I have friends and ourselves who will put in the money. Some things are more important than money. We do take donations. Every bit helps.

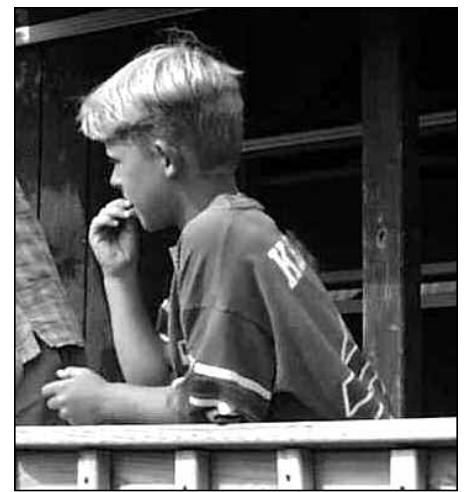
We have been trying to change the laws in the schools. This is not an easy task. We



Go to Ryan's website:
www.ryansfund.com

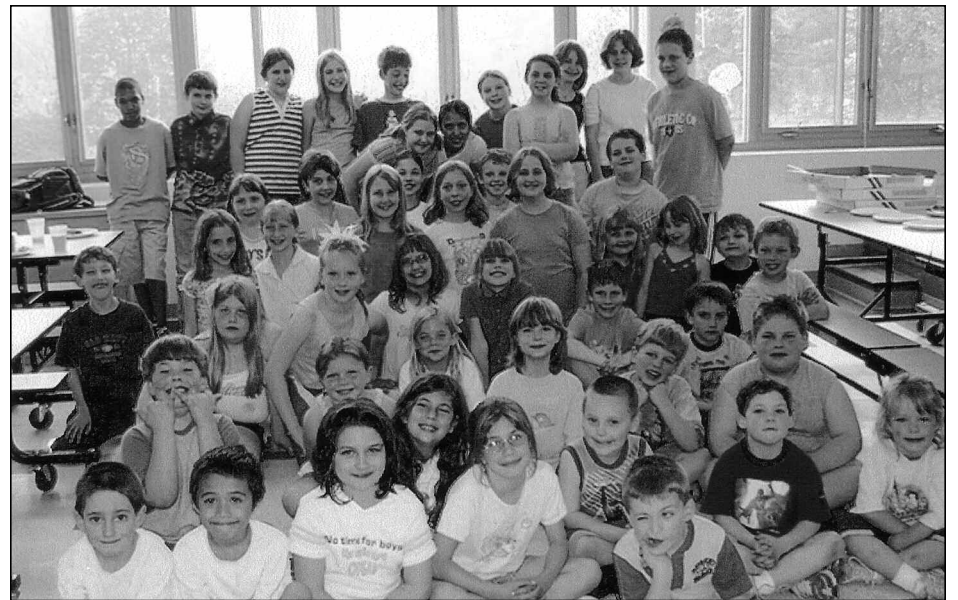
want to make sure that there are two sets of eyes on the pool at all times, and that children also are not taking swimming that day be taken out of the pool area so there is no distraction to the teachers. We want all school employees to be trained in CPR and AED use. New York State has usually man-

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Ryan Markel

Kiwanis Partners With Elementary School for Fitness



Callicoon Elementary School walks the halls for fitness.

Kiwanis Club of **CALLICOON**, Hudson River West Division – partnered with the local elementary school on a very interesting project, in support of Governor Peter Mancuso's project of promoting physical fitness in children. Everyday at lunchtime, a group of students and teachers walked the hallways of the

school. By the end of the project, the group had walked a total of 2,417 miles (the distance from Stewart Airport in Newburgh, New York to Los Angeles International Airport in Los Angeles, California). To celebrate, the participants were treated to pizza and ice cream!

Norwood Kiwanis Aids School With Phys-Ed Program



The Kiwanis Club of **NORWOOD**, St. Lawrence Division – Supporting the Governor's Project, Norwood Kiwanians in conjunction with Norwood - Norfolk Elementary School Physical Ed. teacher Lee Middlestead and guidance counselor Carrie French, are conducting an extra-curricular exercise program for fourth and fifth graders after lunch time at the school.

The program includes a walking program in the school, walking on a cross country path and on the track in nice weather, and using the fitness and exercise room with the treadmills, bicycles and elliptical machines in rainy weather.

Kiwanian Margaret Boyle, through the club and outside donations, has supplied each student with a Kids & Kiwanis Walk for Health T-shirt, a pedometer and water bottle.

The St. Lawrence County Health Initiative Program has been instrumental in helping with information and will provide a nutrition

(l-r): Tory Regan, Kailey Martenn, Ann Ramsey, Ryan Fisher, Katie Fuller and Justin Chase. Back row: Kiwanian Director of Program Meg Boyle, Josh Seber, Dakota Middlemiss, NNCS Physical Education Teacher and Director Lee Middlestead, Dakota and Amy Tiernan. Missing from photo: guidance counselor and Director Carrie French, Shannon McGregor, Dillion Middlemiss and James Monroe.

component to the program. Ruth Fishbeck is the executive director and Tammy McGregor-Twiss the nutrition and fitness coordinator of the St. Lawrence County Health Initiative, Inc., and presented an info program to the Norwood Kiwanis board of directors.

"The Kiwanis & Kids Fit Together Program" to "promote physical fitness in children" will continue to the end of the school year.

Mastics Donates 7 Pediatric Trauma Kits to Local Ambulance Companies

The Kiwanis Club of **THE MASTICS**, Suffolk East Division – recently donated seven Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Kits to seven local ambulance companies at a dinner at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Mastic.

Pictured at right: (kneeling) Tom Russo, Lou Guinta, Jim Hintze of Manorville Ambulance; Lucille and Alan Crane, East Moriches Ambulance; Eugene Ommundsen, Mastic Ambulance; Michael A. Saltares, Ridge Ambulance; Lucinda Taddeo, Ridge Ambulance; Tom Rodecker, Mastic Ambulance; (standing) Butch Ronald Sprinhorn; Bill Ryan; Joe Kukras, Manorville Ambulance; Governor-Designate Glenn Hollins, Madeline Abel, Manorville Ambulance; Vincent Prinziralli, Kiwanis Club of The Mastics member; Susan Groenewoud, VP KPTC; Mastics members Bill Jackson, Shirley Jabitz, Robert Cosentino, Sally Bruno,



LG Joe Nicotra, Mastics member and Center Moriches Fire Dept's Bill Renzetti, Mastics member Fausto Fabbro; Joe Roller and Maria

Brady, Mastic Beach Ambulance. (not pictured) Dennis Dougherty, Shirley Ambulance.



Albany KPTC

Rick Sturm

Through the efforts by the Capital, Mohawk and Van Rensselaer, I was honored to present the Children's Hospital at Albany Medical Center with \$39,795. This donation represents the hard work and efforts of the members of the K Family for the benefit of the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Unit at the Albany Medical Center during 2003.

I want to specifically thank Dale Hall of the Sand Creek Club who arranged for 30 members of Key Club who answered the telephones and took pledges during the Kiwanis Hour. Many Key Club members stayed late and worked early to help other organizations who did not have volunteers to answer the phones. My thanks to all!!!

On August 2nd, members of the Delmar Kiwanis club sponsored their 6th annual golf tournament. As in the past, more than 120 golfers had a terrific day of golf while helping to raise monies for the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Unit at the Albany Medical Center Hospital. As a result of this terrific event, more than \$7,000 was raised for KPTC.

My thanks go to Gary Warren of the Delmar Kiwanis Club and all of the club members for putting together a truly memorable day.

Check out the New York District Website at www.kiwanis-ny.org

Kiwanians & CMN Provide Shirts For Hospital Pediatric Patients

Ontario Division – Kiwanis works year-round with Children's Miracle Network and recently provided T-shirts and tops for children in a pediatric ward at University Hospital. Regina Losito, Child Life Specialist at University Hospital, said the shirts are tremendously helpful so that children have a change in something to wear other than hospital garb.

The manufacturer's over-run shirts are provided through the auspices of Marine Toys for Tots and the generosity of Seaboard Atlantic Garments Inc.

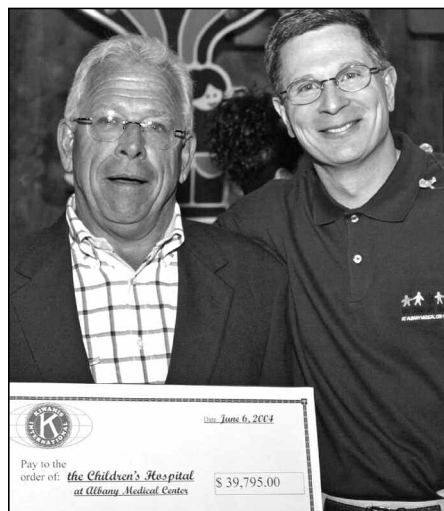
Kiwanis clubs of the Ontario Divisions will also hold a Pancake Breakfast fund-raiser for the Children's Miracle Network on September 12 at the Empire Room, New York State Fairgrounds. Children who have received life-saving medical treatment at University Hospital children's departments and able to

have normal, healthy lives, will be honored guests at the breakfast.



Inspecting some of the shirts are, from left – Lyndsey Packard, Pediatrics intern; Toni Gary, Director of Children's Miracle Network; Regina Losito, and Donna Curtin; Kiwanis Past Lieutenant Governor and member of the Kiwanis Club of Onondaga Hill.

Kiwanians Work Hard For Children



Albany KPTC President Rick Sturm presents the Children's Hospital at Albany Medical Center with a check in the amount of \$39,795.

Kiwanians Head to Shea for Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center at North Shore



Kiwanians have fun and raise money for KPTC.



Kiwanians and Key Clubbers pose for a photo on the field at Shea prior to the game.



New York District Kiwanians were out in full force at Kiwanis Family Day at Shea this past June 6th. Governor Peter and his family, as well as many other Kiwanians enjoyed a day of family, fun, and fellowship, as the New York Mets played the Florida Marlins. Early attendees were able to take photos with the Mets and view batting practice. Everyone received a Mets souvenir.

Another highlight of the day was the W. Tresper Clarke High School, Westbury, Long Island Key Club receiving the "Mets Spirit Award." The New York Mets have always been extremely generous to Kiwanis and KPTC and it is appreciated. Look forward to more events at Shea Stadium in the future!



KPTC Executive Vice Pres. Rich DeCastro shares strategy on the field with Mets Player.



Risk Management

Steve Bernheim

Liquor Liability

Liability insurance as it relates to liquor is often misunderstood. There are two forms of liquor liability, Host Liquor Liability and Liquor Liability. Host Liquor protects individuals, companies, and organizations when alcohol beverages are served in a social or business setting and when the alcohol is provided free to the attendees.

Liquor Liability protects businesses and organizations that sell alcohol beverages, like bars, restaurants, and fraternal organizations, or at events. The key difference is that money, in some form, changes hands and the consumer purchases the beverage.

Your Kiwanis insurance policy does provide coverage for Host Liquor Liability but excludes all coverage in the event that there is a charge for the beverage, even if drink tickets are sold or if wine is served as part of a dinner, where there is a charge for the dinner.

When our clubs work at a booth selling wine, beer, or liquor for another organization, and many do, Kiwanis offers no coverage. However, the sponsoring organization will have liquor liability insurance and your club and Kiwanis should be added as an additional insured on their policy. You just need to ask for this certificate and an Additional Insured Endorsement.

A No-Host Bar or Social Hour, where Kiwanians do not sell beverages, are great ways to avoid having liability for the consumption of liquor. If a donation is made to the club from the proceeds a "gray area" is created and there may be no coverage for the club. Do not tie donations to the sale of alcohol.

Gov. Mancuso Visits Long Island North



Gov. Peter and 1st Lady Karen, graciously accept the Tiffany quality scrapbook of L.I. North history assembled by No. Shore Kiwanian Julia Salat, 2nd from right, as L.I. No. Ltg. Jo Greene observes smiling.



Governor Peter Mancuso meets with the 2003-04 Long Island North Presidents and Secretaries during his official visit prior to a festive evening at the Fox Hollow.

Franklin Sq. Holds 3rd Kiwanis Street Fair



Lizalexia Paponiou enjoys ice cream from the Mr. Softee truck.



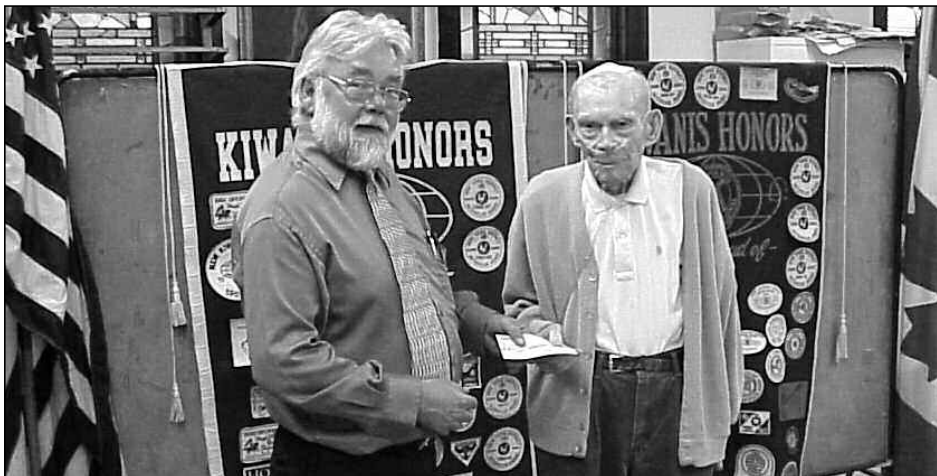
Arty's Parties Clown entertains children during the Street Fair.



Kiwanis Club of **FRANKLIN SQUARE**, Long Island South Central Division – Above: Past President Carl Gerrato, and member of the Franklin Square Fire Dept., works hard with

two other firemen to raise the Franklin Square Third Annual Kiwanis Street Fair banner. The weather turned out to be glorious and everyone had a great day.

102 Yr Old Hoosick Falls Kiwanian Works for Kids



Hoosick Falls President Dale Lee presents 102 year old Howard Haynes with a check in the amount of \$2035.

The Kiwanis Club of **HOOSICK FALLS**, Van Rensselaer Division – recently President Dale Lee presented Howard Haynes, 102 years young, with a check for \$2035, half of the proceeds from their recent raffle event. The other half of the money collected was donated to the Albany Pediatric Trauma Center.

This is the 2nd successful year the club has run the raffle. Last year the club raised \$2600 and this year club members went all out and raised \$4300 through contributions of items with local retailers. The drawing was held in June with the help of Key Club LG

Gina Hahn, who drew the names of the lucky winners.

The check was presented to Howard at the club's noontime meeting. Twenty seven members and guests were present to participate in the ceremony. The club's membership has grown 25% this year, adding 10 new members to the club and placing several prospective members in the wings.

The Howard Haynes/Kiwanis Scholarship program has awarded over \$20,000 since its inception a few years ago. The raffle was started by Howard Haynes, a Kiwanian since 1938.

Kiwanis Club of Massena Holds 45th Annual Seniors Picnic

Kiwanis Club of **MASSENA**, Saint Lawrence – On Sunday July 18th, the Massena Kiwanis Club held its 45th Annual Senior Citizen's Picnic. The Massena Club with the help of the Seaway Valley Ambulance Service and two school buses transported seniors from several nursing homes, and senior complexes in the Massena area. One hundred thirty-five guests attended. The event was held at the beautiful Barnheart Island on the St. Lawrence River. Everyone enjoyed lunch, entertainment, and the great view. This is a big event for attendees who get out of their homes on a limited basis. They enjoyed hot dogs, hamburgers, salads and most importantly, desserts. Cake, cake, and more cake. One of the more talented members, Dave Macmillan entertained with songs and played the keyboard. The seniors enjoyed sing-alongs and some even got up and danced a little. A prize is given for the oldest lady and gentleman. This year the oldest lady was 95 and the eldest of the men was 94. Each guest also received a special little gift from the club. This event, among many that the Massena Club holds each year for various support efforts, is the most rewarding to the members and everyone turns out to cook, attend, ride the buses, and serve their older friends and neighbors. As they say, "A good time was had by all!"



Many thanks go out to Ron Chrisena and Tony Ciufu (center) with their sons, from Craft-a-Fair for making the event a great success.

Ryan's Story

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dated all the schools to have AED machines. The problem is that one or two people know how to use them. Our children spend so much time in school. Why would we expect anything less than the best for our children? The class takes about 6 hours to learn these two life saving skills. You have to take this every year. The refresher course is about 2 to 3 hours depending on skill level.

Anytime you would like more information feel free to contact me: (C) 716 912-9203 (H) 716 668-5978 (B) 716 675-0107. Thank you for your time.

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Buffalo Highlights



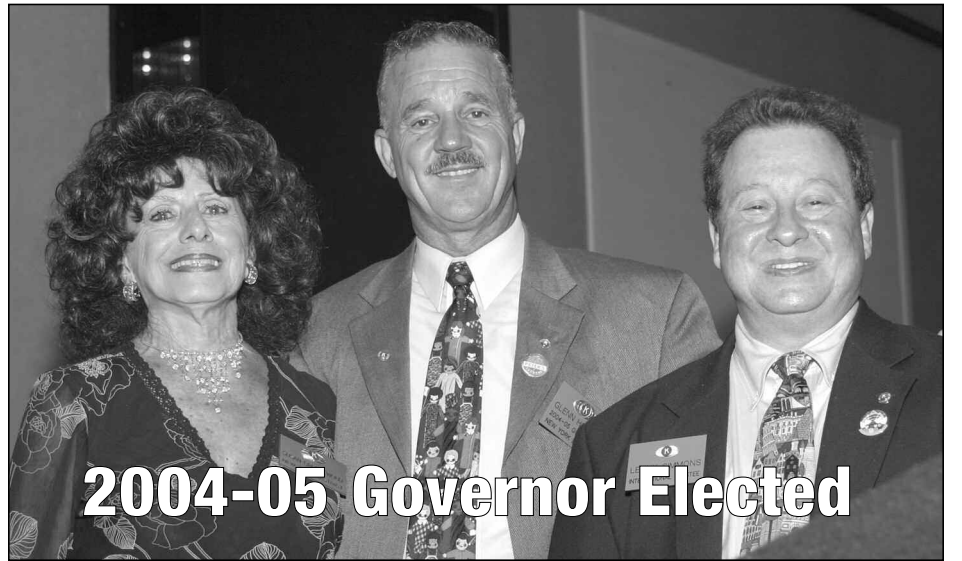
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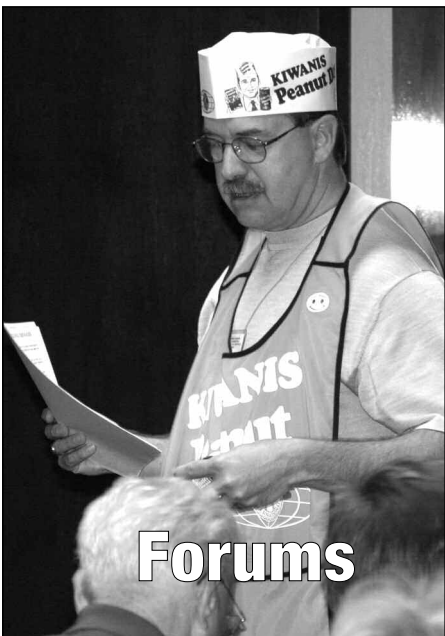
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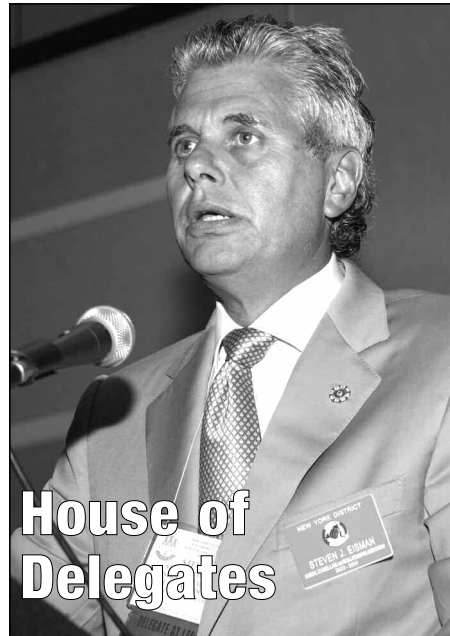
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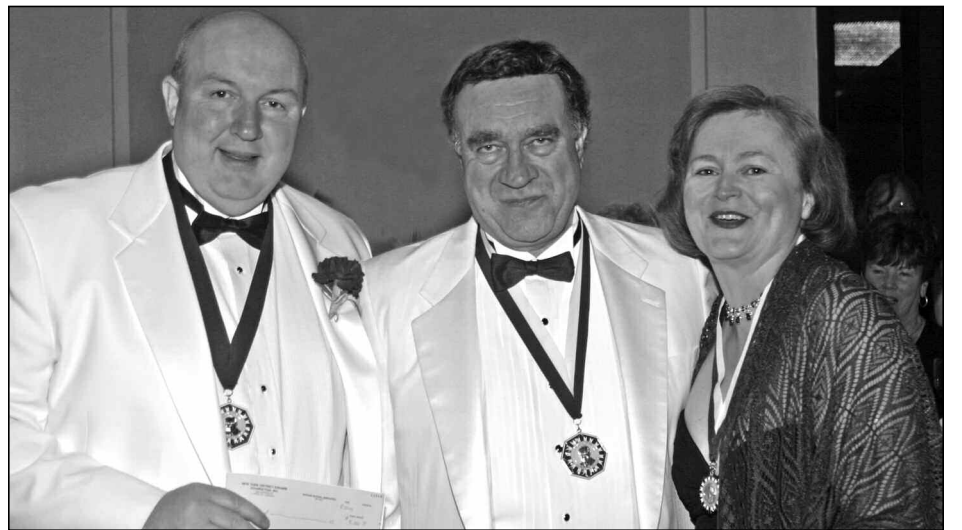


Exhibit Halls



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Memorial Service





New Member Orientation

Peter J. Owens

We come to the end of another "great Kiwanis year." Many of your clubs have taken advantage of the many different programs available to you including our New Member Orientation. Those of you and your clubs should have appreciated the value of those assets when you took the time to research them and employ them in your clubs.

The problem is the same clubs take advantage and are successful and maintain memberships annually.

Clubs that complain and Presidents who cannot keep membership are usually those clubs that rarely take advantage of the many professional programs available to you.

New officers (coming on board October 1st) should at a minimum arrange to attend the COT training within your divisions. Almost all of the support mechanisms are displayed and discussed in detail. You will be able to leave that training with a running start on a truly successful year as your club's leader.

Unfortunately, not as many clubs and divisions sought to call me as New Member Orientation Chair. Everyone of Governor Peter's group of chairpersons and advisors agreed last October to give 100% to any club or officer who sought help. Too many of the leaders do not take the opportunity to use every vehicle given to you. No one knows the answer for that phenomenon.

I would like to advise all new leaders to take the initiative to use those tools sitting there for your use. Kiwanis International, the New York District and your divisions are all there for the asking.

Remember, you only have a few weeks to review your club membership and assure your Lt. Governor and Governor Peter that your club will have a plus in membership before the year ends.

Good luck to the new officers and thanks to Governor Peter for his great leadership.

Rosell Dad Joins Hornell



Kiwanis Club of **HORNELL**, Chemung Division – President Tim Rosell swears in his father, Bob Rosell, with the help of Chuck Robertson, Induction Officer and Past President. Mr. Rosell was inducted at the Hornell meeting on July 20, 2004.

Brooklyn Supports Special Olympics



Year after year, rain or shine, hot or cold, the Brooklyn Division members are out at Poly Prep Schhol hosting the Special Olympics. Kiwanians donate, cook and serve coffee, hot dogs, ice cream and drinks to the Special Olympiads. One of their favorite jobs, besides presenting medals, is being cheerleaders and huggers at the end of the event.

Ticonderoga Honors Steve Boyce

The Kiwanis Club of **TICONDEROGA**, Adirondack Division –held a dinner to honor Stephen Boyce, Ticonderoga teacher and Advisor of the Key Club. In 1972, while a newly hired teacher, Steve agreed to act as an Advisor to the Ticonderoga High School Key Club. He remained with the Ticonderoga School District where he remained as a teacher and an Advisor to the Key Club until his retirement in June, 2004.

Pat Farenga Designated One of the Points of Light



PLG Pat Farenga

BRONX WESTCHESTER SOUTH DIVISION – Congratulations to Pat Farenga, the senior PLG of the Bronx-Westchester South Division, who has been designated by Former President George Bush as one of the Points of Light for the month of June.

The distinguished service that occasioned this award occurred when Italy suffered a catastrophic earthquake in 1981. In response, Pat spearheaded a clothing and food drive for the victims, for which service he has also received the Congressional Medal of Merit and a New York State citation.

We are all very proud of this and all Pat's accomplishments, and wish him many more years of dedicated Kiwanis service. Visit the Points of Light Foundation Web Site and read the award: <http://www.pointsoflight.org/awards/dpol/winner.cfm?AwardNum=2703>

What started out as a one-year term commitment lasted for 33 years of service to the school, community and Kiwanis. During the years that Steve was Key Club Advisor, he mentored many Key Club meetings, and he and his wife, Sylvia attended many Key Club conventions and District meetings throughout NY state.

Howard Rathbun, who was a Kiwanian at the time that the Key Club was being established in 1972, introduced Steve and praised him for his dedication to the youth of Ticonderoga and for the example he set of service to others and for his mentoring skills. Past Key Club members, Chuck Gijanto, a Kiwanian from Plattsburgh, Jim O'Bryan, Andrea McDonald and Meghan Nadeau, all of Ticonderoga, gave short reminiscences of their times in the Key Club under Steve's tutelage.

Beginning in the fall of 2004, Dave Millard, a Ticonderoga High School math teacher, will take over the duties of Advisor to the Key Club. Steve Boyce will be available to assist Dave for the next year.

Steve received the thanks of the Kiwanis Club, along with a plaque and golf related gifts thanking him for his 33 years of dedication to the youth of Ticonderoga. He was also given membership in the Kiwanis Club of Ticonderoga for the 2004-05 year.

Peteler Becomes Schenectady Newest Hixson Fellow

The Kiwanis Club of **SCHENECTADY**, Mohawk Division – recently celebrated its 85th Anniversary. The event was a celebration of service to the community while honoring the George E. Hixson and Legion of Honor Award recipients.

Roland Peteler, the latest recipient, joined the Kiwanis Club of Schenectady on February 4, 1987. He has been active with many club committees, working on projects that support youth programs such as "Bowl for Kids Sake." He became president of the club in 1995, and was the recipient of the Hixson award on June 4, 1996. He has served on the Board of Directors and Foundation Board, and for many years participated in accounting for regular weekly meeting attendance as well as collecting for lunch receipts. He has been exemplary in leading the club meetings in song and the Pledge of Allegiance. He has unselfishly given his time to mentor the Schenectady High School Key Club on a weekly basis for many years. Truly his dedication and commitment to Kiwanis has been exemplary.

Here Come the Brides



Distinguished Immediate Past New Cassel Kiwanis Club Secretary Corliss Hawthorne recently wed Mr. Donald Crosswell on July 5th. A superlative club secretary during 2002/2003, Ms. Hawthorne now, Mrs. Crosswell, made a gorgeous bride, while Mr. Crosswell is certainly a very fortunate fellow to have her as part of his life.

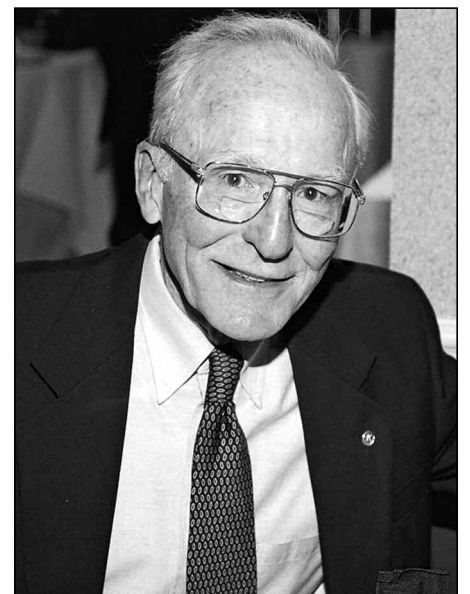
Above: Corliss is being escorted down the aisle by her justly proud father.



New York District Aktion Club Administrator Diane Taranto weds Mike Horan on July 24th in Staten Island.



Past President of the New York City Young Professionals Laura Rienti was married to Kevin Bisceglia, August 14 at St. Frances de Chantal Church in Wantagh.



Roland O. Peteler

Without any hesitation, Roland Peteler is distinguished and deserving of the honor of a Hixson contribution to the International Foundation because of his commitment to the club's activities and programs.



Membership Growth and Development

Ray Pfeifer

This is a reprint from an excellent article by the late DPLG Bob Burbank. I think it is very worthwhile for Kiwanians and their clubs.

Why New Members???

Regarding the quest for New Members, I have good news and I have bad news.

First – the bad news. Unless your club has an implementable plan to get new members in the next 10 months, your club will DIE. It's the truth! Let's explore the symptoms of a club that doesn't get new members on a regular basis: (1) For ever year's delay, the club membership gets 12 months older. (2) The club settles into a nice comfortable rut. The projects remain the same, requests for contributions are handled with rubber stamp, and the feeling of pro-active community service starts slipping away. (3) Attendance at meetings starts to fall off – the excitement has worn off – the reasons for being a Kiwanian become more vague. (4) Meeting attendance gets so low that it is an embarrassment to ask program speakers to address just a handful of people. (5) Member participation on committees and posts in club administration drop off because they have become chores rather than pleasurable experiences with meaning. (6) Club leadership is reduced to very few members who, over time, will and do burn out. (7) Terminal apathy sets in and by that time it is too late because the club membership has lost its vitality and will to live.

If you have even an inkling that your club may be grooving into this scene, I suggest that you treat it as a wake up call for corrective action.

Now for the good news about Membership Growth and Development. First of all, I suggest that you sweep from your minds such thoughts as: More members equal more money for our administrative fund, and "golly – just think how good I'll look when I bring in new members."

I suggest we all start thinking in these terms: (1) Government money can no longer be counted on to serve the politically low profile everyday needs of our communities. (2) Any financial support and sweat-equity our clubs can contribute to these causes will pay off big time IF we know the needs that exist and the windows of opportunity that help individuals be the best they can. (3) More members mean new ideas and fresh blood to counteract "we've never done that before" thinking. Each new member brings to us increased abilities and increased contacts. (4) If brought along properly, these new members are a means for the future club leaders to make the club easier to operate due to task spreading and energy. (5) The current members get to know others that share similar value systems and thus broaden their circle of acquaintances and maybe even close personal friends.

Nurture Current Members

Anyone with experience in consumer
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Lobsters On the Beach With Island Park



On July 30th, the Kiwanis Club of Island Park hosted a Lobster Fest on the beach under a gazebo in Island Park. The colorful sunset acted as a beautiful backdrop where Kiwanians enjoyed a delicious surf and turf dinner. Above: Long Island Southwest LG Elect Joan Schod, Governor Elect Dave Rothman, Cardboard cutout VP/Treasurer Nelson Tucker, PLG Bruce Brooks, DPLG Marty Neuringer and KPTC board member Tom Mollo.

A Dollop of Compassion With Pancakes

Reprinted from the Webster Post
By Anne Johnston

The Kiwanis Club of WEBSTER, Finger Lakes Division – Pancakes aren't the only thing the Canandaigua Kiwanis Club cooked up last weekend, as members learned more about a new project they plan to tackle in the coming year.

Joining them at a community pancake breakfast Saturday were folks from the Webster Kiwanis Club, as well as members of a Webster offshoot, an Aktion Club for developmentally challenged adults.

The first Aktion Club – Aktion with a "k" for Kiwanis – was founded in Florida in 1987 and Aktion Club became an official sponsored program of Kiwanis International in 2000, according to www.aktionclub.org. Now, the site says, the clubs exist in not only the United States but Australia, Canada, Jamaica and Malaysia.

Paul Snipes, President of the Canandaigua Kiwanis Club, said members recently attended a Kiwanis meeting in Webster, where a second Aktion Club was being launched.

He said it was inspiring to see the enthusiasm on the faces of the developmentally challenged adults involved.

"They get a chance to do good for the community, and it makes a difference in their

lives, young and old," Snipes said.

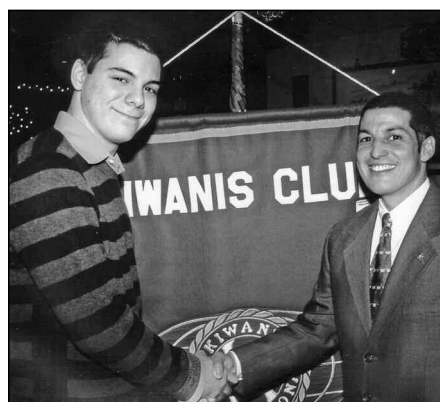
Aktion Clubs conduct fund-raisers, such as car washes and perform community service projects, like food drives and park beautification. In addition, the clubs hold fun activities, such as sporting events and visits to zoos and museums.

Trish Hook, past president of the Canandaigua Kiwanis is spearheading the effort to form an Aktion Club here. She was out of town this week and unavailable for comment about the time line, but Snipes said that "it is going to happen this year."

Canandaigua Kiwanis member Susan Derby, who is working with Hook on the effort, works with developmentally challenged adults in her job as a residence manager with Ontario ARC.

"I think there certainly are going to be a lot of people in this agency who would be interested in doing it," she said.

Seaford Welcomes Scott Doyno to Club



Kiwanis Club of SEAFORD, Long Island South Central Division – welcomes their youngest member Scott Doyno into their club. Scott was recruited to the Seaford Club by his father, Board Member John Doyno. Scott, who is a previous Key Club member, a National Honor Student and an Eagle Scout, will graduate this year from Seaford High School and attend Morehead State where he plans to continue his studies in mathematics and teaching as well as continue to be active in both the Seaford Kiwanis Club and Morehead Kiwanis Club in Kentucky. Congratulating Scott to the Kiwanis Club of Seaford, Evening, Is Town of Hempstead, Town Clerk Mark Bonilla. A hearty welcome and well wishes to Scott Doyno!



Think 39

Rick Levine

I hope everyone is having a wonderful and healthy summer. While some of you were outside mowing your grass, some others were recruiting. The District added 8 new under 39ers since our last publication. The reputation for this award is spreading. I received a Think 39 form from the Bullhead City Arizona Club (the Southwest District). Welcome new member Brandon Bull into the Think 39 Club.

Now back to the Great New York District: The Five Towns Club still leads the race with seven, Copiague is second with five, and Webster is third with four. The leading Division is Genesee with eight. The total for the District as of 7-24-04 is fifty.

By the time you read this, you probably attended our convention in Buffalo. Our totals should be even higher by then. We are getting near the finish line. Let's get out there and show Gov. Peter what a great job we can all do. All of Peter's Leaders should have at least 1 under 39er. Thanks to all who have worked so hard and remember to: "Think 39".

PLG Ryder Honored



L.I. North Lt. Gov. Jo Greene, right, presents DPLG Ed (Woody) Ryder with a plaque recognizing his service as Lt. Governor to the Long Island North Division at Koenig's in Floral Park.



DPLG Ed 'Woody' Ryder receives the Kaiser Award. Left to Right: Past International President Anton J. "Tony" Kaiser presents the award to DPLG Woody Ryder, with LIN Lt. Governor Jo Greene, for his outstanding service.



Sponsored Organizations and Programs

Tony Palangi

2003/2004 An Outstanding Year for the Sponsored Youth Organizations

The Kiwanis Family continued to grow and flourish in the 2003/2004 Administrative Year, especially the Sponsored Youth Organizations. As of July 2004, approximately 27 new clubs have been organized. Key Club and Builders Clubs indicate exceptional growth.

The growing family of Sponsored Youth clubs is now a major factor in Kiwanis service, and also a source of pride. It certainly reflects the many years of nurturing and caring by Kiwanis since 1925 when Key Club was initially formed, followed by Circle K, Builders Clubs, K-Kids Clubs, and most recent Aktion Clubs.

Traditionally, behind the scenes of any project or endeavor there exists a committee of caring Kiwanians with enthusiasm, persistence, and a burning desire to achieve their goal. The Sponsored Youth Organizations enjoyed continuous support from Governor Mancuso's Team, "Peter's Leaders," throughout the year. Governor Peter and First Lady Karen extensively promoted our Sponsored Youth Program. Their involvement was an inspiration not only for our youth, but also for each Kiwanian. Indeed, they served as role models.

The Administrators of the Sponsored Youth Organizations and their committees assisting them, also played a major role in the growth and success of this program: Key Club Administrator Andrew Lowenberg, Circle K Administrator John Keegan, Builders Club Administrator Carl Johnson, K-Kids Administrator Mickie Leamey, and Aktion Club Administrator Diane Taranto. Congratulations on a truly outstanding year of growth and service. You have touched the lives of thousands of young people, the future leaders of this great land.

Operation Crayon in Support of our Troops

Although, we have been involved only a few months in this project, soliciting school supplies for the children of Iraq, we have definitely made a difference. Over 2200 pounds of school supplies have been shipped to our troops for distribution to needy children. Please continue to support this very effective program.

With the approach of a new Kiwanis year, my thoughts always reflect upon the K-Family. I wonder how many Kiwanians are aware of this unique characteristic, what it represents, and the role that it plays in our committees.

Check out the New York District Website at www.kiwanis-ny.org

Mt. Morris Key Club Makes Trip to Ronald McDonald House

The Kiwanis Club of MOUNT MORRIS, Genesee Division – The Mt. Morris Key Club seniors, along with Advisor Andrea Castro, decided to make one final trip to the Ronald McDonald House. Carly Constantino, Dayle Freeman, Kayleigh Fahey, Jessica Chichester, Tim Paul, Brittany Kandrotas, and D.J. Austen have been dedicated members of the Key Club since the club started in 2001. On the 12th of May, they took time out of their busy senior schedule to go to the House in Rochester, carrying bags of bread, cheese, cans of soup, cake mix, eggs, frosting and lettuce. If you cannot guess, the plan was to make tomato soup, grilled cheese, salad and brownies for the Ronald McDonald House residents.

Thanks to their service clubs, like Key Club, these seniors have helped make an impact on society. The Key Club would like to



Mt. Morris Key Club works hard preparing food at Ronald McDonald House.

thanks the Mount Morris Kiwanis Club for their support and continued sponsorship of projects.

Peninsula Sends Local Kids to Kamp



Kiwanis Club of Peninsula, LISW – sent local children to Kamp Kiwanis. Above: Lt. Gov. John DeLeo, Dominick Sciarrotta, Chairman Don Esopa pose with excited campers.

Key Club Advisor Named Honorary Kiwanian



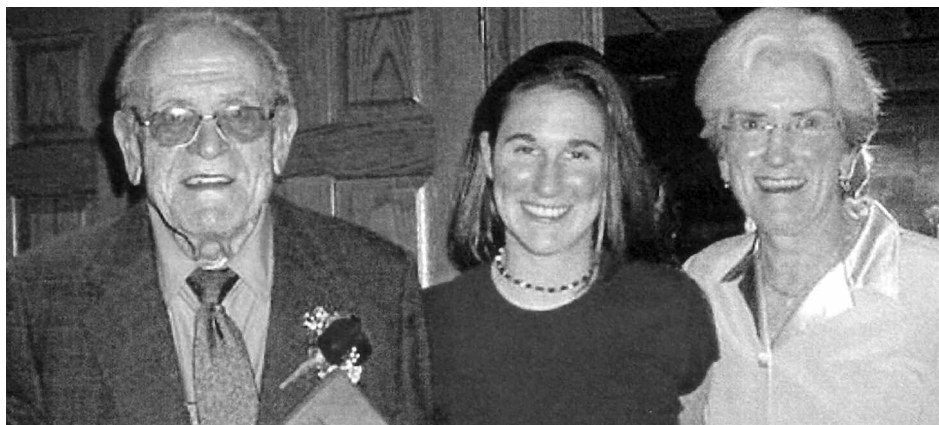
Pictured above: (left to right) Ray Carr is presented honorary membership to Solvay-Geddes-Camillus by President John Willson.

The Kiwanis Club of SOLVAY GEDES CAMILLUS, Ontario Division – Roy Carr, faculty advisor for the Solvay High School Key Club, is presented an honorary membership to Solvay-Geddes-Camillus President John Willson.

Mr. Carr, a mathematics teacher at Solvay High School, has been faculty advisor to the Key Club for the past four years. During this period the Key club has undertaken projects to benefit numerous local community, state and national programs. An upcoming project will to help build a Habitat for Humanity House. The club sells refreshments at numerous school functions, such as dances, plays and athletic contests, as fundraisers for their community and statewide programs.

The club of 35 members is the oldest active Key Club in the New York District, having been formed in 1948 with the Kiwanis club as its sponsor.

North Shore Key Club Presents the Key



Pictured L to R: Distinguished Kiwanian holding the key, Tom Benenson, North Shore Key Club Vice President, Kerry Rigley, and Anne Benenson.

Kiwanis Club of NORTH SHORE, Long Island North – at the Swan Club Restaurant, a special North Shore Kiwanis dinner was held in honor of Tom and Anne Benenson family. Among many presentations to the family, the

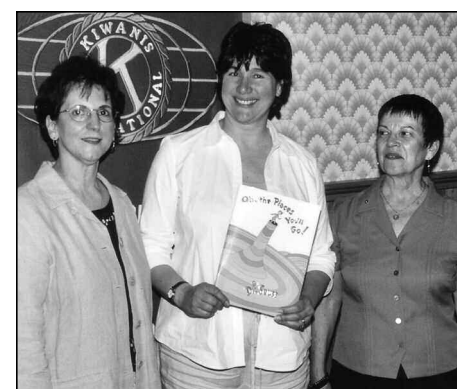
North Shore Key Club was on hand to present the "Key of Honor," to the Benensons. This is a tradition with both the Kiwanis Club and the Key Club that symbolizes that doors are always open to come back to visit.

School Library Benefits from Kiwanis

The Kiwanis Club of SOLVAY-GEDES-CAMILLUS, Ontario Division – Cynthia Needham, center, Librarian at Dr. Weeks Elementary school in Syracuse, discusses books and software the school can obtain for the library with a \$500 grant from Solvay-Geddes-Camillus Kiwanis Club. At left is Kathy Amman, chair of the club's Sponsored Youth committee, and at right is Club President Rita Briggman.

The Kiwanis Club, a "Community Partner" with Dr. Week's school, handles a reading program at the school each week, and also provides the school with toys from Marine Toys for Tots and shirts from Seaboard Atlantic Garments, Inc. during the year.

Cynthia Needham pointed out the inner city schools have an extreme shortage of



S-G-C Kiwanis Reading Program

books and the Kiwanis grant would help to provide not only classroom books but also needed reference books and computer software for the library's needs.

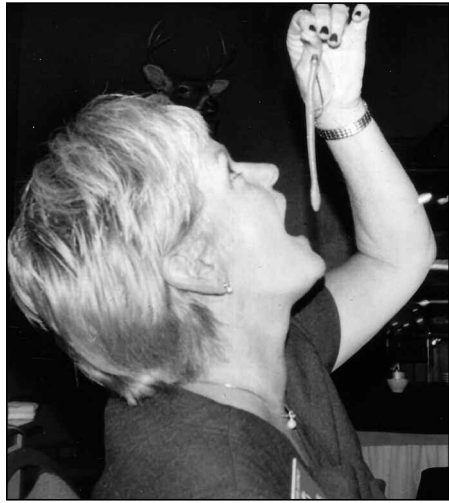
Massapequa Kiwanis Presents Scholarships



Amanda Schlefman receives Al Prato Beta Theta Gamma Memorial Scholarship.

Kiwanis Club of MASSAPEQUA, LISW – recently presented the Al Prato Beta Theta Gamma Memorial Scholarship to Massapequa H. S. seniors Amanda Schlefman, Catherine Colgohoon and Dara Witty. The ladies are Key Club Presidents and were instrumental in organizing the club's participation in many community service projects, including a very successful coat drive. The award is named after the late PLG Al Prato.

Who Says That Interclubs Are Impossible To Complete?



Kiwanis Clubs in the Adirondack Division are determined to make the rounds and enjoy the fellowship and input of the clubs in the division. Above: LG Kathleen Hazelton is "going for the bite."

Recently the Plattsburgh Breakfast Club and home club to Lt. Governor Kathleen Hazel visited the Saranac Lake Club and were happy to glean many wonderful tips and ideas from them. Not only did they receive lots of ideas and share information, they were given a lesson in bass fishing by a young man from Louisiana, a nephew to Saranac Lake Kiwanis Club members.

Lt. Governor Kathleen got to almost taste a delicious and very smelly worm as shown in the photo "going for the bite."

"Interclubs are such a vital and useful way for Kiwanis members to meet new friends and associates across their area. It makes so much sense to utilize this great concept. "Kiwanis clubs should always remember that they are part of a much larger picture and this part is a stepping stone to bigger and better things," says LG Kathleen Hazel.

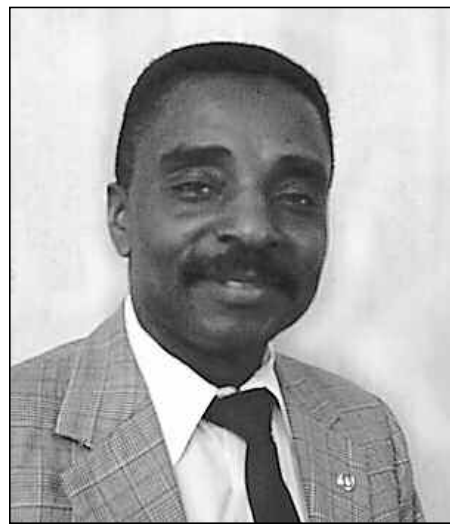
Three Steps to Building A New Kiwanis Club

As presented by LG Bill Risbrook at the New York Mid-Winter Conference

1. Start Early
2. Personal Handouts
3. Newsletter

1. Start Early – From the moment that I knew that I would be coming into office as Lt. Governor, I started to recruit new members for the new club. I was careful not to do anything to hurt or disrespect the Lt. Governor who was already in office. In my case the Lt. Governor who was in office at that time, Lawrence D. Rogers was very helpful to me. He had already made contact with some of the business people in the area where I eventually started the new club. For months before taking office, I started telling friends and just about everyone that I met about the new club that I plan to start. I got their name and phone number to call them at a later date. By the time I was ready to start recruiting members for the new club, I already had a list of about eighty people to call.

2. Personal Hand Outs – One of the standard ways that Kiwanis recommends for starting a new club, is to get a list of business people in that area and mail them out a letter telling them about the new club. I took a different approach in this area of recruiting. I actually went out walking the streets along with my divisional secretary Augusta Van Duzen, for about four days the week before starting to recruit members. This gave me the opportunity to meet people face to face and explain to them just what Kiwanis is all about and how they could get involved in community service. As I went to different businesses to speak to people, I showed them a letter that was written up and signed by a well known restaurant owner in that area. Many of the residents in the area knew Mr. Earl R. Lynn, who is the owner of Nakisaki Restaurant, and well respected in his community. Many people that I spoke to were very impressed with the fact that Mr. Lynn was not only endorsing the new club, but he would also be joining the club as well. A majority of the people that I spoke with already knew about Kiwanis from before. Many people in the area were from the Caribbean, and Kiwanis is very popular in countries such as Jamaica, Barbados, and Trinidad. Some of the people that I met actually wanted to sign up right then and there but I did not have any of the sign up kits with



**LG William F. Risbrook
Queens East**

me at that time. If you are going out to meet people in person to recruit them for a new club, I strongly recommend that you carry some of the sign up kits with you. In fact, when I was speaking to sister Ann-Marie Kirmse of Bronx Westchester South, she told me that when they had charter night for the new club that she formed, a few people from Jamaica West Indies approached her about starting another new club. My point is, you should be ready to recruit new members for Kiwanis at anytime.

3. Newsletter – One of the best ways to help yourself when starting a new club is with an effective newsletter. When I had a chance to speak to Lt. Governor Jo Greene of the Long Island North Division, she told me that she had an article in one of the local newspapers advertising the club. She told me that this made it a lot easier to recruit for her new club. A week before going out to recruit, I had a nice article our local city councilman and myself in one of our local newspaper. This impressed many people that I met and made it easy to sign up members for the new club. I would like to thank Michael Malark for going out with me the first two days of recruiting for our club. I learned so much from watching the way Mike Malark was able to meet and recruit someone for Kiwanis. Also, I would like to thank Anna Thompson from the St. Albans Kiwanis Club, for going out and helping me to recruit for our new club. I feel that there is no greater experience than to know that you have a group of people working together for the good of their community.

Floral Park Club Recognizes Children

The Kiwanis Club of **FLORAL PARK**, home club of DPG John Gridley, recognized the members of the Key and Builders Clubs of Sewanhaka School District, as well as Sewanhaka Key Club Advisor Valentina Forgone and Sewanhaka Builders Club Advisor Diane Ventura during Sewanhaka's annual installation dinner on May 10th at Koenig's. Maria Jones, nee Gridley, Club Liaison to Sewanhaka did a wonderful job in orchestrating the events of the evening.



Sewanhaka Key Club Advisor Valentina Forgone, left, presents flowers and a certificate of appreciation to Floral Park Kiwanian Maria Jones, in recognition of her invaluable help in revitalizing the Sewanhaka Key Club.

Gold Medal Special Olympian Honored



The Floral Park Kiwanis Club recently honored gold medal winning Special Olympian swimmer Nancy Burpee, conferring honorary membership on this Floral Park resident whom the club sponsored, with others, at a recent Special Olympics swimming event held in Minnesota. DPG John Gridley, right, club president John Stimpfel, left, and club member and former Mayor of Floral Park Tom Hayden, 2nd right, join Special Olympian Nancy Burpee during her club presentation.

Elmont Club Presents \$2500 Scholarship



Pictured L to R: Kiwanis Club Member and Former President Joe Greenblatt, Graduating Senior Randall Clarke, Elmont Kiwanis Club President Robert J. Nori, Esq.

Kiwanis Club of **ELMONT**, Long Island South Central – On Thursday, June 3rd, President Robert J. Nori and PP Joe Greenblatt presented the Rev. Duncan Kennedy Scholarship Memorial Award, in the amount of \$2,500 to Randall Clarke, graduating senior from Elmont Memorial High School for his future education.



Youth Services

Bob Cummo

Success means providing service not to the youth of our communities, but our state, our nation, and our world. As we prepare for the coming administrative year has your club conducted a community analysis as recommended? Has your club visited or spoken to our local government officials, school district, the clergy, community leaders, youth organizations leaders, or most important, your local youth? How can we properly serve our youth if we do not know their needs, or what others may have already made plans for? It is every Kiwanian's right to know what their club officers are planning for the coming year. Without a community analysis having been done it is impossible to properly serve our community.

Our International President 2004-05 Case Van Kleef has included among his goals the following: • Increase our commitment to young children. • Fulfill our involvement in "Young Children Priority One". • Enhance youth leadership.

Remember, everything we do for children falls under youth service with only one exception, "Sponsored Youth."

In closing, I would like to offer you a way to increase your scholarship donation by one thousand dollars to needy students in your community.

The Corporation for National and Community Service offers a matching funds (\$500) scholarship to two deserving students per every high school in these United States every year. This recognition program is called the Presidential Freedom Scholarship Program. Every spring a mailing is sent to every high school regarding this program. May I suggest that your club contact your local high school(s) and advise them that your club is willing to give one or two of these scholarships next June. The school will pick the deserving students based on the criteria.

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sales experienced customers and sometimes whole accounts that have been lost because the sale person failed to periodically reinforce why the customer should continue to do business with them. The same principle applies to Kiwanis Membership continuations.

The reasons we all belong to Kiwanis need to be systematically detailed to club membership so they can rededicate to causes greater than themselves (perhaps as a part of a membership solicitation drive), fortify why we are Kiwanians to begin with. These programs also serve another purpose – the best membership solicitors are those who are personally sold on the product or serve that they are selling. A Kiwanian sold on Kiwanis with the solid reasons for belonging make the best membership solicitors. All Kiwanians should seriously consider incorporation Kiwanis Education into the program mix of their club.

Bronx Westchester South Honors DPLG Don Ciota

BRONX WESTCHESTER SOUTH DIVISION – recently honored DPLG Don Ciota (photo right) at the VIP Club in New Rochelle. Don's home club awarded him the prestigious Hixson Fellowship Award. Presenting the award Pres. Geri Christianna. Don was recently also the recipient of the Kaiser Award given by the Bronx Westchester So. Division. The event was attended by more than 100 Kiwanians and local dignitaries from the Town of Mt. Vernon and Westchester County who also recognized Don's distinguished service to the community. Don, who is the N.Y. District Chair of Special Olympics, was honored by the Division with \$5,000 in contributions to the above mentioned cause. Don himself personally contributed \$1,000 to Special Olympics bringing the sum to \$6,000.

Photo far right: An impressive gathering of Kiwanians attended the event to honor DPLG Don Ciota at the VIP Country club in New Rochelle. They were: PG Ralph Vasami, Imm. DPLG Don Ciota, Gov. Peter Mancuso, Nydia Corace, Joe Corace, IPG Justin Underwood, PG and candidate for International Trustee Thomas E. DeJulio, and DPLG Dr. Rosemary DeJulio.



With Sympathy

The ESK will publish this memorial column once a year in September. To download a form check our website at: <www.kiwanis-ny.org>

The beloved wife of Suffolk West Division PLG Manny **Belizaire** passed away. Our thoughts and prayers go with the Belizaire family. Send condolences to: 38 Thompson Street, Kings Park, NY 11754.

Floyd H. **Lichtenberg** of Kiwanis Club of ARDSLEY, Bronx Westchester South – was President of the Ardsley Club and Lieutenant Governor of the Bronx Westchester South Division. He was a life member of Kiwanis and received the George E. Hixson Award in 1994. Please send condolences to Mrs. Mary Lichtenberg, 547 Almena Avenue, Ardsley, NY 10502.

Heritage and Evergreen Aktion Clubs Sponsor Pancake Breakfast

The Kiwanis Club of **WEBSTER**, Finger Lakes Division - On May 22nd a Pancake Breakfast was held to raise money for Mercy Flight which is a non profit organization that transports accident victims and ill patients to area hospitals. The Aktion Clubs organize this event with the help of Kiwanians from the Canandaigua & Webster Clubs. They helped to serve meals, pour coffee, and clean the tables. Approximately \$600 will be donated to Mercy Flight.

Newark Kiwanians Donate Activity Packs to Hospital

reprinted from the *Finger Lakes Times*
The Kiwanis Club of **NEWARK**, Finger Lakes Division – “Newark Kiwanis, which is very involved in helping children, picked up on it,” she said. They recently prepared 35 activity bags.

Kiwanis President Peggy Hanson volunteers up to eight hours a week in the emergency department “doing all kinds of errands,” Nary said.

Kiwanis – whose motto is “Young Children: Priority One” – also wants to help make children’s visits to the hospital as pleasant as possible, Hanson said.

“The activity bag program is a great one,” she said. “We had a good time making the bags. Anytime we can help children, we enjoy ourselves.”

The Kiwanis Club has also donated dozens of new stuffed animals for children at the hospital.

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last four years, Kamp Kiwanis became one of the finest sleep away camps for underprivileged and handicapped children in the country. Nancy has a unique talent with this type of child which made everyone else's job so much easier. She is a teacher, a mentor, a business person and a friend to everyone. We will all miss Nancy and her son Andy and wish them all the best. Applications will be going out shortly for the open vacancy and Nancy has agreed to stay on for a short period of time to train our new director. Congratulations to Tom Gallagher for being elected to the Foundation Board of Directors and for winning first prize in our raffle of \$5,000. It was a great week for Tom. Also, congratulations to Ed Sexton on being re-elected to the Foundation Board and to Sal Anelli from Brooklyn for being elected Vice President of the Board.

Through the efforts of Steve Haller, the

raffle raised more than \$25,000 for Kamp Kiwanis. Thank you Steve.

Larry Jones from West Seneca donated \$10,000 from the Buffalo Bills fundraiser and East Meadow Kiwanis came through once again with a \$10,000 donation. Tom Gallagher, also from East Meadow Kiwanis donated \$6,000 from his roast.

For those clubs or divisions that may want to honor another Kiwanian, they may do so thru the following:

- Become a member of the Kaiser fellowship for \$1,000.
- Purchase a brick at Kamp Kiwanis from \$100.00 to \$1,350.
- Adopt an acre of land for \$1,500
- Purchase a bench at Kamp Kiwanis for \$1,500.
- Adopt a cabin for \$10,000 or build a new cabin for \$30,000.

For those clubs that have not contributed to our Outreach Program which is \$2.00 per member, please do so by October 1st so your club can receive a banner patch.

Warren **Deming** of Kiwanis Club of HUNTINGTON, Suffolk West – was 79 years old. He was once named “Man of the Year” by the Huntington Kiwanis Club. Donations can be in his memory to the Myelodysplastic Syndromes Foudations, Inc., 36 Front St., P.O. Box 353, Crosswicks, N.J. 08515.

Andrew **Ferretti** of Kiwanis Club of EAST ROCKAWAY, Long Island Southwest – served the East Rockaway Kiwanis Club as President, Vice President, and Secretary. He also served on many committees and worked on club fundraisers. Please send condolences to Carol Ferretti, 5 Hyanis Court, East Rockaway, N.Y. 11518.

Neal J. **Petrucci** of Kiwanis Club of EAST YONKERS, Bronx Westchester South – was President and Secretary. He developed the Horseback Riding Program For The Blind which earned an international award and continued for 7 years. Please send condolences to Olga Petrucci, 21 Central Park Ave., Yonkers, N.Y. 10705.

Nick **Ciotola** of Kiwanis Club of HARTSDALE, Bronx Westchester South – was a Past Distinguished Secretary and has been a member for 20 years.

William **Rivkin** of Kiwanis Club of HARTSDALE, Bronx Westchester South – was a Past President and has been a member for 17 years.

Robert N. **Johnson** of Kiwanis Club. of GOUVERNEUR, St. Lawrence – was President, Vice President, and Treasurer. He served as chairman on Youth Services, membership & growth, finance, and program committees. He received the Ruby K Award for recruiting 10 members. Please send condolences to Mrs Robert Johnson, 255 County Rte 11, Gouverneur, N.Y. 13642.

Renee **Hargave** of Kiwanis Club of POUGHKEEPSIE, Hudson River – was President, Vice President, and Lt. Governor. She was a member for 14 years, board member for 12 years, and a distinguished Lt. Governor. Please send condolences to Beth Dykeman, 44 Fulton St., Wappingers Falls, N.Y. 12590.

Loretta **Pierce** of Kiwanis Club of MARILLA, Niagara Frontier East – was a Kiwanis member for 5 years. She was very active in service projects, in particular helping with the annual Mother's Day Rose Sale. Please send condolences to Mary Nette Foss, 2200 Four Rod Rd., East Aurora N.Y. 14052.

Harry **Pincus** of Kiwanis Club of WEST END, Brooklyn – was a loyal and generous member for 6 years. He participated in many various activities. Please send condolences to Maxine Pincus, 63 77th St., B'klyn N.Y. 11209

William **Santora** of Kiwanis Club of PORT CHESTER, Hudson Tri-County – was a very active Kiwanian Sergeant at Arms at club meetings. He worked at the annual Baseball Tournament for 12 years and DARE Breakfast fundraiser for 11 years. Please send condolences to Mark Santora and family, 60 Hobart Avenue, Port Chester, N.Y. 10573.

Ira **Hunter** of Kiwanis Club of NORTHPORT – EAST NORTHPORT, Suffolk West – was a tireless volunteer for all causes. He was a member for 16 years. Please send condolences to Florence Hunter, 77 Franklin St., Northport N.Y. 11768.

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all members on the required 30 days written notice who had not paid their dues by March 31, so as to avoid having to pay the second half of their dues to International and our District. I hope that you heeded my warning, because having done so, there is no reason why you should be dropping any more members now. After all, the membership you list as of September 30, 2004 on your final report should be all members who are current in their dues as of that date. You should not be removing members whose dues have been paid in full for 2003-04.

Please remember then, no September surprises! In fact, I encourage each of our Lieutenant Governors to contact their clubs during this month to find out what their final membership total will be, so as to determine whether they are currently on track to meet their criteria to be recognized as distinguished. One of the criteria for a club president or lieutenant governor to become distinguished is for your club or division, respectively, to grow three (3%) percent net during the year. For example, a club with 100 members at the start of the year would satisfy this condition by finishing the year with 103 members. You all have worked too hard this year to not be recognized as distinguished, so I urge you to do whatever you can in the time that remains to make it so.

Finally, Karen and I have very much enjoyed serving as your Governor and First Lady. I sought this position because I wanted an opportunity to engage in community service on a grand scale. It certainly has been all that and more. We have loved meeting so many wonderful people and seeing for ourselves the tremendous breadth and scope of our service activities throughout our District. I hope that you will take the time to memorialize them by completing the second part of your Annual Club Report, which is due by October 31st.

Thank you so much for your friendship and support during this special year in our lives.

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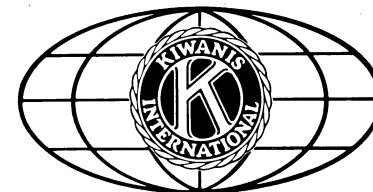
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Foundation Outreach

Joseph Battista

I would like to offer my assistance with procuring your club's donation to the New York District Foundation Outreach Program. Monies collected through the Outreach Program help fund the day-to-day operations, of Kamp Kiwanis.

In the past, these donations were collected by International on the Semi-Annual Dues Report. Due to a new computer program at International, this is no longer the case. Instead, there is a separate form included in the international package. Please fill this form out and send your donation directly to the New York District Office.

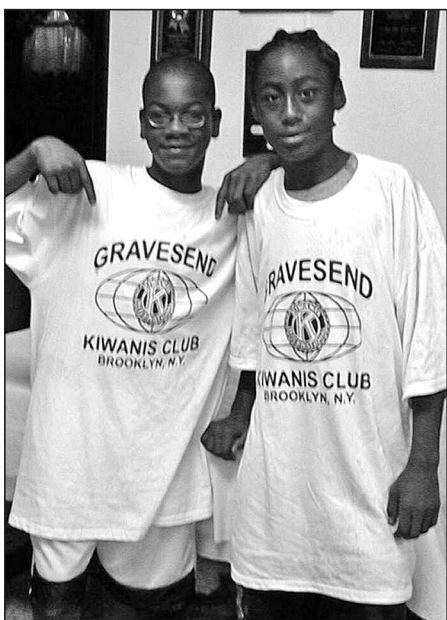
The Foundation is asking that each club within the great New York District help in some way with this funding. As Outreach Program Chairman, I am asking you to bring this up at your next meeting and encourage each member to make that minimum donation of two dollars (\$2.00). In the memo space, please denote "Foundation Outreach."

As a result of the donation, the Foundation will award your club a banner patch. A plaque will be given to your Lt. Governor and public acknowledgement will also be made at the Mid-Winter Conference with a division's 100% donation to the Outreach Program.

At the Kamp, we continually repair and maintain the cabins, dining hall, kitchen, wells, recreational areas and surrounding buildings and grounds. We are presently in our fourth year of reconstruction. If you haven't been up to the Kamp, please join us when the Foundation has its work weekend. The advancements we have made are remarkable. We need all the help we can get to keep this Kamp the jewel that it is.

If you have any questions, or would like us to come to your club's meeting to discuss the Outreach Program or the Kamp construction, please call me. THANK YOU.

Gravesend Sends Kids to Kamp For Over 20 Years



Allen Hayes and Keith Hamilton leave for Kamp Kiwanis on a rainy Sunday, this past Kamp season. The Gravesend Club, Brooklyn Division has been supporting children and sending them to Kamp Kiwanis for over 20 years. They believe in this very important community service.

Rochester West Central Presents New Grill to Kamp



This past camp season, the Kiwanis Club of Rochester West Central, Genesee Division, PP Dave Crispino, PP Vince Lang, PP James Gligora and DPLG John Argento, along with other club members, traveled to Kamp Kiwanis to dedicate a new gas grill in memory of Salvatore Cutaia. Kamp Kiwanis Director Nancy Nowak was very pleased to receive this generous gift and assured Kiwanians that it would go to very good use.

Floral Park Awaits Campers Return



On a 90 degree, high humidity Hempstead day, in the shadows of Town Hall of Hempstead, numerous people awaited the return of campers from Kamp Kiwanis on Saturday July 11th. DPLG Dave Rothman, Governor-Elect, was present and working the phones to keep everybody informed, at Kamp Kiwanis, and on the other buses en route, and throughout the district.

Left: Floral Park President-Elect Maria Gridley-Jones, left, keeps anxious parents at ease as they await the bus bearing their son from Kamp Kiwanis.

Mastics Kiwanians Sponsor Kamp Kiwanis Kids Annually

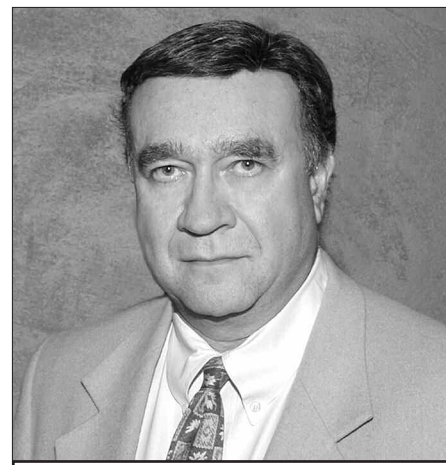
The Kiwanis Club of MASTICS, Suffolk East Division – annually sponsors many lucky kids to Kamp Kiwanis. This year was no different.



Pictured above: Butch Springhorn, Frank Montanez, Shirley Javits, Bill Ryan, Rich Ferrucci, and Lt. Gov. Joe Nicotra join the excited campers.



LG Joe Nicotra (right), with camper getting ready to leave for a fun-filled camp experience and his parents.



Foundation President

Lindy Marrazzo

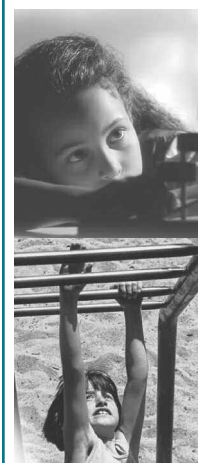
Thanks to all those clubs who sent children to Kamp Kiwanis this year. More than 700 children got to attend together with 84 handicapped seniors; another great year. On a bittersweet note, our camp director Nancy Nowak has advised us that she will be leaving to pursue other endeavors. Under Nancy's leadership and guidance over the

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Clubs Honor Members With Foundation Distinguished Service Awards

In an effort to recognize individuals for meritorious service, the New York District Foundation has developed the Distinguished Service Award. This high gloss color certificate will be personalized with recipients' names and signed by our Foundation President and packaged in a leather folder with an embossed Foundation label.

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