



Sponsored Organizations and Programs

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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



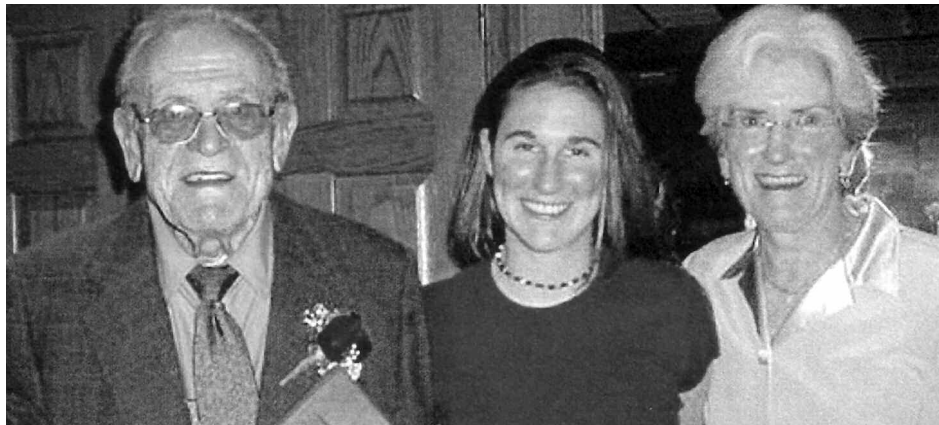
Pictured above: (left to right) Ray Carr is presented honorary membership to Solvay-Geddes-Camillus by President John Willson.

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

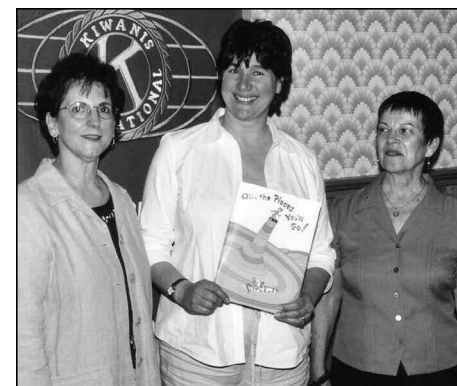
North Shore Key Club was on hand to present the "Key of Honor," to the Benensons. This is a tradition with both the Kiwanis Club and the Key Club that symbolizes that doors are always open to come back to visit.

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



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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.