

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

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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.