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Bill's Boosters Assume Leadership Role

On Oct. 1, Bill's Boosters, the administration of Gov. William "Bill" Risbrook began its work for the year.

Risbrook, a member of the Cambria Heights club, has placed a focus for the year on building membership with an

approach that looks at recruiting new members, retaining existing members and building new clubs.

For more on the effort, see page 6 of this issue.

Another change this year is the new

District Secretary, Past Gov. Justin Underwood, who succeeds Ann Sewert. That change means new contact information for the district office; for more on that, see Secretary Justin's column on page 2.

Governor's Project: Raise Asthma Awareness

This year's Governor's Project asks the district's clubs to make a contribution in their community to Childhood Asthma Awareness.

Because the effects of asthma can lead to life-long struggles, Governor Bill is asking clubs to learn about asthma in children.

To earn the banner patch, clubs need to carry out projects such as:

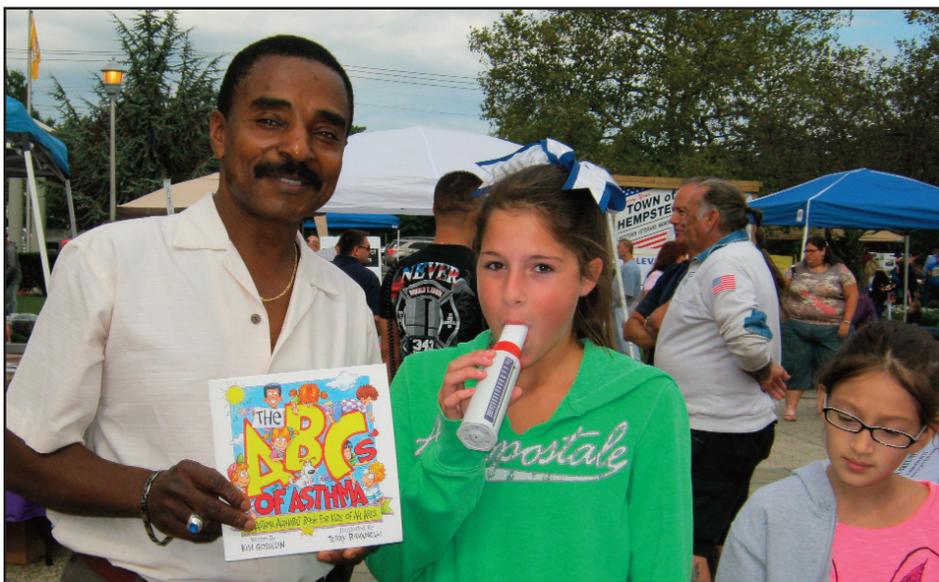
- Invite speakers to your club.
- Set up an information booth or table at community events to educate the public about asthma.
- Partner with a local pediatrician or pediatrics clinic and provide asthma screening for children.
- Donate bubbles to a local Pediatric Asthma Clinic. This will help ease pediatric patients during visits while promoting proper breathing and air exchange.
- Provide allergy relief bedding to a local homeless shelter.

First Lady's Project: Emphasize Fire Safety

First Lady Lavonia Francis, in addition to being a director of nursing, is a volunteer firefighter with the Hempstead Fire Department. Her focus for this year is children and fire safety.

Clubs can earn the First Lady's Project banner patch by completing and reporting on one project. Examples of such projects are:

- Participate in events during National Fire Prevention Week (Oct. 9-15) with your local fire department.
- Get fire safety brochures and distribute them to day care centers, children's clinics and other places.
- Schedule a fire safety education program with your local fire department.
- Distribute smoke and/or CO2 detectors to families with a newborn child.
- Distribute free batteries for smoke and CO2 detectors.
- Welcome new residents in your community with a smoke detector.



Gov. Bill Risbrook spent Oct. 1, the first day of his administration, at the Community Fair in Levittown helping the Levittown Kiwanis Club with its Governor's Project. Children were screened for asthma at the event, and information was distributed to those in attendance.

Governor's Project gets Oct. 1 Kick-off

The Levittown Kiwanis Club began the 2011-12 Kiwanis Year by holding a pediatric asthma screening at a community fair on Oct. 1.

Under the guidance of nurse Gail Cummo, who is a member of the club's board, Kiwanians screened dozens of attendees. Kiwanians demonstrated how to properly breathe into the spirometer.

Readings were taken from each child and compared to normal readings based on age, height and gender. Parents of children found to be below the normal range were given information supplied by the American Lung Association and referred to their pediatrician.

The Levittown Kiwanis Club enjoyed a visit by New York District Gov. Bill Risbrook on the first day of his term. Governor Bill demonstrated the proper use of the spirometer to several children.