



MNT Effort Gaining Attention

Project Eliminate fund-raising events are happening in many clubs in the District as the new Kiwanis International World Service Project gets under way.

The Glendale club has contributed \$1,250 to the effort, recently presenting a check to J.P. DiTroia, the Queens West Project Eliminate Ambassador.

On Oct. 7, the Chinatown club presented 5 Zeller awards, the new award being presented by Kiwanis International as part of the Project Eliminate effort. The awards, which honor an early supporter of the Kiwanis International Foundation, represent donations of \$1,250 each.

The Patchogue club also has contributed \$10,000.

The New York District of Circle K conducted its Large Scale Service Project in Binghamton Sept. 30-Oct. 1, and in addition to helping flood victims there, they raised more than \$100 for Project Eliminate.

Last year Project Eliminate was the Governor's Project for Circle K Distinguished Gov. Rickie Santer and more than \$11,000 was raised as a result. Other sponsored leadership organizations have been active in raising funds for the project as well.

The Forest Hills and Maspeth clubs also have conducted fund raisers in the past few months to help with funding for the project.

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On Oct. 7, the Chinatown club presented 5 Zellers with assistance from Kiwanis International President-Elect Tom DeJulio (left) and Kiwanis International Foundation President-Elect Peter Mancuso (right). Honored with the new award, which supports Project Eliminate, were (from left) Club Director Hannah Chen, Distinguished Past President Regina Chan, Distinguished Past President Patrick Ng, Dr. Nelson Ying and Patricia Ying.

The basics of Maternal Neo-Natal Tetanus

What is MNT?

In 38 countries around the world, maternal and neonatal tetanus (MNT) can quickly turn the joy of childbirth into tragedy. MNT kills one baby every nine minutes. Its effects are excruciating — tiny newborns suffer repeated, painful convulsions and extreme sensitivity to light and touch. There is little hope of survival. And tetanus kills mothers too.

Who suffers from MNT?

MNT is caused when tetanus spores, found in soil everywhere, come into contact with open cuts during childbirth. The disease strikes the poorest of the poor, the geographically hard to reach and those without health care.

Can MNT be stopped?

Yes! MNT is highly preventable. Just three doses of a 60-cent immunization protect mothers, who then pass on the immunity to their future babies. Together, Kiwanis and UNICEF can stop this disease.

What will it take to eliminate MNT from the Earth?

More than 100 million mothers and their future babies must be immunized. This requires vaccines, syringes, safe storage, transportation, thousands of skilled staff and more. It will take US\$110 million — and the dedicated work of UNICEF and every member of the Kiwanis family.

Why focus on this issue?

It is unacceptable that innocent newborns and their mothers suffer and die from MNT when it can be prevented so easily. This is also an amazing opportunity to reach the poorest, most neglected mothers and babies with lifesaving health care. Developing delivery systems for MNT vaccines will blaze a trail to provide additional desperately needed services to these marginalized families.

For more information, see the Project Eliminate web site at www.eliminateproject.org