

## Aktion Club

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We had an extremely successful District Convention in Rochester in August.

Assisting in the sale of pins for the Eliminate Project at our display table was the Livonia Aktion Club and their adviser Jeanette Mallaber, member of the Nunda Club and adviser to the Nunda Aktion Club Vicki Goll, member of the Lewiston Club and the adviser to the Niagara County Aktion Club Richard Hermanson and member of the West Seneca Aktion Club Stephanie Speaker. We raised \$1,000 which was personally delivered to International President Tom DeJulio.

The New York District Aktion Clubs collected \$1,924 over the course of the past two years specifically for the Eliminate Project, but one individual stands out. Whenever I have asked for help at any of the Mid-Winter or District Conventions there was always one person who contacted me immediately, who always said I will be there to help, just tell me where and when. He would take the pins off our display table and circulate

the venue, selling them to whoever he could. Without his help, I am uncertain we would have raised all that money. So, when Distinguished Past Gov. David and I attended the Lewiston Peach Festival in September we walked in the Peach Parade with the Niagara County Aktion club in the morning and although it was pouring rain, under the raindrops in the Peach tent we presented Richard Hermanson with a Zeller award for all that he has done to help Aktion Clubs. Thank you Richard for all that you do.

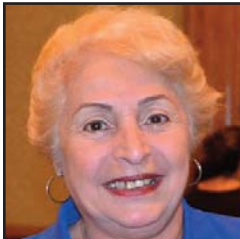
Our newest charter, East Meadow Aktion Club, held a Karaoke Night, which I had the pleasure of attending. They raised enough money to send two children to Kamp Kiwanis. Both Nassau BOCES RKS at JFK Bellmore Aktion Club and Nassau BOCES RKS at Manhasset HS Aktion Club made paper butterflies to be part of an exhibit for the Houston Holocaust Museum. The Roslyn Warriors Aktion Club created bookmarks that were given to local schools as well as a home for disabled children. The Oceanside Sailors Aktion Club made bookmarks for the new library at Kamp Kiwanis and West Hempstead Court Aktion club decorated duffel bags donated by the Nassau County Court Houses Kiwanis Club to be given to children leaving for Kamp Kiwanis who had nothing to carry their clothes in but plastic bags. Massapequa

FREE Aktion Club made journals for the children at Kamp Kiwanis and helped out at a food drive. FEC/HRW Aktion Club helped to create baskets of food to be delivered to needy families. The Niagara Falls and Lockport Aktion Club assisted in a soup kitchen and a book bag giveaway. The Nunda Aktion Club made and decorated Valentine's cards for a local nursing facility. The Elmira Aktion Club participated in an Anti-Bullying downtown Elmira event, sponsored by Strong Kids/Safe Kids. The Adirondack Aktion Club has been holding dances to raise money for local causes. The Buffalo Aktion Club assisted in a Spring Shoreline cleanup and Forest Park Aktion Club partook in their annual service project that consisted of landscaping in the Umoja Gardens in the Bushwick section of Brooklyn. Our Aktion clubs have been extremely busy.

Western NY will be hosting its second Aktion Club conference in October; you can find the information on our Facebook page, NY District Aktion Clubs. Check out the web site [www.aktion-club.org](http://www.aktion-club.org) for more information on Aktion Clubs and if your Kiwanis club doesn't sponsor an Aktion Club please think about chartering one. Thank you to all the 33 clubs, their advisers and their sponsoring clubs for a great year in growth and a great year in service hours.

## K Kids

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With the start of the new school year, comes a multitude of exciting service and fundraising opportunities for K-Kids across the New York District.

On Oct. 1, Governor Joe Aiello and First Lady Cookie have developed two outstanding projects for the entire K-Family. Gov. Joe's Governor's Project encourages clubs to assist those with autism. This might be through fundraising such as walking in your local Autism Speaks Walk or through service by volunteering time interacting with autistic children at your school. For help planning a project please contact Governor's Project Chair Kevin Kamper at [kkamper@aol.com](mailto:kkamper@aol.com)

First Lady Cookie's First Lady's Project asks us to collect candy for US troops overseas. While chocolate cannot be shipped, other candies such as hard candies, Starbursts, licorice, Life Savers, mints and chewing gum are welcome treats for our soldiers. Early November is an especially good time to

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run a candy drive for the troops. Many stores have after Halloween sales that will increase the amount of candy people will donate to your collection drives. For more information about the First Lady's Project, contact Project Chair Lt. Gov. Ann Torcivia at [friendstravelny@verizon.net](mailto:friendstravelny@verizon.net).

Of course, the Fall also provides an opportunity for K-Kids to support the Eliminate Project by trick-or-treating for UNICEF. The traditional orange trick-or-treat boxes are available through the Kiwanis Store online at [www.kiwanisone.org](http://www.kiwanisone.org). Additional information can be found on the web at [theeliminateproject.org](http://theeliminateproject.org).

The Long Island South Central Division's SLP Team is planning a one-day mini-convention for K-Kids and Builders Clubs in the downstate area. The mini-convention will be held at WT Clarke Middle School in Westbury on a Saturday in November or December. If any K-Kids or Builders Club advisors, officers or members are interested in at-

tending, please contact K-Kids Assistant Administrator Lt. Gov.-Elect Rich Santer at [rs2wddd@aol.com](mailto:rs2wddd@aol.com).

As always, should any club be interested in chartering a new K-Kids or any current club is in need of assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me at (516) 333-3563 or Santer at [rs2wddd@aol.com](mailto:rs2wddd@aol.com).

## Metropolitan Division Night at the Races is Nov. 1

The Metropolitan Division will have a Night at the Races on 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 1, at Colony Hall, 460 Brielle Ave. (within the Seaview Hospital complex).

Event tickets are \$50 per person; each ticket includes heroes and a full open bar. Limited seating is available.

Payments are due by Oct. 25. Sponsors also are being sought. See the district web site, [www.kiwanis-ny.org](http://www.kiwanis-ny.org), to download ticket purchase and sponsorship forms.

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