

# Nassau County Honors Kiwanis

Long Island North Kiwanians along with Kiwanians from Long Island South Central and Long Island Southwest received a citation from Nassau County Executive Ed Mangano.

In Mangano's absence, Nassau County Comptroller George Maragos presented the citations to Kiwanis representatives who were present for the event.



From left, County Seat DPP Helene Harris, New Hyde Park President Chrissy Olivia, North Shore DPP Doug Barnaby, and Long Island North Lt. Gov. Designate Dr. Kathy Levinson.

Aktion Club  

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Debra Rothman



I am happy to report that our Service Leadership Program is growing.

We have two new clubs, Lifestyles Staten Island Aktion Club and Schenectady County Aktion Club, welcome and congratulations on the chartering of these two clubs.

We now have 38 clubs and 803 members. A reminder that dues are to be paid on October 1, 2016. You can sign onto the Membership Update Center (MUC) on the Aktion Club web site. Dues are \$8 per person. If you cannot get on the site to

check your roster and pay the dues, please call KI.

The New York District was represented at the Toronto International Convention by me, Jaimie Neuringer, the adviser to the Brighton Aktion Club and one of their members, Pat H.

Ilyssa Fuchs from the East River Kiwanis club, Pat and I assisted at the Aktion Club TLC service project, by making up bags of food for the homeless in Toronto. Later in the day, Ilyssa and I had the opportunity to meet with Dave Dryden, the son of Murray Dryden, the founder of Sleeping Children Around the World (SCAW), which is the Aktion Club service initiative. He spoke to those in attendance at the TLC about SCAW.

At the District Convention the winners of the contests were announced and they are on their way to Kiwanis International now for judging. They include: Brighton Aktion Club, Single Service Project;

Thuan Nguyen from the Brighton Aktion Club for the Poster Contest and Matthew Kamper, East Meadow Aktion Club for the Speech Contest. Congratulations to all of them and good luck with the International judging.

Visit us on Facebook at the New York District Aktion Clubs page. You will find many stories about our Aktion Club fundraisers and service projects. Check out Holland Aktion Club's purchase of a bicycle for a member, and their baby shower. The Sullivan County Aktion Club's participation in the Alzheimer's Walk. New York Families for Autistic Children Aktion Club had a barbecue with the FDNY in their community and FEC/HRW Aktion Club visited the Promenade and sang to the residents.

Please contact me if you have any questions and please continue to send photos of your clubs to post on the Facebook page.

Pediatric Lyme Disease  

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DPG John Gridley



There are many obstacles in the diagnosis Lyme Disease, one of which is untrained doctors.

Despite the vast and increasing prevalence of Lyme Disease, many doctors are still not trained to look for it. Lack of training results in the misguided belief among many that Lyme Disease is a rare and uncommon condition.

Some doctors will tell a sick child returning from a camping trip to take some Pepto-Bismol after diagnosing them with food poisoning from camping food. Others will suggest Giardia, as a result of drinking contaminated stream water, and

proclaim that the telltale bull's-eye rash is just a harmless insect bite or an allergic reaction. Still others will recommend watching symptoms for a few weeks to see if they improve, after which time, if a child really had contracted Lyme Disease, antibiotic therapy would be too late.

If the bacteria are allowed to survive in the body unchallenged by antibiotic therapy for more than a couple days, treatment becomes much more complicated and protracted because the bacteria invade and colonize many organs and tissues. For this reason, early detection and treatment are critical, yet they often do not occur because Lyme Disease is not on the forefront of most physicians' minds.

If you think that your child has got bitten by a tick, go to your doctor immediately and ask for a blood test but demand that they be put on antibiotic therapy, because processing a Lyme Disease test can take a couple weeks. Even if a positive result is received, it may be too late for antibiotic therapy to eradicate the infection.

When in areas with ticks stay in the center of paths, use a tick repellent and dress properly. The cost for the treatment of chronic Lyme Disease can be astronomi-

cal and most insurance companies do not cover it.

The Kiwanis Pediatric Lyme Disease Foundation has approved seven requests for grants to help pay for treatment and/or medication this year. So if you can please honor someone in your division, club or community with a donation to the foundation in the amount of \$500 for a Brittany Fellowship. If you already have a Brittany, please consider the second level Brittany, which is called the Emerald Brittany for a donation of \$250. We also have something called the Joseph Michael Wuest Fellowship at a cost of \$150.

The sale of these items is the only way that we raise funds to pay for the treatment and/or medication for a child. If you would like to purchase one or the other you can contact me or any member of the foundation board.

I would like to thank Past Gov. Eric Paul and Immediate Past Gov. Forbes Irvine for their support of the Pediatric Lyme Disease Foundation; Gov. Stephen Sirgiovanni for his pledge of continued support of our cause, and all the Kiwanis Clubs, Circle K Clubs, Key Clubs, Builders Clubs, and K-Kids Clubs for their support.