



K-Kids

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3,873 -34 = Room To Grow

Not long after they learn their ABC's, the children of our world now have a chance to learn the meaning of "K". The K-Kids program completes the "life" cycle of science.

From before a child is born a child is born until he/she enters kindergarten, "Young Children Priority One" addresses the child's needs. With K-Kids, Kiwanis allows the student to begin to consider other's needs and, we hope, follow the path to Builders Club, Key Club, Circle K, and Kiwanis.

There are 3,873 elementary schools in the NY district and only 34 schools with a K-Kids Club. Clearly, there is room to grow in our great District.

K-Kids allow the senior members of our Kiwanis, those who love being grandparents, to remain vital members. All it takes is maybe 1 hour a week. The cost is minimal as service normally involves the school. Getting a Builder's Club, Key Club or Circle K gives these youngsters a chance to learn from older roll models.

The Sponsored Youth love working with their alma mater's and feeling like big brothers and sisters.

The dues are \$3.50 per student. The youngster should pay possible, but Kiwanis clubs sponsored youth co-sponsors and PTA's may help where necessary.

At the district convention we gave applications out. If you need more, contact me at 516-409-8279 or email me at Mickie614@aol.com or downstate Peter J. Owens at 516-294-0010 or 1-888-303-4584. For upstate PG Anthony Palangi at 518-793-4584 or Dale Hall at 518-674-3384 or email dhall@bycap.rr.com.

Portchester Rye Brook Presents Awards



The Kiwanis Club of **SPRING VALLEY**, Hudson Tri County Division – PLG Lenora McCabe and LG Patricia Caldwell paid a visit to Portchester Rye Brook Club for the annual Awards Picnic. PLG Pres. Raymond Scully presided over the evening and presented the local scholarship awards with the help of the LG's. PLG Nick Mecca presented the DARES awards and Secretary Connie Carrieri gave the senior awards. Due to rain the "picnic" was held inside but was very well attended by parents, students, seniors, officers from the DARES program, members of the community and many members from the Port Chester Club. The food was good and the company was outstanding.

North Shore Long Island Encourages Love of Reading through Project Backpack



The Kiwanis Club of **NORTH SHORE LONG ISLAND**, Long Island North Division – contacted Harbor Child Care, a not-for-profit agency, that provides child care for children from 3 months to 12 years of ages. The club's plan included providing 10 different sets of books, each containing 5-7 titles on a particular theme. They also provide the carrying cases for each set.

After purchasing the materials, one of the North Shore Kiwanians stenciled the North Shore Kiwanis name on each case. Another Kiwanian made a card, listing all the titles for the case, as well as the message:

"The Kiwanis Club of North Shore - a community service organization - has provided this pack for you to use with your child. It is our earnest belief that the love for reading is developed at a very early age. Shared

Photo above: Children of Harbor Child Care enthusiastically receive the North Shore backpacks and say cheese for the camera.

time between parent and child aids in building reading skills and nurtures the love of reading. We hope you enjoy this special time with your child. You are giving him/her a gift that will last a lifetime."

A card was then affixed to each case.

A Kiwanis book plate, indicating that the book was donated by the North Shore Club, was applied to each book.

The project culminated with a breakfast at Harbor Child Care, at which time the backpacks were presented. The Kiwanians were then entertained by a group of very enthusiastic children.



Governor's Project

Alan Beinhacker

This year's Governor's Project will be focusing on the increasing number of children who are overweight or obese. Statistics show there has been a significant increase in weight gained in children between the ages of 6 to 19 years old. Many noted publications have found an alarming decline in exercise time that children should be participating in. There are also several medical and emotional problems that occur from being overweight. Overweight kids tend to have a low self-esteem; they have trouble making and keeping friends; many are teased; and there is evidence of a high rate of suicides.

This year's Governor's Project is intended to tackle this alarming problem by promoting physical fitness in children. Governor Peter is looking to our clubs, our divisions, and even our Key Clubs and Circle K Clubs to establish some new and exciting ways to promote physical fitness for kids. There are numerous events, programs and clinics that can be done to meet this challenge, like organizing a 5k run/walk or sponsoring a little league team. We are able to provide you with information, material and ideas to help lead you and your club/division in achieving a Governor's Project banner patch.

Governor Peter is encouraging you to help make a difference in a child's life. As the motto of this year's project says, "KIWANIS
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QUALIFICATION FORM

The Kiwanis Club of _____, or
The _____ Key Club, or
The _____ CKI Club, or
The _____ Division

hereby certifies that it has completed the following project promoting physical fitness in children:

The following is a brief description of our project:

(Please attach additional pages as necessary, and enclose copies of news clippings, if any. Please also send photographs and a press release about the event to the *Empire State Kiwanian*.)

- Our project qualifies as a Governor's Project because it is a *new* project for us, or
- Our project qualifies as a Governor's Project because it is a *major* project, and we are prepared to help our district *spotlight* it for other clubs and divisions. Our contact person for further information about our project is:

Name _____
Phone _____
E-mail _____

President/Secretary Date Lieutenant Governor Date

(If the project is a club project, the President or Secretary is required to sign. If it is a division project, the Lieutenant Governor is required to sign instead.)

All clubs and divisions completing the Governor's Project will receive a Certificate and Banner Patch.

Please mail completed form no later than September 30, 2004 to:

Alan Beinhacker, Co-Chair
1059 McDonald Avenue
Wantagh, NY 11793

York Children's Foundation Helps Buffalo Needy Kids



Kiwanis Club of the **TONAWANDAS**, Niagara Frontier North Division – Club member Jim Fretthold of the Fretthold Funeral Home in North Tonawanda sponsored the Buffalo Kiwanis Club to receive a \$1500 grant from York Children's Foundation in Houston, Texas. The Foundation, a nonprofit corporation is managed by casket manufacturers. The York Group Inc. is dedicated to supporting needy children's organizations across the country. Since its inception in 1992, it has awarded grants through local funeral homes in excess of 1.7 million.

In the past seven years the Fretthold Funeral Home has secured over \$70,000 in grant money from the York Foundation. \$13,000 was awarded to Kamp Kiwanis and \$3500 was awarded to the Tonawanda Kiwanis Foundation.