



MARRAZZO NAMED '06 CONVENTION HONOREE



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Corace Governor - Herring Governor Elect



Photo above: Governor David Rothman congratulates Foundation President Lindy Marrazzo and his lovely wife Christine for many years of commitment and dedication to the Kiwanis family.

Photo left: Joseph L. Corace is confirmed as 2006-2007 Governor for the New York District. Don Herring, on right, gets the nod as Governor Elect 2006-2007 by delegate body.

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Secretary/Treasurer

J. Don Herring

By the time you read this, I will have completed my journey as your District Secretary. I have had the pleasure of serving four Governors. They were all very different from each other, but all shared the common Kiwanis dream – serving the children of the world.

The responsibilities of the office of District Secretary now passes to the capable hands of Past Governor Justin Underwood. I'm sure that with all our support, he will do an excellent job.

The District Convention in Saratoga Springs went off as planned. There were many and varied training sessions. These sessions were well attended and the evaluations reported that the participants got a lot out of the workshops. There were three forums devoted to the need for a dues increase. The increase sparked many questions about the District's finances which were answered by Jim Yochum, Finance Chair and other members of the Finance Committee. The vote on the issue showed that 197 were in favor of the increase, and 147 were opposed. This did not reach the necessary 2/3rds majority for passage, so the Finance Committee will make recommendations on how the District may proceed to budget for next year.

As we close out this year, I would like to thank the now Past Governor David Rothman and First Lady Debra for their excellent leadership and all their hard work during the past year. It is because of Kiwanians like David and Debra, that our great New York District continues to play a leading role in Kiwanis International.

We now look forward to Governor Joe Corace, First Lady Nydia, and District Secretary Justin Underwood to provide direction for this next year. They have made great plans during this past Governor-Elect year and are ready to go 100% starting Oct. 1st.

I wish them well. We should all stand ready to be one of Joe's Heroes.

In closing, I thank you for the trust you have shown to me as your District Secretary, and I look forward to my new responsibilities

2006 Christiano Award Given to LG Mike Malark



The Gerald P. Christiano Award was presented to Capital LG Michael Malark, right, during the New York District Convention in Saratoga by Past Governor Bob Calabrese, center, for his untiring efforts on behalf of the New York District. Governor David Rothman, left, adds his voice to the congratulations wishes. Mike was instrumental in organizing a tremendous relief effort during the Katrina crisis. He went so far as to drive with four tractor trailers filled with food and supplies for the Gulf Coast area victims. He also quickly secured supplies for a past devastating upstate ice storm. Mike has held a position on the New York District Foundation Board for many years and is truly devoted to our Kamp Kiwanis and "serving the children."

PAST GOVERNORS DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

by Past Governor Jack Tetamore, Award Committee Chairperson.

The New York District Past Governors' Council encourages all New York District Kiwanians to submit recommendations and proposals for nominees qualified to receive the "Gerald P. Christiano Distinguished Service Award" sponsored by the New York District Past Governors Council and awarded annually at the District Convention. The award is intended for the "grass roots Kiwanian," often overlooked for their continuous dedication, untiring efforts and commitment to the betterment of people in their community who are less fortunate than themselves. Nominations must comply with the following criteria established by the Council, March 3, 2001.

The award may be presented to only one Kiwanian each year at the annual New York District Kiwanis Convention. The Honoree should be a living New York District Kiwanis member in good standing, who has exhibited outstanding meritorious service to individuals in the community and had contributed in an extraordinary manner over a significant period of years to the advancement of Kiwanis.

Governor-Elects, sitting Governors and Past Governors shall not be eligible to be nominated for or receive this award.

Award presentation and expenditures will be financed by the Council only, and cannot be purchased by any club or individual.

Recommendations and proposals for award nominees must be submitted by a Past Governor and shall be presented in writing to the current Council Chairman, not later than January first each year. The Council Chairman shall mail a copy of submitted proposals to Council members not later than February first each year.

Evaluation and approval of each award recipient shall be by a two-thirds majority vote, by closed ballot of all Council members present at the Mid-Year Conference Council Meeting each year.

Celebrate Kiwanis' 92nd Birthday

Kiwanis clubs around the world will celebrate the 92nd anniversary of Kiwanis during the week of January 21-27, 2007. The first Kiwanis club was organized in Detroit, Michigan, U.S.A., and received its state charter on January 21, 1915.

Clubs can mark this occasion with a special meeting program or project. The meeting should include a birthday cake and candles. Invite members of neighboring clubs for an interclub celebration. Recognize your club's longest serving members and ask them to say a few words about their early Kiwanis experiences. Give a special gift in honor of Kiwanis' birthday to a local school,



Governor Elect

Joseph Corace

By the time you read this article our term will have begun, the time of Joe's Heroes.

Governor David and his 'Diamonds' will have helped to make a smooth transition with all the class and respect they have shown all year long. Governor David, it is my honor to be your successor and thank you for leaving the District on such a high note.

I would now like to say thank you to my fellow Kiwanians who helped me reach my goal as Governor of this great New York District and for allowing me to be a leader in an organization that I love and am proud to serve in. Thanks to my campaign committee lead by Marty Neuringer for everything that he along with Maureen have been a part of. Along the way, many of you were supportive and so generous when I visited your area. THANK YOU. And finally, to my wife and your 1st Lady, Nydia, thank you, you're the best.

At the convention, we had a forum on the "Governor's Project" and the different programs to achieve the Governor's special recognition patch. Each President and Secretary was e-mailed the information. Each district chair has also been e-mailed this project, so if you have not received or seen it, please let me know.

We are now planning our K-Family weekend on November 17 – 19.

The Mid-Winter Conference will be held at *continued on page 3*

Win a Trip to the 2008 KI Convention in Orlando Florida

Want to win a trip to the 2008 Kiwanis International Convention in Orlando, Florida, June 26-29, 2008?

Last summer two lucky Kiwanians won the chance to attend the 2007 Kiwanis International Convention at no cost, because they recruited new members and entered the 1-2-3 Key drawing. Chu-Liang Hsu of Taiwan and Angie Dark of California won hotel, airfare, and registration costs for the

annual worldwide meeting of Kiwanis in San Antonio, Texas, this July.

Second place winner, Hiroshi Kawasaki of Tokyo, Japan, won a day at the home of 2005-06 International President Steve Siemens, and third place winner Pixie Stone from Florida won a day with the Executive Director at the Kiwanis International Office.

Again this year, each Kiwanian who recruits one, two, or three new members and completes their enrollment process by June 1 can earn one, two, or three entries in the random drawing to be held on stage in San

Antonio. In addition to the top three prizes, one Kiwanian will win a Kiwanis International Life Membership, 50 will win a \$100 gift card to the Kiwanis Family Store, and 100 will win \$25 gift cards.

Each recruiter also will receive a bronze key lapel pin for one new member, a silver key for two new members, and a gold key for three new members. These keys symbolize the fact that Kiwanians who recruit new members hold the key to achieving the goal of one million Kiwanis members by the 100th anniversary in 2015.

Angie Dark is looking forward to attending the 2007 International Convention. She actually recruited more than three new members, helping to grow her club from 48 to 60 members. Her secret? "Every day is an opportunity to talk to someone about Kiwanis – at the hair salon, the auto mechanic, the cleaners. It's second nature for me, I tell them how much I enjoy Kiwanis and invite them to join."

For complete information about the 1-2-3 Key program, check the Kiwanis International web site at www.kiwanis.org.

Marrazzo Honored at Convention

**New York District Convention
Saratoga, New York 09.06.06**

Proposed Resolution #1 – Dedication of the Convention to Orlando “Lindy” Marrazzo, Jr.

Orlando “Lindy” Marrazzo, Jr. has been an outstanding member of the K Family since serving as Wagner College Circle K Charter President from 1970 to 1972.

After graduating Brooklyn Law School in 1975, Lindy joined the Staten Island Kiwanis Club, where he has maintained perfect attendance for 31 years. He has served both his club as a Distinguished President and the Metropolitan Division as a Distinguished Lt. Governor.

Lindy’s Kiwanis awards include the Kaiser, Diamond Kaiser and Tablet of Honor. He has been honored by the State Council of the Boy Scouts of America and New York District Circle K.

Lindy has served on the New York District Foundation Board since 1992 and has held the position of President since 1997. Under his leadership, Kamp Kiwanis has undergone a great rebirth. Kamper attendance has increased, the overall acreage has doubled and many building projects have been completed, making the Kamp more accessible to handicapped children. A new outdoor pool, bathhouse and infirmary have been constructed, and the kitchen and dining areas have been expanded.

Lindy is a partner in the law firm Marrazzo and Dollard, and has practiced law for over 30 years. He serves his profession in many areas, including as a Court Examiner and as a member of his local Judicial Screening Committee.

Lindy is married to his lovely wife Christine, who is also an attorney. They have two sons, Peter and Graig, who are attorneys as well.

In his professional and personal life, Lindy exemplifies the objects of Kiwanis International, and demonstrates on a daily basis that “one can make a difference.” He is a “Diamond” of the New York District, shining brightly for all to see.

Therefore be it resolved that:

In grateful recognition of his tremendous service at every level of the Kiwanis organization, the New York District of Kiwanis International hereby dedicates this, its 89th Annual Convention, to Orlando “Lindy” Marrazzo, Jr.;

And be it further resolved that copies of this resolution be provided to the Marrazzo family and entered into the minutes of this Convention.



Governor David Rothman and First Lady Debra raise their glasses to toast very special 2006 Convention Honoree Lindy Marrazzo and his lovely wife Christine.



Past Governor Bob Calabrese, Mim Kaiser, Convention Honoree Lindy Marrazzo, Christine Marrazzo and Past International President Tony Kaiser pose for a photo.

Kiwanis Clubs Promotes Good Health Through THRIVE

By now, your club should be well on its way to implementing a THRIVE program to educate the community on the importance of influenza (flu) vaccination. But if your club has not yet planned a flu vaccine campaign, it’s not too late to put together a program that just might save a life.

THRIVE (Tackling the Health Risk of Influenza with Vaccination and Education), which is a Young Children: Priority One service program, offers clubs three ways to spread the word about the seriousness of influenza, who is most at risk for flu complications, and the value of vaccination: education, outreach, and vaccination.

Ideally staged from September through

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the “Desmond Hotel” in Albany, February 23 – 26. We will have many surprises in store.

Our chairpersons for the International Convention in San Antonio, in July; and our District Convention in Buffalo, in August, are already getting their information ready for you.

So, yes, we have begun. . .

Please give me the opportunity to share with you why I love this organization. Invite me to your Division, club or event. Let me share this great feeling with you.

Thank you for becoming one of Joe’s Heroes.

November, THRIVE programs often culminate with clubs assisting or promoting flu vaccination clinics during November. THRIVE materials and details about the three THRIVE program components are available online at www.kiwanis.org/service/thrive.asp. General information about the flu, including facts about the flu vaccination and tips on preventing the flu are available at the (US) Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Web site, www.cdc.gov/flu/.

GET VACCINATED AVOID THE FLU

Fever, headache, fatigue, dry cough, sore throat, stuffy nose, and muscle aches are good enough reasons for people to get vaccinated and avoid the flu. Bacterial pneumonia, dehydration, worsening of chronic medical conditions, hospitalization, and death are even better reasons. Think it’s “only the flu?” According to the (US) Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, each year in the United States:

- 5 to 20 percent of the population gets the flu.
- More than 200,000 people are hospitalized from flu complications.
- About 36,000 people die from the flu.



Governor

David Rothman

The convention is over and as we prepare to start another Kiwanis year. Debra and I want to thank each and everyone one of for your support during this last administrative year.

I would like to thank Convention Chair Rick Thompson and the Saragota Springs – Ballston Spa Kiwanis Club and Mohawk Division for all there hard work making this a successful convention. There are many others that volunteered there time and skills especially, members of the Baldwin Kiwanis club of the L.I. South West Division, and again thank you!

Friday evening and being in Saratoga, we held a “Night at the Races” offering some fun and fund raising. Additionally, I would like to thank Lt. Governor George Wells for arranging for us to be entertained by “The Flame,” on Friday evening. “The Flame” is a band made up of disabled adults that provided us with rock and roll music from the 70’s thru 90’s. They were excellent and truly represented the objects of First Lady Debra’s Partners Project.

I would like to extend a congratulations to Governor Designate Joe Corace and Governor Elect Don Herring and respectively First Ladies Nydia and Marlene for what I know will be great years to follow as we build to reach our goal of one million members world wide in the year 2015, our centennial.

We must continue to work with our Sponsored Youth. They are our future. We have built numerous Sponsored Youth clubs this past year, continue the momentum! To the current Lt Governors, there is still more work to be done, whether club building or service work, be proud of what we have started as we pass the torch to the new class of leaders. We must work together for our future growth.

Let’s us not forget our own Kiwanians who need our support now in the lower southern tier of the district. They suffered losses from the torrential rains and need our support as they serve there local communities. Information is available on the district web-site.

Again, I would like to thank our District Officers, Lt Governors and all Club Officers for making this past year so successful. I would like to thank Asst District Sec. Gerald for his hard work and now Governor Elect, but District Secretary / Treasurer Don for his hard work. Special thanks to ESK Editor, Maureen for her hard work and understanding. To the Governors Project Chair’s Trish Hook, Alan Beinhacker and Alan Hodish for all there hard work promoting the Mentoring Project. Please send in your reports so we can see how successful your efforts were and to be recognized with a banner patch.

Lastly, to my love First Lady Debra, I could not explain the what the job entailed but you were there with me every step of the way. I

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First Lady

Debra Fuchs

I want to thank everyone who made it a point during the 2005-2006 year to change their attitudes to those less fortunate than themselves. From those affected in the Gulf Area by Hurricane Katrina, to those in the Binghamton region affected by the heavy rains, and especially close to my heart, those individuals afflicted with physical disabilities. My heartfelt thanks goes out to those of you who participated in this year's Partner's Project. Additionally, I want to offer a grateful thank you to the many who assisted in forming new Aktion Clubs. My ultimate goal this year was to make the NY District more aware of disabled individuals and to establish more Aktion clubs. I hope I have succeeded.

The convention was extremely emotional for me. Honoring Emily Canales of the Wells-Washington Aktion Club for winning the Kiwanis International Aktion Club Speech Contest was amazing. This year's contest theme was "How You Can Give Back To Your Community." Her decision not to read her acceptance speech while she was at the podium brought tears to my eyes. There was really nothing for her to say, the award and her smile said it all.

The musical group, "The Flame" brought to us Friday night by Lt. Gov George Wells was a chance for all of us to see how talented those individuals living with disabilities can be. There was no disability for them that night. Their wonderful performance showed us that nothing can stop anyone from succeeding if they try hard enough. I think we all enjoyed their musical presentation immensely. In fact, I have since gotten several emails requesting information on the group. On Saturday night, I was told that 2 more Aktion clubs were in the works, one being the residence that my brother Richard resides on. I was on cloud nine.

I know that Governor Joe believes in this commitment as strongly as I do, since he has appointed me as Aktion Club Administrator for his year. My upstate counterpart will be Denise Dejaiffe from the Southwestern Division. I hope all of you have had the opportunity to read her "eye opening" article on the Derogatory R Word in the August issue of the ESK. For those of you who attended the convention, Denise is that pretty lady in red, whose winning ticket I picked Saturday night for the NY District Foundation raffle for Kamp Kiwanis. She donated the money back to the camp in memory of her son David.

I hope that during the upcoming 2006-2007 Kiwanis year, we will be able to fill future pages of the ESK with pictures of our Aktion clubs in "action." Please help me fulfill this dream. I have had a wonderful year as your First Lady. Meeting Kiwanians in the best district of the world and sharing so many unforgettable stories of service was very special to me. I will continue to serve you to the best of my ability. I have made so many wonderful friends and I thank you for allowing me to serve as your First Lady.

Young Professional 'Lights The Night' and Creates Blood Cancer Awareness

Kiwanis Club of NYC YOUNG PROFESSIONALS Metropolitan Division – member Jason Steiner, along with his sister Julie, walked in the October Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's "Light The Night" walk over the Brooklyn Bridge. They walked to honor Jason's brother-in-law and Julie's husband, David Korn, who has been diagnosed with and is currently battling non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

David was diagnosed in January 2005 at the age of 42. After three months of chemotherapy, he went into remission, but a more aggressive form of the cancer returned in October. David underwent another round of intensive chemotherapy from November 2005 through February 2006 to prep his body for a bone marrow transplant. Unfortunately because David possesses a rare haplotype, the National Bone Marrow Registry was unable to find a match for him. As a result, David underwent a stem-cell transplant using his own stem cells on April 19, 2006. After a little over a month in the hospital, David was able to return home on May 12, in time to celebrate his 44th birthday. It has been about five months since his stem-cell transplant and David is still recovering from the procedure. He is currently battling a lung infection which is a side effect of some of the intense chemo drugs used against the cancer. In September 2006, David and my sister will celebrate their 9th wedding anniversary. Hopefully, they will be able to celebrate another 50 anniversaries together!

"Light the Night" is the Leukemia &



David Korn, five months following his stem-cell transplant, and his wife, Julie

Lymphoma Society's nationwide evening Walk to build awareness of blood cancers and raise funds for cures. Walkers carried illuminated balloons - white for survivors and red for supporters - to celebrate and commemorate lives touched by cancer.

Every five minutes, someone is diagnosed with blood cancer and every ten minutes someone dies from these diseases. Please join the effort to cure blood cancers. If you would like to support Jason and his sister with this cause, to help David and thousands of others with blood cancers, please consider making a tax-deductible donation. You may make a secure donation go to <www.active.com/donate/ltNNewYo/1833_jsteinerLTN> or, if you prefer, you may make a check payable to: The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society and mail it to Jason Steiner at 68-36 108th Street, Forest Hills, NY 11375.



Hugs Project

RoseMarie Gridley

This year Governor Joe and First Lady Nydia honored me by asking me to serve the New York District and to come up with a "Hand's On Project" for the Midwinter Conference. The project will be called "Pillow Hug's." We will be decorating pillowcases and they will become "Pillow Hug's."

Now you are saying, Okay, what are you talking about? I can't draw, and where does the hug come in? I will explain – you don't have to be an artist all you need is a "big heart," a little imagination, and want to let a child know that you care about them. Joe's Heroes want to send them a hug and that's where the decorated pillowcase become a "Pillow Hug."

So please join me, Gov. Joe and First Lady Nydia and show a child that we care and want to give them a "Pillow Hug." For more information contact me at (516) 352-6105 or email me a Pebble3382@aol.com

Governor David Rothman Given NYS Liberty Award

LEVITTOWN, NY – Senator Kemp Hannon recently awarded David Rothman, Governor of the New York District of Kiwanis International and a member of the East Meadow and Island Park Kiwanis clubs, the New York State Liberty Award. N. Y. State Assemblyman David McDonough made the presentation as the Senator was delayed in travel.

Within 24 hours after Hurricane Katrina hit, Gov. Rothman organized relief efforts in Nassau County and across the state. Using his place of business in Farmingdale as a staging area. David organized the donation and distribution of four tractor trailers filled with food, clothing, sanitary goods and school supplies. Upon arriving in the gulf area, the trailers were unloaded by fellow Kiwanians in the region, who helped distribute the goods. David is proud that the Kiwanis network enabled him to help so many people in such a short time.



New York State Assemblyman David McDonough (Merrick Kiwanian) presents NYS Liberty award to New York District Governor David Rothman. Photo by Janice Seyfried.

Unplanned East Meadow Service Project Earns Parents' Gratitude

The Kiwanis Club of EAST MEADOW, Long Island South Central Division – DIPP Jay Steinmetz met with fellow Kiwanians Norma Gonsalves, President Dr. Alan Alterman and Gary Hudes at the home of a severely handicapped 16-year-old local boy.

They were joined by representatives from Alure Home Improvements of East Meadow and the Town of Hempstead Building Department. The purpose of their meeting was to develop a plan to finish the basement in a manner that would accommodate the necessary therapies this young-



East Meadow President Dr. Alan Alterman (l) and IPP Jay Steinmetz (r) stand on nearly completed ramp during a pause in construction.

ster needs on a daily basis. He is wheelchair-bound, and, understandably, does not want not to be. So, he chooses to crawl on his hands and knees whenever he's not in the wheelchair.

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love you! To all our new and old friends, I tried my best and want to thank you for giving me the opportunity to represent this great District. New York is truly a "Diamond" that sparkles for all of Kiwanis International to see.



KI Board Counselor

Paul Palazzolo

It's an honor to be the Kiwanis International Trustee assigned to counsel the great New York District during the 2006-07 Kiwanis year. Suanne and I have already made many new friends from attending your district convention, and we look forward to working with you to build on the many great Kiwanis accomplishments in the district.

Please know that the district and international structures of Kiwanis exist solely for the purpose of helping local clubs in the areas of service and membership. With that in mind, each time I write an article for your district bulletin, I'll include a quick hint that might be useful for your club.

This issue's quick hint involves Key Club, Circle K and/or Builders Club. If your club sponsors one or more of these Kiwanis Family clubs, consider including their presidents as ex-officio members of your Kiwanis Club's board of directors. This idea encourages the young people to learn how our clubs do business on a monthly basis, and it will hopefully make them more aware of their partnership in the Kiwanis Family. It may also promote a natural desire to continue their Kiwanis Family involvement when they are in the workforce and ready to join a service club.

Again, thanks to the many Kiwanians who made us feel so welcome at the district convention. Let's continue having fun while working hard to make Kiwanis the best service organization in the world. Each one of us can make a difference – especially when you ask somebody to join your Kiwanis Club!

Gravesend Kiwanians Celebrate 50 Years of Dedicated Service

The Kiwanis Club of **GRAVESEND**, Brooklyn Division – celebrated 50 years of community service with a gala dinner-dance and entertainment on June 17th. There were over 200 guests in attendance. Past President Michael Burke and President Joseph Romagnolo were honored with the prestigious Kaiser Fellowship Awards. A special raffle was held during the event to support the Sandoval family. Recently, they incurred many medical bills and Gravesend wanted to help defray those medical expenses.



Photo above: New York District Foundation President Lindy Marrazzo, left, congratulates Gravesend President Joseph Romagnolo for receiving the Kaiser Award. Photo left: Past President Mike Burke is also a recipient of the Kaiser Award for his service to the Gravesend Club and community. Photo below: Past President Santo Matarazzo, Brooklyn Division 2005-2006 Lt. Governor Maureen Lunetta and Gravesend President Joseph Romagnolo.



Governor's Project

Alan Beinhacker

On behalf of Alan Hodish, Tricia Hook and myself, I would like to say thank you to all the Kiwanis Clubs and Kiwanians who took part in this year's Governor's Project, Mentoring. It was an honor for us to serve as co-chairs for this project and to help Governor David communicate how important it is to help teach, guide and dedicate our time to a child. Mentoring is a great way to use ones life time experiences to help children become all that they can be. Each one of you can make a difference in a child's life. It's within your power to do so; you just have to be willing to share your time and talents. There is still time to submit your completed project and receive a banner patch! We do ask that you submit the completed form as soon as possible. Thank you for a great year! May you make a difference in child's life.

East Meadow Club Honored

The Kiwanis Club of **EAST MEADOW**, Long Island South Central – Hempstead Town Councilman Gary Hudes (right) was on hand to congratulate East Meadow Kiwanis Outgoing President Dr. Alan Alterman and Incoming President Dr. Steven Perrick at the club's 55th Annual Installation Dinner. Councilman Hudes is a member of the East Meadow Kiwanis Club, which is part of Kiwanis International, a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time - locally through Kiwanis Club sponsored activities and globally through the Kiwanis International Worldwide Service Project and other worldwide initiatives. Kiwanis members are service-minded men and women united in their commitment to and compassion for others. Among the accomplishments of the East Meadow Kiwanis Club are sending more than 30 children to Kamp Kiwanis, a sleep-away camp for those less fortunate, hosting an annual Thanksgiving Dinner for senior citizens in the community, giving \$8,000 in scholarships to local students and delivering 90 holiday food baskets three times a year.



Pictured (l-r) are: Nassau County Legislator Norma Gonsalves, NY State Senator Kemp Hannon, Dr. Perrick, Dr. Alterman, NY State Assemblyman Tom McKeivitt, and Councilman Hudes.

Jamestown Holds Fun Fair for Adults and Kids



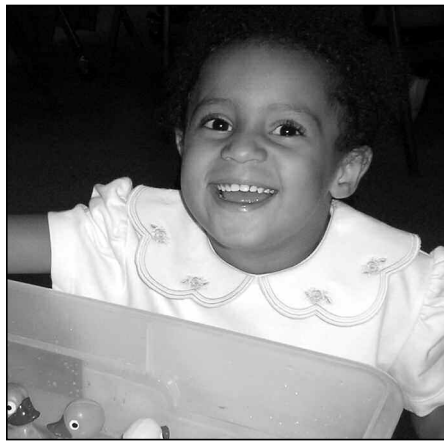
The Kiwanis Club of **JAMESTOWN**, Southwestern Division – recently held a "Fun Fair" for adults and children enrolled in the Compeer Chautauqua organization. These individuals are looking for mentors, friends, partners to share experiences and company.

The hall was decorated in a "fair" type of arrangement. A magician (Kiwanian Mark Parsons) held the children's attention as well



All photos: Jamestown children having a "Fun Fair" time.

as "pocket lady," sucker tree, duck pond, fishing hole and wheel. All of these games were of course free and each had a small prize attached. The food consisted of nachos, fried dough and popcorn. A beef on weck sandwich was furnished by the church.





Key Club Governor

Joe Denoncourt

As Key Club officers enter the school year, there is a lot on their minds: new members, dues collection, project planning, and applying for convention positions. As the New York District Key Club Governor, I am asking you, their sponsors, to lend a hand in this hectic season.

I know, with the new year's start and new Kiwanis officers taking control, it is busy for you too, but what would be a better time for new officers to meet and work with their counterparts. Ask them what they have coming up, what they need help with, and how you can get involved. Give them ideas and attend their meetings. Express to them how important it is to stay active and submit their dues in a timely manner; the District and Int'l could always use some help in that area.

Some dedicated Key Clubbers might also be applying for the Annual Key Club Convention Committee. As part of their application, they need a recommendation from a Kiwanis Advisor or local Kiwanian. Do you know any Key Clubbers who you think would be helpful in the planning of our convention? Encourage them to apply and offer them a recommendation letter. There is an endless list of what you as Kiwanians can do for Key Clubbers besides financial assistance.

However, just as I am encouraging you as the sponsor of our organization to offer assistance, I'll be telling the Key Club members throughout the state how important it is for them to visit, talk, and help Kiwanis out with their events as well. Thank you so much for everything you have done so far in the 2006-2007 Key Club service year. I look forward to continuing the current success within our K-Family in the months to come.

James Johnson Performs

The Kiwanis Club of **KINGS PLAZA-CANARSIE**, Brooklyn Division – Member James Johnson, partner Colette Whitney, Vice President Peter Piccininni and Pres. Andy Manicone visited the Eger Health Care Rehabilitation Center in Staten Island. James Johnson, a renowned entertainer, performed for residents in celebration of National Nursing Home Week.

Patricia Consiglio, Director of Therapeutic Recreation, remarked, "There are quite a few "younger" residents between the ages of 42 and 68 years old, living in nursing homes/rehabilitation centers now. In the 1950's-1980's some of these residents were either teenagers themselves or had older brothers or children who enjoyed the music of those times. So Johnson's concert was a huge hit. Between his incredible voice and his warm and friendly demeanor, James was the talk of the town for days."

Kings Plaza-Canarsie is extremely proud of James and thankful that he is a member. James has been a member for approximately one year and he has made quite an impression throughout the Kiwanis' world. We are also grateful to Colette for making the arrangements at Eger.

District Key Clubbers Serve on the International Board

Mary Phillips of Jamesville and Katrina Roehrig of Jamesport were elected Trustees of Key Club International at the annual KCI convention in Boston this summer. Mary is a senior at Jamesville-DeWitt High School and



Key Club Int'l Trustee Katrina Roehrig.

Katrina is a senior at Riverhead High School.

As Key Club International Trustees, Mary and Katrina will participate in meetings of the 13-member board that guides the organization and counsel the leaders of several



Key Club Int'l Trustee Mary Phillips.

Key Club districts.

In addition to Key Club, Mary has served as president of the sophomore and junior classes and as vice president of National Honor Society. She is also active in the National Foreign Language Honor Society, Girl Scouts, student government, and stage crew.

Katrina is active in chamber and show choir, honor society, chamber orchestra, field hockey, and Big Brothers-Big Sisters.

Holland Kiwanis Presents \$5000 to Boys & Girls Club



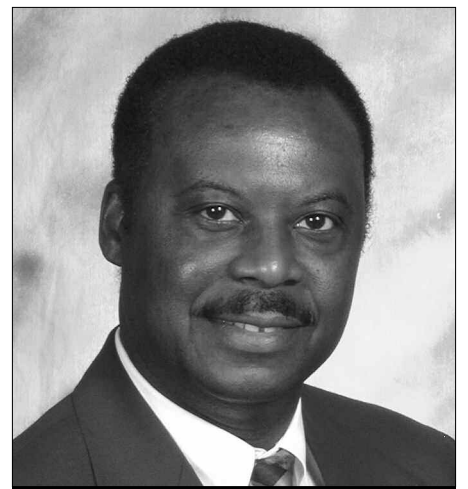
Kiwanis Club of **HOLLAND**, Niagara Frontier East Division – then President Larry Johnson (2006-07 LG) presented a \$5000 check to the Holland Boys and Girls Club Director and Kiwanian Brian Tavenier. About 80 members of the Boys and Girls Club were in attendance and enjoyed being in the photo on Wednesday September 13.

The Boys and Girls Club is planning to building a new home for their activities in Holland. They currently occupy a former church building that was built in the 19th century, and they are eager for new and modern quarters. The Holland Kiwanis Club and the Boys and Girls Club of Holland have a long history of working together on community projects. All of the members of the Kiwanis Club of Holland work hard at various fundraising activities throughout the year, the most famous being the Holland Tulip Festival, held every year the second weekend on May.

Holland Kiwanians pictured above are: President Larry Johnson, Boys & Girls Club Director and Kiwanian Brian Tavenier, Dr. Chris Couzins, Al Koerner, Mark Sigeti, Jacquie Sigeti, Tom Koester, and Jim Van Splunder, all have some fun with the Boys and Girls Club members.

Check out the
New York District
Website at

www.kiwanis-ny.org



Builders Club

Carl Johnson

Congratulations to Rich Santer who is the recipient of the advisor of the year award for the outstanding job he has done with the Woodland Middle School Builders Club, to the CoAdvisor, Isabelle Glick and to the Woodland Middle School Builders Club for their achievements.

The first ever Builders Club Convention was held at the Woodland Middle School, East Meadow, NY, May 20, 2006. This Convention was the prototype for others to follow. It provided an opportunity for the youngsters involved to receive encouragement from Kiwanians, the school board, the principal and politicians. It included workshops and forms. It began with breakfast at 8:30 am and concluded with a closing session from 11:45am to 12:15pm. Thank you Governor David for your support. Thanks again Rich Santer for all your efforts to make possible.

The Builders Club Convention will be repeated this upcoming year. The goal is to sponsor one upstate, as well as downstate.

If you are wondering all is well with me. Builders Club is recovering from a set back, however. Three years ago when there was a dues increase, we began to lose clubs. The New York District lost 29 productive clubs over the three-year period. We started with 82 clubs. We currently have 53 Builders Clubs in the New York District.

Last year 2004-2005, we gained two new clubs. IS 5 Queens with 21 members, sponsored by Maspeth; and Nathaniel Hawthorne MS with 74-62 members, sponsored by Bayside.

During 2005-2006, we started five new clubs: Cornwall Middle School, 65 members, sponsored by Newburgh Kiwanis; Frankfort-Schuyler Middle School, 67 members, sponsored by Frankfort Kiwanis; Our Mother' of Sorrows, 24 members, sponsored by Gates-Greece Kiwanis; Roscoe Central School, 21 members, sponsored by Roscoe Kiwanis; and Voorhees Middle School, 45 members sponsored by New Scotland Kiwanis.

During the 2005-2006 year, the following clubs were reactivated: Ernie Davis MS and Glens Falls MS.

At the peak of our success, we reached a total of 84 Builders Clubs. The total number of suspended clubs was 41. Out of the 53 clubs we now have, 44 are active. Nine of these clubs are suspended.

As a goal for the 2006-2007 administrative year, I would like to reactivate as many of the currently and previously suspended Builders Clubs as possible. I believe a realistic number to achieve is 20. The number of new clubs I believe we can build this administrative year is 6. The goal then for this administrative year is 26 new and reactivated clubs.

How can this be achieved? Easy, just pay the membership fee of \$3.50 per member and a suspended club will be reactivated. The chartering fee for new Builders Clubs is *continued on page 7*

Bronx Westchester South Truly Serves the Children of the World

The following is an excerpt from an email received by International Trustee Tom DeJulio from Chia-Sing "Sing" Hwang, International Trustee from the Kuala Lumpur Club, in Malaysia.

Dear Tom,
I am happy to inform you that the money (US\$2300) that was donated by the Bronx Westchester South Division Kiwanis Clubs of the New York District has brought happiness to many children in Penang, the Tsunami affected area. My home club, Kiwanis Club of Kuala Lumpur has added a contribution US\$2700 and the total is US\$5000. We have selected 58 Children from the Tsunami affected area. They were all invited to a school for a cheque presentation party. The Kiwanis Club of Butterworth has volunteered and put in a lot of effort to organize this project. Another club, Kiwanis Club of Sri Hartamas has also donated same school bags to each of the recipients. – Sing



58 children affected by the devastation from the recent Tsunami receive help from the Kiwanis world family. The children hold up their new school bags proudly.



Sponsored Organizations and Programs

Tony Palangi

REFLECTIONS OF A GREAT YEAR 2005-2006

Congratulations to New York District Governor David Rothman and our First Lad. Debra for an outstanding year of growth and service.

The Sponsored Youth Organizations continued to grow and flourish in 2005-2006 Kiwanis year under the leadership of a great team "Governor Dave's Diamonds." The growing family of sponsored clubs is now a major factor in Kiwanis service and also a source of pride - over 325,000 strong internationally. It certainly reflects the many years of nurturing and caring by Kiwanis since 1925 when Key Club was initially formed in Sacramento, California, followed by Circle K Clubs, Builders Clubs K-Kids Clubs, and most recent Aktion Clubs.

FEW HIGHLIGHTS OF A GREAT YEAR

Over 20 new clubs organized among the sponsored organizations.

TUTORING PROGRAM

Over 50% of Key Clubs and Circle K, I Clubs participated in this project in conjunction with Governor David's project "Mentoring". The tutoring program mainly assists elementary and middle school students how to read.

HURRICANE KATRINA

Collection of canned foods, clothing and other personal items delivered by trailer-truck by Lt. Governor Mike Malark to the stricken area. Truly a great humanitarian project.

OPERATION CRAYON

Soliciting school supplies for the children of Iraq together with the American Legion. Our troops personally distributed these supplies among the children.

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Learning to Lead Others in Community Service

NASSAU KEY CLUBS – Key Club officers from High Schools throughout Nassau County met recently at Wantagh Park to participate in workshops designed to help them serve others in their communities. The annual training conference called an Officer Food & Fun Fest was Pirate themed. It was planned and conducted by New York District Key Club Lt. Governors, Karen DeMaria, Sean Feiner, Rickie Santer and Kim Kuhnert.

During the event, the Key Clubbers had the opportunity to meet the New York District Kiwanis Governor David Rothman, Key Club Governor Joey Denoncourt and, International Trustee Katrina Roehrig. In keeping with their Pirate theme, the Key Clubbers also had the opportunity to have a photo taken with a parrot from a local parrot club on their shoulder.

The afternoon's workshops included specific training for Club Presidents, Treasurers, and Secretaries as well as information on Key Club conventions, awards and service projects. Even while learning about doing community service, attendees were raising money to send needy children to Kamp Kiwanis through registration donations. In addition, money collected for the photos with the parrots were split between Kamp Kiwanis and the Parrot Rescue Center.

Lt. Governor Rickie Santer is responsible for 11 Key Clubs with just under 3,000 members from East Meadow HS, Elmont HS, Levittown's Division Avenue HS, Garden City HS, G C Tech, Hempstead HS, Island Trees HS, MacArthur HS, Uniondale HS, West Hempstead, WT Clarke HS. Rickie described a few of the events the clubs in his division

have completed. "The East Meadow High School Key Club works with its sponsoring Kiwanis Club to run a Thanksgiving Dinner that has fed over 650 seniors a free turkey dinner. The West Hempstead Key Club ran a Relay for Life for the American Cancer Society that raised over \$105,000. All the clubs in my Division are currently raising

money to make a \$1,000 donation to the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center at North Shore. Not only will this money support the specialized pediatric center but it will also give us a trauma kit with special child-sized rescue equipment that we would like to donate to a local ambulance squad," explained Rickie.



Diann Forquignon, West Hempstead Kiwanis Advisor, Key Club Lt Governor Rickie Santer, NYD First Lady Debra Fuchs, NYD Governor David Rothman.



NYD Key Club Governor Joey Denoncourt, Key Club LTG Rickie Santer, NYD Key Club treasurer Gabrielle Fuchs, Key Club Int'l Trustee Katrina Roehrig.



Key Club Lt Governor Rickie poses with officers from the Island Trees Key Club.

Johnson

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\$460; this includes (banner, gong, member pens, etc.) for an unlimited number of youngsters and must be paid by the sponsoring Kiwanis club at the time of chartering.

Think of the benefit for the children. Builders Club provides a way to form sound personal values based on experiences in meaningful community-service activities. The members learn by doing. They learn organization teamwork and leadership. But the most important lesson they can learn is that individuals working together can and will make a difference to the world around them.

To learn more about chartering a Builders Club, visit www.buildersclub.org contact me at (917) 975-1038.



SARATOGA



Webmaster Marty Toombs speaks at the Delegates session on Saturday.



IDD Chairman Gus Murano congratulates NY on raising one million dollars for IDD.

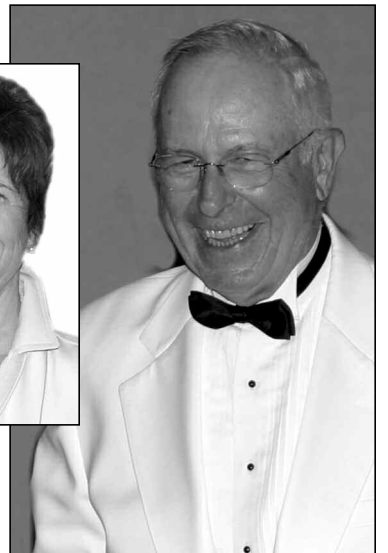
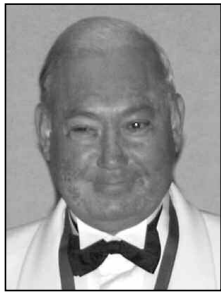
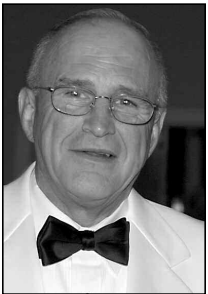


Saratoga Mayor Valerie Keehn addresses the visiting Kiwanians.



Andy Carey, Kiwanis International Assistant Executive Director.

David's Diamonds Celebrate A Year of Dedicated Service



2006



Don Herring gets the wink as 2006-2007 Governor Elect.



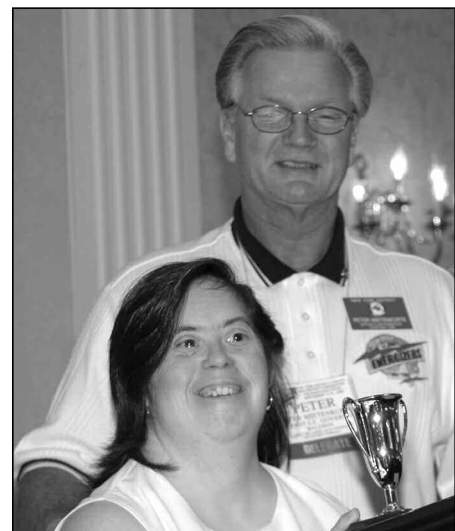
K-Kids Chair Mickey Leamey, left, presents a Certificate of Recognition to NUMC Kiwanians Linda Walsh and Carla Vultaggio for their McVey K-Kids Club accomplishments and a beautiful plaque for McVey for winning the Scrapbook competition.



Long Island South Central LG Warren Kalmenson, and Merrick Kiwanian Kim Scharoff and DPLG Chris Brown present Susquehanna LG Peter Papastat school supplies for students who were rain storm victims in the area.



Franklin Community Center director happily accepts donations for the After School Program in Saratoga and thanks everyone for their generosity.



Emily Canales of the Wells-Washington International Aktion Club wins the Kiwanis International Aktion Club Speech Contest. This year's theme was "How You Can Give Back To Your Community." Emily decided not to read her acceptance speech and her smile said it all.



Past Governor mount their horses for the "Governor's Cup" Race on Saturday night.



Kiwanis International Trustee Paul Palozzola, assigned to New York District, and his lovely wife Suanne congratulates incoming Governor Joe and First Lady Nydia.



Past Governor Glenn got a fast pony.

A Saratoga Style Night at the Races proved to be Great Fun and Lots of Laughs



Past Governors John and Justin have great laughs at this fun event.



Governor Joe's grandson Michael displays his winnings after hitting the finish line first.



Governor John and First Lady RoseMarie present the first Pediatric Lyme Disease "Brittany" fellowship.



Webmaster

Marty Toombs

The East Meadow Kiwanis Club and the Long Island South Central Division were the top winners for the 2006 New York District Web Site Contest.

East Meadow defeated 34 clubs to take the top spot.

Here are the winners:

First Prize, Club Competition

East Meadow club

<<http://www.eastmeadowkiwanis.com>>

Second Prize, Club Competition

Patchogue club

<<http://www.patchoguekiwanis.com>>

Third Prize, Club Competition

Poughkeepsie club,

<<http://www.poughkeepsiekiwanis.org>>

First Prize, Division Competition

Long Island South Central Division

<<http://www.kiwanis-nylisc.org>>

This year's competition was tighter than ever. East Meadow earned an average of 62.7 points out of a maximum of 70, narrowly defeating the site of the Patchogue Club with 62.3 points, and the Poughkeepsie Club, with 61 points. There were 15 club web sites that scored more than 50 points.

In the Division competition, Long Island South Central got an average score of 60.3. Long Island South Central has now won the Division competition all three years that the contest has been conducted.

Judging was done by webmasters from other Kiwanis districts in North America.

One judge commented that the job took longer than he expected because of the time he ended up spending reading about the club activities around the district.

There were several reasons cited for why web sites didn't score higher. The most common problem was out of date information -- old event calendars, old lists of officers, and efforts to promote events which had already taken place.

One judge commented that clubs make a mistake putting music on their sites. "Argh! Sound!" was the summary. Music on sites slows them down and distracts from the site's message.

The following criteria were used for the contest, with each worth 10 points:

- Is the site up to date? Are there any out-of-date references? Are new and upcoming events listed?
- Does the club/division have its own domain name?
- Is a link to the Kiwanis International web site featured?
- Does the site include information of interest to non-members?

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Kiwanians Remember September 11th Heroes



BROOKLYN DIVISION KIWANIS SPORTS LEAGUE – After two days of heavy wind and rains, the Brooklyn Kiwanis Sports League was able to sponsor the Fourth Annual Fireman Joseph A. Mascali Classic – Remembering Our Heroes.

On a bright and sunny Labor Day morning, the tournament that had teams from

Pictured above: Sports League Director Nick "Buff" Maglio, Kiwanians including Arnold Mascali and family and friends.

New Jersey, Long Island, Staten Island and Brooklyn was able to pay tribute to the many people who lost their lives on Sept. 11, 2001 with a ceremony prior to the games.

LeRoy Pavilion Kiwanians Sell Ice Cream at Festival



Right to Left; Secretary Laurie Taillie, Board member Jim Taillie, member Justin Underwood and Board member Kim Pickard Dudley are seen helping their Kiwanis Club sell Ice Cream on a hot weekend in July. This is the third year that LeRoy Pavilion Stafford Club has sold Ice Cream at the Town of LeRoy's Annual Oatka Festival.

Gates Greece Insure Safety for Kids



Gates Greece Kiwanis Past Treasurer Jason Boland has his Car and Child Car seat checked out by Gates Volunteer Ambulance Corps. This Safety Check program is designed to help young families assure that their Car Seat meets the current standards, is installed properly and then gives the parents and grandparents instructions. If the Car Seat is defective or not in good repair, then the family receives a new replacement seat. The Gates Greece club has sponsored several of these Safety Checks throughout this year.

County Seat Club Stocks Food Pantry

The Kiwanis Club of COUNTY SEAT, LI North Division – helped the Salvation Army stock its food pantry by collecting food outside the King Kullen in Mineola. Armed only with flyers and a warm smiles, 12 members of the County Seat club took shifts outside the King Kullen making requests of would be shoppers. "The residents of Mineola and Williston Park were extremely generous and supportive of our project" said Tim McCue, club president, as he commented on the collec-



Club members Manny Correia and Amy Thompson help with the collection.



Kyle Lynch, Harry Peters, and John Carway lend their smiles to the project.

tion of canned goods, baby food and non-perishables that filled three vans full. Said President Tim "in addition to the community the store management of the Mineola King Kullen has supported our Club for many years by also allowing us to do Bell ringing in the winter." Club member and LI Director of the Salvation Army, Jerry Johns, was very appreciative of the support of the community and effort of the clubs members in helping restock the food pantry.

Central Adirondack Children Experience Moose River Kayak

The Kiwanis Club of the **CENTRAL ADIRONDACKS**, Central Division – in cooperation with Town of Webb Union Free School District and Tickner's Canoes sponsored a kayak event on the Moose River for a group of 36 children from the community.

At 2:15 PM children from 3rd to 6th grade arrived at Tickner's Canoes and embarked on a one-hour trip on the river.

Sheila Brady, Kiwanis Chairperson for the event stated that: "They loved it, some of them had never been in a kayak, others had never been on the Moose River. Many had loved the experience last year and were eager to return. It was a beautiful day, and they all had a good time."

Kiwanis members and friends of Kiwanis assisted with the event. Helping out were Joe & Linda McVeigh, Ray Schoeberlein, Dick Olson, Bob Wheeler, Saint Gratz, Natalie Tickner, Dan Tickner, Jr., Peter Shannon, Steve Uzdavinis and Dick Lasher.

The Kayak project is an outgrowth of the survey conducted several years ago by the Youth Commission to identify wilderness and tourist experiences that local children might have an interest in and not have the opportunity to enjoy in our tourism oriented community.

Previous outdoor programs included a climb to the top of Rondaxe (Bald) Mountain, Kayaking and Snowshoeing.

The Frame Entertains Kiwanians at District Convention in Saratoga



NEW YORK DISTRICT CONVENTION, SARATOGA, NY – Friday night September 8th, Kiwanians had the opportunity to see and hear the band "Flame". Flame is made up of eleven members from Lexington Center in Johnstown, NY who are disabled people and began performing in 2003. "Flame" proves that people with disabilities can accomplish great things.

The band members are:

Michelle King-Lead vocals & guitar

Michelle's performance at Lexington's talent show in 2003 led to the creation of "Flame". Her beautiful voice and tremendous range allow her to sing rock, blues, country and pop classics. Despite having autism and being mentally challenged she quickly learned how to play guitar and became lead singer.

David LaGrange- Drummer & vocals

Dave, who learned to play drums as a child, amazes audiences with his powerful drumming and angelic vocals. His extraordinary ability to play drums, despite being blind and mentally challenged, is a gift that he loves to share with others.

Kenny Dickson- vocals & percussion

Kenny loves singing and his powerful, raspy voice adds soul to Flame's performanc-



es. Despite being mentally challenged he has fulfilled a life long dream of being in a band.

Scott Stuart- vocals & percussion

Scott, a country music fan, entertains audiences with his big country voice and even bigger personality. Scott, who is blind and has Cerebral Palsy, loves being part of the band. He sings lead on some of Flame's most popular songs.

Falon McBride- vocals & percussion

Falon's youthful energy brings life to Flame's performances, She is very active and loves music. Her voice and spirit soar despite her disabilities.

Nick Robinson- bass guitar

Nick, an experienced and talented bass player, hasn't let paralysis stop him from enjoying what he loves. Nick, an excellent musician, acts as a musical advisor to the band.

Shawn Lehr- percussion

Shawn, who has Down Syndrome, expresses himself through Flame' music. His charm, humor and impromptu dances add to the bands appeal.

Paul Zukerwar- percussion

Paul's active schedule includes speaking to new Lexington employees about how people with developmental disabilities want to be

reated. His personality adds to the energy and excitement of performances.

Debbie Woodruff- shakettes & dancers

Debbie, a performance artist, uses the stage as her canvas. She captures the emotion of the music with her self-choreographed dancing and movement.

Jimmy Elwood- shakettes & dancers

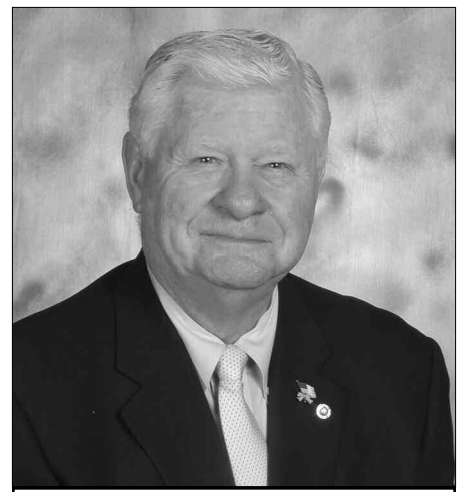
Jimmy brings his love for life to each performance. He credits the Beach Boys with giving him a passion for music. He entertains audiences with his charm and rhythm.

Karl Blanchard- shakettes & dancers

Karl enjoys doing stand up comedy but his first love is music and dancing. His outgoing personality helps the band connect with audiences and his shake, rattle and roll keeps them dancing in the aisles.

Flame has just produced a CD "All for a reason". A copy was sent to an Actor-Governor with this response: "I was impressed by your CD. Congratulations on everything you do for this nations performing arts" Arnold Schwarzenegger, Governor, California

Flame has performed in 35 NY State counties and 5 states, Featured on Albany television and radio. Canada has their "Famous People Players" New York has "Flame"



New Member Orientation

Peter J. Owens

When you read this article the year will be over under Governor Dave.

You will also be evaluating what you and your club did to improve your procedures for orienting new members. You may be sadly disappointed in your club achievement. You may also be very elated that your club took the time to implement satisfactory procedures and that your new members are sticking and the meetings are more productive than before.

It is also time to think about a chairperson who can continue the good work or to quickly change anyone who did not perform and actually hurt club progress. New Presidents are counseled at training to utilize the best members they have - to chair committees and not stand still for inactivity on the part of save of the present leaders.

Club leaders especially the Presidents and Lt Governors should look ahead to next year and make those essential moves quickly to assure the club hits the new year "running" on all fronts.

In retrospect, you can judge the present state of your orientation practices. Were they truly representable, could they have been improved? Take time to take stock. You have a distinct advantage to arrange to amend and correct or implement the best set of procedures your club could possibly have, There is no excuse for ignoring the past when it could corrected the future.

I wish all the clubs and divisions the best of luck in 2006 - 07 and I invite you to make your personal imprint in Kiwanis future in whatever task you do in Kiwanis name.

Plattsburgh Breakfast Adopts Highway



Kiwanis Club of Plattsburgh Breakfast Club, along with their Key Club sponsored students participate in the NYS "Adopt-A-Highway" program that helps keep our beautiful Adirondack highways free of litter. Shown here (Left to right) is Kiwanis Member Martha Bachman with Key Club members Shawney Bushey and Sierra Olsen from Plattsburgh High School, followed by Kiwanis President Tonia Finnegan and Key Club member Jessica Finnegan from Au Sable Valley Central School.

Webster Donates to DARE Program

The Kiwanis Club of WEBSTER, Finger Lakes Division – presented the Webster Police Department with keys to a 1997 Pontiac Firebird. Webster Kiwanians were on hand to unveil the newest addition to the Webster Police Department. The 1997 Red Firebird was purchased by the Webster Club and donated to the DARE program (Drug Abuse Resistance Education), with hope that it will encourage more kids to get involved. It has been well received by the community and will be on display at area schools, parades, and other public functions. The purchase of the car was a coordinated effort by several club members and in accordance with the Webster Police Department.



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- Does the site include information of interest to club members?
- Do the links on the site work properly? Is the navigation easy to follow? Are graphics displayed properly?
- How strong is the site's overall impression on a visitor?

If you want to create a web site for your club, information on how to do that is on the District Web site at <http://www.kiwanis-ny.org/wwwsite.htm>.

Clubs with web sites listed in the District Directory on the web site were automatically entered into this year's competition. To make sure your club's site is listed, visit <http://www.kiwanis-ny.org/clubloc.htm>.

Suffolk East Participates In Secondhand Smoke Exposure Education

SUFFOLK EAST DIVISION – Last year, New York State Kiwanis Governor Glenn Hollins determined that Child Safety was his goal adding to that illness prevention. “I was very deeply concerned about children becoming sick or injured from things that are 100% preventable,” said former Governor Hollins. “As I checked into it further, I became aware that a lot of kids visit the Emergency Rooms of hospitals with illnesses that are caused by other people’s smoking.

Past Governor Hollins created a committee of Suffolk East Division Kiwanians to create an initiative that would address those sick children and their parents and caregivers when they are seen in hospital emergency rooms in Eastern Suffolk County. Committee Chairman, Walter Ladick, Jr., a member of the Patchogue Kiwanis Club, along with Suffolk East Division committee members worked together to reach out to local hospital Emergency Room and Health Care Center nurses to help with the project. A workbook, created by Patricia Bishop-Kelly of Suffolk County Department of Health

Services’ Office of Health Education, is now being distributed to children when they are seen with illness that are created or made worse by exposure to secondhand smoke. Kiwanis provides free training and the workbooks for all nine Eastern Suffolk County hospital Emergency Rooms, ten Suffolk County Health Centers, Pediatricians and Dentists Sylvia Crook, nurse manager at Brookhaven Hospital’s Emergency Department said, “We see about 6,000 cases of secondhand smoke exposure each year. Most are recurring visits which are preventable simply by parents not smoking in the home or in their cars. Painful middle ear infections, lingering coughs, bronchitis, and asthma are things we routinely treat in the ER. One of the most devastating consequences of the exposure to secondhand smoke is the risk for Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS). Over 2,000 children a year die in the US as a direct result of exposure to secondhand smoke.

Currently, funding for this project is made possible by grants from the Tobacco Action



Shown here are Brookhaven Memorial Hospital Medical Center staff announcing its Partnering with Suffolk East Division Kiwanis to Prevent Childhood Illness. From the left is Phil Messina, Director of the Emergency Department; Sylvia Crook, ED Nurse Manager; Jack Eddington, Suffolk County Legislator; Richard Margulis, BMH Chief Operating Officer; Kiwanian, Walter Ladick, Jr., Secondhand Smoke Project Chairman; Glenn Hollins, Past Kiwanis Governor of NY District; Patricia Bishop-Kelly, Suffolk County Health Department and Maxine Wofse, BMH VP of Nursing.

Coalition of Long Island, Brookhaven Memorial Hospital Medical Center, and contributions from the individual Suffolk East Kiwanis clubs and individual hospitals on Eastern Long Island. Clubs participating in the initiative are: Selden/Centereach, East Hampton, Greater Riverhead, Greater Westhampton, Islips/Bayshore, The Mastics,

Patchogue, Sayville, Southampton, Southold Town, and Three Village/Brookhaven.

To date, 20,000 copies of a parental/child workbook have been printed and training of ER nurses has begun with continuing outreach to healthcare providers. Anyone interested in information about this project, call the Suffolk Health Dept. at 631-853-3098.

Henrietta Kiwanians Treats Elderly MCH Residents to Red Wings Baseball Games

The Kiwanis Club of **HENRIETTA**, Genesee Division – continues to take residents of Monroe Community Hospital (MCH), a county owned “health care facility for individuals with complex and chronic health conditions,” to Class AAA Red Wings baseball games two or three times a year. “The club provides the tickets,” relates Past President Ray Sunday, “so that various individuals can get out and enjoy the sun and the fun of a sporting event.” Henrietta Kiwanis also takes MCH residents to A-League Rhino Soccer outings and to AHL Amerk Hockey games. President Phil Bellini says “These residents really look forward to our outings and you can see the joy in their eyes.”

From the Nicoletta Family... Fellow Kiwanians:

We would like to apologize for not being able to say goodbye to everyone in person, but unfortunately the timing was difficult. An opportunity arose for us in the “Carolina’s” to continue developing new restaurants, and build a better life for little Davey and ourselves. We jumped at this opportunity and so far have been very happy with our decision.

Over the course of the last 10 years, first as Circle K’ers, and later as proud Kiwanians, we have enjoyed your leadership, mentoring and most importantly, friendship. We have learned so much from each of you about what it truly means to be a community servant. We hope that maybe our involvement showed you that “young professionals” are an important part of the future of Kiwanis.

We will continue to be involved in the Kiwanis Family, and are currently looking at Kiwanis Clubs here in North Carolina. We trust that we will see many of you at a Kiwanis Convention in the near future.

David, Joanne and Davey Nicoletta
4030 C Huntinggreen Ln., Winston Salem NC 27106 • (516) 495-4497 – Telephone same



Left to Right (front row): Residents Tony, John and Russ (back row): Resident Ruth, MCH staff E.J. Oleksiak, Resident Dawn, and Henrietta Club Past President Mike Young.



Left to Right: E.J. Oleksiak, MCH Staff; Russ; Beth Manitone, MCH Staff, John and Tony get ready to enjoy a Red Wings Game.

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KAMP KIWANIS

Key Club and Circle K Clubs continued to support the camp in many ways; Sponsored underprivileged and handicapped children one week at Kamp Kiwanis Contributed hundreds of items on the wish list; Many Key Clubbers volunteered to work during the camping season and over \$4,000 was donated through the district project it’s hard to believe or realize that five years have gone by since the terrorist attack on the New York City Trade Center and the Pentagon. Many of us believe that engaging the enemy in Iraq and Afghanistan has prevented further attacks on our homeland. Many others feel that we should recall our troops home. Indeed a clash of opinions among the American people. However, in the aftermath of the tragedy too many people weren’t aware of the impact the tragedy had on our youth. Most assuredly, it has left an indelible reminder on them that our freedoms are not always guaranteed. Our young people also experienced together with adults the pain and sorrow for the victims of the attack. We can ease some of the pain and sorrow by reassuring them that throughout its history this great nation has always risen to the occasion and successfully defended our freedoms and, day of life. Let’s remind them of the three basic traditional values largely responsible for the rapid growth of America both economically and militarily: Love of Country, Love of Family, Love of God, These values provided the strength and determination to endure hardships in time of war and danger.

Most important - Let’s remind ourselves that today’s fast paced society places considerable pressure, on our youth. Let’s offer them a shoulder to lean on - our guidance - our compassion - our love. Working together the K-Family can truly make a difference.

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Peninsula Hewlett Holds Tribute to Veterans

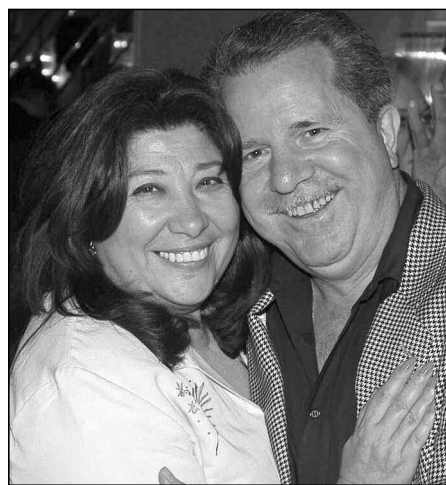
The Kiwanis Club of the **PENINSULA, HEWLETT**, Long Island Southwest Division – held its first Salute to Veterans Night at Pompei Restaurant in West Hempstead under the direction of Chairman John Jonza. More than 100 guests were in attendance to pay tribute to the veterans from World War II, Korea, Vietnam and the conflicts in the Gulf and Afghanistan. Club president Ralph DeSena of Lynbrook said, “We wanted to do something special for the military, because this sort of thing doesn’t seem to happen much.”

The evening included videos saluting the men and women of World War II, the troops serving in Iraq, and a third honoring the members of the Peninsula Club who served in the armed forces. A dance band played music from the different eras, and the Nassau County Police Pipe Band later brought the crowd to its feet with a rousing performance. The program concluded with an emotional candle-lighting ceremony led by Mrs. Jeanette Urbina of Baldwin, whose son, Wilfredo, lost his life in Iraq.

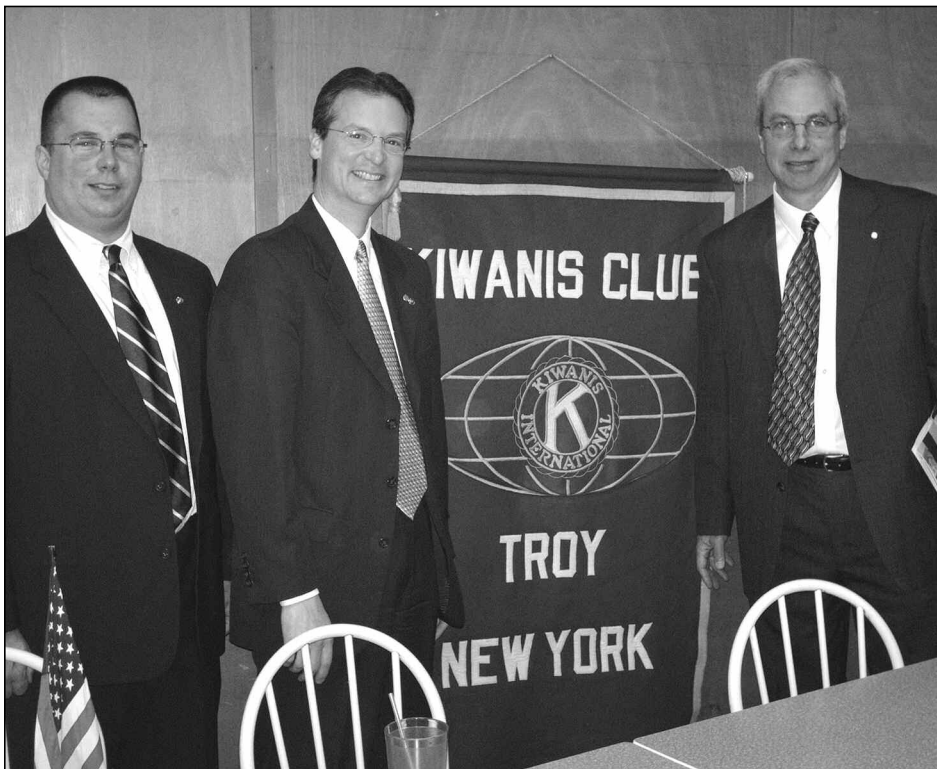
“It was a very moving night,” said President DeSena, “and we hope to make it even bigger and better next year.”

Peninsula has seventy members, and is part of the Long Island Southwest Division of Kiwanis International, led by Lt. Governor Joanne Giretti. The club meets each Wednesday evening at Goldie’s Restaurant in Valley Stream.

Photos at right: Peninsula Kiwanians and friends enjoy a special evening of tribute to veterans.



Troy Kiwanians Welcome New Member



Christopher Burke was inducted into the Troy Kiwanis at the May 2nd meeting and was sponsored by Vice President, Karl Cote. Mr. Burke is the Executive Director of Unity House in Troy. Since joining Kiwanis, Mr. Burke has participated in the Chicken Bar-B-Que, a Troy Kiwanis community service project.

Merrick Give Students “Write” Stuff

The Kiwanis Club of **MERRICK**, Long Island South Central Division – Twenty-eight students from families-in-need in Merrick and North Merrick were able to go off on the first day of school with every item on their teacher’s list of required school supplies, thanks to the Kiwanis Club of Merrick and the generosity of the community.

For the third consecutive year, Club members manned stations outside four local pharmacies over two weekends in August, collecting glue sticks, notebooks, pencils, folders, etc., as well as cash contributions. Using those donations and money raised during the year through various fundraisers, Kiwanis then purchased whatever needed supplies were not donated, along with a backpack for each child and a \$100 gift card to buy new clothes.

More than 20 Kiwanians and family members then gathered at School Supply Chairperson Bernie Stein’s home to go over every child’s list, fill the backpacks and then deliver them in time for the start of school on Sept. 5. “It was an extraordinary team effort and one we should all be proud of,” Stein said, noting that community support made this year’s drive “overwhelmingly successful.”

The drive was so successful that after filling all of the backpacks, there were enough school supplies remaining to answer an urgent call from a Kiwanis club in upstate Binghamton, which was hit hard by flooding this summer. At the New York State District convention Sept. 9, incoming Merrick Kiwanis president Kim Scharoff presented the Club’s donation of additional school supplies to be distributed to families in the area of New York’s Southern Tier. New York State Kiwanis Governor David Rothman told the convention about Merrick’s annual School Supply project, and recognized the club for its achievement.

“I am delighted to be able to fill every backpack for our kids in Merrick, and then



Members of the Kiwanis family sorted through the hundreds of pounds of school supplies to find every item on each student’s list, then filled the backpacks and delivered them in time for the first day of school.

have enough left to be able to help some other kids and families that suffered through tragic losses this summer,” said Kiwanis president Ilene Dixel. “When a kid can go off to school on the first day knowing they have all the supplies that their classmates have, we are helping them start off the year in a positive way. I am so proud of our community for supporting the work we do.”

Medical Supplies Available

As a result of his late wife’s illness, Dr. Gordon Harris has certain medical supplies and durable medical goods that he would like to donate to any medical agency/nursing home/hospice/etc. that could use them. The list of items includes a hospital bed with rail, over-the-bed tray table, wheelchair, intravenous tree, and a walker, also, syringes, injectable saline, tracheotomy tubes and related supplies, ambu-bag for manual ventilation, suction catheters and related suction supplies, and albuterol sulfate.

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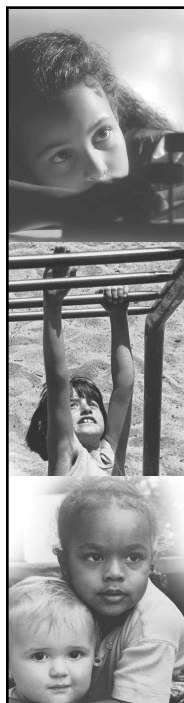
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Division 6 Key Clubbers Raise \$1000 for KPTC

The **KEY CLUBBERS OF DIVISION 6** met their annual goal of raising \$1,000 that was donated to the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center at their October Divisional meeting.

The meeting was hosted by the W. T. Clarke Key Club. In attendance were Key Clubbers from Division Ave. HS, East Meadow HS, Elmont HS, GC Tech, Hempstead HS, Island Trees HS, MacArthur HS, Uniondale HS & West Hempstead HS.

Also present were dignitaries such as the NYD Governor Joe Corace, County Legislator Norma Gonsalves and representatives of the Nassau County Police Departments. Clarke's sponsor, the East Meadow Kiwanis Club, supplied pizza and the Taste of Home Bakery created a special rainbow cookie "K" sheet cake for the occasion.

Key Club Lt Governor Rickie Santer, a junior at Division Avenue, accepted a donation of \$100 from the East Meadow Branch of Commerce Bank from Bank Manager and Kiwanian Kerry Baardsen. This donation completed the Key Clubbers \$1,000 goal.

G C Tech Key Club VP Ashley presented a \$250 donation from her club to Kiwanis Governor Joe Corace for the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center. The Governor acknowledged the donation by presenting G C Tech with a special pin for their club banner.



Key Clubbers of Division 6 recognize Governor Joe's Theme, "Heroes" by dressing in costume



Rainbow Cookie "K" Sheet Cake created by EM Kiwanians Rose Fuger & Monica Tarantino in honor of the KPTC donation.

Lt. Gov. Rickie described the sequence of events that lead to Division 6's successful completion of this project. Through bake sales, solicitation of local businesses, shirt sales, and happy change, the Division raised the \$1,000 needed to support the hospital and receive the pediatric trauma kit. Rickie also explained how the illness and passing of Key Club Assistant Administrator Bob Cummo transformed the project into an outlet for the Key Clubbers to deal with their loss.

Before introducing Kiwanis Governor Joe Corace, Rickie led the Key Clubbers, Kiwanians and special guests in a moment of reflection on the life and community service of Mr. Cummo.

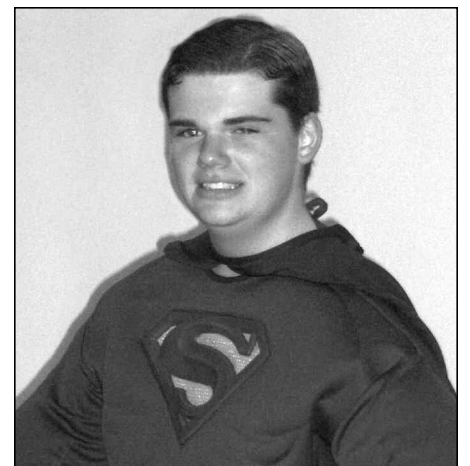
Governor Joe Corace reviewed the history and current work of the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center (KPTC) at North Shore-LIJ. He explained that while originally envisioned to be a special children's area within the hospital

KPTC has expanded to include conducting training of medical professionals in pediatric trauma, educating the public on child safety and accident prevention and supplying local ambulances with child-sized emergency equipment through the Pediatric Trauma Kit Donation program.

Lt. Governor Rickie presented the \$1,000 donation to KPTC to the Governor and asked representatives of the 10 Key Clubs of Division 6 to join him accepting the pediatric trauma kit. The kit includes a stuffed bear to comfort an injured child. The bear was embroidered with a large Key Club logo and with the name "Bob the Bear" in memory of Bob Cummo.

After being joined by family members of Bob Cummo, Rickie presented the trauma kit to Inspector Blanthorn of the Nassau County Police Department.

The Divisional meeting concluded with an officer of each Key Club detailing their club's community service activities and projects. In addition to making their KPTC and Trauma kit donation, the Key Clubbers of the Division 6 participated in the Alzheimer's Memory Walk,



Key Club Lt. Governor Rickie begins his divisional as Clark Kent and finishes it as Superman in recognition of Gov Joe's Heroes theme.

the Breast Cancer Walk, the Lupus Walk, the Light the Night Event, conducted Read & Lead programs, mentored elementary school children, cleaned-up an outdoor exhibit at the Cradle of Aviation museum and held car washes and bake sales for local causes during the past month.

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children whose mother or father were in the armed services, we opened the camp to 50 handicapped seniors, we gave out 5 scholarships and we had fun doing it.

For those who would like to honor a past president or other officer or member, you can do so by purchasing a Kaiser or Diamond Level Kaiser, if they already have a kaiser. By making a donation of \$ 1,000.00 to Kamp Kiwanis, you can have someone become a member in our elite Kaiser Fellowship, the highest award one can achieve in the New York District Kiwanis.

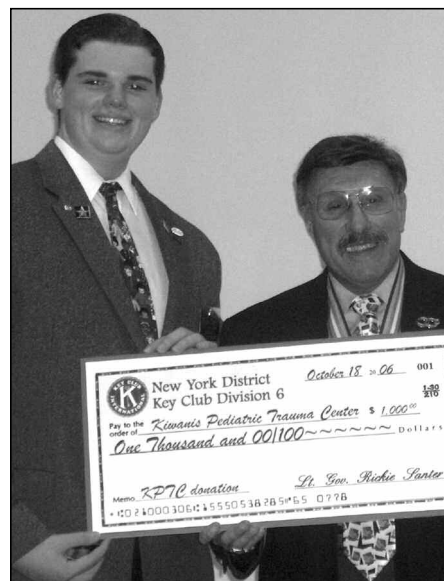
For those clubs that would like to donate their time, you can call Rebecca at the camp to arrange a work day where you can help us out by performing some of the construction, maintenance and clean up work. It's lots of fun and a great club project. Turning Stone Resort and Casino is 30 minutes away and a great place to stay.

Thanks to all those individuals and clubs that made donations at the Saratoga convention including the East Meadow Club who donated \$5,000. Thanks to President Alan Alterman. Special thank you to Sally Allegretti and her family for their generous donation of \$5,000 to our Kamp in memory of her late husband Victor, members of the Kiwanis Club of Bensonhurst and Bay Ridge. Also thanks to Past Governor Dave for all he has done for the Foundation.

Russell Sage Circle K Attends Int'l Convention



RUSSELL SAGE CIRCLE K - An amendment to an amendment? That's what these two smiling faces - Lt Governor from Capital Division Kim Worobey, along with Club Secretary Heather Lawton - took time out to pose for Club Advisor Jean Andrick at the recent International Convention held in Boston Aug 12-15th. The two were delegates from the Russell Sage club, attending their first International Convention. Kim and Heather were two of eleven delegates from the NY District.



New York District Kiwanis Governor Joe Corace accepts \$1,000 check for the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center at North Shore-LIJ from Key Club Lt. Governor Rickie Santer



Key Club Lt. Governor Rickie Santer accepts a donation from East Meadow Commerce Bank Manager Kerry Baardsen



Foundation President

Lindy Marrazzo

I am working on this article as I am returning from the Jets - Bills game in Buffalo. Foundation Board member, Larry Jones and the West Seneca Kiwanis Club hosted a fund-raiser for Kamp Kiwanis at this event. Over \$67,000.00 has been donated to the camp over the Wars thanks to the time and energy Larry, his -fellow club members and his division have donated. It was a great day and it really didn't matter who won the game, but the Jets won.

Congratulations to the newly elected Foundation Board Members, Mike Malark, Anthony Merendino and Fran Hogan. Anthony will be helping Mike, Joe and Sal with construction and Fran will be our new Kaiser Chair. You can reach her at (718) 442 - 2225 to order a Kaiser.

Once again me had a productive year. The camp operated at full capacity and we made a profit. We collected and donated over \$1,000,000 worth of supplies, including food, clothing, toys, etc. to those who suffered through Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in New Orleans and Mississippi, we hosted 77
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Staten Island Club Sees Kids Off to Kamp Kiwanis



Photo above: New York District Foundation President Lindy Marrazzo, left, and Staten Island Kiwanis Club President Joseph Mattia, center, gather with children who are happily ready and excited for their fun-filled week at Kamp Kiwanis.

Franklin Square Donates \$1000 to Kamp



Warren Kalmenson, 2005-2006 Lt. Governor from the Long Island South Central Division presents Foundation President Lindy Marrazzo with a check for \$1000 from the Franklin Square Club for Kamp Kiwanis.



Photo above: Members of the Staten Island Kiwanis Club and avid camp supporters are on hand to see kids off to camp. Left to right: Frank Hernandez, Steve Saletto, President Joseph Mattia, Foundation President Lindy Marrazzo, President Designate Charles Milatta, Past President Mark Ashkinazy and Past President Frank Batz. Not in the photo, Photographer Rich Pirraglia.

and the Winners Are . . .



Foundation President Lindy Marrazzo congratulates newly elected board members Anthony Merendino and Fran Hogan. Mike Malark was re-elected to the board.

Metropolitan Lt. Governor Fran Hogan in response to naming Foundation President Orlando 'Lindy' Marrazzo Convention Honoree . . .

"Orlando Marrazzo has honored Kiwanis by his presence as a member of the Staten Island Club and the Metropolitan Division. 'Lindy's' enthusiastic and ever-present service to children and the community epitomize the heart and soul of Kiwanis by living up to our motto: 'One Can Make A Difference.' Lindy is, without question, a true gentleman and a consummate Kiwanian."