



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

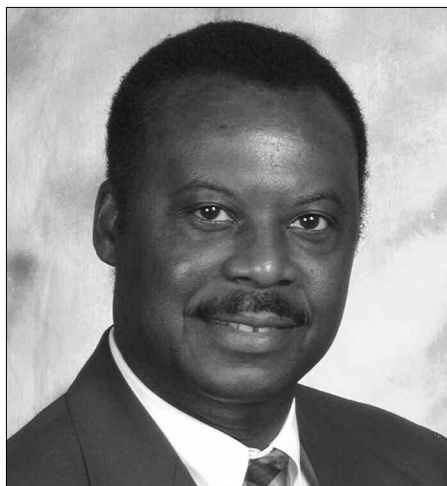


Key Club Int'l Trustee Mary Phillips.

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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.



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

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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.

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New York District

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