

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

treated. 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

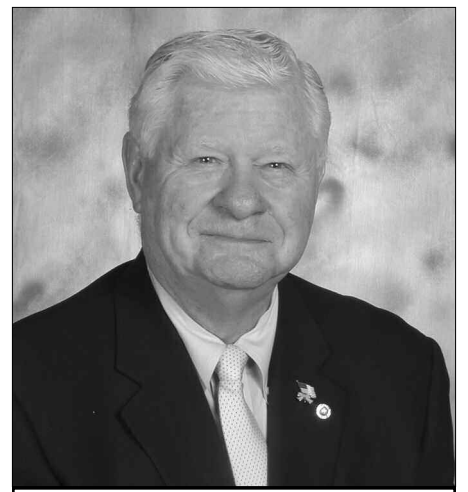
Jimmy brings his love for life to each performance. He credits the Beach Boys with giving him a passion for music. He entertains audiences with his charm and rhythm.

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>.