

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.

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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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New York District Website at
www.kiwanis-ny.org