



Community Services

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Thank you Governor Don and First Lady Marlene for a great year and welcome Governor Doreen and First Gent Dr. Peter. Now is the time for clubs to evaluate your success for the past year to see if the goals were met and what would you do differently next year.

All through this past year we have been suggesting a few new twists. One was to develop a brand new community service to add some new excitement to the club. The other a bit less difficult, and was to repeat a successful project that your club enjoyed and was supported 100%. Last year, we also suggested new club administrations chose a 'Community Services Chairperson' that all activity was reported to. He/she would then report to the club each meeting about the progress of projects. I have been asked and accepted the task of Community Service Chairperson. I will continue to remind you and suggest directions you may wish to take.

But first . . . Did the last administration live up to the goals? Was there a Chairperson? Do you do anything new in community services that your club energetically supported? Did you take the challenge to do something NEW? Are you still performing the same old projects that everyone feels comfortable with? Remember - Anyone in the club can suggest community services. New thoughts appeal to new members. Let your club accept a challenge - do something different! Break out of the 'rut, become inventive, get started early in the year. Hold your club leadership accountable for being the best in your division. Now that's a challenge.

Good luck this year to the 2008-09 Lt. Governor and our new administration.

Central Adirondack Members Recognized



The Kiwanis Club of the **CENTRAL ADIRONDACKS**, Capital Division - recognized several members for their significant contributions to the community and club during the program year 2007 - 2008. Outgoing President Jim Connerty noted that the award winners represent the many members of the local Kiwanis Club that are working throughout the year to provide the many youth oriented programs provided by the club.

Al Stripp, of Old Forge, a member of the club for many years and Past Treasurer was recognized for his long time Distinguished Community Service especially to the children of the Central Adirondacks.

Central Adirondack Kiwanians Sponsor a Kayak Event on Moose River to Dam



The Kiwanis Club of the **CENTRAL ADIRONDACKS**, Central Division - On Wednesday, October 8, 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 47 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 up to the Old Forge Pond Dam.

Sheila Brady, Kiwanis Chairperson for the event stated, "They loved it, some of them had never been in a kayak, and 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 Kiwanis Club President Sheila Brady, Deb Carhart, Bill Ransom and Bob Van Slyke. In addition, volunteers Rex Germer, Town of Webb School Principal, Mary Ann Ransom and Phil Freese assisted at the event. Dan Tickner of Tickner's Canoes was all prepared for the children when they arrived with

Dan Tickner, Jr. points out the personal floatation devices to the excited children. On the left is volunteer Mary Ann Ransom and on the right is Town of Webb School Principal Rex Germer.

kayaks, paddles and personal floatation devices all out and ready to go.

Following the paddle up the river, the children were treated to cider and donuts provided by the Kiwanis Club. With plenty of enthusiasm left after the paddle Bill Ransom lead in a game of hide and seek.

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. Other outdoor programs have included a climb to the top of Rondaxe (Bald) Mountain and Snowshoeing.

Gravesend Honors Mike Burke with KPTC Fellowship Award



Gravesend Kiwanian Mike Burke receives KPTC Fellowship Award.

The Kiwanis Club of **GRAVESEND**, Brooklyn Division - with great pleasure announces that the Kiwanis members accord Kiwanian Mike Burke the honor of Fellowship Award in the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center. After a moving presentation by Governor Corace, Gravesend contributed \$1,000 to the KPTC. This past August, President Mike Rizzotto accompanied Gov. Joe Corace to Mike Burke's home. With Jennifer (Mike's wife) present, they presented Mike with the KPTC medal and ribbon, lapel pin and shadowbox plaque.

In addition, Governor Joe obtained a personally signed letter by present Governor Don Herring, as well as International President

Dave Curry. Thank you so much, Governor Joe!!!

This is an honor long-due Mike. He has worked tirelessly for the good of Kiwanis, contributing time and resources to help those less privileged. Mike has also been an inspiration to me personally since joining Kiwanis 3 years ago. Please join me in congratulating Mike on this very special honor. Let us also keep him in our thoughts and prayers for a full recovery.

If you would like to personally congratulate Mike, he may be reached at 718-438-6840. I know he would love to hear from all of us (this would especially cheer him up).