

Bowling Green's K-Kids Work with Key Club and Kiwanis to Encourage Reading to Preschoolers



Photo above: The Officers of the Bowling Green K-Kids, EMHS Key Club, W. Tresper Clarke Key Club and East Meadow Kiwanis.

The newly chartered **BOWLING GREEN K-KIDS** were pleased to host the East Meadow High School Key Club, the W. Tresper Clarke Key Club and their sponsor, the Kiwanis Club of East Meadow as the four K-Family clubs worked together to complete the K-Kids first service project.

Through the financial support to the East Meadow Kiwanis Club, preschool appropriate board books were purchased along with Native American dream catchers and assembled by the Kiwanians, Key Clubbers and K-Kids into book packets to be given to needy families with preschool children.

This service project was inspired by NYD Kiwanis First Lady Marlene Herring. First Lady Marlene is of Native American descent and was a reading teacher for many years. Her project seeks to provide information about the importance of reading to young children and the academic advantages these read-alouds give these children when they reach school age. First Lady Marlene's Native American heritage was reflected through the inclusion of dream catchers in each book packet. Hopefully the dream catchers will symbolically suggest to the parents to read to their preschoolers at bedtime.

The Bowling Green K-Kids were especially excited to work with the high schoolers from the Key Clubs. The following day in school, Faculty Advisor Rich Santer was thrilled by the "buzz" about how much the K-Kids "loved" their Key Club partners and how "cool" one or another Key Clubber was.

The Key Clubbers served as truly positive role models for the K-Kids and inspired them to become even more enthusiastic about community service at a young age. Both the K-Kids and the Key Clubbers are already looking to plan their next joint service project.



Bowling Green K-Kids Work with Key Clubbers from W. Tresper Clarke and East Meadow High Schools to Assemble Book Packets for Preschoolers



W. Tresper Clarke Key Clubbers and Bowling Green K-Kids Assemble Book Packets

Kia Receives Madenberg Award



The Kiwanis Club of **ITHACA-CAYUGA**, Chemung Division – Kia Albertson-Rogers, of Spencer, received the Doug Madenberg Award from the Kiwanis Club of Ithaca-Cayuga. The Doug Madenberg Award is the highest honor a Key Clubber can receive from the New York District, and is named after the District's first Key Club International President.

Doug Madenberg, from Walt Whitman High School, served from 1988-1989 and he represented not only the New York District, but also the entire organization in his dedication to serve. The award has two purposes: to show someone that he or she is appreciated by what she or he has done for Key Club. In addition, the award also raises money to benefit the Key Club Worldwide Service Project, currently the Swazi Children Care Project. The purpose of this project is to build Neighborhood Care Points to provide food and shelter for children whose families have died from HIV/AIDS.

Albertson-Rogers has served as Key Club International Trustee for the last year, and was a liaison for the Louisiana-Mississippi-Tennessee District, the Michigan District, and the New England District. As an advisor and a liaison, he visited their districts at least twice throughout the year, provided them with monthly updates of news from the international level, and offered bi-monthly internet updates, monthly chats, and initiated a Sister District Service Project between board members from the three districts. In 2006-07, Albertson-Rogers was awarded the Robert F. Lucas Outstanding Lieutenant Governor for his leadership of Division 22.

Albertson-Rogers was one of 9 Key Clubbers in Division 22, and out of 5 students in the Spencer-Van Etten High School, to be named a Distinguished Key Clubber for outstanding service to the community for the 2007-2008 year. The other students from S-VE who received Distinguished Key Clubber were Teri Bunce, Luke Davis, Preston Rimby, and Shelby Stevens. Six students from S-VE attended District Convention, accompanied by Jessica Browne, the S-VE Key Club Faculty Advisor.

The Spencer-Van Etten High School Key Club is involved with numerous community service projects, including the Empty Bowls Projects to raise funds for the Spencer Food Pantry, Spencer highway clean-up, and fundraising for UNICEF, March of Dimes, the Food Bank of the Southern Tier and other local organizations. The Spencer-Van Etten Key Club is sponsored by the Ithaca-Cayuga Kiwanis Club.

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