

Hoedown Raises \$2,260 for KPTC

The KPTC Service Leadership Committee's Hoedown was a Hoot and a Holler for the entire K-Family. Cowboys and Cowgirls from K-Kids through Kiwanis line danced side by side guided by DJ and line dance teacher Lindy Ang. After an hour or so of guided instruction, County Line, a well known country band, took over with live music.

In addition to line dancing, Hoedown guests enjoyed burgers and hot dogs donated and grilled by BBQ Chef Extraordinaire Governor Joe Aiello.

In between dance sets, a pie-eating, lasso and pin the tail on the horse contests were held. While Governor Joe Aiello may have had the messiest face, thanks to some assistance from Immediate Past Governor Al Norato, NYCKI District K-Family Chair Jia Shi of Adelphi University won the pie-eating contest.

WT Clarke Key Clubber Nicole Hallett won the dessert contest's judge's choice award for her peach pie and the people's choice award was won by Tammy Gettings of the newly chartered Nassau County Unity Kiwanis Club for her apple pie.

In the evening's final contest, trophies were presented for the best costume in three categories K-Kids/Builders, Key Club/Circle K and Kiwanis/Adults. The first category was won by 3-year-old Andrew Neilson, the second category by NYCKI Governor Kelly Chan and the third category by KPTC Foundation President Distinguished Past Gov. Joe Corace.

In addition to the fun and bonding across the branches of the K-Family, the Hoedown raised \$2,260 for the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center at North Shore-LIJ.



Costume Contest Winners Andrew Neilson, Distinguished Past Gov. Joe Corace and Circle K Gov. Kelly Chan.

KPTC Director and Service Leadership Liaison Rich Santer congratulated KPTC Service Leadership Committee Chair Kat Graves on the success of her first major fundraiser since becoming Chair.

Bronx-Westchester South Raises \$5,000

A large contingent of Kiwanis family members walked to find a cure for Alzheimers in the Annual Walkathon in White Plains on Sept. 29. More than half of the Bronx Westchester South Division's clubs were represented headed by Lt. Gov. Warren Golden Jr. and Lt. Gov.-Designate Frank Riti.

More than two dozen New Rochelle Key Clubbers and Fordham Circle K members representing participated. The Kiwanis Family of clubs once again placed in the "top ten" teams supporting this cause.

The annual event was chaired by Judy and John Bartunek of Yonkers Kiwanis.



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In the early 1990's, New York Kiwanians and members of its associated youth groups initiated its Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Program to establish statewide trauma units at hospitals located at Albany Medical Center, Buffalo Children's Hospital and at North Shore Hospital on Long Island. These hospitals were chosen as they embody their region's lifeline for access to ad-

vanced and specialized health care for children.

Capital Division and Van Rensselaer Divisions effort for this project includes fund raising \$500,000 for the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit, and most recently for the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, both located at the Albany Medical Center.

During 2013, 800 premature and critically ill babies received care in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU). The unit needed more space and needed more advanced technologies in life saving neonatal care while ensuring ample space for families to be with their babies at a very critical time.

The Kiwanis effort in this area began during 2012 as the result of a request from The Albany Medical Center for financial help to improve facilities and care for critically ill babies. The Kiwanis goal is to improve state-

of-the-art technology through the purchase of multi-purpose beds affectionately known as the "giraffe." The giraffe envelopes tiny patients in warmth and comfort while continuously monitoring precious babies with life-saving technology. Each giraffe has a cost of \$50,000. We hope to purchase as many of these units as possible!

This year the Capital and Van Rensselaer divisions along with their youth leadership groups dedicated the 2012 Bells of Life fundraising drive and other events including the Delmar Kiwanis Foundation annual golf tournament toward the purchase of a Giraffe Unit. During 2012 we raised \$10,000. During 2013, so far, we've increased our efforts to a total of \$20,000.

Credit for this effort must go to the entire K family in the Capital and Van Rensselaer divisions!