

# North Central Kiwanis Celebrates Ribbon Cutting



The North Central Kiwanis proudly cut the ribbon on a new \$6 million residential drug treatment center in Staten Island on Sept. 27.

The new Camelot treatment center will be home for 40 teenagers seeking treatment for drug dependency.

Camelot was founded by the club in 1973. Lt. Governor Forbes Irvine, Club President Joe Cafiero and members Mike Assenza, Jack Desantis, Scott Spina, John Federico, Jim Milone, Len Bosso, Dennis Mangerio, Sean Cusick and John Mansfield were on hand for the celebration.

Luke Nasta Executive Director of Camelot said "if not for Kiwanis we would not be here today and if not for today these kids might not have a tomorrow".

The new facility has a school, a infirmary and a commercial kitchen. New York Assembly Member's Matthew Titone and Michael Cusick praised Kiwanis for having the foresight and recognizing the need for treatment back in 1973.

# Sea Cliff K-Kids Join Down Syndrome Buddy Walk

On Oct. 5, the Sea Cliff K-Kids participated in The National Down Syndrome Society's annual Buddy Walk.

Team North Shore, sponsored by the K-Kids, grew to comprise many students and their siblings, as well as parents and teachers from Sea Cliff Elementary School.

Teacher Mark Mihopoulos said, "We celebrated Down Syndrome Awareness Month (October) by fundraising online, walking a mile as a team, and enjoying music and festivities at the bayside Tanner Park in Copiague."

The annual Buddy Walk was started in 1995 by the National Down Syndrome Society.

"This year was our biggest team yet, Mihopoulos said. "I feel our community is one of the most ground-breaking in its inclusiveness and supportive team nature, as demonstrated by the selfless participation of so many students and families."

The students (and siblings) included Matthew and Grace Ryan, Ava and Dino Petersen, and Kyprian "Kypa," Many and Alysha Kallaur.

The Sea Cliff K-Kids raised approximately \$200 to further awareness and research in support of Down Syndrome on Long Island.



## International Foundation

David Rothman



Fellow members of the Kiwanis Family, I was going to ask everyone to consider digging a little deeper in their pockets as we enter the Holiday Season and support the Kiwanis International Foundation. Well I'm asking you now to support our International Foundation as it supports our extended Kiwanis Family in the Philippines.

The Philippines is part of the Asia

Pacific Region of Kiwanis International. One just needs to watch or listen to the news about Typhoon Haiyan hitting the Central Philippines. There are more than 4 million people including 1.7 million kids that have been affected. Hundreds of Kiwanis Clubs and fellow Kiwanians without anything and countless lives lost.

I know of what this devastation looks and feels like first hand. Last year at this time Debbie and I were trying to put back our lives after having Super Storm Sandy damage the lower part of our home with 4 feet of water damage. I know this is nothing as compared to the devastation seen in the Philippines but it is similar for us and many other Kiwanians.

Many of our Philippine brothers and sisters donated to the KIF last year in

our time of need and now I ask the we do the same. After all, we are all part of a World Organization that supports children. Right now those children and their families need our help! The KIF has been there for the New York District in the past and will be there for it in the future, so open up your hearts!

Please make donations payable to the Kiwanis International Foundation and designate in your memo "Disaster Relief" and mail to KIF 3636 Woodview Trace, Indianapolis, IN 46268. If you have any questions regarding this please contact me at daglomp54@aol.com or 516-318-1585. Have a safe and happy holiday season.