

Mighty Hudson River West Hosts Governor's Visit

Hudson River West Division held the official Governor's Visit and 90th Kiwanis Anniversary celebration at Bernie's Holiday Restaurant. Governor Glenn Hollins and First Lady Susan were involved with the whole program. While Gov. Glenn was meeting with all the Club Presidents and Secretaries, Kathi Hitt, outreach coordinator of Sullivan Health and Family services along with First Lady Susan led a workshop on helping children in crisis-zeroing in on children who are victims of parental abuse and often find themselves in alternate homes.

This was also a 90th Kiwanis Anniversary celebration and each club gave a history of their clubs including incidents of humor from inception. Port Jervis brought a chest of antique metal name plates of their original club – it has not been determined how old they are. Governor Glenn gave the Kiwanis



oath and welcomed new members which were the result of a membership drive that began in May. The membership committee

Elaine Flynn and Aileen Halchak hold "Serving he Children of the World" Centerpiece.

was applauded and special recognition was given to Betty Potts for bringing in 25 new members.



Outreach Coordinator Kathi Heft, First Lady Susan and LG Aileen Halchak.



LG Aileen Halchak and Governor Glenn.

It was truly a successful event – one that will not soon be forgotten. Governor Glenn has seen first hand how active and involved the division is – he now knows what it means when the division is called "the Mighty Hudson River West Division."

LG Goldstein Gets Up Close and Personal With Dinner Selection



The Kiwanis Club of MINISINK VALLEY, Hudson River West Division – Current LG John Goldstein gets familiar with the "guest of honor" at Minisink Valley's Annual Family Day/Pig Roast, Hudson River West.



Sponsored Organizations and Programs

Tony Palangi

A New Year For Kiwanis – 2005/2006

I wonder how many of us take time to reflect upon our young people the future leaders of this great nation. Are we aware of the important role that we play in their lives and that they look to us for guidance, a shoulder to lean on, and most important love and understanding.

Kiwanians have a golden opportunity to work together with the youth of America through the unique characteristic of the K-Family which encompass K-Kids in Elementary Schools, Builders Clubs in Middle Schools, Key Clubs in Senior High Schools, Circle K Clubs on the College Level and Aktion Clubs prevalent in organizations serving the disabled.

With he summer months behind us, and he new year 2005/2006 upon us, let's turn our thoughts to the first semester of the school ear among the Sponsored youth Organizations. Traditionally, it's a vital period, a time of anticipation that generates enthusiasm, it's an opportune time for the students to become involved in school and community activities.

For the sponsoring Kiwanis Clubs, it's time to contact K-Kids clubs, Builders Clubs, Key Clubs, Circle K Clubs, and Aktion Clubs. Please review together with your Kiwanis Advisor the following recommendations and follow up as soon as possible:

Make sure that regular club meetings have resumed with a Faculty and Kiwanis Advisor there to counsel and guide the club.

Train the new club officers if they haven't attended the Divisional or District training sessions for club officers.

Assist with the implementation of a membership drive to replace students who have graduate and to augment additional manpower needed for service projects, fund raising and other activities.

Invite members of your sponsored club to your regular club meetings including the Faculty Advisor. Encourage Kiwanis members to attend their meetings and ask members of Key Club and Circle K Clubs to join you on your interclubs. Officially, they can be an integral part of an interclub.

Members of Circle K Clubs and Key Clubs are endowed with diversified talents and skills. They can provide interesting programs at your regular club meetings. Ask them to participate in your program schedule.

RIISING TO THE OCCASION: The recent devastation of the Gulf Coast by Hurricane Katrina has once again revealed he resilience of our Sponsored Youth Organizations. Following the aftermath of the 9/11 terrorist attack on the New York City Trade Center and the Pentagon they raised thousands of dollars to help the families of the victims.

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Hempstead Walks for Cancer Cure



The Kiwanis Club of **HEMPSTEAD**, Queens East Division – gave a helping hand at the American Cancer Society's "Making Strides against Breast Cancer Walk" on October 16th, at Jones Beach. They volunteered at registration and walked. Sarah Marshall raised \$2,575, and her team raised over \$4,200.

Seated L-R; DPP Vincent Marshall and DP Denise Thibou. Back; VP Augustine Ojo, Emanee Cave, PVP Marta Nieves, Wanda Thibou, Patricia Cave, PP and Team Leader Caroline Santos, and Team Leader Sarah Marshall, and an American Cancer Society's, Captain Wendy.

Solvay-Geddes-Camillus Presents Scholarship



Kiwanis Scholarship Award Chairman Jim Howser (left), and Key Club Advisor Roy W. Carr (right) present Allison Kowalski with the Key Club Scholarship Award.

Kiwanis Club of **SOLVAY-GEDDES-CAMILLUS** – presented Miss Allison Kowalski with a \$300 Solvay Key Club Scholarship award and plaque. Allison will attend college at SUNY in Brockport this fall.

Miss Kowalski has been a 4-year member of Solvay Key Club, oldest Key Club in the New York State District. She has been an active volunteer at Kiwanis Club breakfasts, UNICEF, apple picking for the Rescue Mission, flower sales, Drama Club concession stand, and other Key Club activities. She also helps elementary school students with her literacy skills, participates in her

church adult choir, and teaches in Vacation Bible School.

She notes, " Being a member of Key Club has helped me realized that volunteering a little of m time can have long-lasting positive effects. It has taught me that I do not have to be an officer to be a leader. Through volunteer opportunities, I have gained a sense of self-satisfaction, knowing that my time has made a difference in someone's life. Key Club was the foundation of my volunteering time. It is a solid start for a life-long journey of helping others.