

7th NYD Kiwanis Foundation Charity Football Game Nets \$14,000 For Special Needs Campers and Local Programs

by Larry Jones, Buffalo Bill's Chair

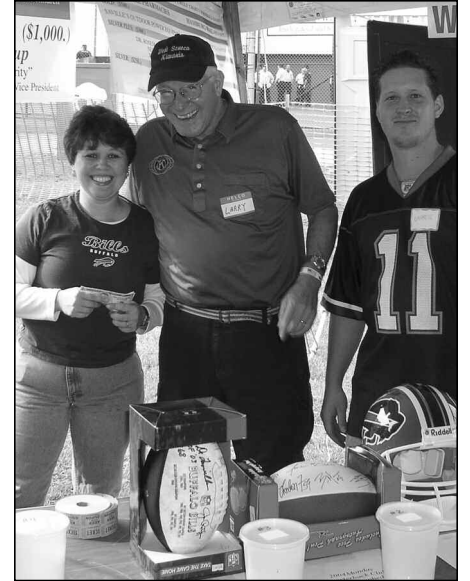
The Kiwanis Club of **WEST SENECA**, Niagara Frontier West Division – held its 7th annual Bill's Charity Football Game at Ralph Wilson Stadium in Orchard Park, NY. Over 233 Kiwanians and friends from around the state attended the event on a beautiful day with temperatures over 80 degrees when the game began. Unfortunately Michael Vick of the Atlanta Falcons was also hot and led a ground attack interspersed with a few nice passes to defeat the Bill's 20-12 in an entertaining game. This was the Bill's 2nd loss in 7 games as a Kiwanis charity event dating back to 1999.

Several notable Kiwanians attended the event. Guest Kiwanis International's Mark Smith, a candidate for Kiwanis International Treasurer next year and his wife Angie received a Bill's cap and Bill's Buffalo Bill's fuzzy bull. West Seneca's past NYS District Governor received a Buffalo Bill's AFC throw-back long sleeved shirt to recognize his efforts in supporting this annual event since its inception as well as being our club's "professional" photographer extraordinaire! Pictures with this article were mostly taken by Jim. Also in attendance were past governors Pat Cooney and Joe Eppolito, who, along with Jim, have attended this event every year since inception. Foundation Board Member Richard Fancher also attended this event as well as our new District Camp Director Becky Lopez. Over 20 clubs were represented from Roscoe, Potsdam, and Elmira, to Jamestown, NY. In addition to the Georgia party noted above, attendees from as far as Argentina were present. An attendee from Houston was unable to attend due to Hurricane Rita. No one from New York City and Long Island could attend as they are still in a state of shock from last year's Jets loss at the hands of the Bills!

A food buffet of roast beef, chicken, sausage, and many side dishes, dessert, and plenty of liquid refreshments, including beer, wine, soda, and water, were enjoyed by all. Two Buffalo Jills cheerleaders helped sell raffle tickets along with the Jills 2005 swimsuit calendar, and posed for pictures with attendees. Former Bill's players Mark Brammer, Carl Byrum, and John Davis attended, signed autographs, posed for pictures, and Mark Brammer spoke with attendees. West Seneca's treasurer, Joanne Pyle, helped by President Mike McCartan's wife, Kim, ran the raffle and Chinese Auction. Over \$1400 was raised from the raffle and Chinese auction with some great prizes won including a Mike Malark autographed helmet, autographed footballs, Bills-Patriots tickets, Bill's propane grill, Bill's "pop-up" chair; McGehee jersey, as well as tickets to the Shaw Festival, Sheaf Theatre, tickets for a cruise for 2 on the Erie Canal, a Sabras autographed puck, a pair of Buffalo Bisons baseball tickets, and a Buffalo Bills Party Pooch, to mention a few of the many items! Door prizes of Buffalo Bill's decorated pumpkins were handed out as well!

The New York State District Foundation Board and the West Seneca Kiwanis Club wishes to thank our many sponsors and patrons listed in our program and on laminated signs at the tent entrance! This year we raised over \$8700. in sponsorship!

For the 7th straight year, We want to especially thank THE LEGEND GROUP who was a platinum sponsor (\$1,000.) for the 6th straight year!. We cannot list all of our sponsors here, but they are listed on the West Seneca Kiwanis web site and the NYS Kiwanis web site. Other major sponsors



West Seneca's First Lady Kim McCartan, Event Chair Larry Jones and son Darrell Jones, who is instrumental in event help.



District Membership Chair LG Ann Sewert and Former First Lady Linda Cooney enjoy the day.

include: Gold Plus sponsors (\$600-999) QUALITY CARE PHARMACIES and HAMBURG WALD-MART as well as Gold Sponsors (\$500.) CHICK-N-PIZZA WORKS and SEVILLE OUTDOOR POWER EQUIPMENT.

Also, Dr. Rosemary & Tom DeJulio, Kiwanis Int'l Trustee, New York Long Term Care Brokers, LTD, the West Seneca Teachers Association, Dunn Tire, Ecology and Environment, Don Tiburzi of The Legend Group, and Union Medical Pharmacy were also major sponsors (\$250-\$300.) We thank them all plus the many Bronze Sponsors and patrons.

To successfully pull this off each year requires a lot of time and effort on behalf of the West Seneca Kiwanis Club, in particular the following members of my committee: Marsha & Len Bek, John Blando, Darrell & Lori Jones, Pete Kosanovich, Charlie Markel, Mike & Kim McCartan, Greg Notaro, Eric Paul, Jo Ann Pyle, Don Rauscher, Ivan Tarnopoll, Bill Tober, Ted Winkle, Jim and Mary Yochum, and my wife Carol. Finally, a thank you for the many Kiwanians throughout NYS who support this event. Hope to see you next year!

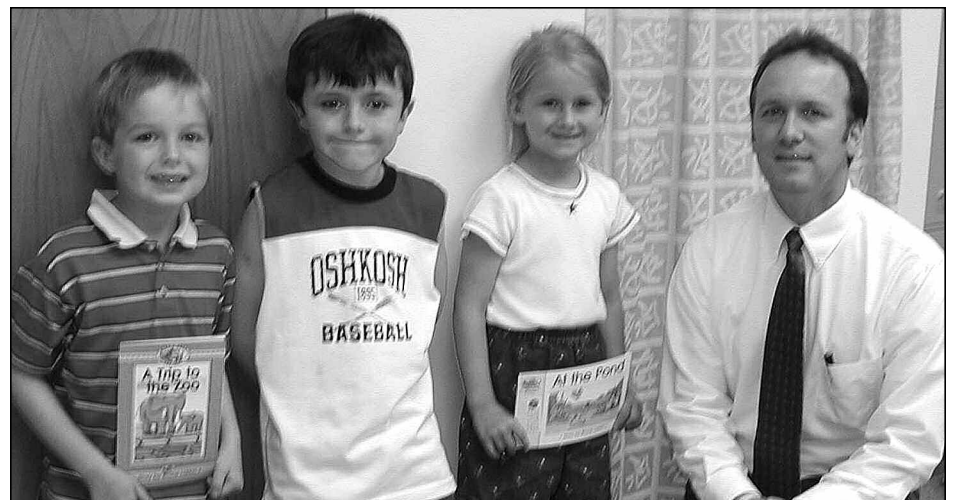
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1958 Governor Dr. Fred Melone passed away at 90 years and 9 months of age. Condolences may be sent to his wife Angelika Melone at 3094 Turtle Dove Road, Deland, Florida 32724. • • • **Int'l Trustee Tom DeJulio** recently lost his sister Elaine to a battle with cancer. Condolences may be sent to Tom & Rosemary DeJulio, 1561 Midland Avenue, Bronxville, NY 10708.



(L-R) Former Buffalo Bills fullback Carl Byrum, Darrell Jones (front), former Bills tight end Mark Brammer; Event Chair Larry Jones and former Buffalo Bills guard John Davis. Brammer and Byrum played during the Chuck Knox era in the early '80s and were on division championship teams.

Hornell Kiwanians Support Local Kids With Books



Arkport Students and Hornell Past President Tim Rosell.

The Kiwanis Club of **HORNELL**, Chemung Division – From the end of the last academic school year to the beginning of this school year the Hornell Kiwanis Club distributed some 2,100 books to 720 local kindergarten and first grade students covering a good part of western Steuben County and part of Allegany County as well in rural upstate, Western New York.

The school districts serviced were Hornell, Arkport, Canaseraga, Alfred-Almond, Jasper-Troupsburg and Canisteo-Greenwood. Driving distance between Canaseraga Central and Jasper-Troupsburg school district is approximately 40 miles however all the communities are consider service areas for the Hornell Club.

Through a limited time grant from the Literacy Empowerment Foundation

<www.LEFBooks.org> the Kiwanis club was able to double the number of books it received and distributed.

Each student was granted three books that he or she could call their own. Meant to be the personal property of each student the effort was intended to promote early literacy in the students. The many various books were from the collection of works from Barry Larkin.

The program was promoted by previous Club President Tim Rosell who's wife teaches 1st grade at the Canaseraga Central School where some 120 books were distributed. He is also the father of two children under 5 years old.