Governor Don Herring holds up a Dream Catcher at our District Convention this past August in Buffalo. He has asked Kiwanians to be part of a dream for all children.

At the beginning of the 2007-08 year, Kiwanians walked for a child's dream at Kamp Kiwanis in Taberg New York. International President Dave Curry and First Lady Eva, along with New York District Governor Don Herring and First Lady Marlene were among the leaders of the pack to raise money for our kamp and the International Foundation.

Governor Don Raises the Dream Catcher to Kiwanians
Changes Necessary to Attract New Generation of Kiwanis Members

Message from Rob Parker, Kiwanis International CEO

Dear Kiwanis Leaders,

When delegates at the Montreal convention officially approved and supported the goal of 1 million members by 2015, they set a new course for our organization. In San Antonio, the delegate body overwhelmingly approved the Kiwanis Next Amendment sending a clear signal that it is time to make the changes necessary to attract a new generation of Kiwanis members. The strategic direction of the organization was further clarified by the International Board when it approved a new brand promise based on the concept of “personal leadership and character development that leads to life-changing service.”

These three actions will have significant impact on how we invest our time and resources, and will require focused attention at all levels. As leaders, we need to communicate clearly and consistently about our future direction. To assist in this effort, your global marketing team has created these resources for your use:

- Master Narrative – Every organization has a story. Kiwanis has a particularly compelling one that needs to be told. This document provides core background information on Kiwanis and how we have developed over time; a history of what our organization was and where it is headed. It is the story and rationale behind our current initiatives as an organization and should serve as an internal reference point to unify our comprehension of the new direction of Kiwanis.

- Key Messages – From the Master Narrative, we have created key messages for your use in both internal and external communications to members, the community, and media. These messages are meant to be used as a guide when discussing key topics that pertain to Kiwanis, demonstrate the goals and objectives of the organization, and illustrate the tremendous impact Kiwanis leaders have on the world.

I hope you find both the Master Narrative and the Key Messages to your benefit as we convey our mission and prove ourselves to be a truly great organization.

Key Messages: Kiwanis in Transition

- Kiwanis is making the courageous decision to reinvent itself and break the mold for traditional service organizations.
- Kiwanis is taking itself from a good organization to a truly great organization that defines excellence for service and leadership and builds leaders through service opportunities.
- To thrive today, Kiwanis—and others—must adapt to remain relevant, to attract more volunteers and ultimately to serve more communities around the world.

Key Messages: Membership

- Kiwanis’ current vision and march toward growth is bigger than the organization and its future. It’s about identifying and influencing how the next generation of leaders will connect to and serve the world.
- Kiwanis is committed to becoming flexible and member-responsive. For today’s busy men and women, Kiwanis is the place to make a difference.
- Kiwanis is dedicated to membership growth and plans on reaching a goal of 1 million members by the year 2015.

Key Messages: Leadership

- Kiwanis develops and inspires everyday leaders to ensure a legacy of impactful service and leadership for the future.
- Kiwanis works to develop future generations of leaders through programs that build character development and personal-leadership skills.
- Leading through example, Kiwanis recognizes, develops and inspires leaders of all ages who make a difference in all facets of our world.
- Kiwanis is an organization to which anyone can belong, regardless of their background or financial resources. Kiwanians realize their full potential and capacity to help others by leading through service at home, work, and school and in their communities.
- Kiwanis impact on the world will be measured by the 10 million young leaders it nurtures rather than by the number of members it attracts.
- The Kiwanis International Foundation has undertaken a $37 million fundraising campaign to optimize Kiwanis’ service in a rapidly changing world. Funds are used to further support of Service Leadership Programs, service projects worldwide and new organization initiatives and infrastructure improvements.
- Kiwanis International Foundation is changing the world for youth and with youth by providing funding for Circle K, Key Club, Builders Club, K-Kids, Key Leader and leadership conferences.
- The Kiwanis International Foundation’s enduring legacy continues to help thousands of young people and the world through its endowment fund, which provides much needed resources such as clothing, medicine and vitamins.

Key Messages: Local Leadership

- My Kiwanis club in (location) is made up of everyday leaders who perform extraordinary acts of service. For example, (insert an example or examples of community members leading or making a difference).

The My Kiwanis club in (location) develops young leaders by supporting (insert name of Service Leadership Program) at (school), which has (number) members and has helped our community by (insert an example).

- My Kiwanis Club in (location) may apply for Kiwanis Foundation financial support to positively impact our community.

Key Messages: Service Leadership Programs

- Kiwanis Service Leadership Programs provide leadership development opportunities for people at every stage of life.
- Key Leader is a life-changing Kiwanis leadership program designed to promote personal growth and community building to a broad spectrum of students, not just academic achievers.
- Through Kiwanis and its Service Leadership Programs, budding leaders can form enduring friendships, offer philanthropic service, and build better communities for generations to come.

Key Messages: Service

- Kiwanis focuses on the needs of ordinary people and children to create extraordinary life-changing moments.
- The needs of the world are great, and, together, members of the more than 8,200 Kiwanis clubs around the world can do accomplish great things for children and communities.
- Every day, Kiwanis leaders make their mark by revitalizing neighborhoods, engaging youth in reading programs, erecting playgrounds, and performing countless other projects to help children and communities.

Key Messages: Impact

- Members of Kiwanis and its Service Leadership Programs volunteer more than 21 million hours and invest more than $113 million in their communities around the world.
- In a typical year, these individuals conduct more than 167,000 service projects worldwide.
- Regardless of whether an individual joins Kiwanis, the effect of Kiwanis service and leadership is far-reaching and impacts communities on a global scale.
- Kiwanis International, in concert with the Kiwanis International Foundation, has undertaken a $37 million endowment campaign to optimize Kiwanis service in a rapidly changing world.
- Funds are to be allocated to further support youth Service Leadership Programs, Kiwanis service projects worldwide, new organization initiatives, and infrastructure improvements.

Key Messages: Impact (Local)

- Kiwanis club members in (location) give more than XX hours and have raised more than $XXX for projects such as (insert examples).
- Some examples of the programs sponsored by my/the local Kiwanis club in (location) are (insert examples).

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Massapequa Helps Support Moms

The Kiwanis Club of MASSAPEQUA, Long Island South Central Division — donated $300 to the Midshore Mothers Center, forging the Massapequa Mothers Center, a non-profit, non-sectarian organization run by women and volunteers. The club continued a monthly membership contest and also has seen the birth of an additional two new clubs (Albany and Wheatfield!).

So, let’s be part of the momentum and join in to strengthen our existing clubs and build new clubs in communities with no Kiwanis presence! That’s what Governor Don and his Dream Team of leaders “Dream Catcher” logo symbolizes.

The Annual Club Report still needs some tweaking.

By now, everyone has gotten the word about the Annual Club Report. In the years past, the Annual Report did not get out to the clubs until August or September. If you go through your old reports (the mandatory portion you will note that the International Board requested different information each year. Well, in this past Kiwanis year, the situation was different. Scott Sheridan (Kiwanian that created and maintains our On-Line Reporting) did not get the new requested information for 2006 – 07 until the last few weeks. So, all of the clubs that have faithfully reported on line need to complete some
Our journey as “Dream Catchers” has begun. By the time that you read this we will be leading the New York District. This is my first chance to address all you great Kiwanians around the State. Allow me to start this discussion by saying thank you to 2006-07 Governor Joe Corace and First Lady Nydia. Their energetic leadership, along with the actions taken by the Board of Lieutenant Governors “Joes Heroes,” set the stage for allowing an easy transition into the 2007-08 year. Thank you Joe and Nydia.

Now we must do our part in developing a new future for all New York Kiwanians. Our dreams will not just happen because we believe them to be “right” we must make them happen. How do we do that? We start by letting all Kiwanians know what the “dream” is, or what is expected of them during this crucial year in Kiwanis’s existence. I have attempted to design a program that is simple to follow and I believe will be easy for all clubs to be successful.

Dream # 1 Membership Growth

As most of you are aware the New York District has been losing members at the rate of 400-500 members per year. At our high point ten years ago we had over 14,000 members. We start this year with 8,445 members. The arithmetic is simple, unless we do something to correct this trend we will no longer be a viable organization ten years from now. There are many consequences that we suffer with declining membership; some clubs go out of existence and the services that they provided to the children of their communities are no longer available, Key Clubs are left with no sponsoring Kiwanis Club, monies that were provided for local charity work is no longer available, and many others consequences could be mentioned. This of course is not an acceptable situation.

Chair Jim Yochum Secures 10,000 for District in Buffalo

Hard-working New York District Convention Chair PG Jim Yochum, right, with the help of Mary Yochum, left, again, came to the aid of the New York District. PG Jim negotiated with the Convention Hotel, the Buffalo Hyatt Regency, and secured a check, pictured above, for $10,000 for New York District Kiwanis. Governor Joe Corace, center, thanked everyone.

Bronx Westchester South Raises Over $8000 in Alzheimer’s Awareness Walk

The BRONX WESTCHESTER SOUTH DIVISION placed second in the Alzheimer’s Memory Walk, raising over $8,000 and awareness in a three-mile walk. Co-chaired by BWS Past Lt. Governors Sister Anne Marie Kirmse and Rocco Riti, the annual event brought together all members of the Kiwanis Family, with over 30 Kiwanians from six clubs joined by members of the Circle K Club of Fordham University and Saunders High School Key Club. Also participating was Ki Trustee Thomas DeJulio, and Chia Sing Hwang (“Sing”), a Kiwanis International Trustee from the Malaysia District.
Our Kiwanis club in (location), has donated more than (how many) volunteer hours and (how much) in monetary donations back to organizations in the (location) area.

KEY MESSAGES: GLOBAL REACH
• Kiwanis strives to define excellence for service and leadership in communities around the world.
• Kiwanis and its Service Leadership Programs boast more than 600,000 members—men, women, and youth—in nearly 16,000 clubs in more than 70 countries and geographic areas.
• Kiwanis International Foundation has raised nearly $100 million to eliminate iodine Deficiency Disorder (IDD) worldwide. More than 80 million newborns now are protected each year from death, cretinism, mental and physical disabilities, and learning disabilities.

KEY MESSAGES: GLOBAL REACH (Local)
• One of the great benefits of being part of a Kiwanis club is seeing the impact locally while also contributing to global causes.
The/my Kiwanis club in (location) contributes to global causes through activities such as
• Kiwanis welcomes new members—any man, woman, or young adult who considers themselves to be a leader or who wants to make a positive difference in their local or global communities should be a part of Kiwanis.
• My Kiwanis Club in (location) contributes to global causes through financial support of the Kiwanis International Foundation.

KEY MESSAGES: WOMEN IN KIWANIS
• Membership
• Kiwanis began welcoming women in July of 1987. By the end of the following year, more than 8,500 women worldwide had become Kiwanis members.
• In late 2006, more than 63,000 women were performing community service as “Kiwanians”—over 23 percent of the organization’s total membership.

Women Volunteers – Boosting Membership
• Kiwanis is constantly examining creative ways to make membership more attractive to women. For example:
• encouraging parents to bring their children to club meetings and events and
• encouraging family volunteering as a way to promote family interaction and develop future generations of child leaders.

KEY MESSAGES: DIVERSITY
• Kiwanis embraces the changing needs of all volunteers, women, men, seniors and young people, and welcomes all who are passionate about civic engagement to join as members.

KEY MESSAGES: KIWANIS ONE DAY
• Kiwanis One Day occurs annually during the first weekend of April. It is an opportunity to unite Kiwanis family members from around the globe and their communities in a dedicated day of action devoted to hands-on community service projects.
• More than 600,000 Kiwanis family members are expected to participate in service projects in their communities on Kiwanis One Day. By committing a few hours each on this dedicated day of service, Kiwanis will be contributing to more than $1 million global service hours in just one day!
• If 600,000 volunteers donate their time to communities on Kiwanis One Day, the value of their volunteer hours will represent over $17 million USD.

KEY MESSAGES: READ AROUND THE WORLD
• Each February, Kiwanis encourages a love of literature and demonstrates its significance to children through Read Around the World, a service program that actively engages youth and encourages them to embark on a lifelong journey of reading.
• By focusing on improving literacy rates among children through Read Around the World, Kiwanis’ aim is to help children reach greater levels of scholastic achievement and academic understanding.

KEY MESSAGES: KIWANIS HISTORY
• Kiwanis was born in Detroit in 1915, during a period when a dozen service organizations formed and thrived around the United States.
• The first Kiwanis clubs promoted the exchange of business among members.
• By 1919, though, Kiwanis had opted to emphasize social service above business networking.
• By 1939 Kiwanis International Foundation was established as the fundraising arm of Kiwanis International to financially support social services.

Look for the Master Narrative Column by Rob Parker, Kiwanis International CEO in the next edition of the Empire State Kiwanian.
**Marilla Kiwanians Bring Warmth to Cancer Patients with Blankets of Love**

The Kiwanis Club of Marilla Niagara Frontier East Division — Many have been touched in one way or another with a friend or family member that has been given a diagnosis of Cancer. Many of the people diagnosed with Cancer will receive treatment as an inpatient at Roswell Park Cancer Institute/Buffalo, and now will be given a “Blanket of Love.” Approximately 14 people starting with Clarise Palumbo and Kathy Putney have gotten together to find a way to make fleece blankets to present to adults and children who receive Cancer treatments.

The Kiwanis Club of Marilla was asked for “seed money” to begin this project, and by doing so the service was begun. Kiwanis members and their spouses have also helped to assemble the blankets. 62 “Blankets of Love” have been presented to patients at RPCI, and the blankets are sent home with the patients. Additional donations have been made to the Kiwanis Club of Marilla for the purpose of giving the project ongoing funds for more blankets.

Those wishing to help fund this project should send their donation to Kiwanis Club of Marilla, c/o Jim Gingerich, Treasurer at 3955 Four Rod Road, East Aurora, NY 14052. Checks should be marked as a donation for the “Blankets of Love” project.

The Kiwanis Club of Marilla Niagara Frontier East Division recently donated a ride on a car to the children of the Five Towns Child Care Center in Inwood. The car was donated in the name of deceased PP Dale Sarro whom was also a honorary director of the child care center. The center provides care for children, 18 mo. to fours years old of working families in our community.
Distinguished Member Award

The Club President will verify members that qualify for Distinguished Member. To qualify, club members must:
1. Recruit two (2) new members.
2. Attend either a Mid-Winter Conference or District Convention. Equivalent meeting may be K University, Zone or Regional Convention, or other opportunity provided by district leadership.
3. Participate in six (6) Kiwanis service events.

Distinguished Member Awards:

Club members who are awarded distinguished status will receive a lapel pin and recognition at the 2009 Kiwanis International Convention.

Distinguished Club Award

Service:
1. The club will sponsor and fulfill its responsibilities to service leadership programs (K-Kids, Builders Club, Key Club, Circle K, Akion Club or Kiwanis Junior), including club leadership education to program club officers, 10 pts.
2. The club will start a new service leadership program (K-Kids, Builders Club, Key Club, Circle K, Akion Club, or Kiwanis Junior Club), 5 pts.
3. The club will participate in a Kiwanis branded service project such as Young Children Priority One, Read Around the World, Bring Up Grades, Terrific Kids, Key Leader, or World Link program sponsor a new Kiwanis club in a developing nation, 10 pts.
4. The club will contribute $5 per member to the Annual Club gift campaign of the Kiwanis International Foundation, 10 pts.
5. If the club participates in the George F. Dixson or Tablet of Honor awards, 10 bonus points will be awarded.

Education:
1. The Club President and Secretary will participate in the Club Leadership Education (CLE) training session (or equivalent) prior to assuming office. 10 pts (5 pts each).
2. The club will provide for all new members a new member orientation. 10 pts.
3. The club will be represented at both the Mid-Year Conference (or equivalent K University, Zone Conference, Regional Conference) and District Convention, 10 pts.

Growth:
1. The club must have a net gain in membership of at least one member by the end of the administrative year, 20 pts.
2. The club will sponsor (or co-sponsor) a new Kiwanis club in the community, 20 pts.
3. If the club achieves a net gain in membership of at least five members by the end of the administrative year, 10 bonus points will be awarded.

Distinguished Club Awards:

When the club accumulates at least 80 points and has properly submitted its annual report, the club will receive the distinguished club banner patch and a certificate from the International President acknowledging its achievement. If the club is distinguished and the club president has also earned the Distinguished Member Award, a distinguished club lapel button will be given to that club president. If the club is distinguished and the club secretary has also earned the Distinguished Member Award, a lapel button will be given to that club secretary.

Distinguished Division Award

The division will qualify for a Governor’s Citation, Outstanding Leadership, Outstanding Performance, or Honorable Mention based on the collective performance of the clubs in the division.

Distinguished Division Awards:
1. If 50% of the clubs in the division achieve distinguished, the lieutenant governor will be awarded the Governor’s Citation.
2. If 40% of the clubs in the division achieve distinguished, the lieutenant governor will be awarded the Outstanding Leadership Citation.
3. If 35% of the clubs in the division achieve distinguished, the governor will be awarded the Outstanding Performance Citation.
4. If 25% of the clubs in the division achieve distinguished, the lieutenant governor will be awarded the Honorable Mention Citation.

If the division is distinguished at any level, and the lieutenant governor qualifies for the Distinguished Member Award, the lieutenant governor will receive a Distinguished Governor lapel pin.

Distinguished District Award

The district will qualify for a President’s Citation, Outstanding Leadership, Outstanding Performance, or Honorable Mention based on the collective performance of the clubs in the district.

Distinguished District Awards:
1. If 50% of the clubs in the district achieve distinguished, the governor will be awarded the President’s Citation.
2. If 40% of the clubs in the district achieve distinguished, the district secretary will receive a certificate.
3. If 35% of the clubs in the district achieve distinguished, the governor will be awarded the Outstanding Leadership Citation.
4. If 25% of the clubs in the district achieve distinguished, the district secretary will receive a certificate.

Development and Retaining members

15 Strategies for Increasing Member Attendance and Involvement

Kiwanis clubs that function successfully have appealing service and fundraising projects; hold interesting meetings; involve all members; communicate effectively both within the club and the community; have members that work well together and are a valuable part of the community. Efficient clubs will be able to retain their members far more easily than one that is unsuccessful in those areas. Shaping up retention and membership strategies may take more work for some clubs than for others. But even if your club has some serious issues to address, most of these can be corrected with a unified, honest commitment from club leaders and members working together. Here are 15 strategies your club may wish to consider for improving attendance at club meetings.

1. Monitor Meeting Attendance: If a member is absent from four consecutive meetings without a known reason, that member’s sponsor or the attendance committee should follow up with that person and find out the reason for missing the meetings. If there is a complaint or grievance from the member, take immediate action to correct the situation and retain the member. Have your Club Attendance Chair call those that have missed two or more consecutive meetings.
2. Phone Trees: Assemble a phone tree to call members encouraging them to attend the meeting that day. This is a great method for enticing inactive members to attend meetings. As a direct result, these members often seem to regain enthusiasm about club projects.
3. Current, Up-to-date Club Newsletter and Web Site: Use these communications vehicles to reinforce and build upon items presented in club meetings; explain new policies and programs; remind members about important dates; report progress on various activities and celebrate club success. Increase the number of contributing editors on your website to empower more members to add information pertaining to their committees and events.
4. Add an element of fun: At each meeting an inactive member is selected and a stuffed animal is dropped off at the member’s home or business place. It becomes the member’s responsibility to return this “truant mascot” in person at a regular meeting, where the returning member is properly greeted and recognized. The mascot is then sent along on its next assignment. The whereabouts of the truant mascot should be regularly publicized in the club newsletter.
5. Create a “Buddy List”: Have the club secretary assign each member a “buddy” and...
A poem by Dave Krause
Submitted by Peg Bobzin, President
Penfield-Perinton Club

It only takes a few

A group of ten cared about kids,
And had an idea that was very fine.
But one was asked to donate money,
And now there are only nine.

Nine caring people,
Thought helping kids would “be great!”
But one was asked to commit some
spare time,
And now there are only eight.

Eight thought that a new youth center,
Would be a special gift from heaven.
But one was asked to join a committee,
And now there are only seven.

Seven concerned about juvenile crime,
Wished it was something that
they could fix,
But one was asked to spend time
with a teen,
And now there are only six.

Six were thankful for the gifts,
They had acquired in their lives.
But when asked about planned giving,
The six soon became five.

Five were frustrated,
Wishing for just a few more.
But one became tired of people leaving,
And suddenly there are four.

Four people asking themselves,
Will the next one be me?
One asked the question too many times,
Now they are down to three.

With only three remaining,
And so much to do,
One decided to just give up on kids,
And now there are two.

But the two remaining are leaders,
And to help kids the will find some more.
They each call up their own best friend,
And suddenly there are four.

Four friends who share a common
Thought.
Helping kids is great!
They each recruit their own personal
banker,
And now their team is eight.

Soon these eight recruit eight more,
And I think you will begin to see,
that the number of people helping kids,
Can start with You and me.

Now you can be like the eight who left,
Or be like the final two.
But when you make your decision,
Just remember . . .
It only takes a few
Lieutenant Governors

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Suffolk West

LG Sandra J Berwald
Susquehanna

LG Colin “Smitty” Smith
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LG Phyllis A Belin
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York-Leicester Celebrates 40 Years of Service to Children

The Kiwanis Club of YORK-LEICESTER, Genesee Division – celebrated their 40th anniversary on June 9, 2007 with a celebration party at Hilcrest in Pavilion. Among the guests were, NY State District Governor- J. Donald Herring and his wife Marlene, Past Lt. Governor Ann Holevinski and her husband Robert, and Past International President Gerald Christianso. Certificates of Honor were presented for 25 years of service to Edward Deuel and Richard Moose, for 30 years of service to Louis Scura and Charles (Dutch) Varey, for 35 years of service to William Roffe, William Kane and James Matthews, and for 40 years of service and chartering member Gerald Christianso. Also the club presented its 24th George F. Hixon Fellows award to William Guthrie. This award represented the clubs involvement in Kiwanis International sustainability of universal salt iodization (USI) program which has help children throughout the world.

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situation for any community. I’m sure you all understand that if we as Kiwanians believe in what we do, then we must do all that we can to insure that these great service activities continue into the future.

So, how do we stop the pattern of lost membership and turn it around so that we show growth? I propose to you a relatively easy plan. If every Kiwanian President would accept the goal for his/her club that you will end your year with at least a plus one (+1) in membership we will grow by nearly 300 members. As I said at the start of this discussion, this will not happen unless you make it happen. That means that time must be spent during your meetings on the question of membership and planning how this increase will come about. This must be done starting with your next meeting. If it is left until too late in the year it may not happen. Lieutenant Governor Joe Weiss of the Suffolk East Division has devised an excellent plan that Presidents can use to insure that this issue is discussed. He calls this plan the M.I.F. program. He suggests that in all Kiwanis meetings time should be spent on M.- Membership, L.- Information, and F.- Fun. If your meetings are informative, include membership planning, and the members have fun they will enjoy the Kiwanis experience. This of course, will allow for greater retention of current members and an increase in new members. You should talk to LT. Gov. Joe Weiss for more information on M.I.F. However gaining 300 members is not enough to do our part to achieve the goal of one million (1,000,000) members by the one hundredth birthday of Kiwanis in 2015. We must do more. I have asked the T.A.G. Team Chair Ann Sewart to undertake the addition of twelve (12) new Kiwanis Clubs in the District. By this time that you read this two will have already been formed; one in Albany in the Capital Division thanks to Mike Malark, and one in the Niagara North Division at Wheatland. Thanks for this club going out to Tom Beachy and Colin Smith. We have ten (10) more to go. This will be the task of the T.A.G. Team. I am sure that Ann will be working hard to introduce these new clubs to us. We are also offering several contests for new members sponsors. These contests are explained in another part of this issue of the E.S.K. All in all we must do a better job in the area of growth. This plan, that I speak of here, when achieved, will produce the addition of six hundred new members, and we will not have lost the 400-500 members that we have been losing for an overall gain of at least one thousand (1,000) members. We can do it!!! It must be the commitment of every Kiwanian to bring in a new member this year Join the “Dream Team” honor roll by sponsoring a new member now.

More Service with More Members

The second goal (dream) for this year is more service being undertaken at the club level. This of course ties in with the growth. As more Kiwanians there are to provide service the more service will be performed. New Kiwanians will also bring a wealth of new ideas and ways that service may get to those children that are in need. As many of you know I am personally committed to spreading our New York service to children all around the world. I therefore urge each Kiwanis Club to donate five dollars ($5.00) per member to the Kiwanis International Foundation. This is a small donation from each club, but it will make a major impact on needy children around the world. We make a great impact on the children of our communities, let’s expand our horizons and make a great impact on the children of the world.

Embracing Diversity

The third and last goal (dream) for this year is to embrace diversity in all of our Kiwanis activities. Diversity is a very broad term. It suggests that we do things in a different fashion than we have done them in the past. Our embracing of diversity can take many forms: we can be more diverse in our membership recruitment, we can exercise diversity in our service activities, and in our normal club meetings. I have asked the District Diversity Committee under the direction of Janet Banks and Carl Johnson to identify ways that diversity can be exhibited in our normal Kiwanis activities. I have also asked them to take the leadership in building a new Kiwanis Club that will showcase the essence of what diversity means in our Kiwanis Lives. The Governor’s Project will also be an exercise in diversity. In as much as diversity means different things to different people the same is true of Kiwanis clubs. I am asking any Club who undertakes and completes a self-defined diversity project will earn a Governor’s project banner patch. I would like to see every club in the district proudly display the Governor’s diversity award.

Walk for a Child’s Dream

I want to thank all of you who took part, or will be taking part, in the Walk for a Child’s Dream. As most of you know International President Dave Curry and First Lady Eva were in the New York District to take part in a 10K walk at Kamp Kiwanis. This walk took Continued on Page 11

E-Mail President Mike Wayne, right, presents a check for $2000 to Diana Rumsey from the Food Bank of the Southern Tier.

Elmira Kiwanis Ends Year With Gift to Food Bank of the Southern Tier.

The Kiwanis Club of ELMIRA, Chemung Division – Mike Wayne presented a $2,000 check to Diana Rumsey, Director of Major Gifts of the Food Bank of the Southern Tier, as part of the year end ceremonies of his two year term as President of the Elmira Kiwanis.

According to Wayne, “Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time. There is no more important responsibility that we have as individuals and as a Kiwanis Club than to help those in need, and by supporting the Food Bank we are assisting those who are struggling to meet the most basic of needs - feeding those who are hungry or those who need help in providing adequate nutrition for themselves and their family.”

The Kiwanis Club’s gift was designated as $1,000 to the Food Bank’s “Back Pack” program and $1,000 to the Kids Cafe at the Woodlawn Youth Center and the Southside Community Center.

“If we truly want to make a difference in a students’ life then we should do all we can to make sure that they have access to healthy and well balanced meals. While many students are well nourished while in school, our support of the Back Pack and Kids Cafe programs will help extend this assistance after school and through the weekend,” Wayne said. The Elmira Kiwanis Club, which was founded in 1919, is the third largest Kiwanis Club in New York State.

Troy Kiwanis Welcomes Members

The Kiwanis Club of TROY, Van Rensselaer Division – Lauren Rankey was inducted into the Troy Kiwanis. Ms. Rankey was sponsored by her mother, Cheryl Rankey.

Timothy Maki of Averill Park was also inducted into the Troy Kiwanis. Mr. Maki was sponsored by James Prout. Mr. Maki is the assistant director of facilities at the Sage Colleges.

Pictured above from left to right are: Karl Cote, Lauren Rankey and Cheryl Rankey.

Pictured from left to right are: James Prout, Timothy Maki and Karl Cote.
Olsen Takes the Reins As Franklin Square President

The Kiwanis Club of FRANKLIN SQUARE, Long Island South Central Division – held their 8th Annual Installation of Officers & Board of Directors at the Platteauste Park Restaurant. This is the first time in Franklin Square Kiwanis history, they have installed a Female President! Julie Davis-Olson was a Charter member of the club in 2000 and served as club Secretary 3 consecutive years, Vice President, & President Elect before taking the office of President for the 2007-2008 year.

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additional questions for the Annual Club Report.

The next time you log onto the reporting site, you should choose the Annual Club Report section, follow the prompts and submit your amended report. If your club did not report on-line, then you can go to www.kiwanisone.org/annual-clubreport and follow the prompts to register and then complete your club’s Annual Report. If you choose to submit your Annual Report manually, you will need to download the report, fill it out, and send it to Indianapolis immediately. The importance of this cannot be overstated as it is through these Annual Reports that the District Awards are made for Community Service, Human and Spiritual Aims, Governmental Affairs, etc. Please do not send any reports to the District Office!

Getting on line Now for 2007 – 2008

It is important that all of your reports are submitted On-Line at www.kiwanisone.org/login. No written reports will be accepted at the District Office. There will be a new On-Line reporting form available after November 1st, 2007. That new form will include all of the questions that the Kiwanis International Board and staff need for next year PLUS there will report options that will allow the system to more accurately track your club’s progress towards the 2007 – 2008 Achievement Criteria (Distinguished Club). There will still be adjustments next year, but those should be minimal.

Web-based Training for On-Line reporting

Scott Smith will be giving three online webinars on the 07-08 monthly report. The sessions can accommodate 1,000 people each. If we need to have more due to a high demand then he will schedule an additional session or two. Please follow the link below to sign up for one of the sessions. All times listed are Eastern.


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By SDPLIG Maureen Allen

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Throughout the years, Rich served as chairperson of the club’s Public Relations Committee and most recently he chaired the senior component of the Governor’s Project. Throughout Rich’s Kiwanis activities he served on the Board of Directors, not only of the Club, but the Queens West Kiwanis Foundation’s Board, where he also served on many committees.

When our Club adopted benches along Northern Boulevard in Jackson Heights, Rich was there – paint brush in hand. When the Queens West Kiwanis Foundation held its annual Harvest Festivals “Chef Rich” was there, spatula in hand to help flip the hundreds of burgers needed over the two day festivities each year. He was always on hand, from start to finish during the Club’s annual Street Festival, and he was usually the first to volunteer to do an Inter-Club.

When I was Lt Governor, Rich served as my Division Treasurer. His personal support was always available to me when I visited other clubs if I needed transportation or just company. There was never any question that during “my year” he would come to the International convention in New Orleans. Rich and his wife Lorraine came to the Mid Winter Conference that year, and he stayed up well past his “bedtime” to work the hospitality suite. They also accompanied us to a few District conventions and when our Foundation held its weekends away in the Poconos – they were there, costumes and all, to add to the wonderful camaraderie.

Rich had perfect attendance for seven years. Even during his illness, when not in the hospital, Rich and Lorraine showed up at the weekly meetings.

Rich also made time to be active in other aspects of the Community. He served as Chairperson of Community Board #3 in Queens. During his tenure on the Community Board he chaired many committees. Rich was also a member and former board member of the John F. Kennedy Democratic Club and former president of the New Visions Democratic Club. Rich also served on the boards of the Newtown Senior Center in Enniburth and the United Community Civic Association.

An enthusiast of all kinds of music and especially Doo-Wop, Rich lived a dream when he was a deejay at a local radio station playing the “oldest” music he so loved. During his illness, Rich was an inspiration to all. He always had a positive and upbeat attitude. During our lengthy phone conversations while he was in the hospital, he never wanted to dwell on his illness, instead he would steer the conversation to other subjects – old time TV programs and especially cooking, which we both shared a passion for, as well as travel plans, another great love of Rich and Lorraine’s. Sometimes the discussions turned to politics, which often became loud and heated, but luckily for us, we were both on the same wavelength! Rich, my friend, you are already missed – not only by me and PG Ed but by your entire Kiwanis Family at the club. Your seat next to me at our weekly meetings remains your seat.

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Ken Christensen being installed as Secretary & Treasurer.

Frank Ammendolea being installed as President Elect.

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place on October 17th, and was repeated on October 20th for those who could not attend on Wednesday. Kamp Director Rebecca Lopez and her staff headed by Rob Thompson from Perth, Australia did a remarkable job in planning the event. In all fifty two (52) walkers were in attendance on Wednesday. They met and were photographed with President Dave and Eva prior to and after the walk. On Saturday another fifty (50) were there to take part in that phase of the walk. Special thanks go out to the Circle K Executive Board led by Governor Mike Ott. Mike led the way for all Circle K’s. I also congratulate the Key Clubs from Jamesville-DeWitt High School and Fonda- Fultonville High School all of whom walked on Saturday. “They made my day”. Other walks are scheduled in areas around the District. The Adirondack Division had a walk at their own Camp Kiwanis outside of Plattsburgh. Many thanks to Lt. Gov. Linda Gonyo-Home for directing that walk. Also the Susquehanna Division led by Lt. Gov. Sandra Berwald had a walk within their Division. This walk was strongly supported by The Key Club from Owego High School. Again thank you all. The result of this activity will bring monies to Kamp Kiwanis and to the Kiwanis International Children’s fund. This will allow many more dreams to come true.
Santer Receives Daily Points of Light Award

The Daily Points of Light Foundation has selected Division Avenue High School senior Rickie Santer as the Daily Point of Light for November 9, 2007.

Given each weekday, the Daily Point of Light Award honors an individual or organization that is making a positive and lasting difference in the lives of others. Originally instituted during the administration of former President George Bush, the award was reinstated on January 1, 1998 by the Points of Light Foundation, the Corporation for National Community Service and the Knights of Columbus.

Rickie Santer was selected based on his extensive record of community service especially his work during his two terms as Lt. Governor of NYD Key Club – Division 6. As Key Club Lt. Governor Santer has coordinated the efforts of over 1,500 Key Clubbers in 11 local high schools. He has organized numerous divisional community service projects including:

- Most recently Santer produced the Spotlight 4 Sight Talent Show which raised over $10,000 in support of the Foundation Fighting Blindness’ search for treatments and a cure for retinal disease related blindness.
- On the day of Santer’s award, he will be highlighted on the awards page of the Points of Light foundation Web site at www.pointsoflight.org/awards/dpoi23592. Award winners also receive a congratulatory letter from President George W. Bush.

The North Shore Key Club Creates Awareness for UNICEF Campaign

The Kiwanis Club of NORTH SHORE, Long Island North Division – All dressed up and ready for action, Key Club President Kristina Chen, paraded around North Shore High School to create awareness for the annual UNICEF campaign.

Big smiles with lots of fun and making a difference . . . what a great combination!!

Pictured right: Kristina, center stage, with fellow key clubbers, as she prepares to walk the North Shore Halls on October 31st.

Genesee Division Supports Empire State Games for the Challenged

The GENESEE DIVISION – Governor Cuomo started the games 21 years ago and they are sponsored by the New York state Parks System. There were over 900 participants from all ages. Nine Kiwanis clubs from the Genesee Division donate and serve food to all who participated.

Altogether 41 volunteers assisted Lt. Governor Patrick Weissend in sending this years games another success story for Kiwanis.

Parkway East Kiwanians Donate Books to K-Kids

The Kiwanis Club of Parkway East, Brooklyn Division – donated books for a Reading is Fundamental program at their club sponsored K-Kids school PS 215. Immediate Past Governor Joe Corace was on hand to help give out the books. It turns out that the Governor attended PS 215 as a Kindergarten student. An Award of Appreciation was given to Principal Gail Feuer and her staff of Advisors for their unbringer efforts on behalf of children.

Smith Awarded Student of the Month

The Kiwanis Club of the CENTRAL ADIRONDACKS, Central Division – is pleased to announce that the Student of the Month for November is Ms. Logan Smith. Logan is the daughter of Ron and Susan Smith and a Senior at Town of Webb Union Free School in Old Forge.

The Kiwanis Club of the Central Adirondacks, with the cooperation of the Town of Webb School, has initiated a new recognition program for Senior Students at the school.

Each month from September to May the School Administrators will select a Student of the Month. The student selected will receive $50.00 and with his/her parents be invited to a monthly Kiwanis dinner meeting to make a brief presentation.

As Kiwanis does not have Dinner Meetings in November and December Morgan and her parents will be invited to the Monday, January 21, Kiwanis Dinner Meeting. This Dinner Meeting will be at the North Street Restaurant (formerly Trails End), with cash bar at 6:00 PM and dinner at 6:30 PM.

In June the Kiwanis Scholarship Committee will select a Student of the Year. The Student of the Year will receive $500.00 and with parents be invited to the Kiwanis Annual Meeting for award presentation.

The selection criteria for the Kiwanis Student of the Month are: Community Service, Academics, Athletic Involvement, Student Need and Extra Curricular Activities.
Neighborhood Improvement Association Honors The Kiwanis Club of West End

The Kiwanis Club of WEST END, Brooklyn Division – was recently honored by the (NIA) Neighborhood Improvement Association for their continued support of charities and various groups in our community. Thirty-eight members were in attendance to view their President Donald Mallozzi and Executive Board accept the award.

Photo on right: DPLG Sal Mazzaro and West End President Don Mallozzi.

President Donald Mallozzi makes a gracious acceptance speech.

NY Speaking Conference - Service, Leadership and Lots of Fellowship

by CKI Governor Mike Ott

From November 2-4, 2007, 90 Circle K members from around the Mighty New York District were gathered together in Lake George for a weekend of Service, Leadership, and Fellowship at our 26th annual NY Speaking Conference. “Servin’ like a Rock Star” The weekend gave new and old members alike the chance to meet other CKI members, attend a bunch of workshops, have a discussion with the district board, hear from a representative from Albany Children’s hospital, give awards, do some service, and have a great time!

Throughout the weekend we held a Penny War to raise money for our new international fundraising initiative: “6 Cents Can Save a Life”. CKI has partnered with UNICEF to provide clean drinking water to the children of the world, and New York made a huge contribution this weekend. In the 2 days that we were in Lake George the 90 of us raised $852.31, that was more than what over 600 CKI members raised over a period of 4 days at our International Convention in Portland, OR. This year we continued our new tradition of “Project Chill Out: Governor Style” and since the district raised so much money the entire District Board “chilled out” by running into the freezing cold water of Lake George on Sunday morning.

On Saturday afternoon we had an opportunity to do a service project as a district. We made a bunch of fleece blankets, puzzles, and cards that we donated to the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center in Albany. The members of the district really pulled together and made 25 blankets, 30 puzzles, and a lot of cards. We know that they really brightened the days for a bunch of children in the hospital in Albany.

We were also fortunate enough to have a number of Kiwanians with us for the weekend as well! IP Governor Joe and First Lady Nydia were there, as well as Governor-Elect Doreen and Past Lt. Governor Peter and, of course, Governor Don and First Lady Marlene. We all really appreciated their presence throughout the whole weekend; it really shows that we truly are a part of the Kiwanis Family.

This year’s NY Speaking Conference was a huge success and hopefully you’ll be able to join us next year or for our District Convention from March 14-16, 2008 at the Crowne Plaza in Albany. If you have any questions about Circle K don’t hesitate to contact me. (NYCKIGov@gmail.com)

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prepare a list with names and phone numbers of each “buddy” group. “Buddies” are responsible for ensuring that their assigned teammate attends the meeting.

• Produce a Desk Calendar: Print and distribute a desk calendar for the fiscal year that reminds members and their spouses about the club’s scheduled meetings. Add your events to your club web site and in every week’s bulletin.

• Take a Roll Call: Ask the club secretary or attendance committee chairperson to verbally take a roll call at each meeting. The attendance chair can then call those absent, saying that they were missed while encouraging them to attend the next meeting, and to inform them of any upcoming committee or board meeting so that they could arrange a make-up.

• Create a Point System: Begin by dividing the entire club into groups with an equal amount of people in each group. The groups are responsible for ensuring that their assigned teammate attends the meeting.

• Plan Meetings Well: Improving your actual meetings are the most effective and immediate way to improve the perception of the club from a member standpoint. Check out our ten tips for Planning Effective club meetings under our Membership Development column.

• Develop a Chain of Command: Proper leadership is essential for the club’s success and contributes to every member’s development. Each club should ensure that a definite chain of command exists and that problems arising at a lower level are handled at that level. This increases the leadership abilities of the members involved and will, in turn, develop them into better leaders.

• Create a Harmonious Atmosphere: Club presidents should encourage respect among members, maintain a harmonious atmosphere, allow fresh ideas to be tried, and let members present their ideas even if contrary to tradition.

• Solve Problems Promptly: If a problem arises, the club president should meet with the parties involved to discuss it and reach an amicable solution. It is important not to let problems brew.

• Encourage Communication: Club officers should hold informal coffee or dinner sessions where any member, committee, or group can come and discuss problems, make suggestions or get advice.

• Keep Activities Fresh: Encourage members to attend other clubs’ meetings, thereby creating bonds of friendship and cooperation among neighboring clubs, while exchanging ideas on fund-raising projects and service activities. Periodically something new!

• Take Action Early and Often: The best time to retain members is BEFORE they show signs of losing interest. It is much easier to keep someone happy and satisfied than it is to make him/her happy once they’ve become disgruntled. Make sure members know that the club leadership cares about them and their satisfaction as members.

See the next edition of the ESK for Ten Tips for Planning Effective Meetings
In an effort to recognize individuals for meritorious service, the New York District Foundation has developed the Distinguished Service Award. This high gloss color certificate will be personalized with recipients' names and signed by our Foundation President and packaged in a leather folder with an embossed Foundation label. The award can be presented by clubs once a year for one club member. The donation for this award is $150. It is a great means of honoring someone in a special way. Just fill out the coupon below, enclose your check payable to the NY District Foundation and send to Maureen Neuringer, 1535 63rd Street, Brooklyn, NY 11219.
EMPIRE CLUB MEMBERS

# Name  Date Joined
1 Joseph C. Eppolito  08/10/02
2 Virginia S. Eppolito  08/10/02
3 Robert A. Calabrese  08/23/02
4 Steven J. Eisman  08/23/02
5 Richard J. Yarczower  12/02/02
6 George Dorry, Jr.  12/31/02
7 Ivan Tamopoli  02/11/03
8 David Rothman  03/01/03
9 Orlando Marrazzo, Jr.  03/01/03
10 Christine Marrazzo  03/01/03
11 Steven Saletto  03/05/03
12 Salvatore Anelli  03/05/03
13 Carol Anelli  05/03/03
14 Peter J. Mancuso  05/09/03
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20 Danny Dlukowick  08/15/03
21 Pauline Gibney Maltaghati  08/15/03
22 Louis W. Morse  08/15/03
23 Lilly Vazquez  08/15/03
24 Carole J. Bubb  09/21/03
25 Robert Kruze  09/22/03
26 Virginia Kruse  09/22/03
27 Joseph Battista  11/03/03
28 Maria Battista  11/22/03
29 Thomas Forsyth  08/20/04
30 Barbara Schor  02/28/05

*Deceased . . . . . . . . . . . . . . Rev. 02/26/05

The Empire Club was developed by Past President Lindy Marrazzo, Parliamentarian Steve Eisman and me to mirror the Kiwanis International Heritage Society, which I was the chair of a number of years ago. The Empire Club allows Kewanians and friends of the NY District Foundation to make a long-range gift to further help children that we serve through our District Foundation. It can be through a cash donation of at least $5,000, life insurance and/or any other bequest that you so desire to earmark. The information is kept confidentially in the NYD Foundation Office.

Remember, joining the Empire Club allows you to make a long-range gift to the District Foundation and be recognized at all District Conventions with a reception in your honor, a plaque, pin and a banner patch for your club's banner. NYD Foundation President Sal Anelli and I would be honored to make the presentation at our Mid-Year Conference in February or District Convention in August. (We can also arrange to have a Foundation Board member present your award at a Division Council meeting.)

Call me – 315-449-3000, ext 358, or email me: Pepster@aol.com with your questions, suggestions, concerns or any other comments that you have about the program.

EMPIRE STATE KIWIANI

January 2008

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It’s the year 2008, I can’t believe that 2007 came and went. As it is with every year we have a chance to look back and reflect on the positives and the negatives of the past 12 months and hopefully the ups outweigh the downs. For me, as I look back, the most glaring negative was the loss of our good friend, Past Governor and Sponsored Youth Chair, Anthony “Tony” Palangi. It’s still hard to accept that at future meetings, Tony will not be with us. I’m not sure that anything that we accomplish will ever outweigh the loss of Tony. I am sure that he would be the first to say, “Go forward and have a positive upcoming year.” So let’s go forward and do what we do for the children of our district and make Tony proud.

Let me give you some of the positives that have occurred to date; first, I had a hard task to perform – finding someone who can take the sponsored youth chairmanship vacated by the loss of Tony Palangi. I really wanted someone who had the same fervor for our sponsored youth. I wanted someone who was a worker and qualified to take the job. Well, I found that person, or rather that person found me. It gives me great pleasure to announce that Mickey Leamey will be the Sponsored Youth Chairwoman. As you all know, Mickey is a tremendously hard worker and has been involved with our youth for so long as I remember. Thank you Mickey for volunteering and welcome aboard.

I welcome Garrett Lacara as an appointee to our board; Garrett will be in charge of procuring grants from various government and other agencies. He is a dynamic individual and wants to help our cause, thank you Garrett and welcome.

Another new appointee to our board is the sitting Lt. Governor from the Suffolk East Division, Joe Weiss. Joe will be chair for special events and the first project is already in the works. Joe is hosting a Super Bowl Party for Kamp Kiwanis. If you want to find out more on how you can support this fundraising event, please contact Joe at joe@optonline.net.

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Disaster Relief

With so many disasters in the past few years, we have made a decision to be proactive. Instead of collecting and sending things 3 weeks after the disaster, our goal is to be able to send immediate help no matter where it is in the U.S. Please bring the following items to the Mid-Winter and District Conventions, so we can start our disaster relief collection.

CLEANING ITEMS
Paper towels – rolled, Toilet paper, Kleenex – boxed and individual packages, Cleaning Products (409, Fantastic, etc.), Clorox, Tide Laundry Detergent, Dawn liquid dish soap, and Sponges.

FOR PERSONAL HYGIENE KITS
(full sizes please)
Shampoo, Body Lotion, Soap, Shaving cream, Toothbrushes, Bath Towels, Razors – men and women, Wash Clothes, Deodorant – men and women, Toothpaste, Johnson & Johnson Baby Powder, Women’s personal hygiene items (Kotex, tampons, etc.), FOOD ITEMS
Canned Fruit and Vegetables, Canned Fruit Juice, Canned Soup, Canned Beans, Canned Spaghetti Sauce, Canned Meats such as Tuna, Spam, Chicken, Corned Beef.

ALSO NEEDED:
Pasta: Spaghetti, macaroni, rigatoni, etc., Macaroni and Cheese, Hot Cereal, Peanut Butter and Jelly. We will be sorting and packing items as an on site service project.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Parents and Campers Thank Kiwanians for Sponsorship

Thank you very much for the camp sponsorship! I had a wonderful time at camp and I really appreciate it.

Sincerely,
Jonathan Skowencki
Buffalo, NY

Thank you for the letter from one of the parents who enjoyed a wonderful camp experience.

Kiwanis walkers who raised money in a “Walk For A Child’s Dream” included from left, top row – Ellie Grella, Marlene Gosson, District Governor Don Harring, International President Dave Curry, First Lady Marlene Herrin, JoAnne Underwood, Lisa Scali, and Mickie Leamey; front row – Kathy Ammann, Diane Howser, Rita Brigman, and Mary Burns.

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The Kiwanis Club of SOLVAY-GEDDES-CAMILUS, Ontario Division – sent seven walkers to join with some 50 other Kiwanians from the New York District joined International President Dave Curry to raise some $10,000 in pledged donations from a 10-K Walk held in the Kamp Kiwanis in Rome, NY.

New York District Governor Don Harring organized the walk on October 17, as well as a second one on October 20 with area walkers from Key Clubs, Circle K clubs, and other Kiwanians from central and northern New York.

Together the two walks produced some $20,000 in pledged donations. Half of the money goes to Kamp Kiwanis for its facilities and camperships for needy kids. The other $10,000 goes to the Kiwanis Foundation for various youth programs throughout the state and the world. Several other clubs and divisions in the state are conducting walks and other fund-raisers to boost the dual-benefit programs.

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