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 NYK 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

The North Shore Key Club Creates Awareness for UNICEF Campaign

The Kiwanis Club of NORTH SHORE, Long Island North Division – Al married 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 GENESSEE 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.

Pictured above: L-R: Genesee Division Chairman for Empire State Games at Brockport Patrick Bonacci – Greece Kiwanis club, Lena Del Monche, Helen Smith and Ann Weinstein from the Gates Greece Kiwanis club.

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 unbril efforts on behalf of children.

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The Kiwanis International Site has changed!

When you go to www.kiwanis.org you will find a brand new look. This is now the site that most people surfing the Web will see. The content is designed to explain to non-Kiwanians what we do as a group of volunteers. Lots of splash and neat stuff will be found on this page. However, to find the form downloads and reporting information you need to administer your clubs just click on “member resources” on the left menu and you will be taken to www.kiwanioint.org. This is the site that will give you all of the information and forms you need as Club Secretary, etc. They have also added some neat features and search functions that should help your club improve your members’ experiences at meetings and projects.

If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact the District Office or me at ANY TIME! … Justin Underwood, NY District Secretary/Treasurer, 1-800-419-8898 or justinau@rochester.rr.com.

Smith Awarded Student of the Month

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.

Check out the New York District Website at www.kiwanis-ny.org