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Cricket Player at
K Family Weekend**

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Joseph Eppolito

I hope that all of you had a happy holiday season. We completed a very successful K-Family Weekend at the Hudson Valley Resort & Spa. We brought together Kiwanians, Key Club and Circle K leaders for a weekend of fun, fellowship, Kiwanis Board meetings and spirited games of cricket. Now that we are in the new year it's time to look forward to upcoming events:

Mid-Year Conference

This year's Mid-Year Conference will be held February 25-27, 2005 at the Hudson Valley Resort & Spa Kerhonkson, New York. We are planning a very exciting and fun-filled program. There will be many new forums that will be of interest to all. See Registration Form on page 10 of the ESK. Note: registration goes directly to the Hudson Valley Resort and Spa.

International Convention 2005

The 90th Annual Kiwanis International Convention will take place on July 2-6, 2005 in Honolulu, Hawaii. The New York delegation will have the Sheraton Wakiki Hotel as its headquarters hotel. In addition, we have the Double Tree Inn for those Kiwanians interested in another 5 Star property at an excellent land only package. Clubs received a mailing in November, 2004 with all the appropriate KI and NY District Forms. The NY District land only package form can be found on our webpage. KI forms are available on the KI webpage and October, 2004 KI magazine.

Hawaii has many things to offer to the Kiwanians and their families. The convention promises to be one you will enjoy. Make your plans early and enjoy your visit to Hawaii and the Kiwanis International Convention. Let's all get behind PG Tom DeJulio and elect him Kiwanis Int'l Trustee.

Monthly Reports

The division Lt. Governor and the District Office needs your help. The Club Monthly Report needs to be completed and sent on a timely basis to your Lt. Governor and the District Office. In turn, the District Office can produce a more accurate monthly report for clubs and divisions that reflect service projects, youth activities, sponsored youth activities and membership totals. For the most part, 30% of our 300+ clubs do NOT send their monthly reports in on a timely basis. Part of the duties of a club secretary is to complete the monthly report and get it in to the District Office no later than the 10th of the next month. A President needs to review and sign the report. Timely filing ensures better communication at all levels.

New York District Website
www.kiwanis-ny.org

Nine Highlights From Ninety Years of Kiwanis

As Kiwanis celebrates its 90th anniversary, each of the past 90 years was important for those we serve. Here are nine years that were especially important for the organization, when events changed the history of Kiwanis.

1914 – Allen S. Browne, a professional organizer for fraternal groups, has an idea for a new kind of club and begins recruiting business and professional men in Detroit, Michigan. Browne's proposed name for the group, the Benevolent Order Brothers, is rejected, however. As one member commented, "Who wants to belong to an organization called BOB?" A committee consults with a local historian, who tells them about a phrase in the local American Indian language: Nunc Kee-wanis, which means, approximately, "We get together" or "We trade." The club adopts an abbreviated version of this phrase, Kiwanis. January 21, 1915, becomes the official birthday of Kiwanis when the Detroit group receives a corporate charter from the State of Michigan.

1919 – A debate over the organization's purpose, personal business advantage or community service, reaches a climax at the convention in Birmingham, Alabama. As a professional organizer, Browne owns rights in the organization and supports the business exchange model for Kiwanis. The anti-Browne majority offers to buy him out and Browne names his price: \$17,500. Members and clubs quickly subscribe the sum on the convention floor. Kiwanis "buys itself" and service triumphs over business interests. Henry J. Elliott, Montreal, Quebec, is the first Canadian President.

1924 – A constitutional convention is held in Denver, Colorado. A more detailed constitution is adopted, the six Permanent Objects of Kiwanis are adopted, and Kiwanis International becomes the official name.

KI Foundation Helps 'Give Children A Chance' Through Annual Gift Campaign

by DPG Joseph Eppolito

The Kiwanis International Foundation helps Kiwanis International in its quest to serve the children of the world. This year's theme is: give children a chance. You can do that by having your club contribute the the KI Foundation Annual Club Gift Campaign for 2004-05.

All club presidents received a letter from the KI Foundation along with a brochure to complete. To be eligible for distinguished club, a club needs to contribute at least \$5 per member based on the club's membership totals as of 10/01/04 or \$100, whichever is greater. The club will also receive a banner patch if at least \$25 is donated but unless the club contributes at the distinguished criteria level, it will not count towards the 100% contribution award for the division.

The monies are used to support Sponsored Youth Education, scholarships, Kiwanis Education and grants..so PLEASE be generous.

Historically, the NY District has lagged behind most of the other 48 Districts in Kiwanis International in this area of need. We usually get only 40% of our 300+ clubs to make a contribution. let's buck that trend and give this year.

I can be contacted @ 315-449-8613, the District Office: 315-735-3463 or emailed: pepster@aol.com should you have any questions on the KI Foundation.

1925 – The Kiwanis Club of Sacramento sponsors a club for "key boys" in the local high school. This first Key Club will eventually grow into the world's largest service club for high school students. Key Club will be joined by Circle K for collegians, Builders Club for junior high students, and K-Kids for elementary students in future decades.

1940 – Kiwanis marks its 25th anniversary with a birthday party in Detroit. Twenty-five silver dollars decorating the cake are auctioned for \$625, the first funds of the new International Foundation. In the future, the foundation will become a major partner in Kiwanis service, receiving and granting more than \$1 million each year to support Kiwanis service programs.

1955 – After almost 40 years of renting ever-expanding office space, plans are made for Kiwanis to own its own headquarters. Delegates approve a \$1 increase in dues for three years to pay for the building. The 1958 International Convention is held in Chicago to witness the laying of the cornerstone, and the staff moves into the new Kiwanis International Building in 1959.

1961 – The convention in Toronto is the largest in history with almost 14,000 registrants. In a historic action, convention delegates approve Kiwanis extension outside the United States and Canada. Today, Kiwanis clubs are active in 94 nations.

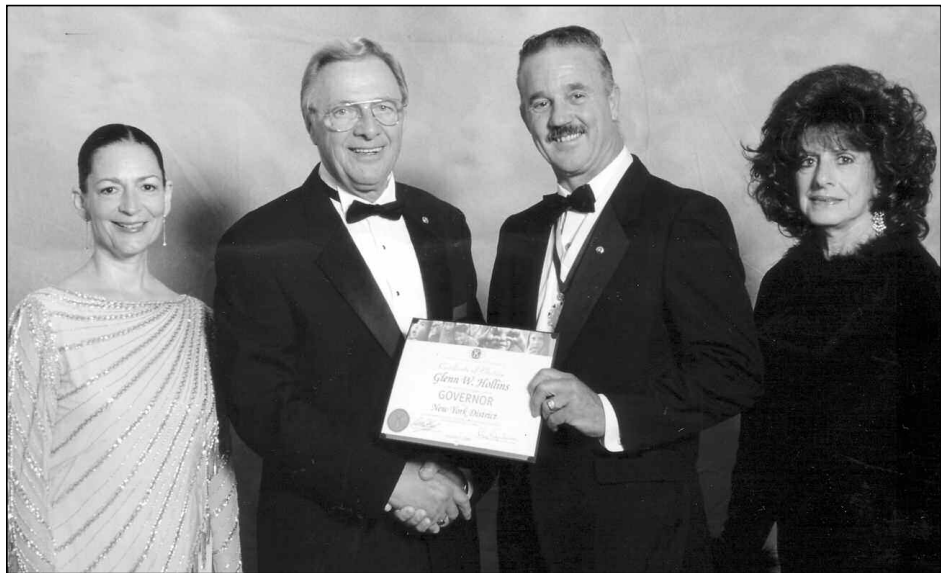
1987 – After 15 years of debate, the International Board recommends adoption of a women's membership amendment, and

delegates to the Washington, DC, convention approve the historic change overwhelmingly. US President Ronald Reagan addresses the convention and honors the Kiwanis school-age drug abuse campaign with a Presidential Citation for Private Sector Initiatives, the nation's top award for community outreach programs.

1994 – The first Kiwanis Worldwide Service Project to eliminate iodine deficiency disorders is officially launched at the International Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana. The \$75 million fund-raising goal is surpassed in 2001, and today Kiwanis-funded IDD programs are active in more than 90 nations. The United Nations Children's Fund, our project partner, estimates that these programs are protecting 75 million children each year from the risk of mental retardation. Ian Perdriau, a member of the Kiwanis Club of Melbourne, Australia, is elected as the first International President from outside the founding nations of the United States and Canada.



Governor Receives Certificate of Election



International President Case Van Kleef (center left) and Susan Van Kleef (left) presented the official Certificate of Election to District Governor Glenn Hollins (center right) and Susan Groenewoud (right) during the Kiwanis International Council meeting in Indianapolis in October.

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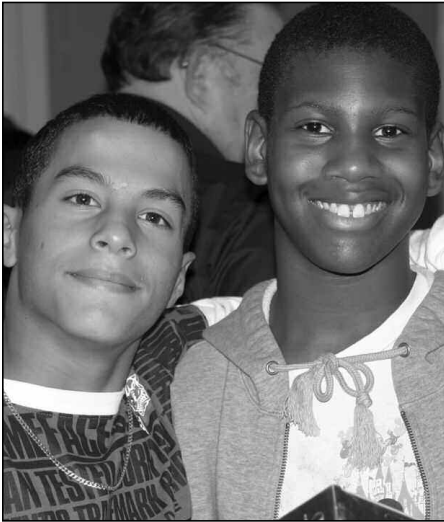
Presentation Promotes Read Around the World

Read Around the World is Kiwanis International's newest annual observance. This year, Kiwanis clubs will encourage child literacy from February 1-March 3. Support materials were sent to clubs in November.

The purpose of Read Around the World is to promote child literacy by reading to children and presenting them with age-appropriate books they can keep and read again. During the past two years, hundreds of Kiwanis clubs have read to children at libraries, schools, and child-care facilities and given thousands of books to children so they can continue reading at home.

Now Kiwanians can explain the project to their own clubs and other groups with a new PowerPoint presentation. The 13 PowerPoint slides explain the basics of Read Around the World and inform viewers how they can participate. For a copy of the presentation, direct your request to ewarren@kiwanis.org or call Kiwanis International at 800-549-2647 ext. 211.

Westchester Village & Morris Park Bring Presents and Smiles to Kids



The Kiwanis Clubs of **MORRIS PARK** and **WESTCHESTER VILLAGE**, Bronx Westchester South Division – for the last fifteen years have provided a Christmas Party for the children of the Institute for Special Education and this year was no different. LG Rocco Riti, Morris Park Pres. Peter Caliendo and Westchester Village Pres. Angie Politano and Kiwanians gathered at the Institute on Pelham Parkway in the Bronx where they decorated and set-up for the party. DJ Serg provided spirited musical entertainment for the crowd who danced and enjoyed the sound.

Each child was asked in advance, “what would you like from Santa?” The highlight of the evening was a visit from the man in the red suit, “Santa Claus.” They children cheered with joy and were thrilled to see Santa (Morris Park’s Gary DeViso) with presents for all. The event was organized by Tony Sassone, who got the toys from Steve’s Toyland.

The Morris Park and Westchester Village Clubs also made sure there was a magician on hand to entertain the youngsters. Everyone feasted on delicious food and the spirit of the season prevailed.



Governor
Glenn W. Hollins

Susan and I would like to extend our sincere best wishes for a healthy and happy New Year for everyone. The good things that our clubs have done through this season brought joy to many families and individuals. It is your Kiwanis club that has made a difference. The variety of projects demonstrated our commitment to our communities.

We are looking forward to seeing you at our Mid Year Conference on February 25-27, 2005 at the Hudson Valley Resort & Spa. It will be a wonderful conference and we have many interesting forums and workshops for you. For further information about our conference schedule, forums and other events, please go to our web site, www.kiwanis-ny.org.

Just a quick update about the terrific K-Family Weekend we had in November. Kiwanians, Circle Kers and Key Clubbers enjoyed a busy weekend of forums, board meetings and best of all some spirited games of cricket, thanks to Queens West LG Eric Shavarain. We met our counterparts in the K-family and got to know each other while having fun. Thanks you to all the helping hands who created a special weekend for all of us.

On page 4 you will notice a Round Robin Form to report your interclub visits. I encourage everyone to get involved in this valuable exchange of ideas from your fellow Kiwanians. Remember to send your reports to the District Office so your club can get credit for your efforts.

All New York District Clubs should be in the process of planning some projects that will meet the criteria for the 2005-2006 Governor’s Project. The types of projects that each club does should be limited only by the imagination and inventiveness of the club members. Therefore, clubs are encouraged to undertake new projects whose basic themes combine children and their safety and partner with other organizations as appropriate.

Here are some ideas for you to consider:

- Partnering with the local fire department and have school children conduct a home fire safety check list.
- Partnering with the local, county or state police and have a car seat safety check;
- Partnering with the AAA and hold a bicycle safety rodeo.
- Partnering with the ASPCA, zoo, veterinarian or local animal rescue group for an animal and child safety program.

With home pool safety, playground safety, road and traffic safety and household safety clubs should have no problem creating new and exciting projects which I look forward to hearing about.

See you at the New York District Mid-Year Conference. I think you will be pleasantly surprised with our new location.

Basket Raffle to Be Held At Mid-Year Conference

*By Rebecca Ovadia
Basket Raffle Chair*

This year, as in the past, we will be holding a basket raffle at the Mid-Year Conference at the Hudson Valley Resort on February 25-27, 2005.

The success of the raffle year after year is truly a shining achievement for our District and for all of our generous Kiwanians within. This year, First Lady Susan had designated Kamp Kiwanis and the Pediatric Trauma Center at North Shore University Hospital as the recipients of money raised by the raffle.

We are requesting at least one gift basket from each Division in the District to be raffled off at the February Conference. Of course, we will be happy to accept as many baskets as are donated. This is a great opportunity for you to showcase the uniqueness of your Club or Division and to highlight the product native to your area.

We hope to create some excitement and fun at our weekend at the Hudson Valley Resort and in the process raise much needed money for our Kamp and the Pediatric Trauma Centers.

If you have any questions about the raffle, please contact me, Rebecca Ovadia, Basket Chair at WoodsideKiwanis@aol.com or at (516) 432 5690. I look forward to meeting you and the fruits of your labor in February. Thank you.

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



Diversity

C. Janet Banks

Leadership is the one most important components necessary to achieve diversity or inclusiveness in any organization. An organization must seek more visionary leaders to push the organization forward at all levels. It is then imperative that leadership from the very top is committed to putting resources and people in positions to embrace and promote diversity or inclusiveness.

Kiwanis International leaders put into practice what is stated above. That visionary leader in Kiwanis International was Past International President Brian Cunat. Under Past President Cunat the first Kiwanis International Diversity Committee was created with 18 members from varied backgrounds and a Chairman, Past International President Walter Sellers was at the helm. This committee has met annually at Kiwanis International's home office. The committee's objective was simple: Kiwanis should increase its capacity to better serve more communities by engaging different people with different ideas on how to best serve the needs of the community. We should openly accept and tolerate others, and develop greater sensitivity to the appreciation of



other cultures and reach out to increase membership of women and younger adults. The commitment of Past President Cunat was continued by Kiwanis Past International President Ito and currently embraced by Kiwanis leadership team with Kiwanis International President Case Van Kleef at the helm. As Kiwanis International Immediate President Robert Moore stated: We are determined to get away from the traditional "Your year and my year" in Kiwanis. He stated further that Kiwanis is not a "sprint" but, is a "relay" race -and each year the baton of leadership, the outgoing and the incoming leaders must be up and running full steam in the same lane. This is equally important on the club and district level. It was under Immediate Past President Robert Moore that Kiwanis International presented its first Diversity forum during its International Convention held in St. Louis, MO in June

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Caring Kiwanians Respond to Tsunami Relief Appeals

The Kiwanis International Headquarters was closed from Christmas to New Year's Day, so no staff was on duty when news of the Indian Ocean tsunami spread around the world. However, Kiwanis clubs didn't wait for guidance from headquarters.

The Kiwanians of Colombo, Sri Lanka, gathered emergency supplies, jumped into their cars, and drove across the island nation to the devastated areas. Clubs in Singapore and Taiwan immediately sent funds to Kiwanis clubs in the affected nations. The Kiwanis International Foundation sent e-mail alerts to Kiwanis leaders around the world, informing them that the Foundation's disaster relief fund was ready to accept and forward donations from clubs and members.

"The Indian Ocean tsunami is the largest natural catastrophe in living memory, and

Kiwanis will be part of the humanitarian response," said International President Case Van Kleef. "Kiwanis clubs in the disaster areas communicated with the International Office and identified urgent needs. The Kiwanis International Foundation's disaster relief fund is the best way for Kiwanis clubs to answer these appeals. Kiwanis funds will target the immediate and long-term needs of the many children who have been injured or orphaned by this tragic event."

During the first week, 176 Kiwanis clubs and individual members donated more than \$80,000. Many more have responded since then, and the Kiwanis International Foundation continues to direct funds to relief and reconstruction projects sponsored by Kiwanis clubs in the nations damaged by the earthquake and resulting tsunami.

Interclub Guidelines Have Changed

Below is a Round Robin Form for reporting your Club's Inter-Club activity for the 2003-04 Administrative Year. If your club has not yet completed this form, please do so and forward to your division's 2003-04 Lt. Governor for verification, this form must be returned to the District Office as soon as possible.

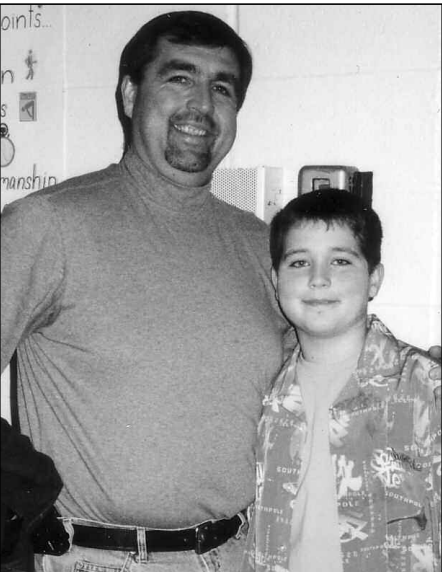
The Inter-Club Guidelines have changed for the 2004-2005 Administrative Year. Clubs with 20 or fewer members need a minimum of two members in attendance to constitute an inter-club meeting.

Clubs with 21 to 30 members need three members, and clubs with 31 or more members need at least four members in attendance.

These new guidelines can be found in the October 2004 Kiwanis Magazine on page 51, under the Club Clinic section.

Amityville Presents Powell Terrific Award

For the fourth year, the Kiwanis Club of North Amityville will sponsor the Terrific Kids Program at the newly renovated Park Avenue School located in Amityville, New York. Over 1,000 students have received certificates, pencils, and stickers.



(left) Amityville member Andy Powell is very proud of his son Wesley for receiving the "Terrific Kids" Award two years consecutively. Wesley is also an honor student and has received numerous other awards.

New York District Kiwanis 2003-2004 Administrative Year

Inter-Club and Round Robin Form

CLUB: DIVISION:

DATE	CLUB VISITED	# OF MEMBERS PARTICIPATING

of Completed Round Robins Signature: Lt. Governor Verification

NEW YORK District of KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL- Achievement -														October 2004
Division, Nr	Membership		Month	Pct'g Attdc	Meeting	Inter-	Complete Projects	Missing Reports	DUES OWED		Spons YouthC	NEW CLUBS	Stat Prob.	TOTAL ACTIVE
	Start Yr	Net Change	End	W_Prog	Clubs	YC_Pr1			October	April				
Adirondack 1	343	(7)	336	43%	16		10	4			13			11
Bronx Westchester-South 2	411		411	41%	13	2	19	8			13			13
Brooklyn 3	322	(2)	320	48%	3	4	7	9			8			12
Capital 4	169	2	171	58%	12	1	17	3			8			7
Central 5	300	(4)	296	53%	18	10	11	3			7			10
Chemung 6	375	5	380	52%	24	17	16	3			12			11
Finger Lakes 7	465	16	481	51%	15	4	32	4			13			12
Genesee 8	632	(9)	623	66%	27	34	108	4			12			19
Hudson River 9	333	(2)	331	65%	20	3	28				13			9
Hudson River West 10	393	(5)	388	50%	14	29	35	1			9			9
Hudson Tri-County 11	148	(4)	144	39%	3	6	4	4			9			6
Long Island North 12	477	(5)	472	40%	19		30	8			12			15
Long Island South Central 13	840	(17)	823	42%	18	36	56	7			18			18
Long Island Southwest 14	337	(11)	326	39%	9	3	16	3			11			10
Metropolitan 15	239		239	49%	12	1	19	4			7			8
Mohawk 16	407	4	411	46%	17	6	23	6			26			13
Niagara Frontier East 17	338		338	64%	12		18	3			3			9
Niagara Frontier North 18	265		265	41%	10	1	4	4			5			8
Niagara Frontier West 19	164	1	165	41%	4		5	2			7			5
Ontario 20	285	(9)	276	51%	14	7	12	3			9			14
Queens East 21	271		271	49%	3		7	7			4			9
Queens West 22	582	3	585	74%	22	10	94	8			12			17
Saint Lawrence 23	263	(9)	254	51%	17	11	39	2			7			10
Southwestern 24	299	(6)	293	41%	14	1	6	4			9			11
Suffolk East 25	354	18	372	45%	8		16				8			12
Suffolk West 26	247	(2)	245	45%	9	3	10				8			6
Susquehanna 27	245	(3)	242	53%	10	3	6	4			7			10
Van Rensselaer 28	219	1	220	55%	14	12	28				13			6
N.Y. DISTRICT Totals	9723	(45)	9678	50%	377	204	118	676	108	\$ - \$ -	283			300
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Hornell Kiwanians Celebrate 65 Service Years to Community

On September 11, 2004, the Hornell Kiwanis Club celebrated the 65th Anniversary of their Charter at Rupert's at the Lodge. The Club was chartered on September 8, 1939 by Hornell Area businessmen.

Graciously accepting the invitation of the club to attend the celebration was past Kiwanis Governor Peter Mancuso and his wife Karen, Past Governor Justin Underwood (02-03) and his wife current Lt. Governor of her division Joanne. Former Governor from Hornell's Chemung Division Dutch Craumer (93-94) attended with Bonnie. Days before the event former Governor Jim Yochum (98-99) and his wife Mary became unavailable but had intention of attending.

International Kiwanis President Robert Moore sent along his congratulations on our years of service to the community and wished the club many more to come.



The night began with a moving invocation by Hornell Past President Chuck Robertson acknowledging the 9-11 events of three

(L -R) IPG Peter Mancuso, Chemung Lt. Gov. Mimi Melegrito inducting incoming President Steve Peck and looking on Vice President Bob Peisher, Outgoing President Tim Rosell, Steve's wife Sherrie Peck awaiting the pinning.

years prior followed by a moving clarinet solo of Amazing Grace by Jim Herrick who entertained the crowd with wonderful dinner music throughout the night.

Governor Peter remained for the swearing in of the new officers and board by incoming Chemung Lt. Governor Mimi Melegrito while outgoing two term Lt. Governor of the Chemung Division Kathy Peris looked on with her spouse John. The incoming officers are: President Steve Peck, President Elect Bob Peisher, staying on for their second term each were the Secretary Fred Wessels (P. Lt. Governor) the Treasurer Stan Cone. Outgoing board members were thanked for their tenure and contribution to the board. Outgoing President Tim Rosell swore in their newest member Shirley Morey as one of his last official duties of his term which expired on September 30th.

An interclub from Corning as well as many of the Hornell Kiwanis members and their guests attended and were treated to a red pepper bisque, a meal of prime rib, chicken marsala or salmon. The dining room was tastefully decorated with a red, white and blue, stars and stripes patriotic theme in respect for the day. The committee of the 65th was properly thanked and the night ended with delicious desserts prepared by Rupert's staff.

Three Divisions Interclub at Holiday Tree Festival in Canandaigua Area



Representatives of three New York District Divisions attend the 2004 Festival of Tree's in Canandaigua. Pictured: representing the Brooklyn Division were Nydia and Joe Corace, representing the Finger Lakes Division were Pat & Linda Cooney and Patricia Hook and representing the Genesee Division were Justin & Joann Underwood and Guy & Terry Desant. It was a beautiful start to a great holiday season.

Banks

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2004. The presenters were: Kiwanis International first woman Board member, Lisa McCoy, C. Janet Banks and Al Gilbert III, the latter two are members of the Kiwanis International Diversity Committee since its inception. This diversity forum was warmly received as indicated by the attendance and the questions asked following the presentations.

New York District Past Governor Justin Underwood followed the lead of Kiwanis International and created the New York District Kiwanis first Diversity committee and appointed C. Janet Banks as the Chairwoman of the New York District. Governor Justin initiated a first diversity forum during New York District mid winter conference, the presenters during the Diversity forum was Past Governor Tom DeJulio, Lt. Governor Maureen Allen and Chairperson, Lt. Governor C. Janet Banks. This forum helped to promote awareness of the enrichment and strength diverse membership can offer clubs. Chairwoman Janet and the diversity committee main objective was to create more awareness and to motivate clubs to see the benefits from diversity and inclusiveness. Janet created a diversity patch with the assistance of a fellow Kiwanian, Cheryl Kovarsy from the Kiwanis Club of Hollis. The Diversity patch has created interest anti clubs in the district are on the

increase for meeting the criteria to earn it.

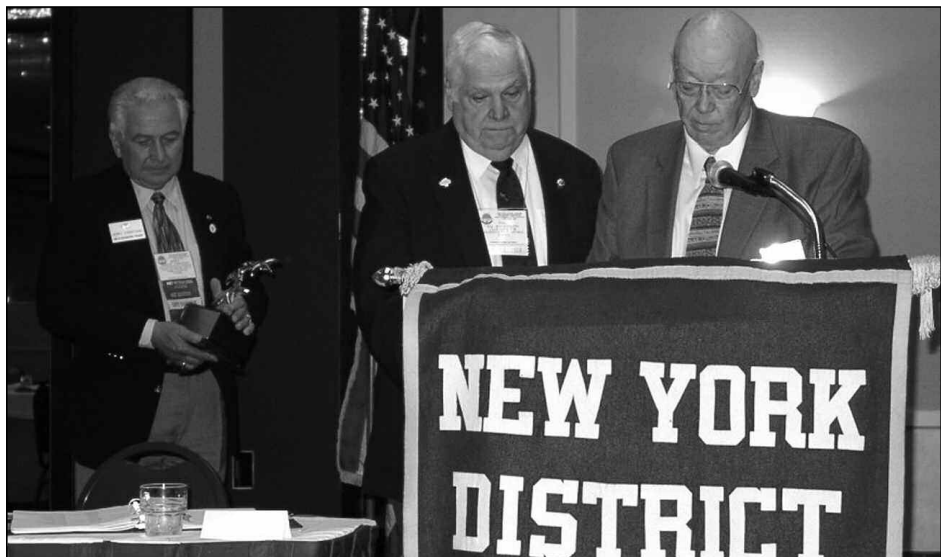
NY District Immediate Past Governor, Peter Mancuso has continued to carry the baton for diversity in NY District relay race. Under his leadership, the first diversity forum was held during the 2003-2204 NY District Convention. Tiffani Banks Day, Peter Yu, Phyllis Smith and C. Janet Banks were the Presenters. Under the leadership of Past Governor Peter an Asian Club, the Kiwanis Club of Flushing was organized in Queens East Division. This new club has already strengthened the NY District with its membership and plans to meet the needs of its community and increase its membership.

As New York District Governor Glenn Hollins took office he and the 2004-2005 District Diversity Committee are committed to continue the New York District Kiwanis mission in diversity.

In a recent article that appeared in the Kiwanis magazine, the writer mentioned a request by Janet and that is she hopes that each Kiwanian will remember that "Kiwanis has a place for each face." The New York District 2004-2005 Diversity committee is reflective of that logo.

The 2004-2005 New York District Committee includes: Virginia Eppolito, Sister Marie Kirmse, Martin Neuringer, Phyllis R. Smith, Peter Yu and C. Janet Banks Chairperson.

Sal Matroniano Receives Christiano Award



This past August, the Past Governors Council presented their coveted Gerald P. Christiano Award to **Rochester West Central's Sal Matroniano**. The award was presented by Past International President Jerry Christiano and Past Governor Jack Tetamore to Sal Matroniano for all his devoted efforts on

behalf of Kiwanis and our children. The Gerald P. Christiano award is presented annually at the NY District Convention by the Past Governors Council, after they have consider the nominees for this award based on their time in and service to the New York District.

Circle K Does Their Part to Help Tsunami Victims

This letter comes from Andrew Sindell Circle K Club Building and Development Chair in response to the tsunami disaster.

Hey Everyone – I know everyone is having difficulty taking the devastating news of the recent Tsunami disaster. Many people I know are trying to find a way to help. I want to share a personal story that took place two days ago in Westchester County, NY that others can use as a possible example of how they can help.

I was talking with one of my friends over this winter break and we decided we wanted to do something in order to help the victims of the Tsunami disaster. Since we both lack creativity we figured something simple would work best. We gathered a bunch of our friends and decided to go to the busiest part of town where we all grew up and simply set up a table. Before choosing a location to set up and try to collect money we had to pick an organization to donate to. Our goal was to find the organization that would give the highest percentage of money to the Disaster Relief. To our amazement we found one organization in Stamford CT called Americares (www.americares.org) which is giving 100% of the money to relief with no overhead. We also liked this organization

because it does not have any religious affiliation which made it easy for almost anyone to donate.

We simply had a table with a few chairs and information about the organization we had chose to donate to. We had some flyers, facts, as well as pictures, about the Tsunami and Americares. The reception we received was amazing, tons of people donated money some well over \$100, both cash and checks. Many people told us that they have been meaning to donate but didn't know which organization to choose or how to donate so this gave them a wonderful opportunity. In the end the local news ended up coming and did a story on the fundraising campaign.

Today I went to Stamford to drop off the money and meet with the President/CEO of the organization, he was extremely thankful and told me people all over the country were beginning to rally local citizens to donate. In total we raised over \$2000 in about eight hours. I urge everyone to try to organize some fundraising efforts for tsunami relief whether it be at your school, within your Circle K club, division or in your hometown.



Alzheimer's Project

Steve Haller

by Mary Ann Ragona, Alzheimer's Assoc.

On Saturday, October 2, 2004, Long Island Kiwanians joined the Alzheimer's Association of Long Island for Memory Walk 2004. Members from the Long Island Kiwanis Clubs, Key Clubs & K-Clubs joined the Alzheimer's Association to help raise funds to support the programs and services offered by the Long Island Chapter.

This year new fund raising techniques included the creation of Memory Walk Coordinator positions and the development of District WebPages where Kiwanis members could log on and make a donation to the Association. Kiwanis members also encouraged business colleagues, friends, and family members to log on and support Memory Walk 2004.

Collectively, Long Island Kiwanians raised over \$4600 for the Long Island Chapter. Kiwanis members also volunteered their time on the day of the walk to work at the tote, t-shirt and food tents. A memorable moment was watching the "dancing Kiwanis chefs" at the BBQ pits. They danced in their aprons to the tunes of our DJ, Spin Around Sound. Everyone got into the spirit of the day helping to raise more than \$117,000 for Long Island programs and services.

I am (Mary Ann Malack-Ragona, Executive Director/CEO) most appreciative of all of the efforts put forth by the Long Island Kiwanis Clubs. "Without the support of the Kiwanis Clubs, we would not be able to put this event together." "Kiwanians play a major role in the success of this event." This year Ms. Ragona faced a particular challenge, as the truck that was delivering all of the equipment and supplies for the Walk blew a tire and arrived two hours late for the Walk. Kiwanis members rolled up their shirt sleeves, organized the volunteers, formed an assembly line and because of their enthusiasm and efforts, opening ceremonies went on as planned at 10:00 a.m.

Alzheimer's Association of Long Island would like to thank the Long Island Kiwanis Clubs for their continued support. A special thank you goes to Steve Haller who is the Kiwanis Club Liaison for Memory Walk. This is the second year that Steve has taken on the responsibility to help the Alzheimer's Association with Memory Walk and we are deeply grateful for his continued support and efforts. Another special thank you goes to Mauro Cassano who organized the food preparation. Serving 500 hungry walkers is no easy task, but Mauro and his fellow Kiwanians took on the task for a second year in a row and we are ever so grateful.

With over 55,000 families impacted by Alzheimer's Disease, there is a tremendous need for the programs and services offered

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Plattsburgh Breakfast Club Presents Legion of Honor Awards to Members



LG John Van Natten presents certificate to President Bonnie Fenwick.

Kiwanis Club of **PLATTSBURGH BREAKFAST CLUB**, Adirondack Division – LG John Van Natten opened the Plattsburgh Breakfast Club meeting with a presentation of the goals established within the Adirondack Division and the New York District of Kiwanis. He discussed the Governor's focus on child safety and included items about child restraints, use of helmets in recreational activities, and in home safety checks.

Presentations were made by LG John Van Natten to the club's officers. Certificates and pins went to President Bonnie Fenwick and Secretary Beth Stansbury, Vice President Robert L. Magine and Treasurer Tonia Finnegan also received certificates and pins.

President Bonnie Fenwick presented the Legion of Honor Award to PP Crystal L. Carter, PLG Kathleen Hazel, and Deborah (Sam) Witherwax for 5 years of service; and to Diane V. Beeman for 10 years of service.



(l-r) President Bonnie Fenwick presents PP Crystal Carter with 5 Year Legion of Honor Award.



(l-r) Diane V. Beeman is presented a 10 Year Legion of Honor Award by President Bonnie Fenwick.

Bronx Westchester Remembers "Lena" In Alzheimer's October Memory Walk



BRONX WESTCHESTER SOUTH DIVISION – Kiwanians led by Lt. Governor Rocco Riti and Immediate Past Lt. Governor Sister Anne Marie Kirmse walked on October 3 in the Westchester Memory Walk sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association. More than \$2,500 was raised by this group of 20 Kiwanis family members, including Key Clubbers from Saunders High School in Yonkers and Ursuline Academy in New Rochelle. Many walked for three miles in memory of Lena Giordano, a Fordham University employee who recently passed away and was afflicted by Alzheimer's. Stopping to celebrate at the end of their walk are, from left: Vickie Volino, Ann Gannon, Eleanor Patane, Susan Brucculeri, Pasquale Marchese, Carol Murabito, Sister Anne Marie, Georgina Arendacs, Rocco Ritti, Rosemary DeJulio, Tom DeJulio, Ron Volino, and Ursuline Key Club President, Jazmine Pina.

Danielle Reed Becomes LISC Key Club Lt. Governor



Following in the footsteps of DPLG Jim Reed, daughter Danielle proudly takes the office of Lt. Governor of the Long Island South Key Club Division.

Carolyn McCarthy Cuts Ribbon for Memory Walk



The Honorable Carolyn McCarthy (U.S. Congresswoman) with AALI President Jules Levy cutting the ribbon to begin the Walk.

Buffalo Bill's Charity Game

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wide receiver Lee Evans, special teamer and safety Coy Wire, and running back Travis Henry; a basketball autographed by Syracuse. National Championship Coach Jim Boeheim; a helmet and official jersey autographed by Drew Bledsoe; and an autographed Bill's cap by head coach Mike Mularky. They also raffled off a pair of tickets to the Bills-Browns game and a Buffalo Bills NFL mallet putter, Bill's "throw blanket", and a wooden Buffalo Bills Pen and Pencil Set, and many other items! The Bill's signed autographs and had their pictures taken with some of our members. A special thanks to Mike McCartan and his wife Kim for setting up and running the raffle which netted close to \$2,000.

After the game, our Kiwanis gang returned to the tent for a festive post-game victory party. I must say, the Jets fans were good sports, and as Gov. Hollins noted before the game, we may be Jet's fans or Bill's fans, but we are all Kiwanians, and "the real winners today are the children who benefit from this event."

West Seneca would like to thank all for their help and generosity.

SPONSORS AND PATRONS: Over \$7,000 of the money raised today came from generous sponsors and patrons. THE LEGEND GROUP HAS BEEN A PLATINUM SPONSOR EVERY YEAR. Event Chair Larry Jones remarks, "I am proud to be associated with this firm and thank them for their generous support." "PG TOM and ROSEMARY DEJULIO, have been there for us every year; ERNIE AND BARB DOBIES OF SAVILLE'S OUTDOOR POWER EQUIPMENT, has been a Platinum or Gold Sponsor the last 3 years, and our new Gold Sponsor for this year, LARRY SCHEIBER'S NORTHTOWN AUTOMOTIVE GROUP." "Also thanks also to our Silver Sponsors: Chick-n-Pizza Works (our caterer); Dunn Tire, LLC; Ecology & Environment; IPLG "Woody" Ryder, Long Island North; and the West Seneca Teacher's Association, Inc. The Silver Sponsors, along with our Bronze Sponsors and Patrons, too many to list here, have in most cases been with us in previous years as well."

Jones extends heartfelt thanks to the WEST SENECA KIWANIS CLUB. "Their help and support is vital to the success of this undertaking." Jones exclaims, "our committee consisting of: Diane Beres, Lenny and Marsha Bek, John Blando, Darrell Jones, Peter Kosanovich, Charlie Markel, Mike & Kim McCartan, Marge McLaughlin, Greg Notaro, Joanne Pyle, Don Rauscher, Ivan Tarnopoll, Bill Tober, Ted Winkle, and Jim Yochum, have made tireless efforts on our behalf." "A special thanks to my wife Carol."

"The final thank you to all Kiwanians, who support and talk up the event, who show up and support us each year, and who give the Buffalo Bill's Charity Game your moral support."

Happy 90th Anniversary, Kiwanis!

January 21st, 2005 is Kiwanis International's 90th birthday! Our New York District is celebrating this very special event with a year-long observance including a special focus by all Kiwanis levels on improving our club's image in the community through better projects well publicized, and better club meetings with good programs and good fellowship. Hopefully your club has also planned a special birthday party meeting on or close to that date.



George F. Hixson

Rochester Club

First International President • 1916-1918

Another major part of our celebration will be the May 6, 2005 concert to be held at the Tilles Center for the performing arts on the C.W. Post Campus of Long Island University in Brookville, L.I. It promises to be a gala event and your presence and support will guarantee its success. All net proceeds of the evening will benefit the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center at Schneider Children's Hospital at North Shore. (see Page 9)

To celebrate this milestone anniversary here in the pages of our award-winning Empire State Kiwanian, from among the several perspectives from which our organization's history could be viewed, let's trace its evolution into the Kiwanis we now know. Perhaps nowhere is there more evidence of changing times and changing attitudes than in what has occurred at and as a result of our International Conventions.

90 Years of Selected Historic Highlights

- 1916 – Our first convention, May 18-19 in Cleveland, Ohio (only 16 months after our "birth" in Detroit and after the fledgling organization had already changed its "We Trade" business-oriented purpose into a community service – philanthropic one) unified the existing 24 clubs into "The National Kiwanis Club", adopted a constitution, and elected George F. Hixson, a Rochester, N.Y. attorney to the first of his two terms as the president of the National Kiwanis Club. On the following November 1st, Kiwanis became International with the organization of the Kiwanis Club of Hamilton, Ontario, Canada, with our Buffalo club as sponsor.
- 1917 – In February, the first International magazine was published, edited in Buffalo and printed in Rochester.
- 1918 – Delegates to the Providence, R.I. convention authorized the formation of districts. On September 27th at a meeting in Syracuse (our first New York District "convention") representatives of the nine existing New York clubs elected Clarence A. Nelson of Utica our first District Governor.
- 1919 – Kiwanis declared its independence at the Birmingham, Alabama convention. In a flurry of check wring, attendees raised

\$17,500 in one-half hour to buy Kiwanis from founder/organizer Allen Simpson Browne.

- 1922 – The first convention held outside the United States was in Toronto, Canada, with over 4,000 people attending.
- 1924 – Kiwanis' six permanent objects, unchanged to this day, were adopted at the Denver, Colorado convention.
- 1925 – The first Key Club was instituted by the Sacramento, California Kiwanis Club. Originally for boys only, Key Club officially went coed in 1977.
- 1936 – Our first Washington D.C. convention was attended by U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt.
- 1940 – The Kiwanis International Foundation was created.
- 1943-45 – Due to World War II, these three years were the only ones in our 90-year history in which no real International Conventions were held. Necessary business was conducted at an International Council meeting or a small administrative convention with very limited attendance.
- 1946 – The Atlantic City, N.J. convention



Mim and Anton J. "Tony" Kaiser

with nearly 10,000 people present broke all previous attendance records.

- 1953 – The convention in New York City, held 37 years after the first International Convention, in Cleveland, was the first (of only two) held in our New York District.
- 1955 – After an incredibly long and complex development period (33 years), the Kiwanis International Board unanimously voted to officially recognize Circle K clubs. The Pullman, Washington Kiwanis Club is credited with sponsoring the first Circle K Club.
- 1961 – After some 40 years of debate, delegates to the Toronto, Canada convention voted to expand Kiwanis beyond the U.S. and Canada. The following year clubs were organized in the Bahamas and Mexico.
- 1963 – In February, the first European Kiwanis Club was formed in Vienna, Austria.
- 1964 – Kiwanis expands to Asia (Tokyo, Japan, Manila, and the Philippines).
- 1965 – Celebrating Kiwanis' Golden Anniversary, for only the second time the convention was held in New York City setting a new high with more than 18,000 people attending.
- 1967 – Kiwanis expands to New Zealand, Australia, South America, and Central America.
- 1975 – Breaking all attendance records, nearly 20,000 people attended the convention in Atlanta, Georgia, still an all-time high. Also, the first Builders Club was chartered.
- 1976 – Kiwanis expand into Africa (Nigeria).
- 1982 – Kiwanis International moved its

administrative offices from Chicago where they had been since 1959 to a new 60,000 square foot building in Indianapolis, Indiana.

- 1983 – Delegates to the Houston, Texas convention elected Frank J. DiNoto of Newport Beach, California the 72nd President of Kiwanis International, a Roman Catholic, following 71 WASPs.



Trish and Ian Perdriau

- 1987 – At our second convention in Washington D.C., U. S. President Ronald Reagan attended and addressed over 12,000 delegates and guests. After numerous unsuccessful attempts over many years, delegates voted to permit Kiwanis clubs worldwide to welcome women as members. Also adopted was a worldwide plan for regional representation on the International Board of Trustees. Tony Kaiser was elected the 73rd International President, the first New Yorker since our district was formed in 1918. The traditional photo of the International President on the cover of the October issue of the Kiwanis magazine for the first time included the First Lady, Mim. On all subsequent October issue covers except one (see 1990) the First Ladies were included.

- 1990 – The St. Louis convention celebrated the 75th anniversary of Kiwanis and saw the election of Dr. Will Blechman, the first Jewish International President. This influential president became the driving force behind our first ever three-year Major Emphasis Program "Young children Priority One!" which evolved into our Worldwide Service Project – Iodine Deficiency Disorder (IDD) and then into our permanent organizational focus, "Serving the Children of the World." It is a measure of Wil's commitment and zeal that he insisted that, rather than put his and First Lady Rachel's photo on the cover of the October 1990 issue of Kiwanis magazine, which had become a tradition, the cover be devoted to "Young children Priority One!"



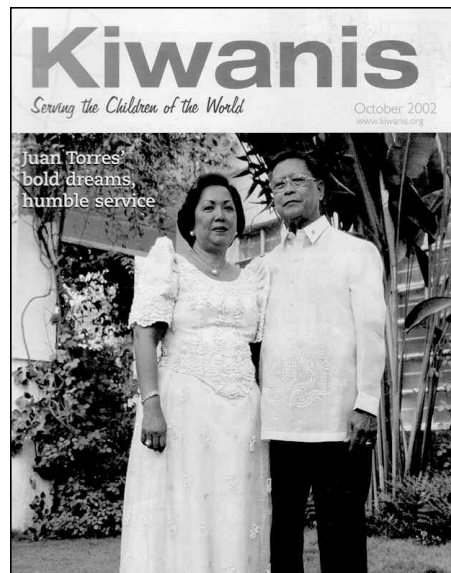
Walter and Irene Sellers



90th Anniversary

Tony Kaiser

- 1993 – The Nice, France convention, only the second to be held outside of North America, is especially noteworthy for the announcement by incoming President Art Swanberg of our first Worldwide Service Project, IDD and our partnering with UNICEF to implement it. To date, Kiwanis has raised over \$78 million for IDD and saved millions of children and adults from mental retardation, cretinism, goiter, and other serious illnesses. Also, 1993-94 saw the first female District Governor in our history: Marycel Engracia of our Philippine South District.
- 1994 – Elected in New Orleans as our 80th International President, Ian Perdriau from Melbourne, Australia was our first non-North American president.
- 1995 – Our second non-North American president and the first from Europe, Iceland's Eyjolfur "Eddie" Sigurdsson immediately followed the first. Eddie later joined the staff heading up our European Federation office in Ghent, Belgium and still later became International's Executive Director in Indianapolis.



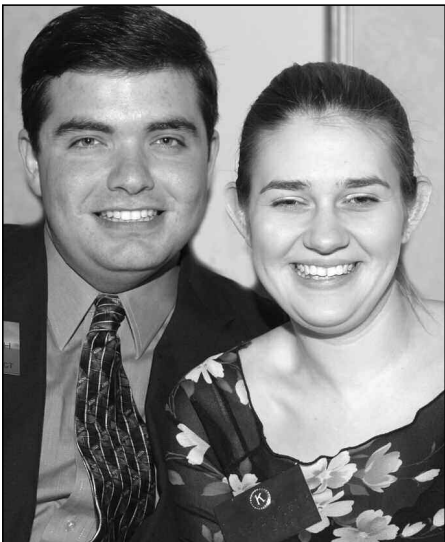
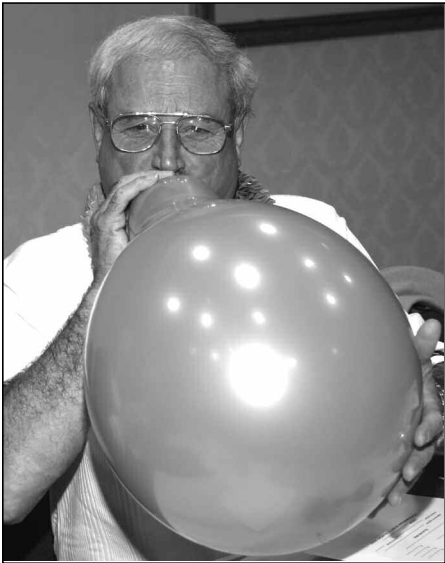
Alice and Juan "Ito" Torres

- 1997 – Walter Sellers of Xenia, Ohio elected at the Nashville, Tennessee convention was our 83rd President and the first African-American.
- 2001 – The first convention in our Asia-Pacific Region, in Taipei, Taiwan, was also noteworthy for the election to the International Board of Texan Lisa McCoy as the first female Board member. At the St. Louis convention in 2004 Lisa's bid to move up to the office of Vice President/Treasurer, which would have led to her being our first female president, failed.
- 2002 – Elected in New Orleans, Dr. Ito Torres was our first International President from the Philippines.
- 2004 – For the first time, our current International Board includes two female Trustees: Grete Hvardal from Norway filing the mandated 3-year seat of Region 3

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K Family Weekend 2004

Kiwanians, Circle Kers and Key Clubbers gathered at the Hudson Valley Resort and Spa for a wonderful weekend of fun, fellowship, board meetings and forums. Everyone got to know their counterparts, especially during a spirited game of cricket, directed by Queens West LG Eric Shivarain.



Dr. Nelson Ying Receives Diamond Level Kaiser



The Kiwanis Club of **CHINATOWN**, Metropolitan Division – Dr. Nelson Ying accepts with honor an award of Diamond Kaiser Fellow presented by President of Kiwanis New York District Foundation Lindy Marrazzo. (l-r) DPP James Tong, President Lindy Marrazzo, Dr. Nelson Ying and DPLG Joseph Battista.

Chinatown Presents Stuyvesant With Distinguished Service Award Certificates



Stuyvesant Key Club Members received Distinguished Service Award certificates from IPP Fred Chan of Kiwanis Club of Chinatown for their outstanding efforts of cleaning Chinatown jointly participation with the council for a cleaner Chinatown.



Kaiser

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(Europe) and “Michelle” Wu from Taiwan filling the 3-year seat of Region 4 (Asia-Pacific), again making possible a female International President by 2009.

Updating the comment of 1989-90 International President Noris A. Lusche on the occasion of our 75th anniversary: On this 90th anniversary we celebrate the past, look back with pride upon our accomplishments, and reflect with satisfaction upon the memories.

The impression one gets from a reading this brief account of our 90 year history is that Kiwanis is a living, evolving organization who clearly reflects increasing diversity at all Kiwanis levels.

As our current International President Case Van Kleef puts it: “The great Kiwanis leaders...treasured Kiwanis’ past achievements...But they also knew that ours is a heritage built on change. Changes are ahead of us again. I’m excited to see what the next Kiwanis day will bring.” Bring on the last ten of our first 100 years!

With Sympathy

It is with great sadness that New Hyde Park Kiwanis inform us that Life Member **JOHN LOUGHNAN** has passed away after a long battle with cancer.

John served as President of the New Hyde Park Kiwanis Club, Treasurer of the New Hyde Park Kiwanis Foundation, Lt. Governor of the Long Island North Division and member of the New York District Foundation. John was instrumental in the formation of the New Hyde Park Key Club in 1989.

On February 11, 2004 John was made a life member of the Kiwanis Club of New Hyde Park. Written expressions of sympathy may be sent in care of: Pres. Christine Early, 28 North 12th Street, New Hyde Park, NY 11040.

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It is with deepest regrets that the Queens West Division inform us of the passing of **PLG EDWIN MARKS**. Written expressions of sympathy may be sent to the Marks family at 1538 Moffitt Avenue, Hewitt, NY.

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We have just been informed that **JIM CANNIOTO**, husband of long-time Kiwanis Assistant to Past Governor Bob Calabrese, passed. Our prayers go out to his wife Betty. Written expressions of sympathy may be sent to Betty Cannioto, 8 Westover Drive, Webster, NY 14580.

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We have just been informed of the passing of **YOLA SCEPPAQUERCIA**, Lucia Vasami's mother and mother-in-law of Past Governor Ralph Vasami. Condolences may be sent to: The Vasami Family, 9 Fieldstone Dr., Apt. 124, Hartsdale, NY 10530.

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We sadly inform you of the passing of **SETH FREEDMAN**, the son of Long Island South Central DPLG Jerry and Linda Freedman. A special “Seth Freedman Fund” has been setup. For all those wishing to make donations send them to: Merrick Fire department, PO Box 235, Merrick, New York 11566.



Ninety Years

OF

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7:00 pm Program

8:00 pm Concert

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- ☐ Rear Orchestra Concert Seating - *Limited to 380 Seats* _____ (#) @ 50.00
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For additional information contact:

Past International President Tony Kaiser at 516 681-5822 Email <ajkaiser@webtv.net>



K-Kids

Mickie Leamey

I'm very proud to report that several clubs in all corners of our district have taken charge and energized themselves to start a K-Kids Club in their area. Wow! Imagine if we built all these clubs; it would be a good beginning to our Kiwanis year.

I would like to thank the following Kiwanians for making K-Kids clubs a priority: Floral Park, Bellmore, Van Rensselaer, Northport, three in Queens and East Hampton. Clearly, there is more that can be done.

At the Tri-K we saw and heard great news about Builders, Key Clubs and Circle K's. But K-Kids is where it should all start. For only \$150/club, we have a chance to put our young students on the path to success as volunteers. This includes not only Kiwanis Clubs, but the entire family, including sponsored youth, as well.

Remember, Kiwanis International says a K-Kids club DOES NOT have to start inside a school. If you have relations with your local library, House of Worship, community center or other locations, this may your chance to get the whole community involved in working with youngsters and joining Kiwanis.

Let's make this one happy family by joining hands wherever we can to make the K-family experience a lifelong opportunity from the moment a child enters school. Our team includes PG Tony Palangi, Dale Hall from upstate, DPLG Pete Owens and yours truly from downstate. We can assist you in any way, but we need you to make the effort to contact us.

K-KIDS ADVISORS/SPONSORS
NY DISTRICT PARTICIPATES IN
INTERNATIONAL K-KIDS CONTESTS

For the 1st time in at least recent memory, NY District will take part in the K-Kids International Awards contests. Each District will select winners in 4 categories. Each winner will receive a certificate from K-Kids International and be entered in international competition. In all cases, contests are described in the K-Kids Awards Booklet: <<http://www.kkids.org/kkids/lit/forms/con-testbook.pdf>>

All entries must be sent to SDPLG Mickie Leamey, 1400 Newbridge Road, N. Bellmore, NY 11710 NO LATER THAN APRIL 1, 2005. We will accept entries in each of the following categories:

Speech Contest: 2-3 Minutes (5 Minutes Max) K-Kid must be taped giving a speech. "How will what you have learned in K-Kids/Builders Club help you make the world a better place to live?"

Essay Theme: 500 words maximum (Must be entirely original work of author). "If you give a person a fish, you feed him for a day. If you teach someone to fish, you feed him for a lifetime." What does this quote mean to you? How does this apply to K-Kids / Builders Club?

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Solvay Geddes Camillus Kiwanians
Boost Operation "Christmas Child"

Kiwanis Club of SOLVAY GEDDES CAMILLUS, Ontario Division – displays 12 shoeboxes of gifts they have prepared for Operation "Christmas Child" a national program that sends a variety of small gifts to poor children in 95 countries around the world.

Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has delivered more than 24 million shoeboxes of gifts to hurting children around the world. This year Ontario Kiwanians and Key Clubbers packed some 100 shoeboxes with small cars, balls, stuffed animals, dolls, pens and pencils, crayons, toothbrushes, tooth paste, soap, combs, wash cloths, hard candy, lollipops, flashlights, ball caps, and socks for the kids in faraway countries.



(L-R) Diane Howser, Rita Briggman, Marlene Gosson, Kathy Ammann, Emily Antonuccio, and John Novado.

Castleton-On-Hudson Kiwanians Serve, Literally



The Kiwanis Club of Castleton-on-Hudson, Van Rensselaer Division – When the motto for Kiwanis became "We Serve", many of the Kiwanis Clubs around the world have interpreted that to mean meals - Pancake Breakfasts, Chicken BBQs – and take the words literally!

The Castleton-on-Hudson Club created a new fundraiser in conjunction with the Village Wide Tag Sale (they also participated

in this). In line before the crowd appears is IPP Cliff Southworth. The event was held at the local Ambulance Center building and highlighted with several outdoor billboard signs encouraging the community to enjoy their breakfast. As if they couldn't do enough that day, they then went on to run a Chicken BBQ/Birthday Party in celebration of Kiwanis member Ed VanKampen who celebrated his 90th birthday!

New York District Kiwanis Mid-Year Registration Form

NEW YORK DISTRICT KIWANIS February 25-27, 2005

Hudson Valley Resort & Spa Reservation Request Form

Deluxe Accommodations

Single Occupancy – Per Person, Per Stay
\$338.00 Inclusive of service charges

Double Occupancy – Per Person, Per Stay
\$238.00 Inclusive of service charges

Triple Occupancy – Per Person, Per Stay
\$218.00 Inclusive of service charges

Rates Include: Overnight accommodations, six (6) meals daily starting with dinner on day of arrival through lunch on day of departure
(Rates are subject to prevailing NYS Tax)

Economy (Non-Renovated) Accommodations

Single Occupancy – Per Person, Per Stay
\$310.00 Inclusive of service charges

Double Occupancy – Per Person, Per Stay
\$210.00 Inclusive of service charges

Triple Occupancy – Per Person, Per Stay
\$190.00 Inclusive of service charges

Rates Include: Overnight accommodations, six (6) meals daily starting with dinner on day of arrival through lunch on day of departure
(Rates are subject to prevailing NYS Tax)

Children's Rates- As third & forth Occupant

Children 4 and Under
FREE

Children 5-12
\$70.00 Per Child, Per Stay

Children 13-17
\$130.00 Per Child, Per Stay

Rates Include: Overnight accommodations, six (6) meals daily starting with dinner on day of arrival through lunch on day of departure
(Rates are subject to prevailing NYS Tax)

One Night Stay – Limited To 10 Rooms (Upon approval from the district)

Single Occupancy – Per Person, Per Night
\$187.00 Inclusive of service charges

Double Occupancy – Per Person, Per Night
\$137.00 Inclusive of service charges

Triple Occupancy – Per Person, Per Night
\$127.00 Inclusive of service charges

Rates Include: Overnight accommodations, a total of three (3) meals –dinner to lunch
(Rates are subject to prevailing NYS Tax)

Note: Quad Occupancy rates available upon request.

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DEPOSIT: Individuals are required to provide the Hotel with a deposit of \$100.00 per person with this form by **January 25, 2005**. Make checks payable to Hudson Valley Resort & Spa. We also accept MasterCard, Visa, Diner's Club, and Discover Cards for deposit – please complete the information requested:

Any and all cancellations made less than three (3) days prior to arrival will be subject to the forfeiture of the individual's deposit.

Individuals who are categorized as a "No Show" will be billed in full.

After the cut off date, or when your room block has filled, the Hudson Valley Resort & Spa will accept group reservations on a space availability basis.

NOTE: Registration fee \$50.00 Kiwanian, \$35.00 for new Kiwanian or \$85.00 for Husband and wife who are both Kiwanians.

Late fees apply after February 10, 2005. \$10.00 per registration.

BADGE INFORMATION

CLUB: DIVISION

NAME: FIRST LAST NICK NAME FOR BADGE

SPOUSE NAME: First Last (if different) Nick Name if any if Kiwanian club name Title

CHILDREN: First Name Only

TITLE: Please Circle for your Current title. President President Elect Vice President Secretary Treasurer
Lt. Governor District Chairman Foundation Board Past Governor Past Lt. Governor Past President

(Circle all that apply) First Timer: Life Member Hixson Tablet of Honor Heritage Society
Kaiser KPTC Empire Club

PLEASE MAIL, E-MAIL, OR FAX THIS FORM TO: Attn: Reservations Department, FAX: (845) 626-2677,
Hudson Valley Resort & Spa, 400 Granite Road, Kerhonkson, NY 12446, Email: res@hudsonvalleyresort.com





Builders Club

Carl Johnson

Congratulations are in order for six of our New York District Builders Clubs for the 2003-2004 Kiwanis Year. The Distinguished Clubs were :

- **Children's Colony Prep**
 - **Woodland Middle School**
 - **Ogdensburg Middle School**
 - **Broadway Middle School**
 - **Susan B. Anthony IS 238**
- and one honor club:
- **Rensselaer CSD**

The District winner of the leadership award contest was Simone Descartes of Children's Colony Prep and the winner of the scrapbook contest was Children's Colony Prep. School of Brooklyn. Congratulations are in order for Mr. Rory L Duncan, Jr. the faculty advisor. The Kiwanis Sponsor of this builders club is the Kiwanis Club of Mapleton.

If you are planning to charter a new Builder's Club do not pay membership fees to Kiwanis International at the time of charter. In place of fees, the sponsoring Kiwanis Club pays a 1/ time amount of \$460, which covers the cost of the new club, including the following items: Club Banner, Gong and Gavel, Pins and materials for officers, pins and resource guides for faculty and Kiwanis Advisors, and pins, membership cards and handbooks for members.

New clubs will pay district and International in the second year. All clubs chartered before April 1st will be invoice for fees the following September or October. All clubs chartered after April 1st will not be invoiced until the following year. Membership fees the second year will be \$3.50 per member. Existing clubs must submit the membership fee of \$3.50 per member by December 31st. Clubs submitting their dues by November 1st will receive early birds patches for their banner.

I urged all Kiwanis Clubs currently sponsoring Builders Clubs to contact the respective schools and communicate with the faculty advisors. If there is no longer faculty advisors for your sponsored builder's club, please acquire another faculty advisor. If membership dues have not yet been paid for your builder's club please pay them even if you're late. This will reactivate the club.

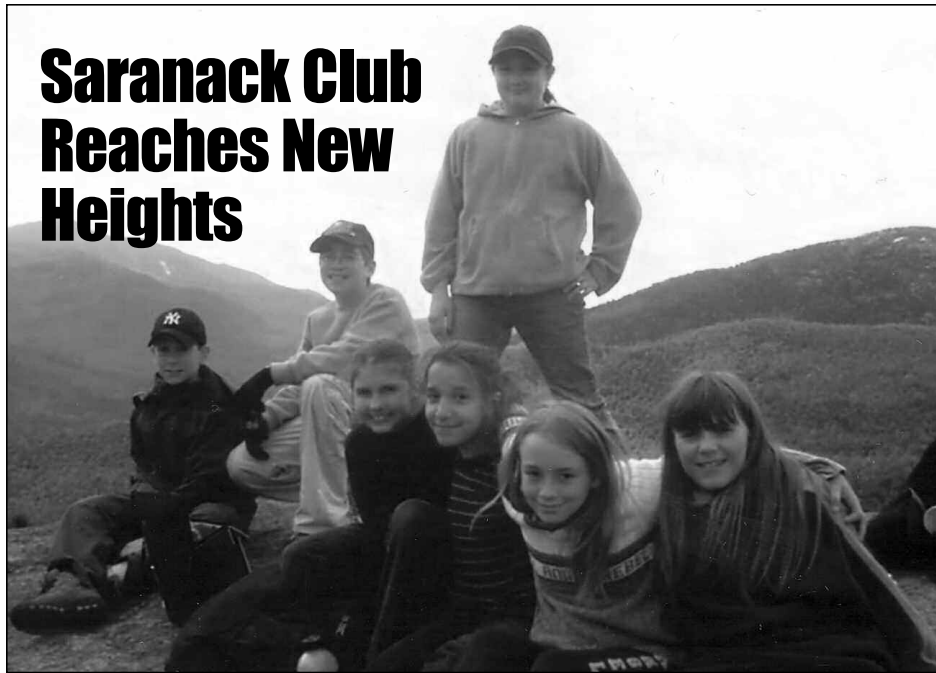
I further urge that you encourage your builder's club to take advantage of the opportunities available for individual club members through participation in either the speech or essay contest and leadership award. The club should take advantage of the opportunity available by participating in the scrapbook contest. 2004-2005 contest themes for K-Kids and Builder's Clubs are:

Speech Theme:

How will what you have learned in K-Kids/Builders Club help you to make the world a better place to live?

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Saranack Club Reaches New Heights



Kiwanis Club of **SARANAC LAKE**, Adirondack Division – When IPG Peter sent out his plan to address childhood obesity in his NY District Governor's Project, the Saranac Lake Club saw an unique opportunity. When the club gathers Thursday morning at the Hotel Saranac, every member sees this opportunity all around. Saranac Lake might be called the epicenter of Adirondack outdoor activity.

Under the direction of the Club President and avid hiker Craig Stevens and experienced community people, the "Kiwanis Mountain Mile Trekkers" Project was born. The club artist, avid hiker, and Adirondack Forty-Sixer Noryce Burgey developed our program mascot.

The goal of the project was to encourage local kids in grades 4 and 5 to participate in one of the areas greatest outdoor activities, hiking. A challenge was made to the kids to join the Kiwanis Hikes. Once a month from May through September children and Kiwanians hit the trail. The children were also asked to hike with their family and/or friends.

In early May, the club presented the programs to all 3 schools in the Saranac Lake Central School District. They spoke to all 4th and 5th graders and presented a slide show and hiker preparation presentation. Program information and registrations papers were distributed to all students.

The club picked up all hiking participants at a central location in the village and provided transportation to the trailhead and returned each participate to their home at the end of each hike. The local Red Cross chapter provided first aid kits, and a few local merchants provided a variety of prizes for the participants to give away to each member based on the level of their success.

Each hike was reported in the local paper the Adirondack Daily Enterprise, with a group photo to acknowledge the effort and participation of all the kids.

The weather never diminished the enthusiasm and interest of all the kids participat-

Saranac Lake Kiwanis' Mountain Mile Trekkers enjoy the first hike and successfully reached Owls Head Mountain.

ing. Most of the summer in the Adirondacks was rather rainy, but even with the threat of getting wet and hiking on muddy trails the program was a success.

The club had 11 active participants, with many having never had the opportunity to hike. A few of the participant's enthusiasm spread to other members of their families and encouraged family hikes over the summer as well.

The final and longest hike of the season in September was both the most challenging and the most rewarding as the kids were able to reach the top of Ambersand Mountain, which has one of the most spectacular summits in the Adirondacks.

The program finished up with an awards dinner for the kids and their families. It was a great time to talk about the hikes done over the past 5 months, but this talk was drowned out by one question from all of the participants "Can we do this again next year?" So it seems that our Governor's Project has become a permanent part of the clubs activities.



Above: Saranac Lake Past President Cindy Thompson, Brittany Hanley, Brittiny LaPierre, Maggie LaFlame, Colin Farrington, Joe Fiorile and Devon Peria enjoyed their accomplishment.

Falta Receives Hixson Award



The Kiwanis Club of **MASSAPEQUA**, LISC Division – at their 56th Annual Installation of Officers and Board of Directors presented the George F. Hixson Award to DPP Rick Falta for his efforts on behalf of Kiwanis and our children. Above: LG Sharon Smith congratulates Hixson Award winner DPP Rick Falta with outgoing President Sue Martin (right)



Sponsored Organizations and Programs

Tony Palangi

The Second Semester of a School Year

The second semester of a school year for the Sponsored Youth Organizations reminds us that the current year is rapidly coming to a close. Key Club and Circle K District Conventions are held in March; Key Club Convention, March 18-20, Kutcher's Country Club; Circle K Convention, March 18-20, Hotel Utica. mark the end of their year.

Reminder for the Sponsoring Kiwanis Clubs

Contact your Key Club and Circle K Presidents to make certain that at least two delegates and alternates have registered for the conventions, and that the District and International Dues have been paid, otherwise, they cannot be certified and seated in the House of Delegates election.

Make sure that elects are held for a new slate of officers prior to the District Conventions so that they can gain the benefit of the various forums and workshops available to them at these conventions.

Make every effort possible to support the delegates to the conventions including the Kiwanis and Faculty Advisors. Very often the advisors serve as chaperones for Key clubbers.

Reminder for the Kiwanis Lt. Governors

The months of March is also the time when the new Key Club and Circle K Lt. Governors must be elected at the division caucuses. It's your responsibility to see that these caucuses are held to elect the new Lt. Governors.

The month of November was a very busy period for the K-Family; I would like to mention a few of the activities:

Key Club Week – The Kiwanis Club of Glens Falls held a joint meeting with the seven sponsored Key Clubs: Bolton Landing High School, Fort Ann, Glens Falls, Hartford, South Glens Falls, Lake George and Southern Adirondack Education Center (BOCES). Each Club President reported on the projects and activities of their Key Club – Lt. Governor Heather Silver gave a brief over-view of Division 15 and held a conference following the special program. Over forty Key Clubbers attended the special affair with their faculty advisors.

Circle K Annual Speaking Conference – was held on November 5 – 7, at the Georgian Hotel, Lake George. I often refer to this conference as a Mini-Convention because the structure and activities are very similar to the District Conventions. One of the many benefits of this conference is that it takes place early enough in the year providing the club officers the opportunity to implement the service projects and programs experi-

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HOBY

John Swartout

KEY LEADER AND HOBY

Kiwanis Clubs around New York have been supporting the development of leadership skills in high school students for many years through their sponsorship of participants in Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) seminars. The three-day HOBY seminars continue to be held at four locations around the State, with each high school being asked to nominate one deserving sophomore. Kiwanis support is still needed for these programs. Clubs in the New York District may soon have an additional youth leadership program they can participate in: Key Leader.

Kiwanis International has announced that they will be "rolling out" the new Key Leader program during 2005, with a goal of empowering 250,000 youth leaders around the globe by 2020 by inspiring young people to achieve their personal best through service leadership. This leadership development program is based on 5 "Keys" to excellence: personal integrity; personal growth; respect; building community; and pursuit of excellence. Key Leader events will be open to all students completing the 8th grade as well as those students already in high school. Multiple students from a school may attend as well as those being home schooled. Participants may already be in a Kiwanis Sponsored Youth program, may not yet be a member, or may be a student at a school not currently served by Kiwanis. The all inclusive registration fee has been set at \$175 per student.

At its Mid-Year Conference meeting the New York District Board will be considering whether to organize a Key Leader weekend program in New York in the fall of 2005. If the District holds a Key Leader program, Kiwanis Clubs and their sponsored youth clubs will play a large roll in recruiting participants and Kiwanis Clubs will be asked to pay the registration fees for one or more students from their areas. For further information on how your Club can help develop our future leaders through HOBY and Key Leader, please contact John Swartout at jswartout@worldnet.att.net or (518)274-8639.

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K-Kids Leadership (A \$200 Bond from Kiwanis Int'l Foundation to each District's winner) Based on service, K-family involvement, other criteria.

Scrapbooks—A certificate will be awarded to best, but even those non-winners may find their photos or stories in the pages of the K-Kids International Magazine. The scrapbooks are the source for many story ideas.

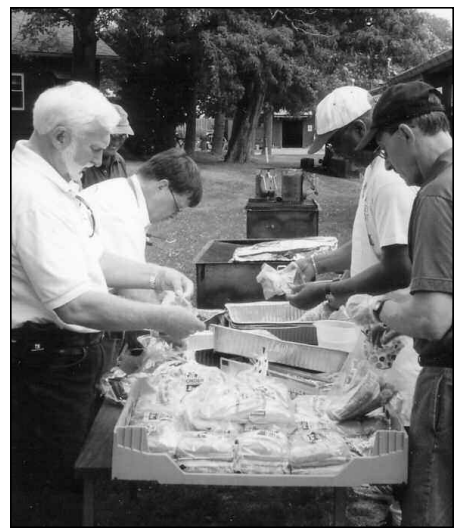
Niagara Frontier Clubs Fund Camp Experience For Boys and Girls

Kiwanis Clubs of **NIAGARA FRONTIER** – For the 30th consecutive year the Kiwanis Clubs of Niagara Frontier funded a camping experience for boys and girls and young men and women with developmental disabilities. This year the camp tour of August 22 through August 27 included 49 youngsters from the Western New York area. An extraordinary effort was made to include a large percentage of mentally impaired youngsters who previously could not attend because of their severe disabilities. Planning included one-on-one counselor attention for these children. The 20 girls and 29 boys ranged in age from 7 to 21 years. The Niagara Frontier Camp Kiwanis Program is sponsored by the Western New York Kiwanis Clubs in collaboration with the Heritage Centers and the Cradle Beach Association, both United Way agencies.

Mid-week of the camping tour was Kiwanis visiting day during which 22 Kiwanians from Western New York Clubs cooked hot dogs, stuffed rolls, served pasta salad, baked beans, potato chips, poured

pop and lemonade, and created ice cream sundaes for the 100+ campers, counselors, staff, and guests. Kiwanians were treated to a spontaneous song fest and a camp tour after the picnic. Kiwanians and visitors enthusiastically followed the guides and were treated to the detailed features of this beautiful and functional facility located 18 miles south of Buffalo to the Lake Erie Shore. Kiwanis prizes were subsequently presented to all campers at the talent show.

Basketballs, footballs, and soccer balls, games, auto and ship models and musical instruments provided by Trooper Toys for Tots of Fredonia, NY were distributed to each camper's family as the children arrived from camp via the 55 passenger air-conditioned coach bus. Pictures of their camp experiences were also distributed to all campers and staff.



Pictured above: Visiting Day at Niagara Frontier Camp – Kiwanians from Western New York Clubs cook hotdogs including DPLG Bill Tober and PLG Hank Self, PP Peter Kosanovich of West Seneca and Buffalo Club Director Bill Schultz. Not pictured, but always helping out DPLG Dave Gallagher.

Corning Sponsors HOBY Workshop for Students

The Kiwanis Club of **CORNING**, Chemung Division – sponsored the 11th annual HOBY Community Leadership Education Workshop for 67 sophomore students from East and West High Schools on Friday, November 5th at the Victory Highway Wesleyan Church. The students spent the day with 7 area community leaders discussing "Architecting a Life".

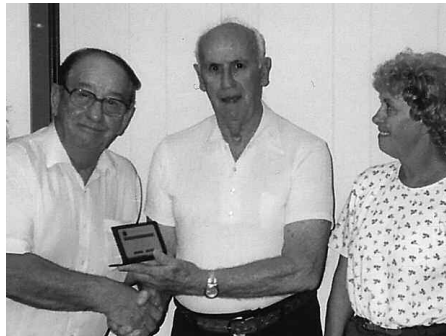
The students developed leadership skills and learned more about the democratic process. The young leaders were taught competencies of leadership, so that they are better prepared to assume leadership positions in their schools, communities and homes. This year's Community Leaders are Dr. Frank Bourke, PHD, Clinical Psychologist, Rick O'Leary, Human Resource director, Dennis Younge, Chemung Valley Arts Council, Marianne Furfure, Steuben County Family Court Judge, Eileen Bell, Financial Planner, Staff Sgt. David Celej, U S Marine Corps Recruiter and Peter Wallin, motivator.



Above: Children select "welcome home" gifts from a variety of sports equipment, games, models and musical instruments secured from Trooper Toys for Tots, Fredonia, New York.

This Niagara Frontier Camp Kiwanis Program was initiated in 1975 as a multi-benefit project which provides a camping experience for the mentally handicapped children, a change of pace and activities for their parents, and a "real life" experience for participating student counselors and professional advisors. Additional benefits have been realized such as the opportunity for the United Way agencies collaboration, local value from fund raising, and the evolution of an active Kiwanis participation project. To date the Niagara Frontier Clubs have raised and expended over \$260,000 to support this much needed and worthwhile project benefiting the mentally disabled children of Western new York.

Rotterdam Honors Beaupre



Edward J. Baupre accepts his award.

The Kiwanis Club of **ROTTERDAM**, Mohawk Division – Edward J. Baupre was recently presented the "Life Time Member Award" by the Rotterdam President Terry Glenn and PP Tony Colose.

Mr. Baupre, who currently is a Board Member, first joined the Rotterdam Kiwanis in 1970, and served as President in 1977-1978. In 1985, he was the chosen "Kiwanian of the Year" and has been involved in numerous activities through his care. Mr. Baupre also has been recognized for his 34 years of perfect attendance.

NOTICE TO ALL KIWANIS CLUBS VOLUNTEERING AT HOBY EVENTS:

We have been advised by Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership (HOBY) that they are now requiring background checks for all volunteers who are likely to be in contact with youth participants at HOBY events. This includes both the three-day Leadership Seminars and the one-day Community Leadership Workshops (CLEWs). Kiwanians staffing a CLEW fall under this requirement even where the CLEW is being conducted by their own Club as a Board approved youth service project. The only exception is for volunteers who will serve just as speakers or panelists. The background checks may be conducted by either HOBY or by the Kiwanis Club (in which case a written assurance must be supplied to HOBY). This background check must, at a minimum, search the State's Sexual Offender Registry.

Any inquiries regarding this new policy should be directed to Mr. Frank Sylvester, President of the HOBY New York Corporate Board. Mr. Sylvester can be reached at <franksyl@hotmail.com> (315) 380-3002 (cell), or (315) 622-0665 (home).

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Essay Themes:

"If you give a person a fish, you feed him for a day. If you teach someone to fish, you feed him for a life time." What does this quote mean to you? How does this apply to K-Kids/Builders Club?

For more information regarding Builder's Club and K-Kids contest, go to Buildersclub.org or Kiwanis.org and link to builders club.

If I can be of any assistance to anyone regarding Builders Club service contact me, Carl E. Johnson, 187-26 Linden Blvd., St. Albans, NY 11412, (718) 949-9300, E-Mail: <Carlcarlinda@aol.com>

Haller

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by the Alzheimer's Association here on Long Island. The Kiwanis Clubs of Long Island understand that need and work diligently to help us meet our Mission which is to provide support and resources for our Long Island families. No words can ever convey our appreciation – but a simple "thank you" I hope will say it all.

All Kiwanis Clubs who participate with a Alzheimer's Project please send an article to the ESK and share you story with us. For more information about Alzheimer's Association Long Island, please visit our website at www.alzheimers.org.



Public Relations

Janice Seyfried

SUPERCEDES CELEBRATE! COMMUNICATE!

With the celebration of Kiwanis International's turning 90 this January, our public relations will have an opportunity to spread, or should we say "market," the word about our organization – who we are and what we do and who we serve.

Governor Glen has asked that all clubs in the New York District celebrate the 90th birthday during January by having a birthday party, inviting community members, representatives from the media, and politicians to attend. What a good way to market Kiwanis. Press releases, public service announcements (PSA's), broadcast interviews, etc., can be utilized to spread the word. Anniversary service projects are another way to alert the community to Kiwanis.

This is a prime time to begin a media relations program in the month of January which can be followed throughout the celebratory year with additional news releases about projects and the installation of new officers.

Remember that celebrating being a Kiwanian can occur 365 days a year, not just on one day. Also, always wear your "K".



BANNERS! BANNERS! **

Does your club have a banner – one that is weatherproof and emphatic?! Would your club be able to share a banner with another club or with the other clubs in its division? A blatant banner with blue KIWANIS on a white background looks striking wherever it is hung. It is particularly attention getting in the background of a photograph instead of the felt banners that we all have.

Check out the public relations display at the Mid-Winter Conference. We will have information available for you to purchase such a banner.

PUBLIC RELATIONS AWARD

Don't forget to keep your newsletters, press releases, photos, clippings, etc. for the public relations award so that application can be made for the banner patch. Send, by September 30, 2005, to Public Relations Award, N.Y. District Kiwanis, 2104 Willow Street, Wantagh, NY 11793, Tel 516-826-6344 Fax: 516-221-3152 Email: <KIWANIS-PR@AOL.COM>

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Peninsula Hewlett Presents Prestigious Member Awards



Kiwanis Club of **PENINSULA HEWLETT**, Long Island Southwest Division – At the recent Peninsula Annual Awards Night, Kiwanians received many prestigious awards. The Hixson Fellowship Awards were presented to Ralph Desena and Alan Winnick.

The Peninsula Club also presented the Pediatric Trauma Fellowship Award to member Tom Delgiorno. The Kaiser Fellowship Award recipient was Frank Basile and the "Mr. Peninsula Kiwanis Awards" went to James Olivero "Ye Editor Award" and IPLG John DeLeo. Before a Peninsula Kiwanis

member can receive any award it must be voted on by the Club's Awards Committee.

Photo above (front row seated) PP Don Geraputa, PLG and President Sal Accomando, PLG and PP Dominick Sciarotta, PLG and PP John DeLeo.

Second row: Pres. Elect Ralph Desena, First Vice-president Tom Delgiorno, PP Chris McGrath, PP Larry Romanelli, PP Jim Olivero, PP Don Esopa, PP Dominick Curra, PP Frank DeNapoli, PP Frank Basile (twice) and PP Sal Brancaccio (twice). Not pictured, Mark Maguire.

East Yonkers Luncheon Held To Celebrate 38 Birthdays "90 Plus"



The Kiwanis Club of **East Yonkers**, Bronx Westchester South Division – For the eighth consecutive year, East Yonkers Kiwanians rounded up 38 men and women celebrating their "90 plus" birthdays at a luncheon held in their honor. Among those "chauffeured" to the luncheon to receive accolades, gifts, and birthday wishes were Edmund Devaney. Mr. Devaney was celebrating his birthday 94 years ago and eagerly offered PG Tom his

(left to right) Edmund Devaney is being congratulated by PG Tom DeJulio on the occasion of his 94th birthday.

earliest recollections as a police detective in the Washington Heights section of the Bronx. He also proudly boasted how he trained and supervised the present Security Director of Fordham University. Tom now feels a lot safer at his place of employment, having met Mr. Devaney at this special Kiwanis event.

Dick Doane Recognized at Massapequa Club's 56th Annual Installation Night

The Kiwanis Club of **MASSAPEQUA**, Long Island South Central – recently hosted their 56th Annual Installation of officers and board of directors, welcomed in the new team, and highlighted the many accomplishments of the past year. Special awards were also given, including a Special Recognition Award to Dick Doane of Sunrise Credit Services in Farmingdale. Dr. Doane has gone above and beyond in his sponsorship of many Massapequa Kiwanis events, such as Major Sponsor of the Annual Golf Outing.

Photo right I-r) Dick Doane and Massapequa Incoming Pres. John Kilgus.



Pediatric Lyme Disease

John Gridley

Governor Glenn had asked me to co-chair along with Joe Wuest the district committee on Pediatric Lyme Disease. It is both my honor and privilege to serve Governor Glen and our great New York District. Pediatric Lyme Disease is an ongoing program that was started when I was Governor. It was brought to my attention by Joe Wuest. It was set up to help pay for treatment of this disease as most insurance companies DO NOT pay for its treatment, and I might add is very expensive. Its if funded through donations from clubs or individuals to the Pediatric Lyme Disease fund. We have paid for about \$50,000 of treatment to date to doctors and/or hospitals for kids with Lyme Disease.

Lyme disease is caused by bacteria, usually transmitted by the deer tick. It is a scary possibility to New York State residents who enjoy spending time outside during the summer months. Lyme disease may affect the brain in many ways, the most common of which is a disturbance in thinking (cognition). Other symptoms that occur frequently include headache, mood swings, irritability, depression, and marked fatigue.

The spirochete which causes Lyme disease (*Borrelia burgdorferi*) can invade the central nervous system within days to a week of initial skin infection, as a result of dissemination through the blood stream. The majority of people who are treated early with antibiotics do well and incur no long term problems. People who are not treated until later in the illness may have a more complicated course.

A few points should be emphasized regarding late neuropsychiatric Lyme disease. First, although arthritis is helpful in the diagnosis of Lyme disease, the majority of patients with cognitive troubles due to Lyme disease (Lyme encephalopathy) do not have joint problems at the time their cognitive symptoms become manifest. This is not widely recognized among physicians, although it is well documented in the medical literature. Second, the bedside neurologic exam does not usually disclose neurologic findings and standard office based cognitive screening test may not detect cognitive impairment. To detect thinking problems, the more sensitive tool of comprehensive neuropsychological testing conducted by a neuropsychologist is needed. Third, lumbar puncture while important in the differential diagnosis should not be used to exclude neurologic Lyme disease, as roughly 20-40% of patients with confirmed neurologic Lyme disease may test negative on routine CSF assays.

In the next ESK I will talk about the typical time course for the manifestation of Lyme symptoms. In the mean time, remember to educate your clubs and community, have fundraisers, and make a donation to the Pediatric Lyme Disease Fund so we can get children the treatment they need.



Think 39

Rick Levine

2003-2004 Think 39 Contest Recap

For the first time since I have held this position, there is a 3-way tie for first place. Two new clubs and one long time established club fought each other until the last day. The new clubs are: Sheepshead/Verrazano and Syosset/Woodbury. The other leader is a club celebrating there 60th. anniversary: The Five-Towns club. All three clubs finished the year with 8 new under 39ers. Second place goes to Middletown with 7. Third place goes to Copiague and New Hyde Park with 6 each. The entire list is available upon request and was printed in the last ESK.

The leading division is Long Island North with 15. The District as a whole beat out last year with a tidy 97 total. Congratulations to the winners and for all the others who tried so hard. Special thanks to Maureen Neuringer and Bruce Brooks for their tireless help. I have been advised that patches, plaques and new forms are being designed and in the oven. All will be ready shortly.

Now it's time to roll your sleeves up and do a great job for Governor Glenn. Thus far, Warsaw and Middletown are in the lead with 2 each for the 2004-2005 year. Remember "Think 39."

Palangi

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enced at the conference upon return to their respective Circle K clubs. In addition to the work shops for club officers many other forums were featured: Marketing Growth, Kiwanis Family Relations, Service Projects, and Special Awards. Congratulations to Governor Brian Smith, Administrator John Keegan, and the Kiwanis committee on Circle K for a job well done.

K-Family Weekend – The very successful affair was held on November 19-21, Hudson Valley Resort, Kerhonkson, N.Y. Traditionally, it represents the meeting of the three boards; Kiwanis, Key Club, Circle K. The meeting dramatically illustrated the K-Family working together. Seminars were offered in: Membership Growth, New Club Building, Revitalization and Public Relations. Also, the New York District Kiwanis Foundation Board convened on Sunday morning bringing the K-family Weekend to a close.

Circle K Week – Feb. 6-12 – Annually, KI recommends all Kiwanis clubs to plan a joint project with Circle K to commemorate this special occasion. Here are suggestions: Conduct a joint Kiwanis club meeting, ask Circle K members to provide a programs for your regular Kiwanis meeting, arrange for a joint proclamation by your local government officials – activities in the area of sports are also very popular and effective. Promote Circle K Week, and let your community know what Circle K represents and there contribution to the school and community.

Caring Woodridge Kiwanians Raise Funds to Help Local Restaurant



Photo above: Elaine Flynn, Past Lt. Gov. Ed Flynn, Woodridge President Diane Garritt, and Hudson River West Lt. Governor Aileen Halchak all pitched in to help Tony's Family Restaurant.

Kiwanis Club of **WOODRIDGE**, Hudson River West Division – On a dark weekend night in October local volunteer firemen fought the blaze that destroyed Tony's Family Restaurant in the center of the small village of Woodridge. Tony's Family Restaurant had been the meeting place for the Woodridge Kiwanis almost since Tony first opened.

Since then the Kiwanis Family of Woodridge have been at work to assist the burned out restaurant owner and his family. The entire little village rallied around to help. Recently \$2,000 was earned by the Kiwanis Family to help Tony's Family. Huge pans of lasagna were prepared and served at the

Village Hall. Woodridge Kiwanian Rosalie Kagan, the lasagna chef, was assisted by Kiwanian kitchen help and Key Club servers. The Kiwanians sold out food before they ran out of townspeople willing to help.

A podium, created by PLG Ed and Elaine Flynn, was presented to Hudson River West's Lt. Governor Aileen Halchak and her home club of Woodridge to replace theirs which was destroyed in that fire.

Roscoe Kiwanians Honor Shirley Ann Wood With Lifetime Achievement Award



Pictured: Shirley Ann Wood presented her Life Achievement Award by the Roscoe Kiwanis President James Temple. Also present left to right, Past Presidents Jacky Rosen, Donald Eggleton, and George Kinne.

Kiwanis Club of **ROSCOE**, Hudson River West – Shirley Ann Wood, a member of Kiwanis since 1990 was recognized with a Life Achievement Award for her service within the Roscoe Kiwanis Club. Shirley Ann has been instrumental in strengthening many activities near and dear to Kiwanis, like the Blood Drive, Rose Sale, and various fundraisers which support the youth of the Roscoe, NY area. Congratulations Shirley Ann!



New Member Orientation

Peter J. Owens

So we begin a new and dramatic year with Governor Glenn who will continue in the great traditions of our state. Governor Glenn asked me to take on this chair again as last year. I thank him for his confidence.

In training many of the new officers who took office October 1, many of them were unfamiliar with protocol and the proper orientation programs for new members. We directed each of them to the manuals given to them at the training sessions and urged them to follow the prescribed methods.

The material contained in those training manuals are tried and true. When discussing the right and wrong ways of induction, and inclusion of "new" members – each club seemed to have its own way of doing it. I reaffirm the need to "read the book" and do it right. Everyone remembers the time they were inducted – it is a lasting impression. Why not have the inductions include the immediate members of the family so everyone can appreciate the event.

An aside, many of the new officers now leading their clubs should remember there is a great wealth of information available on the internet, or even by checking with your Lt. Governor. Many trained and informative

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Clubs Honor Members With Foundation Distinguished Service Awards

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on a varied group of topics, which could lend to improved
meetings.

The current group of new leaders looked formidable in
training sessions and will be a major source in promotion of
Kiwanis ideals. We need to support each of them at the dis-
trict, division and club levels. The old adage of "many hands
make light work" is appropriate. Pitch in and do your share
by locating new members to reinforce your club. Good luck
to all of you this year.

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Our prayers go out to the family of Dominick Sciarrota who passed away a few weeks ago from cancer. Dominick was a director of our Foundation and Kamp Kiwanis was the love of his life. His life was filled with helping others, especially children. One of his last wishes was that all donations received in his memory be donated to Kamp Kiwanis. You can honor Dom by sending a donation in his memory to the new York district Kiwanis foundation, 1522 Genesee Street, Utica, NY 13502. I guess its true that God only takes the best.

Camp applications are out. Check your mail or our E-mail address at <Kampkiwanis@mybizz.net>. Our web page I located at <www.kiwanis-ny.org/kamp>. As a reminder, if history says anything, we will once again have a full camp so get your reservations in ASAP.

You may want to call and say hello to our new camp director, Rebecca. Nancy has taken a new job as camp director of the Lions Organization in Spring Valley, NY, however she is remaining a Kiwanian and a valuable asset to our Kamp Kiwanis.

During the winter months, cash flow at the camp is nil. We welcome any donations, grants, purchases of acres, cabins, Kaisers, benches, bricks, etc. Everything helps!



Ridgewood Savings Bank Grants \$\$\$ to Kamp Kiwanis

DPLG Pete Owens, a Foundation Board Member announced at the regular Board meeting on November 21 that a \$5,000 grant for Kamp Kiwanis had been received through the efforts of County Seat Kiwanis, Mineola, New Year. Great job County Seat!

Adopt - An - Acre at Kamp Kiwanis

At a recent Foundation Board meeting a motion was accepted to permit clubs and individuals to "Adopt an Acre" and arrange to amortize the \$1,500 fee over three years. This would allow clubs to select a particular annual function and dedicate part of the proceeds to this important project on a yearly basis.

Clubs and individuals can contact DPLG Pete Owens at 516 294 0010 (fax 516 294 1278) to obtain additional data and necessary forms.

The District Foundation will provide and present a certificate denoting the occasion to the clubs and individuals when the first installment is received.

Let's get behind this necessary financial assistance for the Kamp now!

6th Annual Buffalo Bills Charity Game Raises +\$12,700

the Kiwanis Club of **WEST SENECA** Kiwanis, Niagara Frontier West Division – Club hosted the 6th annual Bill's Charity Football Game at Ralph Wilson Stadium in Orchard Park, NY. Over 244 Kiwanians and their friends attended the event. They saw the 2-6 Buffalo Bills defeat the 6-1 New York Jets 22-17 in a hard fought game decided by the play of the Bill's defense and the play of special teams, featuring a kickoff return for a touchdown by Terence McGee. This avenged Buffalo's only defeat during a Kiwanis Day Game back on Oct. 7th, 2001 when the Jets beat the Bills in a rain storm as well as a Bill's loss to the Jets 14-16 earlier this year in New York.

West Seneca was honored by the presence of newly elected Governor Glenn Hollins who brought his brother, Ron, to the game from Patchogue, Long Island.

Many other dignitaries were in attendance. They included: PG Tom DeJulio and PG Peter Mancuso, PG Justin Underwood, DPG Pat Cooney, DPG Jim Yochum, DPG Joe Eppolito, PG Sue Ganey, and Foundation President Lindy Marrazzo, Jr. and Vice President Sal Anelli, both who joined us from Staten Island. Other Foundation Board Members included: Steve Eisman, Joe Battista, Marty and Maureen Neuringer (ESK editor). DPLG Joe and DPLG Nydia Corace also joined us from downstate, as well as, Key Club Administrator Judge Rosenthal, and LISC DPLG Tom Gallagher.

At least 31 clubs were represented throughout New York State, including Bob Slocum's group from Dryden; Roger Goodspeed's group from Middletown and Fritz Kirchner's group from Roscoe; Don Ciota's guests from Mount Vernon Club; Rich Fancher's group from the Ogdensburg Club and Gen McLaughlin's group from nearby

Potsdam; Ed Hayes group from Auburn and Joe Eppolito's group from Liverpool; Wayne Durant's group from Massena; Kevin Johnson's group from Albany and Tom Murphy's group from nearby Glens Falls. We also had guests of Larry Jones from Toronto, ON, and Houston, TX. This was our largest turnout in terms of both numbers of clubs attending and numbers of participants. Our departing Camp Director, Nancy Nowak, was in attendance, and she will be missed. We wish her well in her new endeavors.

At the pre-game tailgate party, everyone enjoyed the food and drinks. There were plenty of both and no one went away hungry. The party started with a stirring rendition by the late Ray Charles of "America the Beautiful" to honor America and our firefighters, policemen, and servicemen. This was followed by a beautiful rendition of "Amazing Grace" played on her bagpipes by our own Margaret McLaughlin, in memory of departed Kiwanians and their loved ones as well as those lost defending our country this past year. Reverend LG Ken Bell then gave the blessing before the food was served. This will probably be Ken Bell's last Kiwanis game as he and his lovely wife will be moving west, back to the state of Washington. We also wish him the very best, and like Nancy Nowak, he will be missed.

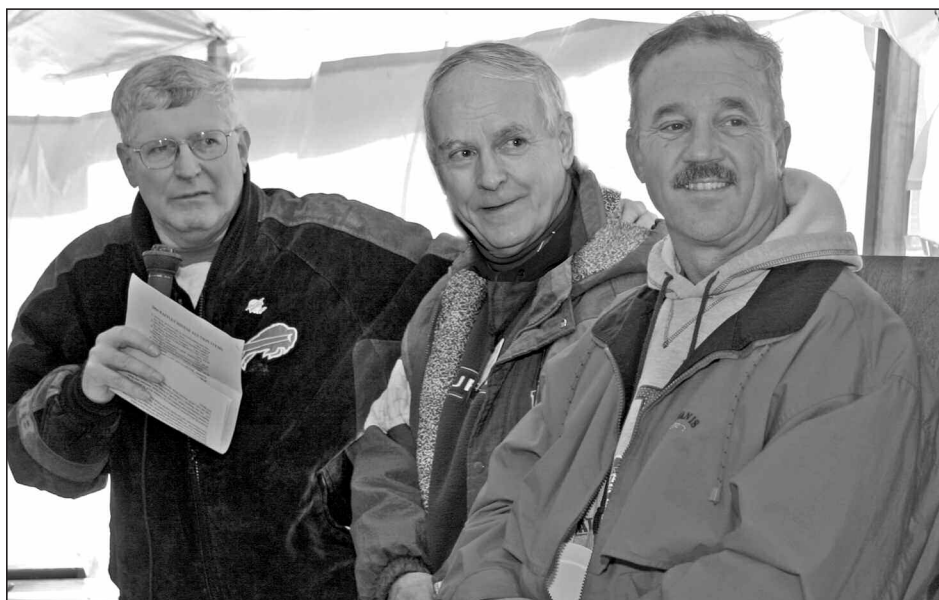
They had a wonderful time with the raffle and Chinese Auction netting the winners some neat prizes including autographed footballs by TV Analyst Don Criqui, rookie
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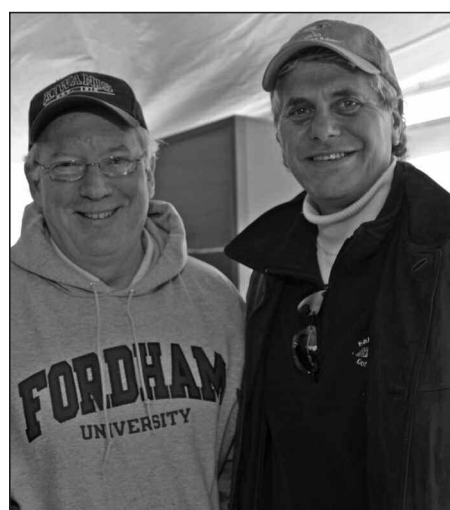
DPLG William Tober (left) and his First Lady Sue (right) greet NY Candidate for International Trustee Thomas DeJulio and DPLG Dr. Rosemary DeJulio.



West Seneca Club President Ted Winkle and NY District Former First Lady Mary Yochum make sure everything is going just right.



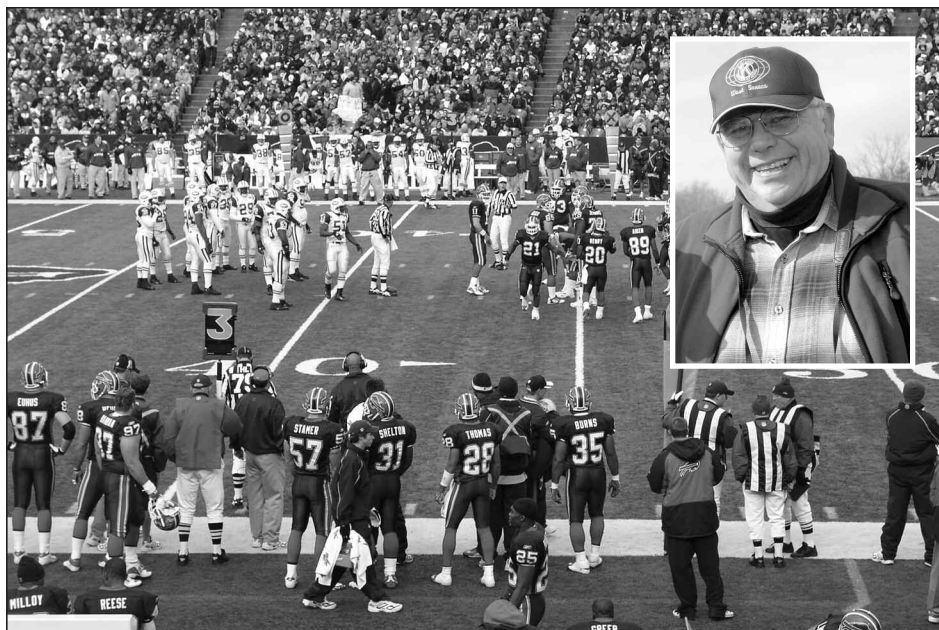
(L-r) Event Chair Larry Jones starts the festivities with an invocation from DPLG Ken Bell. Our Governor Glenn Hollins was on hand to share this wonderful day.



DPG Patrick J. Cooney joins New York District Parliamentarian Steve Eisman at the game to support this worthy cause.



KPTC President Stan Thompson with his wife Jean get ready to enjoy the game.



The Buffalo Bills vs. the New York Jets. Insert: DPG Jim Yochum, also West Seneca member, is always out there doing what he can to make the day a success.