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.

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

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Diverse

Leadership is the one most important component necessary to achieve diversity or inclusiveness in any organization. An organization must seek more visionary leaders who 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 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 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 the needs of the community. We should openly accept and tolerate others, and develop greater sensitivity to the appreciation of leadership, the outgoing and the incoming is a “relay” race—and each year the baton of leadership, “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 the Kiwanis International presented its first Diversity forum during its International Convention held in St. Louis, MO in June

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Interclub Guidelines Have Changed

Below is a Round Robin Form for reporting your Club’s Inter-Club activity for the 2003-2004 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.

Diversity

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Empire State Kiwanian

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