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’s new fundraising techniques included the creation of Memory Walk Coordinator positions and the development of District WebPages where Kiwanians members could log on and make a donation to the Association. Kiwanians 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 tete, t-shirt and food tents. A memorable moment was watching the “dancing Kiwanians 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 off 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. Searing 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 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 Patel, Susan Brucculeri, Pasquale Marchese, Carol Murabito, Sister Anne Marie, Georgina Arencas, Rocco Ritti, Rosemary DeJulio, Tom DeJulio, Ron Volino, and Ursuline Key Club President, Jasmine Pina.

Bronx Westchester Remembers “Lena” In Alzheimer’s October Memory Walk

Danielle Reed Becomes LISC Key Club Lt. Governor

Following in the footsteps of DLPG Jim Yochum, 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.

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 Finnergan 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.

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

Caroly 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 ticket to the Bills-Browns game and a Buffalo Bills’ football, Bills’ “throw blanket,” and a wooden Buffalo Bills Pen and Pencil Set, and many other items! The Bills’ 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 Kiwanians 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 BABS DOBES OF SNAILIE’S OUTDOOR POWER EQUIPMENT, has been a Platinum or Gold Sponsor the last 3 years, and our new Gold Sponsor for this year, LARRY SCHEBER’S NORTHTOURN AUTOMOTIVE has been a Silver Sponsor. 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 Mandha Biek, John Blando, Darnell Jones, Peter Kosanovich, Charlie Markel, Mike & Kim McCartan, Marge McLaughlin, Greg Notaro, Joanne Pyle, Don Rauscher, Ivan Tarpo, Bill Tober, Ted Winkle, and Jim Yochum, there is a tremendous effort 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.”