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 into international competition. In all cases, contests are described in the K-Kids Awards Booklet: <http://www.kkids.org/kkids/lit/forms/contestbook.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.

Essay Theme: 500 words maximum (Must be entirely original work of author). “How will what you have learned in K-Kids/Builders Club help you make the world a better place to live?”

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 BBQ’s – 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!