CORACE BECOMES 2006-07 GOVERNOR

The Brooklyn Division

2006-2007 Governor Joseph L. Corace and First Lady Nydia

Kamp Kiwanis
Baby Shower
Its as easy as . . .
1. Bring a Wrapped Shower Gift for Kamp
2. or pick one from the Giving Tree
Identify the Baby Contest
Beautiful Baby Contest
Saturday Morning

San Antonio Here We Come
Texas Line Dancin’ Lessons
Get ready for our International Convention in San Antonio Texas with some spirited Line Dancin’ Lessons. Bring your cowboy hats and boots. No Charge, just fun!
Saturday Afternoon

Mid-Year Conference Events

Costume Party*
Bring your own costume, or rent one at Mid-Winter for only $15 thanks to District Chairs John & Hazel Goldstein. Over 120 costumes to choose from. Just fill out a measurement form on our website www.kiwanis-ny.org.
Friday Nite

The Corace Family
Kiwanis Membership Grows Toward Million-Member Goal

Welcome to a new Kiwanis year of Service. While we have all been working to assure that the business of Kiwanis continues without interruption, it is fitting that we take the time to thank “Dave’s Diamonds” for all the work they have done to make sure that our clubs are working hard to make our communities better. THANK YOU, PG DAVE AND YOUR BOARD OF DIAMONDS!

Secretary/Treasurer
Justin Underwood

Kiwians International membership totaled 260,701 in 8,241 clubs as of September 30, 2006. This figure represents an increase of 11,413 members and 124 clubs compared to final figures as of September 30, 2005. The count for 2006 reflects all reported member adds and deletes during the year and all new clubs organized.

“Governor Joe Corace and his team have been led by the International Council for International Convention, you can share the Kiwanians from around the world. For a free visitor information packet, call the San Antonio Convention & Visitors Bureau toll-free at 1-800-ALAMO-07 (TTY 210-207-6706). Or visit their home page at www.SanAntonioVisit.com.

Long a crossroads of history and cultures, San Antonio, Texas, will host the 2007 Kiwanis International Convention, July 3-7. Now the eighth largest city in the U.S., San Antonio is an amazing mix of modernity and history.

The city was founded in 1718 with construction of Mission San Antonio de Valero, which became etched in the annals of history in 1836 as The Alamo. Located in the heart of downtown, today The Alamo is a shrine and museum.

Dating to 1840, Market Square (El Mercado), the largest Mexican marketplace outside of Mexico, is a festive combination of Tex-Mex cuisine, music and entertainment, and products ranging from pearls to piñatas.

For many visitors, San Antonio is the Paseo del Río, an urban masterpiece. Better known as the “River Walk,” these cobblestone and flagstone paths border both sides of the San Antonio River as it winds its way through the business district.

River Walk has multiple personalities — quiet and park-like in some stretches, while other areas are full of activity with European-style sidewalk cafes, specialty boutiques, art galleries, nightclubs, and gleaming high-rise hotels.

San Antonio is the perfect setting for great family vacations, beginning at the Children’s Museum. Kids of all ages will want to experience the excitement of The Magic Children’s Theatre in the heart of downtown and the nearby Downtown All-Around Playground at HemisFair Park.

Milam Park (across from Market Square) provides excellent stops for kids to burn off excess energy and a favorite is the Tower of the Americas, which offers a spectacular view of San Antonio from 579 feet above the ground.

Brackenridge Park, a 343-acre refuge in the heart of the city, offers a full day of family fun, including the San Antonio Zoo. Not far from the park, you can follow your senses through the Botanical Gardens, where acres of lush vegetation replicate three distinct landscapes of Texas.

Around the city, families will find abundant opportunities for fun — Laser Quest, Mallu Grand Prix and Castle,Splashstown Water Park, and the Texas Transportation Museum. San Antonio is Texas-sized fun at Southwest San Antonio, the world’s largest marine life park, and Six Flags Fiesta Texas.

And best of all, when you attend the 2007 International Convention, you can share the San Antonio experience with fellow Kiwanians from around the world. For a free visitor information packet, call the San Antonio Convention & Visitors Bureau toll-free at 1-800-ALAMO-07 (TTY 210-207-6706). Or visit their home page at www.SanAntonioVisit.com.

The Alamo

In Raising the World’s I.Q., the Secret’s in the Salt

New York Times reports on I.Q. progress

On December 16, a New York Times headlined “in raising the world’s I.Q., the secret’s in the salt.” In an extensive report from Central Asia, reporter Donald G. McNeill Jr. reviewed the progress made in eliminating iodine deficiency disorders and noted that Kiwanis International has played an important part in the worldwide campaign.

“The 1990 World Summit for Children called for the elimination of iodine deficiency by 2000,” he noted, and the subsequent effort has been led by the International Council for Control of Iodine Deficiency Disorders **along with UNICEF; the World Health Organization, Kiwanis International, the World Bank, and the foreign aid agencies of Canada, Australia, the Netherlands, the United States and others.**

Largely out of the public eye, they made terrific progress: 25 percent of the world’s households consumed iodized salt in 1990. Now, about 65 percent do.

However, “like all such drives, it costs more than expected. In 1990, the estimated price tag was $75 million — a bargain compared with, for example, the fight against polio, which has consumed about $4 billion. Since then, according to David P. Haxton, the iodine council’s executive director, about $160 million has been spent, including $80 million from Kiwanis and $15 million from the Gates Foundation, along with unknown amounts spent on new equipment by salt companies.”

Every Kiwanian can be proud of the fact that Kiwanis has provided half of the worldwide funding for the campaign against IDD. The article also explained why eliminating IDD has been so difficult. In many developing areas, health authorities have to overcome widespread suspicion of iodization.

“In some nations, iodization becomes tarred as a government plot to poison an essential of life — salt experts compare it to the furious opposition by 1950s conservatives to fluoridation of American water.”

“In others, civil libertarians demand a right to choose plain salt, with the result that the iodized kind rarely reaches the poor. Small salt makers who fear extra expense often lobby against it. So do makers of iodine pills who fear losing their market.”

“Rumors inevitably swirl: iodine has been blamed for AIDS, diabetes, seizures, impotence and pregnancy. Iodized salt, according to different national rumor mills, will make pickled vegetables explode, ruin caviar or soften hard cheese.”

Kiwanis IOD grants have been used to fund public education programs to convince parents that iodized salt is safe and vital to their children’s mental and physical development.

As part of its $37 million endowment campaign, the Kiwanis International Foundation plans to raise $1.5 million to help sustain the I.D.D. program and ensure that our extraordi-
Staten Is. Club Supports In-School Scouting

The Kiwanis Club of Staten Island, Metropolitan Division – held its weekly meeting on 11/9/2006 at 7:30 pm at La Fontana Restaurant in Oakwood. This night was special because Learning for Life Program Director Christine Marino was there to share information about this valuable in-school program for handicapped scouts. Metropolitan Lt. Gov. Len Bosso made his annual visit to oversee the clubs board of directors meeting. He was also proud to be on hand for the presentation of a check for $725.00 to the Greater NY Learning for Life Program Director Christine Marino.

Ms. Marino shared with the club the importance of having inner city handicapped children having the opportunity to participate in scouting activities. The evening was a great success and Staten Island Club completed the Scouting part of the Governor’s Project.

The Kiwanis Club of Staten Island of the Metropolitan Division proudly sponsors the FS 29 chapter of the Learning for Life Program for handicapped scouts. Above President Adam Brenner presents Program Director Christine Marino with a check for $725 to sponsor PS25.

The Kiwanis Club of Staten Island of the Metropolitan Division of the Kiwanis District of New York proudly sponsors the FI 29 chapter of the Learning for Life Program for handicapped scouts.

Gov. Denoncourt and Gov. Wright Designated Heroes

Governor Joseph Corace (center) presents the first Everyday Hero Awards to Key Club Governor Joey Denoncourt and Circle K Governor Grace Wright at the 2006-07 K-Family Weekend. Everyone agreed they were the perfect choice!

Bookmark Project Held With Franklin Square Scouts

The Kiwanis Club of Franklin Square, Long Island South Central Division – brought the Governor’s School Bookmark Project to the Franklin Square John Street School Girl Scout Daisy Troop #1476.

The scouts decorated beautiful bookmarks as part of Governor Joe’s Project to encourage children to read, as well as participating in the “Give a Bookmark – Get A Bookmark” event. Franklin Square provided materials for students to create the personalized bookmarks which will be collected and forwarded to students in disadvantaged areas. Students, in turn, received a laminated bookmark to keep for their efforts.

In addition the Franklin Square Seniors Kiwanis Club presented a check for $500 to the Franklin Square John Street School Girl Scout Daisy Troop #1476.

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We have just returned from our traditional ‘K’ Family Weekend at Hudson Valley Resort & Spa, and as usual, our sponsored youth was just terrific.

I’ve had the opportunity to attend many “K” Family Weekends and I always return with nothing but the highest admiration for all of our sponsored youth. This past weekend was no different, but as Governor, it was the most rewarding.

The business part of the weekend went well and we accomplished all that needed to get done. My thanks goes out to all of the NVD Chairs who came and addressed the board with their projects and areas of responsibility.

I would like to extend a special thanks to the Sponsored Youth Committee for their help.

The Pillow Hugs Project, chaired by First Lady Nycia and Former First Lady RoseMarie

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Antique Car Show Held in Floral Park

The Kiwanis Club of Floral Park Long Island North – held its annual antique car show and family fun day at John Lewis Child school ground. All the proceeds from the event go toward the club’s annual scholarship program for Floral Park Memorial HS and Sewanhaka HS.

Many people made this day a wonderful success – thanks to Koenig’s, Crab Tree, Golden Touch jewelers of Floral Park, JW Becker’s Florist, JJ Dancers, the Floral Park Memorial HS band and the Key Club of Floral Park Memorial, along with many devoted club members.

L-R: Treasurer John Monz, DPG John Gridley, Alex Leschinski, President Maria Jones, Trustee James Rhatigan, Mayor Phil Guarnieri, Shelly Ruggles, Village Judge Doug Hayden and the honorable Thomas Hayden. Not pictured but helpful: John Dervais, Dr. Bob Oerzen, Jan Greene, RoseMarie Gridley, George Gustafson, Trisha and Anthony Vacciano and Matthew Saketos.

Above left to right: Troop Co-Leader Melanie Ras, FS Kiwanis Club Past President Mike Fusco, FS Kiwanis Member Elisette Ocampo, FS Senior Kiwanis Club President Lillian Frezza, FS Senior Kiwanis Club President Elect Ann Alles, Troop Leader Jina Papadoniu and in front are the Franklin Square John Street Girl Scout Daisy Troop #1476.

Franklin Sq. Seniors donate $500 to John Street School Girls Scout Troop #1476.
**February 23 - 25th**

**New York District Kiwanians**

**Join Us at the Mid-Winter Conference at the fabulous Albany Desmond Hotel and Conference Center**

**The Desmond**

Don’t miss the two indoor beautifully landscaped all-season courtyards.

**All New Fundraising and Service Project Forums**

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**Texas Line Dancin’ Lessons**


No Charge, just fun!

**Who’s Your District Baby Contest**

Bring a Wrapped Shower Gift for Kamp Kiwanis, or pick one from the tree, and what we are all about to potential members.

Great fun and lots of laughs!

**Underwood Continued from Page 2**

Please review your club’s information and if there is an error, or a change in secretaries, presidents, meeting places and times, please e-mail Marty directly and he will get it changed. All the forms and information you need to help your club grow in service and membership should be on that same website as well as on Kiwanis International’s website. If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact the District Office or me at ANY TIME! ... Justin Underwood, NY District Secretary/Treasurer, 1-800-419-8898 or justinau@rochester.rr.com.
NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION IS THE KEY TO CLUB GROWTH

The holidays with their hustle and bustle (usually accompanied with an elevated level of Kiwanian service) are now in the memory books. With the start of a new calendar year, this is a great time to invite new members and to MAKE SURE THEY RECEIVE A TOP QUALITY ORIENTATION. Many will agree that a good new member orientation is the secret to membership retention.

Thank you if your club already conducts a regular orientation for each and every new member that joins your club. Please use the points in this article to evaluate if your club’s orientation program is the best that it can be. If your club does not provide an orientation for each new member, please let this year be the one to start (or to re-start in some cases) this very valuable tool for keeping new members in your club.

Here’s some helpful hints on new member orientation:

60 Minutes (and I don’t mean Andy Rooney) – One hour is the maximum amount of time for a new member orientation – even if a meal is involved. Exceed an hour and you’ll risk losing the new member’s interest or sense of value for their time.

Message in a Bottle – Kiwanis International offers a great “outline” of suggested new member orientation formats and topics. However, the most important part of the orientation is incorporating information about YOUR CLUB’S service, fun and fellow members.

A Few Words from our Sponsor – It’s a great idea to have the new member’s sponsor on hand for the orientation. It’s All in the Presentation – The person conducting the orientation should be someone who is enthusiastic about Kiwanis and can keep the 60 minutes focused on the task at hand. A new member orientation is not a time to talk personal Kiwanis glory days.

Location, Location, Location – For a slight change of pace, think about having the new member orientation in a location other than the club meeting place. Try not to squeeze in an orientation just before or after a club meeting. There could be too many well-intended distractions.

Food for Thought – A meal during the orientation is great but not necessary if your club is crunched for funds, scheduling or time.

Doggy Bag – When the orientation is over, the new member should have some items to take home (i.e. copies of a recent KWANIS magazine, district bulletin and club newsletter, a current club roster, club bylaws, Objects of Kiwanis, calendar of events, etc.).

Kiwanis International exists to help clubs in all aspects - including membership. Please don’t hesitate to contact me at my home in Springfield, Illinois or the staff at the International Office in Indiana to assist your new member orientation efforts!!

Ben Bay Honors Honovic at 3rd Annual Allegretti Dinner

The Kiwanis Club of BENSONHURST & BAY RIDGE, Brooklyn Division – honored outgoing President Silvio Honovic at the 3rd Annual Victor V. Allegretti Dinner Dance held at El Caribe in Brooklyn. Honovic was cited for his all his efforts on behalf of the club and children they serve. Current President and evenings General Chairman Anthony Dolce conducted the event with style – and in keeping with club tradition was proud to donate over $60,000 to thirty of the clubs charities.

To add some extra excitement to the night, Bensonhurst & Bay Ridge presented six Kaiser Fellowship Awards to deserving members. They included: Jerry Bertuna, Louis Fiacco, Silvio Honovic, Arthur Maresca, Jerry Marinelli and Carl E. Tavolacci. They also presented a Hixson Fellowship Awards to PP Ty Yorio.
11th KPTC Black & White Ball
Held at Leonard’s of Great Neck

The 11th Annual KPTC Black and White Ball was held this past September at Leonard’s of Great Neck. Attendees were dressed up in their finest black & white outfits and danced the night away while celebrating the KPTC accomplishments of the past year.

Pictured above: 2006 newest KPTC Fellows.

Photographer Bill Moseley generously donates his talent, time and supplies to create a momento of the evening. Nelson thanks Bill, everyone loves the photos!

Kiwanians Tour Albany KPTC

The Kiwanians of Sand Lake, Van Rensselaer Division – Avellini Park and East Greenbush High School Key Club students and Sand Lake Kiwanians members were taken behind the scenes at a pediatric trauma unit at Albany Medical Center. This Kiwanians endeavor has supported the Kiwanians Pediatric Trauma Unit at Albany Medical Center for a number of years.

The administrator of the 17 bed unit talked about the facility and her job as unit manager. She explained that the day of the visit was a particularly busy day. The KPTC was filled with seriously injured and ill children. She had to juggie and move a number of children around the hospital to fit the most critically injured within the appropriate hospital setting for their age and health condition.

It’s as easy as 1-2-3 You Hold the Key!

KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL – Immediate Past President Steve Siemens has just introduced the 1-2-3-3 program in an effort to obtain the goal of 1 million Kiwanians by 2015.

It’s a contest with prizes that can be obtained by Kiwanians who recruit new members.

Beginning July 1, 2006 and running through June 30, 2007 if you recruit 1 new member, you will receive from International a bronze key lapel pin and one (1) entry in a randomizer for prizes. Recruit 2 new members and receive a silver key lapel pin and an additional entry for a total of (2) entries. Recruit 3 new members and receive a gold key lapel pin and a total of (3) entries.

Lapel pins will be mailed to the recruiter once the entry form is completed, required paperwork and new member fees are processed.

Once the gold level is achieved, that is the highest level of participation with the gold pin and the three entries.

Those who attended the International Convention in Montreal saw that the gold level members of the recurring contest section front and were visited many times by PP Steve and a number of gifts were handed out.

At the 2007 International Convention a drawing from the entries will be held.

The first two winners will receive a trip to the 2008 Kiwanian Convention with free hotel, airfare and registration. The second winner spends the day at the home of the 2007 – 2008 International president Jack Tucker in California. The third winner spends the day at the International Office with the Executive Director in Indianapolis, Indiana. The fourth winner receives a Kiwanian International Life Membership. The next fifty winners get a $100 gift card to the Kiwanis Family Store.

The necessary forms should be available from your Club Secretary or from <memberservices@kiwanis.org>.

Senior Project

Dave Goodwin

This year, Governor Joe has presented a multifaceted Governor’s Project, which in part has one area designated to honor our New York District’s senior citizens.

Our plan is to provide a one day project, originally planned for Valentine’s Day, February 14, 2007, but later expanded to be done with the time frame of Saturday, February 10, thru Sunday, the 18th. But to ensure every club have the opportunity to participate, we now have opened up the window of opportunity to any day in February 2007.

The basic plan is quite simple, but we ask that every club to examine their own capabilities, and to expand, and/or improve.

The simplest form is to search out within your area, a nursing home, senior citizen complex, assisted living home, hospital, or a church group, of senior citizens, and for one day treat them with some TLC, with the passing out of valentine cards, perhaps some heart shaped cookies, a little schmoozing, some small talk, and maybe a hug or two.

Clubs could expand on this with perhaps providing a luncheon, or dinner, some musical entertainment, a magic show, cornhole sets, or some small gifts.

There is no such thing as “there are no such groups in our area,” and even if that were to be true, clubs are encouraged to join with other clubs (joint programs), or asking neighboring clubs if they could enter into a surrounding area, to visit groups that another existing Kiwanis Club may not be able to in their plans, for various reasons. Even if it means crossing over into another Division’s area. As long as permission is asked for, that permission must be granted.

And would it not please our senior citizens even more, if we were to include Circle K, Key-Club, Builders Club, or girl or boy scouts, in passing out these valentine cards?

Forms will be published for this project, which will require a description of the project performed, a photo is requested, and club presidents will be required to have their Lt. Governors sign, and forward the completions forms to me. Banner patches will be provided.

Your Lt. Governor has received information already on this project, plus there is a large committee across the District to provide assistance also. I will provide those names to you, in future articles in the ESK.

“We can’t do it,” is not an option. What a statement the New York District of Kiwanis can make, by every club saluting our beloved senior citizens, within the same month. But everyone doing it on February 14 would be even better.
The weekend of October 6-8, 2006, we hosted our third Key Leader program at the Warwick Center with 34 students in attendance. Many thanks to the Hudson River West Division that donated all the snacks the students ate during the weekend. I also need to thank those Kiwanians who attended as chaperones: Ed Stoddard, Mary Burns, Pat Flynn, Elaine Flynn and Barbara Ewanciw, without them, the weekend would not have run as smoothly as it did.

Just because the 2006 events are finished does not mean that we are stopping. I am proud to announce that we have 2 dates booked for 2007. We would love to see all clubs in the district get involved by sponsoring at least one student to an event. Students can attend any Key Leader event in the world (obviously we want to see our 2 NY events fill but realize that some events outside of NY are actually closer for some).

Western NY Event: May 16-18, 2007 Camp Stella Maris
Downstate NY Event: October 5-7, 2007 (Columbus Day Weekend)

Kim Scharoff (Kiwanis Chair)

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Key Leader Program Held in Hudson River West

By Amanda McCloough, freshman, Calhoun High School

Every year, Kiwanis International holds a leadership conference, called Key Leader, for students who show leadership promise. Often these students are Key Club members, and most of those students hold leadership positions in their clubs. There is approximately one conference for each state, though occasionally states mix. About thirty New York and Connecticut students attended this year’s conference at Camp Warwick in Warwick, New York.

I was one of those lucky students. Two others attended from the Calhoun Key Club, Greg Mills and Constance Reilly Key Leader lasted for two nights and three days, beginning on October 6th and ending on October 8th. The program is designed to benefit students who hope to become better leaders and acquire or move up in leadership positions. The program was largely organized by Kim Scharoff, the current president of Merrick Kiwanis. Activities included group work, team-building skills, and group discussions regarding leadership. The conference, as well as the people I met there, left a distinct impression on me.

A large part of the conference focused on discussing and interacting between students. We had many group discussions, group work, and group presentations. Most times the groups were changed, so everyone got a chance to meet and work with many other students. Some activities were humorous, others serious; one such ‘serious’ activity was discussing the morality of questionable situations. An example is music sharing via programs such as Kazaa or LimeWire. While the situation is not a capital offense, the discussion that followed was intense. You don’t get to experience that every day, honest conversations between a collection of mostly intelligent and strong-willed people. It was unforgettable.

Perhaps the best part of the weekend was meeting so many new people. The opportunity to meet a group of thirty people who all had leadership ambitions was incredible. Events like this are where future leaders are introduced to each other. I am convinced that I will hear of these people again in ten, twenty, thirty years. These are the people who will be CEOs, politicians, professors, or perhaps the president of their home club. Regardless of how large their ambitions, these people will make something of themselves. The opportunity to meet and befriend these people was invaluable. Naturally there were many strong personalities, but everyone was unbelievably friendly to each other. I am keeping contact with a few of these people via email, which I hope to continue to share keys to each other.

Key Leader was an experience that would be hard to forget. The event was well-organized and informative, and I came home with a fresh outlook on service, as well as a revitalized motivation to one day run for a leadership position of the Calhoun Key Club. I feel privileged to have been chosen for such an honor, to represent my club and my town amongst the best student leaders in the state, I hope that the experiences I had and the friends I made will continue to aid me in my Key Club career and beyond.

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Club, Hempstead Kiwanis, Hempstead Key Club, West Hempstead Kiwanis, West Hempstead Key Club, Elmont Kiwanis, Elmont Memorial Key Club, Unisondale Kiwanis and Unisondale Key Club. SCAM stands for Sleeping Children Around the World. It is a program founded by Mt. and Mrs. Murray Dryden. Mr. Dryden liked to photograph sleeping children. When he retired he made it a project to present bed sets to 50 children in India. The set includes a mat or mattress, a blanket, a pillow, a mosquito net if applicable, clothing, a sheet, a towel and school supplies. For the first $200 collected and given to Kiwanis International through an Aktion Club, Ki will match the funds. Whether you have an Aktion Club in our area or not, please become part of this wonderful program. If you have any question please contact me at Bluesye1255@aol.com.

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Oneonta Kiwanians Champion Suitcases for Kids Project

The Kiwanis Club of ONEONTA, Susquehanna Division — and it’s Suitcases for Kids Project delivered the first of many suitcases to the Oswego County Department of Social Services, Child Protective Services and Foster Care Program. Program Director Sue Piero and her staff accept suitcases donated to the Oneonta Kiwanis Club.

Suitcases for Kids was established in 1996 by 12-year old Aubyn Burnside in Hickory, NC, in an effort to provide suitcases to foster children to have something in which to carry their belongings. Most foster care children carry their belongings in a garbage bag. Each child averages 7 moves while in foster care.

Can you help? Hard or soft luggage is acceptable. Please help a child who is less fortunate than you. Call Kiwanian Chair Neil Obergefell at 607/434-7922 to arrange for pick up of donations.

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A NEW YEAR FOR KIWANIS 2006-07

First, congratulations to Governor Joseph Corace and First Lady Nydia elected to serve as the leaders of the New York District for 2006-2007.

Annually, the month of October designates the beginning of a new year for Kiwanis. For the Sponsored Youth Organizations it represents the first semester or period of the school year. It’s indeed a time of anticipation, a time that generates enthusiasm, it’s an opportunity time for the students to become involved in school and community service projects and programs together with Kiwanis.

For the sponsoring Kiwanis clubs it’s time to contact their sponsored clubs: Circle K Clubs, Key Clubs, Builders Clubs, K-Kids Clubs and Aktion Clubs. In order to ensure a successful year of growth and service, kindly review the following recommendations and follow up as soon as possible.

Make sure that club meetings have resumed following the summer recess and a Kiwanis Advisor appointed to assist them. Encourage the Kiwanis Advisor to report on a weekly or monthly basis the status of the club to the Board of Directors or club President.

Train the club officers if they haven’t attended the Division, or Regional Training Sessions for officers.

Assist in the implementation of a membership drive to replace students who have graduated and to augment additional manpower needed for service projects and other club activities.

Participate in the preparation of a budget necessary to support all activities of the club.

Support them financially and provide transportation when needed to the Divisionals, Regional Training Conferences, Convention and other activities.

Invite the Faculty Advisor, Club Members, and the School principal to a regular Kiwanis club meeting and encourage Kiwanians to attend their club meetings.

REMEMBER — Communicate — work together as the K-Family — the avenue to success.

THE 25TH NEW YORK DISTRICT CIRCLE K SPEAKING CONFERENCE, held at the Georgian Inn in Lake George, November 3-5 was a highly successful conference. The theme “Don’t Stop Believing in Service” was prevalent throughout the weekend. The off site service project — Clean-up of Double H Camp in Lake Luzerne exemplifies the desire to serve on the part of our youth. The camp accommodates hundreds of handicapped children.

At the opening session of the conference on Friday evening Emily Canales, President of the Warren-Washington Aktion Club

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2006-2007 New York

LG Gary McNamara
Adirondack

LG Dennis Rosa.
Bronx Westchester South

LG Robert Cofresi
Brooklyn

LG Michael Malark
Capital

LG Donald T. Neil
Central

LG Desiree Schneck
Chemung

LG Tricia Hook
Finger Lakes

LG Ann Holevinski
Genesee

LG Larry Decker
Hudson River

LG Edward J. Stoddard
Hudson River West

LG Patrick J. Brophy
Hudson Tri-County

LG Roger Sirangelo
Long Island North

LG Susan Martin
Long Island South Central

LG JoAnn Giretti
Long Island Southwest

LG Leonard Bosso
Metropolitan

LG George Wells
Mohawk
At K-Family Weekend, attendees participated in the “Pillow Hugs Project.” Chair RoseMarie Gridley remarks, “you don’t have to be an artist, all you need is a big heart and a little imagination and want to let a child or senior know that Joe’s Heroes care about them and want to send them a HUG and that is when they become a “Pillow Hug.” Above After decorating their pillowcases with fabric markers, stencils and a little imagination, over 75 works of art were donated to children in hospitals.

Key Club Gov. Joey Denoncourt (left) and Circle K Gov. Grace Wright (right) dress-up in homemade heroes costumes to show their support of 2006-07 Joe’s Heroes theme.

Get Ready, Set, Go, On-to-Buffalo

PG Jim Yochum came out fishin’ pole in hand to excite the crowd about upcoming events at NYD Convention in Buffalo.

Key Club Advisor Judge Bob Rosenthal enjoys the treat with Sponsored Youth.

Hugs Chair RoseMarie Gridley, Governor Joe and First Lady Nydia make sure everyone has supplies for the project.

Newest Joe’s Hero, Julia, sits on dad’s lap (Mark Davies) sporting a Heroes Bandanna. She’s ready for San Antonio.

Lt. Governors Get Ready for San Antonio

Key Club Governor Joey Denoncourt and Adv. Andy Lowenberg match spoonfuls.

Key Club Advisor Judge Bob Rosenthal enjoys the treat with Sponsored Youth.

LG Larry Johnson and LG Tom Beachy (left back)
Garden City Has New Member

New Member Orientation

Sponsored Youth Advisors Support K-Family Weekend

Newly updated guidelines on the diagnosis and treatment of Lyme disease were released this month, following an exhaustive evaluation of the infection and its aftermath.

The Infectious Disease Society of America based the guidelines on findings from clinical studies and change in treatment practices in recent years. Recommendations were last updated in 2000. Attention to the guidelines will aid physicians’ diagnosis, and help patients better understand the disease, as stated by Dr. Gary Wormser, chief of infectious diseases at New York Medical College and lead author of the recommendations.

The updated guidelines, which are posted on the society’s Web site, were written in response to mounting concern and confusion about Lyme disease. The condition is caused by infection with the bacteria Borrelia burgdorferi, primarily transmitted by the black-legged deer tick.

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Dr. Wormser and a panel of Lyme disease experts found that if diagnosed early enough, 95 percent of Lyme disease cases are cured within 10 to 28 days, with use of oral antibiotics. However, if not diagnosed early a long term antibiotic therapy treatment regimen sometimes prescribed has not proven totally effective, can be very expensive and may be dangerous.

Anyone who experiences lingering symptoms with so-called chronic Lyme disease should ask their doctors if the diagnosis is accurate or they may have a different or new illness. Two important additions to the recommendations are: human granulocytic anaplasmosis – HGA – and babesiosis, two diseases transmitted by the same tick that transmits Lyme.

Symptoms of HGA include headache, fever, chills, muscle pain and fatigue. Babesiosis, a parasitic infection that affects the red blood cells, resembles malaria. Remember, if you are sick and cannot seem to get any better, ask our doctors to check for Lyme disease.

Key Club Rep Dale Hall, Administrator/Financial Advisor Jim Farrell and Assistant Administrator David Vail attend Key Club Board Meeting.

Gravesend Member Michael Rizzotto Gets Involved

Borrelia burgdorferi, primarily transmitted by the black-legged deer tick.

Like proud poppas, Circle K Adm. John Keegan and Key Club Adm. Andy Lowenberg, smile at the achievements of their “babies.”

Builders Club Administrator Carl Johnson is always on hand to encourage and support our youth.

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Peter J. Owens
Kiwanis Salutes Chester Boy as Everyday Hero

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January 12, 2007

The New York District of Kiwanis International Everyday Hero Award was given to 10-year-old Danny Mulvey of Chester during a recent gathering of the Chester Kiwanis.

The award is one of the unique recognitions offered by the New York District of Kiwanis International, which has more than 8,800 members. Joseph L. Conner is the Kiwanis Governor who oversees clubs throughout the district, including the Hudson River West Division. Ed Stoddard, a member of the Chester club and Past President, is Lieutenant Governor of the division.

Danny is a special youth, known to all the members. He has a rare form of leukemia. Since birth he’s had numerous medical treatments, including a bone marrow transplant a few years ago.

“Eddy Stoddard, our Lieutenant Governor, knows firsthand how important it is to have individuals willing to donate blood and bone marrow,” said Gloria Mangano, a Chester Past President. “Ed donated bone marrow to his brother 10 years ago and for that reason he feels especially close to Danny. Danny is a true inspiration to all who know him and was most deserving of the award.”

The award was presented by Chester President Richard Robillard. Congratulations to the club and a special heroes cheer for Danny.

Pictured above: Ten-year-old Danny Mulvey happily accepts the New York District Everyday Hero Award from the Chester Kiwanis.

From left is Hudson River West Division Lt. Governor Ed Stoddard, Past President Gloria Mangano and current Chester President Richard Robillard.
Gov. David finished his year with eight new K-Kids Club. It certainly was awesome. Slowly but surely we are getting the word out. This year under the leadership of Gov. Joe we really have to be heroes and double or for that matter triple sponsoring K-Kids.

You are all aware that the easiest and least expensive to sponsor is K-Kids. It only cost $150.00 for as many youngsters as the school allows. What a fantastic way to guide our kids in volunteering and teaching them to give back to their communities. We all know that, if we get them started then they will continue to Builders, Key Club, CK and eventually Kiwanians. What an excellent way to entice the parents, teachers, friends, relatives joining Kiwanis.

Please remind the advisors to send in the names and titles of all officers in as soon as possible. Reports are due and are sent to Kiwanis International, New York District and myself. You can get the forms from the internet. Also, don’t forget the contest. Think about a scrapbook, essay, and poster. This contest helps the kids’ self-esteem.

Again, Gov. David and myself want to thank all of you for your hard work and most of all for thinking about K-Kids.

Let’s work as a team this coming year thank all of you for your hard work and most of all for thinking about K-Kids.

**Governor**

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Gridley was a tremendous success. During this K Family Project participants were asked to use supplied fabric markers and stencils to create beautiful designs on white pillowcases which will be distributed to kids throughout our state. Many Kiwanians had time to work cooperatively with their Key Club and Circle K counterparts. Everyone participating showed a wide range of artistic talent. We had a lot of fun and plan to do this project again at Mid-Winter.

We now have Every Day Heroes Awards being presented throughout our district. Let’s honor those that are deserving, but also take the opportunity to ask them to join our wonderful organization.

The badges that were worn this weekend included our motto “Celebrating Kiwanis Service and Fellowship” and thanks to all involved we really did that.

First Lady Nydia and I have represented our district at many installations, anniversary dinners, Governor’s visits and fundraising events. We have enjoyed great hospitality, beautiful gifts and love. First Lady Nydia and I thank you all for this. You are all truly “Heroes” to us.

I would like to extend my very sincere wishes for a happy, healthy and prosperous new year — filled with Kiwanis giving, love and a generous spirit from First Lady Nydia and myself.

**K-Kids**

Mickie Leamey

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ALBANY, NEW YORK

**BADGE INFORMATION**

Kiwanian Name

Club Name

Name of Spouse/Partner

Spouse/Partner Club (If Applicable)

Children Names (If Applicable)

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www.kiwannis-ny.org

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**Hoosick Falls K-Kids Celebrate Officers and Year With Pizza**

The Kiwanis Club of HOOSICK FALLS, Van Rensselaer Division – The Hoosick Falls K-Kids “surprised” their Kiwanis Club with a pizza party to honor outgoing K Kids President Nick Dowling, pictured right are the K-Kids Faculty Advisor Holly Grogan and Kiwanis Advisor Roberta Breese. Numerous club members from K-Kids and the Hoosick Kiwanis Club attended the party. The party was held at the local firehouse where members participate in various fundraisers.

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In an effort to recognize individuals for meritorious service, the New York District Foundation has developed the Distinguished Service Award. This high gloss color certificate will be personalized with recipients’ names and signed by our Foundation President and packaged in a leather folder with an embossed Foundation label. The award can be presented by clubs once a year for one club member. The donation for this award is $150. It is a great means of honoring someone in a special way. Just fill out the coupon below, enclose your check payable to the NY District Foundation, and send to Maureen Neuringer, 1535 63rd Street, Brooklyn, NY 11219.
Hixson, Kaiser Fellowship Awards and KPTC Donation Given at Chinatown Party

Governor Joseph Corace presents a “George F. Hixson” Fellowship Award to Patricia Ying at Chinatown Club’s Installation Ceremony Party. Photo taken with Dr. Nelson Ying, a Hixson fellow, an ongoing supporter of Kiwanis International Foundation.

Lake Placid Holds 14th Annual Teddy Bear Picnic

The Kiwanis Club of LAKE PLACID, Adirondack Division – held its 14th annual Teddy Bear Picnic. This year more than fifty children ages two to six attended. The child with the best teddy bear display was the grand master. This was followed by a staged program featuring many local people involved in working with children. There also was a Teddy Bear Store where with Teddy Bear Dollars each participant could make purchases of such things as books, teddy bears and other objects. Roo the Reader from Literacy Volunteers was present along with Supervisor Shirley Seney (a Kiwanian) and state Senator Betty Little. Many senior citizens attended as either observers or participants. Hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, juices and ice cream were served to all. The club which will be celebrating its 80th birthday in November also has several projects, such as donating dictionaries to 4th graders, dealing with young children.

Delgiorno Named Peninsula President

Tom Delgiorno was installed as President of Peninsula Kiwanis, by Lt. Governor Jo Ann Giretti. Based in Hewlett Peninsula club provides services and financial support for a variety of local charities. Tom works as a general contractor and business manager for our Lady of Good Council Roman Catholic Church of Inwood. He oversees all church projects and helps in various fundraising programs. Formally of East Rockaway he now resides in Lynbrook with his wife Mary and his two sons Robert and John. He fully endorses the clubs motto, “Children Are Our Priority One

Oswego Circle Kers Attend Kiwanis Meeting

The Kiwanis Club of OSWEGO, Susquehanna Division – Two State University of New York at Oswego students who are members of Circle K of SUNY at Oswego were guests at a recent Kiwanis meeting at Bricie Manor, Oswego. Stephanie Briggs third from left is President of Circle K, and Samantha Decker (right) was recently elected Lt. Governor of the Central Lakes Division. The students spoke of several community projects of the Circle K club. The Circle K club at the college is sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Oswego. In the photo are Oswego Kiwanians Robert Gillen, (left) the current Lt. Governor of the Ontario Division of the NY District. Next to Gillen is Governor Elect Don Herring. Dave Cooper, 2nd from right, is the current President of the Kiwanis Club of Oswego.

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that will qualify for the various parts of the Governor’s Project and, there are suggestions listed for new projects we will be undertaking! I encourage you to join with the K-Family sponsored clubs in completing these projects as well. I hope that your club is successful in completing the Governor’s Project which will only further benefit your community and recognize your success. If you need additional information or help please email me at <dpellit1@rochester.rr.com>.

Buffalo Bills

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($1,000) sponsors: The Legend Group and Uptime Tent Rental, as well as our gold ($500) sponsors, Ki Trustee Thomas E. DeJulio and Dr. Rosemary DeJulio, as well as the West Seneca’s teachers association. The Legend Group has been a platinum sponsor every year since inception and the DeJulio’s have been there for us every year as well as the West Seneca Teacher’s Association.

This will be my final year chairing this event. I would like to thank all of you who supported the event as a sponsor or patron, event committee member, or attended the games and pre-and post game parties. I would like to particularly thank Past President and good friend Peter Kosanovich for his support with this event over the years. Also, my wife Carol and my son Darrell have been invaluable with their work on this event as well as their love and moral support. This event would not have been possible without the support of these three people as well as many others in the West Seneca Kiwanis Club. Also, Foundation Board President Lindy Marrazzo’s support the last few year’s has been appreciated. Three past Governors: Pat Conney and Joe Esposito, have made every game, with Justin Underwood and Jim Yochum having missed just one since inception of this event and their support is appreciated.

Finally, on behalf of the children who attend Kamp Kiwanis and benefit from your participation and generosity - THANK YOU!
Many thanks for the honor at the District Convention in Saratoga Springs for being named the Convention Honoree. Both myself and my wife Chris, enjoyed the weekend and everyone was great. Special thanks goes out to Governor David and 1st Lady Debra. I know this would not have occurred if it was not for them.

Thanks also to my friend Al Federico for his generosity in hosting the open bar at the Convention and to all those Kiwanians who have served on the Foundation Board with me. Thanks also to Fran Hogan, newly elected board member, for her kind words and to my friend, Past President of the Staten Island Club Mark Akinzacy for writing them.

This past year we had a very successful year at the camp. We made a profit thanks to your help in sending children to Kamp Kiwanis, donating to its Kaiser program, brick program, adopt a cabin program, adopt an acre program, our outreach program, obtaining grants and matching funds and in donating to Kamp Kiwanis.

On account of this, the cost of sending a child to camp will remain at the $500 per child we charged last year. Thanks to our camp director Rebecca Lopez and her staff for keeping the costs down, for writing grant applications and for collecting the monies due the Foundation. We will also continue with the military week where we sent 77 children to Kamp Kiwanis. Each one of the children had a parent in the military. If any Kiwanian knows of any family so situated, please call the camp office and let us know. If any of you have seen our new video, I know you are as impressed as I am. If you have not, call your Lt. Governors. A copy of the new CD was given to each Lt. Governor to show at each club or divisional meeting. If you need a copy, please call Rebecca at Kamp Kiwanis. It can be used as a program or you can use it as a fund-raising device for the camp.

Our prayers go out to the families of board directors Tom Gallagher and Mike Malark for their loss. Tom lost his stepfather and Mike his father-in-law.

Happy New Year to everyone.

Allegretti Family Donates $5000 to Kamp Kiwanis

At the recent, 3rd Annual Allegretti Bensonhurst and Bay Ridge Dinner Dance, Sally Allegretti, in memory of her loving husband Victor donated $5000 to Kamp Kiwanis. Sally remarked, "Victor was always a big supporter of Kamp Kiwanis and was devoted to the children it serves." Both Sally and son Sergio were very proud to be part of this special evening.

The Woodland Middle School Builders Club Raises $850 in Coins for Campers Canisters

At a recent induction ceremony for Woodland Middle School Builders Club Governor Joe was presented with a check for $850, proceeds from the Coins for Campers canisters. Builders Club Advisor Rich Santer (right) is very proud of his Builders Club.

8th District Buffalo Bill’s Football Game Held Sept. 24th

The Kiwanis Club of WEST SENeca, Niagara Frontier West – hosted their 8th annual Bill’s Charity Football Game at Ralph Wilson Stadium in Orchard Park, NY. Over 220 Kiwanians and their friends attended the event. The Jets prevailed 28-20 in a hard fought game in which turnovers turned out to be the Bill’s undoing as they dominated the game statistically except for the only statistic that counts.

Governor and First Lady Joe and Nydia Corace joined us for the festivities along with Governor-Elect Don and his wife Marlene, Foundation Board President Orlando "Lindy" Marrazzo, Jr. also joined us for a fun day. Among the former Governors attending were Patrick Cooney, Joe Sspolito, and Justin Underwood who have consistently supported this event over the years and we thank them very much. Kamp Kiwanis Executive Director Rebecca Lopez joined us as well. Our guests from the Compass House and the Franciscan Center had a great time as well.

This year’s game was dedicated to the late Robert (Bob) Keefe, who served our club, community, and young people for many years. He was our club’s scholarship chairman, co-ordinator of West Seneca’s Recognition Awards at West Seneca’s High Schools, and served 30 years as West Seneca East HS Key Club Advisor. He was also a past president and lieutenant-governor. He embodied what was the best of being a Kiwanian. His wife Sue was present for the event and received a collage put together by Kiwanian Diane Beres depicting Bob’s involvement in Kiwanis activities. Kiwanian Marge McLaughlin played a beautiful version of “Amazing Grace” on her bagpipes in his memory as well as for our servicemen who made the ultimate sacrifice. A large representation of West Seneca Teachers and Orchard Park Fireman were in attendance. Orchard Park Kiwanians had the largest club participation with 16 participants.

Along with a tasty buffet lunch and plenty of liquids, a raffle, Chinese Auction and split-club were held. Door prizes were awarded. Buffalo Bills cheerleaders helped out with selling raffle tickets and being available for photo opportunities. Due to their own annual tailgate party, no Buffalo Bills’ alumni were able to join us this year. It appeared that everyone had a good time and fortunately the rains stopped before the tailgate party and game.

Since 1999 when this event began, we have raised over $70,000 for Kamp Kiwanis, $3000 for Heritage Camp in Angola, NY and $8500 to help fund West Seneca’s service Projects.

I want to thank the following platinum donors.

Representative started the "tractor rolling" with a generous donation of $1000. Joe’s Heroes have pledged to try and raise funds to purchase a tractor for Kamp Kiwanis.