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West Division. He informed me that the

from LG Ed Stoddard of the Hudson River

Club in South Ozone park, where my brother

Miller announced that they are in the final

tative, leadership skills and to serve as part of

their community. Each club can be spon-
sored by a Kiwanis club, a Kiwanis division and

or other member of the Kiwanis family.

Already the year has started off beyond

my wildest dreams. The Queens West Division under the guidance of LG Mike Miller announced that they are in the final stages of opening the first downtown Aktion Club in South Ozone park, where my brother Richard resides. Gov David and myself will be attending their organizational meeting and we are looking forward to getting them started in the right direction.

Shortly after that announcement, I received a call from Christina Russo, Recreational Coordinator at Maryvchen Center of Hope, located in Port Jefferson Station, Long Island. She had heard about Aktion Clubs and had called Kiwanis International looking for a contact person. Gov David and I attended the Suffolk East divisional under the direction of LG Bill Jackson. Bill invited Christina down for a presentation and two clubs, Riverhead and Patchogue showed an interest in sponsoring Aktion Clubs.

Rob Rochtchild of East Meadow Kiwanis, my second club, made a contact for me at the ACLUD organization. I spoke with LG Sue Martin of the Long Island South Central division and we invited Joe Bianco the Director of Residential and Apartment Services down to their divisional to encour-

gage the division as possibly to start an Aktion Club in one of the group homes that is located

in their area. I have plans on meeting with several other divisions since Mr. Bianco has homes all over Nassau and Suffolk county.

It didn’t stop there, I received an email from LG Ed Stoddard of the Hudson River West Division. He informed me that the Monticello Club was interested in starting an Aktion Club at New Hope Community.

I applaud the efforts of all the Kiwanians who are making my job easier. Thank you so much.

By far, the key club shined when a pres-
tation was made to me at the divisional for

Key Club Div 6, led by LG Richie Santer. The following key clubs and their Kiwanis spon-
sors made donations for the purchase of 26 bed kits as part of the SCAW program, the service initiative for Aktion Clubs for the 2006-2007 Kiwanis Year.

The Kiwanis Club of Great Neck, Makerthur Key Club, Division Avenue Key Club, Island Trees Key Club, East Meadow Kiwanis, East Meadow HS Key Club, W.T. Clarke Key Club, Woodland M.S. Builders Club.

11th KPTC Black & White Ball

The 11th Annual KPTC Black and White Ball was held last this September at Leonardi’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.

The tour groups were joined by the two doctors who run the unit—Dr. Sanchez and Dr. Walsh. They expressed their thanks to the Key Clubbers for their work they do and for coming to visit the facility. Everyone was so impressed by what was wit-

nessed during the tour of the KPTC.

“Everyone who has visited the Children’s Hospital and the KPTC now realizes just where the money goes and how it’s used to help the kids of the entire northeastern part of New York State,” added Tysiak.

Kiwanis Club members and Key Club members will be at Crossgates Mall on February 10 and December 2nd to accept donations for the “Bell of Life” campaign. This Kiwanis endeavor has supported the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Unit at Albany Medical Center for a number of years.

“The Kiwanis Clubs in this area have pledged to raise almost half a million dollars for this life-saving children’s medical unit,” added Tysiak. “We are within a few thousand dollars of our goal.”

“Without the support of our great Kiwanis clubs, the Kiwanian Tour Albany KPTC wouldn’t be here,” said Dr. Walsh. They expressed their thanks to the doctors who run the unit—Dr. Sanchez and Dr. Walsh, which will require a description of the proj-

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