Key Leader Program Held in Hudson River West

October 2006 Key Leader Program
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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 Wyckoff, 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 my Key Club career and beyond. The friends I made will continue to aid me in my Key Club career and beyond.

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Club, Hempsdale Kiwanis, Hempsdale Key Club, West Hempsdale Kiwanis, West Hempsdale Key Club, Elmont Kiwanis, Elmont Memorial Key Club, Uniondale Kiwanis and Uniondale Key Club. SCN stands for Sleeping Children Around the World. It is a program founded by Mr. 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 your area or not, please become part of this wonderful program. If you have any questions contact me at bluesy1255@aol.com.

Key Leader Moving Ahead

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 want to thank those Kiwanians who attended as chaperones: Ed Studard, 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 16-19, 2007 Camp Stella Maris
Downstate NY Event:
October 5-7, 2007 (Columbus Day Weekend)
Greenkill (YMCA) Conference Center
The cost per student is $160. If the participant is a member of a service leadership organization (Key Club or Builders Club), the cost is $135. Student Facilitators and Chaperones are $75.

We are also looking to build a network of people within the district to help promote this program. If you are interested, please do not hesitate to contact me. I have a wonderful set of site coordinators working with me who are available to answer questions specific to the site. Western NY – Jennifer and Howie Barnes. Downstate NY – Richard Santer.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions kscharoff@yahoo.com.