The holiday season has come and gone and it’s time for everyone to rejoice and be thankful. I for one have a great deal of thanks to hand out. I thank all of the clubs who have responded to my request to furnish the foundation a member-at-large so that we can get the information about the foundation and the Kamp to each club.

I ask that every club respond to us by designating one member of their club to be the NYS Foundation member-at-large. I thank the Patchogue Club for fulfilling their commitment to the $35,000 to build a cabin at Kamp Kiwanis. I attended their annual Oktoberfest where they raised the final

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Bowling Green K-Kids

The Bowling Green Elementary School K-Kids gave up some of their candy this Halloween to collect money to help Kamp Kiwanis recover from the flooding and tornado that damaged the camp earlier this year.

While a newly chartered club, the K-Kids were familiar with classmates who had spent a summer week at Kamp Kiwanis. Faculty Advisor and East Meadow Kiwanis Club President Rich Santer was surprised how quickly the members of the K-Kids opted to Trick-or-Treat for Kamp Kiwanis over UNICEF and the other options presented at their first ever general membership meeting in September. “It seemed clear that the personal connection the K-Kids had with their own classmates being able to go to Kamp Kiwanis overshadowed UNICEF’s well-known orange boxes. The vote wasn’t even close,” commented the surprised advisor.

In just a single day the 27 members raised $325 for the Kamp. The Board of Directors decided to donate the first $200 through the Tony Palangi Service Leadership Fellowship program. The Board selected President Emma Murphy, Treasurer Regina Hickey, Director Tori Kalberer, Member Anthony Dunn and Faculty Advisor Rich Santer as the recipients of the fellowships. Tori and Anthony raised the most money.

The remaining $125 was donated through the brick program. The K-Kids are proud to have their club placed on the wall of Governor’s Hall.

The Bowling Green K-Kids is proudly sponsored by East Meadow Kiwanis.

Great News for the New York District

The New York District had been named as one of the 10 Districts receiving Distinguished Status for the 2007-2008 Kiwanis Year.

Congratulations to Immediate Past Governor Don, First Lady Marlene and Secretary Justin.

K-Kids Vice President Miranda and Treasurer Regina count coins collected for Kamp Kiwanis

FDN President Sal’s Daughter Becomes A New York Times Best-Selling Author

“Harry, A History,” is my first book, a journalistic memoir about my time inside the Harry Potter phenomenon. It tells the story of how a small children’s book became the best-selling series of all time, but it also speaks to a larger story about how the people and things we love can change us if we let them.

Through Harry Potter and the community I found through my Web site, The Leaky Cauldron, I discovered talents I didn’t know I had and confidence that had previously been hidden. I wrote the book over the year of the publication of the seventh and last Harry Potter novel.

I was able to write “Harry, A History” for many reasons, most of them having to do with hard work and luck, but also because my father, Sal Anelli, a longtime Kiwanian, has taught me so much about the hard work required to achieve accomplishment.