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LeRoy Pavilion & Stafford Kiwanis Club Organized



January 10, 2004 marked the organizing of the LeRoy Pavilion & Stafford Kiwanis Club by the Genesee Division. Members are anxious to get started with community service.



Standing: Genesee Division IPLG David Goodwin, Treasurer Sean Valdes, LPS Vice President Ed Dudley, IPG Justin Underwood, and Genesee Division Lt. Governor Larry Cartwright. Seated are (l-r): LPS President Terri Starowitz and Secretary Laurie Taillie. We welcome Leroy Pavillion & Stafford into our Kiwanis family.

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Mid-Year Conference

We have just had a very successful Mid-Winter Conference at the Nevele Grande. Interesting and informative forums were held. Opening and general sessions brought Kiwanians and guests up to date on happenings in our District and awards were announced honoring Kiwanis clubs and individuals for the 2002-2003 Kiwanis year under Immediate Past Governor Justin Underwood. The schedule of events received upon arrival helped you to plan your schedule. It also brought you up to date on Governor Peter Mancuso's year and his plans for the upcoming months and the culmination of another successful year for the New York District.

International Convention

The International Convention in St. Louis is fast approaching. We have a quota of 526 for the Convention, which we should strive to meet. We have an excellent hotel, the Sheraton City Center, which I am sure all of us will enjoy. There are many things to see in St. Louis. The famous Gateway Arch, the Mississippi River, Gateway Arch Riverboats, museums and the St. Louis Cardinals at Busch Stadium. Also, we should show the rest of the Kiwanis world our interest in International affairs. There are many issues to be brought up at the Convention and as delegates for your club you will have an opportunity to voice and vote your opinion. Club Secretaries should be sure to send in the forms to Kiwanis International and to our

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Deadline for District Resolutions

Our New York District Bylaws provide that "The Committee on Resolutions shall consider resolutions submitted by . . . a chartered club when submitted to the chairman in waiting thirty (30) days prior to the date of the annual district convention. The committee shall also have the authority to originate resolutions and to modify, combine and edit all resolutions submitted to it."

The dates of this year's district convention are August 18-22, 2004. Therefore, those clubs wishing to submit resolutions for consideration must do so, in writing, by July 19th, 2004. Proposed resolutions should be mailed to Tony Kaiser, Resolutions Chairman, at 37 Acme Avenue, Bethpage, NY 11714, faxed to him at 516-681-5822, or emailed to ajkaiser@webTV.net.

Nelson Appears In Superstar Show



As a songwriter, Willie Nelson composed hits such as Patsy Cline's *Crazy*. As a singer, he ran up the charts with hits such as *On the Road Again* and *Mammas Don't Let Your Babies Grow Up to Be Cowboys*. As an actor, Nelson appeared in *The Electric Horseman* and *Wag the Dog*. As a philanthropist, he co-founded *Farm Aid* to assist struggling farm families.

Registration has officially opened for the 2004 KI Convention to be held in St. Louis, Missouri, June 25-29, 2004. Check website for details <<http://www.kiwanis.org>>

Incentives Offered for 2005 Int'l Convention in Hawaii

As a reminder, districts utilizing InConTra, Inc., as the tour and travel provider for the 2005 Kiwanis International Convention in Honolulu, Hawaii, will receive the following incentives:

For each "all inclusive package" sold and completed, the district will receive \$50. This payment will be made by InConTra, Inc., via check, within 30 days after the convention.

Additionally, for every 150 "all inclusive packages" deposited by September 30, 2004, and paid in full by January 31, 2005, the district will receive one complimentary all inclusive (West coast) package. These complimentary packages may be used to defray the district's expenses OR as incentives/give-aways to promote pre-registration. Packages sold on or after October 1, 2004, will not be included in this incentive. Cash cannot be offered in lieu of the complimentary all inclusive package nor can an alternate package or

Kiwanis International Convention

A Family United in Service

June 25-29

Catch the Boehmers



Stay alert around the Boehmer family. You never know what objects may fly by: a ball, a club, or even a flaming torch. Larry and Judy Boehmer and their 11 children, ranging in age six to 28, are the largest family of jugglers in the world. The whole Boehmer bunch will perform at the Closing Session. Parents and children use a variety of props in their act, including spinning diabolos, balancing on unicycles, and . . . well, you'll just have to see for yourself how they use a canoe.

tour be substituted. Packages earned but not used or designated by March 1, 2005, will be forfeited. Contact the Kiwanis International Con-vention Dept. (800-549-2647) or InConTra (800-338-7673) for more info.

St. Louis' View From Top

Each year millions of visitors head for the Gateway Arch with one goal in mind, a journey to the top. This is where you'll get a stunning glimpse of the St. Louis region from a dizzying height of 630 feet. But how do you get to the top? You take a tram ride from the south or north leg of the Arch.

On your way to the top using the south leg, you'll return to an era in the 1800s, when the St. Louis riverfront was bustling with steamboats, fur traders, and merchants. Using the north leg, you'll be transported back to 1965, when construction workers wedged the last triangular Arch section into place.



Kiwanis Int'l Fdn

Joseph Eppolito

International Foundation . . . A Friend to All

The KI Foundation is committed to work hand-in-hand with Kiwanis International and District Foundations to further service to the children of the world.

KIF awards are given to Kiwanis Clubs several times during the year to help carry out significant projects that helps children. The grants are not for "brick and mortar," but go a long way in giving those projects a needed "boost" to get off the ground and make a big impact in all corners of the world under the banner of Kiwanis.

KIF has many award programs that lets Kiwanis Clubs recognize individuals for their achievements and service in their communities: Hixson Medallion, Tablet of Honor, Kiwanis Fellow, Memorial Tribute. The funds, in turn, help support KI Foundation in their activities such as support of all of our Sponsored Youth Programs, educational materials for Kiwanians and scholarships.

The more clubs that support the Annual Club Gift Campaign with their donations, the more matching scholarships each District can realize!

I have had the honor to chair the KIF Foundation in NY District 4 of the last 6 years. In each year, clubs increased their giving. This year (through 12/31/03) is no exception and I encourage all clubs to give \$100 or \$5 per member (based on your starting membership as of 10/01/03), whichever is lower, as soon as possible to keep ahead of last year AND gain more matching scholarships for our District kids.

If you are not sure that your club gave this year, check out KIF on the webpage and find annual club gifts by district <www.kiwanis.org>, then hit tab for KI Foundation and finally giving programs.

Keep up the good work and support of the Kiwanis International Foundation.

2005 Kiwanis International Convention Honolulu, Hawaii – Kiwanis/InConTra Package Information		
	Kiwanis/InConTra Inclusive Package	Price per person if purchased a la carte
Roundtrip airfare (from SFO or LAX)	Included	\$600.00 *
Baggage handling	Included	\$10-\$20
Lei greeting at airport	Included	\$25-\$100
Transportation to/from the airport (taxi cab)	Included	\$50.00
Hotel Accommodations (4 nights, deluxe beachfront hotel)	Included	\$1,180.96 **
Breakfast Buffet (4 days, deluxe hotel)	Included	\$78.52
Convention registration fee	Included	\$200.00
Daily tour samples		
1. Pearl Harbor	Included	\$32.99 ***
2. 1/2 day tour	Included	\$33.51 ***
3. Circle island tour	Included	\$51.04 ***
4. Diamond Head	Included	\$22.57 ***
Convention shuttle service	Included	Varies, based on location
On Waikiki Beach	Included	Priceless
KI/InConTra service desk at hotel	Included	Priceless
The camaraderie and fellowship of group travel with other Kiwanians	Included	Priceless
TOTAL PRICE	\$1,650****	\$2,284.59 - \$2,369.59
*Fares quoted in December 2003 for June/July 2004 travel.		
**Based on rates provided by Sheraton Waikiki in December 2003 for June/July 2004.		
***InConTra package includes a variety of sightseeing tours. These are sample tours and prices as of December 2003.		
****Based on 2004 package price of \$1,850, less \$200 discount if all payments are made by check and your fully refundable deposit of \$250 per person is received on or before September 30, 2004.		

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NY Governor Mancuso Advises Ontario Division Develop Programs to Reduce Childhood Obesity

Ontario Division – Stressing the need to reduce excess weight and obesity among children, New York District Governor Peter J. Mancuso outlined his 2003-04 Governor's Project as "Kiwanis and Kids Fit Together" in his visit to Syracuse on February 26.

In making official Ontario Division visit at the Empire Room, NY State Fairgrounds, Governor Mancuso emphasized the need for Kiwanis, Key Clubs, and Circle K to promote physical fitness programs and sports among growing children. His goal is to bring awareness and offer encouragement to Kiwanians to tackle this growing problem of overweight children, and resulting illnesses.



Above: LG Sam Wolcott receives Home Club banner from PLG Marlene Gosson.

He strongly emphasized the need for Kiwanis clubs to include Sponsored Youth in its activities, because--as he put it,"These kids are enthusiastic, and are very able."

In his comments, especially to new officers, he advised:

- Start your club assessment and community survey right away. Don't depend on doing "the same old thing."
- Appoint a Membership Chair, and include a Membership category in your budgeting.
- Edit and return your Club Roster to Kiwanis International right away because your club will be billed according to your membership roster.
- Educate members and officers better to help build growth and attract new members. The goal is to build at least one new club in each division, and make every effort to attract new members from or develop new clubs in diverse areas. Adopt a Growth Agenda, he encouraged.

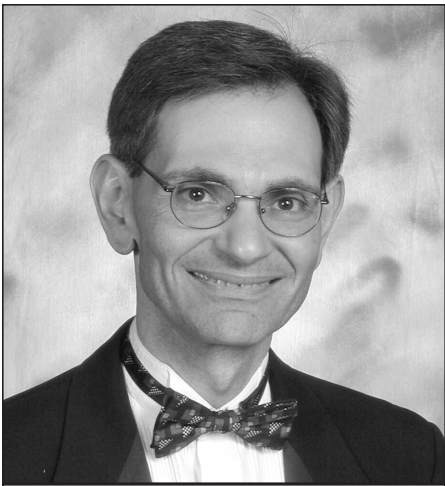
He thanked Kiwanians for supporting the Worldwide Service Project to eliminate iodine deficiency disorders throughout the world – a project already at work in more than 90 countries.

Lt. Governor for Ontario Division Sam Wolcott received the Division Home Club Banner from Immediate Past Lt. Governor Marlene Gosson. Both are members of Solvay Geddes Camillus Kiwanis Club.

In his remarks, Lt. Governor Wolcott cited the need for rehabilitation of clubs to fit present day needs in their communities. . .strong clubs need to help smaller clubs ... encourage younger members to join the Kiwanis ranks, especially those under 39 years of age.

Governor Mancuso helped with the group induction of new club presidents and secretaries, encouraging them to take roles of leadership, doing a better job of promoting the club and its projects...and to remember that "In Serving Others, We Grow."

He cited special projects now being accomplished by clubs in the division. Past Lt. Governor Arnold Bitterman of DeWitt Club told of the success of the division's Annual Pancake Breakfast to benefit Children's Miracle Network. Secretary Mary DiPietro of E. Syracuse/Eastwood Club explained the success of the Book Collection and Distribution to schools for their reading encouragement programs.



Governor
Peter J. Mancuso

Congratulations to IPLG Dave Goodwin of the Genesee Division, who led the team that built our first new club of the year - the Kiwanis Club of LeRoy Pavilion Stafford! Actually, they began this work last year, so IPG Justin and First Lady (LGE) Joanne Underwood, who both contributed mightily to the effort, have much of which to be proud.

The LeRoy club was built the old fashioned way. With the assistance of Harry White of the Kiwanis International staff and District New Club Building Chair Mike Malark, Dave, Justin, Joanne and other Genesee Kiwanians pounded the pavements of these communities recruiting potential members, until there were enough of them to start a club. The LeRoy club is now busily planning its first service projects and contributing to the betterment of its communities. And it is being actively supported by members of the Genesee division, who attend each of the new club's meetings.

The same thing that has taken place in LeRoy Pavilion Stafford is now underway in a number of different divisions in our district, and hopefully by the time that you read this, there will be more good news to share. This process can be repeated in any community in our district that is not currently benefitting from the presence of a Kiwanis club. And the same approach could also be used to rebuild or revitalize any of our existing clubs.

With this in mind, each of our Lieutenant Governors has been asked to form a Divisional Membership Team, perhaps 8 to 10 members from across the division, who would solicit prospective members on a door to door basis in a community to build a new club. They could also recruit potential members in exactly the same way to rebuild an existing club, where the membership in that club has declined to such an extent that a traditional membership campaign is unlikely to be successful. In this situation, the intent is literally to build a new club next to the old one, and then knock down the wall that separates them.

I would like to ask you to consider volunteering for this assignment. All team members will be trained by a Kiwanis International or New York District representative prior to any recruiting and will thereafter work in pairs. As a team member, you will be provided with information and pointers on how to state the case for Kiwanis clearly and concisely. You will also be assisted by other Kiwanians from around the district, as may be needed to get the job done. As in any "sales" position, you will get your fair share of rejection, but the ultimate satisfaction of succeeding in building or revitalizing a club will far outweigh it.

I anticipate that your Lieutenant Governor will be contacting you shortly to ask whether

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Governor Peter Mancuso presents President's certificate to John Willson of Solvay-Geddes-Camillus Club. Other presidents in photo are: North Syracuse Donald Stray, Owasco-Fleming Willard Schwarting, and Widewaters Professionals Jessica Whisher-Hehl. Standing: Eastwood/E Syracuse Ronald Kern, North Syracuse Rose Ann DeFeo, Brighton Towers Golden K Helen Norris and Widewaters Professionals John McDonald.

LISW Division Hosts Gov Visit



Governor Peter Mancuso and First Lady Karen join the Long Island Southwest for a fun-filled Governor's Visit.



Photo left: LG John DiLeo welcomes everyone to the LISW Governor's Visit. Photo above: First Lady Karen receives roses presented by LISW First Lady Marie.

Check out the
New York District
Website at
www.kiwanis-ny.org



Governor's Project

Alan Beinhacker

Recognizing a growing problem in our youth's lifestyle, Governor Peter Mancuso announced early this administrative year that the Governor's Project 2003-2004 is "Kiwanis and Kids Fit Together." Each club throughout the State should organize efforts promoting and achieving the goals set-forth by Gov. Peter's Project – that is, to encourage all, especially our kids, to participate in an active lifestyle to promote good health.

We could report extensively on how the lack of physical activity promotes obesity, diabetes and other illnesses; all of which affect social behaviors. However, the plethora of recent media reports on this problematic and sensitive topic has kept us all well informed, highlighting the need to take corrective action by initiating a more active lifestyle and experiencing better health.

In an attempt to achieve the goals of the 2003-04 Governor's Project, the Kiwanis Club of East Meadow introduced the program entitled "President's Challenge" to our club members and youth groups such as the Key Club, Boy and Girl Scouts, etc. This program is offered by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (President's Council on Physical Fitness). The "President's Challenge" is a series of various programs encouraging physical fitness by defining goals for different age categories. The "President's Challenge" programs are designed to encourage an active lifestyle and promote good health, a perfect application for the Governor's Project.

While emphasizing the important relationship between exercise and good health, the President's Council on Physical Fitness will recognize the participants with an award upon their completion of the goals set by the program. This recognition award may offer assistance in many areas such as Scouts working towards badges and students making applications for college.

Another benefit of this program is having individuals participating in activities together to meet their individual goals. This "team-work" effort will not only encourage physical activity but would also promote quality time with family and friends. And let's face it, getting away from the television and computer and spending time with others could offer many social rewards.

How do I get more information about the "President's Challenge"?

You will need access to the internet. Log onto <www.presidentschallenge.org>

How would our club get started?

First you would identify a member as the Group Administrator. This person would register your group (Club) at this website. This person will be able to review the status of all the participants registered in the group.

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Get Ready! Get Set! Go!

The Governor's Project is Off and Running in Queens East

Queens East Division – Governor Peter's Project, "Kiwanis and Kids - Fit Together" takes a lead in the Queens East Division. The Builders Club of Susan B. Anthony school and their advisor SDPLG Janet Banks are very excited about Governor's Peter's Fitness Project for kids. The Builders Club and the Kiwanis Club of Cambria Heights, co-sponsored a local girl, Olicia Williams in the 2003 USA Track and Field Junior Olympic Cross Country Championship. The meet was held December 13, 2003 in Bernalillo, New Mexico.

Olicia was a first place winner in the 2002 Colgate Women's Competition and winner of many others awards. In addition to the state of New Mexico she has qualified to compete in the following states: Florida, Massachusetts, California, North Carolina, and Oregon.

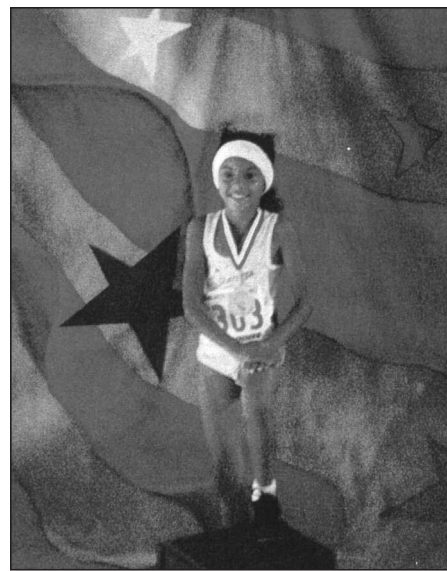
Olicia is 9 years old and in the 4th grade.

She is an honor roll student with a 91 average. She was chosen student of the month of December and is an avid reader. Olicia read over 100 books during the school year 2002-2003.

Olicia and her older sister Century qualified to compete in the prestigious 2004 Colgate Women's Track Meet on February 7, 2004. Century also qualified to participate in the televised Millrose Track Meet on February 6, 2004.

Members of the Kiwanis Club of Hollis and the Kiwanis Club of Cambria Heights, co-sponsors, also made a special donation to Olicia and to the Starkett Track Team who also participated in the Jr. Olympic Track Meet in New Mexico.

Olicia and Century are the granddaughters of Gary and Janet Banks, members of Kiwanis Club of Hollis and the Kiwanis Club of Cambria Heights.



Olicia Williams

Mancuso

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you are willing to serve on your Divisional Membership Team. For the sake of Kiwanis and our communities, I hope that your answer will be an emphatic "Yes!"

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On another subject, by now your club should have had personal contact with every member who has not paid their 2003-04 dues, to determine whether they will do so. Those who have not paid should be made the subject of a motion at your next Board meeting to terminate their membership, effective March 31, 2004, if their dues have not been paid by that date. They should also be sent a letter from the club immediately after that Board meeting informing them of this decision. If they have not paid their dues by then, they should be dropped on the March monthly report, so that your club will not have to pay the second half of their dues.

From that point on there should be no further drops during this administrative year. Everyone who has not paid his or her dues will have already been dropped. You will know exactly how many members you need during the rest of the year in order to finish on September 30 with a sufficient net growth in members so as to achieve Distinguished status. The last half of this year should then be devoted to the membership drives and other events needed to make this happen. In that regard, our District Membership Team is ready offer any suggestions or advice that may be of assistance to you.

That team, by the way, is led by Membership Chair Ray Pfeifer and Membership Coordinator Ann Sewert, who have done a tremendous and well received job of traveling all over our district this year presenting programs on membership. Thank you, Ray and Ann for all of your efforts on behalf of our district.



Martin

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District Office notifying them and us who will be representing our clubs at the convention. Also remember that your club must have their club dues up to date in order to be able to vote.

Membership Development

As all clubs should have made their membership adjustments for the year, they should now concentrate on increasing the size of their clubs. New members mean new ideas and more Kiwanians to work on projects. All clubs should now have a membership plan with a goal to end the year with an increase in membership.

Peninsula Kiwanis Hoops for Hope

By Kristin McGrath

The Kiwanis Club of **PENINSULA**, Long Island Southwest Division – The boys' basketball team from Hewlett beat Sewanhaka 74 to 71 in the annual Peninsula Kiwanis "Hoops for Hope" charity game. Senior David Warner had a standout game, scoring 24 points, 21 of which he made in the first half. Seniors Jesse Marcus and Louis Renzo also dominated for the bulldogs. Marcus had 11 points in total, including 4 in the last two minutes to put the game away. Renzo scored 17 points, 5 of which were three pointers.

"It was an exciting game, and a great game to coach and watch," said Hewlett Coach Bill Dubin. "We played a very aggressive offense, moved the ball well and kept feeding the hot hand. Ultimately it was a team effort: we went down in the third quar-

ects by trained volunteers. These volunteers also help with birthday and holiday celebrations, and accompany the children on field trips. *SIBS Place*, which is funded by grants from philanthropic organizations and private donations, is based in South Nassau Community Hospital's Primary Care Office at 1420 Broadway in Hewlett.

"At *SIBS Place*, the focus is on providing attention to the well sibling and support to their parents" said Thomas Demaria, PhD, Admin. Director, Behavioral Health Services, *SIBS Place*.

"Children living with an ill sibling are often burdened by feelings of anger, fear, jealousy, guilt, abandonment and loss. *SIBS Place* restores many of the family routines typically forgotten when a family copes with illness."

According to Coach Dubin, who is a mem-



Peninsula member Bill Dubin and Peninsula President Frank R. Basile join officers from South Nassau Communities Hospital, SIBS Place location for a photo.

ber of the Peninsula Kiwanis, Kiwanis was a big sponsor in terms of donation of money and helping to put the word out in the community. The Hewlett High School Key Club, which is another program sponsored by Peninsula Kiwanis, also helped to raise money by running a concession stand during both the Junior Varsity and Varsity games.

"*SIBS Place* is great program that is very beneficial to members of our community affected by the illnesses of their loved ones," said Frank Basile, Peninsula President. Peninsula Kiwanis was happy to lend their support to the cause and to Coach Dubin.

Greater Riverhead Donates 2 KPTC Kits



Suffolk East PLG Margaret Vitale (left) and Greater Riverhead President Louise Wilkinson (right) are proud to donate KPTC Kits to the Eastport Ambulance Co. and the Aquebogue Ambulance Co. KPTC Past President Joseph Corace congratulates Greater Riverhead for their support.

County Seat, Wheatley Key Club & Hampton St K-Kids Ring Salvation Bells



For over ten years the County Seat Kiwanis Club in Mineola has manned the bells for the Salvation Army. County Seat Club members with their Key Clubbers from Wheatley HS and their K-Kids from Hampton Street made it a Kiwanis Family project. L-R: County Seat's newest member Allan Gruber, Club President Steve Parmett, DPLG Pete Owens and the students of Wheatley HS and Hampton Street school join forces.



Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center – Albany
Rick Sturm

Members of the Kiwanis family from the Capital, Mohawk and Van Rensselaer Divisions were very busy selling the *Bells of Life* for the benefit of the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Program at the Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Dom DeCecco, Lt. Governor of the Capital Division arranged for K Family members to sell the Bells at Crossgates Mall during December. Don Brown, of the Mohawk Division and I arranged to sell *Bells of Life* at the Clifton Park Center and Ken Oranstam (SP) arranged to sell Bells at many retail locations within his Van Rensselaer Division.

Congratulations to these 3 divisions for continuing to work toward realizing our pledge to the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Unit at the Albany Medical Center.

I would like to recognize those Kiwanians in the Van Rensselaer and Capital Divisions whose clubs have recognized them for their monetary and time contributions to KTPC and who have been awarded the designation of Kiwanis Pediatric Fellow. These include:

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|-----------------|------------------------|
| Capital: | Dom DeCecco |
| | Warren Schlieckenrider |
| | Rick Sturm |
| | David Vail |
| | Gary Warren |
| Van Rensselaer: | Ken James |
| | Chester Melieus |
| | Fred Miller |
| | Lonnie Oathout* |
| | Gerald Tysiak |

Thanks to these folks and all other members of the K-Family for continuing to support this worthwhile effort. **deceased*

Brooklyn Division Donates KPTC Kit



Brooklyn Division Lt. Governor Joseph G. Schiavo Jr. accepts Trauma Kit from KPTC Past President Joe Corace. The Kiwanis Club of Marine Park, Brooklyn donated \$1000 in memory of PP Darcy Colasanto's son, Steven. The club plans to donate the kit to a local fire house or ambulance company in Steven's name.

METS VS MARLINS KIWANIS FAMILY DAY AT SHEA SUNDAY JUNE 6TH 2004 1:00 P.M. SUPPORT GOV. PETER MANCUSO'S PROJECT



**Come enjoy a Day of Family Fun and Fellowship
And Support Our Pediatric Trauma Center at NSUH**

- Wear kiwanis shirts and bring your club flags and cameras
- View Batting Practice 11:00am
- Come early for photo ops of players at the dugouts between 11am and 12noon



- Key club to be presented Mets Spirt Award
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Club.....Division.....

Address.....Town.....Zip.....

Please send me..... Tickets at the price of \$.....each for a Total of \$.....dollars.

Make checks payable to : Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center Foundation.



Sponsored Organizations and Programs

Tony Palangi

A New Year For the Sponsored Youth Organizations

Traditionally, the Key Club and Circle K district conventions are held in the month of March. This year the Key Club convention will be held on March 19-21, Kutshers Country Club, and the Circle K convention will take place on March 26-28, Hotel Utica. These conventions designate the beginning of a new year for our Sponsored Youth Organizations – 2004-2005. At these conventions a new slate of District officers are elected.

Please note that sponsoring Kiwanis Clubs should make sure that their Key Clubs and Circle K Clubs elect a new slate of officers before the conventions take place so that they will be able to attend the conventions and gain the benefits of the various forums and workshops. It's also the responsibility of the sponsoring Kiwanis Clubs to support two delegates to the conventions, normally one third of the total cost. Also, it's beneficial, if financially possible, to support the Kiwanis and Faculty Advisors who play a major role in the success of our Sponsored Youth Programs. They often serve as chaperon at the Key Club conventions.

The Kiwanis Lt. Governors should take the initiative and make sure that his or her counterpart, the Key Club or Circle K new Lt. Governors are elected prior to the District conventions. They should oversee the election together with the District sponsored Youth Committee.

Operation Crayon for the children of Iraq

Recently, I attended a meeting of the American Legion where several programs were discussed to promote nationwide support for our troops serving in Iraq. One of the projects, which particularly got my attention, was "Operation Crayon." The program solicits school supplies so that the American Troops can distribute them to children in need, in the countries that they are deployed in. My thoughts immediately reflected upon the children of Iraq - indeed, this is a great avenue to help these children and at the same time create good will towards America and our troops.

War has had a great effect on the children of Iraq. Their world as they know it has been ripped from around them. They are scared, they are in need, and they want to know that they are not forgotten. *Operation Crayon* can provide them this comfort.

Our soldiers, through the Chaplains deployed with them, deliver these common every day items to the children of Iraq. They personally hand out the items, hoping to establish security and trust among the people. Your donation will be rushed to the

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Lindenhurst Gets the Word Out About a Whale of a Program

The Kiwanis Club of **LINDENHURST**, Suffolk West Division – instituted the WHALE program, "We Have A Little Emergency." The program is an identification and information package for child car safety seats. In the event of a motor Vehicle accident that incapacitates the driver, emergency service personnel have no source of information to identify the child or his/her social needs. The WHALE Program helps with that information.

The WHALE program requires the use of one information label, attached to the back of the car seat. In addition, two WHALE car seat stickers are attach to each side of the car seat.

The labels alert rescue personnel that behind the seat there is information about the child. Last but not least, two WHALE stickers attach to the rear side windows, of the vehicle alert rescuers that the occupant participate in the program.

The WHALE program is the first of it's kind in the United States and is currently used in at least 32 states.

The Lindenhurst Kiwanians have distributed and explained the program to families



Left to right: Marti Guadagno, Angela Petri holding baby Sophia Petri and Lindenhurst President Henrietta Gardner.

via community functions. They have place newspaper articles anywhere there are families gathering. In the future, Lindenhurst

Kiwanians will be visiting day care centers and PTA meeting. Protecting our children is what Lindenhurst & Kiwanis is all about.

Ken-Ton Club Install Kiwanis Family Officers

The Kiwanis Club of **KEN-TON**, Niagara Frontier North Division – held their kick-off celebration and installation of officers for the Ken-Ton Kiwanis and the Jefferson Elementary School K-Kids that they sponsor. Other sponsored clubs (Circle K at the University of Buffalo, Roosevelt Elementary K-Kids) were invited however their officers were unable to attend.

Aside from the installation of officers by LG Ken Bell and installation of K-Kids officers by LG Elect Robert Wunsch, eight Jefferson Elementary K-Kids received pins and certificates from President Bush as they volunteered over 75 hours to the community last year. K-Kid award winners were Nate Wiles, Mary Brigante, Jessica Fitscher, Kevin Fitscher, Caleb Berry. Kaitlynn Reilly, Chelsea Heins and Deanna Nolan.

Installed officers for K-Kids are: President Deanna Nolan, Vice President Chelsea Heins, Treasurer Caleb Berry, Secretary Danielle Lucas and Directors, Taylor Tamburlin, Dylan Cownie and Allie Marasco.

Installed officers for Ken Ton Kiwanis are: President Dan Wiles, Past President Paul Nikischer, President Elect Shawn O'Hargan, Treasurer Joe Buch, Secretary Ken Butkowski III and Directors Joe Kryszak, Jim Rowlands, Bruce Ruark, Bob Wunsch, Tim Chase, Pete D'Orsaneo, Jim Peszko, Don Kunzelman.

Goals for the 2003-2004 Ken-Ton Kiwanis include sponsoring an additional K-Kids in the Town of Tonawanda for a total of three, educating children on flag etiquette with a talk and short video presentation in elementary school classrooms, providing flags at the annual Town Memorial Day Parade, donations to local Paramedics and Meals on Wheel Foundations, sponsoring youth athletics and recreation programs and increasing membership.

Goals for the three K-Kids are still being formed, however, each will follow a model of a project for their school followed by a project for their neighborhood and a project for the community.

The process will be repeated at least a second time in the school year.

Freeport Kiwanians Anchor Away



The Kiwanis Club of **FREEPORT**, Long Island Southwest Division – held their eighth annual Children's Fishing Trip last summer aboard the good ship Captain Lou VI. Fifty children between the ages of 8 and 14 lined up on the dock on Freeport's famous Nautical Mile at 7:00 am for a weather perfect fun-filled day of fishing.

The fluke were running that day and almost every child caught a fish. Only 9 fish were large enough to take home. Every child took home more than one fish story and the

Children enjoy the Freeport Fishing Trip. Many caught fish for the first time.

memories of a day they will never forget.

Members of the Club donated all refreshments, consisting of a wide variety of sandwiches, soda, cookies, chips and Kiwanis peanuts. The boat charter and special "T" shirts were paid for by donations from local merchants and members. They look forward to holding another fishing trip this summer and are devoted to serving the children of the world.

Children Bensonhurst & Bay Ridge Party



This past holiday season Kiwanians from the Bensonhurst & Bay Ridge Kiwanis Club, Brooklyn, brighten the season for neighborhood children with a gala party. Event chairs LG Joseph G. Schiavo Jr. and Frank DeFranco report, "a fun time was had by all."

Comfort Doll Program Expanded To Kids in Need of Comfort by Marilla Kiwanis Club

The Kiwanis Club of **MARILLA**, Niagara Frontier East Division – has recently expanded its “Comfort Doll” program with the help of the Erie County Sheriff’s Department.

Juvenile Resource Officer Paul Hejna of the Sheriff’s Department has been able to distribute these dolls to children in need of comfort, for reasons other than a medical condition.

Many children are involved in situations where they do not receive something as personal or as comforting as a doll of their own, and these are the children that are receiving the dolls from Officer Hejna. So far, 225 dolls have been used by Officer Hejna, with the most recent pickup by him on Christmas Eve for distribution during the holidays.

The doll style is generic enough that they can be used by either boys or girls, and yet, due to different material patterns, some might be more specific for boys or girls.

They have been very well received at shelters and advocacy centers, pediatric trauma centers and pediatric units of local hospitals, local ambulances and also an air ambulance that services the community.



A group of dedicated seamstresses from the community have made the dolls, and many generous people have also donated funds, material and stuffing for the projects.

The project, was begun in the Marilla Club by Immediate Past President George Martzolf after he received information explaining the project from Kiwanis International, has dis-

Pictured (l-r) Officer Hejna and Marilla Kiwanian President Hubert Kutter . tributed over 500 of these “Comfort Dolls.” It is an ongoing project for the club in an effort to give comfort to children. For info on this project contact Sally Kutter at phone number 716 - 652 - 7608 <sadenna@cs.com>



Read Around the World

Ann Sewert

All children need to understand the joy of reading. The first step is reading to them. The second step is to give them books they can read again and again. This is an ongoing process. There are always children who need inspiration. We simply need to create the opportunities to celebrate reading with them.

Every time a child reads, they open a new door for their future.

Books can inspire them, expand their imaginations, and help them learn.

Make reading fun through talking puppets. Puppet play is a great way for children to learn language. You and the child can put on a puppet show, based on a favorite story or nursery rhyme. Puppets can be made out of old socks or gloves, or use a favorite stuffed animal.

We can also make reading fun by providing a “Reading Corner” in apartment and housing complexes to help provide a safe place for kids to read that is conveniently located in their neighborhood. In cooperation with local management, Kiwanians can help provide the location, books, reading partners and parents to carry out this project.

A “Treasure Chest Project” is another way to make reading fun. Club members can make a treasure chest out of old wood, decorating it like a pirate’s chest making it very intriguing for children. The club fills the treasure chest with age appropriate books and secures support of a local teacher or a Head Start program. The teacher sets the requirements for the student to qualify, then the student selects a book to take home for the parent to read to them.

Help the children in your communities discover the joy of reading as you explore the world of reading children’s literature together.

Ronald McDonald House Program Benefits From Flip Tops Collected by Saranac Lake Kiwanians

The Kiwanis Club of **SARANAC LAKE**, Adirondack Division – A couple of years ago, one of the members of the Saranac Lake Kiwanis had emergency surgery at the Medical Center in Burlington, VT. His family was referred to the local Ronald McDonald House for lodging as a convention had filled

the joy of doing something for others. The tabs are sold as scrap aluminum. To date, over one thousand pounds have been delivered and the collecting continues. Several clubs within the District, Ellenburg, Tupper Lake, Wilmington, Plattsburgh, and Elizabethtown, have joined the project.

Other clubs might check with Ronald McDonald House in their areas to see if they collect tabs. It is a simple project, which costs nothing but a little bit of time and does so much good for a wonderful institution.

One added piece of trivia it takes approximately 1,000 tabs to make a pound.

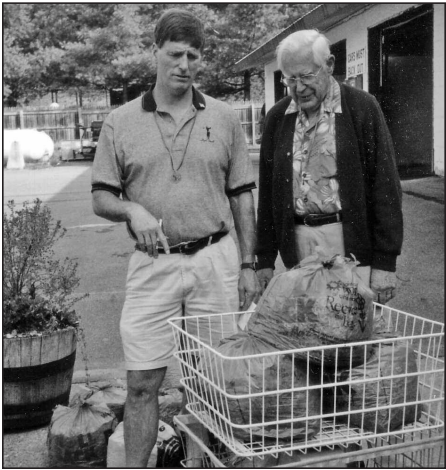


Saranac Lake member Paulann Andrews and volunteer deliver the 382 lb. load to the Burlington (Vt) facility.

all hotel/motel rooms in the area. Since the primary focus of the facility is housing for parents and families of sick children, our member asked what the club could do to assist with their work. The “*Flip Tops for Ronald McDonald House*” program was born. The money generated helps to cover expenses over the minimal \$10 per night charge (which is waived if the family is unable to pay).

Businesses in the community have volunteered as collection sites. A wide variety of community groups participate in the program; the Key Club, the 4th grade at the local parochial school, the inmates and staff of the Federal Correctional Facility in Ray Brook, the police and fire departments and the local newspaper has given excellent coverage to the program.

In addition to bringing some financial support to the House, which has served as a haven for so many families from northern New York, our youngsters have discovered



Saranac Lake members Bill Rich and “Doc” Loomis weigh the latest tab collection.

KPTC Annual Donation Campaign Form

The goal of this campaign is to raise money to support KPTC with equipment, educational programs and training seminars.

- Clubs that contribute \$250 to the campaign will be recognized at the KPTC Annual Meeting, will be awarded a banner medallion and receive a President’s Pin.
- Lt. Governor will receive a plaque for 100% Division participation.



Contributions must be earmarked “**KPTC Annual Campaign**” to ensure proper credit.

Please make checks payable to : **KPTC Foundation** and send to:
Joseph Corace, ICM Data Services
180 Broadway, Suite 6, New York NY 10038

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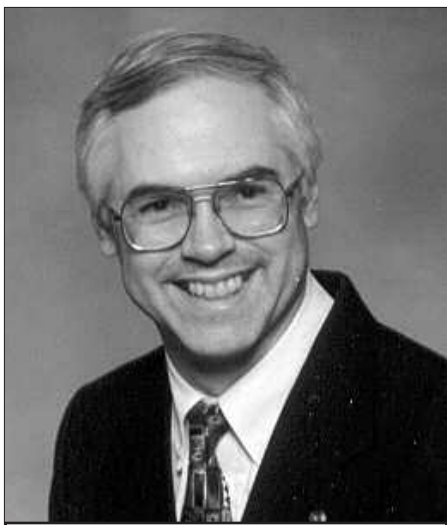
Donation Amount

For additional campaign info contact: LG Elect Sharon Smith 516 679-5701 or Elana Ledgin 516 378-4952

Kiwanis Is Holding Kids Reading Party

At the 2004 International Convention, Kiwanis is hosting a Reading Party for children from a variety of community and school programs in St. Louis. On Monday morning, June 28, 9:30-11:30 am, up to 300 young children between the ages of three and seven will have the opportunity to come to the Exhibit Hall and select a book to keep, have an adult read with them, enjoy costumed characters, and much more! Harcourt Publishers has generously agreed to provide a book for each child.

Several opportunities to assist with the Reading Party are available, including preparations the day before. Go to website <www.kiwanis.org> for details.



HOBY

John Swartwout

I would like to share with you some excerpts from a letter that Kiwanis International 2001-2002 President Brian G. Cunat sent to Kiwanis leaders in November 2003.

For further information about supporting HOBY programs, contact me at jswartwout@worldnet.att.net or (518) 274-8639.

Dear Kiwanis Leader,

Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership-HOBY is all about "Serving the Children of the World." In its 46-year history, HOBY programs have benefited more than 300,000 high school sophomores from around the world. Founded by veteran actor Hugh O'Brian - known to many of you as "Wyatt Earp" after his top ranked television series in the 1950s and 60s - HOBY is the nation's leading youth leadership organization. Thousands of students have benefited from HOBY leadership seminars and have gone on to become HOBY volunteers, Kiwanis members and club, division, state and national officers.

"HOBY provides a tremendous opportunity for high school sophomores to participate in an international program that changes their lives forever. It allows each HOBY 'Ambassador' the chance to hear from and ask questions of leaders from all over your state and around the world."

I am proud to support HOBY's beneficial programs.

What does HOBY offer Kiwanis?

The benefits of HOBY add up. 1) An opportunity to work together with other key leaders in your community. 2) There will be more than 10,000 public and private schools sending their selected 10th grade leaders to the HOBY program in their state. At the conclu-

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Corning Holds HOBY CLEWS Conference

The Kiwanians of **CORNING**, Chemung Division - held their 10th annual HOBY CLEWS conference this past fall, at the Victory Highway Wesleyan Church Youth wing in Painted Post, NY. 60 high school sophomores from Corning Painted Post East and West High Schools attended. This years theme was "Volunteerism . . . What you can do and what it does for you?" There were 7 community leaders who represented various areas of volunteerism and a Mansfield University Admissions representative who stressed the need to have a volunteer record on college applications in order to help with getting admission to college of choice.

Kingston Club Hosts Leadership Workshop

The Kiwanis Club of **KINGSTON**, Hudson River Division - recently sponsored the 11th Annual Hugh O'Brian Youth Foundation Community Leadership Education Workshop at the Bailey Middle School in Kingston.

The workshop, directed by Kiwanian Ray Radel, hosted 83 students from Ellenville, Highland, Kingston, Marlboro, New Paltz, Onteora and Red Hook High Schools.

The full day program focused on developing the leadership potential in area high school students, motivating them to set and achieve goals and personal financial responsibility. Speakers included community business and education leaders including members of the Kingston Kiwanis club. Twenty-two Kiwanians participated in the program as counselors, volunteers and program director.

Each student received breakfast, courtesy of Stewart's Shops, lunch from Emanuele's Market and tee-shirts compliments of the Kiwanis Club of Kingston.

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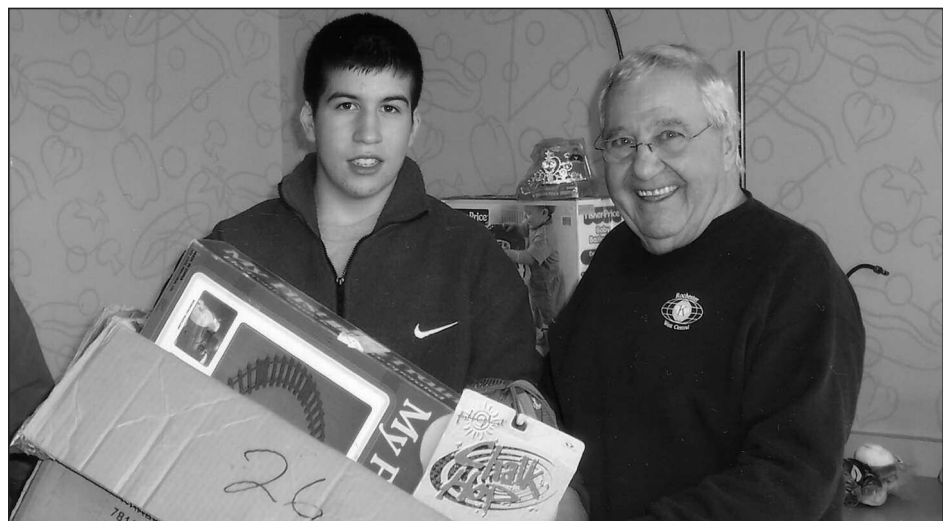
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In order to register as a group, the Group Administrator should:

1. Go to the website
2. Go to log-in at the top right screen
3. At the bottom of this log-in screen, select registration for a group and continue with the registration process. You will be asked your group's name which should be the name of your Kiwanis Club. You will also be asked for a password that is used only by the appointed Group Administrator to

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Rochester West Central Kiwanis Donates 900 Holiday Toys for Kids



The Kiwanis Club of Rochester West Central purchased 900 Toys this year for

needy families in the area. The toys were sorted by age and gender and the families were very happy to receive them. Tony Dell, Event Chair and his grandson John Smalline hand out toys.

Floral Park Brings Holiday Joy to McDonald House



Floral Park Kiwanian Shelly Ruggles, center, played Santa while the members of the Floral Park Kiwanis Club visited the Ronald McDonald House in New Hyde Park. "Santa Shelly" was joined by two helpers, Megan Moyse, left, granddaughter of Floral Park President John Stimpfel, and Barbara-Anne Ryder, right, daughter of Long Island North Past Lt. Governor Ed (Woody) Ryder.



The Kiwanis Club of **FLORAL PARK**, Long Island North Division - and the Key Club from Floral Park Memorial High School visited the Ronald McDonald House at Long Island Jewish/North Shore Health Systems in New Hyde Park to distribute gifts to their patients and siblings.

Members and Sponsored Youth provided desserts and some holiday cheer to the residents of this valuable charitable organization

Floral Park Club brings holiday cheer.

serving the youth of the world. The event was orchestrated by Floral Park Kiwanians Joyce Moyse and Floral Park President John Stimpfel, and was attended by DPLG Jay Weisburd, IPLG Ed (Woody) Ryder, DPP John Deraval of the Floral Park Kiwanis Club, Club Treasurer Sheldon Ruggles and others, including the newest club member, 21 year old, Diana Lynn Newcomb.

Pembroke Corfu Darien Sponsors Penbroke Central Builders Club



The Kiwanis Club of **PEMBROKE CORFU DARIEN**, Genesee Division - chartered a Builders club at Pembroke Central. The new club has only 15 members, but its off to a good start. Pembroke Corfu Darien also sponsors 35 members in the Key Club and 39 members in the K Kids club, all at Pembroke Central. In addition the club is forming a new Builders club at Alexander Central this year.

Pictured above: Mr. Pat Bartello, Pembroke Central's school advisor. Builders Club officers are President Alicia Keller and Secretary Shannon O'Neil. Also included in the picture is Pembroke Corfu Darien President Andrew Tipaldos. Genesee Division Lt. Governor Larry Cartwright will serve as the clubs' Kiwanis advisor.

Cambria Heights Donates Books To Pre K Children

The Kiwanis Club of **CAMBRIA HEIGHTS**, Queens East Division – hope you all had a happy holiday Season and wish you a Happy Healthy New Year. They were extremely busy during December 2003 performing community services. Among other events, they wrapped and distributed 90 books to the Pre K Sunshine Learning Center for children ages 2-5, located in Queens, N.Y. Each child received a gift-wrapped book as a Christmas gift. This is one of the Governor's project- "leave no one behind" Read to children, which Cambria Heights President Willean Halton-Hunter will be doing at this Center. This event was held at the Children's Christmas party and although the children were very excited they were well behaved.

The Cambria Heights Kiwanis Club also sponsored PS 176's "In School Learning for Life Program" for children with disabilities by donating \$650. This Program provides a year round in school special needs program for children who are either mentally, emotionally, and/or physically challenged.

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review the group's collective progress. When registration is completed, you will receive a Group ID Number.

How does an individual join the group?

Before you get started, you must get the Group Name and Group ID Number from the appointed Group Administrator.

1. Go to the website
www.presidentchallenge.org
2. Go to log-in at the top right screen.
3. At the bottom of the log-in screen, go to individual registration.

The registration screen will appear. Be certain to enter the Group Name and the Group ID Number you received from your club's Group Administrator.

The "President's Challenge" has a series of programs. In which one do I enlist?

The easiest and suggested program to begin with is the *Active Lifestyle Program*. The participant must be engaged in some activity, whether it is walking, taking an exercise class, playing a sport, doing chores, or other similar activity. The activity selected by the participant must be done for 30 minutes (adults) or 60 minutes (17 years and younger) per day, 5 days a week for 6 weeks.

How are the time and activity logged?

When the individual participant registers, they will give a user name (their name) and a password. Each time they perform a qualified activity, they can go to the website and log-in to their personal profile and enter the activity performed.

Must a participant log-in and enter their activity every day?

No, a participant can go back 7 days to enter their activities for the past 7 days.

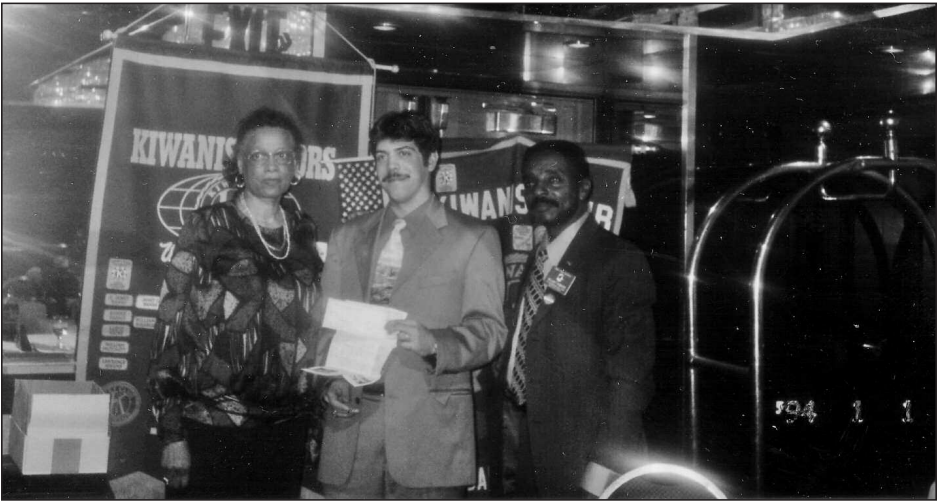
How are the awards presented?

As the sponsor of the group, your club will be able to purchase the awards and present them to all in your group who successfully achieved their goal. The awards are not expensive. For more information, the awards are listed at the website.

Don't shy away from this project thinking it's difficult. After reviewing the website and registering, you will be surprised how easy it is to participate both as a group and individually. More importantly, you will be joining Governor Peter in his campaign to improve our health and the health of our children by encouraging an active lifestyle.



Cambria Heights President Willean Halton-Hunter, left and School Director Ms. M. Spencer hand out books to eager Pre K Sunshine Learning Center children.



(l-r) Cambria Heights President Willean Halton, Learning for Life's District Director Jason Schneider, and Queens East Lt. Governor William Risbrook.

North Shore Holds Annual Mini Mart and Donates Pediatric Defibrillators

The Kiwanis Club of **NORTH SHORE**, Long Island North Division – In the small village of Sea Cliff every first Sunday of October since 1969, you find a remarkable transformation taking place. The sleepy suburb, only one square mile, with a population of 6,000, turns into a bustling sea of humanity.

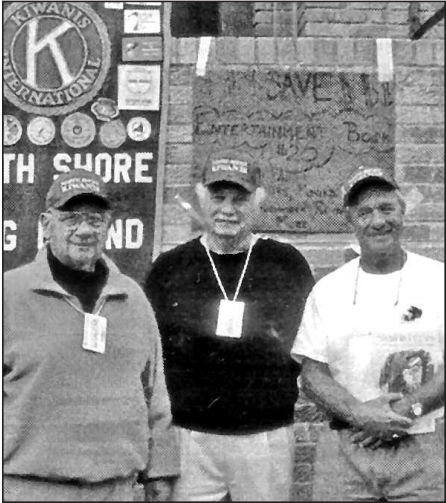
Why all the excitement? It's the North Shore Kiwanis Club of Long Island annual Mini Mart, a combination and crafts fair organized in 1969.

The Kiwanis club adopted the project in 1980 when the previous organizers, were no longer able to financially and physically sponsor the event due to its sheer magnitude. Because of the fair's importance to the economic stability of the community, the Kiwanians gladly took the reins.

The Mini Mart is a tremendous affair requiring months of planning and preparation. This years event was organized by Distinguished Past President (1984-85) Hap Ajamian. This year there were 50 nonprofit organizations represented.

It is also North Shore Kiwanis' primary

fund raiser. This year 25,000 people there brought to our quite village. North Shore President Larry Benedetti and the Board of Directors voted to donate some of the funds to Sea Cliff Fire Department, to purchase two Pediatric Defibrillators.



Mini-Mart Chairman Hap Ajamian, President Larry Benedetti and Co-chair Bruce Levinson.



North Shore arranges one mile of bustling humanity at annual Mini-Mart.



District Historian
Tony Kaiser

Our District and Kiwanis International

As poor Martha Stewart might say, "It's a good thing" to focus, occasionally, even if only briefly, on the many ways in which our district has contributed throughout its history to the administration of Kiwanis International. To begin with since all District Governor's are officers of International, we have provided 85 officers to Kiwanis International since our District was formed in 1918.

Then, of those 85 dedicated leaders, ten went on the serve our parent organization as KI board members: five as trustees;

- Frank Haven** of Brooklyn, 1938-41;
- Carl Koestower** of Batavia, 1940-46;
- Si Reynolds** of Rochester, 1953-57;
- Don Mumford** of New York City, 1958-62; and **General Jack McMahon**, also of NYC 1966-70

Three attained the Vice Presidency;

- La Rue Smith** of Niagara Falls, 1951-52;
 - Steve Hart** of Irvington 1976-77 and again in 1978-79; and
 - Jack Harten** of Webster 2002-2003.
- Two achieved Kiwanis' highest office President of Kiwanis International:
- Anton J. "Tony" Kaiser** of Farmingdale, 1987-88, yours truly, and
 - Jerry Christiano** of Leicester, 1996-97.

Of the 85 Governors, 54 have passed on and 31 are still with us, including the last four of the mentioned former KI Board Members.

Notably as well, our district has already provided three presidents of the Kiwanis International Foundation:

- Larry Hapgood** of Malone, 1991-1992, 1952 Governor and long-time dean of Past Governors and subsequently a 26 year KI senior staff member and historian;
- Lou Theiss** of Bayside, 1992-93, 1969-70 Governor and perennial District Treasurer;
- Bill Martin** of Oneonta, 2001-2002, 1981-82 Governor and former and current Secretary-Treasurer.

Not to be forgotten, another source of district pride, is the sources of other distinguished New York Kiwanians who have served or are serving KI and KIF so well, as important committee chairs and committee members.

Like Kiwanis, Key Club and Circle K International have been also served well by the New York District. We provide both leadership and participation in numerous programs. One New Yorker, Doug Madenburg from Walt Whitman High School in Huntington, Long Island served as Key Club International President in 1987-88.

Four Presidents of Circle K International hailed from the Empire State thus far: George Latimer, Fordham University 1973-74; Craig Miller, College of Insurance 1974-75; Greg Faulkner, Baruch College 1975-76; and Jason Seiner, New York University 1990-91.

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Public Relations

Janice Seyfried

Does your club have internal publicity? Do you have a newsletter or any kind of communication for your members? If you don't have this type of communication for your club, you should. Keeping members informed contributes to more member involvement and satisfaction.

An organization such as Kiwanis, which serves the community, is much more effective in its service when the members are aware of what is happening at club meetings, throughout the division and the district. Our meetings should be fun and informative and not just an endless list of activities and announcements; the newsletter is the internal arm and connection that helps to keep the meetings from becoming stale.

With a club newsletter, each member receives the same information and has a printed record/reminder, calendar of events, and the report of club board actions and plans. These newsletters are archived (or should be) as part of the club's records. What fun to look back to older issues when celebrating significant anniversaries for the club.

How often should we publish? Ideally every time there is a meeting but that does, get expensive. Once a month is better than not at all. Some clubs do bi-weekly newsletters and send postcards in the interim. Whatever fits your time and budget as long as your membership is kept informed. Newsletters distributed at a meeting usually are left behind and not read. They should be mailed either by "snail mail" or email. Sending by email can save the club a lot of money. The newsletter could be in Microsoft Word or converted to a .pdf file in Adobe Acrobat, such as the district uses to send information to clubs.

Some clubs have jackets on their newsletters with paid ads which pay for the postage and paper and printing (or at least partially) for each issue. This, of course, is time consuming and requires someone to solicit the ads and place them in the issue.

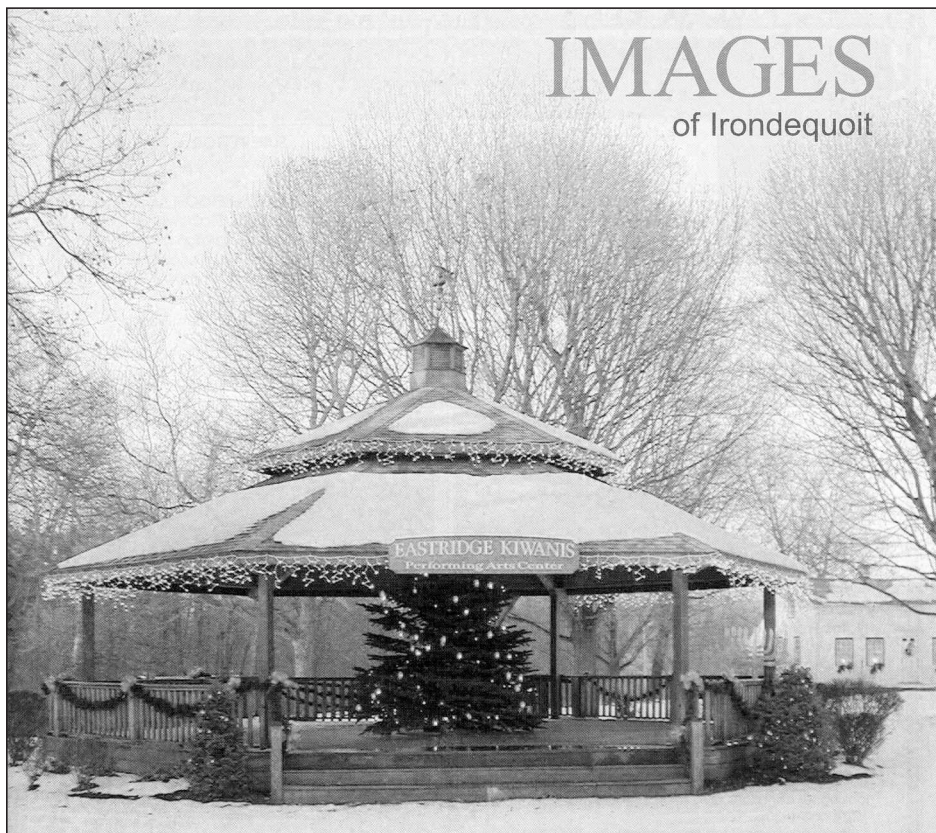
Many modes of presentation can be used. Some clubs have glossy, typeset newsletters and others use a memo-style of communication. Most are produced from typed copy and black and white "line" (not shaded) artwork is used. It's nice to have someone who can work with graphics, but that is not necessary. Photos of activities and members can be included; some are printing their newsletters on color printers even though it takes a while to print 20 or 30 newsletters.

What should be in the newsletter?

1. Announcements of club meetings and activities
2. Synopsis report of the previous meeting(s)
3. Committee reports, recognition of individual and club contributions and accomplishments

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Eastridge Brings Beauty to Community



Pictured above: Building that the Kiwanis Club of **EASTRIDGE**, Genesee Division built for Irondequoit. Local schools bands perform in the gazebo at Christmas time for the pleasure of the community. The photo above appeared on the cover of a local magazine in December.

Governor Mancuso Attends Long Island North



The Long Island North Division – NY District Governor Peter Mancuso attended a Division Meeting of the 2003/04 administrative year for the Long Island North held at the Swan Club, Glenwood Landing, New York.

Gov. Mancuso made gracious remarks, extolled the virtues of our Lt. Gov. Jo Greene and her goals for the year, and urged Kiwanians then present to build their clubs, retain existing members while recruiting new members, and continue to render valuable volunteer services in our communities, particularly those focused on the youth.

Maxine Postal Dies



The Kiwanis Club of **NORTH AMITYVILLE**, Suffolk West Division – mourns the passing of their member **Maxine Postal**. Postal was the Suffolk County Legislature Leader, one of the highest ranking elected officials in the county. She was a long time member and an advocate for children. Maxine Postal is survived by two sons, Army Lt. Gregory Postal and Dr. Eric Postal and companion Elie Mystal. She will be missed by many.

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International Committee on Education

Dr. Rosemary A. DeJulio

Keeping Kiwanians Educated at Mid Year Conference Forums

In school and in the "real world," sooner or later everyone has to confront the "tough questions." Teachers tell us, however, that the questions are really not that tough: it is the answers that are harder, and not always the same. The New York District Mid-Year Conference was in place for attendees to raise questions about all facets of Kiwanis, and to share a variety of answers.

Our District designed educational forums on various topics that facilitate the exchange of views, share common experiences, and yield new ideas. These forums were not expected to be "lectures" where the panelists tell you precisely what to do; rather, the "educators" leading the forums of "facilitators." They extracted from your minds the stories of success and failure; your experience with SOAP (Governor-Elect Glenn Hollins will gladly tell you his); your desire to get more publicity for your club's great project; your fear about lawsuits (who ever said no good deed goes unpunished?); and your ideas about all the good things you do for others and how together, we can get many, many others to join our "fun" doing these good things, too.

Each forum at the Mid-Year Conference gave you the opportunity to be heard, to be helped, and to be educated about what we can do as an organization to serve our communities better.

Your community is depending on you, a more "educated" and informed Kiwanian.

Sal Barba Dies



The Kiwanis Club of **VALLEY STREAM**, Long Island Southwest Division – mourns the passing of Salvatore Barba. Salvatore passed away August 22, 2003 at the age of 74. Barba was a wonderful father of four and a grandfather to 10. Madeline and Salvatore Barba were married for 51 wonderful years. Sal was a Past Kiwanis President and helped raise funds for children early in his Kiwanis career at many successful club carnivals. He participated in pancake breakfasts with his club and supported his clubs' efforts. He enjoyed the camaraderie and extended friendship to all. He will be missed by everyone who knew him.

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Many other New Yorkers have served as members of the Key Club and Circle K Int'l Boards.

Finally, our district has hosted (only) two of International's 88 Annual Conventions. Both were held in NYC in 1953 and 1965. The latter was Kiwanis' Golden (50th) Anniversary Convention. There were over 18,000 attendees, the third largest KI Convention ever.

Since International Conventions are already scheduled through 2010, let's get our bid in early for the 100th in 2015!

Even as we plan to attend the 89th Convention in St. Louis, June 25-29, 2004, let's think and plan ahead to attend the very important 90th Convention in Honolulu, Hawaii, July 1-5, 2005, where we will proudly present yet another outstanding New Yorker, Thomas E. DeJulio, Esq. as our candidate for the International Board.

With Sympathy

Marty Feinen passed away suddenly on Wednesday, January 28, 2004. Marty was a Past President of the Riverside Kiwanis Club and Past Lt. Governor of the Niagara Frontier West Division (serving 1984-85).

It is with heavy heart that PLG Woody Ryder informs us that **PLG Ken Little** has passed away. Ken was loved by everyone he came in contact with. Kenny was always finding a way to help his neighbors, friends, or strangers to better their stations in life. He had a voice that filled the all out doors. Kenny was one of the founders of the Kiwanis of New Cassel. Kenny will be missed by everyone he touched.

Bronx Westchester South Welcomes Governor Peter and First Lady Karen



The **BRONX WESTCHESTER SOUTH** Division - held its annual Governor's visit as a holiday luncheon at the Eastchester Lake Isle Country Club. Governor Peter Mancuso and First Lady Karen were warmly greeted by 90+ Bronx Westchester South Kiwanians.

Lt. Governor Sr. Anne-Marie Kirmse hosted an afternoon of festive holiday music where young vocalists Maria Failla and Gillian Munsayac and violinists Helen Hess and Kirsten Smayder entertained the group.

The Governor and First Lady were presented with many gifts and awards.

The luncheon was ended with a "celebration of light." The ceremony included each club in the division lighting a candle as LG Sr.

Anne-Marie paid tribute to their community service.

As a special surprise, IPLG Don Ciota (also NY District Chair for Special Olympics) donated \$1000 to Special Olympics. BWS followed in kind with additional generous donations of \$3000 in Don's name to recognize his term as Lt. Governor last year.

Also honored was Riverdale President Doug Hickey who received a Kaiser Award for all his efforts on behalf of Kiwanis.

The program concluded with a touching performance of "You Light Up My Life," dedicated to Sr. Anne-Marie. "That's my favorite song," she announced. "I never thought you'd sing it to me."



Risk Management

Steve Bernheim

General Liability- What is it and why do I care?

Every Kiwanian, Sponsored Youth, volunteer, spouse and anyone working at a Kiwanis project or function as well as your Club, District and Kiwanis International is fully covered for liability exposures by the Kiwanis Liability insurance policy. We pay for this important coverage as part of our annual dues. In our litigious society we need this protection.

A very important coverage that is part of this policy is non-owned Auto Liability. Suppose you are taking five Sponsored Youths to the Fall Rally and there is a serious accident. Whose insurance covers your car and the injuries to the children and the other car? In most states, the insurance on your car is primary, which means that it protects you and Kiwanis. Your policy only provides \$100,000 of coverage and the costs are much greater than \$100,000. Kiwanis International's non-owned Auto Insurance takes over and the full liability limit is available to protect you and Kiwanis.

Most club projects and functions are covered by this policy, however there are a few exceptions, and these are important. If alcohol is sold the policy does not provide coverage. This means if any money changes hands, in anyway, for the consumption of alcohol there is no coverage. You need to buy a special Events policy to cover this Liquor Liability exposure. Other areas where there is limited or no coverage include the use of aircraft, bungee jumping and other hazardous events. If you are not sure if your event is covered by this policy call the Hylant group at (800) 678-0361, or call New York District Risk Manager DPLG Steve Bernstein 516-938-0600 or 516-931-6344. Don't assume you have coverage, ask!



Ginny Wuest, BWS southern belle, offered a lighter moment at a recent Bronx Westchester South K-Family Divisional. Her banner boasted "Meet Me in St. Louie Louie." LG Rocco Riti lead the crowd in the song to promote our 2004 International Convention in St. Louis.



Key Club LG Latha Jayakumer and Bronx Westchester South LG Rocco Riti enjoyed dinner and the presentation about one of the K-Family Projects, Alzheimer's Disease.

Parkway East Kiwanians Always Remember Needy Families



There was no shortage of Parkway East Kiwanians when it came to helping others. Above, back row: Eric Anderson, Ed Wechsler, Bob Cicero, Felipe Martinez and Robert DiMartini. Front row: Mike Wechsler, Len D'Ambrosia and Lou Chiara helped package the food for distribution to their community. They have repeated this worthwhile Kiwanis Club Project for many years and they plan to continue it in the future.



Pictured above: Parkway East Kiwanians working hard, buying over \$1000 in food, packaging and delivering it for the needy. (l-r) Todd Cusato, Robert DeMartini, Bob Rizzo, Felipe Martinez, Eric Anderson and Larry Marcotrigliano.



New Member Orientation

Peter J. Owens

Are you interested why you are losing members, read this . . .

Why I left a Kiwanis Club

First, you need to know how excited I was when I was first asked to attend a luncheon meeting of Kiwanis on Tuesday at noon. I was asked because the Mayor of our city was going to speak and my friend who asked me knew how interested I was in our city's growth and development.

After several meetings and getting to know the men and women who wear the "K", I was pleased to be asked to become a member, for I found that our goals of a better community and your commitment to our children were in line with mine.

But you ask, who am I? I am one of more 50,000 individuals who left Kiwanis in North America over the past 2 years. I am one of 3,100 individuals who received a survey developed by the 1996-97 International Committee on Club operations and member retention.

Finally, I am one of 622 past members who took the time to complete the survey and return it to Kiwanis International. For the first time, Kiwanis International knows why I left. I represent members from our smallest clubs to the very largest clubs. I speak for both men and women, for 149 (24%) women who took the time to complete the survey.

I speak for people of color and members of all ages. I speak for clubs that meet in the morning, noon and night. While we differ in every way it is possible for 622 people to differ, there is great commonality and consensus among our reasons for leaving Kiwanis.

You know that I was as excited about being asked to join Kiwanis as you were. You know that I also speak for the men and women who have left our club. Now, you will know why.

I have been leaving Kiwanis at the rate of 68 members every day of the year for the last 2 years and there is only one hope in our future to change this staggering fact. I will unveil that hope at the end of the article.

But now let me cover the 7 major reasons why I left. As you read the list, please take the time to picture in your mind the members of your club who have left for each of the following reasons in the last two years.

- 1) I died and I will continue to die at higher percentages because our organization is getting older and death is a natural part of growing older. No, I don't speak for the dead, but we need to be aware that we must add members that match your age when you joined Kiwanis.
- 2) I am not a happy with the way your club is run. 475 (76.3%) of us left because we were unhappy with the focus of the club. Your meetings did not start and end on

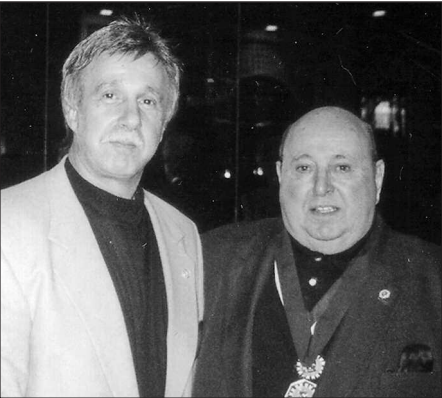
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Marine Park Kiwanians Celebrate The Holiday Season With Joy



Marine Park Kiwanis held its annual Christmas Party at Romano's Restaurant in Brooklyn this past holiday season. Pictured above left to right standing: Frances Marciano and Theresa Carbonara. Seated Treasurer Ann Troiano, President Linda Alessi, Vice President Janet Honovic and Brooklyn Division First Lady Helen Schiavo.

Micari Receives Kaiser

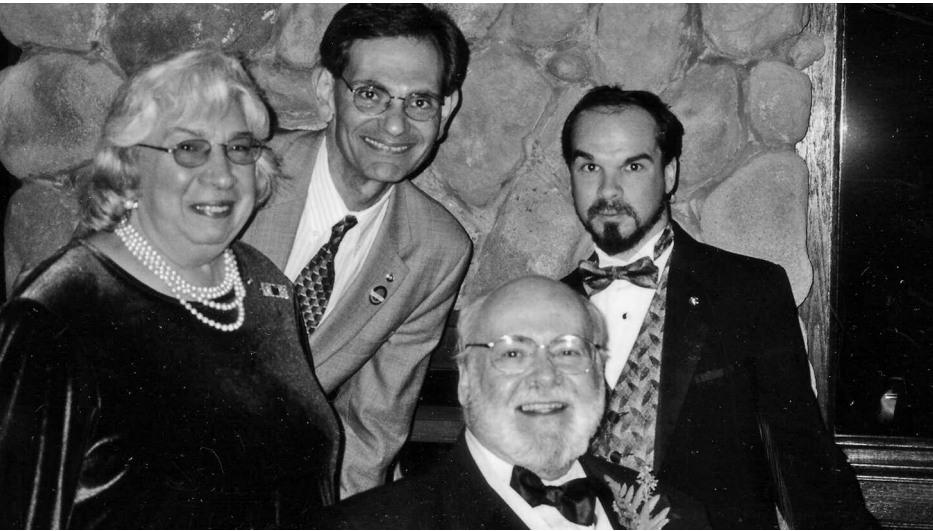


At a recent Brooklyn Division Council Meeting Foundation member Steve Saletto presents Bensonhurst & Bay Ridge Secretary Frank Micari with a diamond level Kaiser for his work in Kiwanis.



Marine Park member Rosemarie plays a very pretty Santa's helper.

Hickey Honored By Riverdale Kiwanians



The Kiwanis Club of Riverdale honored DPP Brian Hickey for his extended service (3 1/2 years) as President of his club. Left to right: Riverdale Secretary Marie Hickey, DPP Brian Hickey and their son Doug Hickey. Governor Peter was proud to attend the event.

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4. General interest items about members (birthdays, anniversaries, trips, etc.)
5. Division and district upcoming events
6. Kiwanis education
7. Report of board actions
8. Biographical sketches of new members
9. Notice of official meetings such as elections when members will be asked to vote
10. Community events of interest to the members
11. Fun items - cartoon, quotes, jokes, etc.
12. Inspirational messages and motivational quotations (see Spiritual Aims SA #1 and "Quote for Club Newsletters")
13. Contact information (name, phone number) for club president, secretary and newsletter editor.

There is a Club Newsletter Editor's Kit available from KI. It includes suggested quotes, education spots, and even some tem-

plates for mastheads.

The "best" format for your newsletter is whatever works best for your club, 8 1/2 by 11 or 8 1/2 by 14. Also plan the format and size with the folding, stuffing and mailing in mind. Keep the content pertinent; members don't want to spend time reading more material than they need to.

A prospective editor doesn't have to be a literary genius, just give the information as succinctly as possible. Have a clean, neat appearance so your message goes through clearly.

Who else should receive a copy other than your members? Other clubs in your division, the Lt. Governor, and possibly other clubs in your community. Send a copy to Governor Peter and/or to me. Consider also entering the district newsletter contest.



Membership Retention

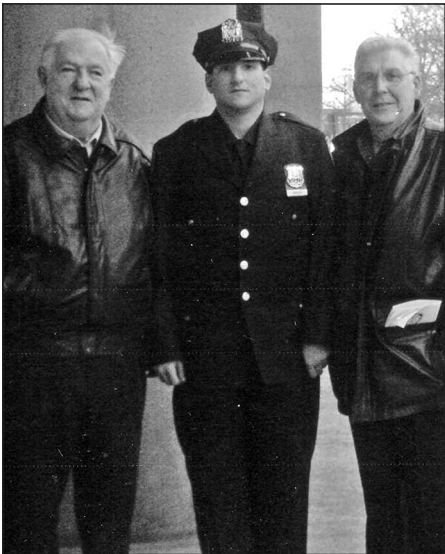
John Gridley

In a previous ESK, I discussed in great detail Member Satisfaction. A natural follow up is renewing your commitment. The Club's board of directors needs to define commitment. The difference between expectations and performance should be addressed. As a group, identify the 10 assets that club members need to bring to the club to make it effective. Then identify the 10 benefits the club is expected to provide to its members.

All Kiwanis clubs should undergo regular checkups, because no matter how good your clubs is, you can always do better. Annual assessment will help you identify the current status of your club based on member input. The membership committee should administer the assessment. If that is not possible, it should be someone other than the club president.

Present all the assessment findings to the board of directors and the membership committee. Review the club's strengths and weaknesses as well as suggestions the members provide. These should help you discuss possible strategies for enhancing the clubs' quality. My advice to you is to use the Club Improvement Plan (Club Operations and Administration, Membership Development and Recruitment, Service and Fund-Raisers, Sponsored programs and public awareness) to prioritize strategies and create a timeline for implementation. You should address all concerns, action should be taken, and a deadline for completion should be set. Please keep in mind that harm can be done if member input is solicited and nothing is done with the information. Act swiftly and keep the members informed of the progress.

JP Gridley Becomes NYC Police Officer



This past December John Paul Gridley graduated from the New York City Police Academy at a ceremony in Madison Square Garden. Left to right above: DPG John Gridley, PO John Paul Gridley, also the Vice President of the Kiwanis Club of Floral Park, and SDPLG Ben Cirilione.



Think 39

Rick Levine

The Think 39 Banner Patches for the 2002-2003 administrative year are finally in the mail. They were mailed to 26 current club Presidents via snail mail. A special thanks to PLG Bruce Brooks and Maureen Neuringer for tons of help designing this beautiful patch. The plaque for champion Tupper Lake is in the oven and will be ready shortly.

Now for this year's update:

As of 1-28-04, the total under 39ers is sixteen. Last years total was 88.

3 clubs are tied for first place with 2 each:
Five-Towns Club, Long Island Southwest
Kingston Club, Hudson River
Eastridge Club, Genesee

I have not received any new under 39 recruiting ideas to share with you. If you have any new ideas or "gimmicks" please email or fax to me and I will gladly share them with the rest of the district. Stay warm and remember to: "Think 39."
<likesmith@aol.com>

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soldiers in Iraq—there is no middleman. This operation is currently being carried out by the Fort Bragg Troops and is being organized by the wives & friends of deployed soldiers. Upon receipt of your donation, items will be quickly shipped to the soldiers in Iraq for dispersal.

I encourage everyone, especially our Sponsored Youth Organizations to get involved with the project. It's part of Kiwanis International's Major Emphasis Program "Young Children Priority One." It's a great way to show we care and support our troops.

Items requested: pencils, writing tablets, folders, small toys, gum, pens, notebooks, crayons, coloring books, candy (non-melting), toothpaste, and toothbrushes.

Mailing Address: Operation Crayon, 2095 Lake Ridge Drive. Fayetteville, NC 28304.

For information contact me, at 26 Wincrest Drive, Queensbury, NY, 12804. Phone: 518-793-4584 or 518-793-9349.

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sion of this highly motivating program, each HOBY "Ambassador" is given a "Future's Kit" which includes various scholarship opportunities and a Key Club brochure. (3) Provides an introduction into the high schools in your area. 4) Participating in the HOBY seminars held in your state each spring will become one of the most rewarding experiences you will ever have.

Meet 10th grade leaders from your schools and encourage them to be the nucleus for a Key Club in your area.

"You can truly make a difference for the next generation. My own daughter is a HOBY alum and I see how it has positively changed her. She is now a Key Club member and a Key Club Lt. Governor, and I am confident, a future Kiwanis Club member." — Kiwanis Int'l 2001-2002 President Brian G. Cunat.

Lewis Street Day Care Kids Benefit from Greece Kiwanis



The Kiwanis Club of **GREECE**, Genesee Division — As a special project for Christmas, Greece Kiwanians, chaired by John H. Bart, chose to help the Lewis Street Day Care Center for the fourth year in a row. They delivered Christmas gifts worth \$580 which included children's underwear, socks and

Lewis St. Day Care Center Ass't Director Diane Dukes, holding toddler, are joined by Kiwanians Vivien Terry and John H. diapers. The project was funded by individual Kiwanians who are dedicated to serving the children of Greece and surrounding areas and improving their quality of life.

KIWANIS SCHOLARSHIP FORM

YEAR

The Kiwanis Club of

Hereby nominates:
(name of nominee)

Street

City, State, Zip

Phone () - Date of Birth / /

Social Security No. - -

High School

Please fill in the necessary information and attach required exhibits

A. Scholarship Achievement

1. The Nominee's Rank in class is _____ of _____ Students

2. The Nominee's combined SAT scores are _____ or the composite ACT score is _____

Please include a copy of her/his high school transcript

B. Merit

1. The Nominee must include a list of activities he/she participated in, both in and out of school.
2. List any awards or achievements received by the Nominee during her/his high school years.
3. Submit three letters of recommendation on behalf of the Nominee: e.g., teachers, counselors, employers, clergy or community leaders.

C. Need

The awards will be evaluated based on the family's net taxable income for the prior . . . taxable year. Nominee's must include a copy of parent's or guardian's State or Federal Tax Return for the prior year (or year previous tax return if prior year is unavailable). Nominations without the requested tax returns will not be judged!

D. Career Goal

The Nominee must write a short essay that describes why he/she wants to attend a program of higher education and his/her plans aiming towards a meaningful career, beneficial to both themselves and the community.



Foundation Scholarship

George Wells

Remember:

The deadline is April 30th

1. Any Kiwanis Club in the New York District of Kiwanis International may nominate a candidate for a scholarship. Only one (1) nomination per year is permitted by each club.
2. Nominations are to be made on the form provided by the Foundation or a reasonable facsimile, and must be delivered or postmarked to the New York District Office by April 30th of the current year. It is requested that the winners be awarded their scholarships at commencement in June or at an awards program, if preferred, by her/his high school.
3. This program is instituted by the Foundation to recognize and promote good citizenship among the youth of New York State. Winners will be selected by a committee of the Foundation on the basis of which nominees, in its opinion, best meet the established criteria. All aspects of the program, including the criteria are subject to change by the Foundation Board of Directors.
4. Each nominee must be a resident of New York State and plan to graduate from a high school in New York State, the June of the year of their nomination. The scholarship may be used towards the recipient's cost of obtaining higher education. The award shall be payable to the recipient.
5. There will be a total of five (5) \$1,000 one-time awards payable for the recipient's first year expenses. The awards are not transferable.
6. A nominated student will be evaluated based on scholastic achievement, merit, need and career goals. Each of the four criteria will be weighed equally.

Send the completed nomination forms to: New York District Kiwanis Foundation Scholarship Program, 1522 Genesee Street, Utica, New York 13502, Attn: Foundation Scholarship Committee.



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April 2004

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CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

89th Annual Kiwanis International Convention
June 26-29, 2004 • St. Louis, Missouri, USA

PLEASE COMPLETE ENTIRE FORM AND MAIL OR FAX TO:
Convention Registration
Kiwanis International
3636 Woodview Trace
Indianapolis, IN 46268-3196 USA
FAX: 317/872-0502
QUESTIONS? Call 800/549-2647, ext. 390 or 317/875-8755, ext. 390

ON-LINE REGISTRATION OPTION
You may register on-line at: www.kiwanis.org/convention.
If you register on-line, do not send a completed registration form through the mail.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR THIS FORM
• **Registrations postmarked by April 15 will obtain reduced fees.**
• **Use one registration form per Kiwanian.** Copies are acceptable.
• **Payment must accompany this form.** Do not mail without payment.
• Faxed registrations are accepted **only** if paying by credit card. If you fax your registration form, do not send the original through the mail.
• **Do not submit this form after May 21, 2004. You must register on-site after this date.**
• There is no charge for youth under age 21.
• Payment must be paid in US funds and drawn on a US bank.
• A receipt and confirmation packet will be mailed to you within approximately 10 days.

CANCELLATIONS
• All cancellations must be made **in writing**.
• Cancellations postmarked **by April 15, 2004**, will receive a full refund.
• There will be a \$15 deduction per registration (member and guest) for cancellations postmarked **after April 15, 2004**.
• Superstar tickets will not be refunded after **May 21, 2004**, regardless of the circumstance.
• No refunds will be issued for cancellations postmarked **after June 18, 2004**.

FEES AND PAYMENT
Kiwanian
US \$150 by April 15 – US \$175 after April 15\$ _____

Host Committee Volunteer: Missouri-Arkansas District
US \$85 by April 15 – US \$175 after April 15\$ _____

Non-Kiwanian Spouse/Guest(s)
US \$75 by April 15 – US \$100 after April 15\$ _____

Superstar Show with Willie Nelson
(Box office seating based on date of purchase)
____ Adult tickets @ US \$30 each\$ _____
____ Youth tickets* @ US \$15 each\$ _____
*Age 16 and under, or members of Key Club or Circle K

Total\$ _____

If paying by check, make payable to Kiwanis International. If using a credit card, please complete the following section and sign. Do not send cash.

☐ American Express ☐ Discover ☐ MasterCard ☐ Visa

Card Number _____

Expiration (month and year) _____

Credit card validation/identification code: For Discover, MasterCard, and Visa, last 3 digits on back of card. For American Express, 4 digits on front of card, above and to right of account number.

(Print Name of Card Holder)

(Signature) (Date)

ATTENDEE INFORMATION – PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY

District _____

Membership ID
(5, 6, or 7 digits) _____

Club Name _____ Club Key Number **K**

Current office held – Check only one: ☐ Club President ☐ Club Secretary ☐ Lieutenant Governor ☐ District Governor-elect ☐ District Governor
☐ District Secretary ☐ International Committee Chairman ☐ International Board ☐ Past International President ☐ International Foundation Board

Last Name _____ First Name (for badge) _____

Spouse/Guest Name(s)(for badges) 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____
List paid guests age 21 or over only. If more than three paid guests, please attach list.

Mailing Address _____ **New Address?** ☐ No ☐ Yes

City _____ State/Province _____ Postal Code _____ Country _____

Daytime Phone _____ Fax _____ E-mail address _____

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

- To obtain the special convention rates, **all hotel reservations must be made through The Meeting Connection**, Kiwanis International's official housing company.
- If you do not have the Housing Form, contact The Meeting Connection at www.the-meeting-connection.com, 614/888-2568, or 800/398-2568.

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2003 was also the summer of volunteers! We were fortunate to have three Circle K members and one Key Clubber: Anton Konev, Michele Pietromonaco, Randy Huther and Sally Baker volunteered as counselors. Delmar Kiwanians, Richard and Maureen Pulice, also spent an entire week working at the Kamp. Richard worked in the kitchen and Maureen as a counselor. All of our volunteers were astonished at how hard we work and how rewarded they felt at the end of their stays. We hope each of them will spread the word to other Circle K, Key and Kiwanis Club members with the hope to continue to increase the number of volunteers at Kamp Kiwanis. A special thanks to you all!

When preparing to send children to Kamp Kiwanis, please remember these key points:

1. Only utilize applications labeled 2004. We cannot accept older applications as they are out of date when it comes to current standards and regulations of the NYS Department of Health and the American Camping Association. PLEASE throw away all old applications to prevent having to complete them a second time.
2. A Kiwanian **MUST** be present at the bus stop when the children depart for Kamp and upon their return. The latter is more important. We are charging agencies that sponsor children a \$50 penalty fee if no representative is present upon the child's return. We do not want to have to do the same with Kiwanis Clubs. Although surprising, several times throughout the summer, parents or guardians neglect to show up at the bus stop to pick up their children. We cannot afford additional delays to our scheduled stops.
3. Despite your not knowing if your kampers will have special needs, we can only accept 20 of these children per session. It is crucial that you contact the Kamp as soon as possible. Reserve special needs spaces if you have the slightest thought that your kampers will fit within this category. Remember, ADHD is a special need. We will do our best to accommodate your requests, but in the end, we must adhere to strict ratio guidelines of staff to kamper (1:2).
4. The Kamp application includes a new medical form. It is required that this form be signed by a licensed physician. Children cannot attend Kamp Kiwanis without this form. It is unacceptable to attach a school health record or any other medical form other than the Kamp Kiwanis form. Work with the family to acquire this form early on. We hate to turn a child away due to the lack of a medical form.
5. If your Club wants to sponsor children and you are having trouble finding candidates, please call the Kamp. We are here to help you!

Please be sure to call me if you would like to arrange to have me make a presentation on Kamp Kiwanis at your Club Meeting. I am happy to travel your way to spread the word of how much your generosity means to those you serve!

Thanks
Jim Fretthold

A special thanks goes out to Kiwanian Jim Fretthold for his great dedication to helping non-profit organizations like Kamp Kiwanis. Jim has been instrumental in helping the Kamp acquire several grants through the York Children's Foundation, totaling nearly \$10,000! Thanks, Jim!

Steven Letter

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very clean, there were bunk beds in it, a couple of windows and an extra door. The counselors asked us which beds we wanted. I personally didn't care which bed I had as long as I had a bed to sleep in. The counselors and the kids including myself went outside the cabin, sat down on logs and we introduced ourselves to each other. I was very nervous when it was my time to introduce myself. I knew that I would have lots of fun even with the doubts I had before I left.

Each day we did a different activity. We went canoeing, we had breakfast, lunch, dinner, drama and arts and crafts. The activity that I enjoyed most was canoeing. That was when you sit in a low boat very close to the water, you hold these paddles which are like sticks and you row through the water. I enjoyed that activity very much. Everyday I would ask, "when are we going canoeing?" I enjoyed every activity there was. I got the chance to know everyone in my cabin. I had the time of my life. The meals I ate were very delicious and the beds were very, very, very

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- time, frequently you had no program, your days of service are behind you and your days of writing checks are here. Most of the entire meeting was just plain NO fun.
- 3) I am going to spend my time with my family. You did not involve my children or my spouse in any activities and they get first priority on my time.
 - 4) I am unable to attend all the meetings. While I could help with the projects and do few things, many of you felt that was not enough.
 - 5) I have business commitments and cannot attend. My time is important and like you I set priorities.
 - 6) I am relocating to another area. What, no one passed my name on to one or two clubs in the new town.
 - 7) The last and final reason why I am leaving is because of the cost. You may be surprised that only 95 (15.3%) of us included financial reasons for leaving.

Now you know why I left. It is your turn to look at your club and what you can do so that I will remain an active member.

Will you assign a club mentor to me when I join? A member who will be responsible to teach us the ways of Kiwanis and listen to my concerns?

Will you find ways to make me, as a new member feel welcome and included in your group, and not exclude me from your cliques?

Will you develop levels of membership to those of us who have difficulty attending every meeting? Will you see to it that your club leaders are trained to assume their responsibilities?

Will you consider ways to reduce meal costs?

If you will discuss these Issues, Kiwanis will be 25,000 stronger at the end of the Kiwanis administrative year. All it will take to keep me in Kiwanis is the knowledge that you care about me and that my contribution is important in the life of the club.



Key Club Govenor

Michael Berthel

Twelve Months; that’s all Key Club members in the New York District have to make a difference in their homes, schools and communities. But twelve months have proved to be efficient as the New York District of Key Club International is within range of meeting and surpassing all of its goals.

In April of 2003, the New York District Board vowed to raise \$175,000 for it’s nine district projects; Lupus Foundation, Kamp Kiwanis, Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center, amFAR, March of Dimes, Leukemia/ Lymphoma Society , Local Causes, St. Jude’s Hospital and the American Cancer Society. To date we have raised almost \$150,000 and are climbing quickly to our goal. In addition to this we set our goal of 20,000 hours for this year’s Governor’s Project “Senior Citizens and Improving the Quality of Their Golden Years.” In almost every direction you choose to look, the District of Key Club is moving forward.

So far, building ten new clubs, the New York District has faced many challenging tasks this year. For the first time ever, we have implemented a dues system that gives us a more accurate and up to date dues count. (By the way, please check with your clubs to ensure they have paid!) And of course, our biggest objective is the re-divisioning of the New York District. Lt. Governor Elections, which have already taken place, are now for new and redrawn divisions. No longer are Key Club Divisions named, but instead they are numbered 1-26.

The New York District Board has been working hard all year long to ensure that 2003-2004 is the best yet, and working equally hard is our Convention Committee who has been planning the 56th annual New York District Convention. This weekend will be under the theme “Service With Style” and will be one of the best yet. I encourage you all to come to Kutsher’s Country Club March 19th-21st and see what its all about!

On behalf of the New York District of Key Club International, thank you for your continuing support to our District and its 12,500 members! I encourage you all to continue to strengthen your relationships with your Key Clubbers and let our organizations flourish as a result. Remember; separately we can achieve great things, but united the Kiwanis Family is unstoppable. We have done an excellent job improving our K-Family relations this past year but let’s bring it a step further and continue to work together.



CONVENTION HOUSING FORM

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ON-LINE HOUSING RESERVATIONS – FAST, EASY, SECURE, IMMEDIATE RESPONSE!
Reserve your room on-line at www.the-meeting-connection.com, then click on “Kiwanis International.”

INSTRUCTIONS

- To obtain the special convention rates, **all hotel reservations must be made through The Meeting Connection**, Kiwanis International’s official housing company, and received by **May 21, 2004**.
- **Unless you specify otherwise, hotel reservations will be made on a first-come, first-served basis at your district headquarters hotel.** You may select a different hotel by indicating your preference in the appropriate spot below. Rates and district hotel assignments are shown on the reverse side of this form.
- Most hotels will not send written confirmation directly to guests. However, a verification of your reservation will be sent to you from The Meeting Connection within approximately 10 days of receipt of your Housing Form.
- **If you need to change or cancel your reservation, you must do so through The Meeting Connection. Do not call the hotel.**

- **A credit card number is required by the hotel to make your reservations.** If you do not have a credit card, contact The Meeting Connection to arrange payment of the deposit. **Reservations will be processed only if submitted with a credit card number or check deposit.**
- If you fax your housing form, do not send the original through the mail.
- **After May 21, 2004, contact The Meeting Connection for room and rate availability before submitting this form.**

PLEASE COMPLETE ENTIRE FORM AND MAIL OR FAX TO:

Kiwanis Housing
The Meeting Connection
893 High Street, Suite J
Worthington, OH 43085
FAX: 614/888-1684
Questions? Call: 614/888-2568 or 800/398-2568 or e-mail KiwanisTMC@cs.com

CANCELLATIONS

- **All hotel cancellations must be made through The Meeting Connection.**
- Reservations should be cancelled **at least 7 days prior to your arrival date.**
- Deposits are totally non-refundable if the reservation is cancelled **less than 72 hours prior to your arrival date.**

IMPORTANT: THIS FORM DOES NOT CONSTITUTE REGISTRATION!

YOU MUST REGISTER SEPARATELY WITH KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL BY COMPLETING THE CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM.
If you do not have the Registration Form, go to www.kiwanis.org/convention, or contact Kiwanis International at 800/549-2647, ext. 390 or 317/875-8755, ext. 390.

ATTENDEE INFORMATION – PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY

Club Name _____ District _____

Current office held – Check only one: ☐ Club President ☐ Club Secretary ☐ Lieutenant Governor ☐ District Governor-elect ☐ District Governor ☐ District Secretary ☐ International Committee Chairman ☐ International Board ☐ Past International President ☐ International Foundation Board

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Postal Code _____ Country _____

Daytime Phone _____ Fax _____

E-mail address-please write clearly: _____
**If you state an e-mail address, your verification from The Meeting Connection will come via e-mail. If no e-mail is stated, your verification will come via postal mail instead.*

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS – PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY

Arrival Date: 6 / ____ / 04 Desired Room Type: ☐ Queen/King (1 bed/1-2 persons) ☐ One-Bedroom Suite (additional cost)

Departure Date: 6 / ____ / 04 ☐ Double/Double (2 beds/2-4 persons) ☐ Two-Bedroom Suite (additional cost)

If sharing a room with another Kiwanian, indicate name here: _____

Note: If sharing a room, only one occupant (not both) must submit a housing form.

Number staying in room: Adults: ____ Youth: ____

Do you want more than one room? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, how many rooms? ____

☐ I request my district’s assigned hotel. ☐ I request the following hotel: _____

Special needs/requests (be specific): _____

REQUIRED CREDIT CARD GUARANTEE FOR HOTEL

☐ American Express ☐ Discover ☐ MasterCard ☐ Visa **Note: Your credit card validation/identification code is not required for hotel guarantee.**

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Key Club Awards Dinner Held at Farmingdale Club



The Kiwanis Club of FARMINGDALE, Long Island North Division – held a Youth Awards Dinner at the Singleton’s Restaurant in Bethpage Long Island. Farmindale Kiwanians’ goal for the evening was to bring awareness about Key Club and their activities to attendees. Standing: KI Int’l Past President Tony Kaiser, Farmingdale Past President William Harrison, President George Valente, IPP Roger Sirangelo. Seated: Farmingdale High School Key Club Treasurer Caroline Barker, President Christine Allen and Vice President Marie Bell.

Stevens Letter

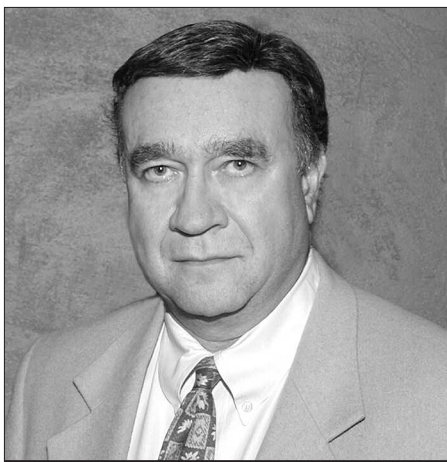
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comfortable. I couldn’t believe that I had that much fun, it was much better then being in the house during the summer time.

Each day was more and more fun - it was amazing! As the day got closer that I would be leaving, I grew sad. The last days we sat sat around a warm fire and told scary stories while we ate marshmallows on a stick with graham crackers.

Myself and other kids in the other cabins received medals, awards and certificates for different activites. I received a medal for “best canoer” and my cabin received an award for drama. We acted out a fishing skit, since my cabin caught the most fish out of all the cabins. We also got first place for the scavenger hunt.

The day came when I had to leave my memories behind, but I realized I didn’t exactly have to leave my memories behind - my memories were in my medal and certificate and awards and will last a lifetime!



Foundation President

Lindy Marrazzo

With Springtime finally approaching and the flowers about to bloom and Mr. Groundhog popping his head out of the ground, this means camp season is approaching. This year we will have eight weeks of camp. two weeks of camp in June for seniors and six weeks for children from throughout New York. Applications are available from Nancy Nowak at Kamp Kiwanis or the District office. Please get them filled out as quickly as possible and sent to Kamp Kiwanis in order to insure a slot. The experiences of these children have been invaluable and you are helping them with your contributions. Each week twenty (20) slots are put aside for handicapped children.

Special thanks to DPLG Don Ciota from the Bronx Westchester South Division for obtaining a \$10,000 contribution to Kamp Kiwanis from Raymond T. Dalio and Gregory S. Jensen. Also, thanks to the Staten Island Kiwanis Club for obtaining a \$5,000 grant and to Assemblyman and Kiwanian David G. McDonough for obtaining a \$5,000 grant from New York State. David has always been a friend to the Foundation.

Uncle Bob, where are you?

We are planning our open house and work weekend at Kamp Kiwanis on May 1st - May 2nd. Everyone is invited to attend and to help get the camp cleaned up for the season. We would like to have a good turnout. Not only do we work hard, we have a lot of fun doing it.

A special presentation will be made on behalf of Victor Allegritti, who recently passed away, from the Bensonhurst & Bay Ridge Club, Brooklyn. The club purchased a cabin in Vic's memory. The Mapleton Club will also dedicate a cabin in memory of DPLG Warren Samuels.

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Letter from Steven

These are excerpts from a letter received by Kamp Kiwanis . . .

Hello everyone my name is Steven. I'm from Queens, NY. I was a recent camper at the greatest camp in the world - Kamp Kiwanis.

The summer of 2003 my mother asked me if I wanted to attend a sleep away Kamp, because I had never attended any kind of camp. I could never give her a straight answer. I would always say to her, can you ask me tomorrow? All day everyday I would always say to myself, "I can't stay locked up in this house all summer, this is the summer I'm supposed to be outside enjoying myself."

I decided within minutes to go. Mom was very surprised. We went out and brought the supplies that I needed like, shampoo, soap, a rain poncho, a toothbrush and toothpaste.

My mother, my brother and I left around 9:20 a.m. We walked a block down because that was where the bus would be departing from. Before I knew it the other campers and I were on our six hour trip upstate. There were many televisions on the bus and a bathroom. I was very nervous about spending six days at a place that I've never been before. The trip seemed like minutes, but was really hours and soon we arrived to the camp.

The campers and I got off the bus and took our luggage from the compartments. I saw the sign Kamp Kiwanis and I was nervous even looking at the sign.

One of the counselors named Felix and Colin placed me and about 9 other kids in cabin 15. We slowly walked away as we passed a pond which I saw canoes and paddle boats in. The cabin was very neat and

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Kamp Director

Nancy Nowak

2003 marked the completion of Kamp Kiwanis' 35th season in the camping industry. It seems fitting that this summer we also welcomed the American Camping Association to reaccredit our program. This is a task that only occurs every three years. Having had the opportunity to work with the ACA for the past 7 years, I was ready for the challenge. The ACA sent two trained visitors to the camp to observe all functions of the camp from human resource policies and facility upkeep to risk management protocol. After 8 hours of scrupulously going through our policies, we were again awarded a rating of excellence! The process always seems to awaken Directors to new ideas and ways of preventing a crisis. I hope these ideas will further allow us to create a safe and sound environment for the children we serve and the staff that supervise them. I recently was also bestowed the honor to be nominated to the 2004 Board of Directors of the Upstate NY ACA Chapter. This will allow Kamp Kiwanis to have a say in how camps are run in NY State as well as be on the cutting edge of new legislation affecting our industry.

The summer of 2003 definitely was a challenging one. We attempted to increase our season by adding two additional children sessions. This posed some problems as Kiwanis Clubs seemed to spread their campers out throughout the season versus the week(s) they were assigned. In the end, because of your support 800 campers were able to spend a relaxing week out in our rustic kamp. We ended up serving 109 more children than in 2002. This was a great increase, but still far below our goal of 240. Thus, we have decided to go back to running six sessions of children's kamp in 2004. You should have received your application packets by now. One packet is mailed to each Club President and Secretary. We would appreciate your willingness to copy the forms for your sponsored campers to help us defray costs.

A special thanks goes out to Helen Brooks and the Lefrak City Kiwanians for helping to find nearly all of the campers who attended the Children of Heroes Week. Although the grant from Kiwanis International to host these special weeks has been fully utilized, we hope to welcome several of the children to attend Kamp Kiwanis again in 2004 free of charge. These campers will now be integrated into our regular camping sessions. Please contact Kamp Kiwanis if your club is able to assist with the cost to sponsor these children or if you know of another funding source for this valuable program.

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THE EMPIRE CLUB

NEW YORK DISTRICT

All clubs recently received information about the Empire Club. It allows Kiwanians and friends of the NY District Foundation to make a long-range gift to further help children that we serve through our District Foundation.

Remember, joining the Empire Club allows you to make a long-range gift to the District Foundation and be recognized at all District Conventions with a reception in your honor, a plaque, pin and a banner patch for your club's banner. A member of the NY District Foundation would be honored to make the presentation at one of our conventions or conferences as well as at a Division Council meeting.

Feel free to call PDG Joe Eppolito or email him with your questions, suggestions, concerns or any other comments that you have about the program. <Pepster@aol.com> or (315) 449-9613.