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 is very excited about Governor 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 Starrett Track Team who also participated in the Jr. Olympic Track Meet in New Mexico.

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

Peninsula Kiwanis Hoops for Hope

By Kristin McGrath

The Kiwanis Club of PNESLISS, 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.

“Hoops for Hope”, is a great game and a great effort 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 quarter, but rebounded, and came back to win.”

“Hoops for Hope,” which is sponsored by the Peninsula Kiwanis, raised money for SIDS Place (Survivorship in Brother & Sisters), which is a free support program for the siblings of children with cancer and other devastating illnesses. According to their mission statement, SIDS place achieves its goal of preventing children from spending their lives psychologically affected by the illnesses of their siblings by providing health care professionals with expertise in child, adolescent and family counseling. In addition to the consoling the children receive, they are assisted with their homework and arts & crafts projects by trained volunteers. These volunteers also help with birthday and holiday celebrations, and accompany the children on field trips. SIDS 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 SIDS 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, SIDS Place.

“Children living with an ill sibling are often burdened by feelings of anger, fear, jealousy, guilt, abandonment and loss. SIDS Place restores many of the family routines typically forgotten when a family copes with illness.” According to Coach Dubin, who is a member 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.

“SIDS 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 Kiwanis President. Peninsula Kiwanis was happy to lend their support to the cause and to Coach Dubin.

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

Peninsula Kiwanians are excited about Governor’s Peter’s Fitness Project for kids.

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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!”

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 month-ly 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 need to 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.

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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.