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.

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 filed

all hotel/motel rooms in the area. Since the primary focus of the facility is housing for parents and families of sick children, our

primary focus of the facility is housing for all hotel/motel rooms in the area. Since the

New York, our youngsters have discovered

Federal Correctional Facility in Ray Brook, the parochial school, the inmates and staff of the

gram; the Key Club, the 4th grade at the local

community groups participate in the pro-

trolled as collection sites. A wide variety of

club contributed $250 to the campaign will be recognized at the KPTC Annual Meeting, will be awarded a banner medallion and receive a President’s Pin.

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

Lt. Governor Club President Phone

Division

Donation Amount

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

KPTC Annual Donation Campaign Form

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

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• Lt. Governor will receive a plaque for 100% Division participation.

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Kiwians 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 prepa-
rations the day before. Go to website <www.kiwians.org> for details.

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

Pictured (l-r) Officer Hejna and Marilla Kiwanian President Hubert Kutter contributed 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 - 852 - 7608 <sadenna@comcast.net>