**Pediatric Lyme Disease**

John A. Gridley

As I mentioned in my last article, Pediatric Lyme Disease is an ongoing program in the NY District, which started when I was Governor. We are educating, looking for donations, and helping children with this disease who cannot afford to pay for treatment.

Typical symptoms among patients with neuropsychiatry Lyme disease are: Fatigue, which ranges from mild to severe, resulting at times in a need for prolonged sleep at night and additional naps during the day, much akin to chronic fatigue syndrome. Low-grade fevers, night sweats, joint pains, joint inflammation and swelling, muscle pains, frequent and severe headaches are also symptoms.

While facial nerve palsy or optic neuritis is not frequently seen, patients may more commonly report facial numbness and/or tingling. Sharp, stabbing, deep boring burning, or shooting pains, tingling in the hands or feet are also things to look out for.

Thinking problems are also a concern. They may include attention problems, memory, verbal fluency, and thinking speed. Patients also report concentration problems.

Patients may also experience orientation problems. For example, patients may bump into the door jams, go to place an object on a table only to see it fall to the floor due to misjudgment of spatial distance; or get lost in a familiar place.

Problems with speech and fluency may also occur. As an example, stuttering, reversing words (i.e. stating “tomorrow” when one means “yesterday”). These are some of the things to look for if you suspect that a child has contracted Lyme disease.

As a point of interest – most doctors DO NOT standardly check for Lyme disease. You must ask to be tested. Remember, this program was set up to help. So if you or anyone you know has a child with Lyme disease and needs treatment and cannot pay for it. Please contact me or Joe Wuest.

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Somehow these sentiments never seem to get old and we feel a new surge of enthusiasm each time we say them together.

Our men and women serving in the Armed Forces are also patriotic and experienced in the same feelings and enthusiasm that we possess. However, they live each day bound by the same feelings and enthusiasm that we do. While facial nerve palsy or optic neuritis is not frequently seen, patients may more commonly report facial numbness and/or tingling. Sharp, stabbing, deep boring burning, or shooting pains, tingling in the hands or feet are also things to look out for.

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**New Member Orientation**

Peter J. Owens

We are more than half way through the current administration district and divisional levels. That also means club officers terms are also closing in. All clubs should be directing themselves to confirm their membership rolls and what they plan to do to improve on that number.

You will need to initiate New Member meetings now for execution in the next month or so. The complete program for this type of meeting is spelled out in the Membership Development brochure that all officers received at Certified Officer Training. You should also be thinking of your new slate of officers at this time to give the new officer ample time to attend the training programs that are offered within every division.

The key to the New Member invitation party is to have everyone in the club agree to try to bring a guest. If only half of those visiting decide to join Kiwanis you will have accomplished a great plus. None of the programs designed to assist you can be done with a handful of Kiwanians. Presidents must select or appoint a committee to prepare the agenda necessary for a successful party. Remember your first impression with prospects is essential. You can always count on District, Division or your own club personnel who can make the presentation memorable. We have had very good luck with new Member Meetings and planning is the key. Continued on Page 15

**Governor Glenn & First Lady Susan Take Part in Holiday Light Parade**

Kiwanis Club of THREE VILLAGE BROOKHAVEN, Suffolk East Division – Kiwanians along with the East Setauket Fire Department and the Setauket Chamber of Commerce co-sponsored the annual East Setauket Holiday Light Parade.

This year two of the notable attendees were Gov. Glenn Hollins and First Lady Susan Groenewoud. Pictured above seated with them in the classic Cadillac convertible were Three Village President Paulette Lovino and DPP Roger Louise.

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help for clubs as well as divisions. They will be replacing the prior membership growth, new club building revitalization, mentoring functions in the District.

T.A.G. Team members will be more than willing to help train and work with club membership leaders and division membership leaders to help spur growth in the NYD. They have at their disposal updated materials to help educate Kiwanians on all the resources that are available form Kiwanis.

I encourage you to use the T.A.G. Team. They are ready, willing, and able to serve all Kiwanians.

**Clubs Honor Members With Foundation Distinguished Service Awards**

In an effort to recognize individuals for meritorious service, the New York District Foundation has developed the Distinguished Service Award. This high gloss color certificate will be personalized with recipients’ names and signed by our Foundation President and packaged in a leather folder with an embossed Foundation label.

The award can be presented by clubs once a year for one club member. The donation for this award is $150. It is a great means of honoring someone in a special way. Just fill out the coupon on the right, enclose your check payable to the NY District Foundation, and send to Maureen Neuringer, 1535 63rd Street, Brooklyn, NY 11219.

**New York District Foundation Distinguished Service Award**

The Kiwanis Club of Everytown to

Recipient’s Name

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WHILE SERVING THE CHILDREN OF THE WORLD.

New York District Foundation President

[Signature]

Form for Club Presidents

[ ] Yes, we want to honor a member with the Foundation Distinguished Service Award

Kiwanis Year 2004-2005

Club’s Name

Recipient’s Name

Date of Presentation

Send award to:

Make $150 check payable to: NY District Foundation and send to: Maureen Neuringer, District Editor, 1535 63rd Street, B’klyn NY 11219 • 718 259-9679

**Bells of Life Raise Funds For KPTC**

Lt Governor Jean Andrick from the Van Rensselaer Division, along with DPLG Dr. Rosemary DeJulio, take a moment from their Albany Pediatric Trauma Unit fundraising event at the Crossgates Mall, to show the progress of the fundraising. Candidate for International Trustee PG Tom DeJulio was put to work as soon as he came through the door! Bells were sold for $1 each and during the course of the day, $907 were raised. The fundraising event is the biggest event of the year for the Capital, Mohawk, and Van Rensselaer Divisions.