Kiwanis will be holding 2 exciting Key Leader events in New York. One on Long Island on April 25 - 26 at the Levittown Memorial Education Center and May 15-17 at Camp Stella Maria in Livenia.

Those students who attend the conference can expect a combination of fun, lecture, journaling, small group activities, and large group activities. Students are divided into neighborhoods for the small group activities and they work in the same group throughout the event. The students will be sleeping on the floor of a gym and all meals are provided for the event.

If your club is sponsoring an individual, that individual must go to the website www.key-leader.org to register for the event. As part of the registration, you will be asked for a sponsor name, address, phone and email address. This information is vital because it is how Kiwanis will send the invoice to be paid. The fee for sponsoring a participant to Levittown is only $130. The fee for sponsoring a child to Camp Stella Maria is $175 and students are eligible for a $25 discount if a member of Builders Club or Key Club.

To avoid being charged a late fee, registration must be completed 3 weeks prior to the event. Registrations will be accepted up until a couple of days prior to the event if space is available.

We are also looking for adults to serve as chaperones overnight. If you are interested, please contact me. This is an amazing conference for students age 14-18 to develop leadership skills. We hope that you and your clubs will take full advantage of this opportunity. If there are any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at kscharroff@yahoo.com or 516-680-7360

Fred Trimbach of Old Forge was elected Kiwanis Central Division Lieutenant Governor at a recent Division meeting. His term will begin on October 1, 2009 and extend to September 30, 2010.

Trimbach a founding member of the Central Adirondack Kiwanis Club has been a member since 1997, has served as Club President, Treasurer and Central Division Lt. Governor in 2002-3. The Lt. Governor is responsible for Clubs in Bonville, Clinton, Frankfort, Lake Delta, New Hartford, Rome, Utica, Westmoreland and Old Forge.

Central Adirondack Kiwanians Welcome Two New Members

The Kiwanis Club of the CENTRAL ADIRONDACKS, Adirondack Division – at a regular recent meeting inducted two new members into the club. Club President Sheila Brady introduced the new members and their sponsors. New Member Bill Bauman, Owner of Wrap City and Glue and his sponsor Clay Luce, who is also Membership Chairman, and New Member Kelly Hamlin, Registered Dietitian and her sponsor Deb Carhart.

Club President Brady noted, “Kiwanis is something so good that each of us should want to share it. Surely, there is no better evidence of our willingness to share Kiwanis than to sponsor a new member into our club. Each month, Kiwanis International inducts approximately 2,900 new members within our 96 countries”.

President Shels also commented, “Today we have brought these new members into our club and they will contribute new energy and ideas that will improve the club in the future”. The sponsors presented the new members with a Kiwanis lapel pin.

Willard Student of Month

The Kiwanis Club of the CENTRAL ADIRONDACKS is pleased to announce that the Student of the Month for February is Abigail Willard. Abigail is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Egan Willard of Old Forge and is a Senior at Town of Webb Union Free School in Old Forge.

Each month from September to April the School Administrators will select a Student of the Month. The student selected will receive $50 and with his/her parents are invited to a monthly Kiwanis dinner meeting to make a brief presentation.

In May, the Kiwanis Scholarship Committee will select a Student of the Year. The Student of the Year will receive $500 and with parents be invited to the Kiwanis Annual Meeting for award presentation. The selection criteria for the Kiwanis Student of the Month are Community Service, Academics, Athletic Involvement, Student Need and Extra Curricular Activities.

K Family Presidents Ring the Salvation Bell at Kettle 2008

The Kiwanis Club of NORTH SHORE, Long Island North Division – North Shore K Family was filled with joy and good cheer as they rang the bell at the traditional kettle for the Salvation Army Organization.

Pictured left: the presidents as they unite for service. Left to right: North Shore Kiwanis President Julia Salist; Key Club President and Mr Claus Charles Sharkey; sharing the spotlight with his brother and Builders Club President Christopher Sharkey. This is truly a family event for service!!

Membership Growth

We are getting members:
(a) From member’s commitments – Pres. Don’s Kiwanis Heart
(b) From New Membership Interest Forms that come from International
(c) From Ongoing invitees to the clubs – Invite A Guest Time (d) and from membership retention

We can do this

Also – Please be sure to announce that in July we are having a GUEST round-up all over NEW YORK STATE!! Ask members to JUST invite guests to breakfast, lunch, dinner – whatever – and make sure the club is ready. How does a club get ready for guests? They want to have the best speaker they can find! Next – all the members should be involved in welcoming these guests and making them feel great! That way, they want to come back and probably JOIN. Keep your club interesting, fun, positive, informative – THROW OUT THE NEGATIVE it repels not draws!

We can do this

We are HALF INTO OUR YEAR – are we where we want to be???? Now would be a great time to go over your goals – and the club’s goals. We have 6 more months to make a difference in our membership – new members and retention members. We can do this!!!

Are your clubs getting involved in public relations? Let’s get the word out as much as possible! Kiwanis IS making a difference! As of the end of Feb. 2009 – we had 8,088 members in New York. Let’s add another 1,000 – and if we pass that number – gosh, all the better!!

We can do this

You have a very knowledgeable growth team – ask them! They can help! We have made a difference in the clubs we have been invited into. Let’s thank them: Jerry and Linda Christianso, Joe Corace, Ray Pfeifer, Dave Rothman, Joe Weiss and the many Kiwanis leaders that will help just by asking! We can’t help, if we don’t know.

Let’s do New York proud in 2008-2009. Thank you, each and everyone for what you are doing and all the lives you are touching!