Empire Club

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Adding To the Legacy of the NY District Kiwanis Foundation

The Empire Club allows Kiwanians and friends of the NY District Kiwanis Foundation to make a long-range gift to further help children that we serve through our District Foundation. It can be through an up front cash donation of at least $2,000, donated life insurance policy, stocks, bonds and/or any other bequest that you so desire to earmark. The information is kept confidentially in the NYD Kiwanis Foundation Office. You can also designate the NYD Kiwanis Foundation as a beneficiary (or partial beneficiary) to any asset that you earmark at your passing. 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. NYD Kiwanis Foundation President Sal Anelli and I (or an area Foundation Board member) would be honored to make the presentation at a Division Council Meeting, NYD Mid-Winter Conference or the District Convention in August. We have grown from 30 members to 34 since November, 2007 and hope that you would consider the NYD District Foundation in your estate plan as bequests will reduce your estate tax liability. Check with your financial planner, who can assist you in this manner. Feel free to call me – 315-449-3000, ext 358, or email me: Pepster@aol.com with your questions, suggestions, concerns or any other comments that you have about the program. Please think of your NYD District Kiwanis Foundation in your estate planning…kids benefit from your generosity!

Levittown resident Rickie Santer was elected Lt. Governor of New York District Circle K at their February Divisional Meeting. Circle K members plan and implement community service projects on and off college campus across the United States and the World. These projects include mentoring elementary and high school students, fundraising for UNICEF’s Six Cents Water Purification Initiative, as well as forming and supporting Action Clubs for disabled adults. Santer, a 2008 graduate of Levittown’s Division Avenue HS, served two years as Key Club Lt. Governor while in high school. As Key Club Lt. Governor Rickie was named “Distinguished” by the New York District and was the first Lt. Gov. from Division 6 to receive the Robert F. Lucas Outstanding Lt. Governor’s Award from Kiwanis Int’l twice. Rickie will replace Circle K Lt. Gov. Christina Boquin. Christina, a member of the Adelphi Circle K is a visiting student from Honduras. As Lt. Gov., Christina was highly successful in strengthening the relationship between Li Club K, Kiwanis and Key Club. Incoming Lt-Gov, Rickie is a freshman at Adelphi where he is majoring in Mathematics and education. Santer is also a Levermore Global Scholar (LGS) at Adelphi. The Levermore Global Scholars program focuses a student’s core courses on an awareness of global issues and community service. Prior to his installation at the New York District Circle K Convention on March , Santer will skip the booze and beaches of a traditional Spring Break by participating in Adelphi’s Alternative Spring Break program with the Circle Kers and Levermore Global Scholars. This year’s Alternative Spring Break will take these college students into Costa Rica to build beds for needy children.