Kamp 2011: “Add One More Kamper”

Kamp Kiwanis’ appeal to district clubs this year is the “Add One More Kamper”. Clubs that send one more Kamper than last year will receive a patch commemorating their contribution to the Kamp.

Kamp can serve up to 840 children; last summer there were about 200 open spaces. That means that 200 more children could have benefited from a week at Kamp Kiwanis but didn’t have the opportunity. The Kamp hopes that this year the district’s clubs will fill those slots with deserving children. The cost, for the fourth year in a row, will be $425; busing costs an additional $110.

As an option, clubs can provide kamperships for an increasing number of families who are applying directly to the Kamp for assistance.

Once again this summer, the Kamp will have a Carnival Day every Friday during Kamper weeks from about 9 a.m. until noon. Kamp Executive Director Rebecca Lopez said Kiwanians are encouraged to come out and join the fun. Kiwanians can help out with concessions: handing out popcorn, sno cones or cotton candy. The Kamper play carnival games, and the Kamp has two bouncy obstacle courses that were donated by James Michael and the Five Towns Kiwanis Club.

Kiwanians also are welcome to attend the awards night, every Friday evening from 7 to 8:30 p.m., when deserving Kamperws receive awards for their week at Kamp, Lopez said.

At the Key Club District Convention on April 10, the Shaker High Key Club donated $4,500 to Kamp which will be used for kamperships. At the Kamp Open House on May 14, the staff room will be dedicated in the club’s honor for its continued dedication and support of the Kamp and foundation.

Also at the Open House there will be a dedication in honor of Past Gov. Jim Yochum, who served many years as treasurer of the New York District Foundation.

Everyone is invited to attend the May 14 Open House for tours, dedications and lunch. A meeting of the District Foundation Board will follow lunch.

The concrete slab is ready for the new Arts & Crafts Building at Kamp Kiwanis. The old building is at left; in the background is the Morgenroth Drama Center.

10 Reasons to make the trip to Geneva, Switzerland

Here are 10 reasons to attend the 96th Annual Kiwanis International Convention in Geneva, Switzerland, July 7-10:

1. You’ll be part of history when Kiwanis officially launches The Eliminate Project: Kiwanis eliminating maternal/neonatal tetanus.

2. Free local-travel cards are presented by Geneva Tourism and Convention to all Kiwanians staying in Geneva hotels. The travel cards are valid for the length of your stay.

3. It’s an international convention, with forums, delegate session in multiple languages.

4. Centrally located, Geneva is close to popular European destinations.

5. New friends from all corners of the world are eager to meet you.

6. The forums and workshops have helpful ideas and advice to help your club succeed in service, membership and fellowship.

7. Your club’s ideas and advice are needed to help other Kiwanis clubs succeed in service, membership and fellowship.

8. You’ll have fun! Join your fellow Kiwanians during the gala dinner on Thursday, partake in the Wednesday reception in the exhibit hall, take a boat ride on the lake and enjoy the entertainment at convention sessions.

9. You’ll have plenty of pictures to share when you return home. Geneva will astonish you with its discreet and elegant charm.

10. Your club needs a voting representative in the House of Delegates.
Speakers added to Geneva Line-Up

British primatologist and UN Messenger of Peace Jane Goodall, known for her extensive work with chimpanzees in Tanzania’s Gombe Stream National Park, will speak to Kiwanians and guests at the Opening Session of the 2011 Kiwanis International Convention in Geneva, Switzerland.

In 1977, Goodall established the Jane Goodall Institute (JGI), which continues her Gombe research, and is a global leader in the effort to protect chimpanzees and their habitats. Today, the institute is widely recognized for establishing innovative, community-centered conservation and development programs in Africa, and Roots & Shoots, JGI’s global environmental and humanitarian youth network, which has groups in more than 120 countries.

Goodall has an aggressive schedule, traveling an average 300 days per year to speak about the threats facing chimpanzees, other environmental crises and her reasons for hope that humankind will solve the problems it has imposed on our planet. She continually urges her audiences to recognize their personal responsibility and ability to effect change. “Every individual counts,” she says, “Every individual has a role to play. Every individual makes a difference.”

American actress and activist Jamie Lee Curtis will serve as keynote speaker for the Closing Session.

Curtis, known for her roles in such acclaimed films as “Halloween”, “True Lies”, “A Fish Called Wanda”, and “Freaky Friday”, is also an AIDS activist and has a deep and active connection to many children’s charities. She also is a best-selling children’s author, including titles “Tell Me Again About the Night I Was Born,” and “Today I Feel Silly and Other Moods That Make My Day”.

Dr. François Gasse, UNICEF’s Senior Health Specialist for Maternal and Newborn Tetanus and widely considered one of the leading technical experts on the disease, will deliver the keynote address during The Eliminate Project Luncheon at the 2011 Kiwanis International Convention in Geneva, Switzerland.

Gasse’s dedication to fight against tetanus has its origins in an experience he had as a medical student. “Once you’ve seen tetanus, you never forget it,” he says. The luncheon is a ticketed event.

Mummenschanz, a visual theater group whose name roughly translates to mean “masquerade,” will entertain attendees of the International Convention. The Mummenschanz troupe was founded in 1972 to create a new form of theater that transcends the traditional barriers of nationality and culture.

Mummenschanz artists turn everyday objects and materials into abstract forms and use a sense of wonder and imagination to turn simple costumes and expressive masks into characters who engage in a wordless dialogue with the audience.

Stay current on convention events through the convention web site, www.kiwanis.org/geneva.

Human and Spiritual Values

Rev. Rosita George-Williams

More and more we hear people talking about what they don’t have and what they can’t do. They don’t have enough money. They don’t have enough clothes. They don’t have enough education. They don’t have enough time. They don’t have enough love. They can’t go somewhere because they don’t have transportation. They can’t go shopping because they don’t have anyone to help them carry the packages. They can’t come to a club meeting because the time is inconvenient. They can’t participate in a service project because it will take too long.

We spend so much time stressing the can’t do’s and don’t have’s that we forget to look at what we do have and what we can do. I would suggest that it’s far better to look through the positive eye and ask the question, “What can I do?” I think the answer would be surprising.

Young or old, rich or poor, educated or uneducated, there are amazing things that we can accomplish if we allow ourselves the chance to do so. Kiwanians can work miracles if they are just willing to try. It’s all about attitude.

If you place limitations on yourselves and what you believe you can do, then your service will, indeed, be limited. But, if you believe that even the little that you have to give, or the small part you can play will make a difference in the life of someone, then you can be a part of the miracle that can and will happen.

Kiwanians change the world every day because they refuse to use negative four-letter words. The word “can’t” is eliminated from the vocabulary list when you join the Kiwanis family. There is no doubt in the Kiwanis defining statement - “Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time.” That statement says, “Yes, we can, because we are Kiwanians!”

There are mountains of need and hills of service still left to climb. The harvest is ripe but still our laborers are few. It’s time for an increase in the workforce. Please answer the call for workers, not with excuses for what we don’t have and what we can’t do. Instead, answer the call saying, “Here I am. I may not have much, but such as I have, I am willing to give. What can I do?”

2010-11 Events

May 12-14, 2011: Kamp Kiwanis Work Days, Open House

July 7-10, 2011: International Convention, Geneva, Switzerland

Aug. 10-14, 2011: District Convention, Westchester Marriott, Tarrytown

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Getting Ready for Mother’s Day

Chester Kiwanians made their annual visit to the Inspire Kids preschool recently, helping children there to plant flower bulbs from Holland which are timed to bloom around Mother’s Day. Each youngster has a pot with his or her name, and Kiwanians help to plant one or two bulbs. The youngsters water and care for their plants until it is time for them to take home to their mothers. The Chester club feels this event, which has been done for more than 20 years, is one of the most important services it provides each year. At right, Kiwanian Ed Stoddard with some of the children. Club member Larry Neeb has chaired the program throughout its existence.

K-Kids

Mickie Leamey

As the K-Kids of the New York District end their 2010-2011 service year, we have much to be proud of. Our K-Kids have supported the ELIMINATE project, planted community gardens, fed the hungry, raised funds for KPTC, sent cards to the elderly, cleaned up their neighborhoods, helped Governor Mike send military kids to Kamp Kiwanis, and so much more.

This year, we have five distinguished clubs and one honor club. I would like to congratulate the Bowling Green K-Kids, sponsored by the East Meadow Kiwanis Club, the Connolly K-Kids, sponsored by the North Shore Kiwanis Club, the Franklin Square K-Kids, sponsored by the Franklin Square Kiwanis Club, the Lawrence Avenue K-Kids, sponsored by the Potsdam Kiwanis Club, and the McVey K-Kids, sponsored by the Nassau University Medical Center Kiwanis Club. These clubs have all been named 2010-11 Distinguished Clubs. Congratulations also go to the Landing K-Kids sponsored by the Glen Cove Kiwanis Club who earned Honor Club status.

I would be remiss if I did not also thank the advisors of these clubs. It is only through their outstanding guidance that these clubs have achieved such accolades.

Unfortunately, we had few clubs and members enter the Kiwanis International contests or apply for Kiwanis International awards this year. While an increase from last year, the number of entries is still very disappointing. I would like to commend the Bowling Green K-Kids who submitted at least one entry for every one of the Kiwanis International contests and awards. In fact, this club or one of its members will be representing the New York District in each of the contests or awards competitions at the international level this year.

I cannot stress enough the importance of having your K-Kids Clubs and members enter these contests and compete for these awards. As we develop the young service leaders who are our K-Kids, the reinforcement that district and international recognition provides fosters a love of community service in our K-Kids and strengthens the foundation of our K-Family.

The K-Kids District Committee and I are available to assist any club wishing to enter these contests or to apply for these awards. From talking to so many of you, we know your clubs are doing so many projects worthy of district and international recognition. Please contact one of us, if we can assist you. Our contact information is: District Administrator Mickie Leamey: 516-333-3563; Assistant Administrator David Morse: slapshot@frontiernet.net; Assistant Administrator Rich Santer: rs2wldd@aol.com; Assistant Administrator Lisa Santer: momljs1263@aol.com

Another way clubs can learn more about these awards, and contests as well as improve their K-Kids is by attending the K-Kids Mini-Convention hosted by the Bowling Green K-Kids on Saturday, April 30, at the Levittown Public Library.

In closing, I would like to thank everyone involved in K-Kids during the 2010-11 service year. Your time and energy is making a difference for the youngest members of our K-Family. I wish everyone a fantastic 2011-12 service year.
Kiwanis is facing the same challenges most social and religious organizations face in today's times: people "believe" in the good works represented by the organization, but they are hesitant to "belong" as active members.

How many times have we approached potential new members only to hear the response: "Kiwanis does wonderful service for children, but", and then the response is, "Kiwanis is facing the same challenges..."

The key to Kiwanis growth is to make believers belong.

How can we do this?

- We must emphasize that in order to fulfill the Kiwanis mission of service, one must join others in a community where each contributes one's share to the whole. The Kiwanis Community is the club that serves the wider community.

Take a look at the Fifth of the Six Objects of Kiwanis: "To provide, through Kiwanis Clubs, a practical means to form enduring friendships (in order) to render altruistic service and build better communities." (See how I added some words and emphasis to support my point that believing is not enough; belonging is necessary).

To help us make believers belong to Kiwanis, I suggest we follow the three basis principles of business growth:

- Establish "the relationship" (by networking and marketing).
- Close "the deal" (by a proper induction, orientation, and immediate involvement of new members in service activity).
- Keep "the promise" (by fulfilling the expectations of your members with an outstanding club experience).

With these principles in mind, and with a commitment to make Kiwanis grow in service, not just in numbers, "belonging" to Kiwanis is the best way to deliver the Kiwanis mission of service.

As our New York District once stated, Kiwanis is a "team effort", and the acronym TEAM stands for, "Together, Each Achieves More".

### Distinguished clubs, divisions named at Mid-Year

The following clubs were honored as Distinguished for 2009-10 at the M-d Year Conference in Albany:

- **Adirondack**: Lake Placid; Plattsburgh
- **Capital**: Latham
- **Central**: Clinton
- **Chenung**: Ithaca-Cayuga; Painted Post
- **Finger Lakes**: Brighton; Canandaigua; Farmington-Victor; Palmyra-Macedon; Penn Yan
- **Genesee**: Geneseo; Irondequoit; Spencerport
- **Hudson River**: Kingston; Ulster Hudson River West: Chester; Middle-town
- **Long Island North**: County Seat, Mineola; East Norwich, Oyster Bay; Glen Cove
- **Long Island South Central**: Bellmore (The); East Meadow; Franklin Square; Massapequa; Merrick
- **Metropolitan**: Chinatown, New York City; New York City Young Professionals; South Shore, Staten Island; Staten Island
- **Mohawk**: Glens Falls
- **Niagara Frontier North**: Lewiston
- **Ontario**: Eastwood-East Syracuse; Liverpool; Solvay-Geddes-Camillus; Syracuse Young Professionals
- **Queens East**: Rosedale-Laurelton
- **Queens West**: Astoria-Long Island City; Glendale; Maspeth; Ozone Park
- **Saint Lawrence**: Norwood
- **Southwestern**: Cassadaga Valley

### Videos help spread the message of Kiwanis

Including video clips on your club website or in electronic newsletters is a powerful way to make Kiwanis activities come alive for your members. But don't let unfamiliar technology scare you off! Downloading, viewing and even embedding video into your own website is not as hard as you think. You can easily learn how at www.KiwanisOne.org/videos.

If you subscribe to the Kiwanis International official YouTube video channel at www.youtube.com/kiwanisinternational you will be notified when new videos are posted.

Some older Kiwanis videos are available as a CD data file or as a DVD. Please send all requests to videos@kiwanis.org.

### YCPO

Rich Santer

I am excited to announce that the first few clubs to complete this year’s New York District Kiwanis Young Children Priority One (YCPO) Project have submitted their forms. For those who may have missed my previous articles, Gov. Mike Malark is encouraging all Kiwanis Clubs in the New York District to complete the 2010-
The administration of Past Gov. David Booker and many of the district’s clubs and divisions were honored at the annual Mid-Year Conference in Albany in February.

It was a hardy bunch of Kiwanians who braved a snowstorm to get to the event, as shown by the picture at right.

Above, left, Past Gov Peter Mancuso speaks as Kiwanis International President Thomas DeJulio and his wife, Dr. Rosemary DeJulio, were celebrated as the honorees for the event.

Above right, Kiwanians look over the annual basket raffle. At right is Gov. David Booker presenting honors for his year. Below right, Mary Jean Sprague leads a workshop on scrap booking. The busy agenda left time for having some fun, as shown by the dancers at in the hospitality room on Saturday evening.

Distinguished clubs and divisions are listed on the facing page. All the awards and more pictures are available on the district web site, www.kiwanis-ny.org.
Key Leader
Mary Jean Sprague

It’s time to start planning for the Spring Session of Key Leader.

The upcoming session starts the third week in May, which is May 13-15.

Key Leader is a program designed for 14-18 year-old high school students, but we do accept graduating junior high students each spring as well. The program is dedicated to teaching five basic principles of Quality Leadership: Personal Integrity, Personal Growth, Respect, Building Community and Pursuit of Excellence. They achieve this in an intensive weekend of interactive programming. Students are given a workbook that covers all these areas and they are walked through each, utilizing various exercise resources which include a lead facilitator, student facilitators, videos, music, various partnerships with fellow students. There is also an outside adventure course that reinforces all the concepts addressed within the classroom. They top it all off with a bonfire and s’mores.

Students may come from area high schools, boys and girls clubs, scouting programs, Big Brother/Big Sisters, homeschoolers or be recommended by a family member. They can be sponsored privately by local business or family members, and of course their local Kiwanis Club.

Please consider asking others in the community to assist with tuition so that you may send more students. Right now I have two local banks and one doctor donating to the program. I would be willing to create displays for any business that needs one. Start contacting your local schools guidance departments to solicit likely candidates from them. Call other organizations working with young people for students as well.

Tuition is $175-$200. A $25 scholarship is provided to the first 1,000 Key Club Members who sign up. There is a late fee of $25, so start signing up now. Go to www.Key-Leader.org and click on registration for more details and to register; all registration is done online.

Key Leader is also in need of snack money donations, (ask me how) and chaperones!

For more information please visit our new website, www.Key-Leader.org. If you have questions or other suggestions, please address them to Mary Jean Sprague, askmj@hvc.rr.com or 845-255-0969/943-0507.
I must begin by thanking all of you for the response and help we received at midwinter, especially at the Kamp Shower.

So many of you responded to the wish list item and that was greatly appreciated, a great deal of those items would have had to be purchased and thanks to you that money can be used for the maintenance and upkeep of the Kamp.

I must thank Joe Aiello Lt. Gov. of the Queens West Division, who always goes above the norm to help us, the Metropolitan Division who always takes a big chunk out of the wish list besides their constant financial help for the Kamp, Tony Genova, Immediate Past Lt. Gov. of the LISC Division, who donated a large part of his winnings to the Kamp and I would be remiss if I did not thank our Governor, Mike Malark, for all that he has done and is doing to raise funds for military kids to attend Kamp Kiwanis.

At this time, however, I would like to turn your attention to the new Kamp season that is rapidly approaching, the wheels are starting to turn and pick up speed. Rebecca and her staff have been feverishly working on the new season since December, as they do every year. Printing and sending out new Kamp registrations, going overseas to interview and hire new counselors, getting the Kamp in order and many more chores that have to be done every year, so now it’s time for all of us, New York District Kiwanians, to help.

How, you say? Well it’s very easy, May 14, is our opening day for the Kamp and dedication day. I invite all of you to come up a day or two before and help us with the cleaning up of the Kamp, there’s lots of things that have to be done and most are just simple chores that make the difference as to how the Kamp appears, you don’t have to be a skilled craftsman but if you are we have chores for you as well.

Rebecca will have a list ready with everything that needs attention to, just look at the list and pick what you can do. We need bodies at the Kamp, the more the merrier. If you are ready to come up, call Rebecca and she will be more than happy to help you with your plans and accommodations.

Let’s not forget about another way to help us out, send “ONE MORE KAMPER” than you did last year, we need to fill the Kamp with those underprivileged and challenged kids so that they can have a week of enjoyment, friendship and fun which will help them be better human beings.

Thank you for your help and we’ll see you at the Kamp in May.

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**2011 Kamp Kiwanis Schedule**

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**KIF Disaster Relief**

The Kiwanis International Foundation is now accepting donations designated for disaster relief.

Funds collected will be granted to relief efforts.

Donations may be sent to:

Kiwanis International Foundation
3636 Woodview Trace
Indianapolis, IN 46268

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17 years and still going strong!

Since 1994, K family clubs in the capital region have raised funds for the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Unit at the Children’s Hospital at the Albany Medical Center.

The Children’s Hospital at Albany Medical Center is a Level 1 Trauma center capable of providing emergency services on a 24-hour basis. There are pediatric emergency physicians, surgeons, nursing, etc., available around the clock to diagnose and treat traumatic injury in children.

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Because time is critical in saving children’s lives, the medical center has its own helicopter and pediatric intensive care transport team to get children to the hospital as quickly as possible.

As part of Kiwanis International’s historic and ongoing service to children, local Kiwanis Clubs and their related youth clubs, Key Club and Circle K Clubs, have worked to raise nearly $300,000 for the benefit of the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Unit at the Children’s Hospital at the Albany Medical Center.

Our fund raising, while without administrative expense, is replete with K Family values. Each and every dollar raised at our various events is directly paid to the hospital for the benefit of KTPC. Our K family unselfishly donates time and resources insuring successful events yielding monies that are paid to the benefit KTPC.

The Kiwanis goal is to raise at least $20,000 each year. We do this in three ways, golf tournaments, direct requests and sales of the Bells of Life at various shopping malls and other local businesses.

As Chair for this program, I tip my hat to all who have done so much for injured children!
The Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center Foundation would like to salute the members of our KPTC Service Leadership Committee as they conclude a fantastic 2010-11 service year.

Led by Circle K Chair 2010-11 Gov. Rickie Santer, Key Club Chair 2010-11 Division 6 Lt. Gov. Domenick Pesce and Secretary Christina Principato, our service leadership committee has increased its fund raising and has expanded its Safe Kids program in both its curriculum and its reach.

Through the support of the Joey Foundation, the KPTC Service Leadership Committee has received a tele-tutor to teach young children how to call 9-1-1, and a bicycle riding robot named "Joey" who is used to teach bicycle safety. This year has also seen the entire New York District Circle K Board run Safe Kids workshops in their communities and on April 28 we ran our first Safe Kids training in New York City.

The KPTC Foundation is truly grateful for the tireless work of all the KPTC Service Leadership Committee members. We wish those graduating from their high schools, colleges and universities all the best and we look forward to working with those who will be continuing on the committee and those new members who will be joining us for the 2011-12 service year.

We would also like to remind Kiwanis Clubs that work with graduating Key Clubbers who have provided support to KPTC to encourage those Key Clubbers to apply for the 2011 KPTC Scholarship. Applications have been circulated. Anyone needing an application can email KPTC Director and Service Leadership Liaison Rich Santer at rs2wldl@aol.com to have an application emailed to him/her.

I would be remiss if I did not also acknowledge the generosity of the Five Towns Kiwanis Club for helping fund our KPTC Scholarship in memory of Past Governor Al Bevilacqua.

Of course, support for our trauma center is not limited to our Service Leadership programs. Diane Brousseau and the Friends of KPTC are preparing for their annual auction on May 24th. With the Westbury Manor as its new venue, this event promises to be even more fun than ever.

Recent fund raisers that benefited our KPTC include the St. Patrick’s Day/St. Joseph’s Day Party held by the Mapleton Kiwanis Club, a Moe’s Restaurant fund raiser run by the North Shore Key Club and the Baskets and Bingo held by the Champions of KPTC. We are very grateful to all the Kiwanians and K-Family members who supported these events and to those who organized them.

Finally, thanks to KPTC Webmaster Mike Siniski, KPTC Foundation Directors now have a new DVD player to bring to clubs that would like to have a program on KPTC presented at their meeting or Divisional. Anyone interested should contact Foundation President Joe Corace at jcorace@mcidata.com.

In addition, the KPTC Service Leadership Committee would like to present Safe Kids workshops in your communities. Please contact KPTC Service Leadership Committee Circle K Chair IPG Rickie Santer at 516-582-9490 to arrange a program.