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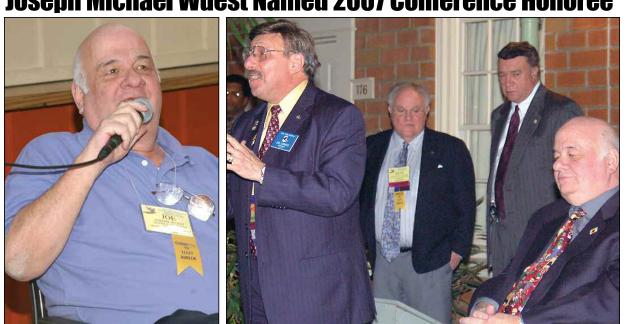
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Left: DPLG Joe Wuest, Morris Park Kiwanis, addresses luncheon attendees and sincerely thanks everyone for all their good wishes for himself and for his wife, Westchester Village Kiwanian Ginnie Wuest. Right: Governor Joseph L. Corace presents DPLG Joe Wuest with a Everyday Hero Award for all his efforts on behalf of Kiwanis and the children we served. Wuest was also presented with a Brittany Fellowship Award by DPG John Gridley of the Pediatric Lyme Disease Foundation. The award was named (Brittany) in honor of Wuest' granddaughter Brittany, who suffers from Lyme Disease. See special letters from Sponsored Youth about DPLG Joe Wuest on back page.

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#### Secretary/Treasurer

Justin Underwood

#### What Happened to our Ranking Sheets?

By now most of you have noticed that there are no ranking sheets available on our website! These sheets generally gave us numbers to gauge how we are doing as a club, as a division and as a district. However, many of the numbers were not accurate as many clubs, in the early months of the administrative year, were adjusting their own end-ofthe-year numbers and many newer Club Secretaries were just learning to get the reports in on a timely basis. Added to this, every year in January or February the membership numbers drastically changed as Kiwanis International finalized the District's official membership numbers.

This year, we have embarked on a procedure of reporting "on-line" - a web based reporting system. This system has the ability to be much more timely and provides easier access. The people we elect to lead us will have a much easier time getting the information they need to help our clubs. Lt. Governors can easily open and read every report submitted by their clubs. Our Governor will be able to read the project dialogues that club secretaries spend so much time creating and the Governor will be able to access membership trends and gauge club health "at the touch of a button." Additionally, our T.A.G. team members will be able, soon, to access membership numbers across the district and chairs will be able to read the dialogues on service projects of our clubs.

For all this to happen, we all need to do a better job of reporting our club activities on the KiwanisOne (Web Based reporting) system. Currently, nearly 60% of the Clubs are registered and report "on – line". About 17% continue to report using the old system. While that system is still useful for your Lt. Governor, there is nothing that we can do with that information in the District office to put the data in. Sadly, 30% of our Clubs do not report using either method.

The advantages for those clubs reporting on KiwanisOne is that their Club Annual Report will be generated from their monthly dialogues. Coming soon will be the finalization of (1) a system that the club will be able to track their own progress towards becoming a Distinguished Kiwanis Club, (2) the tracking of interclubs and the club's achievement of having a Round Robin and (3) on line reporting of the club's Election of Officers. By now, many of you realize that our long - time employee Gerald Payanoff has left us. Gerald was a strong presence in the District Office and we will miss him greatly. His dedication and knowledge was recognized by

# **Rochester Kiwanis Club Celebrates 90 Years of Service to Community**

The Kiwanis Club of **ROCHESTER**, Genesee Division – Recently celebrated 90 Years of helping less fortunate people in their community at its 90th Anniversary ,meeting. The club is the fourth oldest in Kiwanis International and the first club chartered in the New York District.

Past Governor and current President Jack Tetamore, led those attending the meeting on a trip back in time by sharing the history of the club since its inception. George F. Hixson, first President of Kiwanis International, was also the Rochester club's first President. The clubs completion date was May 1, 1916 and it was chartered on December 6, 1916 with 111 members. Copies of the original club roster, uncovered in the Kiwanis International archives, were handed out at the meeting. Former First Lady Joan Tetamore presented a huge birthday cake decorated with the Kiwanis International logo.

Four Past Governors; Robert Calabrese, Robert Weeks, Justin Underwood, and Jack Tetamore joined in the evenings anniversary festivities with congratulatory messages. PG and District Secretary/Treasurer Justin Underwood presented the club with an original photograph of the first 15 club Presidents for their archives and read an inspiring message from Governor Joe. President Tetamore announced the club exceeded its membership goal for 2005-06 with a net increase in membership of 38.5%.



**We Did It**" by Gus Marano, I.D.D. Chairman

The New York District of Kiwanis International raised over one million dollars to help eradicate the dreaded afflictions of I.D.D.

This translates into protecting over 20 million children from getting the incurable but preventable afflictions caused by the absence of iodine in their diet.

Through the special efforts of Glenda VanRy and the Genesee Division along with the Fordham Kiwanis Club and the help of Gov. Tom DeJulio, we finally got it done. I would like to recognize the top four clubs for their contributions: Chester (Hudson Valley) ... \$50,588 Benson./Bay Ridge (B'klyn) \$29,250 East Meadows (LISC) . . . . . \$20,550 York-Leicester(Genesee) ... \$20,262 Top Three Division's Genesee ..... \$129,175 Long Island So ..... \$97,433 Hudson River West ..... \$88,651 Not included in the million are sizable amounts from our Sponsored Youth: Key Clubs .....\$142,960 Circle Kers ......\$33,588 Congratulations New York District.



Past Governors Bob Calabrese, Jack Tetamore, Bob Weeks and Justin Underwood.

## NYPD Presents 25 Year Auxiliary Police Service Awards to DPP



Chinatown Kiwanians, Distinguished Past Presidents Fred K. Chan (right) and DPP Regina Chan (left), received the high honor "25 Years Auxiliary Police Service Awards" from New York City Police Commissioner Raymond W. Kelly, (center). Chinatown and all Kiwanians congratulate them for their devoted community service.

# Peninsula Presents Louis Costa Humanitarian Award to Officers



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The Kiwanis Club of **PENINSULA**, Long Isand Southwest Division – presented the annual Louis Costa Humanitarian Award to Police Officers Brian Coscino, Shield No. 2169 and Joseph Paduano, Shield No. 2782 of the Fourth Precinct. This is the 30th year that the club has presented an award to a Fourth Precinct Police Officers for their work, as well as involvement in the community. The award is named after decreased two time Past President Louis Costa who held every position in th Peninsula Club. More than forty members were in attendance along with digPictured above: Fourth Pct. Commanding Officer Inspector Richard McCarrick, Thomas DelGiorno, Tony Costa, Louis Costa Award recipients P.O. James Paduano and P.O. Brian Coscino and James Costa.

nitariesÚ NYS Senator Dean Skelos; Town of Hempstead Councilman Anthony Santino; Deputy Mayor Ben Weinstock, Village of Cedarhurts; Inwood Community Leader Jesse Mistero; and Costa's three sons, James, Louis and Tony.



1-2-3 Program Doreen Pellittieri

#### 1-2-3 You Hold the Key!

Hopefully you are aware of the 1-2-3 Program. This International Program is in its second year and it has been written up in our ESK and in the Kiwanis Magazine.

Briefly, it's the recruitment tool that offers you the chance to win prizes for each new member that you bring in. You are awarded a bronze key lapel pin and a prize chance for the first member you recruit, a silver key pin and another chance for your second and a gold pin and final chance for the third member you sign up.

The top prize drawn is a trip to the 2008 International Convention including air fare. hotel and registration. Other chances include a day at the home of this year's International President Nelson Tucker, a day at the International Office, a Kiwanis International Life Membership and a number of gift cards to the Kiwanis Store.

While helping Kiwanis reach its goal of one million members, you can win a prize for yourself but, you must act soon! Prizes will be drawn at the July International Convention so all the necessary paperwork must be completed and sent to Kiwanis International by June 1. Details and forms are available from your Club Secretary or online by visiting www.kiwanis.org /resources/benefits/incentives.asp.

Get that new member and get that prize!

### Check out the New York District Website at

#### www.kiwanis-ny.org

#### **Share Your Photos** with the Governor!

# St. Lawrence Sponsored Youth Host SUNY Potsdam Tri-K Picnic



ST. LAWRENCE DIVISION and their Circle K at SUNY - Potsdam hosted a Tri-K picnic at the municipal beach in Norwood. The afternoon was a period of games, good food and just plain mixing. In addition, the St. Lawrence Division of Key Club of Division 24 hosted their divisional meeting as well. SUNY Potsdam Circle K supplied food, Kiwanians cooked, and all ate. Key Clubs were present from Ogdensburg [OFA Key Club], Governor

Key Club and Norwood-Norfolk Central [NNCS Key Club]. Circle K clubs from Clarkson University, Cornell University, Elmira College and of course SUNY Potsdam were present. Kiwanis Clubs from Norwood and Potsdam were present. Shown above are several of those present. Kiwanians got to know their sponsored youth and youth got to know their sponsors. Above: (5th from left - front) Governor Grace Wright of Circle K.

# **Richmond County Kiwanians Serve Hot Lunch for Seniors**







Governor

Joseph L. Corace

#### Mid-Year Conference a "Ball"

If you were unable to attend the 2007 Mid-Year Conference at the Desmond Hotel in Albany you missed a great weekend. Within the enclosed green courtyards of this beautiful hotel, Kiwanians were able to enjoy the bright sunlight without the cool temperatures of the outside.

Friday night we began our Conference, with a very special tribute to Morris Park DPLG Joseph Michael Wuest. We were very proud to name him this year's honoree for all his untiring efforts on behalf of the needy, elderly and especially children. This honor could not have gone to a more deserving special Kiwanian. Congratulations Joe, on behalf of all Kiwanians.

The momentum continued as Kiwanians picked up their reserved costumes from DPLG John and Hazel Goldstein. The costumes were awesome and we owe the Goldsteins a big thank you! Hundreds of Kiwanians from throughout our state danced, laughed and photographed each other in dress-up mode. We were Kings, Queens and even Gillian Mancuso. We were all entertained by the fabulous Kings Plaza Canarsie Kiwanians James Johnson and his partner Collette who kept the crowd on their feet dancing for hours.

Saturday morning, we found ourselves at the Kamp Kiwanis Shower. Thank you to all our clubs who generously donated items from the Kamp Wish List and brought them to the shower. It was great fun to identify District Officers in the "Whose Your District Baby Contest." We played musical chairs and enjoyed the morning while raising lots of "fun funds" for our Kamp.

The Desmond courtyard was decked out with beautifully crafted gift baskets from Continued on Page 13



The Governor and the First Lady would like to create an electronic photo album of 2006-07 Kiwanis Year events from around the NY District. They will share the album at District events and on the website.

Please e-mail electronic copies of photos of your club events to Governor Joe and First Lady Nydia. Their e-mail address is joecorace @aol.com. If you don't have e-mail, you can mail them an original photo to their home at 2550 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn NY 11235. (photos will not be returned, so please send a duplicate print).

This past February the Kiwanis Club of Richmond County, Metropolitan Division served hot lunch to over 50 seniors in the community room at the Bridgeview Apartments in Staten Island. Seniors also enjoyed the time creating arts and crafts projects. The room was brightly decorated with hearts and balloons for Valentine's Day. This event met the criteria for the Governor's Senior Project.

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# Public Relations

Congratulations to all those clubs who received the PR Banner Patch for 2005-2006. We hope that during this year many more clubs will take the time to apply for this award. Just take a few moments to clip your media articles, snap photos of events and/or signage, and send them in. Required is a form of internal communication with your members such as a newsletter, emails, memos, or postcards and a sample of a release in print media. Just include nine other samples, photos of parades, signs, business cards, etc., and send it in for the award. This is the best way to be aware that your club is "getting the word out." The form for the award can be downloaded from www.kiwanis-ny.org/forms.htm.

One of the most fundamental tools you need in order to tell the story of Kiwanis in your division is a comprehensive media list, including key journalists that will help you spread the word about Kiwanis in your area. To help you create this valuable and important tool, we are providing you with some guidelines on how to build a media database, as well as a few potential online resources to help you identify which media outlets are in your region.

The first thing you'll want to do is make sure that you identify all of the publications, radio and TV stations that cover the area in which you're making your news announcement and will reach your potential new members and supporters. To do this, we've compiled a list of Web sites that should prove helpful in identifying media outlets in your area.

Directory of 16,920 media outlets: www.mondotimes.com

#### Find U.S. newspapers:

www.findnewspapers.com; Links to newspapers and TV stations: http://www.usnpl.com/

Search media outlets by region: http://dir.yahoo.com/News\_and\_ Media/By\_Region/

Once you have your list of outlets identified, the next step is to determine which reporters at these outlets cover issues related to your news announcement. Generally for Kiwanis, you'll want to target reporters that cover features, community issues, children, families, education, etc. Call the front desk or editorial desk of each media outlet on your target list and ask what individual covers the subject you are interested in. Depending on the size of the media outlet, there may be several contacts who are appropriate. Keep in mind when you are calling that a good media list should consist of the following pieces of information - if you can't find any of them by thoroughly searching an outlet's Web site, ask for it when you are on the phone with the editorial/news desk: Outlet Name, Outlet Phone, Outlet Address, Continued on Page 6

# LISC and Youth Celebrate Past Holiday Season With Friends

**THE LONG ISLAND SOUTH CENTRAL** – Kiwanians from the LISC Division and Division 6 Key Clubbers worked together to help throw at Holiday Party for the residents of the ACLD House in West Hempstead.

Dressed in holiday costumes the Kiwanians and Key Clubbers kicked off the party with a jingle bells crafts. West Hempstead Kiwanian Diann Forquinon played Mrs. Claus while Key Club Lt. Governor Rickie Santer played Santa Mickey Mouse. LG Rickie's parents, Levittown Kiwanis Club Secretary Lisa Santer and East Meadow Kiwanis Club Vice President Rich Santer also helped and were also dressed in Disney themed holiday outfits. West Hempstead Key Clubbers Katie Anne Molloy and Catherine Porras completed the team as an adorable pair of elves.

After all the residents' families had arrived, the Kiwanians and Key Clubbers served a hot buffet dinner prepared by the staff of the ACLD residence.



*Key Clubbers and Kiwanians bring Holiday Cheer to ACLD House residents.* 

### Penfield Perrington Provides Fun at Mary Cariola Center



The Kiwanis Club of Penfield-Perrington, Finger Lakes Division – with the helps of Mr. & Mrs. Claus and elves hand distributed gifts to children with disabilities. Event Coordinator President Steve Muchard purchased gifts through Toys for Tots and Penfield- Perrington newest members Dan Bobzin played Santa and Secretary Elaine Romano played Mrs. Claus. Pictured above (rear) LG Elect John Hanratty, NYS Trooper, Janice Gilbert (staff) PG Bob Calabrese and President Steve Muchard. Front row: PP Elaine Romano, members Dan Bobzin and Peg Bobzin.

### Jamaica Kiwanians Hosts Party for Local Sheltered Children



Following dinner, Diann, LTG Rickie and Key Club elves Katie and Cat distributed presents. While the Kiwanians and Key Clubbers may have been the ones giving the gifts from under the tree, they all left the party understanding that the smiles and the joy on the faces of the residents and their families were better gifts than any they handed out.

When asked to reflect on the evening LTG Rickie commented, "The real joy of Christmas isn't your smile when you get a gift. It is in the smiles from others when they get a gift from you. Tonight, we gave the gift of our service and we got back lots of smiles."

"I was also able to spend the time doing something good with my family and a our friend, Diann. At the same time I made two new friends. What's even better is that they are two of Santa's elves. Hopefully, the new friendships will pay off in better gifts under my tree this Christmas," added Rickie.

The party continued with Christmas caroling led by Diann and the Key Clubbers. The residents and their families joined in and used their jingle bell crafts to accent the vocals. The evening concluded with delicious dessert tables.

#### Penn Yan Recognizes Membership in Club

The Kiwanis Club of **PENN YAN**, Finger Lakes Division – Art Covert recently received his pin for 65 years of membership in the Kiwanis Club of Penn Yan. The club has inducted eight new members in less than two years and meets three times each month at the American Legion Post #355.



Penn Yan's 65 year member Art Covert poses for a photo with Penn Yan's newest member, Rich Norman, a local community pastory.

"It's not too often someone reaches 65 years membership in a club that was formed in 1939," remarked Past President Deb Clancy.





The Kiwanis Club of JAMAICA, Queens West Division – distributed toys and gifts to children of all ages (1-15) at a local shelter. Pictured above (back row I-r): President Mary Burton-Forbes, Treasurer Yvonne Rigabie, Member Carson Johnson, Secretary Portia Dewar and DPLG Governor Bill Risbrook.

#### Penn Yan Presents Legion of Honor Awards to Members

Each year Kiwanis International recognizes Kiwanians with membership of 25 years or more. Penn Yan Kiwanis' Legion of Honor includes, above, Art Covert, Bill Moravec and Roger Wadsworth along with Joe Donohoe who, collectively, have 150 years of service to the organization.

# **Minisink Valley Kiwanis Double Feature**

The Kiwanis Club of MINISINK VALLEY, Hudson River West Division - is the proud sponsor of the Minisink Valley School District Key Club. This year the Key Club has hit it's highest ever membership of 118 members. The Key Club is very active in its own right and also in assisting the parent club with their fundraisers and activities. The crowning point of this club year was the election of Key Clubber Shivani Radhakrishman as Key Club International President and fellow member, Jasmine Sale, as New York District Lieutenant Governor for Division 13. Needless to say, this has the sponsoring club strutting as proudly as any parent over their kid's accomplishments.

Shivani is a senior at Minisink Valley High School and Jasmine is in her junior year. They became friends on the school bus where they knit together both literally and figuratively. Shivani, who has been a Key Club member for four years got Jasmine interested in the club and has been a member for two years even though she was involved in club projects before joining. This is Jasmine's first elected Key Club office. Shivani has previously served as a Director of the local club, a District Lieutenant Governor, and an International Trustee.



Left to right: Key Club Faculty Advsor Sue Brink, New York District Keyt Club Lt. Governor Jasmine Sale, Key Club Internatinal President Shivani Radhakrishman an d Minisink Club Advisor John Groenestyn.

Shivani learned of Kiwanis through their activities in the area. She has enjoyed the interaction with other students and officers and her hands-on work with the service projects. While serving on the International

Board she felt she wanted to get more involved in planning major Key Club initiatives. She decided to run for International President and won the district endorsement. *Continued on Page10* 





KI Board Counselor Paul Palazzolo

#### SHARE YOUR COMMITMENT

If you're reading this article, Thank You!!! Choosing to read this part of the Empire State Kiwanian - the International Trustee's article – may mean that you've already checked out your favorite features and now you're looking into other parts of the bulletin. It could also be an indication of an admirable level of commitment to your Kiwanis Club and the organization of clubs that make up Kiwanis International. It's my hope that, during the 2006-07 year, you'll share that commitment with current members of your club and new member prospects. How can you share your commitment?

1) Help your club and your fellow members focus on service through current projects and new projects. On current projects, encourage the Kiwanians with whom you sit at meetings to join you in giving time toward a project's success. Has your club actively conducted a service project to involve as many members as possible within the last seven weeks? If not, why not? With regards to new projects, share your commitment by suggesting that a new service area should be addressed by your club. KIWANIS Magazine and the Empire State Kiwanian are loaded with success stories meant for readers to adopt in their home clubs if possible. Sharing your commitment in this way could result in your club making new strides in service.

2) Help motivate your club and your fellow members to invite new members into the club. Share your commitment by inviting new folks into the folds of Kiwanis fun and service. There are many faces in Kiwanis. Yours is one because someone shared their commitment with you. Return their kindness by sponsoring a new member into your club in 2007. Ensure that your new member receives the proper orientation and a meaningful induction. Get them involved and active in as many club efforts as possible. Build their commitment so that they'll be willing to share it too!

Thanks for your time and thanks for your commitment. Please contact me if you have any success stories or comments regarding

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Enjoy a Delicious Western Meal that includes:
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Potato Mashers • Sauteed Chili Sweet Corn
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Jalapeno Sweet Corn Muffins
Assorted Dinner Rolls
Warm Hill Country Peach Cobbler with a Cinnamon Whipped Cream Topper
Columbian Coffee and Herbal Teas
Longhorn Iced Lemonade

your club. Your commitment is important to Kiwanis International, but your commitment is even more important to the children and to the communities served by your Kiwanis Club. Share your commitment!

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## East Aurora Aktion Club Serves Community

#### Service Program Helps Disabled Adults to Help Others

#### by Libby Maeder

As reprinted from the East Aurora Adviser

Every Kiwanis president adopts a community service project that is near and dear to their heart. When service station owner Don Bach was President of the Kiwanis Club of East Aurora, the project nearest and dearest to his heart was the Aktion Club.

"I had a special interest in helping people with developmental disabilities," he said. Through family members and friends who worked with the developmentally disabled population, he had a familiarity with the issues. But something really clicked when he toured area group homes for adults with developmental disabilities.

Barb Wheeler of East Aurora was with Bach and other Kiwanis Club members on a tour of the Willow Street group home about six years ago, one of several such Kiwanis tours arranged by former East Aurora Mayor John Pagliaccio.



Aktion Club members enjoy some karaoke at a Valentine's dance last week at the Aurora Senior Center. Aktion Club is a Kiwanis-sponsored service organization for adults with disabilities. Photo by Marty Wangelin.

"A spark flew for Don," recalled Wheeler, who works at HSBC. "After that, he found out about Aktion Club, and away we went

Bach did some digging, and discovered Kiwanis International and individual Kiwanis organizations sponsored Aktion Clubs, locally based service organizations to help adults who live with disabilities. The first Aktion Club was formed in Florida in 1987, and by 2000, Aktion Club had become an officially sponsored program of Kiwanis International.

Aktion Club's premise is a simple one. "No matter whether we have developmental disabilities or not," said Bach, "we all have a responsibility to make our community a better place to live.

The local Aktion Club has about 70 members, including e with developmental disabilities, family members, friends and Kiwanis volunteers. Developmentally disabled members give back to their community through charitable donations and service projects, and volunteers help them.

# **Division 6 Key Clubs Take Aktion**

Officers and members of the Division Avenue HS, East Meadow HS, Elmont Memorial HS, G C Tech, Hempstead HS, Island Trees HS, MacArthur HS, Uniondale HS, West Hempstead HS and W T Clarke HS Key Clubs welcomed Former First Lady and NYD Aktion Club Administrator Debra Fuchs to their Thanksgiving divisional meeting. The meeting was hosted by the Uniondale Key Club who served their guests a delicious Thanksgiving meal during the break.

Following the break, Former First Lady Debra explained the origin of her passion for Aktion Club and asked the Key Clubbers for their help in forming and supporting Aktion Clubs. The Key clubbers pledged their support of the Aktion Club being formed at the ACLD home in West Hempstead. Former First Lady Debra also explained the Aktion Club's SCAW (Sleeping Children Around the World) service initiative.

LTG Rickie Santer who also serves as NYD Key Club K-Family Relations Chair had already described the SCAW program. Each Key Club had raised at least one SCAW donation which was matched by their sponsoring Kiwanis Club. Every \$28 donation purchases a bed kit for a needy child in a developing country. These kits include a sleep mat, pillow, a sheet, a mosquito net, night clothes and, school supplies.

Following IPFL Debra's presentation, representatives from each Key Club, as well as the Woodland Middle School Builders Club, presented their donation along with the matching donation from their sponsoring Kiwanis Club. In total, the Key Clubs of Division 6 and the Woodland Builders Club presented over \$750 in donations which will be used to purchase bed kits for 26 needy children.

LTG Rickie applauded the Key Clubbers, Builders Clubbers and their sponsoring Kiwanians on this example of the best in K-Family relations saying, "This project involved three branches of the K-Family all working together to support a fourth K-Family branch. I am proud of how the Key Clubs of Division 6 work with and are supported by their sponsoring Kiwanis Clubs. I am also glad to see the Builders Clubbers join us in this project and at our Divisional."

The Key Clubbers also asked ESK to thank their sponsoring Kiwanis Clubs of the Long Island South Central Division: East

#### Seyfried

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Contact Name (Reporter/Producer; may be more than one appropriate per outlet), Contact Phone, Contact Fax and Contact Email.

We would recommend putting the information you gather into a spreadsheet or table for convenience when you begin to call your media contacts and tell them your story. For more information on "pitching" your story to the media, please refer to your PR & Marketing Handbook, which can be downloaded from Kiwanis International: <http://www.kiwanis.org/lit/download.asp?i d=148>. Meadow, Elmont, Hempstead, Levittown, Uniondale and West Hempstead.

Any K-Family club wishing to support Aktion Club's SCAW Service Initiative should send a check in a multiple of \$28 dollars to Kiwanis International. Be sure to include your club contact information and write SCAW on the memo line. For additional information: sponsored youth can email to: LTG Rickie via email at <RES3KINGOFSI-AM@aol.com> Kiwanis Clubs may wish to contact District Chair Debra Fuchs directly.



Uniondale Key club officers and Faculty Advisor Andrea Battle-Brown present five SCAW Bed Kit donations to Aktion Club District Chair Debra Fuchs.



Uniondale HS Key Club serves Thanksgiving Dinner at divisional meeting.



East Hempstead Kiwanis Advisor Diann and Key Clubber Kat present their SCAW and Kiwanis matching donation.



Levittown Kiwanis Secretary Lisa Santer, GC Tech Kiwanis Advisor David Cummo, Division Ave. Key Club President Andrew Paulsen, Levittown kiwanis Treasurer Gail Cummo, Island Trees Key club President Lauren Wielgus. MacArthur Key Club President Kristin Leverone, LG Rickie Santer and, NYD Aktion club Administrator Debra Fuchs.

Aktion Club service projects are many and varied. Member sing at me Erie County Home and Infirmary, plant flowers at cemeteries, volunteer at FISH, a-nd clean trails at Knox Farm State Park.

Through car washes and other fundraisers, members have raised funds to aid rebuilding efforts in New Orleans and support the troops in Iraq. They also raised \$300 *Continued on Page 10* 



Best of luck with building your media lists and thank you for continuing to promote the good work that Kiwanis does in communities across the country!

If you have questions, please contact me (KiwanisPR@aol.com) or Karen Yackovac, Marketing Director, Kiwanis International, (kyakovec@kiwanis.org). We look forward to your sharing your communications with us and hope to be able to present this year's award to many more clubs as in the past year.



Woodland builders Club President Diana Barsky and 7th grade Director Rachel Udkow Present a SCAW Donation to District Chair Debra Fuchs.

#### Key Leader Continued from Page 10

The Key Leader Committee here in New York is willing to come and speak to your clubs and/or divisions, where possible to speak about the wonderful program and show a DVD. Please contact me at kscharoff@yahoo.com or 516-432-0850 if you are interested in having a speaker. We are also looking at expanding our committee here in New York. If you are interested in getting involved with the program, please contact me, especially if you are in the Syracuse, Albany, Binghamton, New York City or Suffolk County areas.

# Mid-Winter 2007





Scouting/Scouting for the Handicapped









Queen First Lady Nydia and King Governor Joe.



DPLG John Goldstein and Hazel outfitted Kiwanians with fabulous elaborate costumes from their company Marlu Costumes. Thanks guys, we had a great time!

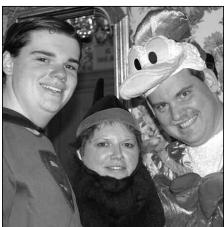




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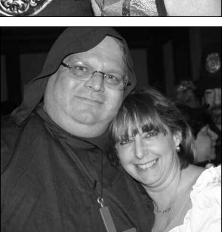




















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# **Conference Is a Ball**





















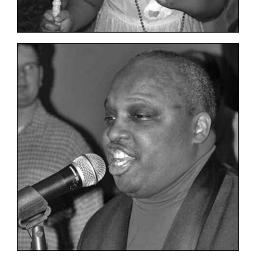














There is something about a costume that brings out the "fun" in everyone.





Key Leader Kim Scharoff

#### **Upcoming Key Leader Events!**

In 2007, we have two amazing Key Leader events taking place. The first of these events is May 18 - 20 at Camp Stella Maris in Livonia. At this event, our lead facilitator will be Forrest Perry who has a wide background in experiential leadership. We have a number of student facilitators signed up for the event. What we need now are students. This is where you as Kiwanians need to get involved. Please encourage your clubs to sponsor students. The cost per student is \$160. All registration is completed through the website www.key-leader.org. One thing you might be able to do is get local business to sponsor students as well.

If you or your club is interested in supporting the Key Leader program but do not have a student to sponsor, you can donate money for the program. A check should be made out to New York District Kiwanis Foundation and sent to me. The Foundation is allowing us to use it as a means to collect money. If your club is interested in sending a student but do not have the funds, please contact me and I will try to make arrangements for the student to attend.

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#### Minisink

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Shivani found the election process daunting but well worth the effort.

Jasmine also ran for office to get more involved. She feels she is the same person as before but feels enriched in having done something useful. She has found her term in office exciting, especially seeing the functioning of the organization at the higher levels and realizing all that Key Club can accomplish.

Both girls are active in other extracurricular activities. Shivani is a member of the Drama Club, Thespian Society, National Honor Society (President), and participated in the Odyssey of the Mind competition. Outside of school, Shivani volunteers at the local medical center, participates in Indian classical dance, and studies philosophy at

# **Syosset Welcomes Governor**



Syosset Club members, Long Island North Division – recently hosted Governor Joe Corace (second from left) at the It's Greek to Me Restaurant. Above, PLG Steve Bernheim, Governor Joe Corace, Syosset member, PLG Woody Ryder, LG Roger Sirangelo, LG-Elect Lawrence Benedetti and DPLG Jo Greene.

### Geneseo Members Honor Ralph Quick as Kiwanian of the Year



The Kiwanis Club of **GENESEO**, Genesee Division – recently held a recognition night for the Administrative Year 2005 - 06. Ralph Quick was honored as the Kiwanian of the Year. Ralph Quick is a 31-year member and a Past President of the service club and a recent member of the Board of Directors. In addition to working on all the club's service projects, as usual, Ralph was a counselor to the

Above (I to r): Immediate Past President Ron Pollock, Kiwanian of the Year Ralph Quick, and President Matt Griffo.

President, Co-Chair of the Membership and Education Committee, and chaired the very successful annual Chicken Bar-B-Q fundraising project in late August. Ralph is an excellent example of service to community.

#### **East Aurora Aktion Club**

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for the family of New York State Trooper Joseph Longobardo, who was killed in the Southern Tier while pursuing t ' Ralph Phillips, And last holiday season, they held fugitive goods sale in front of the Jubilee store on Grey Street.

"They earned \$280," recalled Bach. "They immediately went into Jubilee to buy turkeys, then took the turkeys to FISH, including the \$8 in change leftover from buying the turkeys. They are just wonderful people." month at the Iron Kettle restaurant on Olean Road. The club's recent February meeting was a special Valentine's Dance held at the Aurora Senior Center.

"People get up, they do karaoke," said' Wheeler, who was at the dance. "They have such a great time."

She praised Don Bach's efforts in bringing Aktion Club to East Aurora under the



Sponsored Organizations and Programs Tony Palangi

#### A Golden Opportunity to Work

**Together with The Youth of America** Governor Joe Corace's major project this year encompass six main areas of service in which each Kiwanis club can participate together with the Sponsored Youth Organizations: The Every Day Hero Award, Sports Project, Health Awareness, Family Day, Scouting and the Senior Project. Each club president has a complete analysis of the program for implementation.

The program is indeed, a golden opportunity for Kiwanis clubs to jointly work together with their sponsored clubs. Many members of our youth organizations have considerable experience in these areas of service. Undoubtedly, their participation will enhance the size and success of the projects and significantly demonstrate the K-Family working together to make our communities a better place to live.

The Key Club and Circle K Conventions are now rapidly approaching: Key Club Convention, Kutcher's Country Club, March 16-18, Circle K convention, Hotel Utica, March 23-25. A few reminders for Sponsoring Kiwanis clubs:

Make sure elections of club officers are held prior to these conventions so that the newly elected officers can attend and gain the benefit of the various forums and work shops available to them, including the training of club officers.

Support at least one third of the hotel cost of two delegates or alternates. If possible, also support the Faculty and Kiwanis advisors. Very often they are called upon to serve as chaperones. Let's remember that they play a vital role in the success of the Sponsored Youth Program.

Kiwanis LT. Governors: It's imperative that you contact your counterparts the newly elected Key Club and Circle K Lt. Governors as soon as possible. They need your assistance and expertise to begin the new year. An early start will lead to greater success. ATTENTION KIWANIS CLUBS WITH LIMIT-ED MANPOWER: Your sponsored youth club is an excellent source of manpower. Don't hesitate to involve them in your club activities. Fortunately this year, you have a golden opportunity to involve them in the Governor's Project that recommends six areas of service in the communities. Our young people today are extremely intelligent and possess exceptional talents. However, they need our support, guidance, and encouragement. The future of our country is at stake - the Golden Opportunity is now – don't let it escape.

the community college. Her college plans include continuing studies in philosophy and Circle K.

Jasmine is a member of the Chamber Choir, Mixed Chorus, Drama Club, and swims the freestyle and backstroke on the Swimming Team. She baby sits in her spare time. Jasmine plans to attend college in New York State and is interested in both English and Psychology and in Circle K.

With members like Shivani and Jasmine it is no wonder that the Kiwanians of Minisink Valley have a special swagger at division and district meetings.



Jan Krowka of East Aurora, who works in banking, said she joined Kiwanis to be of service to the community. She is an Aktion Club volunteer. "It's absolutely amazing to see what Aktion Club members contribute to the community," she said. "They truly enjoy helping others. They feel satisfaction, knowing they contributed or helped the community.

"They have something to offer, but sometimes they are not given the chance. Aktion Club gives them that chance."

Aktion Club members also find time to socialize and have fun together. Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of each Kiwanis Club's sponsorship. "He devotes a lot of time to this, and he has the wonderful support of his wife, Carol. But he's far too humble and wonderful a man to take credit for any of this."

She said members appreciate him, too. "At the installation dinner in October at Christ the King Seminary, at the end of her speech, Aktion Club President Michelle Napierala said 'We love you, Don Bach,' and she had tears in her eyes," said Wheeler.

I Bach steadfastly avoids the spotlight and deflects compliments. For him, it's all about making your community a better place to live—no matter what disability you have. "We're all in this together," he said.



#### Think 39 Christine Evans

It costs too much money. I don't have enough time. There is no one else my age in the club. No one listens to my ideas.

Do any of these excuses sound familiar? Did they come from someone under the age of 39 whom you or your club was trying to get to join the Kiwanis organization?

These are some of the most common excuses I hear when asking younger people why they haven't joined a Kiwanis Club in their area. Now, I know that we push the sponsored youth button when trying to gain younger members. Yet, for many of these prospective members Key Club and Circle K could have been more than a decade into their past. We need to start thinking younger. Why did you join Kiwanis? While you reminisce in old memories and laugh at your youth, remember that the members we are striving for (Four Under Forty) are still in the prime of their life, ready and willing to pile up the memories and the good times. Consider these excuses for not joining.

What are your responses to these complaints? Do you agree with them? If not, could you see why these issues about money and time mean the world to new members?

**Money**. Everyone wants money and with the rising cost of living increasing and the wage staying steady, no one wants to spend money...that isn't money well spent. Money well spent is the ticket, we as Kiwanians, need to be using as our sales pitch to younger members. While the cost of gas skyrocketed in this country there were no shortage of vehicles on the roads. Why? Because, the gas that people used was considered money needed to be spent to do something worthwhile like going to work, school, baseball games, etc. We need to SHOW our prospective members under the age of 39 why Kiwanis is worthwhile.

Time. All members have a life outside of the Kiwanis organization; yet, time commitment is a big ordeal for many of our organizations younger members. These members are most likely raising a young family, still climbing the professional ladder in the employment world, getting married, buying houses, etc. etc. Our Think 39 members are in life's full swing and time with Kiwanis means time away from employment and The answer is getting everyone family. involved. Have family meeting days where everyone can bring his/her family to the meeting. Keep that meeting light on the formalities and discuss upcoming events, past successful events, and maybe even have the family give input on your ideas. Employment is a big factor for upward moving Kiwanians and you should be proud to be a network for potential Think 39 members. Advertise your club as a networking opportunity. This doesn't mean that the networking will be done only within your club, but during events, fundraisers, division, state, and international conferences as well.Questions? Please feel free to contact me at 607-738-3551 or by e-mail at christinevans203@yahoo.com.

# **Central Adirondack Presents \$13,000 to Kommunity Center**

The Kiwanis Club of **CENTRAL ADIRONDACK**, Central Division – presented the proceeds, in the amount of \$13,000, of its Winter Sports Challenge to the Kommunity Youth and Activity Center. The Symbolic Check, created by Key Club members was in the amount of \$13,000 was the proceeds from the Kiwanis Clubs 6th and 7th Winter Sports Challenge. fundraiser from the Town of Webb School and was awarded a check for \$50.

If you were out of town and missed this great event and wish to contribute you may send your contribution to Kiwanis Club of the Central Adirondacks at P. O. Box 1044, Old Forge NY 13420.

The following were Corporate Sponsors; Adirondack Bank; B.J. Queen; Burkes



Check Presentation I-r: Bob Baker, Jim Connerty, Chris Gaige, front Co-Chair Dick Olson.

Co-chairs Bill Ransom and Dick Olson expressed their gratitude to the entire Central Adirondack Community for their participation in the event and their generosity.

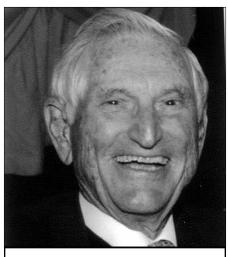
In addition awards were presented to the following: The No. 1 Fundraising Team was Town Of Webb Union Free School District Teachers, represented by Sue Freese, who received a Traveling Plaque and a Permanent Certificate; the No. 2. Fundraising Team, Beta Marina, Racquette Lake; Byrne Dairy; Central Adirondack Association; Century 21 – Herron Realty; Community Bank, NA; Covey-Pashley Post 893; Enchanted Forest; Helmer's Fuel & Trucking Inc.; George's Liquors; Last Run Café; Inlet Youth Commission; McCauley Mountain; McDonalds of Old Forge; Eileen &Dennis Michaels; Mountainman Outdoor Supply Company; Northeastern Logger's



Award Winners I-r: Co-chair Bill Ransom, Izzie Worthan, Gail Murray, Jenny Zheng, Sue Freese.

Sigma Phi Sorority, was represented by Izzie Worthan and Gail Murray who received a Permanent Certificate and the No.1 Fundraising Individual, Izzie Worthan who received an Check in the amount of \$50 and a Certificate. Izzie promptly donated her check to KYAC. Jenny Zheng was the top

Association; North Woods Inn; Old Forge Fire Department; Old Forge Hardware & Furniture Co.; Old Forge Sports Tours; Old Mill Restaurant; Rivetts Marine Recreation and Service; Rivet Realty; THOR Information Services, Inc.; Timm Associates Inc.; and Van



**Protocol** 

Carl E. Tavolacci

The President with the assistance of the Secretary of each Kiwanis Club, should plan an agenda for each meeting, in advance. The President shall preside at each meeting, in full compliance with the commonly accepted standards of good manners, dignity, courtesy and proper respect for all members and guests attending the meeting.

Before each meeting is opened, the American flag, the banner, bell, gavel, name badges and lectern should be properly in place.

After the meeting is opened, the President, should lead the members, in singing, America, then to the Pledge Allegiance to the Flag, and lastly, call upon a member, to offer an invocation.

Each member and each guest is to be recognized and greeted as he arrives at the meeting.

Visiting Kiwanian dignitaries, such as the Governor, Lt. Governors, and others, are to be seated at the head table and duly recognized once, during the meeting. If the club has invited the District Governor or Lieutenant Governor, past or present, the club shall assume all expenses of attending the meeting. If the host Lieutenant Governor and the invited Governor, are present at the meeting, the President of the Club should introduce the Lt. Governor, who in turn introduces the Governor, for his speech.

The President should brief all Speakers, who will be permitted the floor, as to a standard time agenda, so that the meeting shall begin and end on time.

The President should, time permitting, recognize the achievements of individual members and of committees, and acknowledge the appreciation and thanks of the Club.

It is to the best advantage of the Club, that a program or a speaker be arranged for each meeting. Guest Speakers should be properly introduced, either by the Program Chairman, or by some one, designated by the said Chairman. A brief statement should be made with respect to the Speaker, mentioning his business and/or professional background.

At the conclusion of his presentation, some member should have been notified, in advance, to acknowledge and thank the speaker, on behalf of the club members. It is strongly suggested, that CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION, by the Club, be prepared, by each club, in advance of the meeting, whereby the name of the speaker is properly inserted in the CERTIFICATE, when it is presented to the Speaker. If the Club can afford to have the Certificate placed in a Frame, before it is formerly presented to the Speaker, there is a likelihood that the Speaker will display the framed Certificate at his office or home. At the timely closing of each meeting, the members should be led by the President in singing God Bless America.

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#### Underwood

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many of us throughout his years of service. Please join Gov. Joe and me in wishing Gerald the best in the future.

So, how can I get the information I need from the District Office? Currently, all calls to Utica will either be answered by Governor – Elect Don Herring or myself. I have the ability, via the internet, to get you most any information you need.

#### **Thank You Convention Staff**

The convention staff (Ernie Smith, Sal

Napolitano, Dick Germaine and Udo Glosch) and Mary Lou Smith worked very hard to make the Mid-Year Conference a success. I wish to thank them all for their help. Thank you also to Kamp Kiwanis® Executive Director Rebecca Lopez and her staffers for helping us.

If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact the District Office or me at ANY TIME! – Justin Underwood, NY District Secretary/Treasurer, 1-800-419-8898 or justinau@rochester.rr.com.





#### KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

92nd Annual Convention 🦄 July 3-7, 2007

#### **REGISTRATION FEES AND OPTIONAL TICKETED EVENTS**

Fee includes access to the exhibit hall, Kiwanis store, forums, general sessions, shuttle bus service, and non-ticketed speakers and entertainment. Events take place in the Henry B. González Convention Center unless otherwise noted.

Kiwanian: \$200	\$
Register by April 14 and pay only \$150.	
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Non-Kiwanian (over age 21): a Register by April 14 and pay only \$100.	t \$125 \$
After June 15, register on-site: Kiwanian \$	225, Non-Kiwanian \$125.
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Fellowship Breakfast Thursday, July 5, 7:0 Guest Speaker: LaDonna Gatlin	
Tickets at \$20 each	\$
Live On-Stage with Clint Black Thursday, 2 Adult tickets at \$25 each	
Youth tickets (ages 12 and under) at	\$15 each \$
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#### 2005 – 2006 Achievement Awards

Coral Section (less than 30 members)

#### **Citizenship Services**

WINNER: Baldwin (Long Island Southwest) Veterans Day Yard Work for Seniors Honorable Mention: Newark (Finger Lakes) *Working with a refugee family from Liberia, Africa* 

#### Young Children Priority One

WINNER: Conklin (Susquehanna) *"Me and My Main Man Day"* Honorable Mention: The Tonawandas (Niagara Frontier North) Smoke Detectors for New Born Children and their Families

#### **Youth Services**

WINNER: LeRoy Pavilion Stafford (Genesee) Purchase music instruments for children that need them Honorable Mention: Orchard Park (Niagara Frontier West) Table favors at Thanksgiving for Children's Hospital

#### **Public and Business Affairs**

WINNER: Gloversville Johnstown (Mohawk) Blood test clinic for those with no health insurance

#### **International Relations**

WINNER: Spencerport (Genesee) Support of Kiwanis Club in Kenya Honorable Mention: Black River (Saint Lawrence) Clothing and school supplies to Orphanages in Afghanistan

#### **Support of Spiritual Aims**

WINNER: Spring Valley (Hudson Tri-County) Non-Denominational Prayer Breakfast 1st Saturday in December

Emerald Section (30 to 45 members)

#### **Citizenship Services**

WINNER: Marilla (Niagara Frontier East) December Town Celebration with Santa, Craft Fair, Caroling Honorable Mention: Saranac Lake (Adirondack) Paper Airplane Contest for Adults & Children

#### Young Children Priority One

WINNER: Cortland (Chemung) Retired Senior Volunteer Program Dinner

#### Youth Services

WINNER: Buffalo (Niagara Frontier West) Extracurricular activities for children of Occupational Training Center Honorable Mention: Chester (Hudson River West) Tulip planting and nurturing project for children at Inspire

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Convention Registration Kiwanis International 3636 Woodview Trace Indianapolis, IN 46268-3196, USA Fax: 317-872-0502

#### INSTRUCTIONS

- Advance fees valid if postmarked by April 14, 2007.
- Do not submit this form after June 15, 2007.
- Register on-site in San Antonio after this date.
- Use one registration form per Kiwanian.
- Registration without payment will not be accepted.
  There is no charge for youth under age 21, as long as they are not Kiwanians.
- A receipt packet with additional convention information will be mailed after receiving your paid registration.
- Questions? Call 800-549-2647, ext. 390 (toll-free in US and Canada), or 317-875-8755, ext. 390.

#### CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICIES

- All registration cancellations must be made in writing (e-mail is acceptable).
- There is a \$25 per person deduction for cancellations postmarked after **April 14, 2007.**
- No refund of registration or ticket fees will be issued for cancellations postmarked after **June 15, 2007.**

#### HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

To obtain Kiwanis rates, submit the housing form to The Meeting Connection (TMC) by **May 31, 2007**. If you do not have the housing form, contact TMC at *www.the-meeting-connection.com*, 614-888-2568, or 800-398-2568.

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# Glens Falls Kiwanians Bring Educational Opportunities to Head Start Program

Kiwanis Club of **GLENS FALLS**. Mohawk Division - helps the World Awareness Children's Museum bring their educational opportunities on the road to Head Start classrooms through funding one of the museums outreach program. "This Celebrations and Traditions Outreach Program offers an opportunity for students to learn about the Chinese New Year and Mexican Day of the Dead through hands on activities. These activities include making a Chinese Lantern, trying on traditional Chinese and Mexican clothing, playing traditional instruments, and having their own Dragon Parade," says Courtney Roberts, Educator with the World Awareness Children's Museum. This program was brought to Head Start classrooms in Lake Luzerne, Warrensburg, and Glens Falls. Barbara LeBouf, President and David Stotler, President Elect of the Kiwanis Club of Glens Falls visited the Glens Falls Headstart classroom outreach program on January 8. "The children are so excited to try on the





clothing, try the musical instruments and see artwork done by children in other countries," says Barbara LeBouf, President of Kiwanis. "We are so pleased to be able to bring this outreach program to so many Headstart children."

#### Public and Business Affairs

WINNER: Cassadaga Valley (Southwestern) Meals On Wheels program for 175 senior citizens/Handicapped individuals

#### Veterans Affairs

WINNER: Plattsburgh Breakfast Club (Adirondack) Trinity Prk/Veterans Monument Rest. Project *Continued on Page 15* 

#### Governor

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upstate and downstate alike. Thank you to Rebecca and Herman Ovadia for running the Basket Raffle. The \$5000 raised will be shared by New York State Childrens' Hospitals. Thank you again Kiwanians for your unending support.

The afternoon forums and educational experiences were plentiful. If you attended the Governor's Service and Fundraising Ideas Forum, you gained incite into new ways to recruit members through service. We appreciate the efforts of all our presenters.

With a quick change into our western garb, we were on-to-San Antonio. International Convention Chair Maureen Neuringer presented a short DVD which included our hotel, the Marriott Riverwalk. It is centrally located right on the horseshoe riverwalk, which is out the back door of our hotel. You can enjoy many cafes, restaurants and even Mariachi Bands who stroll around the area. The RiverCenter Mall is only steps away for those Kiwanians who wish to shop and pickup souvenirs. It has a "western" flair food court for our nourishment. The attractions, like the Alamo, are only a few short blocks away. We are planning a real "Western Experience" for the New York District Dinner at an air-conditioned ranch with real longhorns. We got a few fun surprises in store for everyone. We will be joined by the Eastern Canada and Caribbean & New England Districts. See page 5 for details. Please get your reservations in early, since space is limited. Best of all, the San Antonio Convention Center is directly across the street from our hotel.

At the Mid-Winter Conference, upbeat, toe-tapping, one-eyed Joe music played in the background, where Kiwanians with cowboy hats and bandannas learned to line dance. It was great fun and a little exercise and excited everyone about our International Convention.

Mid-day, we enjoyed a delicious courtyard lunch. It actually felt like spring has sprung. This year we decided to honor first timers and new members at the luncheon. I expected 10 (or dare I say 20) new/first time Kiwanians to attend. We had certificates of thanks prepared for the honorees – that's when he magic began. One by one, over 55 new/first timers made their way to the podium. All were proud and shook my hand and waited for a photo. Their sponsors in the audience applauded and cheered loudly. We were all proud to be Kiwanians at that luncheon.

First Lady Nydia was also swept up in the moment and asked that we declare our District Convention in August be named for all women Kiwanians in celebration of the twentieth anniversary of women being invited into our ranks. We gave out commemorative pins to the ladies present who were obviously feeling proud about all their contribu-



#### **CONVENTION HOUSING FORM**

KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL 92nd Annual Convention \* July 3-7, 2007

#### INSTRUCTIONS

- Please complete entire form and send to: Kiwanis Housing, The Meeting Connection, 893 High Street, Suite J, Worthington, OH 43085. Fax: 614-888-1684
- To obtain the special convention rates, hotel reservations must be made by May 31 through The Meeting Connection. After May 31, contact The Meeting Connection for availability and rates before submitting this form.
- Availability at all hotels is limited, so secure your reservations early.
- Rates and district hotel assignments are shown on the other side of this form. Rates do not include tax (currently 16.5 percent). Kiwanis rates will be honored three days before and after the
- convention dates, pending availability at each hotel. • You must state your hotel choices, even if you want your district's
- assigned hotel.
- Hotels will not send written confirmation. However, you will receive verification of your reservation from The Meeting Connection.

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- If you need to change or cancel your reservation prior to June 22, you must do so through The Meeting Connection. (Only <u>after</u> June 22: call the hotel directly to change or cancel an existing reservation.)
- A credit card number is required to make your reservations. If you do not have a credit card, contact The Meeting Connection to arrange payment of a deposit.
- Questions? Contact The Meeting Connection at phone 614-888-2568 or 800-398-2568, or e-mail kiwanis@the-meeting-connection.com

#### CANCELLATIONS

- All hotel cancellations must be made in writing through The Meeting Connection (e-mail is acceptable) at least seven days prior to your arrival date.
- A penalty of one night's room and tax will be charged by the hotel if the reservation is cancelled less than 72 hours prior to your arrival date.

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# Suffolk Health Services Recognized for Leadership in Second Hand Smoke Project

SUFFOLK EAST DIVISION's Secondhand Smoke Education Project Chairman Walter Ladick, Jr., is shown here presenting Patricia Bishop-Kelly, Director of Public Information & Education of the Suffolk County Department of Health Services, with a plaque and a painting of Montauk Lighthouse expressing appreciation for her work in designing the workbook being used for the project. The workbook is used in hospital emergency rooms with children when they present with respiratory or ear infections and smoke is suspected as the cause. The Suffolk East Division is distributing 20,000 copies for use in nine hospitals and nine health centers on Eastern Long Island. The project started with the encouragement of Glenn Hollins when he was Governor of the New York District. The presentation took place at the January divisional meeting hosted by the Three Village/Brookhaven Club.



#### tions.

Saturday evening, Governor David's Diamonds were honored for their year of dedicated service to the New York District. First Lady Debra and Governor David graciously expressed thanks to all Kiwanians who gave of their time and energy to make the year a success.

By Sunday morning, the Foundation Board Meeting was well underway. Board members made their reports and generous Kiwanians presented checks to benefit the Kamp.

It was a wonderful weekend for First Lady Nydia and me and will remain in our minds as one of the very best Kiwanis experiences we have had. Thank you everyone!

Suffolk East Division recognizes Director of Public Information and Education Particia Bishop-Kelly, Suffolk County Department of Health services.



### Kiwanis Business Service Directory



### **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

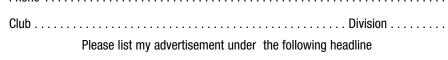
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# **Kim Scharoff Follows Kiwanis Tradition**

Kiwanis Club of MERRICK, Long Island South Central Division - Kim A. Scharoff, daughter of DPG Steve Scharoff was recently installed as the 58th president of the Kiwanis Club of Merrick. New York State Assemblyman DPP David G. McDonough presided over the afternoon's event as Ms. Scharoff, made Kiwanis history; she is the first daughter of a New York District Governor to take the top post at her father's home club. Her father, the late Nassau County Judge Steven R. Scharoff, was Governor from 1989-90. "This is a very special day," McDonough said, admitting that he was getting a little choked up, "because we are installing a president whose name is Scharoff. Those of us who knew Steve know he would be so happy to see his daughter standing here."

"I actually was born the day of a Kiwanis meeting," Ms. Scharoff recalls. "My father had just joined, and he wanted to go and give Happy Dollars." In introducing her at the installation, her brother, Jerome Scharoff – also a Merrick Kiwanian – noted, with a laugh, "The K in her name is for Kiwanis, and



Merrick PP llene Dixel, left, passes the baton and a bouquet of flowers to the President Kim Scharoff.

she was actually born in a blue and gold Kiwanis outfit with a big K on her chest."

Ms. Scharoff also is co-chair of the District's Key Leader program. "Given that my career is working with children, and being at the weekend leadership retreat and seeing what the kids take away from it – for

#### KIWANIS SCHOLARSHIP FORM

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Hereby nominates:
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City, State, Zip
Phone () Date of Birth/
Social Security No
High School

Please fill in the necessary information and attach required exhibits

#### A. Scholarship Achievement

- 1. The Nominee's Rank in class is \_\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ Students
- 2. The Nominee's combined SAT scores are \_\_\_\_\_ or the composite ACT score is \_\_\_\_\_

Please include a copy of her/his high school transcript

#### B. Merit

- 1. The Nominee must include a list of activities he/she participated in, both in and out of school.
- 2. List any awards or achievements received by the Nominee during her/his high school years.
- 3. Submit three letters of recommendation on behalf of the Nominee: e.g., teachers,

me, that is the heart of Kiwanis, serving the children of the world.

"My father was so proud when I ran for international office for Circle K," she recalled, "but he told me not to run the second time, that I should concentrate on my studies. I won that one," she smiled, "and now I think he'd be extremely proud."

At the Installation, Governor Joe Corace told Ms. Scharoff, "When I was president of my club, your father was Governor."

#### 2005 – 2006 Achievement Awards

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Ruby Section (46 to 75 members)

#### **Citizenship Services**

WINNER Patchogue (Suffolk East) Golf Tournament for pediatric Chrohn's & Colitis Honorable Mention: Peninsula (The) Hewlett (Long Island Southwest) Home Cooked Meals for families at Ronald McDonald's House

#### Young Children Priority One

WINNER: Lefferts Liberty (Queens West) Support of Home for infants run by Dominican Nuns, Hour Children Honorable Mention: Wantagh (Long Island South Central) Arts & Crafts & Entertainment at Nassau University Hospital's Pediatric Ward

#### Youth Services

WINNER: Geneseo (Genesee) Renovation of picnic area and Children's play area at Village Recreational Park Honorable Mention: Patchogue (Suffolk East) Projects and Santa Claus at AHRC, an organization for retarded Children

#### **Public and Business Affairs**

WINNER: Schenectady (Mohawk) The purchase of Memorial Day and Christmas Flowers for gravesites at VALE Cemetery Honorable Mention: Sand Lake (Van Rensselaer) Beautification of Town Park with Key Club and HS Environmental studies Program

#### **Veterans Affairs**

WINNER: Peninsula (The) Hewlett (Long Island Southwest) Veteran's Appreciation Day Dinner to Honor a Gold Star Mother

#### **Support of Spiritual Aims**

WINNER: Levittown (Long Island South Central) Brotherhood/Sisterhood Luncheon with local Clergy and Outreach Workers

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Give Kids the World Bob Rubenstein

For several years our Riverdale Kiwanis Club has sponsored Give Kids The World (GKTW), a 70-acre, non-profit resort village in Kissimmee, FL for children with life-threatening illnesses. I want to thank Governor Joe for introducing in New York what we hope will ultimately be an International commitment to terminally ill children.

Founded in 1986, GKTW is not a wishgranting organization, but it is the place where over 250 wish-granting organizations from all 50 States, and over 50 countries around the world, send these children and their families for a one week fantasy vacation. The sponsor provides transportation and spending money, and GKTW provides tickets to Disney World, two meals daily, and deluxe accommodations in villas designed by Disney for these children. Among the whimsical venues in the village are an ice cream parlor, a gingerbread house, pool, theater and game rooms. During the week, Disney characters and Santa Claus come to visit.

This, then, is one week during their young lives when these children will be free of Doctor's visits and hospital visits and the painful reminders of their illnesses. At present, 96 families can be accommodated each week at the village, and the administrators are planning to double that number. Over 70 major corporations are participating in this enterprise. By joining as a sponsor, Kiwanis would be associated with an international effort on behalf of these children.

Some of us have visited GKTW's village, and found it an inspiration - more than words can describe, and truly a goal worthy of Kiwanis support! Visit www.GKTW.org to view their new website. If I can answer any questions, or if you want to know how your club can help, please call me at 718-543-2600. See photos of the beautiful booth at the Mid-Winter Conference in Albany on Page 7.

#### **Youth Services**

WINNER: East Meadow (Long Island South Central) Scoliosis Screening Project in 9 schools Honorable Mention: Kingston (Hudson River) Holiday Program for physically & mentally

#### counselors, employers, clergy or community leaders.

#### C. Need

The awards will be evaluated based on the family's net taxable income for the prior ... taxable year. Nominee's must include a copy of parent's or guardian's State or Federal Tax Return for the prior year (or year previous tax return if prior year is unavailable). Nominations without the requested tax returns will not be judged!

#### **D. Career Goal**

The Nominee must write a short essay that describes why he/she wants to attend a program of higher education and his/her plans aiming towards a meaningful career, beneficial to both themselves and the community.

Diamond Section (76 and more members)

#### **Citizenship Services**

WINNER: Elmira (Chemung) Elmira Kiwanis Day of Caring. Honorable Mention: Kingston (Hudson River) Holiday Dinner for Senior Citizens serving 350 citizens

#### Young Children Priority One

WINNER: Kingston (Hudson River) Early Intervention Reading, tutoring Kindergarten children Honorable Mention: Middletown (Hudson River West) Nutrition & oral health of 3-5 year olds from Migrant Families challenged Children

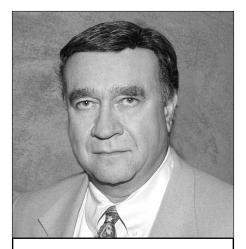
#### **Public and Business Affairs**

WINNER: Middletown (Hudson River West) Pizza for Parks Program with dedication of Kiwanis Pavilion Honorable Mention: Merrick (Long Island South Central) Food for Those in Need Program

#### Sponsored Youth

WINNER: Elmira (Chemung) Builders Club established at Ernie Davis Middle School

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# Foundation President

Once again we are gearing up for another camp season. The applications for camp have been sent ut to each club. If you have not received one, call Kamp Kiwanis at 315 336-4568 or email the camp at Kamp@kiwanisny.org. You can also go on our website at <www.kiwanis-ny.org/kamp>.

If you do not have a specific child to send to Kamp Kiwanis, you can still sponsor a child. We have a list of children who would love to go to our Kamp Kiwanis, you can still sponsor a child. We have a list of children who would love to go to our camp and need sponsors. Also, we will be having our military week again this year, where we will have one week for children who have a parent or parents in the military. We have the children. We needs sponsors.Remember it only costs \$500 to send one child to Kamp Kiwanis for one week. It costs us \$700 to have that child there, which is he purpose of our fundraising activities. Please help a child by sending him or her to your camp.

I need to thank all those who were involved with the Kamp Kiwanis Baby Shower at the MidWinter Convention, in particular Carole Anelli, Maureen Neuringer and Governor Joe for coming up with this fun idea. We raised about \$5000 and put a big dent in our wish list. Special thanks to LG Roger Sirangelo from Long Island North for their generous contributions to the camp.

We are putting on E-bay a Rolls Royce which was donated to th Foundation. If anyone is interested, you can call Don Herring at the District Office. All proceeds will go to Kamp Kiwanis.

Within the last two months, I lost two great friends and fellow Kiwanians. DPLG John Lavelle nd DPP Ronald Liss. Both members of the Brighton Club on Staten Island nd will be missed.

Our camp opening weekend will be May 4 - 5th. For those who wish to help with the camp cleanup, please call Rebecca at the camp. We have plenty of work and it makes a great club project.

#### York Children's Foundation Donates Funds to Kamp

The Kiwanis Club of the TONAWANDAS. Niagara Frontier North - Distinguished Past President and 25 year member Jim Fretthold recently secured a grant from the York Children's Foundation of Houston, Texas for \$1000 for Kamp Kiwanis. A check was sent to Kamp Kiwanis Director Rebecca Lopez. DPP Jim Fretthold of the Fretthold Funeral Home Inc. was instrumental in securing funds from the York Children's Foundation. which was started by the casket manufacturer, the York Group, Inc. in 1992. Since that time the the York Foundation has awarded over \$2.2 million to local children's organization s through local funeral homes. In the past 10 years, DPP Jim has helped secure \$8700 in grants from York for Kamp Kiwanis. DPP Jim has also secured \$13,400 for the Tonawandas Club and \$18,400 for the Buffalo Kiwanis Club over the past 10 years.

# Kamp Shower A Huge Success



Linda Christiano marks her ballot trying to figure out "Who's Your District Baby Contest" kids. It was tricky!

#### **Letters for Joe Wuest** FROM HIS "YOUNG" FRIENDS

(former Key Club and Circle K members)
■ by John G. McCarthy, Esq.Bainton McCarthy & Siegel, LLC

As everyone knows, both Joe and Ginny are the type of people who would give you the shirts off their backs. You may remember that at the 1986 Kiwanis District Convention, Joe literally gave me his shirt. I returned home from the Circle K International Convention in Boston and had less than a day to pack and head upstate for the District Convention to address the convention as the Circle K Governor. In my rush. I forgot to pack a dress shirt. I discovered my error shortly before my speech. Before I knew what happened I was in Joe and Ginny's room and they were helping me select one of his shirts to wear for my speech. I still have a photo of me (in Joe's shirt) and Whenever I come across that photo I fondly remember Joe and Ginny helping me out on that occasion and countless others. I want to say thank you again for all they did for me and for being such a great example of what it means to be a member of the Kiwanis family.

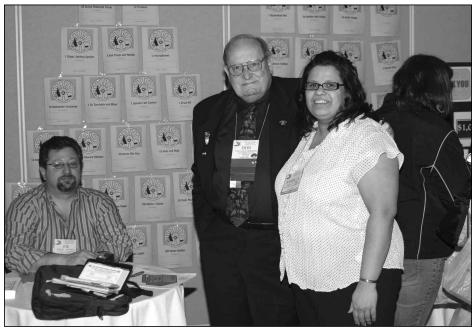
■ by Rosemary Manning Hughes

Fidelity Employer Services Company I am beginning to feel old – college seems like a long time ago. But, when I think of Joe Wuest, I always get a picture in my head . . .

He is in the midst of a bunch of guys telling a funny story. Inevitably, everyone is laughing and holding their sides because no one can tell a story like Joe. What struck me though, at that time, and it remains with me twenty years later, is how he reached out to me and invited me in.

I was a bit intimidated by the laughing guys, because in those days, Kiwanis was ALL men, and they were a close bunch. Joe pulled me into the conversation, made me feel at home. It is a gift that he has to touch people and put them at ease.

The other memory that stands out is how gallant he is. He would make sure Ginny was



Foundation Board Member Joe Battista (seated) accepts donations with incoming Governor Don Herring and Camp Director Rebecca Lopez. Our Foundation extends a very special thank you to all Kiwanians who sent gifts and items from our Kamp Kiwanis Wish List for the Shower. You made all the difference.

# Chinatown Honors Members With Kaiser Fellowship Awds





introduced to everyone. He would pull out her chair and the chair for all women at the table. He would make sure we had a soda or something to eat. You could count on Joe to keep you safe.

Finally, Joe is one of the most generous guys. He is quick to pick up a tab and the first to donate to a project or a Circle K cause. His generosity often pressured, or should I say, "shamed" the other Kiwanians to ante up.

Thanks for allowing me to share some wonderful memories; I will always tell my children, my three girls, how much fun I had growing up, thanks to Kiwanis and people like Joe and Ginny. – These ar just a few of the many items we received. Congratulations, Joe & Ginny!

At the Mid-Winter Conference the Kiwanis Club of Chinatown, Metropolitan Division, honored members Mei Y. Sham (top center) and Anne Miao (bottom center) with the distinguished kaiser Fellowship Awards with the help of Foundation President Lindy Marrazzo, left, and Chinatown DPOP James Tong.