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See Registration Forms on pages 5, 12 & 13.

Joseph Michael Wuest Named 2007 Conference Honoree

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.
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 completed date May 1, 1916 and it was chartered on December 6, 1916 with 111 members.

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%.

The Kiwanis Club of PENINSULA, Long Island presented the annual Louis Costa Humanitarian Award to Police Officers Brian Coscino, Shield No. 2169 and Joseph Paduano, Shield No. 2762 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 deceased two time Past President Louis Costa who held every position in th Peninsula Club. More than forty members were in attendance along with dig.

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-of-the-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.

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1-2-3 Program
Doreen Pellitteri

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!

The Governor and the First Lady would like to create an electronic photo album of 2006-07 Kiwanian 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 joescorace@aol.com. If you don’t have e-mail, you can mail them an original photo to their home at 2650 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.

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 Partner” 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

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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 (SR Key Club), Governor Key Club and Norwood-Norfolk Central [NCCS 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

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Governor
Joseph L. Corace
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 data-base, 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.

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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

**Jamaica Kiwanians Hosts Party for Local Sheltered Children**

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 l-r): President Mary Burton-Forbes, Treasurer Yvonne Rigabie, Member Carson Johnson, Secretary Portia Dewar and DPLG Governor Bill Risbrook.

**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 band 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: FP Elaine Romano, members Dan Bobzin and Peg Bobzin.

**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 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.
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 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!

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.

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 Page 10

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Minisink Valley Kiwanis

Left to right: Key Club Faculty Advisor Sue Brink, New York District Key Club Lt. Governor Jasmine Sale, Key Club International President Shivani Radhakrishman and Minisink Club Advisor John Groenestyn.

Check out the New York District Website at www.kiwanis-ny.org
Community
Service Program Helps Disabled Adults to Help Others

by Libya Seyfried
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. “Whatever 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 owners 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.

Aktion Club service projects are many and varied. Members sing at the Erie County Home and Infirmary, plant flowers at cemeteries, volunteer at FISH, and clean trails at Knox Park 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.

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Contact Name (Reporter/Producer): may be more than one appropriate per outlet.
Contact Phone, Contact Fax and Contact E-mail.

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?id=148>.

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 (Kiwanis@Phil@Kiwanis.com) or Karen Vackovic, Marketing Director, Kiwanis International, (kvakovic@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.

Seyfried

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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 NVD 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.

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Give Kids the World

Scouting/Scouting for the Handicapped

Key Club

Pillow Hugs Project

On-to-Convention

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!

Costume Party

Circle K
Conference Is a Ball

There is something about a costume that brings out the “fun” in everyone.
**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 highest 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 customary activities.

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.

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**Syosset Welcomes Governor**

**Key Leader**

Kim Scharoff

Above: Immediate Past President Ron Pellicio, Kiwanian of the Year Ralph Quick, and President Matt Griffin.

**Sponsored Organizations and Programs**

Tony Polanogi

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

The Kiwanis Club of GENESEO, Geneseo 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 East Aurora Aktion Club 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 a successful annual Chicken Bar-B-Q fundraising project in late August. Ralph is an excellent example of service to community.

Ralph, 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.

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**East Aurora Aktion Club**

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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.

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**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, Kutscher’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.

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.
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.

Check Presentation l-r: Bob Baker, Jim Connelly, 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 Cafe; Inlet Youth Commission; McCaulley Mountain; McDonalds of Old Forge; Eileen &Dennis Michaels; Mountaioneer Outdoor Supply Company; Northeastern Logger’s Cooperative; Mountainman Outdoor Supply; McDonalds of Old Forge; Eileen & Dennis Michaels; Mountainman Outdoor Supply Company; Northeastern Logger’s Cooperative.

Award Winners l-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 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 Appliance.

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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 remember, 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’s not 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 workplace, 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 family. The answer is getting everyone involved. Have family meeting days where everyone can bring his/her family to the meeting. Keep that meeting light on the format 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 christineevans203@yahoo.com.

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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.”
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 Children’s 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 insight 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 long-horns. 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 the 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 contributions.

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 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.**

**Suffolk East Division recognizes Director of Public Information and Education Patricia Bishop-Kelly, Suffolk County Department of Health services.**
In an effort to recognize individuals for meritorious service, the New York District Foundation has developed the Distinguished Service Award. This high gloss color certificate will be personalized with recipients’ names and signed by our Foundation President and packaged in a leather folder with an embossed Foundation label.

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

Kiwanis Club of MERRICK, Long Island South Central Division — Kim 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 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 Chonr or’s & Collins

Honorable Mention:

Peninsula (The) Hewlett (Long Island Southwest)

Home Cooked Meals for families at Ronald McDonald’s House

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 ARVC, 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

Diamond Section (76 and more members)

Clergy and Outreach Workers

Awards include: a Gold Star Mother

Citizenship Services

WINNER: Elmirra (Chemung)

Elmirra 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

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 wish-granting 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 your 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. I, if 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 challenged Children

Public and Business Affairs

WINNER: Middletown (Hudson River West) Pizza for Part - two meals daily, and 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

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 __________

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, 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.
Kamp Shower A Huge Success

Once again we are gearing up for another camp season. The applications for camp have been sent out to each club. If you have not received one, call Kamp Kiwanis at 315 336-4568 or email the camp at Kamp@kiwanis-ny.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 Kamp 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 need 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 the 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 Srangelo from Long Island North for their generous contributions to the camp.

We are putting on E-bay a Rolls Royce which was donated to the 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 and DPP Ronald Liss. Both members of the Brighton Club on Staten Island and for their generous contributions to the camp.

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 $10,000 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 York Foundation has awarded over $2.2 million to local children’s organizations through local funeral homes. In the past 10 years, DPP Jim has also secured $13,400 for the Tonawandas Club and $18,400 for the Buffalo Kiwanis Club over the past 10 years.