1-2-3 Program

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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 choice 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 drawing 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!

Share Your Photos with the Governor!

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 jeocecorace@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.)

Check out the New York District Website at www.kiwanis-ny.org

Richmond County Kiwanians Serve Hot Lunch for Seniors

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.

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 (99A 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.

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 Collette who kept the crowd on their feet dancing for hours.

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