Kamp Shower A Huge Success

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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 315 338-4568 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 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 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 Sirangelo from Long Island North for their generous contributions to the camp.

We are putting on an eBay 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 John Lavelle was a member of the Kiwanis family.

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 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 are just a few of the many items we received. Congratulations, Joe & Ginny!