Penn Yan Celebrates 69 Yrs of Service

Penn Yan Crafts for Golisano Hospital

Sunnyside Celebrates 60th Anniversary as a Family

Kiwanis Club of PENNY YAN, Finger Lakes Division – was founded on February 13, 1939 with Ralph Davis as their first President. The club was sponsored jointly by the Geneva and Elmira Clubs. After the addition of the Penn Yan Club, the Geneva Division had quickly grown to an impressive 21 clubs. With such a strong number, the division had to be divided and thus the Finger Lakes Division was formed. Penn Yan is the southern most club in the division, being 12 miles from the Chenung Division border. Despite the distance, the club is still very active. The club has had seven LG's, two of which remain active, Bill Sutherland and Bill Moravec, and one honorary member Ted Henry. Also notable, Penn Yan has one Husson Award member and numerous Legion of Honor recipients. The club was one of the first to admit ladies following by-law changes. Two of the original ladies, Delores Southerton and Marilyn Moravec, are still active and received the 20 year perfect attendance awards. The club has a reputation of commitment as there have been three sets of father and son Presidents and three husband and wife Presidents. Their current President is Barbara Pringle.

The Kiwanis Club of PENNY YAN, Finger Lakes Division – has a special project going for the Golisano Childrens hospital. They are knitting, crocheting or sewing hats for the preemie babies in the NICU. These newborns must keep their bodies warm and the hats provide them with a nice cozy headcover. Not only have the Kiwanians been making the hats but many churches and individuals in the community have joined in on the project.

The are also collecting beenie babies for the children awaiting radiation treatments at the hospital President Barbara feels this is a good project and would like to see Kiwanis clubs around the state pick up on it for the local NICU's in their community.

Photo right: Penn Yan Kiwanians display handmade crafted items for Golisano hospital children.

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Kiwanis Club of SUNNYSIDE, Queens West Division – When Henri X Billharz founded the Sunnyside Kiwanis, in 1947, he knew it was a good thing for his community. Whether he envisioned the club becoming as important to his family as it has been, we’re not sure. At the 60th Anniversary celebration of the Sunnyside Kiwanis Club, Henri J. Billharz (grandson of Henri X. Billharz) thought, it’s time for me to do more than just help out this club whenever they have a project that needs me. It’s time for me to “join the family” in another way, and become an active member of the Sunnyside Kiwanis Club, and join it he did, making three generations of Billharz, active Sunnyside Kiwanians.

Kiwanis is a family, and has become a family undertaking for the Billharz family as well. Founder Henri X. Billharz became Lt. Governor of the Queens West division. Henri’s son Robert became a member and a distinguished President of the club and brought his wife JoAnne in as a member. JoAnne Billharz became Queens West Lt. Governor in 1995-96, leading the division to the rank of Super Distinguished that year. Now Bob and JoAnne’s son Henri J. Billharz has joined his parents and grandfather, in the Kiwanis family as well. Congratulations to founder Henri X. Billharz for founding not only a great Kiwanis club but for founding a family whose hearts belong to Kiwanis and their community, generation after generation, as well.