Patchoque Presents Another $10,000 to Kamp Kiwanis

The Kiwanis Club of PATCHOQUE, Suffolk East Division – After last year’s District Convention in Buffalo, district member’s read in the Empire State Kiwanian about several donations made by various clubs to help support Kamp Kiwanis. It is through the generosity of so many that the Kamp had a banner year with a record number of regular and special needs campers.

During the Foundation meeting, clubs were encouraged to submit contributions and briefly describe their club’s efforts in raising the funds. Many diligent efforts and diverse events were and are used to generate the funds raised to assist Kamp Kiwanis.

Patchoque President Elect Joseph L. Barry and members made a special contribution of $10,000 as a down payment for a new cabin to be built in the club’s name: “PATCHOQUE, “ to commemorate their 70th anniversary. The Patchoque club received a “standing ovation” for this very generous donation.

Like every good effort, there is always an interesting background story. It all began at the District Convention in Saratoga Springs, where Lt. Governor Elect Al Notaro picked up a Kamp Kiwanis brochure. He was aware that his club was about to complete the third and final phase of a multi-year program ($30,000 paid over three years) geared towards teaching pediatric trauma nurses and staff at Brookhaven Memorial Hospital Medical Center. He was happy to recommended adopting a cabin at Kamp Kiwanis in Patchoque Club’ name.

After that recommendation, Foundation Board Members visited the Patchoque Club, as well as the Suffolk East Divisional meeting and made a presentation about the great job Kamp Kiwanis was doing for underprivileged kids and people with special needs.

Patchoque senior board members, made up of Past Presidents, felt it would be worthwhile to build a cabin in anticipation of the club’s 70th anniversary (May 5, 1938). A vote of the entire club, pursuant to international by-laws, was conducted on July 24th, 2007, in which the multi-year proposal passed.

To assist them in their efforts to raise the funds to build for the cabin, members had to work harder to fulfill the Kamp pledge, while continuing to build the needs of their community.

Throughout the year, they held a pancake breakfast on Super Bowl Sunday; they held a hugely successful Oktoberfest; a popular golf outing and Patchoque’s annual sweepstakes hugely successful Oktoberfest; a popular golf outing and Patchoque’s annual sweepstakes. If you are ever thinking of a program to help children and can’t think of group in your area perhaps you’ll take a second look at this district’s crown jewel – Kamp Kiwanis.

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During the 2008 Mid-Winter conference, President Joe and Lt. Governor Elect Al attended the Sunday morning foundation meeting and presented the second $10,000 installment for the Patchoque cabin.

Every person who has ever been to the Kamp claims remarks, “It’s a place that allows children to enjoy themselves,” remarks Lt. Governor Elect Al. “Kamp’s Executive Director, Rebecca Lopez, proudly demonstrates enthusiasm that she and her staff offers to the children. If you are ever thinking of a program to help children and can’t think of group in your area perhaps you’ll take a second look at this district’s crown jewel – Kamp Kiwanis.”

The Empire Club allows Kiwanians and friends of the NY District Foundation to make a long-range gift to further help children that we serve through our District Foundation. It can be through a cash donation of at least $5,000, life insurance and/or any other bequest that you so desire to earmark. The information is kept confidentially in the NYD Foundation Office.

Regardless, joining the Empire Club allows you to make a long-range gift to the District Foundation and be recognized at all District Conventions with a reception in your honor, a plaque, pin and a banner patch for your club’s banner. NYD Foundation President Sal Anelli and I (or an area Foundation Board member) would be honored to make the presentation at a Division Council Meeting or the District Convention in August.

We have grown from 30 members to 34 since November, 2007 and hope that you would consider the NY District Foundation in your estate plan as bequests will reduce your estate tax liability. Check with your financial planner, who can assist you in this manner.

Feel free to call me – 315-449-3000, ext 358, or email me: Pepster@aol.com with your questions, suggestions, concerns or any other comments that you have about the program.

We plan to have the revised on-line form.

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Aside from these and many other organizational and leadership contributions to Kiwanis International, the contributions of New York’s K-Family clubs to their communities over the past 90 years are countless, truly awe-inspiring and a source of great pride, inspiration, and challenge to all present day K-Family members.

Our 90th Anniversary is a great opportunity to re-dedicated ourselves to making our clubs even better wellsprings of community service and fellowship. Let’s resolve now to make the final decade of our first century the best ever!

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organization may be substituted for the school. Such organizations might include the community library, Boys Club, Girls Club, YMCA, YWCA or church.”

Contact me! Call (585)342-7657, write: 91 Jewett Street, Rochester, NY 14621, or e-mail me at: HJjoanne2002@aol.com and we can get your Builders Club going. Should you lose my contact information, call the NY District Kiwanis Office and the Secretary will know just how to reach me. What are you waiting for?