**East Meadow Obtains $5K Reading Grant For School Under Kiwanis Int’l Program**

The Kiwanis Club of EAST MEADOW, Long Island South Central – home of NY Governor Peter Mancuso and LSC Lt. Governor Tom Gallagher, presented local school district officials with $5,000 to support its "Read and Lead Program" at Barnum Woods Elementary School. East Meadow Past President Andrew Langus, aided by NY State Senator Kemp Hannon, obtained the funds through a State of New York grant under Kiwanis International’s Read around the World Program.

**Photo Left:** Participating in the ceremony were (l to r) Kiwanian/former East Meadow Schools Superintendent Dr. Frank Saracino, Kiwanian/Board of Education Member Barry Rubenstein, Board of Education Pres. Charles Goldberg, East Meadow Pres. Mitchell Skoller, Barnum Woods School Principal Peter A. Valente, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Robert Dillon, and PP Andrew Langus. (Photo by Ivan Launder)

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**Sponsored Youth**

A Kiwanis Asset

The Key Club and the Circle K Conventions, held this past March, are now history. The Sponsored Organizations: Key Club, Circle K, Builders Clubs, K-Kids, and Aktion Clubs are looking forward to a new year, 2004-2005. At the conventions Kristin Kramer from New Hyde Park, NY was elected New York District Key Club Governor and Brian Smith was elected NY District Circle K Governor. Congratulations to Governor Kristin and Governor Brian with our best wishes for a successful year of growth and service.

Too often we forget one of the greatest assets that we have in Kiwanis, our Sponsored Youth organizations. As the new year begins for them let’s renew our commitment to work at this in many ways:

- Establish a line of communication through the Kiwanis Advisor. The Club Newsletter is also an excellent vehicle for communicating. Make sure that each Sponsored youth club is on your mailing list.
- Assist the newly elected officers in planning for the new year as they prepare a budget, appoint service committees and analyze service projects and activities that meet the needs of the school and community.
- Share experiences with them: invite their members to Kiwanis club meetings on a regular basis and vice versa. Kiwanians should attend their club meetings.
- Support them financially to attend conventions and conferences including funds for the Faculty Advisors.
- Participate in joint projects with the approach of the summer season. There are many ideal joint projects which you can both get extensively involved in. Some examples are, general clean up, maintenance projects, landscaping, fundraising for the benefit of the camp, and many other activities.
- Club Programs - don’t forget to ask them to address your Kiwanis Club. Members of the Sponsored Youth Organizations possess diversified talents and can provide interesting programs.
- Always keep in mind that they are an excellent source of manpower, especially for the smaller clubs who lack the membership strength to implement substantial service projects.
- Our youth represents the future leaders of this great land, the future leaders of Kiwanis. It’s up to us to demonstrate that we care. Let’s not disappoint them, because they rely upon us for support and encouragement.
- In closing, congratulations to the Kiwanis Club of Glen Falls for the organization of the Warren-Washington County ARC Aktion Club. Special thanks to President Kate VanDerZee and Coordinator Ruth Bietz for their devoted efforts in the organization.