Finger Lakes Honors Governor Glenn and First Lady Susan in Canandaigua

The FINGER LAKES DIVISION – On Friday, April 15, hosted Governor Glenn Hollins and First Lady Susan at the annual Governor’s Dinner Reception. Members from clubs throughout the division came out to honor Governor Glenn and First Lady Susan for all their efforts on behalf of Kiwanis.

Lt. Governor Ray Pfeifer and Finger Lakes’ First Lady Sara hosted this gala event at the beautiful Inn on the Lake in Canandaigua. Finger Lakes clubs presented Governor Glenn and First Lady Susan with special gifts depicting the area. The evening was cordial and fun for all who attended.

Seaford Evening Club Inc. Inducts New Member Into Kiwanis Club

Pictured above: DPP Robin Asighieri, new member Linda Claus, LG Sharon Smith, and Governor Glenn Hollins. Linda is happy to start on Kiwanis projects.

Recollecting Merrick Kiwanian Style Brings Sundries to Needy

The Kiwanis Club of MERRICK, Long Island South Central Division – What began as the Kiwanis Club of Merrick’s “toiletries project” has evolved into a much larger recycling project that is providing a variety of personal necessities and small items to Long Island hospitals and service organizations with transient populations, as well as the armed forces serving in Iraq.

“I saw that I had all of these samples of shampoo and lotion at home, taking up space, and figured that everyone else who goes on vacation or business trips and stays at a hotel has them, too,” explained Susan Dillon, who initiated the project and is the chairperson. “And I knew there were people who needed them.” After having visited several locations to deliver the toiletries and speaking with various groups about their needs, Dillon realized there were numerous other sundries that also could easily be recycled and put to good use. She put out the call to the Merrick Kiwanis club, and has been inundated with a variety of new items, among them: cosmetics “free-with-purchase” samples, promotional T-shirts, key rings, pads, pencils, pens, calculators with logos, tote bags, plastic water bottles, socks, makeup cases, night lights. The most unusual donation to date has been Dr. Scholl’s innersoles.

Since the toiletries – now called recycling - project was launched about two years ago, donations have been made to the Regina Residence in Merrick, the Ronald McDonald House, The INN at Freeport, the Veteran’s Nursing Home (via the American Legion) and the Child Care Council of Nassau County, which is utilizing many of the items to help grandparents with limited income who are raising and/or caring for their grandchildren.

“These are things we all have, and at no cost they can be recycled and put to good use,” Dillon said. “In addition to the ongoing generous contributions of Kiwanis members, donations from individuals who have travel- and sample-size items, and business people who have overruns and/or discontinued promotional items would be very welcome.” Contributions can be dropped off at The Printing Emporium, 55 Merrick Avenue, Merrick.

KIF Annual Club Gift Program

The Kiwanis International Foundation functions to help fulfill the mission of Kiwanis International . . . Serving the Children of the World.

KIF Chair Joe Eppolito’s goal is to encourage Kiwanians and be a source of information about KIF, as well as to help the District attain 100% participation in the Annual Club Gift Program. Each club has received at least one flyer in the Fall of 2004 to make a donation. The minimum donation is $5.00 per member as of 10/01/04 club membership totals, or $100, whichever is the lesser to help your division earn a 100% donation recognition award.

A minimum donation of a least $25 will earn a club its banner patch, but not points for Distinguished club status.

Only those clubs that contribute 100% will count towards a Division (and District) 100% participation award. Each year since 2001-02, District Clubs have increased their participation. Let’s hit 100%.

KIF Chair Joe Eppolito urges all Kiwanians to review the contents of the material that you received from the International Foundation on the Annual Club Gift Program. KIF supports our Sponsored Youth Programs, so please give generously. If we hit 100%, KIF Foundation matches five scholarships for Key Club and Circle K.

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