Kingston Santa Brings Joy to Brookside Children

Photo right: Kiwanian Ted Benson, alias Santa enjoys several children from the Brookside School.

Kiwani Club of KINGS TOWN, Hudson River Division – recently held its annual Christmas Party for the children of the Brookside School in Cottekill, New York. Santa, portrayed by Kiwanian Ted Benson, distributed gifts purchased by the Kiwan Club members. The children and their teachers were also treated to a luncheon buffet at Hillside Manor Restaurant. Everyone had a very special day!

Kiwanis Mourns Loss of Kiwanis International Executive Director Emeritus A.G. Terry Shaffer

It is with sadness that we inform you that A.G. Terry Shaffer, Kiwanis International’s Executive Director Emeritus, died Saturday, February 19, in Indianapolis, Indiana. Terry’s Kiwanis-family affiliation began in high school when he joined the Sunbury High School Key Club and became its treasurer. After attending Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania, he taught English and American history at Danville High School in Pennsylvania. In 1959, Terry joined his first Kiwanis club in Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania, and began recording more than 45 years of perfect attendance. He served as President and Secretary of three clubs: Selinsgrove; Southeast Indiana; and Northwest Indianapolis. He also served as secretary of the Kiwanis Club of Tri-Village, Rich Township, Illinois, and two years as the Division 12 Lieutenant Governor in the Pennsylvania District. At the time of his death, he was Lieutenant Governor of the Indy Metro Division in the Indiana District. In 1969, he joined the Kiwanis International Office staff in Chicago and advanced through a variety of positions and responsibilities. He was manager of Club Services, Director of Program Development, Circle K International administrator, Assistant International Secretary for Program Services, and Assistant to the International Secretary. Following seven months as Acting International Secretary, he was appointed International Secretary effective October 1, 1994. The title was changed to Executive Director in 1998, and he continued in that office until December 31, 2003, when he moved into the position of archivist/historian. Upon his retirement, the Kiwanis International Board named him Executive Director Emeritus. Terry received many of the organization’s international-level honors. In addition to Life Member Status, he was a recipient of the Kiwanis International Foundation’s Tablet of Honor and was a member of the George F. Hixson Fellowship (diamond-level 13) and Heritage Society. But he also was recognized three times at the club level as “Kiwanian of the Year”—once each by his clubs in Selinsgrove, Chicago, and Indianapolis. Terry is survived by his wife, Nancy, a former KIWANIS magazine production assistant.

The family has requested that contributions be made to the Kiwanis International Foundation, the Kiwanis Foundation of Indiana, Salvation Army, Cystic Fibrosis, the Humane Society, or the Indianapolis Zoo. Representing Kiwanis International, International President Case Van Kleef and Executive Director Eyjólfur “Eddie” Sigursson attended the service. Terry was flown to his home town in Pennsylvania for burial.

Kiwanis Plaza Canarsie Charters Madison High School Key Club

Newly chartered James Madison HS Key Club officers and Kings Plaza Canarsie (sponsor) President John Fischer (behind banner), proudly pose for a photo.

New York District Administrators, Brooklyn Division officers and Key Club Lt. Governor Ari get new Madison Key Club chartered and off to a great start.

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