First, I would like to correct an error on my last column. The amount of money and time that was spent at Kamp Kiwanis over the last 5-6 years for construction is more than one million dollars ($1,000,000), not on thousand dollars ($1,000), which was a printed error. We are into our credit line by $350,000, meaning that we have raised $650,000 over the last 5-6 years. The major construction work at Kamp Kiwanis is coming to an end for the time being and we would like to pay down the credit line ASAP. Anything you or your club can do as a donation, gift, rant, or a fundraiser would be greatly appreciated.

To give you an example of how one Kiwanian helped, Adam Brenner, a member of the Staten Island Kiwanis Club works with Bank America. Bank America has a matching funds program, any employee who gives to a charity, including Kamp Kiwanis, Bank America will match. Adam gave $5,000, all of which is tax deductible to him as a charitable expense, and Bank America gave $5,000 in matching funds, so we received $10,000 thanks to Adam. Check to see if your employer has the same program.

Thanks to all those Kiwanians who attended a work weekend at the Kamp, especially those who are members of the Peninsula Club and the Staten Island Club. We did a lot of construction work on the Dominick Sciarrotta infirmary and it is looking great. We are saving a lot of money by doing the work ourselves. If you want to work at the Kamp, please call Mike Malark at 518-765-4392 and he will make arrangements. A special thanks to Board Member Joe Battista for all his hard work. Joe is at the Kamp together with Mike at least once or twice a month. We would not be where we are with all the new construction if it wasn’t for these two men. Thanks to Brian an Doug Hickey for their generous contributions. You guys are the best. Thanks also to the North Shore Club for their generosity.

If you have not sent in your Outreach money of $2.00 per member, please do so. We use this money to run the Kamp. Also, Camper applications are out. Please get them in ASAP as the Kamp slots for children who wish to attend are filling fast. We hear from clubs that they cannot find children to attend the Kamp. WE HAVE THE CHILDREN. Sponsor a child and we will get the child. They are out there in various agencies and foster homes and they would love to attend Kamp Kiwanis.

We are once again running our raffle, the winners will be chosen at the District Convention in Binghamton on August 20th. For $100.00 you can purchase a ticket. Prices are $5,000, $4,000, $3,000, $2,000, and $1,000. Call Steve Haller at 516-731-4892 for details and tickets. Last year we made $25,000.00.

Our camp opening is June 11th where we will be dedicating the Dominick Sciarrotta infirmary. All are welcome to attend.