Kiwanis Club of PATCHOQUE, Suffolk East Division – In a bold step forward to help prevent some very common and disabling childhood illnesses, Patchoque Kiwanis, with the Brookhaven Memorial Hospital Medical Center Emergency Room Nurses, and Suffolk County Department of Health Services, have joined together in a life saving partnership.

This past year, PG Glenn Hollins Governor’s Project was “Child Safety.” “I was very deeply concerned about children becoming sick or injured from things that are 100% preventable,” said PG Hollins. “As I checked into it further, I became aware that a lot of kids visit the Emergency Rooms of hospitals with illnesses that are caused by other people’s smoking. The public may not be aware of this, secondhand smoke is a cause of many very serious illnesses, even death in children,” Hollins said.

In what has proven to be a unique and cutting edge approach to a much needed cause of many very serious illnesses, even death in children, “This is an initiative that would address those sick children, their parents, and caregivers when they are seen in emergency rooms. A work-book, created by Patricia Bishop-Kelly of Suffolk County Department of Health Services’ Office of Health Education, will be distributed to children when they are seen in Emergency rooms with illnesses that are created or made worse by exposure to second-hand smoke.” Kiwanis will provide free training and the workbooks to any Suffolk County hospital Emergency Department that wishes to participate in the project. Richard T. Margulis, Vice President of Operations for Brookhaven Memorial Hospital Medical Center, and Patchochee Kiwanis, said, “I am very pleased to have Brookhaven Memorial Hospital Medical Center join with Kiwanis and the Suffolk County Department of Health Services in working to counter the serious and preventable childhood diseases caused by exposure to secondhand smoke.”

Those are unacceptable statistics that we must work hard to change”, said Ms. Crook. Co-Chair Walter Ladick said “This is a project with such great potential to improve the health and future of thousands of kids.” For more information about this project call Walter Ladick at 631-289-0338


Monticello President Rose Raimond and PLG William Lane.

Governor David Rothman

Recently the New York District had the opportunity to host the official visit of our International President Stephen Siemens and his wife Barb. It was a busy weekend for our District. After picking up International President Stephen and Barb at LaGuardia Airport, Queens, New York, we headed out to North Shore University Hospital on Long Island for a visit to the local Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center. The Center is one of five across our District. After an informative educational program and lunch, IP Steve and Barb prepared for a dinner hosted by many of the Long Island and neighboring divisions. After an enjoyable evening, IP Steve and Barb retired to the home of Past International President Tony and Mimi Kaiser. I want to thank our International Trustee Tom DeJulio, PP Tony and Mimi Kaiser, SDPLG Mickie Leamney, SDPLG Tom Gallagher and his daughter Lindsey, DPLG Janicereyfield and everyone else that helped make this part of the visit such a huge success.

The next morning, the IP Stephen and Barb, 1st Lady Lindy, DPLG Tony Kaiser, Club Treasurer and our youngest daughter Gabrielle, and myself, flew to Syracuse on the next leg of the weekend’s events. We were joined by Kiwanian from the previous evening.

We arrived at Kamp Kiwanis, to take part in the Kamp Open House Weekend. IP Stephen and Barb got a “vet” tour of our Kamp. Governor Elect Joe Corace, 1st Lady Nydia, Lt. Governor Elects, the New York District Foundation Board and many other members of the K Family, were in attendance to hear the inspirational words of IP Stephen. At the start of the Foundation meeting, I had the great pleasure of announcing that Foundation President Lindy Marrazzo will be the 2006 District Convention honoree this September. Lindy has worked tirelessly to bring the Kamp and Foundation to the next level - he never looks for any accolades. My best wishes to Lindy. I want to thank Kamp Director Rebecca and her staff for all their hard work making the Kamp visit a special part of this event. I also want to mention that the Past Governors Council honored IP Stephen with a “Brick” on the wall at Governors Hall.

Soon after, we were back on the road traveling to Geneva, New York to visit the Finger Lakes. This evening was the official visit of both First Families. Members of several divisions attended the dinner in our honor. I want to thank IP Jerry Christiano, 1st Lady Linda, LG Ann Sewert, LG Mike Day, LG Jerry Ferring, DPLG Jim Paduchowski, SDPLG Doreen Pelletier, SDPLG Dr. Peter Pelletier and the many others that helped make the dinner a success.

The next morning IP Stephen and Barb had an early breakfast with several of us before flying home.

During each of our stops IP Stephen provided insight to the vision of a new Kiwanian. A Continued on Page 4

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Kiwanis Club of MONTICELLO, Hudson River West Division – At a recent Divisional Meeting, two members of the Monticello Kiwanis Club received the prestigious Hixson Fellowship Award. The recipients were: Past Lieutenant Governor William Lane, a devoted and outstanding member for over 25 years, and President Rose Raimond, also a devoted and outstanding member for over 12 years. Rose was Kiwanian of the Year twice.

Monticello President Rose Raimond and PLG William Lane.

Above L to R: Committee Co-chair Walter Ladick Jr., LG Frank Virno Jr., and PG Glenn Hollins.

Brookhaven Memorial Hospital Medical Center, and Patchochee Kiwanis, along with committee members, worked together to reach out to local hospital emergency room nurses to help with the project. A work-book, created by Patricia Bishop-Kelly of Suffolk County Department of Health Services’ Office of Health Education, will be distributed to children when they are seen in Emergency rooms with illnesses that are created or made worse by exposure to second-hand smoke.

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