DO YOU WANT A WONDERFUL SERVICE PROJECT THAT CAN INVOLVE YOUR ENTIRE K-FAMILY AND HELP YOUR COMMUNITY AT THE SAME TIME?

If the answer to this question is yes, read on.

Each year the Alzheimer’s Association hosts Memory Walks across the entire State of New York. On the day of the walk you can find Key Clubbers and Kiwanians working together handing out tee-shirts, cutting bagels, serving food, putting up sponsorship signs, and collecting pledges from K-Family donors.

These K-Family volunteers either give a donation of money, volunteer their services, which is what Kiwanis is all about, or form a team of four or more people who have spon- sors and they walk the walk.

All the money raised by the walk in your community stays in your community and helps the many support groups, care consulta- tion, services and educational programs they offer to the patients and their families afflicted by this terrible disease.

Please use the contact information for the phone numbers (see right column) of the Alzheimers Association nearest your town and GET INVOLVED. Also check out the Memory Walk Schedule for your area.

Thank you for helping me serve Kiwanis.

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presentation, you will be doing them a great service. You have to be convinced to con- vince.

We did learn something in the past few years – life is short and things happen. Let something positive happen in your club. Hopefully, you will not be that President or leader who decided that there is still time for this. Another month will pass before you can schedule a proper evening. If every club in the District came forward with only two new – active members – a great impact will be the result.

There is no acceptable excuse for tabling this item. When you read this, think of a per- son in your club who will take the assign- ment and go for it. Once you have this suc- cess, your club will flourish and you will have a more vibrant and successful club. Then and only then, will the children of the world be the beneficiaries.

Check out the New York District Website at www.kiwannis-ny.org

Alzheimer’s Project

Steve Haller

Spring Valley Kiwanis Celebrates John Mackey’s 80th Birthday

Kiwanis Club of SPRING VALLEY, Hudson Tri-County Division – Board member John Mackey, otherwise known as Key Club Daddy, was honored with a gala celebration for his eightieth birthday. They had a birthday cake, flowers, and trick candles that wouldn’t blow out. At the Divisional in Elmford, he was presented with a John Mackey Day Proclamation from the Rockland County Legislature in honor of both his birthday and his good works. John has knit blankets for the First Lady Auction at Convention, attends divisionals and Governor’s Visits, attends our meetings and makes most of the important Key Club fundraisers. He drives and is very spry for 80. John had a hard early life and is particularly drawn to Key Club and Kiwanis because of the many charitable activities undertaken by both groups.

Generous to a fault, John is full of compas- sion for those having a hard time in life. He feels fortunate to have a happier existence now than in the past.

Fulton Kiwanis Presents Ziel Seabury Award

Kiwanis Club of FULTON, Ontario Division – Melanie Ziel, a past Syracuse Kiwanis Club President and Ontario Division Lieutenant Governor, was presented the coveted Harry F. Seabury Award at a recent division meet- ing attended by Fulton Schreck, Secretary of Fulton Kiwanis.

The award, presented annually by Fulton Kiwanis Club to an outstanding Kiwanian, is named for Harry F. Seabury, a Past President of the Fulton Club, a Past Lieutenant Governor of the Ontario Division and Past Governor of the New York District Kiwanis.

The purpose of the award is to honor a Kiwanian for outstanding activity in Kiwanis and community programs. The Fulton Club has presented the award annually for more than 20 years.

In addition to her Club and Division leader- ship, Miss Ziel has served as a chair of Children’s Miracle Network Breakfasts, a fundraiser for purchasing equipment for chil- dren’s hospitals.

She was also the On-To-Convention Co- chair for the New York District annual Convention, held in Syracuse.

Hudson Tri-County DPLG Lenora McCabe and Key Club Daddy John Mackey.

Ithaca Club Presents Frank Hammer Award

Kiwanis Club of ITHACA, Chemung Division - Three Cornell University Police officers – Christopher O’Hara, Robert Payne, and Randy Bowman – are the recipients of the Frank Hammer Kiwanis Officer of the Month Award for March.

Chief of Police and American Legion Post 194 Honor Guard Commander, Director and Chief of Cornell Police, nominated the three for their outstanding work in disarming a highly agi- tated and aggressive man who was attempt- ing to commit suicide with a loaded handgun near Colleker Hall, on the night of December 27, 2005.

All three officers “displayed heroism and bravery above and beyond the call of duty, which involved a known and imminent risk to their life, and they deliberately disregarded this imminent risk,” Ostroander said.

Ostroander cited the officers’ “timely response, securing and stabilizing the scene, and [their] command presence – qualities that come with experience and training. The officers’ actions reflect great credit upon themselves, Cornell University Police and Cornell University.”

It is unusual for the monthly award to go to more than one officer, Ostroander said. Fifteen years ago, two Cornell Police officers shared one of the monthly awards, but Ostroander said this is the first time he can remember that 3 officers from any depart- ment received the award at the same time.

Heritage Society

Carla Ingram

The Heritage Society is a planned giving pro- gram that Kiwanis International has formed. It is a fund raising technique for Kiwanis International; such as Charitable Gift annuities, trusts, life insurance and such.

For the New York District, the current Heritage Society Membership totals 164 donations. The first two (2) joined in 1991, but most have joined since 2000. Four (4) donors have died form the New York District.

Most of the members of the Heritage Society have donated a bequest in their wills or named the Foundation as beneficiary of their life insurance. No one from our district has a Charitable Gift Annuity with Kiwanis International. There are no Charitable Remainder Trusts or other deferred planned gifts arrangements so think about this as you are planning for the future. Although, it is not unusual not to know about this, because most people do not contact Kiwanians of things like this. So, if you are considering a gift such as this, please contact Kiwanis International to allow them to make plans.

The total membership of the Kiwanis International Foundation Heritage Society is 2504. Primarily all of these are from the United States because the U.S. has tax advantages through the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) and a culture of giving at death, which is not present in all countries and cul- tures represented by Kiwanis.

If you have any questions or concerns about the Heritage Society, please contact me and I will discuss this kind of giving with you.

Ontario PLCG Melanie Zel is presented the Harry F. Seabury Award for outstanding work in Kiwanis and the community by Fulton Secretary Jim Schreck.