The Kiwanis Club of Bensonhurst & Bay Ridge, Brooklyn Division – is proud to sponsor the Crista McAuliffe Builders Club who recently held a very successful Fashion Show at the Oriental Manor on 86th Street in Brooklyn.

Builders Club Advisor Lynn Ferrier remarked, “The McAuliffe Builders Club has worked very hard all year on projects that benefit our community. The members deserve much praise for all their efforts. Today’s Fashion Show exemplifies the firm commitment the members have to helping others.”

The Builders Club members worked diligently setting up beautifully decorated baskets and gift certificates, which they raffled off after the Fashion Show. The proceeds from the gala event will benefit the Builders Clubs charities. Members’ parents were out in full force to see their children model clothing from local apparel shops while enjoying a delicious dinner.

The event was a great success. Models were professional, enthusiastic and bubbly and the youngsters raised money for the needy.

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The Kiwanis Club of FORT, Central Division – held an evening assembly to welcome their new Builders Club. The event was held in conjunction with the school administration and staff.

At the assembly, which was also attended by Lt. Governor Donna Yando, the new Builders Club was presented with individual pins, a banner, and a bell. This club is under the advisement of teacher Mrs. Carmen LoRe Cooper and is very active, participating in many local and area events. There are 75 members in the new Builders Club.

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Busy Helping Hands At JW Bailey School

The Kiwanis Club of KINGSTON, Hudson River Division – sponsors the students in the Helping Hands Club at J. Watson Bailey Middle School. They have been very busy helping others. Under the Kingston Kiwanis Builders Club, the Helping Hands Club is a volunteer after-school service organization that was founded five years ago at the Middle School. Each Wednesday, a group of sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students meet ninth period under the guidance of faculty advisors Mary DeChristopher and June Wolfersteig.

The group plans, develops, and carries out a myriad of fundraising activities for local and national organizations and services. This past year, the Club has conducted a cell phone drive for the Office of the Aging; made pink ribbons to sell for Breast Cancer Awareness and raised $250 for the Breast Cancer Center at Kingston Hospital; raised $1,200 selling paper feathers for a food and toy drive; assisted the Kingston Teachers Federation with their annual blood drive; collected and purchased books for a South Carolina library destroyed by Hurricane Katrina; sold carnations to raise money for the Relay for Life team to benefit the American Cancer Society; and sent personal care items to soldiers in Iraq.

Currently, the students are cleaning around the school building in honor of Earth Day, and planning a Memorial Day dance to raise money for the Relay for Life team.

“We are a busy bunch!’” comments Ms. DeChristopher. “These are a great bunch of kids who truly see the value of ‘giving back.’”

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Roscoe Sponsors Builders Club

The Kiwanis Club of ROSCOE, Hudson River West Division – has started and is sponsoring a Builders Club at the Roscoe Central School. So far the club has 21 members from the 5th and 6th grades. This is quite a significant number when you consider that there are only 46 students, total, in those two grades! Officers elected in February are: Samantha Molinar – President; Dylan Baker – Vice President; Kerri Horton – Secretary; Taylor Keeler – Treasurer; Jordan Delfosia – 6th Grade Director; Justin Uleberg – 5th Grade Director. As the club progresses members from both 7th and 8th grade will be included.

Before being “officially” chartered the club was quite active completing three service projects between February and April, These included making Valentine cards for service-men in Iraq, St. Patrick’s Day goody bundles, and working at the Roscoe Kiwanis Club’s pancake breakfast. They began “Springing into Action” throughout May by conducting a food drive to benefit the local food pantry, participating in a litter-pluck, and planting flowers to give to residents of the Nursing Home.

Fund raising efforts started last month as the Builders participate in the Kiwanis Club’s Mothers’ Day Flower sale. An elementary school “Sneaker Event” and a Car Wash/Bake Sale are on their list of upcoming events.

The Club’s official charter has now come through and they have received their banner, bell and gavel. A formal Charter Ceremony is being planned at which members will be officially inducted and receive their membership pins and handbooks.