The Kiwanis Club of NORTH CENTRAL, Metropolitan Division – recently held their 20th Annual Easter Junior Golf Outing ceremony, at the Staten, in Staten Island.

The event honored local young golfers. The guest speaker at the event was Pete Meurer. Mr. Meurer, a well known golfer on Staten Island, played an active role in the outing and presented the winners awards.

Meurer has won the Staten Island Amateur Championship four times and Staten Island Classic, eleven times. Mr. Meurer has earned the title of “Golfer of the Year” on Staten Island. Jim Ford, a long time member of Kiwanis and an avid golfer, organized the outing and ceremony.

The winner of the Girls category was Jennifer Petrotta. Amalia Nicholas was runner up. The winner of the Boys category (15 years and under) was Mike Aiello. Peter Micelli was runner up. The winner of the Boys category (15-18 years of age) was Tim Kelly. Jeff Stein was runner up. Congratulations to all participants.

North Central Staten Island Junior Golf Outing 2004 Winners.

Mr. Maurer and Jeff Stein.

Peter Micelli

Jennifer Petrotta Mr. Maurer.

Amalia Nicholas.

Mike Aiello.

Tim Kelly.

Don't Miss Lindenhurst's Annual Steak Fry

The Kiwanis Club of Lindenhurst, Suffolk West Division – proudly announces its famous Annual “Larry Troiano Memorial Steak Fry” coming up on Thursday, August 12th from noon to 8pm at the Lindenhurst Firemen’s Memorial Park.

Steaks/chicken meals are only $12. Hamburgers are $5. Special “kids” meals available for only $5. These are complete meals – salad, bread, dessert, etc. Outback Restaurant is proud to join us and assist with the food and cooking. TAKE OUT AVAILABLE!!

Over 100 prizes are available in our raffle for only $1 a chance. The drawing will be held at 8pm. All profits go to the annual college scholarships. $16,000 given away last year!!

Rain or shine! For more information call Louise Perrotta at 631-226-5665.

Minisink Valley Kiwanians Got Heart

The Kiwanis Club of MINISINK VALLEY, Hudson River West Division – “YOU’VE GOTTEN TO HAVE HEART...” That was the headline in the Minisink Valley Central School District Newsletter recently mailed to all district residents. The accompanying article gave “special recognition and thanks” to the members of the Kiwanis Club of Minisink Valley.

At its regular meeting on Feb 10, 2004, the Club hosted special guest, Dr. Martha Murray, Superintendent of the Minisink Valley Central School District. Dr. Murray was present to accept a check from club president Gary Calta to fund the purchase of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED). The check covered the cost of the unit, a wall mount, and pediatric electrode pads. Although the school district already has five AEDs an additional unit was needed for the pool area and for use at athletic events. The equipment is mandated by New York State and plays an important part in the school’s safety program.

The club had recently presented the school district with funds to purchase pediatric electrode pads for the schools existing AEDs and to pay for the associated training.

School Superintendent Dr. Martha Murray and Minisink Valley President Gary Calta.

These pads are necessary for the AEDs to be used on the school’s younger students. The Minisink Valley Club’s donation totaling $2,800 is in support of the 2003-2004 Governor’s Project.

Boonville Celebrates 75th

The Kiwanis Club of BOONVILLE, Central Division – held a Diamond Anniversary Celebration at the Hulbert House on Saturday, April 24, to commemorate 75 years of service to the community.

The planning committee included Kiwanians Robert White, Kenneth Stabb, Richard Warren, and Harold Mahaffy. Over 100 members and guests, including fellow Kiwanians from around Central New York, attended the festivities. Among those attending was Central Division Lieutenant Governor Duane Niemi.

Boonville Herald editor/publisher Joe Kelly was the keynote speaker. Three Boonville Kiwanians, Raymond Kramer, Harold Mahaffy, and Richard Warren were recognized for their service to the club and community. The trio has over 100 years of combined service.

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The East Meadow Club, under DPR Jim Richards, extended the scope of the project. He set up a website group under the President’s Council for Physical Fitness and Sports President’s Challenge program, in which anyone who participated in the challenge could keep track of their progress and accomplishments during the several weeks that the challenge took to complete. Many of our members, including Gov. Peter, did so.

We as parents, grandparents and role models must lead by example. We must be the ones who show our youth that proper eating and exercising is good for the heart and the soul. Be a PETER’S LEADER and let’s tackle this problem of childhood obesity. We can make a difference.

Governor’s Project

Alan Beinhacker

This year’s Governor’s Project, Kiwanis and Kids Fit Together, has stimulated many imaginative ideas from our clubs on how to combat childhood obesity. I would like to share a few of these clubs projects with you. I would also like to thank those of you who have already completed their projects and encourage those who have not yet started their projects to do so.

The Copiague Club in the Suffolk West Division created a spotlight project on physical fitness. They went to their local elementary school and provided instructions on proper nutrition; the proper way to get your body warmed up before taking on a physical activity, like soccer; and the need to loosen your muscles by stretching and doing short running sprints in order to prepare your body for a physical activity. They also handed out booklets and pamphlets on the reasons why fitness is important.

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