Ben Bay Kiwanis Interclub With Europeans

Standing from L-R: FP Frank Naccarato, Francois Poulan, visiting Kiwanian from France, (holding certificate) PLG Carl E. Tavolacci, Metropolitan Division of N.Y.C., Elio Garozzo visiting Kiwanian from Catania, Italy (also holding certificate) Brooklyn Division LG Joseph G. Schiavo Jr., Pres. Jerry Bertuna, each holding puppets presented by Elio Garozzo, as a gesture of Kiwanian friendship and good will. Seated, left to right: First Lady Helen Schiavo and Ann Marie Poulan, visiting Kiwanian from France.

The Kiwanis Club of Buffalo Division and BAY RIDGE Brooklyn Division – an unusual and outstanding event occurred, when three European Kiwanians interclubbed during a recent club meeting.

Elio Garozzo, a member of the Kiwanis Club in Catania, Italy, and Francois Poulan and Ann Marie Poulan, members of the Kiwanis Club in Palavas-Les-Flats, France, were the visiting Kiwanians. The visitors received a very cordial and warm welcome. In turn, each of the European Kiwanians spoke and expressed great pleasure at the manner in which each was received and invited Bensonhurst & Bay Ridge members to visit their respective clubs in Europe. Elio Garozzo presented puppets from Italy, to Lt. Gov. Schiavo and to Club President Bertuna.

Long Beach Kiwanians Collect Tools For Schools

The Kiwanis Club of LONG BEACH, Long Island Southwest Division – back to school can be a very difficult time for children whose families cannot afford to buy the supplies suggested for the class they are entering. Long Beach Kiwanians are stepping up to the plate to make sure that at least 100 students, who would normally have trouble purchasing supplies, receive the tools they need.

The program “Tools for Schools,” is endorsed by the Long Beach School District. Students in need are provided with a backpack and all the supplies they need to start off the school year. Long Beach Kiwanis serves as the depository for all funds donated to purchase these supplies for students.

If you wish to donate to the “Tools for Schools” program, send a check payable to Long Beach Kiwanis, and send to P.O. Box 711, Long Beach, N.Y. 11561. Please mark the check “Tools for Schools.” Anyone wishing to donate supplies may do so by dropping them off at the Superintendent’s office at 235 Lido Boulevard, or at the Chamber of Commerce, located at 350 National Bldg. For more information, call James Reed of Kiwanis at (516) 315-0232.

With Sympathy

We are saddened to learn of the death of Ann L. Thompson husband Otis Thompson which occurred on May 21, 2004. Expressions of condolences can be sent to Mrs. Thompson, 41 Harvard Street, Northbury, Vt. 05059.

Our condolences go out to PLG Nancy Forrest to the passing of her husband R. Kevin Forrest, on Friday, July 4, 2003 Nancy served as Lt. Governor of the Hudson River Division. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

To send the family a condolence, please visit www.HudsonValleyFuneralHomes.com

District Webmaster

Marthy Toombs

The first-ever New York District Web Site Contest will be conducted this year to recognize clubs and divisions in the district which have outstanding web sites. All clubs and divisions have to do is enter and send an e-mail to Martin Toombs, the District Webmaster, at marty@toombs.com, stating an interest in entering. The e-mail must include the web page address; the club or division which sponsors it, and the name or names of those involved in building and maintaining the site.

Judging for the contest will be done by a panel of webmasters from other Kiwanis districts in the North America. Entries must be received by July 31. Web sites should not be changed during the judging period, which will run from August 1 to August 15, so that all the judges will see the same web site.

Awards will be presented at the District Convention in Buffalo. Club awards will be made in categories based on club size, and one award will be presented to the best division web site.

The following criteria will be used to evaluate the sites:

1. Is the site up to date?
2. Does the club/division have its own domain name?
3. Is a link to the Kiwanis International web site featured?
4. Does the site include information of interest to non-members?
5. Does the site include information of interest to Kiwanians?
6. Do the site’s pages display properly?
7. How strong is the site’s overall impression on a visitor?

Clubs and divisions may begin entering immediately. Contest winners will receive a special listing on the district web site as well as a certificate.

Any questions on the contest can be sent by e-mail to marty@toombs.com

Convention Results

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AMENDMENT #7 – To allow the use of the number of delegates clubs can send to district conventions as incentives for clubs to be “in good standing” DEFEATED.

AMENDMENT #8 – To require the use of a written ballot to change dues and some fees payable to Kiwanis International by individual clubs with oversight, through the House of Delegates DEFEATED.

AMENDMENT #9 – To provide Kiwanis clubs with oversight, through the House of Delegates, of dues and/or membership fees for non-member programs, and not to elect their own Board of Trustees. DEFEATED.

AMENDMENT #10 – To reduce the annual per capita International dues from US$42 to US$35. DEFEATED.

AMENDMENT #11 – To use bar-code scanning to validate admission to the House of Delegates. DEFEATED.

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