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MONTREAL SNAPSHOTS



Governor David and First Lady Debra host New Yorker Kiwanians at the International Convention in Montreal



Delegates Sing O Canada

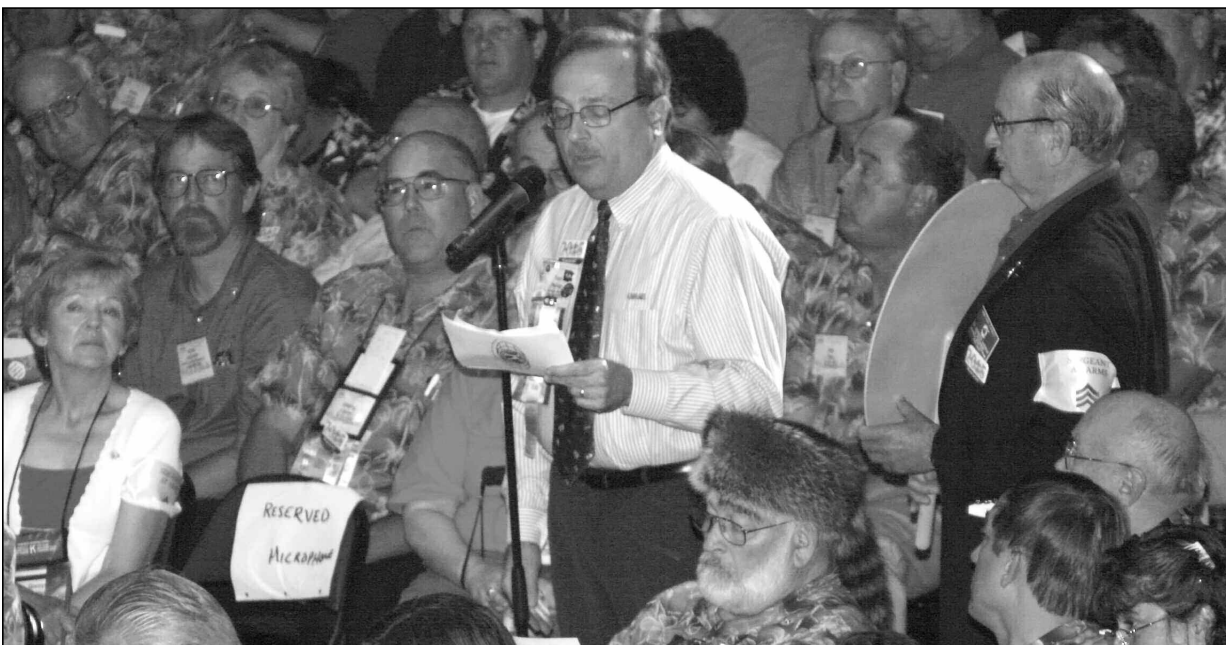


Parade of Kiwanis Flags



Governor Elect Joe and First Lady Nydia sign-in for official credentials at the New York Booth in Palais des Congrès in the Montreal Convention Center.

Trustee DeJulio Addresses Delegate Body



International Trustee Tom DeJulio explains the Kiwanis International Board position on the proposed amendment relating to the elimination of the title of "Treasurer" and refers to best practices learned from other leading nonprofit organizations. The House of Delegates overwhelmingly supported the Board position on each amendment addressed by Trustee Tom.

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Secretary/Treasurer

J. Don Herring

Now that the International Convention in Montreal is completed, it is proper that I report to you some of what went on at the Convention. It was reported that at the Convention 4,340 members and 1,227 guests were in attendance. Of the Kiwanians 2,963 received delegate credentials, and 614 were named delegates at large. This made a total delegate count of 3,577 delegates. New York District registered 321 Kiwanians and guests. This was the fourth largest group at the Convention exceeded only by California Nevada Hawaii, Eastern Canada & the Caribbean and Florida. All agreed that it was a very good showing from New York.

There were three (3) Amendments that were passed by the Delegate body. The delegate body also passed one Resolution on behalf of Kiwanians around the world. That was, to endorse the goal of one million members by the Kiwanis Centennial year of 2015. See page 3 - Delegates Endorse member Goal article for specific details.

President Elect Nelson Tucker made the following appointments of interest to New York Kiwanians.

New York Trustee Tom DeJulio was assigned to serve as Counselor to the France-Monaco District, the New Jersey District, and to Circle K International.

Trustee Paul Palazzolo from the Illinois District was named Counselor to the New York District.

In other matters at the Convention, Gov. David Rothman was very pleased with the attendance at the New York breakfast. He stated that it was a "grand affair" even at 7:00 o'clock in the morning. Thanks to all who made this event such a success.

We have much to be proud of in the New York District, at the Key Club International Convention in Boston July 1 - 5, 2006 three New York Key Clubbers were elected to International offices including; Shivani Radhakrishnan from Minisink Valley Central School as International President, and elected as International Trustees were Mary Phillips from Jamesville - DeWitt High School, and Katrina Roehrig from Riverhead High School. Our congratulations go out to them as they begin their administrative duties.

The District Convention is just around the corner. It will be held from September 6-10, 2006 in Saratoga Springs NY. Each club in good standing (no outstanding dues) is allowed three (3) delegates and three (3) alternates at the convention. Delegate forms were mailed July 28, 2006 to the club Secretaries. Additional copies may be obtained from the District Office. The completed forms be returned to the District Office no later than August 25, 2006 The Convention promises to be well attended so early registration is necessary to ensure placement in the Headquarters Hotel-The Saratoga. Both Housing and Convention registration forms

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**OFFICIAL CALL TO THE
89th ANNUAL CONVENTION
NEW YORK DISTRICT
KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL INC.**

This is the Official Call to the Officers, Directors and Members that the 89th Annual Convention of the New York District Kiwanis International Inc. will be held at the Saratoga Hotel, Saratoga Springs, New York from Wednesday, September 6th through Sunday, September 10th, 2006.

The business to be transacted will include the completion and reporting of all 2005-2006 Administrative Year business and all such new business as is needed for the operation of the New York District for the 2006-2007 Administrative Year. Included will be the election of District Officers, installation of the Board of Directors and any other business that may properly come before the delegate body. The General Session will be convened at 9:00 A.M. on Friday, September 8th, 2006. The House of Delegates will be convened on Saturday, September 9th, 2006 at 2:00 p.m.

The Annual Meeting of the New York District Kiwanis Foundation Inc. will be convened at 3:15 p.m. on Friday, September 8th, 2006.

Article X Section 6 of the New York District Bylaws states that each chartered club in good standing is entitled, in any District Convention, to three (3) Delegates. The club shall designate one (1) Alternate for each Delegate to the convention.

The form for properly certifying Club Delegates and Alternates will be mailed to each club and must be filed with the District Secretary at the New York District Kiwanis Office no later than August 11th, 2006, thirty (30) days prior to the Convention.

J. Donald Herring, District Secretary / Treasurer
Dated July 10, 2006
Utica, N.Y.



Governor Elect

Joseph Corace

Last month the 2006-2007 Board of Lt. Governors met in Binghamton for their official Training Session. The sessions were run by Master Trainers DPLG Dr. Rosemary DeJulio and International Trustee Tom DeJulio. I sincerely thank them for being at my side and giving my team the tools they need for a great year. Each of our 28 Lt. Governors were filled with exciting new ideas and are ready to take on the job ahead of them. Many District Chairs are in place to offer support and help them whenever they need anything.

We are all looking forward to continuing in the Kiwanis service tradition, while having some special fun this year. Nydia and I thank everyone for their commitment and friendship. Finally, at our first board meeting, we officially approved our team name, "Joe's Heroes."

**PROPOSED
BY-LAW AMENDMENT**

The following proposed amendment will be brought before the House of Delegates at the 2006 District Convention in Saratoga.

Language to be added is in bold face type. Language to be deleted is in parenthesis.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Submitted by: the 2005-2006 Finance Committee

Purpose: To increase the dues each member club must pay to the District for each of its members from \$19.50 to \$25.50.

Article XV REVENUE

Section 1. Each member club shall pay to the District for each of its members, with the exception of its honorary members, **\$25.50** (\$19.50) per annum as dues and \$4.50 per annum as a reimbursement contribution to the district foundation for its cost in issuing the Foundation Bulletin named Empire State Kiwanian, such amounts to include all District Charges, other than the registration fees paid by those in attendance at district convention, council or conferences. The total amount of **\$30.00** (\$24.00) per member shall be payable annually on the club's anniversary date as set forth in the International By-Laws.

A majority of the 2005-2006 Board, the 2006-2007 and the Finance Board favored this Amendment

The New York District of Kiwanis International
is now accepting advertisements for the

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Tucker Picked to Lead 2006-07 team

Kiwanis International Convention, Montreal, Canada – Two-time distinguished club president Nelson Tucker becomes President of Kiwanis International, effective October 1, 2006. Delegates attending the 92nd International Convention and President Steve Siemens congratulated Nelson Tucker as the Northridge, California, Kiwanian was introduced at the Montréal convention as the organization's 2006-07 President. Adding their applause are Vice-President-designate Don Canaday and President-Elect-designate Dave Curry.

Annual International Convention in Montréal, Québec, this past July elected the Northridge, California, Kiwanian as the organization's next worldwide leader, joining seven other new and returning International Board officers and Trustees.



Nelson Tucker, 2006-07 Kiwanis International President

In addition to serving twice as a distinguished club president, Nelson was 1996-97 governor of the California-Nevada-Hawaii District, a distinguished lieutenant governor, and has sponsored more than 300 men and women into Kiwanis clubs. He joined the International Board in 2001 as a Trustee.

Herring

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are available on the New York Kiwanis web site, as well as pages 12 and 15 of the ESK.

A final reminder; Club election report forms are overdue. Thank you to those who have sent them in. If you have not as yet done so you should get them in immediately. We are putting together the Division Pages for the Joe's Heroes Directory. This information is vital to that publication.

You will be contacted soon about the dates for Club Leadership Training in your Division. Please plan to attend this session as many new facets have been added to the program. This is especially true for long tenured Secretaries. You will want to be brought up to date on the new activities.

I hope to see you all in Saratoga.

Eat, Drink and be Merry



Governor David and First Lady Debra welcome New York Kiwanians to their room for some treats, drinks and good old-fashioned New York Fellowship in Montreal during the 2006 International Convention. Looks like fun!



David A. Curry, Kiwanis International President Elect.

Also elected in Montréal were:

- President-Elect: **David A. Curry**, a 17-year member of the Silver Bow, Butte, Montana, Kiwanis club. He earned distinguished status as a club president (1995-96), lieutenant governor (1997-98), and Montana District governor (1999-2000). In 2001, he was elected a Kiwanis International Trustee.



Donald R. Canaday, Kiwanis International Vice-President.

- Vice-President: **Donald R. Canaday**, who earned distinguished status as charter president of the Kiwanis Club of Meridian Hills, Indianapolis in 1969. He is a former member and distinguished past president of the Lawrence, Indiana, and Chena-Fairbanks, Alaska, Kiwanis clubs. He also served as 1997-98 governor of the Indiana District.

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- Region I (United States) Trustees: A. **Alan Penn** of the Medina Breakfast, Ohio, club; **Donald J. Sanker** of the Penn Hills, Pennsylvania, club; and **Stan L. Storey** of the Arlington, Jacksonville, Florida, club.

- Region II (Eastern Canada and the Caribbean District and Western Canada District) Trustee: Roy S. Bird, of the Edmonton, Alberta, club, was elected to this three-year term at the Western Canada District Convention in August 2005.

- Region III (Europe) Trustee: Theodor "Theo" Riesen of the Bern-Aare, Switzerland, club, was elected to this three-year term at the Kiwanis International-European Federation Convention this past May.

Delegates Endorse Member Goal

Kiwanis will have 1 million members before its 100th birthday on January 21, 2015.

The goal is written into Kiwanis International's strategic plan, and it is the target on which North American, European, Asia-Pacific, and Latin American regional strategies focus. Now, Kiwanis clubs have expressed support of the membership goal too.

Representatives from clubs worldwide, participating in the House of Delegates at the 91st International Convention in Montréal, Québec, endorsed the 1-million-members goal with the passage of a resolution titled "One Million Members by 2015."

The resolution notes that Kiwanis volunteers are changing the world one child and one community at a time and that the strength and effectiveness of this service depends on the strength and effectiveness of the organization's membership. "To change the world by serving more children and more communities, Kiwanis membership must grow to meet tomorrow's needs," the resolution states.

According to Kiwanis International's strategic plan, the organization emphasizes three routes to its 1-million-members destination: Build on the current Kiwanis, adding members and enhancing traditional-style clubs; expand into communities and nations where Kiwanis is under-represented or does not yet exist; and explore new styles of clubs and memberships.

Delegates backed up the resolution with their approval of a Bylaws amendment, which grants a one-year dues reprieve for news members for clubs that experience membership gains of 25 percent or higher.

"This is the new type of thinking that will help Kiwanis achieve its 1 million-members goal by January 2015," says International President Steve Siemens of the proposal submitted by the Kiwanis Club of Alpine, Rockford, Illinois.

Other actions and decisions during the House of Delegates:

Approved:

- An amendment to change the office of International Vice-President/Treasurer to Vice-President.

- An amendment to expand the definition of conduct unbecoming a member of the Kiwanis International Board to all Kiwanis International officers, including district governors.

Failed:

- A proposal to allow flexibility in the composition of club boards of directors by setting board size at 10 percent of a club's membership.

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Governor

David Rothman

The New York District has a lot to be thankful for. Recently over three hundred members attended the International convention in Montreal. The theme for the convention was about the need for change for our continued growth to 1 million members as we celebrate our 100th anniversary in 2015. International First Lady Barb Siemens opened the convention by telling of her experience while visiting our Kamp Kiwanis. She mentioned about the mural outside of Governors Hall and the caption below that "change begins here." It made us all proud, but what made us even shine more was when she continued her story. Several weeks later, while back home in Iowa, attending a membership roundup she was introduced to a woman who was joining Kiwanis because of an experience earlier in her life. Thirty plus years ago, while growing up in New York, her local Kiwanis club sent her to Kamp Kiwanis for three consecutive weeks and she never forgot her kamp experience. To borrow a phrase from International Trustee Tom DeJulio, we "touched her life" and she is now in a position to give back and join the K family to touch someone else's life. What a great story! Thanks to your continued support, as you read this, our Kamp is once again providing a positive camping experience to hundreds of needy and special needs children.

Our District convention is approaching rapidly. Please get your reservations early. You will note that it will take place in September, something that hasn't been done in over twenty years. The convention honoree will be New York District Foundation President Lindy Marrazzo. Lindy does so much without looking for any recognition. Congratulations Lindy! Beware there will be some surprises at the convention. One special event I will tell you about is scheduled for Friday evening. It will be a "nite at the races," using Kiwanians as the horses – more information to follow. I wish all of our candidates well in there respective elections. Debra and I would like to thank each and everyone of you for your gracious hospitality. We have had much pleasure visiting this great district of ours. I would like to thank all of those people that helped make the International Convention a success.

In the last few weeks we have lost some very hard working members of our K family. Our deepest sympathy to their families, they will forever be in our hearts.

By now all club dues should have been paid. If you are not sure if your club has paid their dues please contact the New York District Office. If they have not been paid, the club will not be in good standing and will not be able to vote at convention.

Lastly, on a very serious note the New York District is being asked once again, to come to the aide of fellow Kiwanians in the lower southern tier of our district. Several weeks

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First Lady

Debra Fuchs

Back in April, while Governor David and I were visiting the Southwestern Division under the leadership of LG Wendy Wilcox, I had the pleasure of meeting the secretary of the Kiwanis Club of Northern Chautauqua, Denise Dejaiffe. While Denise and I were chatting that evening, I happened to mention that my daughter Gabrielle had just gone with her Key club to a local AHRC to do an art project with the children who attended that program. Denise and I agreed that we both had an issue with the use of the “R” word. And so, Denise agreed to help me with this issue by writing the article one the right. I hope you enjoy Denise’s article and please open your hearts to those less fortunate. I thank the many of you that have participated in this years Partner’s Project and I am looking forward to receiving more completed projects during the rest of my term.

Delegates Endorse

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• A proposal to provide that the House of Delegates address any change in charter fees, new-member induction/processing fees, or any other financial encumbrance for any member club or active, privileged, or senior member.

Failed for lack of a motion:

• A proposal to require clubs to pay a US\$30 new-member fee to Kiwanis International.

Referred back to the International Board for further consideration:

• A proposal to allow Kiwanis International to pursue new membership initiatives, such as affiliate groups, to best ensure robust growth worldwide in support of the one-million-members goal.

Withdrawn:

• A proposal to limit the eligibility of former members of Kiwanis International sponsored programs for the waiver of dues payments to Kiwanis International for the first two years of membership.

• A proposal to allow clubs to pay dues on behalf of "family units" rather than on behalf of individual members.

• A proposal to change the eligibility of Kiwanis International officers for reimbursement for travel and accommodation expenses for the annually conducted International Council and Convention.

Rothman

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ago, after heavy rains and massive flooding the lower southern tier including but not limited to Susquehanna Division sustained heavy damages. The Binghamton Regency where we have held conventions, took in three feet of water in its lower level. I am asking you to look at the many needs listed on the District website (www.Kiwanis-NY.org) to see if you can fill any of the many needs. We wish those effected well and will help in anyway we can.

How Do We Make The Kiwanis Structure More Member-Focused?

Recently a special committee comprised of Kiwanis members and leaders from around the world, issued a report to the Kiwanis International Board containing 12 recommendations for changes to our organizational structure.

The International Board has not offered a position on any of these recommendations.

These recommendations were submitted by the special committee to offer solutions on how Kiwanis could be a more efficient, member-focused organization.

In order to properly evaluate the committee’s recommendations, the Board has established four task forces on Global Structure, District Structure, Election of International Leadership and Conventions and Council with

the important task to gather as much feedback from the members as possible.

For this reason, you, the member, are an important part of the process.

By far, the single most important thing that the International Board can do for you is to listen. Listen to your ideas, your concerns and your questions. If it’s important to you, it’s important to us because you are the future of Kiwanis and the one who will help it grow.

The International Board would like to know what you think about the proposed recommendations. You may find, that after reading the special committee’s recommendations, you have more questions than answers. We’d like to hear about those too. We are asking for

your comments; if you agree tell us why. If you disagree, offer a solution. Help us to understand your rationale.

As you know, we have an aggressive goal as an organization and that is to grow Kiwanis to one million members by 2015. The only way we are going to do that is by making our organization more member-focused.

Help us do that by sharing your suggestions and thoughts.

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

The “R” Word – Derogatory Slang

Written by: Denise M. Dejaiffe, Secretary of the Kiwanis Club of Northern Chautauqua/Southwestern Division and her daughter, Katherine “Katie” Wilkes, New York District Key Club Past Lt. Governor, Southwestern Division

“re-tard” (r_· tãrd’) – to make slow or slower; to delay or impede the progress, course or event of.” (Webster’s New Collegiate Dictionary, ©1961 G. & C. Merriam Co.) Our nation’s special education law, the IDEA, defines mental retardation as . . . “significantly subaverage general intellectual functioning, existing concurrently with deficits in adaptive behavior and manifested during the developmental period, that adversely affects a child’s educational performance.” [34 Code of Federal Regulations §300.7(c)(6)]

That out of the way, this article is not about the actual definition or origin of the word retard, or the term mental retardation. Rather it is about the derogatory way retard, (hereon referred to as the “R” word) is used as a slang word in everyday language to many people.

My son David was born on November 28, 1984. He suffered a lack of oxygen at the time of his birth, resulting in a chronic seizure disorder and mental retardation. At the age of five he was diagnosed as having profound

mental retardation. It was a heartbreaking diagnosis, more so even than the seizures he suffered from almost daily. One of the first things that came to my mind was that he would be called “R” the rest of his life. I was determined from that moment on to help change the minds of people about using the “R” word. David was a child with mental retardation, not a “R”. It was a diagnosis of his intellectual and adaptive functions, not who he was. He was still a beautiful boy with brown curly hair, blue eyes and a sweet, crooked smile that would make anyone smile back at him.

It is disturbing enough that over the years the “R” word has been used to make fun of someone whose intelligence is less than what is considered normal, whether they have mental retardation or another learning disability. More so lately it is used as everyday slang by many people towards just about anyone. They use the “R” word without even thinking about it. I hear young children, teenagers, college students, adults, professionals, teachers and even my own family use the word every day. Comedians, actors and radio hosts use the “R” word to supposedly be funny. I’m not laughing!

My daughter, Katie, age 19, and I almost always bring it to the attention of the person using the “R” word that it is both hurtful and

offensive to us. We tell them briefly about David and ask them if they have ever known someone who has mental retardation, to personalize it for them. We then ask them to think twice about using it again. We do this not just for David, but for his friends, classmates and all persons who have mental retardation.

Our beloved David passed away on August 18, 1996 from a sudden illness. His courage, faith and unconditional love are daily reminders to us to live each day to the fullest and to show respect and compassion to those less fortunate.

“Great strides are continually being made to include children and adults with special needs in our schools and community. Let us welcome them with open minds and open hearts.”- from David’s eulogy, written by Mom.

I had the honor of meeting New York District First Lady Debra Fuchs at the Southwestern Division Governor’s Visit. We talked about Debra’s Partner’s Project and shared our experiences about Debra’s brother, Richard and my son, David.

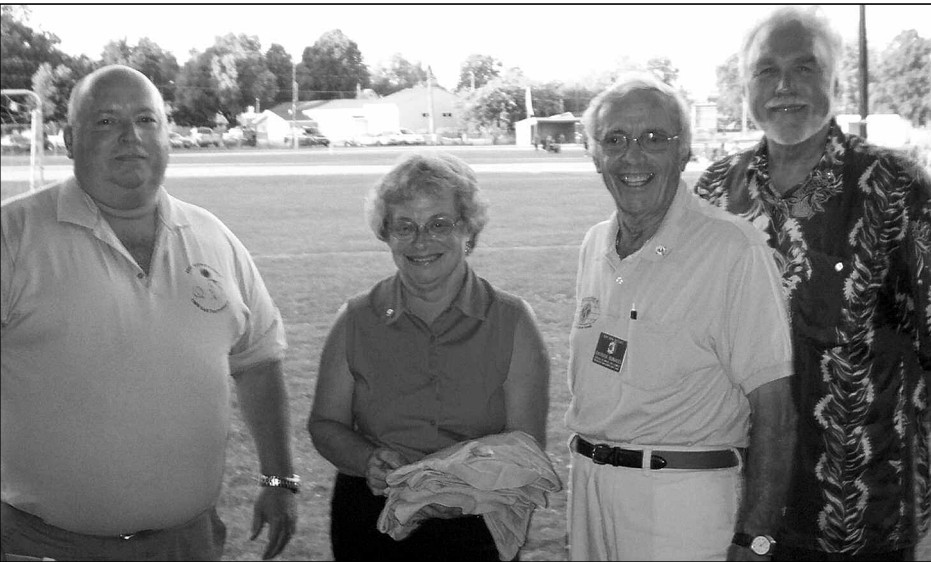
We found out that we both hated when people use the word retard, we termed it the “R” word, and decided to write this article together.

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Richard A. Terry Memorial CMN Golf Tournament Raises Over \$3,800

The **GENESEE DIVISION** raised over \$3,800 for the Golisano’s Children’s Center at Strong Memorial Hospital. On Friday, July 7, 2006, over 45 golfers (mostly Western New York

Kiwanians) participated in a scramble event that saw two winners: Nunda Kiwanis and Henrietta Kiwanis Team 1, who shared the honors.



Since the early eighties the Genesee Division has hosted this event in conjunction with the Children’s Miracle Network Telethon. Distinguished Past Lt. Governor Dick Terry began this tournament and promoted it throughout Western New York.

The Genesee Division has raised over \$250,000 since the early 80’s and currently shares the naming rights with sister Division, Finger Lakes, for a patient room in the state-of-the-art PICU unit at the recently expanded Golisano Children’s Center’s Pediatric Trauma Unit.

Photo left, Greece club Secretary Vivien accepts shirts with Dick Terry’s likeness on front on behalf of her family. This is a token of appreciation to honor Dick Terry’s persistence in making sure that the Genesee Division continues to support CMN and Kiwanis International (a National Corporate Sponsor of CMN).

Jamaica Club Formed In Queens

The **QUEENS EAST DIVISION** was very happy to welcome the Kiwanis Club of Jamaica into their division. The charter night for the new club was held on July 21, 2006 at a Gala Dinner/Dance at Thomasina's Catering Hall in St. Albans. Governor David Rothman was proud to present the official charter to Jamaica's President Mary Burton-Forbes.

This new club is one of five clubs formed in the last five years in the Queens East Division. SDPLG Bill Risbrook with the help of DPG Peter Mancuso and PR Chair Janice Seyfried were instrumental in the birth of the Jamaica club.

Also in attendance was PLG Gwendolyn King, as well as many of the newly chartered club members. The new club received total support from all the clubs in the Queens East Division and many other clubs throughout the New York District. Welcome to our family Jamaica Club!



Queens East Lt. Governor Gwendolyn King, Governor David Rothman, Jamaica Officers: President Mary Burton-Forbes, Vice President Robbin Jones, President Elect Portia Dewar, Secretary Sherine Marshall and Treasurer Yvonne Rigabie.



SDPLG William Risbrook, instrumental in the Jamaica Club formation, with Jamaica Club President Mary Burton-Forbes and Kiwanis Club of St. Albans President James A. Lynch.



First Lady Debra Fuchs (right) with Cambria Heights PP Willeen Hunter are present to congratulate Jamaica club.



Town Hall PP Larry Perretta, PR Chair Janice Seyfried and Town Hall President Jo-Ann DelGado.



Governor David Rothman presents club charter to Jamaica President Mary Burton-Forbes.



Town Hall Past President Larry Perretta, Current President Jo-Ann DelGado, Hempstead Past President Denise Thibou and Governor David Rothman extend their best wishes.

Southwestern Hosts Gov. David and First Lady Debra

The **SOUTHWESTERN DIVISION** recently welcomed Governor David Rothman and First Lady Debra to the official Governor's visit at the Moonbrook Country Club in

Jamestown. Lt. Governor Elect Jason Hansen was the Chairman of the event and over 50 members were out in force, to make the New York District First Family feel spe-

cial. The Gov. and First Lady were presented special mementos from the region. The First Lady helped draw the grand prize for the Division's Raffle for the Kiwanis Safety Village Building. The Grand Prize was 4 tickets for the Cleveland Indians/Pittsburg Pirates game in Cleveland, a limo ride to Cleveland and \$200 spending money.



Southwestern Division Kiwanians gather to welcome First Lady Debra and Governor David Rothman to their Division.



Pictured (l-r) LG Wendy Wilcox, Gov. David Rothman and First Lady Debra.



KI Board Trustee

Thomas E. DeJulio

What's New About Kiwanis?

Many of us returned from the Kiwanis International Convention in Montreal "charged up" and motivated to do "the impossible" – reaching our goal of one million members on the 100th Anniversary of Kiwanis in 2015. The Key Message is **We Can Do The Impossible**. **CAN** is an acronym to help us remember that we can **CLIMB HIGHER, ACHIEVE SUCCESS**, and **NURTURE EXCELLENCE** in a Kiwanis that is reborn and becoming new again.

A few are taken aback by the thought of figuratively burying the old Kiwanis and recognizing that the past is gone and the best and even more exciting times to be a Kiwanian are ahead.

Please don't misunderstand. The new Kiwanis will always respect the past; it will surely need to learn from the past, and it desires to find new ways to honor the very best of our past.

But the new Kiwanis cannot repeat the past or live in it. Rather, the new Kiwanis will enliven, refresh and recreate Kiwanis traditions so that they will become more relevant to our times while always remaining faithful to our core values of serving the world, one person and one community at a time. The Six Permanent Objects are and will always be our core values.

Yes, we may have "buried" the old motto We Build, but the New Kiwanis will still build, form, and shape lives, especially the lives of more Kiwanis Kids, Builders Club members, Key Clubbers and Key Leaders, Circle Kers, and Aktion club members.

As many know, my life was formed and shaped by Kiwanis 40 years ago when I was "invited" to join Key Club at the age of 15. The New Kiwanis wants my story to be ordinary, not unique. We need to make it one of tens of thousands of stories of lives changed forever by what is best called, the Magic of Kiwanis.

What is that magic? Well, it's simply the fact that you cannot help another without also helping yourself. Yes, the magic of Kiwanis is how each of us is affected (or changed) by the effects (or results) of our service.

The New Kiwanis will make sure the stories of our service are broadcast proudly and boldly in a marketing and branding campaign the likes of which we have never seen before so that the people you ask to join will understand more clearly who we are and why you want to share the magic with them.

Good things are meant to be shared. And Kiwanis is a very good thing although we are far from perfect. We are still a work in progress. The New Kiwanis must climb higher and achieve success by also nurturing excellence.

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Pediatric Lyme Disease

John Gridley

Did You Know?

These facts about Lyme Disease and other tick borne infections?

Across the globe, all types of media are reporting increasing problems with ticks and their diseases. All local reports suggested an increase of Lyme Disease in New York State and on Long Island.

Ticks can go unnoticed, because they are so small.

Ticks can carry and transmit several diseases at once.

Reported cases of tick-borne disease continue to rise in many states in the US and many countries across our earth.

Any person can be infected for weeks or months or years or a LIFETIME.

An infected person can experience combinations of symptoms. They can be few or many changes, subtle or strange effects, difficult or tolerable pain, painful, or sometimes even there is an absence of symptoms altogether. There can be various types of rashes or even no rashes at all.

Quick and effective treatment following a tick bite could prevent persistent infection. Find a good specialist.

Unidentified and untreated infections can progress indefinitely.

All diseases a tick can transmit can be difficult to diagnose.

Tests can be falsely negative, leaving infected persons undiagnosed.

When a tick bite results in sickness, symptoms of the infection can be varied and easily mistaken as other illnesses or diseases.

There are NO 100% conclusive, diagnostic tests for most of these infectious diseases.

There are very few doctors, tests, or labs able to diagnose 'Lyme' or associated tick-borne disease.

There are even less doctors treating Lyme and associated diseases.

Upon completion of 2 to 6 weeks or more of treatment, countless individuals continue experiencing symptoms and some continue testing positive for tick-borne diseases.

The reality of tick-born diseases continues to be an enigma for scientists and doctors worldwide.

As you know, this program was started when I was Governor of this great district. We have come a long way since then. We are now a Foundation (Pediatric Lyme Disease Emergency Fund) and any donation is tax deductible. We now have two fundraisers. One is selling pins and the other, which has just been introduced, is called the Brittany Fellowship, which is named after the little girl who gave that moving speech at our district convention. A contribution of \$500 will get you enrolled as a Brittany Fellow. You will receive a medallion and plaque, which is numbered (*sorry, no jackets*). The first one,

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Joseph Michael Wuest Honored by Morris Park

Kiwanis Club of **MORRIS PARK**, Bronx West South Division - DPLG Joseph Michael Wuest was named recipient of Kiwanis International's Lifetime Award on May 18th at the NY Athletic Club in Pelham, NY. President Peter Caliendo presented the award as one hundred fifty Kiwanians gathered to celebrate Joe's twenty year commitment to Kiwanis. Joe is recognized for his generous support of children, especially those afflicted with Pediatric Lyme Disease. The Pediatric Lyme Disease Project is a cause close to the hearts of Joe and wife Ginnie (DPP, Westchester Village Club) as grandchildren Brittany and Courtney Mezzancello are victims of the disease carried by ticks.

Joe Wuest was accompanied by family and friends while a parade of distinguished Kiwanians from across the NY District filed the room. Son-in-law Mark, nephew Justin Scrafani, daughter Pattie and granddaughter Brittany Mezzancello, son-in-law Roy and daughter Debbie Ellefsen, granddaughter Lynn and her husband Frankie Cherabini were by Joe's side.

Co-chairs of the special event were LG Designate Dennis Rosa and Warren Gold, Sr. (Morris Park Club). Warren was assisted by his wife Mary Ann.

BWS LG Jack Glazier was MC for the evening and introduced a long list of dignitaries: Past Gov. & Int'l Trustee Thomas E. DeJulio and DPLG Dr. Rosemary DeJulio (Fordham Club), DPG John A. Gridley (Floral Park) and former First Lady Rose Marie, BSW DPG Dr. George Kane, LISW PG Alfred J. Bevilacqua, and Gov. Elect Joseph L. Corace, and future First Lady Nydia.

Also, present from other divisions were: Finger Lakes DPLG Ray Pfeifer and Sarah, SDPLG Dr. Peter Pellittieri and Doreen Pellittieri, LISC DPLG Mickie Leamey and LISC LG Warren Kalmenson.

BWS PLGs who attended included: IPDLG Rocco Riti, SDPLG Sister Anne-Marie Kirmse, O.P., PLG Danny Ilich, DPLG Don Ciota, PLG Bob Rubinstein, PLG Bob Foster, PLG Anthony Guarino, DPLG Pat Pilenza, DPLG Dr. Rosemary DeJulio, PLG Ron Volino, DPLG Angela Politano.

Joe Wuest has been the recipient of every award that Kiwanis offers! Among those are the Diamond Kaiser, the Diamond Hixson, the KPTC Fellowship, and the Tablet of Honor. Ginnie Wuest was handed a bouquet of roses by DPLG Angela Politano for the unwavering support of her husband. But, let's make it clear that the woman behind the man has earned numerous Kiwanis award of her own. Kiwanis is a family affair to the Wuests.

Testimonials regarding Joe's many contributions to Kiwanis were presented by NY Gov. Elect Joseph Corace, Int'l Trustee Thomas E. DeJulio, LG Elect Palma Volino and Pres. Vicki Volino, DPG Dr. George Kane, and PG Al Bevilacqua.

Significant among the speakers was DPG John Gridley, who is co-chair along with Joe Wuest, of the NY District Foundation for Pediatric Lyme Disease. Joe has introduced John to many "nice kids" suffering with the disease; and subsequently, the Governor's Project in 2000-2001 became the PLD Project. The Governor saw for himself how the spirochete bacteria can ravage a child's immune system, possibly rendering the young with neurological symptoms or with symptoms that mimic other serious diseases - sometimes with life threatening consequences.

DPG John Gridley announced that the PLD fund had officially become a NY District Foundation entitled, the Brittany Fellowship. For a \$500 donation to the Brittany Fellowship, the contributor is awarded a medallion called "The Brittany." The name-

sake and her proud parents, Mark and Patti Mezzancello were present to witness Joe receive the very first "Brittany," which is designed in her likeness. DPG John Gridley sponsored the premiere award and unveiled a sketch of "The Brittany."

Joe's face displayed a thrilled and proud

expression upon receiving the honor. The event was a fitting tribute to the quintessential Kiwanian, Joseph Michael Wuest. The vibrant, forthright, influential, dedicated, philanthropic Kiwanian has been courageously battling cancer for several years, but is unyielding in his struggle.



L to R : PG Al Bevilacqua, International Trustee Tom DeJulio, DPG Dr. George Kane, DPLG Joseph Michael Wuest (honoree), DPG John Gridley, and Gov. Elect Joe Corace.



Brittany Mezzancello, DPLG Joe Wuest, Morris Park President Peter Caliendo and DPG John Gridley. Brittany is the granddaughter of Joe Wuest and the namesake for the Brittany Fellowship Award. DPG & Lyme Disease Chair John Gridley presents rendition of the award to all.



Brittany and her dad Mark Mezzancello are proud to honor Joe Wuest for all his achievements.

DeJulio

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The New Kiwanis will be redesigned and restructured to become more cost effective and efficient. Clubs and their members expect that and deserve nothing less. And they also expect to be empowered, not embarrassed, by Kiwanis activities. And that includes running a House of Delegates without confusion. The commitment to excellence was best demonstrated by the contrast between the Montreal experience and the "hula dances" done on the delegate floor in Hawaii last year when the amendment to the amendment that was first amended by an earlier amendment made by a point of order that was out of order at the wrong microphone could not be heard.

The New Kiwanis also believes that nothing of value happens in our organization in the absence of leadership, leadership that is committed in its vision, in its strategic planning, and in its management. Toward that end, because we believe better than 85% of our challenges, conflicts, and controversies are solvable through more education and better communication, the New Kiwanis is developing K-University, a broad based educational initiative to reach out beyond the relatively few who always come year after year to convention workshops and forums.

We need to reach out to all Kiwanians, all too many I fear are disconnected from their International and District structures. These are the members who labor in the fields of service of their local communities and who may not realize how much our organization needs their skills and talents in leadership positions in our regional and International structures.

The New Kiwanis will reach out to that untapped potential to assume club regional and district leadership roles so that "funny" story about the last person to arrive at a club meeting becomes next year's president will become fiction rather than common practice.

Yes the New Kiwanis CAN AND WILL DO IT - Climb Higher, Achieve Success and Nurture Excellence. But the new Kiwanis is not the bricks and mortar of a building in Indianapolis. The New Kiwanis is you.

You are the ones transforming lives daily by your volunteer spirit. You are the ones who by what you do, transform your own lives through the magic of Kiwanis service. You are the ones who love this organization so much, and all that it does collectively and all the time honored values it stands for, that you will not only continue in Kiwanis with your compassion and great heartedness, but you will also recognize that one of the most important responsibilities of your being a Kiwanian is to SHARE your love of Kiwanis by inviting others to join.

The New Kiwanis believes that membership growth is not a numbers game, (its not a game at all) but a serious desire to render more service in your community and in newly defined and more diverse communities who need Kiwanis and who are willing to go beyond random acts of kindness and make a commitment, a long term commitment to the Kiwanis brand of service.

How? By touching the lives of children today. Making a difference in one life that will make a difference in our lives and in our world.

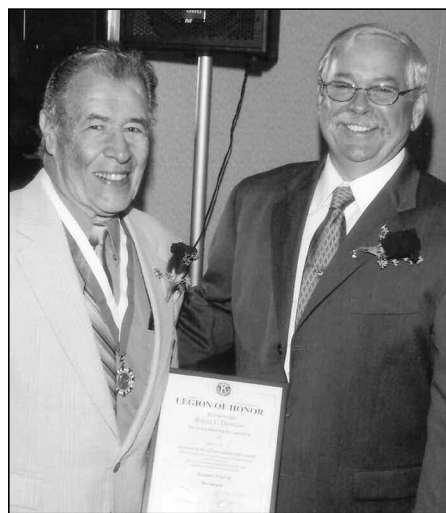
Massapequa Honors Officers

The Kiwanis Club of **MASSAPEQUA**, Long Island South Central Division – recently hosted the 57th Annual Installation of Officers and Board of Directors at the Stuart Thomas Manor. The dinner honored Massapequa Outgoing Officers and Board of Directors. The new Massapequa team was welcomed and highlights of the past years accomplishments were celebrated.

Special recognition awards and presentations were made to Joe Ruggiero, Kiwanian of the Year, for going above and beyond in assisting the president during his term; to Rocco Dionisio and Dom DiFranco, Legion of Honor Certificate and Pin recipients, for over 25 years of Kiwanis service including positions as president, treasurer, secretary, and board member terms. Peter Schmitt, a Nassau County Legislator and Kiwanian, was presented with a Legion of Honor Certificate for over 25 years of Kiwanis service, which included President and Board Member terms.



Immediate Past President John Kilgus and Kiwanian of the Year Joe Ruggiero.



Legion of Honor recipient Rocco Dionisio and Massapequa Immediate Past President John Kilgus.



Historian

Tony Kaiser

Kiwanis Treasurers

(Second in Mini-Series)

I've written before about the late George H. Prout of the Troy Kiwanis Club, editor of our Empire State Kiwanian from 1931 until 1973 (yes that's 43 years!). George was named an Honorary PG of our NYD in 1963 and in my book he was a giant among giants during what many would regard as the golden age of Kiwanis in our district and you would look in vain for a more dedicated Kiwanian or a more gentle gentleman. I'm so grateful for having known him.



George H. Prout

I have in my possession a photo album/ring binder which George Prout assembled and presented to our district "in appreciation of the privilege, it has been of knowing each of (the dedicated Kiwanians pictured) with the exception of (the first four district governors, who served from 1918 to 1922)." The album includes the official photographs of every one of the Kiwanians who served as NYDG, from the first Claren A. Nelson in 1918, through Richard J. Leahy, Esq. in 1973, the year of George's retirement as ESK Editor, as well as our district secretaries and treasurers from those years. The album is one of the most prized Kiwanis treasures, not only for its own sake but because of the story behind my having it.

When George presented me with the wonderful photo album in October, 1973, soon after my term as 1971-72 district governor ended, I wrote to him thanking him profusely for producing the album and presenting it to the District and especially for "including me among the few people to receive one." George responded with a hand-written postcard, which is also among my treasurers: "Hi 'Bud' (he called me that sometimes). Thanks for your kind letter I just received. You mentioned 'being one of the few' to receive PG picture puzzle. There is no few Tony. Only NY District office, you and myself own copies of this number. Glad you

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Immediate Past President John Kilgus, Legion of Honor recipient Dom DiFranco.



Immediate Past President John Kilgus and Legion of Honor recipient Peter Schmitt.

Gridley

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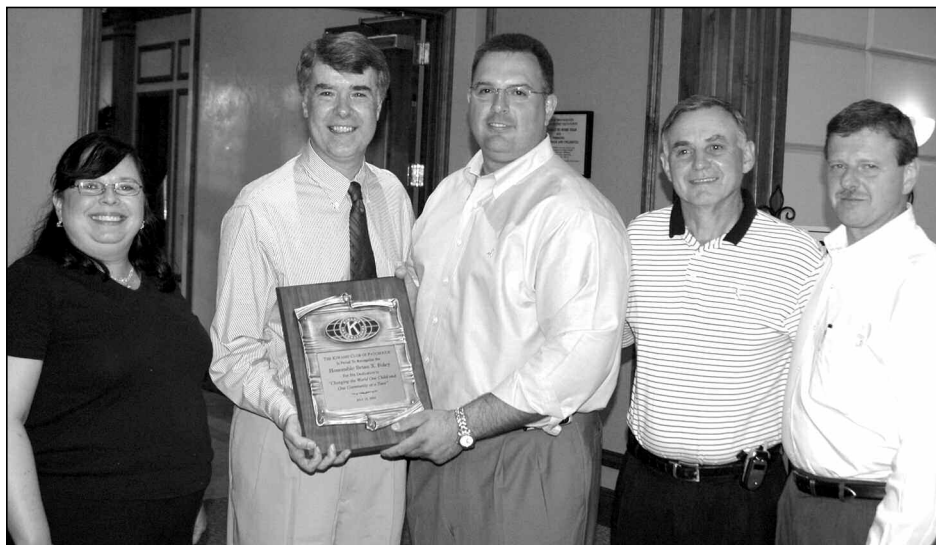
which will be number one, has been presented to DPLG Joe Wuest of the Bronx Westchester South Division. Joe is the one who brought Lyme Disease to my attention. So if you or your club wants to make an impressive presentation to a fellow club or division or family member, or even a friend, and cannot afford the customary \$1,000 for other fellowships, contact me or any member of the board.

Patchogue Honors Supervisor Foley

Kiwanis Club of **PATCHOGUE**, Suffolk East Division – recently honored Brookhaven Town Supervisor Brian Foley for his support to a young Crohn's Disease Patient. Chris Picini, Chairman of the Patchogue Kiwanis Golf Classic awarded Brian Foley with a

plaque of appreciation for his supportive actions for a child afflicted with Crohn's Disease.

The successful outing was held at Willow Creek Golf Club and the proceeds went to help the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation.



Above left to right: Susan Gomberg, Director of Development, LI Chapter of the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America, Brookhaven Town Supervisor Brian Foley, Chairman of the Patchogue Kiwanis Golf Classic Chris Picini, President of the Patchogue Kiwanis Club Robert Albinowski and Philip Muller a trustee of the Crohn's & Colitis Foundation.

Hoosick Celebrates Haviland 100 Birthday



Seated left to right: PLG Joe Ruggiero, Lou Haviland, Bill Andrick. Standing left to right: PLG Jean Andrick, Tony Wirmusky (unseen behind Jean), Gil Wright, Sandy Cluett, Georgia Main, Bernie Graney, Dick Whalen, club President Gale Leva.

The Kiwanis Club of **HOOSICK FALLS**, Van Rensselaer Division – celebrated the 100th Birthday of its oldest member, Lou Haviland, on July 16, 2006 at the Hoosick Falls Health Center.

On hand were numerous friends and members of the Hoosick Falls Kiwanis Club, which is 78 years young this year.

Lou Haviland began his Kiwanis career in New Jersey and after marrying a local

Hoosick Falls girl, moved to the village and joined the local Kiwanis club. He has been a Kiwanian for 62 years and had been very active in the club helping with its Chicken BBQs and as editor of its newsletter for many decades.

Lou is the second member of the Hoosick Falls Club to have celebrated their 100th birthday - needless to say, Kiwanis helps keep us young!



INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

MONTREAL



Governor David Rothman



International Trustee Thomas DeJulio



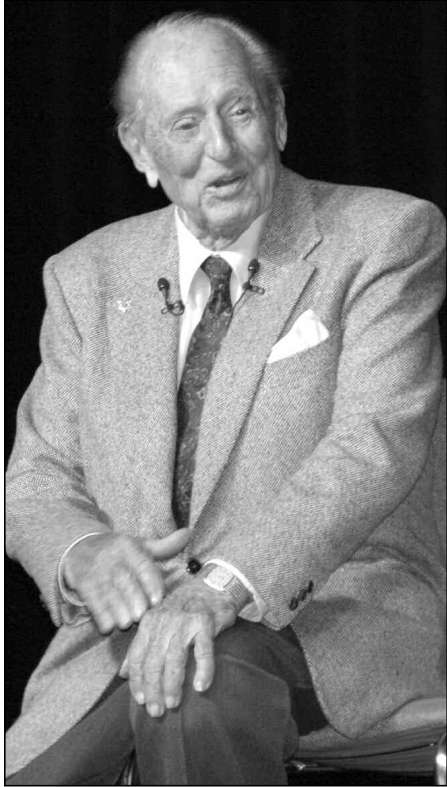
DPG Peter Mancuso



Secretary/Treasurer J. Donald Herring



Above: Governor David Rothman with his fellow board member Governor Tim McMahon, from the New England District. At right: Emmy and Grammy award-winning entertainer Art Linkletter, fluent in the language of children (Kids Say the Darndest Things) addressed Kiwanians at a special presentation.



Saint Lawrence LG Margaret Matteson and Southwestern LG Wendy Wilcox attend District Board Meeting on Sunday in the Delta Center-ville in Montreal.



K-Kids Chair Mickey Leamey, Finance Chair Jim Yochum and Parliamentarian James Prout attend NY District Caucus.

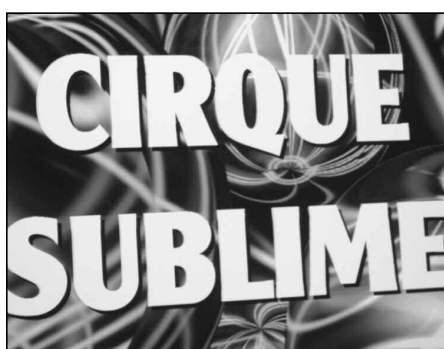
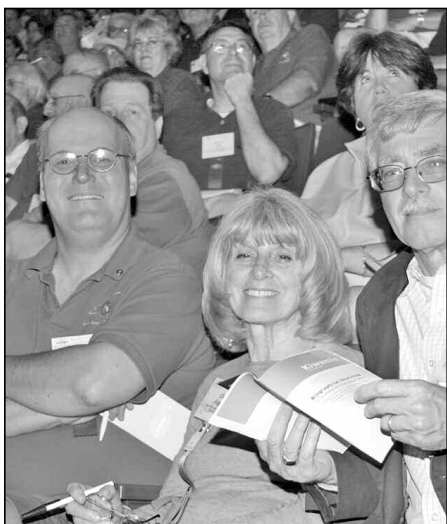


First Lady Debra asks to be recognized by the floor at NY District Caucus.

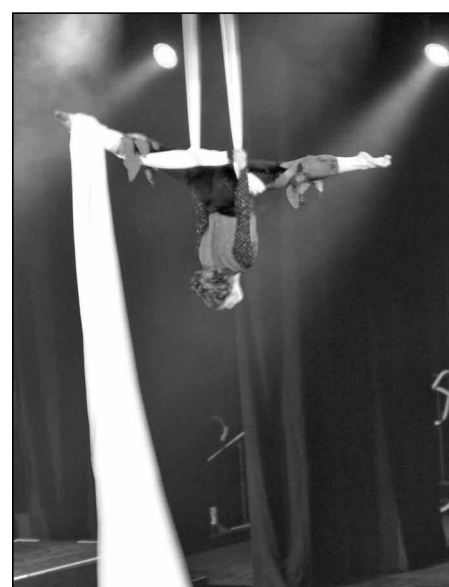


Suffolk East LG Frank Virno Jr. and Suffolk West LG Louise Perrotta represent their Divisions at Montreal Board Meeting.

2006



Opening session at the Bell Centre included a magical surreal performance of Cirque Sublime. This Canadian-based troupe thrilled Kiwanians with the Russian swing, flying trapeze, aerial skills and hoops. Contortionists and acrobats wowed the the audience.



Genesee Former First Lady Jeanette Cartwright, Genesee current First Lady Norma Day and Lt. Governor Myron Day attend sessions.



PG Ed McGowan attend Montreal Delegate Session.



Sergeant-at-Arms Mickey Leamey and Mike Malark (Capital Lt. Governor) keep a watchful eye and make sure everything is going well at the official delegates session at the Bell Centre.



Sponsored Organizations and Programs

Tony Palangi

September a Vital Period

Annually, the month of September represents the beginning of the first semester of a school year. It's a very important time in many ways. It's time for Kiwanis club presidents to make sure that their sponsored youth clubs have resumed regular club meetings following the summer recess. IT'S TIME TO IMPLEMENT A MEMBERSHIP DRIVE, especially for Key Clubs and Circle K Clubs who experience a membership loss due to graduations and transfers. Also, additional manpower is needed to implement programs and activities planned for the semester.

Traditionally, in this period enthusiasm among the students is at its peak and are anxiously seeking activities to become involved in. Let's not overlook the opportunity available to us in the first semester that will ensure a smooth and early start.

Kindly review the following recommendations – the key to a highly successful school year:

- Establish a line of communication through the Kiwanis and Faculty Advisor. The individual Kiwanis club newsletter is an excellent vehicle for communicating. Make sure that your sponsored youth club is on your mailing list.
- Assist the club officers in planning for the first semester: prepare a budget, appoint service committees, analyze and implement service projects and activities that meet the needs of the school and the community.
- Share club meetings with them: Invite their members to your club meetings and likewise, Kiwanians should attend their club meetings regularly.
- Invite your sponsored youth club to conduct a Kiwanis club meeting. It will expose them to the entire Kiwanis club membership.
- Participate in joint projects: Service projects, Fund Raisers, Kamp Kiwanis, and many other activities. Key Club and Circle K members are a very significant source of manpower.
- Financially support delegates to the District and International Conventions including the Kiwanis and Faculty Advisors.
- Include Key Club and Circle K members in your interclubs. Officially they can be a part of a Kiwanis interclub.

Make sure that your sponsored youth club has all the materials available from the International office to assist and guide them to a successful year of service and growth.

Most importantly, communicate and work together with the young people who look to us for guidance and support. It's our responsibility to help them become responsible citizens and future leaders of the country.

New York K-Kids Growing Strong Diamonds Sparkle-Heroes Will Shine!

by Mickey Leamey, K-Kids Chair

Governor David and I would like to thank all the clubs and divisions that started a K-Kids club. We are sure that you are very proud, as you should be. The youngsters are a real joy to work with.

Imagine, less than three years ago there were as few as thirty two K-Kids clubs around our entire district. Since then, we have nearly quadrupled our total, that there are now over one hundred and eight! It proves as always, the clubs in the NY District decide to do the job with flying colors. We do

not have time to stop. As I said before the state has over 2,000 elementary schools and the kids are the easiest mold to young productive citizens.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if we doubled out total this year? Think of how it will make our District Governor Joe look in the eyes of the rest of the world.

Starting a club is only the beginning. To work with the kids is where we do our best job. School will begin shortly, so consider starting your very own K-Kids club. Contact me if you need any help.

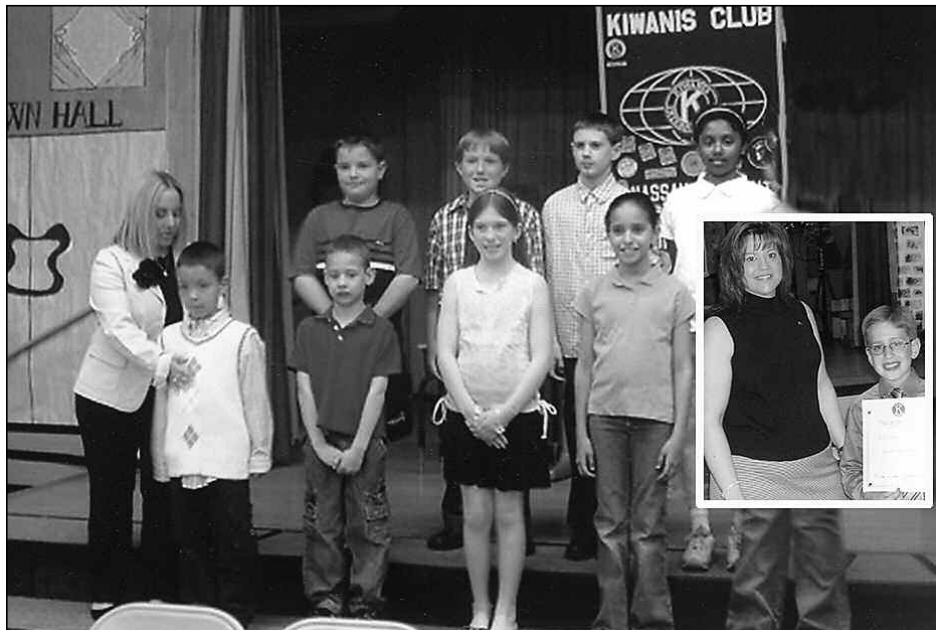


Photo above: McVey K-Kids Club. Photos inset - Carla Vultaggio from NUMC Kiwanis Club. They are the sponsoring club for McVey K-Kids in East Meadow.

Merrick Scrabbles To Help Kids

Kiwanis Club of MERRICK, Long Island South Central Division – The new project for Merrick Kiwanis is supporting and sponsoring School Scrabble in their community's six elementary schools and one middle school. The first Merrick School Scrabble Tournament held at the Merrick Library.

Thirty 5th and 6th graders competed in the day-long contest. The students had all



The first annual Merrick Kiwanis School Scrabble tournament was letter perfect!

been playing Scrabble throughout the year, either in class or in Scrabble Clubs; they were chosen for the tournament based on their cumulative averages. The Scrabblers played in teams against similarly-ranked teams from other schools in the first three rounds and finally against a team from their own school.

All participants received certificates,



Chatterton's 6th graders Daniel Ma and Bradley Michalak, and Jessica Ruggiero and Rachel Safford, got to compete against each other in the 4th round of the tournament.

tournament T-shirts that were donated by the Herald community newspapers, and movie passes donated by a club member who owns a local theater. First-, second-, and third-place teams from each grade received trophies, as did the team with the highest cumulative score and the team that



It was a double-header for Daniel Multer (left) and Adam Stein: They were the top 6th grade team and they amassed the highest total in the tournament's four rounds of play.

had the highest score in one turn, 91 points (including a 50-point bonus), for using all of its tiles to make the word "wagered." An award also was given for Sportsmanship.



Fifth graders Eric Fegan (left) and Skyler Rudolfski were thrilled to take home the trophy for the tournament's single highest-scoring word, as Kiwanis School Scrabble chairperson Linda Susman (from left) and teachers Robin Harris and Arlene Manning look on. Eric and Skyler also won trophies as the top 5th grade team.



Governor's Project

Tricia Hook

Each year the Governor of the New York District has the opportunity to choose a project that they feel strongly about in an area they would like to make a difference. This year Governor David's project is mentoring. Mentoring is working with others and helping to make a difference in their lives. Anyone who is a parent, a coach or a teacher has been a mentor. This project is all about helping others just by using your lifetime experiences. There does not need to be a cost involved - just your time and your ability to share the things and events that have shaped your life. We are extremely disappointed in the participation of this year's project. We are here and willing to help in anyway we can. It is up to you to make this happen! We have information and ideas. Please let us know how we can help? This project means a lot to Governor David, he has been involved in mentoring for many years and talks about it at every event. Let's show him how much we appreciate the time and effort he has given our district this year and let's start a Mentoring Program in your hometown.

Big News from the 63rd Annual Key Club International Convention in Boston, MA.

Shivani Radhakrishnan from Minisink Valley HS Key Club in NY was elected Key Club International PRESIDENT. Katrina Roehrig from Riverhead HS Key Club in NY was elected Key Club International trustee. Mary Phillips from Jamesville-Dewitt HS Key Club in NY was elected Key Club International trustee. Ogdensburg Free Academy Key Club was named a Key Club International Diamond Level Distinguished Club. Kristen Reed from the Ogdensburg Free Academy Key Club in NY was named a Distinguished District Governor. Derrick Asiedu from the Spring Valley HS Key Club in NY was 1st place in the Key Club International Oratory contest.

The following NY Board Members were named Robert F. Lucas Outstanding Lt. Governors: Joseph Denoncourt, Steven Daniels, Atrish Bagchi, Elizabeth Counterman, and Dana Modafferri.





Kiwanis Int'l Foundation

Joseph Eppolito

As we head towards the end of the 2005-06 Administrative year, I want to encourage all Clubs to contribute to the Annual Club Gift Campaign to support all of the worthwhile programs the Kiwanis International Foundations provides to us, if they have not done so already.

A contribution of \$100, or \$5 per member as of your 10/01/05 club membership not only earns your club a banner patch, but earns 10 points towards Distinguished Club status, which for most clubs is necessary to make the 80 point requirement by 09/30/06. The money goes to help our Sponsored Youth Programs, Grants (which we have qualified for in the past for the NY District Foundation and other Kiwanis Clubs), Kiwanis Disaster Relief and many educational programs.

For those clubs who have already contributed to the ACG Campaign, thank-you for the over \$12,700 donated through 07/15/06...which equates to \$1.35 per member in the NY District. Our goal is to average \$3.00 per member to gain District recognition (which has never been done before), so we have a long way to go! We need to get to about \$28,500.

Divisions could have a division fund raiser and proceeds could cover each club's contribution (by the criteria set above) so all clubs earn the 10 distinguished points. Collect "happy and sad dollars" from now to year's end to reach your goal. Allocate the money from some unspent/underspent item in your budget's service account.

I've had the honor of being the chair for Int'l Foundation Chair for seven years. Next year, SPD LG Chris Brown from Long Island South Central will take over the reins and will do an excellent job. I will continue to be on the Kiwanis International Foundation Annual Club Gift Committee and work with Chris.

Thanks for your many years of support for the Kiwanis International Foundation and for me as chair.

Kaiser

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like it. Don't tell everybody!" – Geo.

That of course, made the album ever more special to me, until now, I followed George's instruction and kept quiet about the gift. But now, 33 years later and long after his passing I don't see any harm in sharing the story of this Kiwanis treasure with those fortunate remaining Kiwanians who also had the privilege of knowing George as well as with the many who sadly for them didn't. I don't think he'd mind.

In due course, I will pass this treasure along to a deserving younger Kiwanis leader who I trust will also treasure it and the memory of a truly great Kiwanian and gentleman, George H. Prout.

PIP's Club Turns Fifty

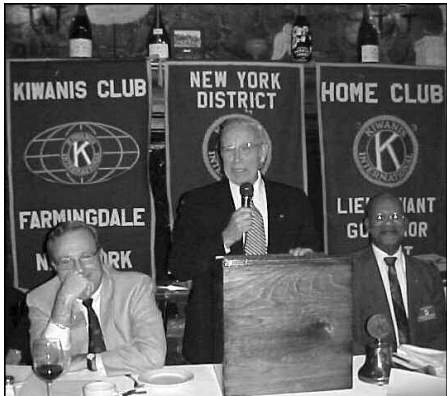
The Kiwanis Club of **FARMINGDALE**, Long Island North Division – June 5th marked their Golden Anniversary. The Kiwanis Club of Farmingdale is the home club of Past International President Tony Kaiser. Only PIP Tony and PLG Dr. Andy Manzo of the original charter members of the club formed in June 1956 are still members, and they are again serving as club president and secretary,

Trustee and two-time President of the Farmingdale club (1994-96), Millie DeMarco, who traveled from the Carolina's to celebrate the occasion at age 92.

The special Farmingdale observance included a 50th Anniversary Journal, net proceeds of which went to support the club's service activities. It was a terrific celebration for all who attended.



Long Island North Lt. Governor Rev. Ken Nelson (left) and New York District Governor David Rothman congratulate Farmingdale Kiwanian PP Millie Demarco, a 90+ year old.



PIP Tony Kaiser welcomes guests to Farmingdale's 50th Anniversary party. KI Trustee Tom DeJulio (left) and Long Island North Lt. Governor Rev. Ken Nelson (right) extend their best wishes. respectively, during the special year in the club's history.

The anniversary was observed at a dinner function held at the PapaRazzi Restaurant in Westbury, L.I., in conjunction with the regular monthly meeting of the Long Island North Division. The evening's featured guest speaker was PDG and KI Trustee Tom DeJulio who delivered an excellent and inspiring message on the New Kiwanis. Trustee Tom was accompanied by his wife Dr. Rosemary DeJulio a distinguished and accomplished past Lieutenant Governor of the Bronx Westchester South Division.

The dinner meeting was also greatly enhanced by the presence of many other Kiwanis luminaries including Governor David Rothman and Debra, Gov. Elect Joe Corace and Nydia, Immediate Past Gov. Glenn Hollins and Susan, Past Governors Jim Hebron and Binky, Peter Mancuso and Ralph Vasami and Lucia, LIN LG Rev. Ken Nelson, LT Gov-Elect Roger Sirangelo (member of the Farmingdale club), and Lt. Gov. Elect Designate Larry Beneditti and Julia Salat, several Past Lieutenant Governors and club presidents from LIN and neighboring divisions, and Farmingdale club past presidents and members.

Also present were Village of Farmingdale officials and the president of the Farmingdale Rotary Club. A very special attendee was former Farmingdale Village



Farmingdale Kiwanis Club President Tony Kaiser, standing, left, welcomes NY Kiwanis Governor Dave Rothman, standing, right, as Kiwanis International Trustee Tom DeJulio Esq., seated, right, speaks with former DPG Jim Hebron of Roslyn Heights.

Troy Kiwanians On the Move

The Kiwanis Club of **TROY**, Van Rensselaer–Jackie McDonough, Executive Director of the Troy YMCA accepted a check from Troy Vice President Karl Cote this past April. The Kiwanis' donation to the YMCA's Reach Out for Youth Campaign shall be used to provide quality programs to kids in the Troy area.



Above left to right: YMCA Executive Director Jackie McDonough thanks VP Karl Cote for YMCA donation on behalf of the Troy Kiwanis Club.



KI Board Counselor

Paul Palazzolo

My wife, Suanne, and I have been given a great Kiwanis gift – a gift that has only been presented to some 80 people over the last 91 years. The gift doesn't come in a box, but it does come with an opportunity to help others and to make friendships that last a lifetime. The gift is my assignment to serve as the Kiwanis International Board counselor to the New York District for the 2006-07 year.

This is an exciting appointment, and I'm looking forward to serving you as we move toward our organization's goal of one million members by Kiwanis' 100th birthday in 2015. Suanne and I will be in attendance at your District Convention in Saratoga Springs. We want to meet as many New York Kiwanians as possible to hear your thoughts and concerns and to learn your club success stories that can be shared throughout the Kiwanis world.

Also while we're there, I may pose some thoughts and questions for you regarding membership growth in your club. I may ask and challenge you to aggressively think of new ways to examine how your club can achieve the next level of value and relevance for your community. Reaching our membership goal will require some changes in operations, some hard work and some FUN work. But isn't that true for achieving anything that's worthwhile?

Thanks for being a part of the gift we've received – the gift of being able to serve as counselor to the New York District. Suanne and I can't wait to meet you on September 7-10 in Saratoga Springs when we begin working together with you for a terrific year of Kiwanis service.



The Kiwanis Club of **TROY**, Van Rensselaer – Wendy Prout received the Distinguished Kiwanis Club Award for her term as President of the Kiwanis Club of Troy, New York during the 2004-2005 administrative year. Above: Mrs. Prout received the Distinguished Kiwanian Award for her personal achievements throughout the administrative year. Troy President Scott Morley presented the awards to Mrs. Prout at a recent club meeting.

89th NEW YORK DISTRICT 2006 ANNUAL CONVENTION

Saratoga Hotel – Wednesday, September 7th to Sunday, September 10th, 2006
Hosted by the Mohawk Division

REGISTRATION FORM

Special
Instructions

Please print or type the requested information
Registration by mail, e-mail or fax only. No telephone registrations are permitted
You **MUST** be registered to attend any District functions and to receive Convention Rates
Registration fees are **NON-REFUNDABLE** after August 15th, 2006

BADGE INFORMATION

Kiwanian Name _____	Name for Badge _____
Club Name _____	Division _____
Name of Spouse/Partner _____	Name for Badge _____
S/P Club Name (If Applicable) _____	Division _____
Address _____	Zip Code _____
Telephone: Home(____) _____	Work(____) _____
	E-Mail _____
First Names and ages of children attending _____	

TITLE: Please write-in your current highest title: Kiwanian _____ Spouse/Partner _____

HONORS: PLEASE CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY

<u><i>Kiwanian</i></u>	<u><i>Spouse/Partner</i></u>
First Timer – Life Member – Kaiser – Diamond Kaiser – Empire Club KPTC – Heritage Society – Tablet of Honor – Hixson Fellowship	First Timer – Life Member – Kaiser – Diamond Kaiser – Empire Club KPTC – Heritage Society – Tablet of Honor – Hixson Fellowship

<u>REGISTRATION FEES:</u>	<u>Rec'd by 8/15</u>	<u>AFTER 8/15</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Kiwanian	\$ 60.00	\$ 70.00	_____	\$ _____
Partner/Guest (Non-Kiwanian)	\$ 40.00	\$ 50.00	_____	\$ _____
Partners Both Kiwanians	\$ 100.00	\$120.00	_____	\$ _____
Children	No Charge		_____	\$ _____

MEALS / FUNCTIONS

Thursday – Get Acquainted Party	No Charge		_____	\$ _____
Friday – K Family Luncheon	\$30.00	\$ 35.00	_____	\$ _____
Saturday – Gala Cocktail Party	No Charge		_____	\$ _____
Saturday – Governor's Banquet	\$ 50.00	\$ 55.00	_____	\$ _____

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Sunday – Memorial Breakfast	\$23.00	\$ 27.00	_____	\$ _____
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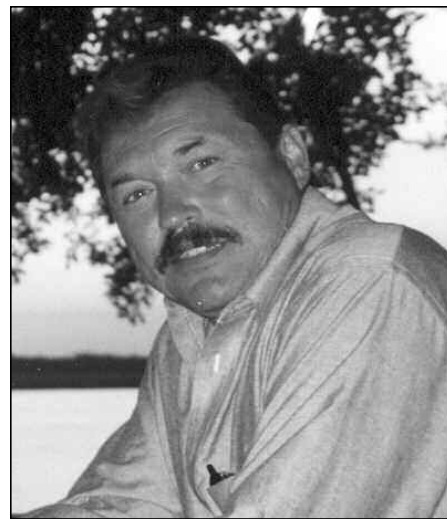
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Hedman Dies



Denny Hedman

2002-03 Southwestern Division LG Denny Hedman, recently passed away unexpectedly from a heart attack.

Kiwanians are still in shock, as you can imagine, Denny was only 51, in great health and never seemed to show any signs of health problems.

Denny was a Past President, Secretary, Treasurer, Board Member and the 2002-03 Lt. Governor for the Southwestern Division. His wife, Peggy, is also Lakewood Kiwanis Club's Immediate Past President. Both were very active in the division. "Over the years Denny was fortunate to know many members in the New York District Kiwanis and will be sadly missed by all," sadly remarked Lt. Governor Elect Jason Hanson.

Al Boccio Dies

It is with sadness that we inform you that Albert Boccio has passed away. Al was a member of the Kiwanis Club of Ozone Park, is the father of Barbara Cirlincione, a member of the Kiwanis Club of Floral Park and father-in-law of SDPLG Ben Cirlincione, also a member of the Kiwanis Club of Floral Park. Contributions can be made to the Pediatric Lyme Disease Emergency Relief Fund Foundation. Attn: John Gridley - PO Box 20153, Floral Park, New York, 11002.

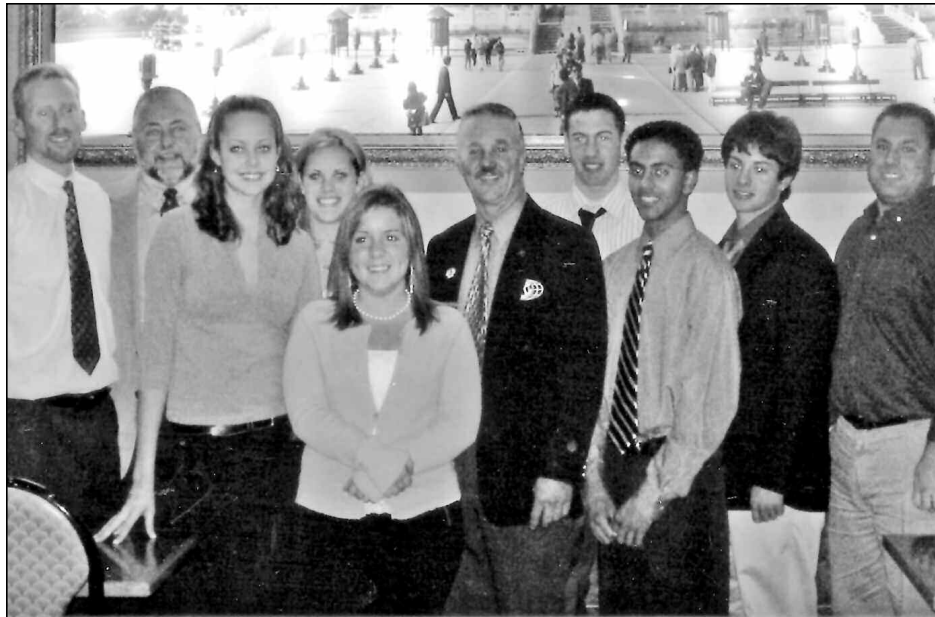
Check out the
New York District Website at
www.kiwanis-ny.org

Spring Valley Girl Scouts Get Fit



Kiwanis Club of **SPRING VALLEY**, Hudson Tri-County Division – again had a very successful Day of Fitness activity with about fifty Girl Scouts of all ages at the Knights of Columbus in Haverstraw. Dick, Audrey, Pat, Scott, Elena, and Lenora all attended. Both the Ramapo and Spring Valley Key Club helped out as team leaders and relay race callers. Audrey is our most active runner and general supporter for the girls' running, hopping, jumping rope, hula-hooping, and balloon breaking in the relay races. Snacks were served and prizes were given as usual. The girls also got certificates of participation to go towards their fitness badges.

Mastics Sponsors Key Install



Kiwanis Club of **MASTICS**, Suffolk East Division - sponsored the installation of the Mastics Key Club at the Kings' Buffet Medford. Key Clubbers, Advisors and Kiwanians were on hand to congratulate the new officers and wish them well for the upcoming year's events.

Left to right: William Floyd School Advisor Thomas M. Clery, Mastics President Fausto Fabbro, Erica Kelly, Nicole Worthman, Key Club President Jennifer Toolah, PG Glenn Hollins, Doug Ramsey, Hemai Patel, Joe Bascardi and William Floyd School Advisor Tim Lullo.

Peninsula Awards Nine Scholarships

Kiwanis Club of **PENINSULA HEWLETT**, LISW Division - awarded nine \$500 scholarship awards to outstanding students of Hewlett H.S., Lawrence H.S. and Malvern H.S. under the leadership of President Ralph Desena and Scholarship Chairman Mike Derosa.



L to R Front: Mandy Kain, Hewlett H.S., Briana Brattan, Malvern H.S., Samantha Wentz, Lawrence H.S., Sari Jacobson, Hewlett H.S., Samantha Tuchfeld, Hewlett H.S. Gabriella Desena, Lawrence H.S. L to R Back: Chairman Mike Derosa, Michael Ramseur, Lawrence H.S., Joseph Phillipo, Lawrence H.S., Jeffrey Natter, Hewlett H.S., President Ralph Desena.

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Rotante Honored For 50 Years of Kiwanis Service

The Kiwanis Club of **Bensonhurst & Bay Ridge**, Brooklyn Division – recently honored DPP Joseph Rotante for being member of Bensonhurst-Bay Ridge Kiwanis Club for 50 years and for his devotion to the club.

After donating \$50 as the number of years he was in the club, Joseph gave a speech bringing out all the accomplishments over the past 50 years. Joe's induction into the Bensonhurst-Bay Ridge Kiwanis Club, which was sponsored by the DPLG Joseph Marciano and Peter Guastella, was held on May 31, 1956.



Joe Rotante served as Bensonhurst & Bay Ridge President 1996-97, under the leadership of Governor Tom deJulio.

Joe was so impressed by the work his fellow Kiwanians were doing for the underprivileged children and the needy that he immediately joined committees and became active. He noticed that in the Kiwanis song book there was no song for his club, so he decided to write a song for BenBay Kiwanis, bringing out the meaning of Kiwanis in his song.

As Key Club Chairman, 40 years ago Joseph formed his club's first Key Club at New Utrecht High School with 96 members. The Key club is still going strong today. Later he also formed two other Key clubs and then a Builders club.

As Interclub Chairman, Joseph made two round robins, plus one in another state, and one out of the country. As Program



New Utrecht HS Key Club Advisor Joe Rotante with club's Key Clubbers.

Chairman, Joe arranged several educational meetings; at Kennedy Airport to see the operation of the airport and view the inside of the new supersonic jet; at a radio station to see the making of a radio program; at the United Nations building to listen in on a discussion of the world leaders and to see how the UN operates; to a Brooklyn brewery to see the making of beer and to drink some samples; to Philadelphia to see the Liberty Bell and the birth of our nation. Joseph also arranged some luxury cruise sailings honoring Kiwanians Joseph Marciano, Joe Corace and Victor Allegratti.

With the International Committee, when there was the hurricane in Friuli, Italy, Joseph obtained Alitalia Airline tickets and together with Joseph Baglieri and LG Vincent Purello, went personally to distribute over \$50,000 that BenBay had collected. They gave it to the devastated families and also built four apartment units to house some elderly victims.

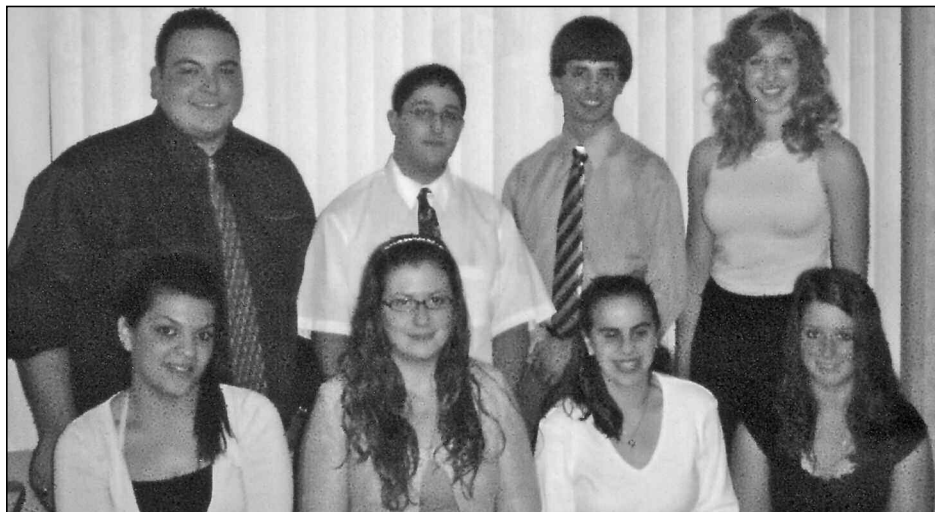
Joe remembers many other charitable activities during his past 50 years by BenBay Kiwanis and was happy to be a part of them. Joseph Rotante has received the prestigious Hixson, Kaiser and the KPTC Fellowship Awards, plus many other awards his Kiwanis club. Joe remarked, "the best award I have received is the friendships I've gained being a member of the great Bensonhurst & Bay Ridge Kiwanis Club."

Monticello Awards 9 Senior Scholarships

Kiwanis Club of **MONTICELLO**, Hudson River West Division – awarded scholarships to 9 Monticello High School seniors totalling \$8,000 at a recent meeting of the club.

The scholarship winners are: Joseph D'Abbraccio - Ben Golden Memorial \$1500; Chris Bittinger - Irving Kaufman Memorial \$500; John Gerry - Florence Leshner

Memorial \$500; Eli Goldfarb - Leo Rappaport \$500; Nicole Faber - Max Shapiro Memorial \$1000; Caitlin Huebner - Boris Shalman Memorial \$1500; Kirsten Van Hage - Founder's Scholarship \$1500; Danielle McEwen - Ursula Good Memorial \$500; Latoya Newton - Kathy LaBuda Scholarship \$500.



L to R: LaToya Newton, Caitlin Huebner, Nicole Faber, Danielle McEwen. STANDING Joseph D'abbraccio, Eli Goldfarb, Chris Bittinger and Kristen Van Hage, missing is John Gerry.

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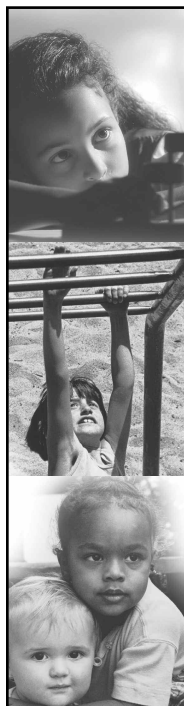
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Foundation President

Lindy Marrazzo

Once again, we have to say goodbye to a giant in the Kiwanis family, Bob Cummo. Bob passed away recently from cancer. Bob was a distinguished PLG of Long Island South Central division, was a Key Club advisor, and was a great supporter of Kamp Kiwanis. We are going to miss him.

Thanks to all those clubs who are sending children to Kamp Kiwanis. The first week of camp we had 77 children whose parent or parents were in the military. The respite they had was appreciated thanks to your help. You can continue the support of these children by donating to the foundation as where there is an opening in any week, we will try to fill it with a child whose parent or parents are in the military.

Thanks to Governor Dave - He knows why. Happy 50th to DPG Bob Calabrese.

As most of you are aware Barbara Siemens the wife of our International President opened the International Convention in Montreal by speaking about her and her husband's experience at Kamp Kiwanis when they visited us in May. Her speech was emotional and gave us great publicity, especially, when she spoke about a woman who recently became a Kiwanian because her first contact with Kiwanis. The woman was sponsored to attend our NY Kamp some 30 years ago. We are hoping to get the video.

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Chemung Division
challenges all
other divisions
to Adopt-an-Acre
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SARATOGA CONVENTION SERVICE PROJECT

Donate Food for After School Center

At this year's District Convention in Saratoga all Kiwanians are asked to bring **canned tuna fish, peanut butter, pasta, canned pasta sauce, or canned vegetables** for the Franklin Community Center. The Center runs an after school program for grade school children who cannot be picked up until after their parents get out of work. There is no charge for these children to be in this program. They also have the only food pantry that is open 8 hours a day in Saratoga Springs and is entirely stocked by donations.

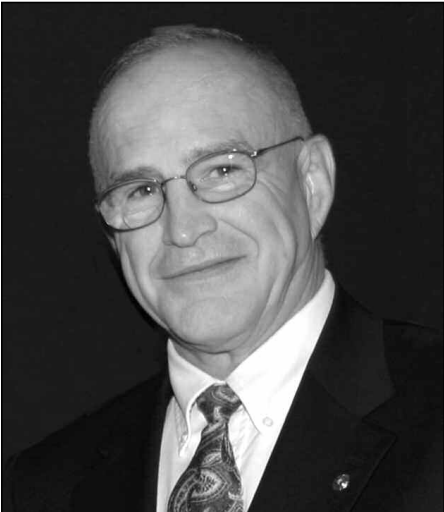
The After-School Center's need is great.

We hope members attending the convention can help by bringing so food donations to help this important program.

Thanks in advance for helping, Rick Thompson, District Convention Chair

88th New York District Convention - Saratoga, NY
Friday, September – 3:00pm

Foundation Elections at District Convention



MICHAEL MALARK
Foundation Director Candidate



STEVEN SALETT
Foundation Director Candidate



FRANCES HOGAN
Foundation Director Candidate

8th Annual New York District Buffalo Bill's
Charity Football Game Slated for Sept. 24th

by Larry Jones, Fdn Board member

This year the West Seneca Kiwanis Club is dedicating this year's Bill's Game to the memory of a great friend, beloved Kiwanian, and dedicated teacher who gave a great deal of himself to the children of West Seneca and Western New York. BOB KEEFER died in an automobile accident in February. Bob was a former Teacher-of-the-Year and Citizen-of-the-Year. I taught school and coached with Bob at West Seneca East HS. "Keef" was a former president of the West Seneca club and a lieutenant governor. He served for over 30 years as WS Key club advisor to students at WS East High School. He served as scholarship and awards chairman for our club. Bob's commitment to Kiwanis, our community, and our children will be greatly missed. Bob, by the way, was a big Bill's fan and supporter of this annual event.

For Kiwanians, every day is important as we work together to serve the children of the world. CHILDREN ARE OUR #1 PRIORITY and this past year alone West Seneca has participated in over 70 activities to benefit children and youth programs around New York State and Western New York.

Its that time of year again to ask for your support of our Kiwanis Camps in Taberg and Angola, NY as well as our locally sponsored youth activities. This year our charity football

game is being held Sunday, September 24th, at Ralph Wilson Stadium. You are invited to join us at the game and tailgate party both before and after the game. Call me at 675-0540 and we will be happy to send you a ticket order form and information. The Bills will host the NY Jets in the home opener!

We ask for your support for this very worthy cause by serving as a sponsor. Many of you have served as a sponsor and we thank you for that past support. As you know, it is tough sledding for many charitable organizations due to budget cuts, etc., and your help is needed more than ever. In 7 years, West Seneca has raised over \$67,000 through this event.

We value our sponsors and make an effort to let our members and friends know who they are and to encourage them to patronize your businesses. Platinum sponsors receive a plaque and a pair of game and party tickets. Gold sponsors receive a pair of game tickets. Gold and Platinum sponsors are cited in the Empire State Kiwanian (circulation 9,000). All sponsors and patrons receive recognition at the event by being listed on posters on the walls of the tent and in the programs we distribute to attendees. All sponsors and patrons are also listed in the West Seneca Kommunikator and the Kiwanis web site. Sponsors are sent a copy of the

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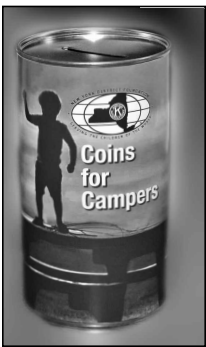
A special account has been set up for tax-deductible donations through the Oakdale Kiwanis Foundation. Checks should be made payable to: the Oakdale Kiwanis Foundation and sent to the address above.

For further information, contact DPLG Jim Whittaker at 607-763-8776 or LG Pete Papastrat at 607-723-8112.

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