Ontario Clubs Hold 6th Annual Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast For Miracle Network

Ontario Division – The 6th Annual Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast to benefit the Children’s Miracle Network and children’s hospitals held Sunday, Sept. 12 from 8 a.m. to 12 noon at the Empire Room, New York State Fairgrounds.

Past Lt. Governors Melanie Ziel and Arnold Bitterman pointed out that this is an excellent fund-raiser to benefit the Miracle Network because of its location. The Fairgrounds provided plenty of free, convenient parking, some potential walk-in traffic from other nearby events, and all of the food provided, free, by the Empire Room.

The day featured fun for all ages. In addition to a great breakfast, there were clowns, face painting and tattoos, popular animated characters, special surprise guests, raffles, and a quantity of prizes.

Kiwanis contributions have been timely for children’s hospitals. In several of the past years, Ontario Division Kiwanis funds have been used to help purchase pediatric equipment especially designed for child surgery and treatment. In several other years funds were directed to a “Kiwanis Room” at University Hospital to evaluate and treat child abuse cases in a multi-county area of Central and Northern New York. This service is in even larger quarters today but Kiwanis helped to get the service expanded and recognized.

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Kiwanis clubs of Ontario Division are also making pledges for the companion program of a Central New York Children’s Hospital at University Hospital.

Already underway, and scheduled for 2007 completion, the new Children’s Hospital will more than triple the area used for pediatric care from 18,000 square feet to 87,000 square feet. It’s design and planning for pediatric care from 18,000 square feet to 87,000 square feet. It’s design and planning for pediatric care is in even larger quarters today but Kiwanis helped to get the service expanded and recognized.

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Key Club LG Mary Phillips, in clown costume is joined by Key Clubbers and Christine “Mickey Mouse” Eppolito to entertain the children.

Key Club LG Mary Phillips was interviewed by a local TV station.

Bronx-Westchester PLGs Witness Home Club Banner Exchange

BRONX WESTCHESTER SOUTH DIVISION – A dozen Past Governors and Past Lt. Governors of the Bronx Westchester South Division assembled in late September to witness the exchange of the Home Club Banner from the hands of Immediate Past Lt. Governor Sister Anne-Marie Kirmse of Fordham Kiwanis to the newly installed 2004-2005 Lt. Governor Rocco Riti of the Yorkers club.

On hand to celebrate the traditional transition of divisional leadership and to congratulate Sister Anne Marie on the two new clubs she helped to build this year are, from left: Dr. Ron Volino of East Yonkers, Pat Pilenza (served twice) of Bronx Shore, Bob Rubinstein of Riverdale, Past Governor Ralph Vasami of Yorkers, Joseph Michael Wuest of Morris Park, Dan Ilich of Parkchester, Angela Politano of Westchester Village, Sister Anne-Marie Kirmse and Rocco Riti. Seated are PLG and International Education Chair, Dr. Rosemary DeJulio of Fordham, and Past Governor and candidate for International Trustee Tom DeJulio. Not shown, but also present with over 80 others in attendance, DPLG Donald Ciota of Mt. Vernon.

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