Division 6 Key Clubbers Raise $1000 for KPTC

The KEY CLUBBERS OF DIVISION 6 met their annual goal of raising $1,000 that was donated to the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center at their October Divisional meeting.

The meeting was hosted by the W. T. Clarke Key Club. In attendance were Key Clubbers from Division Ave. HS, East Meadow HS, Elmont HS, GC Tech, Hempstead HS, Island Trees HS, MacArthur HS, Uniondale HS & West Hempstead HS.

Also present were dignitaries such as the NYD Governor Joe Corace, County Legislator Norma Gonsalves and representatives of the Nassau County Police Departments. Clarke’s sponsor, the East Meadow Kiwanis Club, supplied pizza and the Taste of Home Bakery created a special rainbow cookie “K” sheet cake for the occasion.

Key Club Li Governor Rickie Santer, a junior at Division Avenue, accepted a donation of $100 from the East Meadow Branch of Commerce Bank from Bank Manager and Kiwanian Kerry Baardsen. This donation completed the Key Clubbers $1,000 goal.

G C Tech Key Club VP Ashley presented a $250 donation from her club to Kiwanis Governor Joe Corace for the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center. The Governor acknowledged the donation by presenting G C Tech with a special pin for their club banner.

Lt. Gov. Rickie described the sequence of events that lead to Division 6’s successful completion of this project. Through bake sales, solicitation of local businesses, shirt sales, and happy change, the Division raised the $1,000 needed to support the hospital and receive the pediatric trauma kit. Rickie also explained how the illness and passing of Key Club Assistant Administrator Bob Cummo transformed the project into an outlet for the Key Clubbers to deal with their loss.

Before introducing Kiwanis Governor Joe Corace, Rickie led the Key Clubbers, Kiwanians and special guests in a moment of reflection on the life and community service of Mr. Cummo.

Governor Joe Corace reviewed the history and current work of the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center (KPTC) at North Shore-LIJ. He explained that while originally envisioned to be an event that would deal with their loss.

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Lt. Governor Rickie presented the $1,000 donation to KPTC to the Governor and asked representatives of the 10 Key Clubs of Division 6 to join him accepting the pediatric trauma kit. The kit includes a stuffed bear to comfort an injured child. The bear was embroidered with a large Key Club logo and with the name “Bob the Bear” in memory of Bob Cummo.

After being joined by family members of Bob Cummo, Rickie presented the trauma kit to Inspector Blanthorn of the Nassau County Police Department.

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