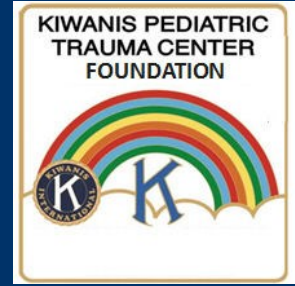




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KPTC FOUNDATION SHINES AT NEW YORK DISTRICT MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

By: Charles Cronin, Director KPTC



This year's New York District Mid-Winter Conference was held at the scenic Desmond Hotel in Albany New York. The conference saw many Kiwanians from around the New York District and Kiwanis International share a weekend that was filled with many informative workshops, lots



of fellowship, and a renewal of the Kiwanis spirit for all of those who attend- ed. The Kiwanis Pediatric

Trauma Center Foundation was an integral part of the weekend.

The KPTC foundation had a table near the Coy Pond. The table was manned by volunteers who gave out materials about the KPTC Foundation and who demonstrated some of the tools that are used to educate parents and children about preventing traumatic injury (see article written by Thomas Cesiro). Volunteers also wore shirts with a KPTC logo in order to demonstrate their support for the KPTC Foundation. Thanks to their efforts, people from around the New York District had a better idea of what KPTC is all about, and how the funds that are raised are used to help pre-

vent traumatic injuries to New York's youngest. We would like to thank Mike Siniski, Lt Gov Dr Salwa Elmeawad, Dr. Hesham Elsherif, Nancy Baxter, and Michaelene Abbott-Cooper. All of these volunteers gave their time and talent to be at the KPTC Foundation table.

KPTC Treasurer Michael Siniski represented the KPTC Foundation at the Foundation Recognition Luncheon that was held on Saturday afternoon. Michael was able to recognize a club with a KPTC Trauma Kit that can be used by First Responders. Michael also did a great job in explaining what the KPTC Foundation and Dedicated workers at the Trauma Centers do to prevent injuries and assist those children who have been involved in traumatic injuries.

Governor Joe, our KPTC President said, "I'd like to thank all of those who represented us at the New York District Mid-Winter Conference. Thanks to their efforts, people from around the New York District have a better understanding of how the funds we raise are put to work, and what the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center Foundation is all about."





President's Message

By: Joe Corace, KPTC President

As I think about how we began and see how far we've come, I can't help but be thankful and grateful to all the members and Kiwanis clubs that have supported us.

The Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Foundation is over 30 years old and through all those years our objective has been a simple one, "IT'S ALL ABOUT THE KIDS".

Our Kiwanis motto "Young Children Priority

One", is how we began. We are devoted to helping children get the specialized care that they need at our level one pediatric trauma centers. Our goal simply is to keep children out of the hospital, and our education and safety programs will go a long way in achieving that.

Sincerely, thank you to everyone and especially the KPTC Board and Committee Members for

all your continued service and devotion.

In addition to Cohen's Children's Hospital, we are happy to report the addition of the Stony Brook Children's Hospital, in the geographical area of Westchester to the Hamptons, under our umbrella.

On behalf of our Board, thank you and we ask going forward that you continue joining in our fundraising efforts.

"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others"
Mahatma Gandhi

KPTC Aligns with Level One Pediatric Trauma Centers

By: Thomas DeJulio

Covid has caused a "pause" on many things, but the impact of the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center Foundation (KPTC) continues unabated, thanks to the heroic work of its generous Kiwanis donors and two Level One Pediatric Trauma Centers located at Northwell's Cohen Children Medical Center's Safe Kids Program and at Stony Brook Children's Hospital, each receiving a \$40,000 grant from the KPTC Foundation.

KPTC heard stewardship reports from representatives from each hospital at its winter meetings. Preventive programs that save children's lives were presented by Northwell's Rosemary Ennis, EMT, MA, and Pediatric Surgeon Dr. Jose Prince. These include interactive videos, "Think First for Baby", Bicycle/Helmet Safety, Water

Safety, and a nationally recognized publication, The Center for Parent Education, Gazette, featuring an acknowledgment of the KPTC Foundation's financial support printed on its back cover.



Stony Brook representatives, led by its Development Director William Gehling and Pediatric Medical Director Dr. Richard Scriven, revealed that its Level One Pediatric Trauma Center won the Safe State Prevention Award for its Teddy Bear Classroom Video educating children and their parents about injury protection. They praised the

support of KPTC and the recent participation by Lindenhurst Key Club members in one of the Hospital's first "on-site" presentations of Stony Brook's Teddy Bear Clinic at Daniel Street Elementary School.

As a result of the KPTC's most recent \$40,000 grant to Stony Brook, the name of the KPTC Foundation will be placed on the \$100,000 Hospital Donor Wall later this year.



Why I joined the KPTC Board

By: Kerrie Hansen

I was honored to be asked to join the KPTC Board. My husband (Steve) and I, have been with the Kiwanis Club of Glendale for eleven years and have enjoyed the fellowship and comradery of Kiwanians near and far. Joe and Nydia Corace are one of the couples we gravitated to along the way. The passion they and their board have for the KPTC Foundation is extremely admirable and impressive. I was drawn to their energy; I

am friends with several board members and have been a supporter throughout my Kiwanian journey. Therefore, I was only too thrilled to accept the invite, am looking forward participating and rolling up my sleeves.

The work that KPTC does is about helping our communities and their work to support children is paramount. I was originally drawn in with the dedication to the pediatric trauma efforts at the Cohen Children's Medical Center and the pro-

grams that protect the safety of our children. I think the newest addition of the driving safety program is an excellent addition. It is evolving and I am happy to be a part of it. I enjoyed my journey as a member, Club President, Queens West DPLTG, now I am looking forward to the next chapter with the KPTC Board.

Look forward to seeing all at the Black & White Ball, the next community event, annual board meeting or a zoom call.

Five Towns Gov Al and First Lady Rita Bevalacqua Scholarship

By: Dr. Fred Seltzer

This scholarship has been created to honor the memory of Past Governor Alfred Bevilacqua and First lady Rita.

Governor Al was instrumental in the creation of the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center Foundation and its programs.

Governor Al with the help of first lady Rita strived for Kiwanis to be

in the forefront of education and be a beacon for the Kiwanis' motto of Children Priority One.

Governor Al was as not only a charter member of the KPTC Foundation board but was its Charter President. He with his team of dedicated Kiwanians laid the ground work for the great work this foundation continues to accomplish.

The Five Towns Kiwanis club

thru a dedicated fundraiser of Wine Night, which has raised thousands of dollars, funds this Scholarship.

The Five Towns Kiwanis club is proud to continue the great work and tradition that Governor Al and First lady Rita established so many years ago with awarding of the Five Towns Gov Al and First Lady Rita Bevalacqua Scholarship.

KPTC Annual Campaign

By: Doris Mellina, KPTC First Vice President



As reported, accidents remain the # 1 cause of injury and death in children ages newborn to 16 years. These injuries exact a tremendous toll,

not only in lives lost, but also in years of financial and emotional suffering caused by lifelong disabilities that, with the proper training and education.

THIS NEED NOT HAPPEN.

It's YOUR club's annual gift that helps support Cohen Children's Medical Center and Stony Brook Children's Hospital, both Level 1 pediatric trauma center hospitals. KPTC belongs to YOU and will be there for the children in your community should the need arise. In addition, funds raised will support in-part the KPTC Safety programs and our efforts in training our Circle K and Key Club members in childhood injury prevention and safety education. Their training will increase the number of elementary school students receiving education in motor vehicle/pedestrian safety, bicycle/

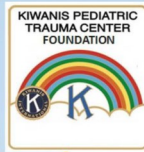
wheeled sports safety, water safety, falls and fire/burn safety.

As an acknowledgement of your gift, you will be listed as a supporter on the KPTC website, (no dollar amount specified), and you will receive a new KPTC banner patch to proudly display on your Club's banner. If you are able, please send a gift of \$250, or send whatever you can. Your gift can and does make a difference.

Please make your check out to KPTC and note "2022 Annual Campaign" on the memo line & mail to:

Joe Corace, KPTC President
16-66 Bell Blvd., Apt 742
Bayside, NY 11360

BASEBALL and KPTC



KPTC - NY METS FUNDRAISER NIGHTS AT CITI FIELD 7:10 PM

Choose one night or all three:

MARINERS vs METS Saturday, May 14

RANGERS vs METS Friday, July 1

DODGERS vs METS Wednesday, August 31

Tickets: \$40 - KPTC receives \$10 per ticket

To purchase tickets online go to:

<https://fevo.me/kptcf>



For more information please contact:

Joe Corace - 917- 282-9498

Michael Sosa (NY METS) 718-565-4433

Our baseball fundraiser will be with the New York Mets this year.

To support our Foundation you have a choice of three dates, May 14, July 1st and August 31st.

See you at the games.

KPTC Kalendar

April 12, 2022 — KPTC Virtual April Board/Committee Meeting



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