

KIWANIS PEDIATRIC TRAUMA CENTER FOUNDATION CELEBRATES THE 27th BLACK & WHITE BALL



‘Oh What A Night’



Our Host, KPTC President, Joe Corace, began the evening by welcoming everyone . Many attendees traveled from the far corners of New York State . That’s one of the best features of the Annual Black & White Ball.....you get to greet so many wonderful Kiwanians that you don’t see but once a year.



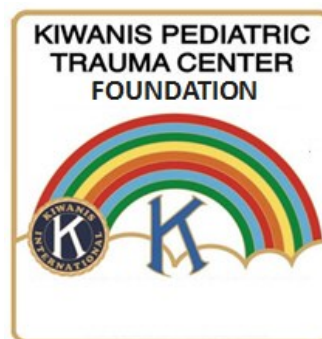
The ballroom at Leonard’s was adorned with black and white balloon centerpieces, and the front of the room was lined with generously donated raffle baskets. There was a 50/50 raffle and a very special prize of a magnificent TV donated by PDG Joe Aiello and former First Lady Cookie. Our favorite dance band, *Tradewind Entertainment*, began to play and more than half the attendees immediately flocked to the dance floor.



Early in the program Joe called up members of our KPTC Scholarship Committee to announce the 2023 scholarship winners. KPTC Scholarships are awarded to graduating students who plan to seek higher education: college or trade school. The main criteria for eligibility is that the student performed outstanding community service.

The three scholarships that KPTC administers are:

- The DPG AI & PFL Rita Bevilacqua Scholarship
- The Robert ‘Bob’ Cummo Scholarship
- Rich Santer ‘Pay It Forward’ Scholarship



Then came the highlight of the evening - the presentation of the KPTC Fellowship Awards in recognition of a \$1,000 donation given in the honoree's name. Or, an additional \$1,000 for a Diamond Fellow. Shown below are the 2023 award recipients, and we all get to share in this celebration.



KPTC Foundation Officers, Board and Committee Members were invited to the front of the ballroom to join President Joe and First Lady Nydia as they 'cut the cake'. Joe graciously thanked all members of his board who give of their time, creativity and energy to fulfill the KPTC Mission.



We were very pleased to have representatives from both Level 1 Trauma Center hospitals in attendance: Cohen Children's Medical Center and Stony Brook Children's Hospital.



All in all, it was a wonderful evening. Congratulations Joe & Nydia for another great event. We all look forward to celebrating with you again next year.

Doris Mellina, KPTC First Vice President