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FROM THE DESK OF LG SHARON

I hope that you and your families enjoyed a happy and healthy Holiday Season, and that the New Year has started well for all. I am asking for your continued support of the Key Club plus Kampers program. This program gives the members of our sponsored youth clubs the opportunity to interact with the children that we send to Kamp. Donations that we receive from clubs help us to sponsor events such as bowling and pizza parties.

A special thank you to the special Kiwanians that helped at our Kamper Holiday Party. You made a lot of children very happy. John Tufarelli, Robin Asighieri, Roxanne Burke, Denise Thibou, Janet St. John, and Carla Vultaggio. Your constant support for this program is appreciated. I would also like to thank Bill Mosely for taking pictures of the Kampers bowling and also for his professional pictures of each Kamper with Santa Claus. Words aren't enough to thank Rocco Dionisio Jr. from the Massapequa Kiwanis Club, because of his close friendship with Santa, he was able to ask Santa to be with the Kampers at their party. The party was possible because of our gracious host, Frank, from North Levittown Lanes.

Please if you haven't sent in your donation for this program yet, try to do it for the new year. We have many plans to show these children a good time, but without your financial support we will not be able to do this. John Tufarelli and I delivered Christmas presents to a few additional families of children that you have sent to Kamp Kiwanis.

Don't forget that Immediate Past Lieutenant Governor Tom Gallagher's Testimonial is on, Friday January 21st. Please make arrangements to come and support Tom and thank him for all of the hard work he did for us last year.

The old year ended with an event that was so devastating and tragic that it defies any attempt to describe it. As we struggle with the images that we see each day and the seemingly endless loss and sadness, it's easy to become overwhelmed. Yet it is at times like these that the principles for which Kiwanis stands are so important. While we cannot hope to save the world, we can, as we have always done, improve it one project and one child at a time. This is what we will continue to do, and in the end, we will prevail.

As this letter is being written, I would ask if you and your clubs would consider projects that might help us to collect supplies and funds to deal with this unprecedented catastrophe. Donations of clothing and or money can be delivered to Century 21 2694 Hempstead Tpk Levittown NY 11756. For more information, you can reach me at (516) 679-5701. Your support is greatly appreciated.

TESTIMONIAL DINNER FOR A TERRIFIC PLG

On Friday January 21st, 2005, members of the Long Island South Central Division will set aside the time to honor and celebrate the accomplishments of IPLG Tom Gallagher. IPLG Tom and Past First Lady Mary Lou shared their time and talent with the division, and we were enriched by their efforts.

Perhaps the thing that exemplifies Tom's commitment to support the division and its goals the most was his willingness to be roasted as part of a divisional fundraiser, and by the time the evening was over, Tom was extremely well done.

This year's testimonial dinner will take place at the Westbury Manor. The festivities will begin at 7:00 PM. For more information, please contact SDPLG Mickie Leamey at (516) 409-8279.

FIRST DIVISIONAL COUNCIL OF THE NEW YEAR

The first LISC Divisional Council in 2005 will take place on Monday January 10th at 6:45 PM. The event will take place at Domenico's Restaurant in Levittown. It will be hosted by the East Meadow and Lakeview clubs. So come on out and let's break bread with Lakeview and East Meadow.

AROUND THE DIVISION

The **East Meadow** Club assembled and distributed 170 food baskets to needy families for both Thanksgiving and Hanukkah/Christmas. The food was purchased by their club with help of food drives by their two Key Clubs from East Meadow HS and W.T. Clarke HS. The recipients were very grateful for their generosity. On Sunday, with the assistance of all of their sponsored youth clubs, East Meadow held their annual Senior Thanksgiving Dinner at East Meadow HS. Over 80 turkeys were cooked along with all the trimmings. Over 400 senior citizens were served a full course meal by the Key Clubbers and Builders Club members. The

gymnasium was decorated by the Key Clubbers on Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning to make for a festive occasion! Each and every guest was given a holiday gift which was supplied by the Key Club. They even had the high school orchestra and chorus entertain the seniors. Over 450 service hours were performed by more than 50 Kiwanians serving 400 plus people.

The club held their Membership round-up dinner on Nov. 23rd at the Sunrise Assisted Living facility in East Meadow. One of their members is the public relations director of the facility and supplied the food and drinks for the evening. They had seven prospective new members attend with a few already joining!

On Christmas Day, Frank Borrelli Jr., along with his family, staff, and the East Meadow Kiwanis members, will serve a free holiday meal to those families in need. They would like to invite those who can't afford to have a holiday meal on their own to join them for a traditional Italian feast! Frank and his family open their restaurant (Borrelli's Italian Restaurant in East Meadow) and supply all the food for this occasion. The staff volunteer their time to cook and serve the meals. Our club members help serve the meals and distribute toys. Toys and clothes are supplied by the club to be sure each and every child goes home with gifts to make the day even more special. The "Toy Drive" is chaired by John Tufarelli. He spends countless hours every year making sure to collect enough toys not only for the Christmas meal at Borrelli's, but for the children throughout their community of families who just can't supply them on their own.

Finally East Meadow is looking forward to hosting the January divisional with the Lakeview Club.

Hempstead held a successful International Night in December. The evening featured tasty treats from different areas around the world. The club collected toys at Local 880's Holiday Party. The toys brought glad tidings to needy children in the Hempstead area.

Levittown is planning their Brotherhood / Sisterhood Luncheon. This year's event will take place on Thursday Feb 17th from 12 – 2 PM at Domenico's Restaurant in Levittown. The donation is \$24.00.

Merrick received a great shot of enthusiasm when they were visited by a large contingent of members from the Calhoun High School Key Club. The Key Clubbers attendance could not have come at a better time. It was the perfect

follow up to a very successful installation, and it helped to get the year off to a very enthusiastic start.

The club's Pancake breakfast was so successful that the fluffy treats were devoured as fast as



They came. They cooked and served. Many lives were touched by



East Meadow brings a little bit of sunshine.

Merrick's cooks could flip them out. The club is grateful to all of those who contributed to an extremely tasty and successful event. Merrick received invaluable assistance from their Builders and Key Club. Special thanks to Bank of America, Kings Supermarket, and Dunkin Donuts for their support and congratulations to Kim Scharoff on chairing a great event.

The club is working diligently to collect food and toys for the Holiday Season.

Seaford had a very good month. First they would like to thank the Wantagh and Massapequa clubs for all their support for a needy family in Seaford. Everyone went above and beyond. The family was blown away by our generosity and spirit. Also thanks to everyone who helped out at Governors for the White Family. Thanks to all of you, we presented them

with over \$5,000.00 in cash and several hundred dollars in gift certificates for the children. To Bill Flanagan you're a class act. Several good things have also happened. Secretary Robin was able to secure a \$25,000.00 grant for the Local High School from Senator Fuschillo. Seaford just received a letter indicating that they have been approved for a \$2,500 grant (their first one). Finally members of the club participated in the first Key Club Kamper program at which forty children attended and were visited by Santa. Everyone had a good time.

Town Hall has been infected with the Holiday Spirit. Members helped to collect toys at CSEA Local 880's Holiday Party. This year thanks to Local 880, six bags of toys were collected. The toys will be distributed to needy families. Thanks to Larry Paretta who did his annual impersonation of Santa Clause by bundling and distributing the toys. At that same party, \$2,000.00 was raised as the result of a benefit drawing. Local 880 donated the money to the Seaford Kiwanis Club. Seaford has given the money to a Town of Hempstead employee who was seriously injured on the job as the result of an electrical accident. Thanks to the members of Local 880 and its President Bill Flanagan for their generosity.

As members of the club gathered for their meeting on December 20th, they worked together to assemble five Holiday food baskets. Special thanks to Town Hall's Secretary JoAnn Delgado who donated a number of Turkeys. Thanks also go to Gloria Gregory who helped to deliver the baskets to needy families.

West Hempstead would like to wish everyone in the division a happy, healthy, and prosperous Kiwanis New Year.

CALENDAR

Mon Jan 10th, 2005 6:45 PM LISC Divisional Council hosted by Lakeview and East Meadow at Domenico's Restaurant in Levittown.

Fri Jan 21st, 2005 7:00 PM LISC Testimonial Dinner for PLG Tom Gallagher at the Westbury Manor South Side of Jericho Tpke Rt. 25 Westbury. The donation is \$65.00.

Thu Feb 17th, 2005 12 – 2 PM Levittown Brotherhood / Sisterhood Luncheon at Domenico's Restaurant 3270-A Hempstead Tpke in Levittown. The donation is \$24.00.

Sun Mar 13th, 2005 East Meadow Pancake Breakfast at East Meadow High School 101 Carmen Avenue in East Meadow.