



ONLY FIFTY AND JUST HITTING THEIR STRIDE
By David Nicoletta

Being a part of the Kiwanis Family, we often pride ourselves on how much work we do for the children of the world. We offer financial assistance and scholarships to many organizations and to worthy students who show extraordinary potential. But, some of our most worthy student leaders are right under our noses all the time.

Since 1955 Circle K International has provided countless opportunities for young men and women to grow as individuals and community leaders while providing valuable service to others.

In honor of these 50 years of service, a commemorative coin has been commissioned. There is a limited quantity and they are available on a first come, first served basis for a donation of only \$10.00. All money raised will be deposited into the Tomorrow Fund. The Tomorrow Fund, found in the Kiwanis International Foundation endowment, is a fund that is intended to further the purposes of Circle K International. Once the fund reaches \$100,000, a grant program will be developed to help fund Circle K projects that address important needs in their communities and campuses, and to help fund scholarships for Circle K members. For information about purchasing these coins, please contact David Nicoletta at (516) 520-1368 or you can E-mail Dave at dnicoletta@msn.com.

SPONSORED YOUTH LEEDS THE WAY

It is said that young people have almost boundless energy. After what I heard from our sponsored youth at the last divisional, I have become a believer. K Kids, Builders, Key, and Circle K clubs have participated in a wide variety of activities and have demonstrated a strong commitment to helping others in their communities and throughout the world. The clubs have brightened the lives of senior citizens and sick children by spending time with them, served as mentors for younger children, raised money for the needy, helped to finance research, helped support their sponsoring clubs at Pancake Breakfasts, and through their actions exemplified the true spirit of Kiwanis. Congratulations to all of our sponsored youth. Your enthusiasm energizes us. You have led by example, and that is the most potent form of leadership.

YOU'VE GOT TO KNOW WHEN TO HOLD EM



As you read this article, you can almost hear Kenny Rogers singing his famous song "The Gambler". The Long Island South Central Division will be holding a Texas Holdem Tournament on Friday Night

May 20th at 7PM at the North Bellmore Fire House on Newbridge Road in North Bellmore. There will be a \$100 buy in and additional \$100 buy in the first hour of play that evening.

This is a great event and we promise you will have a lot of fun. There will be cash prizes, plus food and drinks served. Special thanks to the North Bellmore Fire Department for all their help. We're looking forward to seeing you there. For more information, please call Ted Rosenthal at (516) 485-5577 or LG Sharon Smith at 1-800-232-2118. This is a major fundraiser for our division and we hope you can help us.

An unidentified source (Larry Paretta) within the LISC Division has told us that Lt. Gov Sharon always hums a tune when she's bluffing.

DIVISIONAL HEALTH FAIR SET FOR MAY 2ND

Good health is something that most of us take for granted, and our division has been extremely fortunate to have the expertise of the Nassau University Medical Center Club so readily available. On Monday May 2nd from 5 – 9 PM, with the assistance of the NUMC club, the Long Island South Central Division will be hosting a health Fair at the Nassau University Medical Center.

This project will give us the unique opportunity to take advantage of things such as **Blood Pressure Screening, Glucose Screening, Asthma Screening, Chiropractic Screening, Bicycle Safety, Heimlich Maneuver, Health Care Proxy, Organ Donation, Health Information, and Breast Screen Program.**

At the same time, we will have the chance to give something back to the community by participating in a blood drive that will be held during the Health Fair. So if you are between the ages of 17 and 76 and weigh at least 110 pounds, you can help save a life by giving blood. If you are going to give blood, please bring ID with you. For more information on donating blood, please contact Janet St. John at (516) 572-6348. For more information on the health Fair, please contact Dr. Steven Perrick at (516) 333-7272, Carla Vultaggio at (516) 572-6391, or Linda Walsh at (516) 572-8771

BELLMORES SET TO HOST MEMORIAL BREAKFAST

This year's LISC Memorial Breakfast will be hosted by the Bellmores Club. The breakfast will take place on Sunday May 22nd at Bedell's at West Wind at the end of Bedell Street in Freeport. The donation is \$25.00 per person. Any club wishing to add the name of a deceased member to the Memorial Book is expected to give a \$250.00 scholarship to a student. A picture approximately 4 X 5 of the member and a narrative to be placed in the Memorial Book will be needed.

A MESSAGE FROM LG SHARON

The division will be holding its biggest fundraiser on Friday May 20th at the Bellmores Firehouse on Newbridge Road in North Bellmore. As I compose this message, there is only one month to go before we hold the event. I am asking you and your clubs to support this event. Naturally, the more tickets that are sold, the more successful the event will be. Consider buying a couple of tickets as a club. Then you could choose to send a member or an officer to the event as a reward for their service to your club. I thank you in advance for your support.

I have said on many occasions that I want to support your club by attending some of its projects and fundraisers. Unfortunately, this has proven difficult for me, as clubs have not always kept me informed about major events. The other reason that I like to know about your club's activities is so that I can help you avoid potential conflicts with other clubs in the division. So, I ask you once again to keep me in the loop regarding your club's activities.

As we get closer to the summer, I would like to remind you of what Governor Designate David Rothman said regarding Kamp Kiwanis. It's important that all of the applications and medical forms be filled out properly and submitted in a timely fashion. We also ask that a representative from your club be present when your campers depart and return from camp.



Town Hall's Gloria Gregory and Guests at Bowl-A-Thon

Finally, I wish to thank you for all of the hard work that you have done to serve your clubs, community, and the division. Our success as an organization is the result of your efforts. If I can be of

assistance to you or your clubs, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

KPTC TRIPPLE PLAY

There will be three events held to raise money and awareness for the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center. On Tuesday April 26th, an art auction will be held at the Swan Club. Tickets are \$10.00 each or 6 for \$50.00.

On Friday May 6th a celebration of Kiwanis's 90th birthday will be held at the Tiles Center at C.W. Post College. You can buy tickets for \$37.50, \$50.00, or \$75.00. The more expensive tickets include a cocktail party.

Finally on Wed May 18th there will be a Chinese Auction at the Swan Club. Tickets for that event are \$35.00. A

cash bar will be available. Clubs can support this event by donating items for baskets.

The Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Centers provide care to meet the very special needs of infants and young children.



Athlete speeds around the track

ATHLETES PREPARE TO SHINE IN LONG ISLAND GAMES

On Thursday June 2nd a group of athletes for whom courage and enthusiasm are a given will come to Long Island to participate in the Games for the Physically Challenged. Each year Kiwanians from the LISC Division have volunteered to work at this event.

There are over 1,000 participants in the games, and the West Hempstead Club collects and provides toys and games for the athletes. Anything that you or your club can do to support this effort would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to donate toys or money to West Hempstead's efforts, please contact George Silkes at (516) 489-0275. or you can E-mail George at georgecurb@webtv.net.

For more information about volunteering at the games, please contact Gail Cummo at (516) 735-5847.

AROUND THE DIVISION

Franklin Square had a great time at this year's Comedy Night. The club will be hosting their annual Street Fair on Sunday May 1st on Franklin Ave from 10am - 5pm. There will be vendors, crafts, food, rides for children, and games. So come on out and join the club for a fun filled day. The club is also preparing for a Pancake Breakfast which will be held on Sunday June 12th at Boulder Creek Restaurant which is located at 700 Hempstead Tpke in Franklin Square.

Massapequa will be holding their annual Golf Classic on Mon June 13th at the Town of Oyster Bay Golf Club. Shotgun start at 11:00 AM (Yours truly will not be firing the shotgun). The cost is \$190.00 per person. For more information, please contact Golf Classic Chairperson Rocco L. Dionisio Jr. at (516) 356-5180. You can E-mail Rocco at masstang@optonline.net.



Ms. USA Chelsea Cooley and Bill Mosley

Bill Mosley donated his services as a photographer at the LI Philharmonic Gala Concert that was held on April 21st.

Massapequa's Key Clubs have been quite active. All three participated in a clean up of the Tackapausha Preserve on Sat April 16th, collecting garbage and the like from the preserve. The Seaford HS Key Club participated in the MS Walk at Belmont Lake State Park on Sunday the 17th. Past president and Class of 2004 Graduate Dara Witty came back to participate in the walk with her mother Sheri, as her father Larry died of MS several years ago. Massapequa HS Key Club held a Senior Citizens Prom on Friday April 15th, and had a record turnout of over 170 guests...some of whom were gatecrashers! The Plainedge HS Key Club held a Phone a Thon for Cystic Fibrosis on Monday April 11th, phoning from the school from 5-8pm for pledges.

Thanks to the efforts of President Doug Mills, Adm Treasurer Steve Kaplan, and DPP Hal Horowitz, **Merrick's** annual Mets ticket raffle was a big success. DPP Charles Rosenblau demonstrated his prowess as a salesman. In fact rumor has it that Charlie was even able to sell a ticket to a man named George. The club sent representatives to the Bellmores and Levittown Pancake Breakfasts. Merrick is looking forward to celebrating their Charter Past Presidents Night on Thursday May 5th at La Piazza.

The **Town Hall** club had a great time at this year's Comedy Night at Governors in April. The club is preparing for their annual Pancake Breakfast to support Camp Anchor. This year's event will take place in July. Details will be announced later.

Uniondale is co-hosting a pancake breakfast with the Uniondale Hispanic Association at St. Martha's Church in Uniondale on Sunday May 1st. We are also working

with the Uniondale Key Club to help provide staff for the Uniondale track meet on April 22nd. The Uniondale Key Club will host a movie night on June 1st and everyone is invited. "We will be there to work and support them. I have been out with surgery and am now back but just a little slow. Hope to see you all soon. Distinguished President Marilyn" It's good to have you back Marilyn.

The producers of American Idol expressed concern when the show's ratings took a sudden dip as it

attempted to compete with the **Wantagh** Club's very successful Karaoke Night. The club enjoyed some tasty treats in this year's very enjoyable Men That Cook project, and they would like to thank all of the chefs who participated this year. After the final dish was cleaned, members of the club were heading out to the golf course to prepare for this year's Bonnie R. Bast 6th annual golf outing. This year's golf event will be held on Monday May 9th at the prestigious Woodcrest Country Club on Muttontown Road in Syosset. Registration will begin at 10:00AM and will be followed by brunch. There will be a 12:00 PM Shotgun start. The event includes brunch, shotgun start, refreshments on the course, cocktail hour and dinner, complimentary gifts, and raffles. The cost of this event is \$250.00. So dust off your clubs and lets get ready to hook and slice. For more information, please call Chris Brown at (516) 781-7332 or Janice Seyfried at (516) 826-6344

West Hempstead wishes to congratulate Key Club Advisor Thomas Kemnitzer for being awarded the Key of Honor at the recent Key Club Convention. Tom was also selected as the West Hempstead Civic Association's Man of the Year. The award will be presented at the next Civic Association meeting.



The club would like to invite all Kiwanians to their annual Pancake Breakfast, which will be held at the high school on Sunday May 15th. Just think about it. You can enjoy the finest pancakes this side of East Meadow, leave the dishes to West Hempstead, and support a good cause all at the same time. This is West Hempstead's major fundraiser and any support would be greatly appreciated.

CALENDAR

Sun May 1st Uniondale Pancake Breakfast with the Uniondale Hispanic Association at St. Martha's Church in Uniondale.

Sun May 1st 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM Franklin Square Street Fair Franklin Avenue in Franklin Square



Larry Schatz Presents trophy to Seaford's Elise Doyno

Mon May 2nd 5:00 – 9:00 PM LISC Divisional Health Fair and Blood drive at the Nassau University Medical Center.

Fri May 6th 7:00 PM Celebrate 90 years of Kiwanis at the Tiles Center at C W Post College in Brookville New York.

Mon May 9th 10:00 AM Wantagh's Bonnie R. Bast Golf Outing at the Woodcrest Country Club. The donation is \$250.00. For more information, please call Chris Brown at (516) 781-7332 or Janice Seyfried at (516) 826-6344

Mon May 9th LISC Divisional Council at Domenico's hosted by the Seaford and Nassau County Young Professional Clubs. It's meet the District Candidates night.

Sun May 15th West Hempstead Pancake Breakfast at the West Hempstead High School.

Wed May 18th 7:00 PM KPTC Chinese Auction at the Swan Club on Shore Road in Glenwood Landing New York.

Fri May 20th 7:00 PM LISC Texas Hold-Em Bellmore Firehouse on Newbridge Road in Bellmore. Donation \$100.00

Sun May 22nd LISC Memorial Breakfast hosted by the Bellmores Club at Bedell's at West Wind at the end of Bedell Street in Freeport. The donation is \$25.00.

Wed Jun 1st Uniondale Key Club Night at the Movies.

Thur Jun 2nd – Sun Jun 5th Empire State Games for the Physically Challenged at Mitchell Field Complex in Uniondale New York.

Sun Jun 12th Franklin Square Pancake Breakfast at Boulder Creek 700 Hempstead Tpke in Franklin Square. The donation is \$5.00.

Mon Jun 13th 11:00 AM Massapequa Golf Classic at the Town of Oyster Bay Golf Course. The donation is \$190.00. For more information, please contact Golf Classic Chairperson Rocco L. Dionisio Jr. at (516) 356-5180 or you can E-mail Rocco at masstang@optonline.net