



LISC TO HOLD ELECTIONS AT MARCH DIVISIONAL COUNCIL

The debates are over. All of the talk about special interest groups, high powered lobbyists, and soft money has come to an end. Now it's time to get out the vote, as at March's divisional council,



Mid Winter Conference

elections will be held for Lieutenant Governor Elect and Lieutenant Governor designate.

So, on Monday March 13th at 6:30 PM, Domenico's Restaurant will be the place for high

powered politics. The evening will be hosted by the Massapequa and Young Professionals clubs.

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank and congratulate the candidates who have come forward to run for these positions. As those who have gone before them can tell you, it's a rewarding but demanding job. So come on out and cheer them on.

SHARON SMITH GOES FROM CLASSY TO GRANNY SMITH

It was a bittersweet moment for DPLG Sharon Smith who was honored with a testimonial dinner last Friday evening at the Nassau County Bar Association. Dignitaries from around the division and the New York District came out to honor this very classy lady who gave so much in her term as Lieutenant Governor. There were over 125 people in attendance.

In a futile effort to hold back tears, Sharon explained, "With the birth of my grandchild I am no longer Sharon Classy Smith, but Granny Smith, and I will be moving to California so that I can be near my grandchild and daughter. But I will never forget the wonderful friends that I have made in Kiwanis."

As the evening progressed, Sharon gave out two very special awards to two Kiwanians who had worked tirelessly to support her and the division. Once again trying to hold back tears DPLG Sharon

awarded the George F. Hixon award to Carla Vultaggio and a Diamond Kaiser Award to Linda Walsh. These awards are among the highest that a Kiwanian can receive, and they go to two very dedicated and special Kiwanians.

Special thanks to PLG Mickie Leamey and PLG Janice Seyfried for the work that they did to set up the evening and coordinate the event. It takes a lot of hard work to make an event like this the success that it was. Thanks also to DPLG Tom Gallagher who served as the events master of Ceremonies. It was a very classy Evening for Granny Smith.

LISC HOSPITALITY ROOM ROCKS AT MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

Most Kiwanians feel just a little bit more motivated after attending the workshops at a New York District Kiwanis Mid-Winter Conference. It is a chance for Kiwanians to share their experiences and accomplishments.

But if the seminars are helpful to Kiwanians, no convention experience can be complete without a visit to the LISC Division's Hospitality Room. There's something for everyone from lively dancing, to plentiful food and drinks, or just the opportunity to sit down in a noisy (because quiet is against the rules) corner and unwind.

It takes hard work to run a hospitality room that lives up to the reputation established by the LISC Division. So special thanks to Linda Walsh, Carla Vultaggio, Debbie Tota, Jay Steinmetz, and everyone else who helped to make the LISC Hospitality room the place to be.

AROUND THE DIVISION

We would like to wish Muriel Finkel a rapid recovery from an accident in which Muriel was struck by a car. Know that you are in our thoughts and our prayers. If you want to send a get-well card, you can send it to Muriel Finkel at 662 Howard Avenue West Hempstead, New York 11552.

East Meadow continues to give Las Vegas and Atlantic City all of the competition that they could ask for. Once again, the club will be holding a Texas Hold Em on Friday March 31st at the East Meadow Firehouse. If you want to contribute to a

good cause, have a good time, and try out your Poker Face, you can contact Ted Rosenthal at (516) 485-5577 or Alan Beinhacker at 1-800-232-2118. The cost of the event is a \$100.00 buy in. All checks must be made payable to East Meadow Kiwanis and sent to Ted Rosenthal at 1600 Front Street East Meadow, NY 11554.

Robert Dillon, Superintendent of Schools and Leon Campo Deputy Superintendent of Schools for the East Meadow School District gave an informative program on school taxes in the East Meadow area.

Congratulations to Jim Surlless who was presented by the club with a Certificate of Distinguished Service for his efforts and hard work holding the CPR/AED class.

The club is looking forward to their Pancake Breakfast



Relaxing at the Mid-Winter Conference

which will be held on Sunday March 12th. Not only will you get the finest pancakes this side of Levittown, but there will be face painting, balloons, free blood pressure

and glaucoma screening, door prizes, and a 50/50. So come on over to the East Meadow High School on Carmen Avenue, and leave the cooking to East Meadow. The donation is \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for Seniors and kids.

This is your last chance to get your tickets to **Garden City's** St. Patrick's day party. This is one of, if not, the largest charity luncheons on Long Island and who can resist a St. Patrick's Day meal a la Garden City Hotel.

This year's luncheon will take place on Thursday March 16th from 12 – 2 PM at the Garden City Hotel. Tables of 10 are available for \$500.00. There are a limited number of tables of 12 (\$600.00) or 14 (\$700.00) also available. Please make all checks payable to The Garden City Kiwanis Foundation. You can send your check to John Collins at Margolin, Winer & Evans LLP 400 Garden City Plaza Garden City, New York 11530. Please remember that your check is required for

your reservation, and seats are going fast. If you have any questions, you can call John Collins at (516) 240-4361 or Patrick Curry at (516) 485-5577.

Hempstead is really looking forward to celebrating their 70th Anniversary. The party will take place on Friday April 28th, 2006. The event will be held at the Sterling located at 345 Hicksville Rd. in Bethpage. The cost will be \$70.00. That's \$1.00 for every year of service provided by a great club. President Denise would like to thank Ken Klein and



Fire Medic Phylliss Sperr assists Kiwanians in applying the AED to a training mannequin

members of the Wantagh Club who have already purchased tickets for the event.

Congratulations to Hempstead's Denise Thibou who was nominated to serve as Lieutenant

Governor for the 2007 – 2008 Administrative year. At this point Denise has not decided whether she will accept the position.

The **Levittown** club held its 30th annual Brotherhood – Sisterhood Luncheon on February 16th. As always the room was filled with many Kiwanians from around the division and the New York District.

Members of the Clergy from Levittown and communities in the area were introduced and thanked for the job that they do. This year's featured speaker was Father Tom Haggerty from St. Raphael's church in East Meadow. In his remarks, Father Tom encouraged Kiwanians to "continue to do what you do so well." The event was a big success. The club would like to recognize and thank Steve Ellis for coordinating the luncheon.

The club will be holding their annual Pancake Breakfast on Sunday April 2nd from 7:30 – 11:00 am. The event will be held at the Levittown Memorial Education Center on Abby Lane in Levittown.

Massapequa's past president Sue Martin was nominated to serve as Lieutenant Governor for the 2006 – 2007 Administrative year. As Sue begins to prepare to serve as Lieutenant Governor, she

remains actively involved in community activities. On Sunday April 9th, Sue and a group of other people will be performing in an effort to raise money for Prune Belly Syndrome.

This is a rare and uncommon condition that effects 1 in 40,000 children. Of those that are effected by Prune Belly Syndrome 20% are born stillborn, 30% die before they are two years old, and the remaining 50% have varying degrees of urinary pathology. The funds raised at this event will be used to support efforts to provide information and support to patients and caregivers.

The event will be held at the Irish Cottage 1010 Park Blvd. In Massapequa Park. The restaurant's number is (516)798-2196. The cover charge is \$10.00, and there will be raffle drawings as well.

Seaford is having Karaoke Night on March 23rd at 7PM. The event will take place at the Sunset Grill which is located on Sunrise Highway in Seaford. Tickets are \$25.00 per person, and they will be available at the March Divisional. This is a great chance to be an American Idol without having to deal with that annoying Simon person. For information, you can call President Robin at (516) 781-3717. Robin's cell phone number is (516) 445-2403.

The club was recently recognized as being Distinguished at the Mid-Winter Conference. President Robin was recognized as being a Distinguished Kiwanian. Seaford was happy to see Julie Olsen and Tony. They're glad that Julie is recovering rapidly. The club would also like to congratulate all the other clubs who won awards at the Mid-Winter Conference.

Town Hall is getting into shape for their annual Bowl-A-Thon which will be held on Sun April 9th. Despite being banned from several bowling facilities as the result of balls that have gone through windows and into other lanes, Town Hall President JoAnn Delgado remains optimistic about her chances to win the High Bowler award.

The club is also gearing up for their major fundraiser which will be a masquerade ball that will take place on Friday April 19th. The theme for this year's costumes will be famous people in history. This is a great opportunity to let your hair down and assume the role of that hero or scoundrel that you always wanted to be and help to raise money for a good cause. The cost of the event will be \$50.00, and it will include dinner and beverages.

Wantagh has begun to make preparations for the club's annual Bonnie and Charles Bast Golf Outing. This year's event will be held on Monday May8th at the prestigious Woodcrest Club on Muttontown Road in Syosset.

This great day of golf includes Brunch, Shotgun start, Cocktail Hour and Dinner, Refreshments and Food Stations on the Course, Door Prizes, Raffles, and Complimentary Gifts. You get all of the above for only \$260.00 per person. Registration will begin at 10:00 AM followed by brunch and a shotgun tee-off at 12:00PM. If you want more information, please call the event's Chairperson Chris Brown at (516) 781-7332 or Nancy Kalberer at (516) 735-9500 Ext. 14.

Once again, Wantagh will prove that Men can indeed cook at their annual Men That Cook event. This year the men will be preparing those delectable delights on Saturday April 29th. The club is looking for volunteers. For information, please contact Club President Ken Klein at (516) 410-5322. Come on guys, this is our big chance to dispel some of those myths about our cooking prowess, prove that we really can cook, and help a good cause.

West Hempstead participated in the introduction of the "Relay for Life" program. At the introduction, one of the members of the club who is a Breast Cancer Survivor gave a talk on her experiences during her treatment and the encouragement that she received from the Nassau Cancer Society. The club is extremely gratified by her recovery. Special thanks to member Diann Forquignon who was instrumental in the success of the meeting.

Please note that The Relay for Life will be held to benefit the Breast Cancer Program. The event will be held at the West Hempstead High School in June. We will bring you more details as they become available.

Editor's Note

I would be happy to give a program at your club regarding the production of a newsletter / club bulletin. My home number is (516) 374-6008 and my E-mail address is charcro@optonline.net. Please do not hesitate to drop me a line or give me a call.

As always, your support, information, and pictures are greatly appreciated.

CALENDAR

Sun Mar 12th 8:30 – 11:30 AM East Meadow Pancake Breakfast at the East Meadow High School on Carmen Avenue in East Meadow. The donation is \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children.

Thu Mar 16th 12 – 2 PM Garden City St. Patrick's Day Luncheon at the Garden City Hotel Grand Ballroom at 45 Seventh Street in Garden City NY.

Thu Mar 23rd 7:00 PM Seaford Karaoke Night at the Sunset Grill on Sunrise Highway in Seaford. The event will cost \$25.00 per person. For more information, please call President Robin Asighieri at (516) 781-3717.

Mar 24th – 26th New York District Key Club Convention at Kutcher's Country Club in Monticello New York.

Fri Mar 31st East Meadow will hold a Texas Hold 'em Party at the East Meadow Firehouse on East Meadow Avenue in East Meadow. The donation is \$100.00.

Sun Apr 2nd Bellmores Pancake Breakfast (Details will be announced).

Sun Apr 2nd 7:30 – 11:00 am Levittown Pancake Breakfast at the Levittown Memorial Education Center which is on Abby Lane in Levittown.

Sun Apr 9th Prune Belly Syndrome fundraiser Starring Massapequa's Sue Martin at the Irish Cottage 1010 Park Blvd in Massapequa Park. The donation is \$10.00

Sun Apr 9th Town Hall Bowl-A-Thon

Fri Apr 28th Hempstead hosts its 70th anniversary gala party at the Sterling located at 345 Hicksville Rd. in Bethpage.

Sat Apr 29th Wantagh's annual Men that Cook event. For information, please contact Wantagh's President Ken Klein at (516) 410-5322..

Sun Apr 30th 9 AM – 12 PM LISC Kiwanis Memorial Breakfast will be hosted by the West Hempstead Club. The breakfast will be held at the Best Western Hotel on Sunrise Highway in Rockville Centre. The cost will be \$25.00.

Fri May 5th International President's Official visit will be held at Leonard's of Great Neck.

Sat May 6th New York District Kamp Kiwanis Open House at Taburg New York.

Mon May 8th The Wantagh club hosts the annual Bonnie and Charlie Bast Memorial Golf Outing at the Woodcrest Country Club.

Fri May 19th Town Hall Masquerade Ball Donation \$50.00.



Hail Hail the gang's all here at the Mid-Winter Conference



Fran Miller and DPP Joni Blenn practice the Heimlich Maneuver