



**HAPPY HOLIDAYS EVERYONE!
A MESSAGE FROM THE DESK OF LG
SUE MARTIN**

I hope that Thanksgiving was a safe, restful and enjoyable day for all and their loved ones.

We have nearly finished all the installations, and now we are moving quickly into the Holiday Season! It is at this time of year that we are more aware than ever of all those in need of assistance. Each of our clubs has their own special way of supplying what is needed to their community. Food drives, coat drives, Salvation Army Bell Ringing to name just a few.



LG Sue Martin takes ride in Radio Flyer donated by IPG David Rothman Included in In this photo are NUMC President Janet St. John, NUMC PP Linda Walsh, Carla Vultaggio, Governor Joe Corace, and IPG David Rothman

Toys for Tots is being headed by Massapequa Kiwanians, Ted Heim and Ray Cole. Toys will be held and you can pick them up by bringing your \$100.00 Donation to the same location as last year upon pick up. They do not expect the arrival of toys until at least December 10th or so. The address for pick up is 1110 Rt. 109, Lindenhurst, NY. Please contact either Ray Cole at 516-790-1314 or Ted Heim at 631-957-1013.

We were very happy to hear that we have been invited to continue having our Monthly Divisional Council Meetings at Spumante Italian Restaurant, located at 1650 Hempstead Tpke, East Meadow, NY 516-

222-2611. There will be no meeting for the month of December, so that all can enjoy their own holiday events and ceremonies, and then we will resume monthly meetings in January. January's Divisional Council will be held on Monday January 8th, 2007. The meeting will begin at 6:30 PM. We hope to have a program



Dr. Steve Perrick administers flu shot to IPG David Rothman

regarding the Governor's Project and Lt. Governor's Project. February's divisional will cover Kamp Kiwanis as well as the upcoming Mid Winter Conference to be held at the Desmond Hotel in Albany, from February 23rd - 25th. All information regarding upcoming events for the District can be found on the District Website, which is located at <http://www.kiwanis-ny.org/events.htm>.

I would like to thank you for all of the hard work that you and your clubs do. I'd also like to wish you and your families a safe, healthy, and happy Holiday season.

SEND A HOLIDAY CARD TO THE TROOPS

Many of our country's finest men and woman are serving far from home. This year, most of them will not be coming home for the Holidays. You can brighten their day by taking advantage of the Xerox Corporation's web site to send them a holiday greeting. If you go to this web site, www.LetsSayThanks.com you can pick out a thank you card and Xerox will print it and it will be sent to a soldier that is currently serving in Iraq. You can't pick out who gets

it, but it will go to some member of the armed services. So please take a minute, and bring a little bit of home to someone serving far away.

CLUBS PLAN GALA HOLIDAY PARTY

The Garden City, Franklin Square, and Wantagh clubs are planning a Holiday Party. The celebration will take place on Thursday December 14th. The party will be held at PENCENZOS, which is located at 1902 Jericho Tpke. In New Hyde Park. The festivities begin with a cocktail hour from 7 – 8 PM with dinner to follow. The evening includes beer, wine, and soda. There will be a cash bar. You get all this plus a healthy dose of the Holiday Spirit for only \$50.00 per person. Please RSVP to John Collins at (516) 376-0854. John's Cell Phone Number is (516) 240-4361. Checks should be made payable to Garden City Kiwanis Foundation. They can be mailed to John Collins at 365 Stewart Avenue- Apt. B-9 Garden City, NY 11530.

AROUND THE DIVISION

Congratulations to David Cummo who received the KPTC Fellow award.



LG Sue Martin, Governor Joe Corace, KPTC Fellow Dave Cummo, David's wife Gail Cummo, and Dave's sister Dianne Longofono

We send our best wishes to Larry Schatz who is recovering from heart surgery in Columbia Presbyterian Hospital. Larry's number is (212) 543-7084 and calls are welcome.

The **Bellmore** Kiwanis Key club is planning to bake apple pies for the local food pantry. For their part, the Bellmore Kiwanis club is donating some money to help the members

of the key club purchase supplies for baking the pies.

Congratulations to Bellmore's newsletter editor Walter P. Andersen who has been selected by the Bellmore Chamber of Commerce as their "Person of the Year for Community Service".

The club's Installation at Piccolo's was very successful. More than forty people attended the event. The club would like to thank LG Sue Martin for performing a fine installation ceremony. Thanks also to IPG David Rothman and Past First Lady Debbie for taking the time to attend. Special thanks also to SDPLG Mickie Leamey and DPLG Janice Seyfried who was able to print up the programs at the last minute. Congratulations to John Burke and Nina Lanci who were installed as Bellmore's newest members. We'd like to welcome John and Nina to the LISC Division as well.

Thanks to the efforts of DPP Mitchell Skoller and IPP Dr. Alan Alterman, the **East Meadow** club was able to secure a donation of 100 turkeys for their annual Thanksgiving dinner for Senior Citizens and the needy in the East Meadow community.

The **Franklin Square** club completed their Governor's Project. Members of the club worked with students at the Gateway Youth



Troop Co-Leader Melanie Ras, FS PP Mike Fusco, Elisette Ocampo, FS Seniors President Lillyan Frezza, Ann Alles, Troop Leader Jina Papadoniou, and members of Daisy Troop #1476.

Outreach School. Approximately 370 students made Bookmarks, and at Franklin Square John Street School, members of Girl Scout Daisy Troop #1476 made Bookmarks as well. This was an important effort to reach out to families and children who are

struggling to recover from hurricane Katrina, which hit the Gulf Coast. It's a way of telling them that they have not been forgotten.

Meanwhile, the **Franklin Square Seniors** club made a \$500.00 donation to Girl Scout Daisy Troop #1476.

The **Levittown** Kiwanis Club prepared more than 20 food baskets last Saturday for families in need in the Levittown community so they can enjoy a Happy Thanksgiving. The baskets were filled with generous donations from local residents. The club will continue to collect food for the upcoming holiday season.



Members of the Levittown club and their families prepare Thanksgiving Food Baskets.

On Friday December 15th, the Levittown Club will host its Annual Holiday Party for physically and mentally challenged students in the Summit Lane DLC Program. This is a special event that is as enjoyable for the Kiwanis members who get to see the joy on the children's faces as it is for the children who each receive a present from Santa. All gifts are donated by club members.

Merrick's meeting was interrupted by a faulty fire alarm and a visit by the Merrick Fire Department whose members responded to the alarm in a very timely and professional fashion. Despite the distractions, as the old song goes, "You can carry a load,. You can carry a grudge, but you can't disrupt this meeting, because here comes the judge." Well something like that. In this case, it was Nassau County Court Judge Geoffrey O'Connell who gave a quick and informative talk on the court system, and you can bet that there was order in the room.

Thanks to the generosity of local residents and the hard work of many members, the club held an extremely successful food collection. The club is also collecting toys. The toys and the food are being stored at Calhoun High School, and the items are being sorted with the assistance of students with special needs.

Merrick's Pancake breakfast was a big success. The blood pressure screening which was conducted, courtesy of Dr. Rich Seibert was a big success. The club is gearing up for its annual gift-wrapping campaign, which will take place at Roosevelt Mall near Santa and Dick's Sporting Goods Store. So, if you are in the area, and you just happen to have a gift to be wrapped, drop by, and let Merrick's professional gift wrappers help you out.



Division 5 LG Shawn, Governor Joe Corace, LG Sue Martin, and East Meadow President Dr. Steven Perrick

The **Wantagh** club has been busy this past month with two projects. First, their 200 club. If you haven't already participated it's not too late to get a ticket. There are still nine drawings remaining for the year so get your tickets from Debbie Tota or any board member of the club.

The club had a very special visit from SDPLG Jo Greene from LI North. She is the events director for L. I. Cares - Harry Chapin Food Bank and spoke to members about the need for food donations. There are many children and families who are in need especially at this time of the year. The Putting Doctor also paid Wantagh another visit, giving us tips on his "looks".



***Kerry Baardsen of Commerce Bank, 2nd VP
Rich Santer, Lt. Gov. Rickie Santer, President
Dr. Steve Perrick, Leg. Norma Gonsalves, IPLG
Warren Kalmenson, Mary Mannino, Governor
Joe Corace, 1st VP Liz Fries, SDPLG Mickie***

A very successful food drive was held for holiday food baskets, which were distributed to families in the Wantagh community and also given to the INN and Harry Chapin Food Bank and some of the churches in the Wantagh community. Thanks go to Kathy Eiseman and her daughter Amanda for once again chairing this very important service project.

During the first two weeks of December the Kiwanis Club of Wantagh will participate in the L.I. Cares "Turkey Project". Donate a turkey to the club or just \$10.00 - this \$10.00 will feed a family of four with a holiday meal. Donations may be given to President Georgiana or any member of the Wantagh club.

The club will hold a Membership Roundup on Thursday, Dec. 6th. If anyone from another club has a prospective member, they are cordially invited to participate in "our roundup". Please call or email secretary Janice. Her phone number is (826-6344 or you can E-mail her at WantaghKiwanis@aol.com with the name and address of your prospective member so they may receive an invitation. The prospective member will be the guest of the sponsoring club. The club will need to have a count for that evening so please let them know.

Wantagh will have a panel of very distinguished speakers, which include DPG

Peter Mancuso, IPG David Rothman, and Governor Joe Corace. So come on down with an interclub even if you don't have a prospective member at this time. Wantagh looks forward to seeing you then.

The club would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah and a Happy New Year!

The **West Hempstead** club made both a financial donation and donated a number of Turkeys to the Interfaith Nutrition Network in Hempstead. Meanwhile, the West Hempstead Key Club delivered food baskets to needy residents in the West Hempstead and Island Park communities.

As this letter is being written, the club is looking forward to their joint installation with the Elmont Club, which is scheduled to be held on Tuesday November 28th at Filomena's Restaurant in Franklin Square.

CALENDAR

Thu Dec 14th 7:00 PM Garden City, Franklin Square, and Wantagh Holiday Party at PENCENZOS. The cost is \$50.00 per person. For more information, please see the article above.

Thu Jan 11, 2007 7:00 PM The Seaford Club will hold a Karaoke night at the Classic Car Café which is located at 3500 Sunrise Highway in Wantagh. The cost is \$20.00 per person. There will be a cash bar.

Feb 22nd New York District Mid-Winter Conference will be held at the Desmond Hotel and Conference Center which is located at 660 Albany Shaker Road in Albany New York.

Editor's Note

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the newsletter. May you and your families have a safe, fulfilling, and happy holiday season.