



## KIWANIANS HELP JUDGES THROW THE BOOK AT THEM, AT NASSAU'S FAMILY COURT

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On December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2000, New York State's Chief Judge Judith S. Kaye kicked off the nation's first court based literary program, by handing out new books to children at the Manhattan and Nassau County Family Courts' Children's Centers. This program, which is on going statewide, in court annexed children's centers, features the gift of new books for every child who visits a children's center.

The judges of the Nassau County Family Court, under the leadership of Supervising Judge Carnell T. Foskey, have expanded this program over the past several years. The program now includes the distribution of used books, for every child who visits a courtroom, and to litigants/members of the public present in the waiting room/reception area.



Children often accompany parents into the courtrooms of Family Court. This experience can be a source of tension and anxiety for youngsters. To

alleviate these concerns, several of the judges of the Nassau County Family Court distribute used books, and the Hon. Julianne S. Eisman gives teddy bears to children visiting her courtroom. In that regard, the Hon. Merik R. Aaron, Judge of the Family Court, recently observed "these gifts can often turn a tense situation into a positive memory for the children".

The Nassau County Family Court receives discarded books from the East Meadow Public Library, from lawyers, court employees and well wishers, such as the Courthouse Kiwanis Club of Mineola.

Hon. John B. Pessala, tells whoever will listen, to bring in books to Family Court and 'they keep on pouring in' to court.

Carol Peluso, Patricia Harrington and Catherine Romano-Duguid, of the Courthouses Kiwanis, recently delivered several boxes of used books collected by the club members.

At Family Court, the second floor waiting room is frequently crowded and tense. Two recent initiatives have been implemented to improve the situation. Administrative Judge Anthony F. Marano, and Family Court's Supervising Judge Carnell T. Foskey, secured the installation of a television/CNN monitor to provide some diversion in the waiting room. In addition, there is a used book display area where litigants and family members, who often must 'wait around' for hours, can take books to read, while waiting. They are also encouraged to take the books home. The waiting room area features a large sign 'Free Books Take Home'. The book display and selection is replenished every night. We have books on every topic imaginable. Judge Foskey added that the "purpose of Family Court is to provide help and assistance . . . the used book gift program is, but one small initiative along these lines".

Finally, the Hon. John G. Marks wanted it noted that "the book display shelves, in the waiting area, were designed and constructed by 'semi skilled' carpenter, Judge John Pessala . . . and the books cases are not a 'pretty sight', but they do the job".

### MEMORY WALK TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 16

Below is information concerning this year's Memory Walk to fight Alzheimer's disease. Anything that you or your clubs can do will be greatly appreciated.

Memory Walk is the Alzheimer's Association's national signature event to help those coping with Alzheimer's disease. Since 1989, the nation's largest event supporting Alzheimer's care and support services has raised more than \$200 million. Once again, participants from all walks of life will come together this year to raise money and awareness about Alzheimer's disease and the Alzheimer's Association. Please join us in taking steps to end Alzheimer's. This year's Memory

Walk will take place at the Old Bethpage Restoration Village.

Registration & Breakfast which is sponsored by Atria Senior Living will begin at 8:30 am. The Participant Registration fee is \$50.00. For detailed information, you can call Steve Haller at (516) 486-8562. If you want to make a donation or learn more, you can go to the web site <http://memorywalk2006.kintera.org/faf/home/default.asp?ievent=161201&lis=1&kntae161201=BF0927AF80E740DEAC5007B3BB6A0A8A>.

### FROM THE NICOLETTA FAMILY

Fellow Kiwanians:

We would like to apologize for not being able to say goodbye to everyone in person, but unfortunately the timing was difficult. An opportunity arose for us in the "Carolina's" to continue developing new restaurants, and build a better life for little Davey and ourselves. We jumped at this opportunity and so far have been very happy with our decision.

Over the course of the last 10 years, first as Circle K'ers, and later as proud Kiwanians, we have enjoyed your leadership, mentoring and most importantly, friendship. We have learned so much from each of you about what it truly means to be a community servant. We hope that maybe our involvement showed you that "young professionals" are an important part of the future of Kiwanis.



We will continue to be involved in the Kiwanis Family, and are currently looking at Kiwanis Clubs here in North Carolina. We trust that we will see many of you at a Kiwanis Convention in the near future.

In Kiwanis Spirit,  
David, Joanne and Davey Nicoletta

### LG WARREN MAKES PREPARATIONS FOR FINAL DIVISIONAL COUNCIL

As this letter is being written, Lieutenant Governor Warren Kalmenson is finding that there are almost not enough hours in a day to get things done. Warren and many other members of the Long

Island South Central Division are currently in Saratoga attending the New York District Convention. As a Lieutenant Governor from Governor David Rothman's division, Warren is tasked with going the extra mile as it were. Fortunately for Warren, he has lots of assistance from many Kiwanians who know the ropes and thrive on hard work. Warren will be recognizing many of these hard working individuals at the next divisional meeting which will take place at Domenico's Restaurant in Levittown on Monday September 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. Fortunately Warren and company will have a week to recover from the rigors of the district convention, and given the fact that it's all work, and absolutely no partying or play, they'll need the time.



The job of serving as a Lieutenant Governor is one that requires the person to give up a great deal of time and effort. It's a

very rewarding job which also has its share of tough moments. Like those, who have gone before him, Warren Kalmenson has worked very hard. So, we are asking all of you to come out and enjoy a night of fun and fellowship, and thank a great guy and First Lady Susan who worked so hard on our behalf.

### AROUND THE DIVISION

**East Meadow** made a \$10,000.00 donation to Kamp Kiwanis. The money for the donation was the result of fund raising that club members had engaged in, and two grants. Thanks to Norma Gonsalves and Mitchell Skoller who worked to secure the grants. Special thanks to Ted Rosenthal and Andy Langus who did the paper work for the grants. The club held a very successful membership roundup. As the home club for both the Governor and the Lieutenant Governor, East Meadow is making preparations for this year's New York District Convention.

**Franklin Square** will have their Installation Dinner, honoring incoming President Mark Oxios and outgoing President James DeBari, on Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. It will be held at the

Plattdeutsche Park Restaurant, which is located at 1132 Hempstead Tpke. In Franklin Square. Your quick response will help keep everything as organized as possible. The Cost is \$50.00 per person. Kindly respond on or before Wednesday, September 27th. Please make your check payable to Kiwanis Club of Franklin Square. Checks can be mailed to Kiwanis Club of Franklin Square 672 Dogwood Ave., #104 Franklin Square, NY 11010

The **Massapequa** club's Golf Classic was a big success. Thanks to the able leadership of Golf Classic Chairperson Rocco Dionisio Jr., a good time was had by everyone, and a good deal of money was raised. The 12<sup>th</sup> annual Baldinger's Football clinic broke all records for attendance and fundraising.



With the assistance of two legislative grants procured through NYS Assemblyman Joe Saladino and major sponsor National Marine

Manufacturer's Association, the club's Sea Quest Kid's Boating Building Project has finally gotten under way. Steve Gronka from Sea Quest Kid's gave a presentation at the club's June 7<sup>th</sup> meeting and came down a few weeks ago to supervise the construction training team. Thanks to Joe Saladino who hosted a Fun Family Fishing Day and Marine Expo at Jones Beach on August 27<sup>th</sup>, where additional boats were constructed.

Sea Quest Kids™, is a program of not for profit Advance America Foundation, which is the organization supervising the boat building project. In brief, the project consists of two teams of area youths who will build two small boats. Due to time constraints, several boats were built so that the "crack" training team can be ready when the club has more "kids" on board. For more information on how the program works, visit [www.advanceaf.org](http://www.advanceaf.org). Special thanks to Joe Ruggiero and John Rywelski



for their assistance in preparing this grant package, and to Joe Saladino as well.

**Town Hall** has spent the summer quietly preparing for its installation of officers which will take place on Wed October 18<sup>th</sup> at Filomena's Restaurant in Franklin Square. The club has made several large donations to various charities including the New York District Kiwanis Foundation. Town Hall is preparing to conduct a benefit drawing to help needy children. They've been collecting lots of prizes. They would like to welcome Mary Burns, the club's newest member. Mary, who has been an honorary member, has decided to join the club, and as this letter is being written, she is serving as the club's delegate at this year's New York District Kiwanis Convention.

On Sunday October 22<sup>nd</sup>, the Town Hall club will join with the Friends of Kelly Jon to help raise money for Kelly. Kelly just returned home after spending 17 months in hospitals and nursing homes recovering from a serious illness. As you can imagine, she and her family are in an extremely difficult financial position. So the Friends of Kelly Jon and the Town Hall Kiwanis club will be celebrating Kelly's recovery and raising money to help the family. The celebration will take place at the Bellmore Fire Department which is located at 230 Pettit Avenue in Bellmore from 2 – 7 PM. There will be food, beverages, raffles, and a good time for all. The donation is \$30.00 per person or \$75.00 for a family with up to 5 children (under 18). For more information, please contact Justine DiMicelli at (516) 887-2009.

**Uniondale** had a successful bus trip to Mohegan Sun. People came all the way from Pennsylvania to go. They are sorry that no other Kiwanians could attend, but a great time was had by all. Members of the Circle K club sponsored by Uniondale attended their meeting. They hope to meet with the Circle K club at least three times a year to help improve communications.

"I hope the coming year will be filled with great Kiwanis spirit. We need more brotherly love around ."



Marilyn Valejo.

The **West Hempstead** club

will be holding their annual Pasta Night at the Pompeii Restaurant on Hempstead Avenue in West Hempstead. The eating and it's all you can eat, will begin at 7:00 PM on Tuesday September 12<sup>th</sup>. Rumor has it that Bob Smith's pasta recipe is so fine that other Italian restaurants in the area will be closing because they just can't compete. If you want to find out whether the rumor is true, come on down and eat your fill. I can tell you from experience that you will enjoy every mouthful. The cost is only \$22.00 per person.

The West Hempstead Kiwanis club and other civic organizations will hold the 5<sup>th</sup> annual memorial tribute to the 12 West Hempstead residents who lost their lives on 9/11/2001 as the result of the terrorist attack upon the World Trade Center. The event will be held at Hall's Park in West Hempstead. A clock, garden, and plaque were erected by the club, and it will be dedicated in memory of those fallen residents.

### Editor's Note

I must apologize for the lack of description below the pictures. Unfortunately I had to reformat my computer and re-install all of the software. Hopefully next month will bring better results.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the material that they have provided for the newsletter. Special thanks to LG Warren for his support. It's been a pleasure serving under you Warren.



on Hempstead Avenue in West Hempstead. The donation is \$22.00

**Sat Sep 16<sup>th</sup> 8:30 AM** Alzheimer's Memory Walk 2006 and Fall Festival at the Old Bethpage Village Restoration in Old Bethpage New York. The cost is \$15.00 per person. Family Discounts are available

**Mon Sep 18<sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM** LISC Divisional Council at Domenico's Restaurant in Levittown.

**Mon Sept 25<sup>th</sup> 6 – 9:30 PM** East Meadow Cullinary Delights night will be held at the Mirage Nightclub located at 737 Merrick Avenue in Westbury. For more information, please call Dolores Rome at (516)- 794-2198

**Fri Sep 29<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM** The KPTC Black and White Ball will be held at Leonards of Great Neck which is located at 555 Northern Blvd in Great Neck.

**Thu Oct 5<sup>th</sup> 6:00 PM** Franklin Square holds its installation of officers at the Plattdeutsche Park Restaurant, which is located at 1132 Hempstead Tpke. In Franklin Square. The cost is \$50.00 per person.

**Oct 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>** The Key Leader weekend will take place.

**Thu Oct 12<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM** The Wantagh Kiwanis club will hold its installation of officers at the Westbury Manor which is located at 1100 Jericho Tpke. In Westbury.

**Sun Oct 15<sup>th</sup> 12:00 PM** The Merrick club will hold its installation of officers at Bedell's at West Wind which is located at 104 East Bedell Street in Freeport.

**Wed Oct 18<sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM** The Town Hall Kiwanis Club will hold its installation of officers at Filomena's Restaurant which is located on Hempstead Tpke in Franklin Square.

**Sat Oct 21<sup>st</sup> 6 – 11 PM** East Meadow Installation of officers will be held at Verdi's which is located at 880 Old Country Road in Westbury. The cost is \$75.00 per person

**Sun Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> 2 – 7 PM** Christmas With Kelly Jon will take place at the Bellmore Fire Department located at 230 Pettit Avenue in Bellmore. The donation is \$30.00 per person or \$75.00 for a family of up to 5 children.

**Sat Oct 28<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM** The Levittown Kiwanis Club will hold its installation of officers at Bedell's at West Wind which is located at 104 East Bedell Street in Freeport