



K-Family Celebrates Kiwanis One Day with a Day of Community Service

On Saturday, April 7th, Kiwanians and members of 3 different levels of sponsored youth met at East Meadow's Speno Park to participate in a day of community service. The Speno Park event was

just one of hundreds of similar events taking place around the world as members of the K-Family celebrated the first annual Kiwanis One Day.



Levittown Kiwanian Lisa Santer shows off Pillow Case

Envisioned by Kiwanis International President Nelson Tucker, Kiwanis One Day is one day when all 600,000 members of Kiwanis, Circle K, Key Club, Builders Club, K-Kids and Aktion Club

would engage in community service in a global effort to make the world a better place.

The local Speno Park event was planned by Key Club Lt. Governor Rickie Santer and LISC Kiwanis Lt. Governor Sue Martin.

The day began early with a clean-up of the Bird Sanctuary adjacent to Speno Park. Kiwanians from East Meadow, Levittown, Massapequa, West Hempstead, County Courthouses and Nassau University Medical Center worked side by side with Key Clubbers from East Meadow HS, Division Avenue HS, W. Tresper Clarke HS, West Hempstead HS, and Island Trees HS as well as Builders Clubbers from Woodland Middle School and K-Kids from McVey Elementary School to collect and remove nearly 50 large trash bags of debris.

After a short lunch break, the group began the "Pillow Hugs" project creating more than 50 pillow cases for injured US servicepeople returning from Iraq and Afghanistan to Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington DC. The pillow cases were decorated with messages of gratitude and patriotic symbols.

WEST HEMPSTEAD COURT AKTION CLUB HELPS MANY CHILDREN

Edited from article by Diann Forquignon

West Hempstead Court Aktion Club is up and running with a bang. They have already participated in Governor Joe's bookmark project and we will be presenting those bookmarks to the Governor when he visits with the club on May 2, 2007. The residents of the ACLD house were so excited to be doing a project for kids and were asking so many questions about the Governor that he has graciously agreed to come to their next meeting and speak with the members.



Builders Clubbers, Key Clubbers, and Kiwanians pose after a big cleanup

The members of the club have elected their officers and sent in a petition for their charter. Members have also participated in the Key Club and K-kids project brought to us by Mickie Leamie and created birthday cards for Shane and his Make A Wish

Dream. The enthusiasm they show and the effort they put into all projects is a breath of fresh air. It is so nice to get back to what Kiwanis is all about helping children and that is what these members want to do. All they ask is "can we do something for kids in the hospital. I want to do this for kids and that for kids."

There are many projects going on throughout the year. Even if your club is not registered for a specific event or month you are always welcome. The members love to meet new people and are very friendly. I am listing the projects and clubs signed up for each month and if there is an empty spot please contact me at 516-749-8391 or diannforquignon@gmail.com.

A MESSAGE FROM LG SUE

Didn't some author write about, "The darling buds of May"? As for yours truly, I'd settle for a bit more warmth. I hope that this message finds you and your families well. As I look at the calendar of upcoming events, I can see that it is a busy one.

Many of our clubs are involved in community service and fundraisers. I believe that you will find assisting other clubs in their projects and fundraisers to be a rewarding experience, and I encourage you and your members to take advantage of the opportunities in this month and the months to come.

In a little over a week, many people from our division will be attending the open house at Kamp Kiwanis. This event should serve as a reminder to all of our clubs to make sure that the applications for the children that you are going to send to Kamp are in order. It's also a good time to make sure that you have representatives at the parking lot when the bus will leave for kamp, and that you will also have people there to greet the children when they return from Kamp Kiwanis. Each year, I am amazed at all of the good work that clubs do by sending needy children to Kamp Kiwanis, and I want to thank you and your members for your efforts in this regard.

It's also that time of year when clubs usually hold elections. After your club has held its elections, please be sure to send me a list of the names of those who were elected. It's also very important for the division to have the contact information for your club's officers. Your help in this regard will be greatly appreciated.

I want to congratulate Lt. Governor Rickie Santer on putting together the Kiwanis One Day event. It was a great day, the clean up was incredibly necessary and the Pillow Hugs I am sure will be greatly appreciated by the Vets that receive them. If you participated in this event you can log on to the site and receive your banner patch. The site can be found when you go to the District site and click on to International, go to worldwide projects and you will see the One Day site. One Day

On June 1st we will be having a Horse Racing Fund Raiser for Prune Belly Syndrome/ LISC. Details will be forth coming and tickets will be on sale shortly. We will have a Texas theme in honor of the upcoming Int'l convention later in the



**West Hempstead Aktion Club
Makes Cards for Shane and his
dream.**

month, so come attired appropriately if you desire! Please save the date, this will be a fun and entertaining way to raise funds and awareness.



**Bill and Marianne make card for
Shane**

Remember to promote this to people other than Kiwanis; this is a great way to let others see what fun events we have for good causes.

I want to thank you once again for all of the good work that you have done. I look forward to seeing you on Monday May 14th at Spumante's restaurant for our next divisional which will be hosted by the NUMC and Elmont clubs You will have a chance to meet the candidates for district office. It should be an exciting evening.

AROUND THE DIVISION

We express our deepest sympathy to the Hempstead High School Key Club and the Hempstead Club on the passing of former Key Club Faculty Advisor Ron Philibert. We will keep him and his family in our prayers, and his memory will live on in our hearts.

The **Bellmores** club held a very successful Pancake Breakfast. They would like to thank Past President Walter Anderson, members of his office staff, and members of their key club for the assistance that they provided at the event.

President Bill Sette and members of the board of directors are focusing on ways to improve meeting attendance.

Franklin Square is looking forward to their fifth annual Street Fair. This year's event will include rides, games, live entertainment, a great food court, and a giant craft fair. The Spring Festival will be held on Sunday May 6th from 11:00 AM – to 5:00 PM . The festival will be on Franklin Avenue located from Scherer Blvd to Hempstead Turnpike. For more information, please call (516) 672-8436.

The **Mineola – Garden City Rotary** will be honoring Garden City member and Distinguished Past Lieutenant Governor Roger Eltringham on Monday May 7th. For those who know Roger, this

is a well deserved honor. Roger brings a keen wit and sense of humor to his endeavors which is only equaled by his generosity and commitment to serving others.

The Annual Mineola – Garden City Rotary Awards Dinner will be held at the Garden City Hotel at 6:00 PM. If you want to attend, please send a check made payable to Mineola-Garden City Rotary Club in the amount of \$65.00. Please send your check to Maureen Clancy, Clancy & Clancy Brokerage Ltd. 114 Seventh Street Garden City, NY 11530 You can also call Maureen Clancy for reservations at (516) 746-2155.

The **Hempstead** club is preparing for its annual "Oldies but Goodies" evening which will take place



Christine and Albert work together

on Saturday June 2nd. This year's event will be a Country and Western theme. There will be Beer, Wine, Soda, and snacks. The party includes Line Dancing, Country Music, and the

Motown sound. There will be raffles, door prizes, and an old fashioned good time. No tickets will be sold at the door. To purchase tickets, please call Denise Thibou at (631) 608-8606 or (516) 984-4563. You can also contact Ethel George at (516) 483-0662 or Augustine Ojo at (516) 481-6446. So get out your fiddle and mosey on down to the American Legion Post 390, which is located at 160 Marvin Avenue in Hempstead. The cost for the evening is \$30.00.

On March 31st the **NUMC** Kiwanis club Hosted its 11th annual "Eggstravaganza". Thanks to the efforts of club members, the event was a big success. The club was assisted by Denise Thibou, Mary Burns, Sara and Vicente Marshall from the Hempstead Club and Lt. Gov. Sue. They helped to stuff some of the 10,000 eggs that were scooped up in a manner of minutes on the day of the hunt. Thanks also to Bob Smith and George Silkes of the West Hempstead Kiwanis, Liz Fries from East Meadow Kiwanis and all others that showed up on the day of the eggstravaganza to help. A special thanks to the members of Vocal Motion. Their interaction with the children was wonderful and all their help set-up and clean up was very much

appreciated. Over 350 children and their families were there to enjoy the days festivities of face painting, kite making, jumping castle and carnival games not to mention a special visit from the "Mr. Bunny" himself.



John Picole and Steve Bernheim join Massapequa

The McVey Elementary K-Kids has been very busy as well. Some of the projects of recent months were: Valentine care packages with Tee-Shirts, Socks, candy and a

special Valentine Greetings to the troops in Iraq. They made snack packs in very Artistically designed lunch bags for the Children of "Bethany house" (a local shelter) to take to school with them for lunch. They collected over \$1,800.00 for "Pennies For Patients" with the money going to the Leukemia Foundation to help children in local hospitals suffering from this disease. Members helped with the Clean up at Speno Park for Kiwanis One-Day and enjoyed meeting members from the other Kiwanis families. They made 100 pillow hugs to be sent to the "Paul Newman Double H Ranch" a special camp for children dealing with chronic and terminal illnesses. The pillow hugs will go in their infirmary for the children to use and enjoy. They will be making birthday cards for "Shane" in hopes of helping him achieve his goal of getting into the Guinness Book of World Records for receiving the most birthday cards. They will also be making bookmarks to be sent in for the governor's project.

In a joint effort with the McVey K-kids the Members of NUMC Kiwanis will once again be helping out at the "Great American Bake Sale" Scheduled for Saturday June 16th from 9am - 5pm. Outside of Michael's Craft Store in Westbury. Stop by and purchase a cookie or cupcake and help us raise money for "Share Our Strength" the national campaign to help end hunger for children in America.

Now is your opportunity to get on the "NUMC Anniversary Raffle" The members will be selling raffle tickets for a monthly drawing with the first drawing to be held at their anniversary meeting in July and every month there after until April of 2008. Tickets will be \$25 dollars with only a limited

number of tickets being sold to help increase your chances of winning. Buy them now before their gone... The NUMC Kiwanis Club will be Co-hosting the May divisional with Elmont. "We hope you all come out to support our clubs."

Massapequa is "Calling All Golfers". The club is looking for participants in their 23rd Annual Golf Classic, which will take place on Monday May 14th at the West Sayville Country Club. Registration will begin at 11:00 AM, and there will be a shotgun start at 1:00 PM. The cost is only \$150.00 per person. As mentioned above, the club is looking for players and sponsors. To participate or lend a hand, please call John Kilgus at (516) 797-8860 or E-mail Bill Moseley at banofoy@msn.com. You can also call (516) 967-8367 for a color brochure.

Realizing that new members bring in new ideas and inspiration, the club has worked hard on membership recruitment. So far, they've gotten Joe Divino, John Piccoli, Steve Bernheim and Kevin Abruzzese. Congratulations to all of them and welcome aboard.

You could almost hear the crack of the bat as members of the **Merrick** Kiwanis Club held their annual Mets raffle. The atmosphere in the club was so authentic that there were even peanuts on every table courtesy of the club's manager Kim Scharoff. Thanks to DPP Charles Rosenblum who sold the tickets like a hot dog vendor at the ballpark. Just like



Joe Divino joins Massapequa

the real thing, this year's raffle was very exciting. It ended in a three-way tie between Bill Irvin, S. Robert Kroll, and Mike Silverman. The three winners will be splitting the season.

Merrick is also preparing for their annual Teacher Appreciation Night. This year, three teachers were selected for their outstanding work. They are Matt Cady from Birch School, Jeannette Moschetta from Old Mill Road, and Ellen Katz from Calhoun.

Finally the club with a heart is on the verge of electing its officers for the 2007 – 2008 administrative year.

Seaford would like to thank everyone who came out to support their joint comedy night with Massapequa. On May 8th, the club will be hearing from Seaford's Superintendent of Schools.



Diann, Katie, and Cathy work on Governor Joe's Project

The club is looking forward to a visit from Governor Joe Corace on May 22nd. The governor will be there to pin some new members, and to lend a hand in the Joe's Heroes

project. All clubs are more than welcome to join Seaford for the evening. If your club is planning an interclub on that evening, please call President Robin at (516) 781-3717 or Secretary Roxanne Burke at (516) 679-1387.

The club will be holding a defensive driving class some time in June. As for President Robin, she is on her way to Las Vegas for a little well deserved relaxation.

The **Town Hall** Club is cleaning up their act. The club will be holding a combination Car Wash / Breakfast on Saturday May 12th. The event will take place at Lido Beach Town Park which is located at 630 Lido Blvd in Lido Beach. The scrubbing will begin at 8:30 AM. This is your opportunity to get that winter dirt off of your pride and joy, have a bagel, and help out a good cause.

Town Hall's Bowlers are dusting off their bowling balls and shining up their bowling shoes in preparations for this year's Bowl-A-Thon, which will be held at Baldwin Bowl on Saturday June 16th at 9:00 PM. If you want to join them, just call Jo-Ann Delgado at (516) 376-4830. The cost is just \$20.00 per person.

The **Wantagh** Club is endorsing John Carpenter's Building our Children's Future campaign for school supplies. Some of the items that are needed include gently used children's storybooks, child-size scissors (Fiskers preferred), hole punchers, pencils, small memo pads, colored pencils, crayons etc.

Items can be dropped off at a number of locations. For information about the project, please call Georgiana at (516) 655-3510 or Janice at (516) 826-6344.

Members of the Wantagh club are also working diligently to improve their golf game in preparation



**Kevin Abruzzese joins
Massapequa Kiwanis**

for the annual Charles and Bonnie R. Bast Golf Outing, which will be held on Monday, May 21st. The event will be held at the Stonebridge Country Club in Hauppauge.

Players are welcome. For more information, please call Georgiana at (516) 655-3510.

The griddle is heating up and the chefs from the **West Hempstead** Club are gathering in preparation for the club's annual Pancake Breakfast which will take place on Sunday May 20th at 9:00 AM. If you want some good eating, just go to the West Hempstead High School, which is located on Nassau Boulevard in West Hempstead.

CALENDAR

Sun May 6th 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM Franklin Square Fifth Annual Street Fair. For more information, please call (516) 672-8436.

Sat May 12th 8:30 AM Town Hall Breakfast and Car Wash will be held at Lido Beach Town Park.

Mon May 14th Massapequa Annual Golf Classic will be held at the West Sayville Country Club in West Sayville. For more information, please contact John Kilgus at (516) 797-8860 or send an E-mail to kiwanishelp@aol.com.

May 18th – 20th Key Leader Conference at Camp Stella Marris in Livonia New York

Sun May 20th 9:00 AM West Hempstead Annual Pancake Breakfast will be held in the cafeteria of the West Hempstead High School, which is located on Nassau Boulevard in West Hempstead.

Sun May 20th Town Hall will participate in the March of Dimes Motorcycle Ride for Babies. For

more information, please contact Jo-Ann Delgado at (516) 376-4830.

Mon May 21st Wantagh will hold their annual Charles and Bonnie R. Bast Golf Outing at the Stonebridge Country Club in Hauppauge

Tue May 22nd Seaford hosts a special meeting with District Governor Joe Corace at David's China Garden Too Restaurant on Sunrise Highway in Seaford. The cost is \$17.00 per person.

May 31st – Jun 2nd The New York State Games for the Physically Challenged will be held at the Mitchell Field complex in Uniondale, NY.

Fri Jun 1st LISC Prune Belly Syndrome fundraiser. Details to be announced.

Sat Jun 2nd 9:30 AM Franklin Square Wine Tour.

Sat Jun 2nd 8:00 PM Hempstead Oldies but Goodies goes Country Western. The event will be held at the American Legion Post 390, which is located at 160 Marvin Avenue in Hempstead.

Sat Jun 2nd The West Hempstead Key Club will participate in the Relay for Life to support cancer research.

Sat Jun 9th 10 AM – 2 PM East Meadow Community Pride Day will be celebrated at Edward J. Speno Park. This day includes lots of fun for the entire family.

Sat Jun 9th The Uniondale Key Club will participate in the Relay for Life to raise money for cancer research.

Sat Jun 16th 9:00 PM Town Hall Bowl-A-Thon will take place at Baldwin Bowl. The cost is \$20.00 per person.