



**HIGH HONORS FOR MERRICK KIWANIANs**  
Edited from article By Linda Susman

Douglas Mills, who has served two terms as president of the Kiwanis Club of Merrick and will serve on the presidential consortium for 2007-'08, has received the George F. Hixson Fellowship, the highest award bestowed by The Kiwanis International Foundation. New York District Governor Joseph L. Corace made the presentation at a recent Kiwanis meeting in Merrick.



**Merrick DPP Doug Mills receives Hixon Award**

Kiwanis meeting in Merrick.

The Kiwanis International Foundation Board of Trustees created the Hixson Fellowship in 1983 to honor the first Kiwanis International President. George F. Hixson, who served from 1916 to 1918, is the only person to serve two terms as Kiwanis International President.



**Merrick's Susan Helsinger receives Pediatric Foundation Award.**

In addition to his stints as president of the Merrick club, Mills has chaired and worked on numerous club projects; he is currently on the Board of Directors and also is chairman of the membership committee.

At the same ceremony, Gov. Corace presented

Board members Susan Helsinger and Linda Susman with Pediatric Trauma Center Foundation Fellowships. The NY District foundation supports pediatric trauma efforts at the North Shore University Hospital in Manhasset as well as programs throughout the area to protect the safety of children and to improve the ability of local emergency officials to respond when needed. Among her Kiwanis activities, Helsinger runs the annual holiday gift-wrapping booth at Roosevelt Field; Susman initiated Kiwanis's School Scrabble

project and is the club's public relations chairperson.

**A MESSAGE FROM LG SUE MARTIN**

As Labor Day approaches, the end of the summer season and the Kiwanis Administrative year is in sight. It has been a great year. While my health has made it a challenging one, the hard work that you and your clubs have done, and the hospitality that you have extended to me has made it one of the best years of my life. You have given me memories that will last a lifetime, and I am grateful for that.



**Incoming LG Mary Burns poses with LG Sue Martin.**

Like a runner who is finishing a long race, I believe that we are all a little tired, but like that runner, we will place our eyes on the finish line and sprint for all that we are worth. As we cross that line, we will pass the baton to Mary Burns and those who will lead our division during the next administrative year. When we cross the finish line, we can take a look back at the race we have run, and we will all see that while it might have been a little better, that it was a great one. Many people will benefit from the work that we have done, and that is why we joined Kiwanis.

The district convention was wonderful; Governor Joe outdid himself, and impressed so many with his enthusiasm once again. He really is a force to be reckoned with. Jim and Mary Yoakum, the couple from Buffalo region responsible for running the event really put it together with obvious experience and expertise in hosting large volumes of people with great taste and hospitality.

The Long Island South Central Division as always out did any of the other hospitality rooms in

originality. Our gals had beach balls and pails and shovels there for all to play with. Our music was donated by Buffalo's own PLG Patrick Blizniak. He has supplied the use of his music equipment many years in the past and he came through again this year. He performed a task that is not an easy one. I am going to make a donation in his name to the Buffalo Pediatric Trauma Center by our Division in thanks for his time and energy.

As we begin the new administrative year, our Key Club Division 6 will be holding a fundraiser to raise money for the Foundation Fighting Blindness. Their Spotlight for Sight talent show will take place on Friday October 19<sup>th</sup>. This project gives us the opportunity to work hand in hand with our key clubs. They have worked very hard to put this event together, and I am asking you to give them your full support.

I would like to thank all of you for all of your help and encouragement over the past year. It has been both a pleasure and an honor to work with you, and I wish you and your families all of the best.



In the Spotlight 4 Sight

Yours in Kiwanis,  
LG Sue

## DIVISION TO HOLD YEAR END FUND-RAISER

The LISC Division will be holding a year end fundraiser at Johnny Malone's, which is located at 1227 Wantagh Avenue in Wantagh. The party will be held on Thursday August 30<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. The evening will include a buffet, music, a cash bar, a 50/50, and lots of Fellowship.

LG Sue has worked very hard to support our clubs over the past year. This is our chance to thank her and have a great time as well. The cost for a ticket is only \$25.00 per person. For more information, you can call Susie Trenkle at (516) 804-8906 or Robin Asighieri at (516) 781-3717.

While tickets will be sold at the door, please call either Susie or Robin so that they have an idea of how much food to order.

## SPOTLIGHT 4 SIGHT GAINS MOMENTUM Edited From article by Key Club LG Rickie Santer

As most of you know, the Key Clubs of Division 6 are organizing a K-Family Talent Show for Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2007. The show will be held at the Wisdom Lane Middle School in Levittown.

The talent show is our response to learning that Key Club Divisional Secretary Katie has Retinitis Pigmentosa. Retinitis Pigmentosa (RP) is a hereditary retinal disease that causes vision problems that can range from mild tunnel vision to total blindness. The disease is characterized in its early stages by the loss of peripheral vision and night blindness.

While researching Katie's diagnosis, we discovered the Foundation Fighting Blindness and its support of cutting edge research of treatments and a cure for RP as well as Macular Degeneration. Major avenues of research include gene replacement therapy, nanoparticles, retinal transplantation and implantable retinal prosthetic devices. Several of these potential treatments are currently in human clinical trials suggesting that the cure for retinal disease related blindness might be near.

Our goal is to raise \$10,000.00 for the Foundation Fighting Blindness through several pre-show fundraising events, selling of Spotlight 4 Sight label pins, selling program ads, act registrations, sponsorships and, ticket sales.



It's on to Wisdom Lane.

If you would like to take an ad to wish us or your club's act good luck in our program, please email me at: [res3kingofsiam@aol.com](mailto:res3kingofsiam@aol.com). Quarter page ads are only \$20.00 and full-page ads are \$60.00. If you want to do even more, you or your

Kiwanis club can also become a sponsor for \$100.00. Sponsors will be listed on a special page in the program and will receive a special sponsor's banner patch.

Finally, we would like to thank the East Meadow Kiwanis Club, Levittown Kiwanis Club and, the West Hempstead Court Aktion Club for sending in their act registrations. We also want to thank all the clubs that committed to support us through acts, ads, sponsorships and donations of snacks at the August LISC Divisional. A special thank you goes to the Wantagh Kiwanis Club for inviting our committee to their August 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting. We appreciate Wantagh's hospitality and your generous support from two acts and a full-page ad!

**KEY LEADER CONFERENCE DRAWS NEAR**  
**Edited from article by Rich Santer**  
**NYD Key Leader Site Coordinator (Downstate)**

The New York District will hold its downstate Key Leader event from Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007. The event will take place at the Greenkill Conference Center in Huguenot, NY.

Now is the time for clubs to identify young people in grades 9-12 with leadership potential to nominate and/or sponsor to attend this event. You may wish to look to your Key Clubs for members or officers who would benefit from this internationally recognized leadership training program. What better way to strengthen your Key Club than to train its officers and future officers?

Of course, Key Leader is not just for Key Clubbers. You may also wish to send other high school students with leadership potential.

Sponsoring a high school student for a Key Leader event is a relatively inexpensive investment in the future. It is an investment that not only benefits the participant but also benefits the members of the organization that participant leads as well as those that are served by that organization. That is quite a return on your \$160.00 investment. In fact, you get an even bigger bang for your buck when you sponsor a Key Clubber because after an automatic scholarship from the Kiwanis International Foundation, the cost to your club is only \$135.00.

Those clubs that have already sent young people to Key Leader may want to consider sending them back as student facilitators. This gives the Key

Leader Alumnus the opportunity to put what they learned as a participant into practice as they refine their service leadership skills in the service of others. The cost to sponsor a student facilitator is \$95.00.

Several Kiwanis clubs in our Division have already offered Key Leader Scholarships. This is a great way to recognize the outstanding service of young people in your Key Club or in your community.

For additional information about the Key Leader program log on to [www.key-leader.org](http://www.key-leader.org). Should you have any questions or would like scholarship certificates for use in a presentation, feel free to contact me.

**AROUND THE DIVISION**

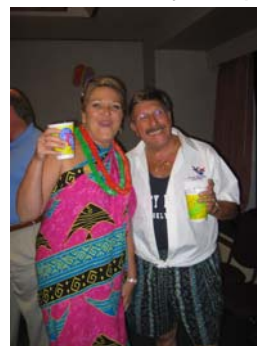
We would like to congratulate Jerry and Lindsey Scharoff who are now the proud parents of Spencer Lance who was born on Monday, August 6, 2007

We offer our sympathy to Millie Kaye and the Merrick club on the passing of Honorary Member Abe Kaye.

We also offer our deepest sympathy to Marion Wildenauer on the passing of her mother Mary Fernanadez.

We extend our sympathy to Linda and Gary Crozier on the passing of Linda's mother Lillian F. Lazorcak.

The **Bellmores** Club is putting the final strokes on their annual golf tournament which will take place next Monday. Special thanks to project co-chair John Monks, who expressed a sense of optimism about the event.



**LG Sue and Governor Joe Corace**

The club was visited by PLG Janice Seyfried who brought them some literature for distribution at Bellmore's Street Fair. The club is taking steps to improve membership.

The **East Meadow** club sent

26 children to Kamp Kiwanis this year. All of the campers returned after having a great time. Some of the activities at the camp included swimming, kickball, movie nights, and lots more.

The club's Golf Outing saw over 115 members and friends take to the course, and while the weather on the day before the outing had event organizers Mike Litzner and Alan Beinhacker concerned, the sun did indeed come out tomorrow and the event was a big success.



Roger Eltringham, John Collins and Patrick Reilly got into the spirit of "life's a Beach with LISC" at the NY District Convention.

the day even included the "Amazing" Scott Interrante who performed magic tricks for everyone, and his most amazing trick of all was to make all of the calories consumed by eating all of that fantastic food disappear. Thanks to President Elect Liz Fries who coordinated the event.

Members of the club would also like to congratulate Distinguished Past Governor Peter Mancuso who was this year's New York District Convention's honoree.

Members are looking forward to supporting the East Meadow Chamber of Commerce's 5th Annual Culinary Delights Fundraiser, which will take place on Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. The event will be



Merrick Kiwanian Linda Susman Receives Pediatric Foundation Award.

held at the Mirage Nightclub, which is located at 737 Merrick Avenue in Westbury. Restaurants, Bakeries, and Confectioners in the East Meadow area prepare the food, and those who come get to sample the tempting treats. The eating will take place from 6:00 pm - 9:30 PM.



Mary Burns is installed as the next Lieutenant Governor.

The money that is raised at this event goes to things like sending children to Kamp Kiwanis, supporting the Nassau University Medical Center's Pediatric Department, or supporting the Autism Society of America.

So come on out, support a great cause, and enjoy some good eating. Tickets will not be sold at the door. The cost for a ticket is \$45.00 per person until Sept 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007 and \$55.00 per person after that date. Please make your check out to East Meadow Chamber of Commerce and mail it to John Arigo at 474 East Meadow Avenue East Meadow, NY 11554. John's phone number is (516) 794-3729

**Seaford's** been a little quiet this month. Some members attended the New York District convention. The club would like to congratulate Mary Burns on becoming our Divisions next Lt Governor.

President Robin added that, "I would like to take a moment to thank the LISC for their support regarding the loss of my husband's mother Nancy. It's nice to have so many people who care."



LG Sue and Artie in costume at the NY District Mid Winter Conference

The club was visited by Paul Hastings of the Wounded Warriors. The club was pleased to make a donation to the organization."

**Town Hall** is in the middle of a School Supplies collection. The club is making plans for their

installation of officers.

The Kiwanis Club of **Wantagh** sent over 3 tons of books and magazines to the troops in Iraq. Just this week the Friends of Wantagh Library contributed a ton of books, which were shipped to Fort Benning through the cooperation of the Knights of Columbus, Cardinal Mercia Council in Wantagh. The club will be holding a joint administrative fundraiser with Lakeview on Thursday, Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>, at Governor's Comedy Club in Levittown. The cost is \$15.00 plus a two-drink minimum. A menu is also available if one wishes to eat something.

Recognition night for this year's president will be at the club's regular meeting on Wed., Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>, at Per Un' Angelo in Wantagh. If you plan to visit Wantagh with an interclub, please let them know in advance.

### Editor's Note

I have enjoyed my tenure as the editor of The Sentinel. The production of each issue has been a challenge, but when it is completed, there is a feeling of accomplishment.

Next month, Diann Forquignon will take over as the publication's editor. Diann brings a great deal of enthusiasm and energy to the task. She will also bring a new perspective. I know that all of you will extend to Diann the same warmth, friendship, and support that you have given to me. You can Email Diann at [diannfor@gmail.com](mailto:diannfor@gmail.com), her address is 431 White Star Avenue West hempstead, NY 11552 , and her phone number is (516) 749-8391.

I thank you for your trust, friendship, and support.

### CALENDAR

**Wed Aug 29<sup>th</sup>** Spotlight 4 Sight fund-raiser at the Coldstone Creamery in Levittown.

**Thu Aug 30<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM** LISC Divisional Fundraiser at Johnny Malone's, which is located at 1227 Wantagh Avenue in Wantagh. The cost is \$25.00 per person. Please see the article on Page 2 for more details.

**Thu Sept 6<sup>th</sup>** Lakeview and Wantagh hold joint Administrative fund-raiser at Governor's Comedy Club in Levittown. The cost is \$15.00 per person with a two-drink minimum.

**Tue Sept 18<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM** West Hempstead will hold Pasta Night at the Pompeii Restaurant, which is located at 401 Hempstead Avenue in West Hempstead.

**Mon Sept 24<sup>th</sup> 6:00 – 9:30 PM** East Meadow Chamber of Commerce 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Cullinary Delights evening. For more information, please see the East Meadow article above.

**Fri Sept 28<sup>th</sup> 7:30 PM** The annual KPTC Black and White Ball will be held at Leonard's of Great Neck, which is located at 555 Northern Blvd in Great Neck, NY.

**Thu Oct 4<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM** The Wantagh Club will hold their installation of officers at the Westbury Manor, which is located at 1100 Jericho Tpke in Westbury.

**Oct 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>** The Key Leader Conference will be held at the Greenkill Conference Center in Huguenot, NY.

**Fri Oct 12<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM** The Levittown Club will hold their installation of officers at Bedell's at West Wind, which is located at 104 East Bedell St in Freeport,

**Sat Oct 13<sup>th</sup> 6 – 11 PM** The East Meadow Club will hold their installation of officers at Verdi's, which is located at 680 Old Country Road in Westbury.

**Thu Oct 18<sup>th</sup> 12 – 2 PM** The Garden City Club will hold its installation of officers at the Garden City Hotel, which is located at 45 7<sup>th</sup> Street in Garden City

**Fri Oct 19<sup>th</sup>** Key Club Division 6 will host their Spotlight for Sight talent show. At the Wisdom Lane Middle School in Levittown.

**Sun Oct 28<sup>th</sup> 12:00 PM** The Merrick Club will host their installation of officers at Bedell's at West Wind, which is located at 104 East Bedell St in Freeport,