



**RELAY FOR LIFE RECEIVES  
ENTHUSIASTIC COMMUNITY SUPPORT**  
By Diann Forquignon

Our first Annual Relay for Life was held at West Hempstead High School from 7 pm Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2006 to 7am on Sunday, June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2006. It was sponsored by the West Hempstead and Island Park Key Clubs. Many members of local organizations such as our own Kiwanis Club came down to support the cause. Our team was Arlene's Karing Kiwanians.

Arelene McAuliffe was the chairperson for the Survivor reception. Diann Forquignon was the Committee chair for the Activities and Entertainment committees. We had lots of fun-filled events to keep everyone going like a tin foil lap which had the walkers create something unique from a piece of tinfoil and wear it around the track. We had many games such as a hula-hoop contest and all night scavenger hunt. Let's not forget our pie-eating contest in which governor Dave Rothman participated. One of our own key club members and West Hempstead High School Secretary Jimmy Varvaro won and ate his chocolate cream pie the fastest.



**East Meadow Pride Day**

Our Relay for life is currently featured on the front page of the Malverne/West Hempstead Herald and we raised over \$105,000.00, which for our small town is an

amazing feat. Over 1000 people came to the event and it was one of the biggest our town has ever seen.

Not to mention one of our parents is now interested in becoming a member since she sees all the work I do with our key clubs and

how much I enjoy working with the youth of our town. What can i say it reminds me of when I was a key clubber and want to help them succeed in everything they do. I can honestly say i am extremely proud of all the work the club did, especially our students Camille Emma and Sarah Kupferburg who brought the Relay to West Hempstead and ended up raising more than double their original goal of \$50, 000.00.

**MERRICK KIWANIS CASTS A SPELL**  
By Linda Susman

A new project for Merrick Kiwanis – supporting and sponsoring School Scrabble in the community's six elementary schools and one middle school – culminated in the first annual Merrick School Scrabble Tournament held May 31 at the Merrick Library.

Thirty 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders competed in the day-long contest. The students had all been playing Scrabble throughout the year, either in class or in Scrabble clubs; they were chosen for the



**Participants in Kiwanis Scrabble Event**

tournament based on their cumulative averages. The Scrabblers played in teams against similarly-ranked teams from other schools in the first three rounds and finally against a

team from their own school.

All participants received certificates,



**Alan Alterman, Brie O'Malley, and Emily Soper**

tournament T-shirts that were donated by the Herald community newspapers, and movie passes donated by a club member who owns a local theater.

First-, second-, and third-place teams from each grade received trophies, as did the team with the highest cumulative score and the team that had the highest score in one turn, 91 points (including a 50-point bonus), for using all of its tiles to make the word "wagered." An award also was given for Sportsmanship.



**Dr. Alan Alterman and  
Nassau County Legislator  
Norma Gonsalves**

**FROM THE DESK  
OF LG WARREN**

As we get set to attend the International convention in Montreal I want to remind everyone that there is **NO** Divisional meeting in

July.

With Summer underway it is a perfect time to reflect upon the Service our Kiwanis Clubs have performed to date. Now is the time for each club to begin an analysis of the needs within our community and lay the groundwork for future programs and Projects that will make a difference. An organized club with specific goals and projects will find that it is easier to attract new members and retain current members.

I look forward to seeing many of you in Montreal and reporting the events of the Convention at our next Divisional on August 14<sup>th</sup> at Per Un Angelo's in Wantagh. Wishing everyone a Healthy Summer,

Yours in Kiwanis Ltg. Warren Kalmenson

**AROUND THE DIVISION**

***SDPLG Bob Cummo is very ill, and we ask that you keep Bob and his family in your thoughts and prayers.***

Brie O'Malley and Emily Soper gave **East Meadow** a synopsis of the 2006 Avon Walk for Breast Cancer. The 2006 Walks will take place in eight cities from April through October, and the New York Walk will take place October 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 2006 (Saturday and Sunday). During

the walk, over 3,000 participants walk a marathon (26.2 miles) or a marathon and a half (39.3 miles) over 2 days in and around New York City. The Walk was developed to raise awareness and money for the Avon Foundation Breast Cancer Crusade. 71% of the money raised during the Walk goes back to the cause. You can obtain more information about the Walk by contacting Emily or Brie at (212) 586-8720, or you can email them at [info.newyork@avonwalk.org](mailto:info.newyork@avonwalk.org). The web site address is <http://www.avonwalk.org>.

The club gave special thanks to their very own Legislator and fellow Kiwanian Norma Gonsalves, who with the help of Senator Kemp Hannon, obtained a grant under CEMCO (The Council of East Meadow Community Organizations) in the amount of \$5,000.00 to help send children to Kamp Kiwanis.

This year East Meadow Pride Day was a huge success. Over 5,000 people attended the event and there were 75 merchants. There was free food, rides, and a good time for all of those who attended.

The **Levittown** Kiwanis club hosted its 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Father's Day 5K Run/Walk on Sunday June 18<sup>th</sup>. Approximately 90 runners took part in the Father's Day Run, which is the club's



**Left to Right Race Coordinators Kevin and Joann Regan, Overall Winner Carlos Castro, Hempstead Town Supervisor and Levittown Kiwanian Kate Murray, First Female Finisher Fran Kraus-Schmidt and Levittown Kiwanis President Peter Ray**

biggest fundraiser. The race is ably coordinated each year by Kiwanians Kevin and Joann Regan.

The Club held a tree dedication ceremony on Sunday June 25<sup>th</sup> to remember longtime member George Orth who passed away last spring. A plaque at the base of the tree, which is located on Library Lane outside the Bluegrass Lane Pool, denotes that the tree is in memory of “**Mr. Terrific Kid**” George Orth. Many members of the Levittown Kiwanis Club were on hand with members of the Orth family to remember this remarkable Kiwanian.

In addition to the School Scrabble tournament, June was a busy month for the **Merrick** club and the local school districts. On Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, the club combined their annual Teacher Recognition Night and Student Recognition Night. The teachers - one from each of their elementary school districts (Merrick and North Merrick) and one from their Central High School District - were chosen on the basis of essays written by students and / or parents. At the presentation, each essay-writer read his / her essay and the project chairperson, Steve Paradise, presented a



Enjoying East Meadow Pride Day

framed certificate to the teacher, who then made brief acceptance remarks. Three graduating seniors - one from each of the district's high schools - were chosen for their awards by their respective principals. Each was chosen on the basis of academic accomplishment, community leadership and service, and character. Each principal gave a speech about his/her student -- the roomful of Kiwanians and guests were in awe of the accomplishments that were cited. After receiving a plaque from President Ilene Dixel, each student gave an acceptance speech that lived up to the praise from their principals. It was a wonderful night for Kiwanis and for our community.

On Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, the club will hold their annual Student Scholarship Night, which is always an inspiring evening. (Edited from information provided by Linda Susman)

**Seaford** is looking forward to celebrating their Chamber Night 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The celebration will be held on Wednesday July 19<sup>th</sup> from 7 – 10:30 pm. The festivities will be held at Absolutely Mario's, which is located at 10 Allen Blvd. In Farmingdale. The cost is only \$35.00 per person, and it includes a full dinner. A cash bar will be available. No money will be accepted at the door. Please send checks to the Kiwanis Club of Seaford located at 1470 Washington Avenue in Seaford, NY 11783. So get those checks into the mail and celebrate with Seaford.

The **Town Hall** Club is working on a Benefit Drawing, which will be a major fundraiser for the club. The money that is raised will be used to help needy children, and the Camp Anchor Program. But it's not all work and no play for Town Hall. The club plans to celebrate with a summer Bar-B-Cue which will be held at the Palatial Residence of Joann Mirenda.

After playing golf and enjoying meals cooked by men, it was time for everyone in the **Wantagh** Kiwanis club to sing, and they did just that. The club started the summer with a night of Karaoke, and being the generous people that they are, they invited everyone in the division to come out and sing with them.



Where have all the chickens gone? Gone to East Meadow Pride Day every one.

Wantagh Kiwanians relish a challenge, and they are quick to respond to the opportunity to help others. On Saturday July 8<sup>th</sup>, the club will be conducting a fund raiser to raise money for Alex Cathcart. Alex is a 44 year old terminally ill gentleman who suffers from ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis – Lou Gehrig's Disease). Alex, who uses a wheelchair, is assisted in finding transportation by the Ride for Life Loaner Program. The money that is raised will help Alex and others who use this program.

This event will be held at Malcahy's which is located at 3232 Railroad Avenue in Wantagh. The fund raiser will be held from 5 – 9 PM. The donation is \$20.00 for adults and \$10.00 for students. There will be lots of good cheer, raffles, and prizes Not to mention the opportunity to support a good cause. For more information, please E-mail [wantaghkiwanis@aol.com](mailto:wantaghkiwanis@aol.com). You can also call them at (516) 623-4358.

### EDITOR'S NOTE

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### CALENDAR

**Sat Jul 8<sup>th</sup>** The Gary Baldinger's Football Clinic will be held at John Burns Park in Massapequa.

**Sat Jul 8<sup>th</sup> 5 – 9 PM** Wantagh ALS Fund Raiser at Malcahy's which is located at 3232 Railroad Avenue in Wantagh. The cost is \$20.00 for Adults and \$10.00 for students.

**Wed Jul 19th 7 – 10 PM** Seaford celebrates their 5th Anniversary at Absolutely Mario's which is located at 10 Allen Blvd. In Farmingdale. The cost is \$35.00 per person. There will be a cash bar.

**Mon Jul 31st 1:30 PM** The East Meadow Golf Outing will take place on the Red Course which is located in Eisenhower Park on Hempstead Tpke. In East Meadow. The cost is \$185.00 per person. It includes dinner at Borelli's Restaurant in East Meadow.



**Franklin Square Awards  
Scholarships**



**Levittown Kiwanians Steve Ellis,  
Steve Haller and Tom Mawn join  
Mary Orth at "George's Tree."**