



**A FOND FAREWELL....
Written by Friends and Family**

BOB CUMMO – 1941 – 2006

On July 5th, 2006, Super Distinguished Past Lieutenant Governor and Distinguished Past President Robert D. Cummo, also known as Bob, passed away. Bob was the devoted son of Anne Cummo, father of Dianne and Michael Longofono, David, Gail, and Daniel Cummo,



beloved ex-husband of Rosemary Truelove and Suellen Witte, and dear brother of Stephen. Bob was a former president of the East Meadow School Board and the East Meadow Little League. He was also Super Distinguished Past Lieutenant Governor of Long Island South Central District of Kiwanis International. Bob was also a board member and fellow of Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center, assistant Key Club Administrator of the New York District of Kiwanis International, board member of Wantagh Senior Center and President of the Men's Club.

To his friends and family, Bob was a devoted sports fan. He followed the Yankees and Giants religiously. Neighbors and family members could judge the outcome of the game based on Bob's cheers or jeers from his den. He was also known for his stories that seemed to add a little something extra each time it was told.

Through his positions with the School Board, Little League, and Kiwanis, Bob was able to express his love of children and do everything in his power to better things for the children of his community and beyond. "Mr. Cummo" was the ultimate mentor, always there to help arrange meetings, events, fundraisers, rides – whatever the kids needed to help them serve others, and grow into civic-minded young men and women. Bob was a distinguished member of his community and the Kiwanis organization and will be greatly missed.

**KIDNEY DONATION THE GIFT OF LIFE WITHOUT
DYALISIS**

Please read the **!!URGENT!!** request that follows. It was submitted by Marty and Sue Dillon of the Merrick Club.

Most of us don't think about our kidneys very often. They simply do their work and quietly work to keep us healthy and free to think about other things. Sometimes though, when the kidneys do fail, they become a source of great concern, not only for the person whose kidneys have failed but for their family members as well.

Our daughter Alice, age 38, who many of you know, needs a kidney transplant due to a medication she has been taking for many years. She recently has been switched to a new medication, but the irreversible damage has been done.

We are trying to keep her off dialysis by finding a living donor. We are both being tested, but it is unlikely, for a number of reasons, that either of us would be acceptable. Sue is an only child, and Marty's brother, who has offered his kidney, has Parkinson's Disease and is in a nursing home in Georgia. Going on the list for a new kidney from a non-living donor can involve years of waiting. So we are reaching out to you, and anyone else you might know, in the hope that you can help us find a living donor for our Alice.

In order to qualify as a living donor, an individual must be physically fit, in good general health and free from HIV, hepatitis, diabetes, cancer, kidney disease, and heart disease.



Individuals considered for living donation are usually between 18 and up into their 70's. Gender and race are not a factor in determining a successful match;

routine tests are always performed to determine the potential donor's level of physical and mental health and blood type compatibility with the patient awaiting the transplant.

Kidney donation, which is done by laparoscopic surgery, requires minimal hospitalization. It does not change lifestyle in any significant way. It does not interfere with a woman's future ability to have children. It does not change the length of the donor's life, nor increase the chance of the donor getting kidney disease in the remaining kidney. (Many people are born with only one kidney and live a completely normal life.)

The decision to donate a kidney is an individual, voluntary act. It is not unusual for a potential donor to experience mixed feelings at first because of the uncertainties involved. If after talking about and considering the facts, someone chooses to become a donor, he/she will experience the unparalleled gratification and joy of helping to improve the quality of, and potentially extending, another person's life.

Parents always want to buy things for their children. A kidney cannot be bought. It cannot be sold. It must be donated, either by the living or the non-living. Please

help us find that person who will offer to donate a kidney for Alice.

If you would like further information, please call Marty and Sue at (516) 223-3264. You can give them your name and address, and they will submit it to the Transplant coordinator at Columbia/Presbyterian, who will, in turn, send you a form to fill out. If the answers show that you meet the basic qualifications, you will then hear from the coordinator about testing.

KEY LEADER WEEKEND FAST APPROACHING by Kim Scharoff, Key Leader Chairperson

Key Leader is an exciting experience for teens. It is a weekend leadership program designed to build personal leadership potential through the 5 key principles of service leadership - personal integrity, personal growth, respect, building community and the pursuit of excellence. Throughout the weekend participants are taken on an exploration of these principles through hands on activities and discussion. Those who have attended sessions come back excited and can't stop talking about the program.

So, what does this mean to you? We have an event coming October 6-8, 2006 (Columbus Day weekend) at the Warwick Center (near Middletown). Kiwanis Clubs are asked to sponsor at least one student to attend at a cost of \$150 or \$125 if the student is a member of a sponsored service leadership program (Key Club). A club can send as many students as they want. Governor Elect Joe Corace will reimburse the club who sponsors the most students the cost of registration (\$125).

Now is the time that you need to be contacting the schools, if you haven't already done so, and selecting students. The participants do not need to be members of a service leadership program in order to attend. They should be individuals that someone sees leadership potential in and that would benefit from a weekend leadership experience.



Baldinger Football Clinic

Registration is handled via a website <http://www.key-leader.org> and the invoice will go directly to the email address listed under the sponsor information.

I hope to see our division well represented at this event. If you need more information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me via email kscharoff@yahoo.com or via phone (between 8 -11pm) 516-432-0850.

A GENTLE REMINDER

It would be greatly appreciated if all clubs could forward information regarding incoming officers to Sue Martin. You can E-mail sue at MSLNKS@aol.com, call her on

her Cell Phone at (516) 639-8127, or mail her at 51 Bayview Street East Massapequa, NY 11758. Your assistance in this will help Sue and her assistants to get the divisional directory out in a timely fashion. You will find that having the directory is a great convenience if you have to reach other club presidents or divisional chairpersons. Thanks in advance for your help.

FROM THE DESK OF LG WARREN

The Kiwanis International convention, which was held in Montreal from June 28th to July 2nd, was a great success. Our own LISCD was well represented. Everyone attending the convention was kept busy with educational forums, voting on amendments to the International by-laws, and electing officers and trustees to the Kiwanis International Board. Details of the voting can be found



Linda George receives Rev. Duncan Kennedy Award from Elmont

on the Kiwanis International web site.

For leisure there was the Montreal Jazz Festival, the celebration of Canada Day with a fireworks display, and of course there were plenty of fine restaurants and shopping and the

camaraderie of fellow Kiwanians and their guests.

A key goal of Kiwanis International is to reach a membership of 1 million members by the year 2015. This will require the commitment of each member to try and recruit a new member who is willing to volunteer their time to community service. Yes; we can do it!!

If you will be attending the District convention, then you might want to check out the web sites below. They contain helpful information about the area.

- <http://www.discoversaratoga.org/>
- <http://www.discoversaratoga.org/asppages/ListByCategory.asp?NAME=Attractions+%26+Entertainment>
- www.childrensmuseumatsaratoga.org Children's Museum of Saratoga
- www.SaratogaAutoMuseum.com Automobile Museum
- www.nymilitarymuseum.org Historical Military exhibits

Looking forward to seeing you all in Saratoga on Sept 6th for the New York District Convention!! Yours in Kiwanis LG Warren.

AROUND THE DIVISION

We would like to offer our deepest sympathy to Bob Cummo's family and friends. Bob will live on through the many lives that he touched.

The next LISC Divisional Council will be held on Mon August 14th at 6:30 PM. The event will be held at Per Une Angelo's in Wantagh. It will be hosted by the Courthouses and Wantagh clubs.



Left Rocco Dionisio Jr. and Dick Doane, President of Sunrise Credit

President Robert Nori of the **Elmont** Club presented the Rev. Duncan Kennedy Memorial Scholarship to Linda George who is a graduating senior from Elmont Memorial High School. Ms. George graduated 7th in her class, and she has done a good deal of volunteer work including two summers at Franklin Medical Center.

Linda will be attending the New York Institute of Technology as an honor student in their pre-med program as she takes the next step in her journey to become a doctor. Congratulations and best wishes to Linda.

Massapequa Kiwanians participated in the 12th Annual Baldinger NFL/Kiwanis Football Clinic, which was held on Saturday, July 8th. Area youth from 7 to 14 years of age participated in a day of activities ranging from a good work out to how to play fair in all sports. The Baldinger Brothers, Gary, Brian and Rich, feel this is an excellent way to give back to the community that supported them throughout their NFL careers. Over \$10,000.00 was raised for the Massapequa Kiwanis Foundation.

The club's 22nd Annual Golf Outing was a success. Thanks to Golf Classic Chairperson Rocco Dionisio for a job well done Residents in the Massapequa area can now breathe a sigh of relief, as errant golf balls will no longer be flying through the skies over Massapequa.

Construction projects have always been a stalwart with the club. Members of the club built a wheelchair ramp for a couple where the wife has been in rehab for months. She came home to a house made more accessible by the club's efforts. Thanks to Dom DiFranco, John Kilgus, John Rywelski, and Rick Falta who assisted in the project. Refreshments were supplied by Massapequa's Chef Extraordinaire Bill Mosley.

The club has temporarily changed their meeting place. They are now meeting at Katy Daly's on Merrick Road just west of the county line. Meetings are held on Wednesday nights at 7:00 PM.

Merrick will be holding its Installation of officers on Sunday October 15th from 12 – 3 PM. The installation will be held at Bedell's At West Wind in Freeport. Invitations won't be coming out for a while, but the club with a heart wanted to let everyone know well in advance.

The Merrick club sent more than 20 needy children to Kamp Kiwanis. The children, some of whom were recommended by their Merrick and North Merrick schools, and others from the Merrick community and nearby towns who have seriously ill siblings at Nassau County Medical Center will be spending a week at Kamp Kiwanis.

"On the very last day before we had to enroll our kids, one woman whose children weren't recommended called me," chairperson Kathy Bird relates. "She was at the end of her rope trying to find some place for her girls, as her husband had left and isn't cooperating with the court agreements of him taking the children. She can only work part-time, and last year her parents watched them. But over this past year, both of her parents died. The school thought she could only use a day parents program, so no recommendation was made. When she learned about Kamp Kiwanis, at the last minute, she was so thrilled and relieved that she was crying on the phone." (Edited from Press Release by Linda Susman)

The **Town Hall** club held a very tasty Bar-B-Cue at Joann Mirenda's house. The event included lots of fine food, fellowship,



Massapequa Members Work on wheelchair ramp

and a breeze that helped members beat the heat. The club will be holding a benefit drawing in November to assist needy children. There are lots of fine gifts to be had, and they'll be selling the tickets very soon.

Uniondale will be going to Mohegan Sun on Saturday August 12th. The bus leaves from the Walmart Parking lot located at 1123 Jerusalem Avenue in Uniondale at 7:30 AM. You get 1 \$10.00 Casino coupon and a \$10.00 hot buffet coupon for a restaurant of your choice when you get to the Casino. You get all this for just \$35.00, and lite refreshments will be served on the bus. So have a great day while helping out the Uniondale club at the same time. For more information, you can call President Caprice Rines at (516) 214-6898 or (516) 458-9606. You can also contact Club Secretary Marilyn Vallejo at (718) 264-5631 during the day.

The club is also working on a membership round up for Aug 7th, 2006. They hope that other clubs will join them. The event will take place at the Uniondale library at 6:30 PM. Light refreshments will be served. There will be a small charge. (Very small.) "Hope everyone keeps cool and healthy over the summer." Marilyn Vallejo.

Sun Oct 15th 12 – 3 PM The Merrick club will hold its installation of officers at Bedell's at West Wind in Freeport.

Editor's Note

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Jim Mancuso, Marty and Sue Dillon, Bill Mosley, and Linda Susman for their contributions to this Divisional Newsletter.

When your club has decided upon the date for its installation, please let me know so that I can include it in the newsletter. It would also be helpful to let Mary Burns know as she can put it on the Divisional Web Site. Thank you for all your assistance.

O, just thought I'd mention that I finally got my digital camera to work with my computer, and this means that I'll be taking pictures at next month's divisional. **Be prepared.**

I will be clicking away unless, the Courthouses Club rules that my use of a digital camera constitutes cruel and unusual punishment. Of course I would object to this ruling as a denial of my rights under the first amendment. Yours in Kiwanis, Charlie Cronin

CALENDAR

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.

Sat Aug 12th 7:30 AM Uniondale is sponsoring a trip to Mohegan Sun. The donation is \$35.00. You get the bus ride, 1 Casino Coupon (\$10.00) and 1 buffet coupon. (\$10.00). Lite refreshments will be served on the bus. For more information, see the article on page 4.

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Tue Sept 12th West Hempstead presents their annual Pasta Night at the Pompeii Restaurant in West Hempstead.

Sat Sept 16th Memory Walk 2006 Fall Festival at Old Bethpage Restoration in Old Bethpage, NY. The donation is \$15.00 per person and family discount packages are available.

Fri Sept 29th 7:00 PM KPTC Black and White Ball will be held at Leonard's of Great Neck which is located at 555 Northern Blvd. In Great Neck.

Oct 6-8 Key Leader program in Warwick Center near Middletown New York.