



**A Message From LG Sue**

I would like to start by thanking all of the people who worked so hard at our division's hospitality room during the Mid-Winter District Convention. Special thanks to Seaford's Robin Asigheri, Debbie Tota and Nancy

Kalberer from Wantagh, Linda Walsh, Carla Vultaggio, and Janet St. John from the Nassau University Medical Center, and Town Hall's President Joanne Delgado and Larry Perretta for their assistance in setting up the hospitality room and maintaining order in what proved to be a rather flamboyant pajama party.



**George Silkes, LG Sue Martin, and Darlene West (Feb Divisional Hosts)**

Our next Divisional Council will be held on Monday March 12<sup>th</sup> at Spomante's Restaurant. We will hold elections for the positions of Lieutenant Governor Elect and Lieutenant Governor Designate. At this point, Mary Burns has been nominated to serve as Lieutenant Governor for the 2007 – 2008 administrative year.

The division needs to look ahead, and we need someone to come forward to run for the position of Lieutenant Governor for the 2008 – 2009 administrative year. I can tell you that from my own experience that this is a very serious commitment. I can also tell you that it's one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. I am blessed with your support, and that of many experienced leaders in our division. So, if you are willing to share your time and talents, consider stepping forward.

This is a gentle reminder to ask all of the clubs who have not paid their divisional dues to do so as soon as possible. As you know, from our meetings, our division is an active one, and the dues that we receive from clubs help us to support our activities. Your club's assistance in paying divisional dues will be greatly appreciated. Especially by divisional Treasurer Tom Mawn who has picked up a couple of gray hairs since our last meeting. Dues are \$6.00 per member.

**Around the division**

We offer our deepest sympathy to Levittown Kiwanis President Peter Ray on the death of his brother William

Ray. Please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and our prayers.

Congratulations to Basma Khafaga and Alia Khafaga



**Basma and Alia Khafaga receive 6<sup>th</sup> level Green Belt from Mr. Fest of Long Island Tae Kwon Do**

(daughter's of Franklin Square's Hesham Khafaga). Both girls have earned the 6<sup>th</sup>, level Green Belt in Tae Kwon Do.

Congratulations to Rickie Santer who received the "Everyday Hero Award" for his commitment to service and the community.

**Three Stars On The Same Night Shine**

**Brightly** By Jim Mancuso After a few regular weekly meetings, where attendance was sparse, **East Meadow** Kiwanis was shining brightly at the East Meadow Chamber of Commerce Installation. It was a night where we were shown examples of how as Kiwanians, through self-sacrifice, serve the greater good.

Walter Skinner, Paul Stargot and Peter Mancuso were there to provide these examples to us. Walter, as Immediate Past President of the Chamber, gave the community more of his time to help create the most beneficial business environment possible. One of the great highlights of his year as President was the most recent Culinary Delights event, which raised \$28,000. Out of that money, \$8,500 was donated to East Meadow Kiwanis, which will go a long way to feed families, send children to Kamp and support much of our good work in the community. The Chamber is about business but it also is about serving the greater community at large. Walter made sure to thank all of those around him, his administration, Board of Directors and other individuals without whom he could not have done it.

Paul Stargot has assumed the Presidency of the Chamber and now continues to improve on its tradition of excellence. This is no simple task given the amount of work required, especially while holding down a full time job as an accountant (can you say tax season?), will present great challenges. Far too often do we take for granted individuals like Paul, as choosing to serve is

not easy. As a matter of fact, it is hard. It takes away from all the other things we need or like to do in life but he does it because it needs to be done.

Then there was the Person of the Year, Peter Mancuso. An award most thought was long overdue, as he, probably more than any Kiwanian in recent memory, has typified a life of service.



**Rickie Santer receives Every Day Hero Award from LG Sue Martin**

The speechifying at these types of events, sometimes (alright, most times) considered to be humdrum, was not so this evening. Peter captivated the crowd. Now, if you have seen Peter before, you know that he is an

excellent orator, as he is articulate, eloquent and to the point on any subject, especially those related to the law or Kiwanis. This night he was even more so. You could see he put much thought into his "talk." Yes, it was more of talk as he walked into the audience and spoke from the heart, versus reading off a sheet or memorizing the words. You could see he wanted to take advantage of this honor. How often does someone get honored as Person of the Year? He wanted to make the most of it and he did. You had to be there to fully appreciate it, as many of his friends, colleagues and Kiwanians were. He recounted a life of service to his community and spoke of the events of his life, which brought him to that place; Past Chamber President, Distinguished Past Governor, Distinguished Past Kiwanis President, the list, goes on. He espoused that his life's focus was not on the monetary aspects but on the charitable. He thanked his family, especially, his wife Karen and his children Stephen and Cathy. He recognized he could not have done it without their support and sacrifice as well

The club is making preparations for its annual Pancake Breakfast. The griddles will be sizzling on Sunday March 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM. The breakfast will be held at the East Meadow High School, which is located at 101 Carmen Avenue in East Meadow.

East Meadow will be taking a leap of faith into the world of refined culture. The club is planning to hold an Art Auction on Friday March 23<sup>rd</sup>. The art that will be displayed is so hot that the auction must be held at the East Meadow fire House which is located on East Meadow Avenue in East Meadow New York. The preview begins at 7:00 PM, and the bidding will begin at 8:00 PM. Tickets are only \$10.00. For tickets and / or information, please contact Ted Rosenthal at (516) 485-5577 or Kathy Haberkern at (516) 483-2541. This is

your chance to get that piece of art you've always wanted while helping out a good cause.

**Brotherhood/Sisterhood Luncheon a Huge Success By Susie Trenkle** Once again, the **Levittown** Kiwanis Club's Brotherhood/Sisterhood Luncheon was a big success. The event, which is in its 31st year, is designed to honor clergy and other outreach workers in Levittown and neighboring communities.



**PP Tom Mawn, President Peter Ray, N Y District Governor Joe Corace, Very Reverend Christopher Hofer, PP Steve Ellis, SDPLG Steve Haller and PLG Kevin Regan.**

The speaker for this year's luncheon was the Very Reverend Christopher D. Hofer from St. Jude's Church in Wantagh. Reverend Hofer has been at St. Jude's since July of 2004 and has more than doubled the size of the congregation in that time.

Formerly having worked at United Way, Reverend Hofer is very familiar with all types of outreach work and the impact that service organizations such as Kiwanis have on a community. Reverend Hofer spoke about working with those who truly appreciate the little things that many of us take for granted. He also spoke about the ability that each of us has to transform the lives of others. He noted that just treating those less fortunate as individuals and with respect can make a difference.

**The Kiwanis Club of Massapequa Donates Toys to the Brunswick Children's Psychiatric Hospital By William Mosley** The Kiwanis Club of Massapequa recently donated a large quantity of toys and clothing to the Brunswick Children's Psychiatric Hospital, many coming from the Toys



**Brooke Yonick, Bill Moseley, Rick Falta, Dr. Kahn, Kerri O'Rourke, Jaclyn Hemmeberry, Cathryn Bisacco,**

for Tots Program. The psychiatric center has a youth division with 60-70 children up to age 17, who will not be home for the holidays. "We have done this for many years" noted president John Rywelski, adding, "and because of their situation, it's totally anonymous, we never see

the children". A "wish list" is provided to match up the children with the most appropriate gift.

The weather outside was bitterly cold, but the evening sizzled as **Merrick** Kiwanians gathered for a "Birthday Roast". The victims included people like Ed Bernstein, County Legislator Dave Denenberg, Ray Melucci, Mary Jane Palma, Rich Seibert, Ron Vogel, and Tim Whelan. Don't feel too sorry for those listed above as they did not go quietly into the night.

At another meeting, the club was addressed by Distinguished Past Governor John Gridley who talked about the subject of Pediatric Lyme Disease. Past Governor John has been very active in raising money for the Pediatric Lyme Disease Foundation, which he helped to launch five years ago when he was Governor. The Foundation pays for treatment and/or medication for children whose families need assistance, as insurance often doesn't cover this particular illness.

The club with a heart was pleased to learn that they had been awarded Distinguished status for the 2005 – 2006 Administrative Year.

It has come to our attention that the Massapequa club had misplaced their gavel, and through an unusual course of events, that the **Seaford** club came into possession of the treasured item. After a letter denying any responsibility for removing the gavel was sent to Massapequa (a ransom note), eight members of the Massapequa club, including LG Sue Martin attended one of Seaford's meetings, and they helped Seaford to raise \$103.00 to help send needy children to Kamp. A good time was had by all.



**Seaford Defensive Driving Course**

Seaford is selling tickets to Karaoke Night, which will be held on Thu March 22<sup>nd</sup>. The cost will be \$25.00 per person. The event will be held at the Sunset Grill, which is located at 4068 Sunrise Highway in Seaford.

The club will be joining forces with Massapequa for a Night of Laughs at Governor's Comedy Club. This joint fundraiser will be held at 7:00 PM on Thu Apr 26<sup>th</sup>, and the cost is only \$20.00 per person. Please note that both clubs have tickets to this event.

Last, but not least, Seaford received a \$2,500.00 grant from New York State for community outreach. Special thanks to Senator Charles Fuschillo who was instrumental in the club's receipt of the grant.

The **Town Hall** Club is preparing to hold a large raffle. The club is hoping to raise lots of money to send children to Kamp and for other charitable activities. The club will have tickets at the next divisional.

Thanks to Town Hall's Larry Schatz who donated a collection of hockey cards to the West Hempstead Club who will distribute them to participants at the Games for the Physically Challenged. Sources close to Town Hall tell us that West Hempstead's George Silkes had a few bruises after collecting the cards. Town Hall's President Joann Delgado clarified the point. "George went to give Larry a high five, and Larry thought that George was trying to high check him, and well, you can take the hockey cards away from the hockey fan, but you can't take the hockey player out of the fan."

**WHAT'S UP WITH WANTAGH Edited from Article by Janice Seyfried** As this letter is being composed, the **Wantagh** club is holding its 6th Annual "Men That Cook" fundraiser for scholarships, kampers and other charitable activities. The tasty treats were given out at the Church of St. Jude in Wantagh Several notable Kiwanians will be chefs. They include IPG Dave Rothman, DPP Norman Sammut, KCW Treasurer Tom Kane, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Carl Bonuso, Migule Hernandez, Neal Friedman, Frank Hermantin, Pres. Dr. Steve Perrick, Pres. Watson Dell, and many more. Approximately 20 chefs are expected to participate. The event will also include a Chinese auction and crafts and face painting for the children. Many Kiwanians, friends, and others are expected to Come down and sample the delectable dishes prepared by our chefs.

Wantagh is hosting the Memorial Breakfast this year, and it will be held on Sunday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM at the Nassau County Bar Association. Lists for updating and pages for the Memorial Book will be available at the next divisional. IPG David Rothman will M.C. and DPG John Gridley will be the guest speaker. We



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will be remembering all Kiwanians who have moved to the higher level of Kiwanis, having especially in our hearts DPLG Bob Cummo. Please plan to be there with us this year. This is a very moving service.

DPP Joe Sugar hosted for us Charles Scheuler, Jr., who is a Past Governor of the Shriners Children's Hospitals. He presented to us an overview of the wonderful work that is done in these hospitals. Frank (KCW)

Hermantin's son is an orthopedic surgeon in the Philadelphia unit. A fundraiser is in the planning stage.

The Book project is progressing quite well. We have distributed to date over 40 children's books written by NYS Past First Lady Libby Pataki. These books are third grade reading level and can also be read to younger children. The illustrations are beautifully done. If you have a school or library in your area who would like to have a couple of these books, please get in touch with Pres. Georgiana at 655-3510 and arrangements will be made to get them to you.

Let's not forget **Garden City's St. Patrick's Day Luncheon**. This is the club's major fundraiser, and it will be held at the Garden City Hotel on Thursday March 15<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 – 2:00 PM. For more information, please call John Collins at (516) 240-4361 or Patrick Curry at (516) 485-5577

### Editor's Note

Please be aware that articles that are submitted are sometimes edited in order to fit in properly. Once again, I would like to thank everyone who took the time to send me material for the newsletter. Your efforts are appreciated, and they give life to this publication.

### CALENDAR

**Sun Mar 11<sup>th</sup> 8:30 AM** The East Meadow Club's Pancake Breakfast will be held at the East Meadow High School, which is located at 101 Carmen Avenue in East Meadow.

**Sun Mar 11<sup>th</sup> 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM** Levittown Spring Fling will be held at the Island Trees Memorial Middle School which is located on Wantagh Avenue in Levittown

**Thu Mar 15<sup>th</sup> 12 – 2 PM** The Garden City Club's St. Patrick's Day Luncheon will be held in the Garden City Hotel which is located at 45 7th Street in Garden City. The cost is \$500.00 for a table of 10.

**Mar 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>** The New York District Key Club convention will be held at Kutcher's Resort.

**Thu Mar 22<sup>nd</sup> 7:00 PM** Seaford Scholarship fundraiser. The cost is \$25.00 per person.

**Fri Mar 23<sup>rd</sup> 7:00 PM** The East Meadow Club will hold an Art Auction at the East Meadow Fire House which is located on East Meadow Avenue in East Meadow.

**Thu Apr 26<sup>th</sup> 7:00 PM** Massapequa and Seaford host Comedy Night at Governor's Comedy Club. The cost for all the laughs is only \$20.00 per person.

**Sun Apr 29<sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM** LISC Memorial Breakfast will be held at the Nassau County Bar Association which is located on the corner of 15<sup>th</sup> and West Streets in Mineola

**Sun May 20<sup>th</sup> 9:00 AM** The West Hempstead Club will hold a Pancake Breakfast in the cafeteria of the West Hempstead High School.



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