



Key Club "Pillow Hugs" Delivered to Injured Soldiers

During a recent visit to Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, DC, Vietnam Vets from the 173rd Airborne Division delivered some special gifts to soldiers who were injured while serving our country in Iraq and Afghanistan. These gifts were "Pillow Hugs" created by the Key Clubs of Division 6 as part of the LISC Division's K-Family Kiwanis One Day Service project.

Members of the East Meadow High School, Division Avenue High School, Island Trees High School, W. Tresper Clarke High School and West Hempstead High School Key Clubs as well as members of the Woodland Middle School Builders Club and LISC Kiwanians decorated the pillow cases for US servicemen



Clarke Key Club Pres Jen Colvin, Island Trees Key Club Pres Robin Kornberg, Key Club LG Rickie Santer, and Key Club Div Secretary Katie Molloy create "Pillow Hugs" at a Division 6 Presidents Council Meeting

with messages of gratitude and wishes for speedy recoveries.

David Glick, who is one of the organizers of the 173rd's visits and served in Vietnam as a paratrooper, reported that the injured soldiers were thrilled to receive the "pillow hugs." He described soldiers and their visiting family members excitedly looking through the many pillow cases to find just the right one.

Mr. Glick asked Key Club Lt. Governor Rickie Santer to encourage the Key Clubs to make more "pillow hugs" for the 173rd Airborne's next visit to Walter Reed.

Lt. Governor Rickie included the creation of "Pillow Hugs" as the snack break project in his next President's Council Meeting (PCM) and also at his May Divisional.

The Key Clubbers are committed to supplying the 173rd with "Pillow Hugs" to acknowledge the sacrifices of the soldiers who protect our freedom.

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY EVERYONE!

Its been a very busy and exciting month for all the clubs. Fundraising and kiwanis awareness



An injured soldier proudly shows off his "Pillow Hug" while recovering at Walter Reed Army Medical Center

meetings and events. I congratulate all on their events and their success. It is frustrating to many when you put so much into an event and you receive low attendance, especially from

the other clubs in the division. Please try to remember especially the smaller clubs and their events.

While it is imperative for us all to support each other, I believe it is far more important to make sure that you advertise your events in the local newspapers, your church bulletins, and hang fliers locally in the grocers, deli windows, as well as passing them out in parking lots. Put an explanation of what kiwanis is, and what we do for their community. Maybe then we can actually get support from outside the clubs and create awareness.

We had a wonderful Divisional last month with a twist of course. It was our Governor's visit. Due to the fact that our Governor has graced our division and events so often, he requested we keep his visit informal and low key. I

thought it was a great idea, and because of the lower cost, it would enable more of us to attend. Normally a Governor's visit is held at the Westbury Manor or a similar venue, and therefore is more costly. We were treated to country western line dancing by Diann Forquignon, Ricky Santer and our key clubbers Kate and Kat! Who kept us entertained and amused as always. I only wish their energy level was contagious and I could catch some!

We presented gifts to the Governor and his First Lady, Nydia as tradition dictates. Nydia collects Xmas ornaments and I was able to find a lovely antique Santa for her. Our clubs collected funds and together we were able to donate \$425.00 to the Pediatric Trauma Center, the Center is a pet project of Governor Joe. On a lighter note, I gifted the governor with a pair of "wheelies", the coolest new thing kids have, sneakers with wheels in the heels I figured with the traveling this man does he could use some help. It was a great night and a wonderful turnout I thank you all for attending and presenting once again the finest Division in the District in its best light.

My compliments to Massapequa Kiwanis on their first Garage Sale. They were collecting furniture, and bric a brac, fireplace tools, lamps, computers, old t.v.s., glassware, baby toys, and barbeques, to name just a bit of what I saw there, for about 6 months. Thanks to the hard work from all the club members, they picked up things donated, and stored them with a members business warehouse. Then transported it all, cataloged it, and ran ads advertising same in the local papers. It was a huge undertaking, and was hugely successful. Raising funds for their new Circle of Friends project involving their Key Club, the members and children with Autism.

Our next Divisional meeting is scheduled for August 13th at Spumante's Restaurant, hosting clubs are Nassau County Court Houses and Garden City, please mark your calendar's for

this divisional, as it is the last divisional before the New York District Convention.

Remember to go onto the District website (<http://www.kiwanis-ny.org/distconv.htm>) and download your District Convention information and registration forms. At the District Convention, we will be pinning our incoming Lt. Governor, Mary Burns. We want to show her our support and wish her a wonderful and enlightening year ahead.

Thank you to all for your service and mostly your support, yours in Kiwanis
Lt. Gov. Sue

AROUND THE DIVISION

The **Bellmores** club is looking forward to their annual golf outing, which will take place on August 27.

The club had a very successful Strawberry Festival. Unfortunately, the event ended a little early as the result of poor weather. Special thanks to the efforts of people like Eileen Baker and her husband who helped out, Mark M., Ron Riebl, Russ Marnell. We also have to offer special thanks to some members of the Lions Club like PP Greg Markin and his wife, Pres. Joe Anderson, and Dick Medico. In a gesture of solidarity amongst organizations that provide community service, the Lions pitched in and lent a helping hand.

The **East Meadow** Kiwanis Club took a little time out of their busy routine and found a dose of nostalgia in their annual "Turn Back the Clock Night". The evening's festivities were run by DPP and also DPLG Tom Gallagher. As always, Tom brought his A game, which featured a good deal of wit and humor. Everyone who attended had a great time.

East Meadow Pride day was a big success. Sources inside the East Meadow community have told us that the chicken was a real hit. A tree was dedicated to DPLG Bob Cummo. The tree is located in a children's park within Speno Park. Many thanks to all of those involved especially Alan Beinbacher and Liz Fries.



PLG Warren Calmenson, DPLG Tom Gallagher, and Div Secretary Alan Beinhacker turn back the clock

At their May 29th meeting, the club was visited by West Hempstead's President George Silkes who played a video of the 2006 Games for the Physically Challenged.

After seeing the video, the club donated \$500.00 towards the purchase of gifts awards, and prizes for the games. Over 1,000 athletes are expected to attend the games.

The club is looking forward to their Golf Outing, which will take place on July 30th at Eisenhower Park on the Red Course.

Once again, the intrepid members of the **Garden City** Club are preparing to catch the "Big one that got away". The club will hold its annual Fishing Trip on Thursday August 9th from 12 – 4 PM. The event includes fishing equipment, beer, wine, soda, and food. The cost is \$45.00 for adults and \$30.00 for children.

You just need to send a check made payable to the Kiwanis Foundation of Garden City. The check should be sent to Tara Miner at 24 Spruce Street Garden City, NY 11530. Please include the number of people who will be coming.

If you remember: Last year the Garden City club caught about 50 fish, while the fish managed to catch 51 Kiwanians. For more information, you can call Tara Miner at (212) 335-4114.

Hempstead's Oldies But Goodies Night raised enough money to enable the club to send a child to Kamp Kiwanis. The club would like to thank the Queens East Division and all of the clubs in the LISC Division who came out to support them. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Levittown Kiwanis hosted its 11th Annual Father's Day 5K Run/Walk this past Sunday. Approximately 120 runners took part in the Father's Day Run, which is the club's biggest fundraiser. This was the largest turnout the race has seen in recent years. Among those taking part were LISC Lt. Governor Designate Mary Burns.

The race is ably coordinated each year by Levittown Kiwanians Kevin and Joann Regan, and both the club and the division thank them for their efforts.

On Saturday July 14th, the **Massapequa** club will participate in the 13th Annual Baldinger NFL Football Clinic.



Massapequa cleans out the garage for a good cause.

This annual event has raised over \$60,000.00 for charity. Over the years, approximately 1,200 children have participated in the clinic. Clearly, all of them have benefited from a day of football and coaching. Sports can teach us a great deal about life, and the Baldinger Clinic gives those who participate a valuable lesson as they have a good time. For more information, you can call 1-800-821-2116 Ext. 9116 or send an Email to baldinger.gary@cryolife.com.

May and June were busy months for **Merrick Kiwanis**, as several of our ongoing annual projects reached fruition.

We honored three graduating seniors - one from each of our community's high schools - at the 40th annual Student Recognition Night, the club's longest-running project. The students were chosen by their respective principals for academic excellence, extracurricular activities, community service, and exemplary character. As always, it was a pleasure to listen to the accomplishments of each of these students. We were pleased to welcome them, their principals, the district superintendent and family members to our meeting.

We honored another Everyday Hero -- Jerry Bernstein, the President of the Friends of the Merrick Library. Jerry has been instrumental in revitalizing the organization and helping to implement several new programs, so that the new library can better serve the community.



Merrick recognizes outstanding students at Kiwanis Recognition Night.

We were happy to welcome an ex-Key Club member, David Edelman, who has since graduated from the University of Michigan, just received his master's degree from Hofstra, and will begin teaching

at Manhasset High School in the fall. After college graduation, David joined AmeriCorps, the national service program for people ages 18-24; he worked on programs and projects in Miami, Des Moines, Minneapolis and in Colorado. He recently testified at Rep. Carolyn McCarthy's Congressional committee on volunteerism. His talk was impressive and inspiring.

As always, there was a contingent of Kiwanians marching up Merrick Avenue in the annual Memorial Day Parade; on Flag Day, we gave out flag pins at the train station during the morning commute.



Merrick Kiwanis Sponsors School Scrabble Tournament

Our second annual School Scrabble tournament was a big success. Forty 5th and 6th graders from both of our elementary school districts competed in pairs at the day-long competition held at the

Merrick Library. Merrick Kiwanis began sponsoring school scrabble in 2005; students play Scrabble in teams throughout the school year, and are chosen for the tournament based on cumulative averages and teacher recommendation. The 1st, 2nd and 3rd place teams from 5th and 6th grade received trophies; trophies also were awarded for the

highest game in each grade, and the highest-point word in each grade, as well as one trophy for Good Sportsmanship. All participants received a certificate, a free movie pass, and a goody bag. Lunch was provided by the Merrick Herald, which partnered with the Club on the event.

Nearly 100 senior citizens tripped the light fantastic at our annual Senior Citizens' Ball. Guests were treated to a hot lunch, live music, singing, goody bags -- and lots of fun. Key Clubbers and Kiwanis volunteers set up, served, and even danced with the seniors, who all had a great time. (Submitted by Linda Susman)

Seaford completed Joe's Hero's in the beginning of May. This past June 11th the club turned 6 yrs old. They recently had another successful defensive driving class and raised the balance that they needed to send kids to kamp Kiwanis.

The club gave out 4 scholarships of \$500.00 each to graduating students at Seaford High School.

On June 26th, Seaford said a fond farewell to Past President Rev. Dallas Decker and his wife Cindy. They are moving to Massachusetts for a year, and then it's off to Montana for a well deserved retirement. On behalf of the division, we'd like to wish Dallas and



Proud winners at Town Hall Bowl-A-Thon

Cindy all of the best.

"Good luck to everyone who will be attending the International conference. Happy birthday to Lt Gov Sue (June 21)." President Robin.

Fresh from their Car Wash fundraiser President Jo-Ann Delgado and other members of the **Town Hall** club participated in a Motorcycle ride for the March of Dimes. Club members shined up their bikes and took a ride to help in the battle against birth defects.

The club held their annual Bowl-A-Thon, and while the event didn't raise a great deal of money, a great time was had by those who attended the event

which was held at Baldwin Bowl. Thanks to Hempstead's Denise Thibou who took the time to drop by. She also served as the event's official photographer. Special thanks to Club Secretary Gloria Gregory and her family. Their support of the event made it a very special evening.

Wantagh had their golf outing at the Stonebridge Golf Links this year, and it was very successful. The Club was able to give 11 scholarships and send 6 "kids" to Kamp.

The KCW participated in the Memorial Day Ceremonies and placed a wreath at the memorial in Wantagh. The club's book collection for the troops has ended - what a wonderful outpouring from the community for this project.

The art supplies for children continues, however. Wantagh's current project is the collection of new children's PJs for children ages 1 to 12. Please call Pres. Georgiana at 655-3510 if you have a contribution. These new PJs and a children's book will be given to children who are in foster care.

On July 4th the KCW will participate in the 4th of July Parade here in Wantagh. The club plans to have their summer barbeque at the July 18th meeting. The location will be announced.

The **West Hempstead Court Aktion Club** put small flags together. They will place these flags on the lawns of their neighbors in West Hempstead. The members of the club embraced the task of putting the flags together enthusiastically. They were assisted in their endeavor by Key Club LG Rich Santer, Secretary Katie Molloy, and Catherine Porras.



West Hempstead Court Aktion Club proudly displays new club banner.

After they finished putting the flags together, members began to design invitations to people who might attend their summer Bar-B-Cue. They did everything with a great deal of enthusiasm. Those Kiwanians (Rich and Lisa Santer, Larry Paretta, and Diann Forquignon)

who attended lent a helping hand, stood back, and marveled at the energy displayed by the members of the Aktion club.

CALENDAR

Jul 12- 15 The Key Club International Convention will be held in Walt Disney World, which is located in Orlando, Florida.

Sat Jul 14th The 13th annual Baldinger NFL Charity Football Clinic will be held at Burns Park, which is located on Merrick Road in Massapequa.

Mon July 30th 1:00 PM East Meadow Golf outing will be held on the Red Course in Eisenhower Park in East Meadow. The cost is \$185.00 per person

Thu Aug 9th 12-4 PM Garden City Annual Fishing Trip will be held aboard the Island Princess, which leaves from Captree Basin. The cost is \$45.00 for adults and \$30.00 for children.

Mon Aug 13th 6:45 PM LISC Off To New York District Convention Divisional Council will be held at Spumante's Restaurant , which is located on Hempstead Tpke in East Meadow.

Aug 15th – 19th The New York District Convention will be held in the Hyatt Hotel in Buffalo New York.



West Hempstead Court Aktion Club member works on project as Key Club member lends a hand.

Mon Aug 27th 11:30 AM The Bellmore Club will host their annual Golf Outing at the Harbor Links Golf Course, which is located at 1 Fairway Drive in Port Washington.