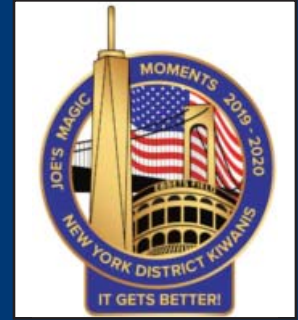


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## Kiwanis Always Finds a Way to Help



Starting at the bottom left and going clockwise: representatives of the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center deliver 50 dinners to staff at the Stony Brook Children's Hospital on April 30; volunteers assembling food packages for families in Glen Cove; a delivery of bagels to for staff at the Long Island Community Hospital was made by the Patchogue club; and North Amityville delivers dolls for children to the Stony Brook Children's Hospital. More pictures and information on what other clubs have been doing is on pages 6-9.



Candidate for  
Gov. Elect

Jim  
Mancuso



I hope that you, your families and friends are all safe and well.

I am a candidate for Governor-Elect for the New York District in 2020. In April of this year, I wrote an article that described my experience and qualifications for this position. Now, I would like to open a window into my vision and leadership thoughts.

I strongly believe in several key principles. To highlight a few:

\* As to membership - we must grow. This is our lifeblood. When we add new members, we will change the lives of those on the receiving end of our community

service programs for potentially decades to come.

\* Service Leadership a.k.a. our children. We must support all related programs on a comprehensive basis. This focus expands to youth protection as well. Our children must be protected and so do our members from the legal risks associated with interacting with children. Aktion clubs fall into this same category.

\* As for our foundations and their programs including Kamp Kiwanis, KPTC, and Pediatric Lyme Disease, all must be actively supported.

\* I will be fiscally responsible with your membership dollars, recognizing the fiduciary responsibility I will hold to cost-effectively manage district funds.

I believe if I manage the areas listed above plus others, and do it well, it clears clubs' path to provide service at the highest level possible. Ultimately this is the foremost part of any governor's mission, to "grease the gears" by supporting clubs in any way possible.

One other point on membership. While adding members is extremely important, the quality of membership is equally so. I believe the membership experience has to be the best it can be. A member who is having a fulfilling experience is happier, motivated, and delivers more service to their community. Naturally, they then tell non-members about their wonderful experience who may in turn consider joining. How do we make the membership experience so? The tools at our disposal range from small things we may take for granted, such as having a flag present at meetings to planning newly themed fundraisers, making for fresh and interesting events! There are many other membership experience improvement tools. As Governor, I will strongly advocate to employ them.

I wish you all well during these challenging times. When we emerge from this pandemic, many will be in need. Kiwanis is essential to and will be on the front line of that recovery.

Distinguished  
Kiwanian

Doris Mellina



For months now New York District Kiwanis club meetings have come to an abrupt halt to comply with Covid-19 quarantine regulations set forth by our state officials. We now meet via computer or phone utilizing Zoom, Go To Meeting or FaceTime. We've had to cancel many of our annual fundraising events and projects that were scheduled a year in advance.

This does not mean that Kiwanians have been deterred in their mission to help those in need. Like the mail service,

neither rain, sleet, snow, or now coronavirus can keep Kiwanis volunteers from doing what is needed.

We have been busy collecting food for our local food banks and providing personal protective equipment for our first responders and hospital workers. We have also delivered meals to our elderly residents and veterans. We've sewn protective face masks for ourselves and cloth dolls for children in hospital wards.

We coordinate these tasks quietly and seamlessly without missing a beat.

Because these valid efforts are not part

of our usual list of activities, Governor Joe and I have revised the criteria for the Distinguished Kiwanian award to include participation in the projects noted above thereby replacing attending the Kiwanis International Convention and District Convention, canceled this year for safety reasons.

Kindly review the updated form on the District Website: 'District'; 2019-2020 Forms/Documents, to receive much well-deserved recognition.

Most of all, please continue to be vigilant, stay safe and keep well.

Membership

PG Eric  
Paul



As we emerge from the Covid Crisis, the NY Kiwanis Membership Team is ready to enter new and existing Kiwanis Communities and work to OPEN and STRENGTHEN our Kiwanis Clubs!

We remind everyone that both Kiwanis International and the New York District have waived new member add fees until the end of September.

Additionally, the NY District has started a contest for the individual who sponsors

the most new members, and the clubs that grow the most in this period.

The individual sponsors win \$300, \$200 or \$100, and the club with the most new member will win two registrations at the 2021 Mid Year Conference.

Clubs will also be recognized for growth at that conference at the Desmond Hotel in February 2021.

Communities have been identified across our district for new club openings. Target clubs, those with a membership of under 15, have also been identified for assistance. We have a state-wide team of volunteers trained and ready to assist with social and other membership growth events.

We need your commitment to HELP GROW Kiwanis in this new end-of-Covid Era. I look forward to working with each of you.

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## 2019-20 Events

All 2019-20 events have either been canceled or postponed until next year.

Governor

Joseph Ruggiero



Who would have thought since our last newsletter, that the world would have changed so much.

What started out as a terrible and dreadful sickness, would have such a damaging affect on our every day life. We have seen such a change in the world and we have also suffered through such political turmoil.

This is the time each member in our home clubs need to step up, not only in a giving way and the way we normally do business, but we need to be more understanding and patient with each other. Due to the fact of our government imposing a total shut down on all social gatherings, it stopped us dead in our tracks. We were going along in a normal, smooth way. We were doing events, Governor's Visits were happening, and building our membership. And then all of these normal activities came to a screeching halt.

Being Governor and seeing first hand

what goes on within the clubs, and because we have that physical separation, it sometimes makes it a little harder to get our point across. What the members are, is a group of strangers that put ourselves together in each club throughout the district and tries to accomplish the great work that Kiwanis is known for.

It sometimes is a challenge to agree in person and is even more difficult while social distancing and trying to accomplish things through virtual means. Therefore, we need to show EXTRA patience, because without this effort we will fall behind and lose our momentum moving forward.

Through it all, I have seen the best in our membership come shining through. And thankfully, with the technology available today, it allowed us to find a new avenue to meet, stay connected and do our good deeds. At the end of this message you will see a Zoom link that will provide you with easy detailed instructions. If you are familiar with these virtual meetings, please reach out to other club members to assist. If you have any problems, please contact Maureen Neuringer at (516) 868-3036.

Being governor of this great district, I have seen the best in people shine through. Instead of people feeling that we can't do anything, we found a way to be step up, be creative, and assist our

communities. To see first hand so many clubs still finding a way to generate donations is very inspiring. I have found that people have become so resourceful in finding ways to contribute to the areas in their community needing it the most. Just to name a few ... food pantries, food banks, schools, first responders, meals to essential workers, doctors, nurses, ambulance workers and the list goes on and on.

As of June 1, we increased our membership by 178. Again, we need to stay in touch with each other, support each other and especially hold on to the new members that have agreed to join our great organization. The consequence of losing any member affects us in so many ways. So in trying to finish our Kiwanis 2019-20 year strong, we need to continue to grow and not be confronted with the drop of membership that we normally face in our service year.

Lastly, I know first hand how difficult separation can be. In closing, please be supportive of each other and please seek out help when needed. This relates directly to my Governor's Project. The Mental Health Awareness gives us an opportunity to bring it out in the open and to feel free to seek out help.

To access Zoom training, go to: [www.kiwanis-ny.org/zoom.htm](http://www.kiwanis-ny.org/zoom.htm).

Governor-Elect

Brenda Leigh Johnson



There have been cancellations, postponements, and a hold put on so many of our Kiwanis events.

Yet, the New York district of Kiwanis, has done service, held meetings, and even

had fundraisers to support our communities.

As Kiwanians, we have been asked to think outside our comfort zones, and to rise to the call of service. We are doing membership roundups on virtual meetings, creating engagement to remind people that Kiwanis has not gone anywhere, and when we are finally able to meet in person, we will be prepared to meet the needs of our communities.

There is much we can do right now, to plan for our future. Go to the Kiwanis International website and head over to your personal dashboard, and take an online

class for Youth Protection, or Google the Achieving Club Excellence tool from Kiwanis, and began to survey your members.

Reach out to other members of your club, check in with them, and see how they are getting through this pandemic. You may be surprised how much a short call means to people.

Take advantage of the zero add fees for new members for both Kiwanis International and the New York District (until Sept. 30), and invite people to join Kiwanis. Be creative.

Remember to be kind, we never know what someone is going through.

## Clubs Need to Report Election Results

June 1 is the deadline for clubs to report election results to Kiwanis International.

The information is important as it provides contact information for officer training and communication efforts which take place in preparation for the 2020-21 Kiwanis year.

As of July 1, only 118 of the district's 254 clubs had reported their officers for the coming year.

Club secretaries should enter the information from their dashboard on the Kiwanis International web site.

Past Governor

John "Hank" Baker



HELLO my fellow Kiwanians, I am amazed the 3 year term I signed up for is coming to an end. What a ride. First Lady Bonnie and myself had an amazing time.

The Kiwanis family are the greatest people I have had the privilege of working with. Our projects were a success because of you.

Please don't forget these military kids just because we are past governor and

first lady. The kids still need your help. It's not hard for each division to send a military camper every year. The cost is minimal per club. Just send the money to the camp marked military camper. We can not and will not forget these brave kids.

Being your governor was an honor. Being your friend is a blessing. I know we are going through this hard pandemic but we are New York Kiwanians. We will bounce back.

Thank you to the greatest board ever. District Secretary Rich Hall and every one that helped make our year such a success. Thank you all and God Bless.

Key Club

John Goldstein



Greetings from the New York District Key Club. Please allow me to update you on what has been going on.

We had to cancel our live Leadership Training Conference back in March, but we did hold one on Zoom. We held the awards session via Zoom with more than 300 in attendance. We also held our House of Delegates on Zoom, with the elections of all district officers being done online. All of the candidates were able to give speeches and answer questions. We had more than 160 delegates doing the voting online as opposed around 300 if we had been able to meet in person. We also posted almost all of the workshops online via our website so the students could view them.

We would not have been able to do the online Leadership Training Conference and House of Delegates without my two assistants, Michael Berthel and Jason Steiner. They really put to-

gether all of the technology for these events. I also want to recognize our Immediate Past Distinguished Gov. Camille Brock. Camille worked with Jason and Michael to put together the program for the awards session and she ran the online House of Delegates. Camille also helped put together the board training with the new Governor Mariam Makar. Camille and Mariam then ran via Zoom our new board training. I cannot say enough about Camille and her dedication to Key Club and her position as governor.

July 3 was the closing session for the online version of ICON, Summer Leadership Conference. We had 3 students running for International offices. We had one student running for International Vice President and 2 running for International Trustee. We worked with all three candidates to develop their platforms, posters and speeches as we always do. I can tell you that we were proud to present all of these students. However, the International Bylaws only allow the current International Council to vote in the House of Delegates. The International Council consists of the International Board (13) and the 33 newly elected District Governors. We were very disappointed that none of our students

won.

I would like to give you the good news about the awards that we received at the Summer Leadership Conference. All of our district officers were distinguished and they are, Camille Brock, Governor; Linna Cheung, Secretary; Anthony Lim, Treasurer; and Angelo Lontok, Editor.

We also had the following clubs earn Diamond Level Distinguished: New Hyde Park HS, Ogdensburg Free Academy, Norwood-Norfolk HS and North Shore HS.

We also had the following lieutenant governors receive the Robert F. Lucas Award: Julia Segal, Katie Furrugia, David DeRienzo, Max Coppola and Hailey Weber. Congratulations to all!

Finally, I am asking you to please keep in touch with your Key Club this summer. Please have officer planning conferences to try to get next year going. This is so important in this pandemic environment, where we really have no idea what going back to school will look like, but we are pretty sure it will not be school as usual. Our Key Clubs will be depending on you as the very existence of Key Club and Kiwanis could be tested in this period of turmoil. Thanks for your continued support.

Circle K Governor

Amna Bajwa



Hello, Inspiring World Changers, I'm back with another update on New York Circle K.

So far my New York Circle K District Board has been working on how to be active during this pandemic. We had our District Officer Training Conference virtually, and we learned many tools to be better leaders. In this time of fear and uncertainty, we as leaders must step up and support our clubs

and members. We have launched a monthly service-focused session where we discuss various innovative ways to do service. Moreover this month we will be making posts on our Facebook and Instagram pages about our Governor's and District Project.

For my Governor's Project, I have selected Life's Necessities: Food and Water. As student leaders living in a first world country we have access to our basic needs but millions around the globe don't even have access to safe clean drinking water or sufficient food.

I am an immigrant from Pakistan where I grew up seeing the horrors of what a community goes through with lack of sufficient human basic needs. Now that I am in a better environment I have made it my mission to do any-

thing and everything to end the global water crisis and global famines.

Our District Project this year is Combating Covid. This project will focus on the immediate need of our local communities due to the pandemic. New York has been hit badly and it needs its service leaders more than ever. We plan to focus on how we can support food shelters, volunteer to tutor children, and community recovery will be our main focus.

In addition, we collaborated with Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center and raised \$1,500 through an online concert! We are looking forward to doing more projects with Kiwanis Foundations and Kiwanis Clubs. Mid July Circle K Lieutenant Governors are planning their first divisionals, I hope you all could attend them.

Round Robin

Noreen Barrett



This year everything is different, even how you are able to earn your Round

Robin patch!

Gov. Joe has changed the requirements for this year. If your club does a virtual meeting with another club in your division, it counts as attending a meeting. Perhaps you were able to visit some clubs in your division prior to COVID-19. Good for you!

You need to visit every club in your division once during the 2019-20 Kiwanis Year. You could count participating in one of their community service projects or a fundraiser as a visit. The size of your club matters. If you have 30 members or more, 4 attending; between 20-29 members, 3

attending; and less than 20 members, 2 attending.

Any questions contact me at lgnbarrett3@nycap.rr.com.

See the District web site, [www.kiwanis-ny.org](http://www.kiwanis-ny.org), for the latest information.

**Pediatric  
Lyme Disease**

**DPG John  
Gridley**



Lyme Disease has three recognized stages:

STAGE 1 is called early localized Lyme disease. The infection has not yet spread through the body.

STAGE 2 is called early disseminated Lye disease. The bacteria have begun to spread throughout the body.

STAGE 3 is called late disseminated Lyme disease. The bacteria have spread throughout the body.

Lyme Disease Stage 1 - Early localized infection. In most cases, the first sign of early Lyme disease is the appearance of a

bull's-eye skin rash. It can be large and expanding in size. This rash is called erythema migrans (EM). Without treatment, it can last 4 weeks or longer. It usually develops within two weeks after the bite, although it may appear as soon as 3 days, and as late as 1 month. This rash is found in about 80 percent of patients, but for the 20 percent without the EM and the non-target lesions their Lyme disease may never be detected, The Lyme disease stage of localized infection is where the Lyme disease has not yet spread throughout the body. The only area affected is where the infection has first come into contact with the skin.

Lyme Disease Stage 2 - Early disseminated infection. Untreated, the infection spreads through the bloodstream and lymph nodes within days to weeks, involving the joints, nervous system, and possibly the heart. Multiple rashes may erupt in other places. If the infection affects the nervous system in the second stage of

Lyme disease, various acute neurological problems may appear. These include facial palsy, which is the loss of muscle on one or both sides of the face, as well as meningitis, which involves severe headaches, neck stiffness, and sensitivity to light. In addition, some case reports have described altered mental status, shooting pains that may interfere with sleep, as well as abnormal skin sensations. Within days to weeks after the onset of local infection, the bacteria may begin to spread throughout the bloodstream and a rash may develop at sites across the body that bear no relation to the original tick bite,

Lyme Disease Stage 3 - Late disseminated infection. If the disease remains untreated, a persistent infection can occur after a few weeks or months, leading to prolonged bouts of arthritis and neurologic problems, such as concentration problems or personality changes. Fatigue is a prominent feature of both early and late stages. If Lyme disease is left untreated in stage 3, patients may go on to develop severe and chronic symptoms that affect many parts of the body, including the brain, nerves, eyes, joints, and heart. Many disabling symptoms can occur, including permanent shooting pains, numbness, and tingling in the hands or feet may develop. Lyme disease is known as the "great imitator" because the symptoms which display if the disease is not treated, mimic many well-known conditions such as Rheumatoid Arthritis, Alzheimer's and Fibromyalgia. For this reason it is very important to find a practitioner who can perform tests and make an accurate diagnosis, better known as Lyme Literal Doctors (LLD). If you get bit by a tick go to the doctor immediately.

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On Another Note - Due to over booking by the caterer we have been forced to change the date of the Lyme Gala. The new date is April 11, 2021.

We need your help - because of the Coronavirus shutdown we have received few donations or orders for Brittany Fellowships (which is our main source of income). This has caused us to dip into our reserve fund which is at the lowest level it has ever been. Because of this we have been forced not to issue any new grants so we can guarantee that the funds are available for the grants already issued. When we receive a request for a new grant we now put them on a waiting list, and this causes even more hardships on families applying. So if you or your club can make a donation of any amount or purchase a Brittany Fellowship or any level it would be a big help.

Thank you for your never ending support and the courage to care and willingness to share.

## 450 New Members Inducted So Far

Clubs in the New York District inducted 450 new members during the first nine months of the 2019-20 year. Following is a list of the club which have inducted five or more.

A complete list including the names of the new members and their sponsors can be seen on the district web site, [www.kiwanis-ny.org](http://www.kiwanis-ny.org).

Throggs Neck	Bronx-Westchester South	24
Big Apple, NY-USA	Queens East	12
Oceanside	Long Island Southwest	12
Canandaigua	Finger Lakes	8
Douglaston	Queens East	8
Manhasset-Port Washington	Long Island North	8
Niagara Wheatfield	Niagara Frontier North	8
Ridgewood, NY 3-2-1	Queens West	8
Saugerties	Hudson River	8
Astoria-Long Island City	Queens West	6
Bethpage Central Park	Long Island South Central	6
Kingston	Hudson River	6
East Rockaway	Long Island Southwest	5
Farmington-Victor	Finger Lakes	5
Glendale	Queens West	5
Greece	Genesee	5
Island Park, Long Island	Long Island Southwest	5
Levittown	Long Island South Central	5
Lewiston	Niagara Frontier North	5
Liberty	Brooklyn	5
Minisink Valley	Hudson River West	5
Monticello	Hudson River West	5
New Scotland	Capital	5
Northern Niagara County	Niagara Frontier North	5
Northport-East Northport	Suffolk West	5
Nunda	Genesee	5
Ozone Park	Queens West	5
Spencerport	Genesee	5
West Hempstead	Long Island South Central	5

District  
Historian

PIP Tom  
DeJulio



As I write this, it is more than obvious that the world has changed and quite frankly, will continue to change in the weeks, months, and possibly years ahead. Like practically every other aspect of our lives, Kiwanis has been affected by an unprecedented and still evolving worldwide pandemic.

One historic change for the first time since World War II: Kiwanis International and most of its districts are cancelling their annual conventions. As a Past International President, I will be one of only 70 representatives attending (virtually) an International Council on July 25 to adopt five memorial resolutions for deceased International Presidents and to elect next year's officers and trustees. No bylaw amendments will be presented; in other words, no lengthy lines of speakers at odd and even microphones to engage or agitate us.

Here's my point: like it or hate it, his-

toric change is upon us and we Kiwanians have few other options but to "accept and adapt". Yet, the core Kiwanis value of serving the needs of others remains our constant. As a member of this Kiwanis Family for the past 54 years, I am hopeful we will lean into this historic moment and enlarge, but not necessarily replicate, our 105-year history of a family compelled, more than ever before, to make an impactful difference in one life for the sake of many.

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Here are the answers to the quiz in April 2020 ESK, Vol. 2019-20, Issue 3, dedicated to the memory of two Kiwanis International leaders, 1976-77 International Vice President Stephen Hart and 1987-88 International President Anton J. "Tony" Kaiser:

1. In what years did Steve Hart serve as BWS LTG and NY District Governor?

Answer: Steve served as Bronx Westchester South LTG in 1960 and District Governor in 1968.

2. In what branch of the military did Steve Hart serve in World War II?

Answer: Steve was a WWII veteran of the Army Air Corp and a decorated pilot who flew Generals Patton and Eisenhower.

3. What was the Kiwanis International "Major Emphasis" theme in 1987-88?

(Extra Credit Question: What was its primary objective?)

Answers: Tony's International service theme 33 years ago was "Our Quest: Their Best" and focused on the social and emotional needs of children. (Do you think Tony's theme is equally relevant, if not more so, in 2020?)

4. What country did Tony Kaiser's parents immigrate from in 1923 and where in New York City did they settle and raise their two sons?

Answer: Tony's father Anton arrived in the United States at the age of 16 from Glogowatz, Hungary. Tony's mother, a garment worker, was four years younger. They settled in College Point Queens and raised two sons, Anton Jr. and his brother John, bequeathing to them the American Dream.

5. In what year were Tony and Mim Kaiser married?

Answer: Tony and Mildred Muldoon (a/k/a Mim) were married in 1950 after meeting in a Catholic parish grade school in Queens 80 years ago. They raised three sons, Eric, John, and David - making their education and the value of hard work their priority.

Congratulations to the one and only club winner with a correct "extra credit" answer: Key Club ADA Jason Steiner, NYCYP Kiwanis Club

## Covid-19 Didn't Stop New York Kiwanis Clubs from Serving



### Newark

The Newark Kiwanis Club has worked closely with the Aktion Club it sponsors for many years.

The Covid-19 shutdown has impacted Aktion Club members and their housemates severely, as they have been unable to leave their homes for activities they usually participate in. They are not allowed to have family members visit.

Hearing that many of our Aktion Club members were down in the dumps and having trouble dealing with the lockdown we wanted to help. We kept in touch with cards and post-cards but wanted to do more. I contacted Wegmans and they had me fill out a donation request form. I told them I wanted to be able to give a cupcake

(or sugar free alternative where needed) for not only our members but their housemates and staff as well. Wegmans came through! They provided all of the funding, in the form of a gift-card.

On June 18, six Kiwanis Club of Newark members delivered seven dozen cupcakes to community residences run by either the Arc Wayne or Catholic Charities and one private residence. (one of the deliveries is shown at left.) The homes are located in Newark, Lyons and Clyde. They delivered between 2 and 16 cupcakes and treats to be enjoyed at what we called "A COVID-19 Un-birthday party"; basically an excuse to party a bit. We hoped to lift the spirits of our Aktion Club members, their housemates, families and staff. They have all been on lockdown since March and unable to attend their usual jobs, day-programs or Aktion Club meetings. They have also not been able to visit with family and this has been difficult for them.

This was just one evening but we hope it helped in some way. Later that evening some of the members were able to join us at our regular meeting via Zoom. They seemed to enjoy the attention and the treats.

### Monticello

The Monticello Kiwanis Club continued its support to the community recently by

providing lunch to the Sullivan County Emergency Operations Crew.

The meals were prepared by Miss Monticello Diner and were delivered by Kiwanian/Medical Director for Sullivan County Public Health Services Dr. Bruce Ellsweig as well as Kiwanians Karen Ellsweig and Sheila Lashinsky. They were greeted by a very appreciative staff who have been working exceptionally hard and long hours for the past three months to ensure that the public is kept informed and educated on the coronavirus status. County EMS/E-911 Coordinator Alex Rau said "This gesture very much lifted our spirits".

In addition to the food delivery to the Emergency Operations Center, the Kiwanis Club presented a check for \$150 to DeFilippis Bakery Owner Carmela Foglia and Monticello Central School EPIC (Every Person Influences Children) Program Manager Jane Sorensen for the "Adopt A Family Program". This money will provide five families with hot meals prepared by DeFilippis. Both women appreciated the donation and stated that the families receiving the meals were part of the "back pack", EPIC and ENL (English New Language) Programs at the three Monticello elementary schools and RJK Middle School.

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## Monticello and Woodridge

The Kiwanis Clubs of Monticello and Woodridge joined forces recently and visited the Care Center at Sunset Lake in Liberty, where they were greeted by Care Center Administrator Sherrita Alexander and Commissioner of Health and Family Services Stephanie M. Brown.

They presented them with little gifts and greeting cards to be distributed to each nursing home and rehab resident to reassure them that they are not alone and that people are thinking of them -- especially at this time when they are unable to enjoy normal socialization activities or have their loved ones visiting them.

The Aktion Club of Sullivan County, comprised of individuals from SullivanOrangeArc, New Hope Community and Center for Discovery, contributed a large number of beautifully hand-made greeting cards for this project. Cards were also presented to representatives from Sullivan County Public Health Nursing Department to be distributed to homebound patients.

The very important healthcare workers at the Care Center at Sunset Lake and Public Health Nursing were also acknowledged and thanked for their heroic service by presenting them with buckets of munchkins from Dunkin Donuts. Commissioner Brown thanked the Kiwanis Clubs and stated they are tremendously grateful for such an incredibly thoughtful and inspiring project.

The Kiwanis Clubs are planning to distribute greeting cards to the homebound recipients of the Meals on Wheels Program when it is reinstated by the Sullivan County Office for the Aging early in July.

## North Shore, Long Island

This amazing project was the brain child of Howard Rose, art instructor, who coordinated the talents of 120 local artists participating in this venture.

The artists donated 160 small paintings that were given to caregiver professionals at local hospitals to include Winthrop, Northwell and Huntington. In addition the Kiwanis Club of North Shore, through the artistic skills of Doug Barnaby, local Sea Cliff artist and a member of the 120 artist team, designed 5 posters and 15 rose etchings/embossed note cards for the front-line staff at St. Francis Hospital.

A special thank you to Jeanne Egan-Canning, Director of Operations at St Francis and a North Shore Kiwanian herself, who coordinated the effort at St Francis.

## Woodridge

The Kiwanis of Woodridge has donated food and money to local Town of Fallsburg food banks: St. Andrews Episcopal Church Food Pantry in South Fallsburg, and the Bread of Life Food Pantry in Hur-



Accepting the items donated by the Monticello and Woodridge clubs were Commissioner Stephanie Brown and Public Health Nursing staff Cathi Paci, Amanda Wolfe, Christine Panos, Wendy Brown and Haley Lankau. Kiwanians Sheila Lashinsky, Karen Ellsweig, Dr. Bruce Ellsweig, Sue Kasofsky and Katherine Helms made the presentation.



Brooklyn Division clubs delivered microwaves ovens to each department in the Coney Island Hospital. The Brighton Beach Coney Island and Mapleton Clubs also delivered the ovens to the 60th Precinct, PD 34, PSA1 and the Fire House in the Coney Island Community.

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The club has always been a supporter of these food banks and will continue to do so as a way to give back to the community.

The club also wanted to do something for the people who are feeding the children of the Fallsburg Central School District while school is not in session. We decided to purchase donuts from Dunkin' Donuts and distribute them to the drivers and monitors of Rolling V Bus Corp., Fallsburg Police Department, cafeteria staff at BOCES, and the custodians at BOCES and FCSD Middle/High School.

## Glen Cove and North Shore

In a joint effort to assist the Glen Cove community, the Kiwanis Clubs of North Shore and Glen Cove joined hands to assist food pantries at the Finley Middle School and the Glen Cove High School.

Both sites provide food daily to hundreds of families in all seven Glen Cove

Schools.

The first logistical issue of purchasing food was a challenge. The Kiwanis Club of North Shore -- via their President Roger Hill, assisted by Treasurer Bruce Levinson -- researched funding options. They were alerted by Kiwanis International that the Kiwanis Children's Fund was offering grants to clubs involved with Covid-19 relief efforts. President Hill applied for and received a \$750 grant.

At the Glen Cove High School, they also have a "Grab-N-Go" breakfast/lunch program for children and in addition to a "pickup" food bag drive service located at the back of the school. In this pandemic induced challenge to us all, more than 120 families caravan through daily.

"At one time in the past, it would have

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Cars line up for the food pantry in Glen Cove in Mid-May. The effort was supported by the Glen Cove and North Shore clubs.

been difficult to imagine the depth and breadth of the need for daily food support across different economic strata in Glen Cove and nationwide" noted Hill. "COVID-19 and its economic and employment impact have been a profound negative.

The ability to unite volunteers in partnership with corporate philanthropy to help mitigate the food insecurity caused by COVID-19 has been a decided positive" concluded Sea Cliff resident and North Shore Kiwanis Club President Roger Hill.

## Amityville

The Kiwanis Club of Amityville donated 500 face masks to the Good Samaritan Hospital Medical Center. President, Karen Kelly said that on behalf of the club "we are all grateful for the dedicated medical staff. This is just a small appreciation for their life saving work".

## Minisink

Since late March, the Kiwanis Club of Minisink Valley has launched a program called "Meals for Seniors".

On Saturdays, the club coordinates and delivers 50 to 70 meals, including dessert and a beverage, to senior citizens in the area.

Throughout this pandemic, the club has strived to find ways to serve the Minisink Valley community. Young students have also volunteered to make handmade cards with encouraging messages, to be added in each package.

## Glens Falls

On April 27th members of the Glens Falls Kiwanis Club joined with Rotarians and the Salvation Army to staff a drive-through food pantry at Aviation Mall in Glens Falls.

Kiwanians were at the mall early in the

morning to set up the tents, as well as to help with traffic control. The Salvation Army estimated that 500 cars, representing roughly 2,000 people, were served that morning.

On May 4, the Kiwanis "Tent Team" traveled to Saratoga to assist the Saratoga Springs' drive-through pantry.

## Patchogue

The Patchogue club donated \$2,500 to the Long Island Community Hospital, a grant that was matched by the Knapp-Swezey Island Outreach Foundation, to support the hospital and its expenses during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The club also purchased food and delivered it to the hospital for the health care workers on duty. Also, it delivered food to local food pantries and school children. In addition, it provided 100 N95 masks to the local ambulance company during the equipment shortage.

Ryan Charvat, the son and grandson of Kiwanis members, paid respect to the hospital workers periodically by playing his bagpipes in front of the hospital. Michael D'Ambrosio delivered bagels to the workers.

## Niagara Falls

The Kiwanis Club of Niagara Falls donated groceries, masks, and a check for "Lord's Day Dinner" distribution.

"LORDS Day Dinner" feeds more 500 meals to the community of Niagara Falls every holiday. They expressed a desire to continue to provide meals during these hard times so the club gave them a donation of groceries, homemade masks made by club members and \$500 from club President Candace Corsaro's contingency fund.

## Oceanside

More than 150 sweat suits donated by the Kiwanis Club of Oceanside, the Oceanside Chamber of Commerce, and Oceanside Community Service, Inc., for

our COVID-19 patients to wear home when they are discharged from the hospital. Many COVID patients do not want to bring home the clothes they had on when admitted.

## Lindenhurst

The Kiwanis Club of Lindenhurst partnered with Restoration Kitchen & Cocktails and Cieslaks Modern Bakery to donate meals to feed 100 health care heroes at Good Samaritan Hospital Medical Center in West Islip.

Making sure to observe proper social distancing and sporting masks, Lindenhurst Kiwanians met at Restoration Kitchen, loaded their vehicles and drove the short distance to Good Sam where they were welcomed enthusiastically by hospital staff.

After seeing this story on Facebook, Bagel Factory of West Babylon contacted Lindenhurst Kiwanis which assisted in the donation and delivery of breakfast to feed another 30 essential healthcare workers at Good Sam.

Thank you to all the physicians, nurses and hospital staff for all you do for our community and our local merchants for helping support them.

## Westbury

On June 20 the Kiwanis Club of Westbury held its monthly food drive at the Bravo Supermarket in Westbury. Our two newest members really enjoyed collecting food for the St. Brigid Church Foodbank. We hope to make this a monthly event to help support our community. On June 22 the food was delivered.

## Middletown

Middletown Kiwanis has donated money to the Salvation Army which provides services in the area.

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## Greece

The Kiwanis Club of Greece has been involved in several projects to help the community.

Boxes of items collected are shown above.

The club donated \$1,000 to our local Boy Scout Troop 5 "Campership Fund". It costs \$410 per Scout to send them to camp.

The club donated \$200 to the Autism Nature Trail, an nature trail for all at Letchworth State Park.

Arlene Szebada and Heather Henderson, co-chairs of the First Lady's Project, were able to complete their Spring service project the week of April 5: They gathered goodies to help fill the 150 Emergency boxes for families in need within the Greece Central School District. The focus was on Easter basket-type items and also perishable and microwavable foods.

The club recently sent a \$200 check to help support Project Linus (local Greece chapter). They make and then donate blankets for children in need.

The club supports Greece Ecumenical Food Shelf on a quarterly basis, but we decided to give them an additional \$1,000 for the immediate need. Jon Kuppinger, Immediate Past President (and volunteer for the Food Shelf), presented the Food Shelf with the check on April 9.

As part of the Governor's Project, the club is hosting a Social Media campaign during Mental Health Awareness week (May 18 - 24). Tom Camiolo is the Chair of this project. Please like and follow Kiwanis Club of Greece Facebook.

## Southampton

The Southampton club has been busy supporting various community groups, including some focused on pandemic response.

During April the club donated \$1,520: \$320 for food for ambulance corp and hospital staff; \$500 in food gift cards for Hampton Bays families; \$500 in support for Sag Harbor Helpers to help families impacted by Covid19; and \$200 for additional food/lunches for South Hospital staff.

During May the club donated \$1,560: \$300 for Food for Heart of the Hamptons Food pantry; \$300 to St Rosalies Church, Hampton Bays, Food Pantry; \$60 to Kiwanis Suffolk East Division Project; \$150 to Kiwanis Suffolk East Division Key Club support project; \$500



County Seat Kiwanis participated in a joint Mineola/The Willistons' Chamber food collection on May 30. They filled the Salvation Army van twice along with contributions to other local agencies.



Westbury Kiwanis Club collected books for two weeks and donated them to the Pediatric Center at NYU Winthrop Hospital in Mineola on June 12. The collection continues to run.

and Hampton Art Camp and Outreach for food for families in need; and \$250 to the Hampton Bays High School yearbook.

Club members also donated to the Food Pantry, distributed masks and sanitizers to 500 community members at a drive-through at the high school and donated gifts to graduates.

Kiwanis Scholarships were awarded to two graduating students (Southampton HS and Hampton Bays HS). Each student receives a total of \$4,800 over four semesters of study.

## Port Chester-Rye Brook

The Kiwanis Club of Port Chester-Rye Brook has proudly supported the community in this difficult time by making four donations of \$500 each to: Marini's Deli, which is preparing lunches for staff at

local hospitals; The Salvation Army, which is delivering food to homes of elderly and in need; and the Don Bosco Community Center which is serving lunch, to go, daily.

The club also purchased the Kamp Kiwanis Covid Award to present to an organization at a later date.

## East Yonkers

The East Yonkers club delivered 500 masks to the 3rd precinct and 16,000 masks to Governor Cuomo's warehouse in Albany.

The club also delivered over 100 lunches to all the security and housekeeping personnel at St. Joseph's and St. John's hospitals.