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Children listen as John Canning read “The Night Before Christmas” during a celebration at Mommas House hosted by the North Shore Key Club. It was one of many events around the district marking Christmas.

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# April 23 Dinner to Celebrate Kamp Kiwanis' 55th Anniversary

The New York District Kiwanis Foundation is sponsoring a 55th anniversary celebration for Kamp Kiwanis on Sunday, April 23, at the Crest Hollow Country Club in Woodbury.

The event will honor Foundation President Sal Anelli, who has led the foundation since 2007.

Tickets are \$100 per person if purchased before April 1. Tickets purchased between April 1 and 14th are \$125 each.

No walk-ins or payments at the door will be accepted.

The event will include a dinner, open bar, dancing and live entertainment.

Checks should be made out to NY District Kamp Kiwanis and mailed to Joe Aiello, 150 Magua St., Ronkonkoma, NY 11779. Checks should include your club affiliation in the check memo.

Sponsors also are being sought, including ads in the event program. See the in-



formation on the district web site for details.

# Ryan Mack Hired as New Kamp Director

## Rates set for 2023 Kamping Season

Ryan Mack has been hired as the new executive director for Kamp Kiwanis.



Ryan started Jan. 4.

Please give Ryan a little time to settle into the position and then if you are interested in connecting with Ryan to have him come speak at your next meeting to talk about Kamp please email him at [executivedirector@kampkiwanis.org](mailto:executivedirector@kampkiwanis.org) or you can call the Kamp office at 315-336-4568.

You will be able to meet him in person at the MidYear Conference.

Our Foundation Board Members are willing to come and speak at your club meetings as well. To connect to a local board member, please look at the District Directory.

In addition, the rates for the 2023 Kamp season have been set. We are main-

taining the rates from 2022.

The rates for the 2023 Kamp season are:

- Child Kamper tuition: \$525
- Child Kamper busing: \$180
- Counselors in Training tuition: \$420
- Counselors in Training busing: \$180
- Adult Kamper tuition: \$890
- Adult Kamper busing: \$200

Be on the lookout for applications and a reservation form in February!

## 2022-23 Events

### Feb. 10-12, 2023:

Mid-Year Conference, Desmond Hotel, Albany

### March 10-12, 2023:

Circle K District Convention, Desmond Hotel, Albany

### March 25-27, 2023

Key Club Leadership Training Conference, Desmond, Albany

### April 23, 2023;

Kamp Kiwanis 55th Anniversary Celebration, Woodbury

### May 13, 2023:

Kamp Kiwanis Work Weekend and Open House, Taberg

### June 21-24, 2023:

Kiwanis International Convention, Minneapolis, Minnesota

### June 21-24, 2023:

Circle K International Convention, Minneapolis, Minnesota

### July 5-9, 2023:

Key Club International Convention, Anaheim, California

### Aug. 10-13, 2023:

District Convention Radisson Hotel, Corning

### Sept. 22, 2023:

Black and White Ball, Leonard's of Great Neck

For Mid-Year Updates, go to  
[www.kiwanis-ny.org/my2023/](http://www.kiwanis-ny.org/my2023/)

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# 2023 Mid-Year Conference is Feb. 10-12

The Mid-Year Conference will take place Feb. 10-12 at the Desmond Hotel and Conference Center in Albany.

The district and district foundation boards will meet, a variety of forums will be available, and awards will be presented recognizing clubs and divisions for their work during the 2021-22 Kiwanis Year.

Registration is now open. Registration fees increase Jan. 28.

Hotel registrations should be made by Jan. 30 in order to get the group rate.

## Mid-Year Basket Raffle

Once again, we are having a Basket and Gift Card Raffle Fundraiser at the Mid-Year Conference at The Desmond.

Baskets and gift cards can be brought to the Desmond to support this year's Governor's Project.

Please contact Raffle Chairs Rebecca and Herman Ovadia to let them know if you are bringing a basket at woodsdekiwanis@gmail.com

## Photos Wanted

We are putting together a slide show for the 2021-22 administrative year.

If you have action photos from projects and/or visits by Immediate Past Governor Jim Mancuso please send them to NYKiwanisPictures@gmail.com prior to the conference.

## Kamp Kiwanis Onesie Party

At 10:15 p.m. on Friday at the conference, there will be a Onesie Party to sup-

## Cards Donated

## to Meals on Wheels

The members of the Kiwanis Clubs of Monticello and Woodridge joined forces once more to bring holiday cheers to the Office for the Aging Meals on Wheels Recipients.

They presented greeting cards to Office for the Aging Director Lise-Anne Deoul and Nutrition Coordinator Jane Bozan.

In addition to the Kiwanis Club members, the Monticello High School Key Club, Mrs. Jill Weiner's Liberty Middle School Students as well as the Aktion Club of Sullivan County, contributed a large amount of beautifully hand-made greeting cards and little holiday related ornaments and find the word puzzle sheets.

port Kamp Kiwanis. Those attending are asked to bring a Walmart gift cards to be used for Kampers this summer, or books

that will be handed out to Kampers: "Wonder", but R.J. Palacio and "Someone Loves Your Mr. Hatch" by Eileen Spinelli.

## Forums Scheduled For Mid-Year

The following forums will be on the agenda at the Mid-Year Conference:

**Branding:** Are you using the correct Logo? Are you showing off the Kiwanis Logo at your events?

**Diversity, Equity & Inclusion:** Why is it important and how does it impact our clubs.

**Mental Health Roundtable:** Discussion about the growing mental health crisis raging across the country and how as Kiwanians, we can make a positive impact by promoting awareness within our communities.

**Member Recruitment:** What is the best way to attract new members!

**Veterans Services:** Why each club should have a Veteran's Committee!

**Governor's Project:** How your club can participate with the Crohn's & Colitis

Foundation

**Youth Protection:** What you need to know! Why is it important?

**Cyber Security:** Staying Safe online  
**Succession Planning:** Running for higher Office - Club, Division & District

**Retention & Engagement:** How do you keep your members (especially new members) engaged in the club and in the projects!

**Kiwanis 101:** Are you a new member? Want to know more about Kiwanis & the NY District?

**Social Media:** How to use social media to grow your club and promote your projects!

**Club Coaching:** You are a Club Coach how do you use what you have learned to help clubs in need? This workshop is for certified club coaches only.

## 2023 Mid-Year Conference Schedule

### Friday, Feb. 10

Registration.....	2-6:45 p.m.
Board Lunch ( <i>by invitation only</i> ).....	Noon-12:45 p.m.
Basket Raffle and Display Tables.....	2-6:45 p.m.
Board Meeting.....	1-4 pm.
Welcome Dinner.....	6:45-8 p.m.
Opening Session.....	8:15-10:15 p.m.
Foundation 'Onesie' Pajama Party.....	10:15 p.m.
Hospitality Rooms.....	10:15 p.m.

### Saturday, Feb. 11

Past Governors Breakfast.....	8-9:30 a.m.
Breakfast.....	7:45-8:45 a.m.
Lt. Gov. Elects Breakfast with Gov.-Elect Lucien Giancursio.....	7:45-8:45 a.m.
Registration (closed during lunch).....	9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Basket Raffle and Display Tables.....	9 a.m.-3 p.m.
Forums.....	9-11:50 a.m.
Past Lt. Governor's Council.....	10-10:50 a.m.
Foundations Recognition Luncheon.....	Noon-1:45 p.m.
Forums.....	2-3:30 p.m.
Pediatric Lyme Disease Foundation Board.....	3:30-4:30 p.m.
Gala Reception *.....	5:30-6:30 p.m.
VIP Toast *.....	6:15-6:30 p.m.
Gala Governor's Dinner *.....	6:30-10 p.m.
Hospitality Rooms.....	10 p.m.

### Sunday, Feb. 12

District Foundation Board Meeting.....	9 a.m.-1 p.m.
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\* **Black Tie Optional, Black Coat**

Schedule is tentative. See the district web site for the latest information



## Port Chester-Rye Brook

The Kiwanis Club of Port Chester-Rye Brook raised more than \$3,300 for the Salvation Army to purchase items for complete Thanksgiving meals. On Nov 23 the Port Chester High School Key Club packed more than 350 dinners for local families in need. Our sponsored Little League Team joined in with donations of four dinners.

## North Shore Key Club

On Nov. 26 the North Shore Key Club began its annual bell ringing for the Salvation Army at Shop & Shop Store in Glen Cove. Pictured is one of the Key Club teams at the traditional kettle having fun and making a difference for families in need.



## Sullivan Aktion Club

During November the Aktion Club of Sullivan County collected non-perishable food items and had fun decorating and filling five baskets that were distributed to families in need. The Aktion Club members enjoyed helping to make Thanksgiving more special and enjoyable for some families in the community.





## Club Presents Third Graders with Dictionaries

Every year for the past 16 years, the Kiwanis Club of Minisink Valley has gone into the two elementary schools in the Minisink Valley School District to give every third grade student a personal dictionary.

The Kiwanians are able to go in the individual class rooms handing out the dictionary and giving the class a quick lesson on how to use a dictionary along with a short history lesson on Noah Webster, who spent 22 years to collecting more

than 70,000 words and their meanings to finish his dictionary.

"We loved seeing students enjoying looking up various words to find their meaning, part of speech and spellings," said Principal Julia Downey. "We are grateful to our Kiwanis friends for visiting and showing our students how valuable a dictionary is, especially in this digital age."

This year seven members were able to attend the schools and give the lessons.

Mary Jo Wagner, Barbara Ewanciw, Jim Burtis, Minisink Superintendent Brian Monahan, Dawn Lavandowski, Grace White, and David Morse.

The dictionaries are a gift to each student to use at school and at home for years to come. According to The Dictionary Project, educators see third grade as the dividing line between learning to read and reading to learn, so we encourage our sponsors to give dictionaries each year to children in the third grade.

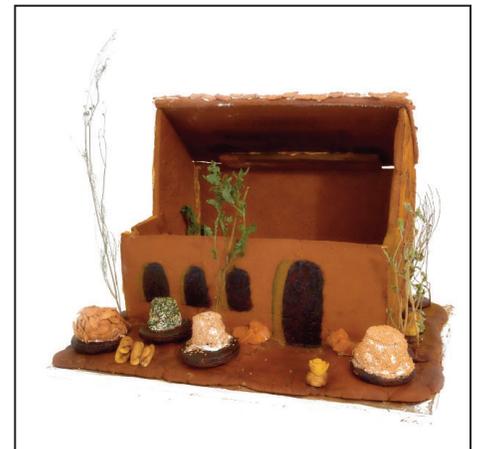
## Divisions Compete in Gingerbread House Contest

The Finger Lakes and Genesee divisions have each entered the annual Gingerbread House contest at the George Eastman House in Rochester in a friendly competition.

The Finger Lakes entry is titled "Kamp Kiwanis Clubs of the Finger Lakes" and the Genesee one is "Celebrating Kiwanis Partnerships". The houses are being sold in an online auction, along with all the other entries in the competition.

The Kiwanis Club of Spencerport engaged Monroe 2 Orleans BOCES Culinary Arts Students to make a gingerbread creation that has been entered into the George Eastman Sweet Creations Gingerbread Display. After a brief introduction to Kiwanis by Club President Wendy Colby and Club Secretary Keith Ryan, the students put their creativity into action to design a creation that represents what Kiwanis is all about.

The culinary students honed in on a message that both Kiwanis and the Culinary students share: that everyone deserves access to nutritious and wholesome



At left, Jaimie Neuringer of the Brighton Club working on the Finger Lakes entry. The Genesee entry is at right.

food. The students' work of culinary art expresses a message that "There's Always A Seat At Our Table".

The Gingerbread Creation titled, "Celebrating Partnership", portrays an international spice bazaar filled with the world's

finest flavors. The entire structure is made of gingerbread.

The Eastman House auctioned off the entries as a fund raiser. The Genesee entry sold for \$25 and the Finger Lakes entry sold for \$85.

# Elmira Kiwanis Donates \$5,000 to Veterans' Housing Project

What started as a project to recognize and honor the military service of local Veterans, has flourished into a successful fundraiser that is allowing the Elmira Kiwanis Club an opportunity to "pay it forward," helping local veterans who are struggling with housing needs.

"The success of our hometown hero banner program has not only provided an emotional lift for our community and our Club, but it has also provided a financial boost for our community service budget and we thought there was no better way to utilize those funds than to continue to support our Veterans," said Alison J. Mandel, immediate past president of the Elmira Kiwanis Club. The Club chose the Veterans' housing project - a part of the Libertad community housing complex. Libertad has reserved 20 apartments in the complex for homeless vets. The Elmira Kiwanis Club contributed funds to the project when it was first opened in 2019. The funds donated by Kiwanis will provide essentials and furniture to veter-

ans who are living there.

In 2019 the Elmira Kiwanis Club, with the assistance of the City of Elmira, started the Hometown Heroes Banner project, allowing families to honor their loved ones and friends' military service to our country. The first year the Kiwanis Club hoped to sell 50 banners, but the community response has been overwhelming and currently more than 300 banners are displayed primarily in the downtown area of the city. Banners are displayed from Memorial Day through Veteran's Day. The Kiwanis program has been successfully coordinated by Terry Allison, a former club president.

Kiwanis officials acknowledge the invaluable support of the City of Elmira, especially their Buildings & Grounds staff, who coordinates the efforts to hang, remove and store the banners during the year. A complete listing of the veterans being honored and the location of their banner can be found on the Elmira Kiwanis website.

Honoring veterans has been a major emphasis of the Elmira Kiwanis Club since the project started, with club members now actively participating in Wreaths Across America and the posting of flags on Memorial Day - both events at the Woodlawn National Cemetery. This summer Kiwanians assisted with the Vietnam Veterans' Moving Wall, which was displayed in Eldridge Park over the July 4th holiday weekend. At that event club members read names of veterans listed on the wall and the club financially supported the creation and purchase of a permanent granite marker honoring Chemung County veterans who were killed in action during Vietnam.

On Nov. 3 the club presented a \$5,000 check to Anita Lewis, Chief Development Officer for EOP, Inc. (the Economic Opportunity Program of Chemung & Schuyler Counties). EOP operates the Veterans' Family Program at Libertad. Lewis also updated the club on the activities of the Veterans' Family Program.



## North Shore K-Family

With their gift lists in hand to fill boxes galore, the North Shore Kiwanis Family filled more than 60 boxes to be sent world-wide through the Samaritans Purse Organization.

North Shore has participated in this activity for more than 20 years, sending gift boxes to children in need world-wide. Pictured is the North Shore Kiwanis Family with Kiwanis, Key Club, Builders Club and K Kids all in action for service.

# IRS Filing Deadline is Feb. 15

All Kiwanis Clubs are required to file annual tax returns with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

Tax-exempt organizations whose gross receipts normally are \$50,000 or less are not required to file IRS forms 990 or 990-EZ. But they are required to file an electronic form annually. Failure to file for three consecutive years could result in revocation of the organization's tax-exempt status.

The electronic form is at Form 990-N.

The standard information the IRS will require when filing the electronic Form 990-N is the name of your Kiwanis club, mailing address, Web site address (if applicable), employer identification number (EIN), annual tax period date, and a statement that annual gross receipts are still normally \$50,000 or less.

Because Kiwanis International operates on a fiscal year of Oct. 1 to Sept. 30, the filing due date is Feb. 15 each year.

More information is available on the Kiwanis International web site, at <http://www.kiwanis.org/form990>.



## Club Provides Students with Computers

Michael Feerman, President of the Fordham Kiwanis, delivered refurbished laptops to "Part of the Solution" (POTS), a Bronx based social service agency that helps clients move from crisis to stability to self-sufficiency.

Organized by Fordham Kiwanis, mem-

bers donated laptops that were "wiped" clean, including many outdated computers obtained from Teachers College, Columbia University. These were then given to Bronx students who needed but could not afford to purchase chromebooks for schoolwork.

## Monticello Collects Toys

Members of the Kiwanis Club of Monticello helped spread the holiday spirit by donating games and toys for the United Way of Sullivan County to distribute to local families in need.

Due to the Kiwanis Club meeting virtually and canceling its annual holiday dinner once more this year, United Way Chief Professional Officer Julian Dawson traveled to the office of Kiwanis Club Board Member Linda Barriger to pick up the donations.



## Long Island North Packs Gift Boxes

The Long Island North Division participated in its first, and not its last, division project, Operation Christmas Child.

Shoe boxes were created with numerous gift items to be sent to children in need worldwide. The clubs in the division packed numerous gift boxes and delivered them to the divisional.

Above, Gov. Joel Harris helping out with the project.