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#### Our District Officers:

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Secretary Ed Hutchinson  
Immediate Past Governor Ted Hordichuk  
Administrative Secretary JoAnn Parayos

## New Leaders Step up to the Plate

The new administrative year is underway.

Kiwanis International Vice President/Treasurer designate Dave Curry installed Governor Bruce Marich, Treasurer Norm Zimmerman, Governor-elect Jeanne Hagen, Secretary Ed Hutchinson and the Lieutenant Governors Saturday night, August 27.

The new district board met the following afternoon.



New Jersey Governors. (left to right) Circle K—Michael Murray, Bruce Marich and Key Club Jeremy Missuk at our district convention.



## One Giant Leap for NJ Kiwanis

By Brian Siegelwax

Children's Specialized Hospital Foundation unwrapped one of the largest gifts in its 114-year history when the New Jersey District of Kiwanis International approved a \$500,000 grant to the Foundation's capital campaign, "The Building Begins with Children," at its Convention on August 27, 2005, in Wildwood, New Jersey.

According to New Jersey Kiwanis Foundation President John Wilson, "the grant will be disbursed over a 10-year period, with \$250,000 helping to fund the cost of construction of the new hospital building and \$250,000 dedicated to establish an endowment fund to defray the cost of treatment for children who are uninsured or underinsured."

Opening in 2007, PSE&G Children's Specialized Hospital - New Brunswick will be a \$65 million, 128,000 square foot, state-of-the-art inpatient pediatric rehabilitation hospital on the campus of the renowned Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital.

Linked to both Bristol-Myers Squibb Children's Hospital and the Child Health Institute, the center will create a comprehensive service delivery system that has never before

existed in New Jersey. Their physical connection will offer unparalleled benefits to children as they move seamlessly from acute to rehabilitative care.

There will be access to emergency acute care services and research, in-house blood and fluid tests for quicker turn-around times and lower costs, and collaboration opportunities for physicians. Parents will also be able to take a more active role in their child's recovery and in the therapies their child requires thanks to facilities for parents to stay, family lounges, laundry and shower facilities, playrooms for siblings, and more.

"This center will give every child in New Jersey access to an unprecedented level of care, as well as the comfort and benefit of having their parents with them," said Children's Specialized Hospital President & CEO Amy Mansue.

The new hospital will house three primary centers of excellence, including special infant care for premature babies and programs for children affected by traumatic brain and spinal cord injuries. Children's Specialized treated 15,000 patients in 2004.

Kiwanis is a global organization of volun-

teers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time. More than 600,000 Kiwanis-family members in 94 countries make their mark by responding to the needs of their communities and pooling their resources to address worldwide issues. The New Jersey District is a group of Kiwanis Clubs within the State of New Jersey. The Foundation of the New Jersey District of Kiwanis International is a 501(c)(3) organization, and is the fund raising arm of the New Jersey District of Kiwanis International. For more information on the New Jersey Kiwanis Foundation, call President John Wilson at 856-365-1179 or visit [www.njkiwanisfoundation.org](http://www.njkiwanisfoundation.org).

Children's Specialized Hospital is the largest comprehensive rehabilitation hospital in the United States solely dedicated to helping children recover from life-altering injuries and illnesses. CSH provides a wide array of medical, developmental, educational, and rehabilitative services for infants, children, adolescents, and young adults without regard to ability to pay.

The Foundation is the only organization of its kind where every dollar donated helps a child at the hospital. For more information on how you can help, call Children's Specialized Hospital Foundation's Executive Director Philip Salerno at 908-301-5410 or visit [www.forchildrens.org](http://www.forchildrens.org).



NJ District Kiwanis Foundation President worked closely with CSH to make the \$500,000 grant possible.

### In Memoriam:

District Governor Robert J. Mascenik	Joseph Di Blasé Theodore Dobson John Ely
Past International Trustee Dr. Andrew Batsis	Fred Farnsworth Charles Foley Jean Frank Robert Gartside
Past Lieutenant Gov- ernors: Constance Brown Dr. Robert Lamb Ross Martindale, Jr. Joseph Torres	Alfonse Margarella Barry Rednor Mathias Schuler Mark Seymour William Sheerer Jack Smith David Stacy
Past members:	Jack Stanton Dr. Louis Wasser Frank Whittman Lyle Woodrow
Angelo Arena Fred W. Briggs Dolores Brown Gene Collard Jerome Cuff	



Kathy Batsis, wife of the late International Trustee Dr. Andy Batsis, places carnation in the memorial holder.



## Ralph Genovese awarded Connolly Medal

A North Cap May teen was awarded the Robert P. Connolly medal at the District convention in Wildwood in August.

Ralph Genovese Jr., 19, was on a whale watching tour with a group of Boy Scouts and their parents April 30 when Nicholas Jobs, 14, went overboard at the boat's bow.

Genovese, at the stern, dove into the water.

Genovese, an avid surfer and swimmer, said entering the water was like diving into a bucket of ice cubes.

Unable to locate the boy and knowing his body was becoming numb he grabbed on to a lifeline and was pulled back onto the boat.

The boat was in three-foot waves as it traveled in the Delaware Bay and Atlantic Ocean. The water temperature was 48 degrees.

"Ralph knew how the cold water would affect him and the dangers but still jumped in to try and save the boy," said the presentation. "Even though the boy was lost at sea, Ralph tried to save him as the boy's father and others looked on. Ralph could have very well lost his life that day by his heroic actions."



Ralph Genovese and KI trustee David Curry.

## What is the Connolly Medal?

### The story behind the medal

Robert P. Connelly, 34, a member of the Kiwanis Club of Lisle, Illinois, lost his life September 23, 1966, in an attempt to rescue a disabled woman who had fallen in the path of an on-rushing passenger train.

The act of heroism took place during the annual Kids' Day Peanut Sale. The club had assigned a number of its members to the railroad station because Lisle is a suburban community of Chicago where commuter traffic is heavy.

Suddenly, a young woman with artificial legs lost her balance and fell to the tracks directly in front of an approaching train. Robert, who was selling the peanuts on the station platform, rushed to the aid of the stricken woman. Before he could pull the woman from the tracks, the train was upon them, and both were killed.

### Kiwanis memorialized Robert P. Connelly's hero-

### ism

The first Robert P. Connelly Medal of Heroism was awarded posthumously to Robert P. Connelly at the 52nd Annual Kiwanis International Convention in Houston, Texas (1967) with this statement—"By his unselfish action he put tremendous and dramatic meaning into the phrase 'personal involvement,' which is so much a part of Kiwanis philosophy. This man was the epitome of all that Kiwanis strives to be."

The Kiwanis International Board of Trustees established the Robert P. Connelly Medal "for service beyond the call of duty."

### The Medal

Recipients receive a bronze medal displaying Robert P. Connelly's likeness, mounted on a walnut board with the inscription "for service beyond the call of duty." The recipient's name is engraved on a medal plate. Connelly recipients may receive a financial award along with the medal.

The medal is to honor those who

risk death or physical harm when "they might just as well have passed along the way." There are more than 500 Robert P. Connelly Medal recipients. A complete list of medal recipients is maintained at the Kiwanis International Foundation office in Indianapolis, Indiana.

### How it is awarded

The Executive Director of the Kiwanis International Foundation receives all nominations and presents them to the Foundation Board of Trustees for consideration.

The choice to grant a medal is the responsibility of the Kiwanis International Foundation Board of Trustees. The Board has complete latitude in the selection of recipients in a concerted effort to maintain the award's integral meaning. The Board's decision is final.

The Kiwanis club is notified immediately if its Connelly candidate is selected and sent a special five-minute video explaining the award for use during the presentation. The International Foundation Board asks that the medal be given at a special club meeting or at a district function.

It is recommended that a member or past member of the International Board, the International Foundation Board, or your district governor present the award.

### Qualification and nomination procedures for recipients

#### Nominees must:

- Be nominated by a Kiwanis club.
- Face actual risk of death or physical harm by accepting self-imposed personal responsibility in the effort to save the life of another.
- Have no official responsibility for the person rescued.
- Perform the act of heroism in a non-official capacity (exception: a military person on leave voluntarily risks his or her life or health to save a person from harm).
- Not be closely related to the person rescued.
- Be nominated within five years of the incident.

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Nominees do not have to be a Kiwanis member.

### The Medal of Valor

The nomination of an individual of group for the Robert P. Connolly Medal, who in the opinion of the Kiwanis International Foundation Board of Trustees does not meet any or all of the requirements for the medal, will be considered for the Medal of Valor. The decision of the Board is final.

All nominees, who do not qualify for either the Connolly or the Valor medal, receive certificates of courage sent to the nominating clubs by the Kiwanis International Foundation.

## They learned something at Midwinter!

Members of the Caldwell-West Essex Club took to heart the workshop they attended at the Midwinter Conference two years ago - so much so that there are now six Kiwanis Klowns in that club.

Don and Ann Calvin, JoAnn Dixon, Maria Rampinelli, Lew and Deb Wefferling (all except Deb past-presidents) are Kiwanis Klowns who perform at children's parties; at the Essex County Health Fair for mentally and physically challenged youngsters each September and of course, at their own Rotary/Kiwanis Caldwell Street Fair the first Sunday in October - now going into it's 13th year!



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## District Foundation news

By Jack Wilson

The NJ District Kiwanis Foundation met Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup> 2005 at 10:45 AM at the Star Lux Hotel in Wildwood NJ.

John Green presented the Treasurers report. The board approved a motion to file the Profit and Loss Statement for audit.

Tom Tolly submitted a written report from the Kiwanis Youth Leadership Training Institute. Two clubs still owe money and that he is negotiating with the college with regards to some alleged damages. He also reported that the dates have been set earlier this year in an effort to promote the program earlier and to try to enlist 100 students to have a break even program.

Bill Cater reported on the Carrington-Swain multiple level giving project. The committee will pur-

chase a "Sand dollar" die for the project.

President Jack reported on the Children's Specialized Hospital project being brought before the NJ District of Kiwanis House of Delegates this afternoon and said everyone needs to push the project in its present form. He added he had some pledges that he would announce when the project is approved at the House of Delegates. The Woodbury club has agreed to put the proceeds from Kiwanis night at the Phillies towards this project. Jack will work with them in trying to get it to be an evening when they are playing a New York team to try to increase the attendance. Ted Hordichuk reported that the Jackson Club and its members had discussed the project and voted to pledge \$50,000 to the project.

The meeting was adjourned. The reorganization meeting will be held October 10<sup>th</sup> at the Bridgewater Office at 7 PM.

## Kiwanis Club of Greater Parsippany

Bob Keller, Secretary

The Kiwanis Club of Greater Parsippany Foundation will be collecting money for the Kiwanis International Hurricane Relief Campaign. A \$1000 donation from our Foundation will be made to the International Foundation.

We will conduct a 50/50 raffle at the Parsippany Fall Festival on Sept. 18 and the Kiwanis Booth will be the sole collection point at the Street Fair for Hurricane relief cash donations. All money collected and all proceeds from the raffle will be donated to aid children in the hurricane disaster areas. A

matching pledge of up to \$3000 will be made by the Parsippany Kiwanis Foundation.

The Kiwanis Clubs close to the cities and states damaged by the hurricane are working to distribute the money to those with the greatest need.

All donations made to the Kiwanis Club of Greater Parsippany Foundation are fully tax deductible. If you would like to send a donation, please make checks payable to the KC of GP Foundation and mail to Kiwanis Club of Greater Parsippany, P. O. Box 5342, Parsippany, NJ 07054.



Rett Campbell & friend in Louisiana.

## Kiwanis Club of Shadow Lake Village

Shadow Lake Village Kiwanis, Division 5, has been very busy in our fund-raising efforts.

On Sunday, September 4th, we held our bi-annual Breakfast Buffet, serving over 350 persons, with the help of all our members plus the youth from Middletown High School South Key Club and Brookdale College Circle K. It was a great success.

Thanks to the generous support of Shadow Lake Village residents to our fund-raisers, here is a list of Kiwanis' latest contributions:

\$3,000 - Scholarships  
\$1,000 - St. Mark's Kitchen  
\$500 - Deborah hospital  
\$500 Autism  
\$500 - Madonna House  
\$500 - Riverview Medical Center

\$500 - Love, Inc.

\$500 - Habitat for Humanity

\$500 - Children's Miracle Network

\$500 - Special Olympics

\$200 - Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Program

Our latest project is to form a "Hurricane Katrina Response Fund" here at SLV in conjunction with the Salvation Army. SLV Kiwanis has started the fund with \$2,000 and it is growing, thanks to our friends and neighbors.

We are proud to have our Governor, Bruce Marich, install our new officers on October 6th here at our Clubhouse.

## Mount Olive news



From left to right: Brian Siegelwax and Dave Jones packing one of many large bags of clothing donated by Jones Estate Cleanouts



From left to right: Moire Cahill, Rick Warnett

By Brian Siegelwax

The Mount Olive Kiwanis and Girl Scout Troop #2263 are holding a DIAPER DRIVE for the younger victims of Hurricane Katrina. The focus is on diapers and wipes, but we will also collect other items for infants and toddlers. "Other organizations are collecting emergency items such as water and food," said Club President Brian Siegelwax, "so our focus is on collecting other items that are still very much needed and affect young children."

As a result of their efforts more than 10 pickup truck loads were collected and sent to the stricken area.

The Project Lifesaver program has been implemented in an effort to provide enhanced support and assistance to Morris County residents who are primary caregivers for an individual suffering from Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia disorder as well as families of children afflicted with Down syndrome, autism, traumatic brain injuries or cognitive impairments. These individuals might be prone to wander away from home and become confused or lost. Project Lifesaver allows for a proactive rather than reactive response by law enforcement if this happens. This not only saves time and manpower but also, gives caregivers and families

peace of mind and reassurance that all possible resources will be utilized in the effort to locate and return their loved one home safely. Participants in the Project Lifesaver program wear a special wrist bracelet equipped with a small transmitter which emits a signal that law enforcement can track when someone goes missing. Search times have been reduced from days and hours, to minutes. Average recovery times are well under 30 minutes. For more information, call Moire Cahill at 973-285-6675.

The Mount Olive Kiwanis Club has also continued tsunami relief efforts by co-sponsoring a new Kiwanis Club in Indonesia for \$87.50. The other co-sponsors are the Kiwanis Clubs of Hackettstown, Washington, and Phillipsburg. Through the World Link Program, existing Kiwanis clubs can help build new clubs and establish lasting, mutually rewarding Kiwanis partnerships. Kiwanis International provides the sponsoring clubs with contacts in the new clubs. Then, the sponsoring clubs correspond with the new clubs to determine the kind of support that is needed and to give advice about service projects, membership growth, and administration. Many clubs that have been involved in such sponsoring relationships have been corresponding for more than 20 years, and exchange visits occur regularly.



Richard Moore & Dr. Mike Ropp



Some of the material collected by the club to help victims of Hurricane Katrina.



## Kiwanis Fall Festival raises money and spirits!

By Cathy Cerbo

Several years ago members of the Kiwanis Club of Greater Parsippany envisioned hosting a town street fair. Partnering with the township the Parsippany Fall Festival was born in 1999. The 7<sup>th</sup> annual Parsippany Fall Festival was held on Sunday, Sept. 18 in the Lake Hiawatha section of Parsippany.

Parsippany is the largest town in Morris County, with 50,000 residents. Our Kiwanis Club was chartered in 1991.

The event, which draws 10-15,000 people, featured 150 vendors, live music, rides for children and informational exhibits. A key element of the festival is the presence of local civic and religious organizations. The event allows these groups to generate awareness for their organization. Non-profit groups are given space free of charge. Participants such as PTAs, Girl and Boy Scout Troops, Churches, Ambulance and Fire Squads also use the event as an opportunity to fundraise.

Co-sponsoring the event with the town

requires considerable Kiwanis involvement. Hixson and Kiwanian of the Year winner Bob Iracane heads up the committee. Planning meetings start in March and Kiwanians work right through to the day of the event. Kiwanians and town officials also take to the airwaves to promote the event, dressing up like Elvis in this year's commercial which aired on the public access channel.

In addition to co-sponsoring the event, Kiwanis also runs a 50/50 and has an informational exhibit. This year, we shared our booth with the Parsippany Hills High School Key Club which had an "Alex's Lemonade Stand" to raise money for childhood cancer research. A special customer at the booth this year was Congressman Rodney Frelinghuysen!

Also participating was the newly formed Morris County Aktion Club which sold decorated paper bags to benefit Hurricane Katrina relief. Working with the Key and Aktion Clubs made it a true K-Family day.

In addition to being a community event, the Fall Festival is also one of our biggest fundraisers. All proceeds from the fair are donated to charitable causes through the Kiwanis Club of Greater Parsippany. The proceeds of the Kiwanis 50/50 this year were donated to Hurricane Katrina relief.



## Circle K Candlelight bowling!

Hello Presidents & District Board Members!! By now I hope most if not all of you have already received a letter or flyer in the mailing about Candle Light Bowling! We've decided on a theme: **Luau Under the Stars!!** Hopefully all of you will be able to dress in your best Luau attire! Also, PRESIDENTS, for the raffle you may donate something luau theme related (or University/College; Circle K related). Just a reminder... Candle Light Bowling will be \$15 per person and will include 2 hrs of bowling, shoe rentals, Pizza/Soda, and a door prize ticket! Door Prize donations are always appreciated!!! It will be at New Brunswick Lanes in Hazlet on December 3rd from 10pm-12am!



New Jersey Circle K members at their international convention in Greensboro, NC

## “G” as in Gulag!

This is part three of a three-part saga concerning a small republic in Siberia called Tuva. In the first episode you learned how Jerry Brenner (Lambertville Club) and John Green (Somerset Hills Club) went back to Tuva with your donations to help an orphanage for children suffering from psycho-neurological disorders. Very briefly, they provided a commercial grade freezer, 320 sets of bedding linen, 100 laying chickens and 10 cows. They also arranged for repair and repainting of playground equipment previously provided. When they had money left over, they provided the adult psycho-neurological facility (across the river) with 16 milk goats, 200 chickens, 200 pairs of rubber “all weather” boots and seeds for their vegetable garden. All of this assistance took about \$22,000 that had been donated by friends, relatives and you!

Episode two told how our intrepid travelers launched a study to determine if animals fed iodine fortified salt blocks were more productive (more babies per eligible female), had better wool and had iodine enriched milk. You learned that the Ministry of Agriculture in Tuva was never able to control the dosage of iodine in the salt blocks and the problem was never resolved. Dosages of iodine in the salt blocks were three times the recommended levels so all of the study work was lost. However, the test farm involved in the study chose to continue feeding the heavily iodized salt and, in the end, results showed the farm using the iodized salt increased its animal productivity by 67% over the farm that used non-iodized salt. That’s an incredible improvement and will cause further studies to be done.

The first two episodes told you what was accomplished but they weren’t terribly exciting. This episode has a few tense and exciting moments.

When our adventurers finally left Tuva, they went to the university city of Tomsk because they had samples of wool from the two farms they wanted to analyze. They wanted to see if there were quality differences resulting from the iodine usage. In order to do that they had to have the wool samples sterilized before they could be brought into our country. (To satisfy the USDA our heroes filled out pages of paperwork and spent hundreds of dollars. When they triumphantly entered the Philadelphia International Airport Customs, they were told, “We

can’t find anything in the regulations about bringing in wool but it looks like you did your homework. Have a good day!”).

It was the end of April when Brenner and Green reached Tomsk and spring was about to hit the city (remember this is Siberia). The ice on the river – 2 to 2 ½ feet thick – broke up with a roar and temperatures climbed above 50° (F). It was spring!

Now the stage was set. With the advent of spring, temperatures were unpredictable. Furthermore, our Kiwanians walked everywhere. They walked because it was good exercise and they walked to absorb some of the Russian culture. On a walk to a university meeting about how the local republic had controlled its iodine deficiency problems, the inevitable occurred. Both our tourists were overdressed and the weather warmed. They had to remove clothing. We won’t mention names but the Kiwanian from Lambertville had put his passport in his inside blazer pocket. When it got warm he removed his blazer and draped it over his arm. You already know what happened – he lost his passport!

Denial always sets in when something catastrophic happens and this event was no exception. Jerry Brenner called me late in the day and told me he had lost his passport. My response was, “You couldn’t have lost your passport – it’s just misplaced. I’ll come help you look.” When I got to my friend’s room, he told me he had already had been through everything twice and there was no trace of his passport. I said, “Baloney” and we proceeded to go through everything in the hotel room two more times. Finally we had to admit that maybe the passport was missing. It was hard to admit because nobody wants to tell the world what a dumb thing they have done. It’s even harder when it’s a lost passport!

So there we are in Siberia and one of us doesn’t have his passport. What do we do? We begin to make inquiries and that’s when we learn about the Catch 22. In Russia you must show your passport to buy a ticket on an intercity bus, a train or an airline. We are in Siberia without a passport and we must get to the nearest U. S. Embassy in Moscow to straighten out the problem. Was that a concern? Even my traveling companion who is very laid back was nervous! He was so nervous he started making inquiries about what he should do at our hotel desk. He was directed to a Hotel employee that spoke some fairly good English and seemed to have a lot of confidence. That proved to be a waste of time.

The hotel employee took our hero to a location with a great show of bravado and confidence. When they reached their destination they encountered big crowds but, fortunately, the crowds weren’t waiting for the same government representative. They went to an office on the third floor. When they entered the office and sat down, the enormity of the problem started to sink in. The representative they met was a “lady” and she spent several minutes in what appeared to be loud criticism of the hotel employee and why they were there. The hotel employee groveled. What he didn’t do was tell our hero where he had just been, why he had been attacked, what had been said and what he should do. Welcome to Siberia.

When Jerry got back to the hotel we arranged for ads on three different TV stations for the next three days. Then we got our interpreter involved. After a few inquiries she told us we must visit a KGB office and apply for a “certificate” to allow Jerry to travel from Tomsk to Moscow. About the same time, Jerry remembered something very important. When we had planned our trip we asked a friend in Krasnoyarsk to buy airline tickets for our trip between Krasnoyarsk and Kyzyl. She had agreed but said she needed copies of our passports to buy the tickets. Jerry had scanned the front pages of both our passports and e-mailed them to her. She probably still had a copy of Jerry’s passport! He called her immediately and the passport copy was forwarded to the hotel by e-mail. It isn’t the same as a passport but it’s better than nothing.

The next morning we went to the KGB office and it turned out to be the same building Jerry had visited before. We went to the third floor and – you guessed – the same office with the same “lady”. This time she saw Jerry coming and started “railing” before we even sat down. She held all the high cards and she wanted us to know it. Fortunately, our interpreter was magnificent and, before long, all of us were speaking again in normal tones. Besides, the scanned copy of Jerry’s passport proved to be a real boon. Our “lady” quickly scooped it up and told us to return in three or four days while her people conducted a thorough investigation. We were glad to get away.

While we waited for time to pass, we recognized our return tickets from Moscow were in about a week. Any additional



delays and we were in for some heavy financial losses. Certainly we would be charged to change our tickets and maybe have to buy new ones. That just gave us something to worry about because it was out of our hands.

Three days later we again visited the "lady" in the third floor office at the KGB. This time, she still didn't smile but she didn't shout at us either. After signing a couple of forms Jerry got his document and we were free to go to Moscow and deal with the US Embassy. We knew we weren't home yet but we breathed a lot easier. We had just beat Catch 22!

The next morning we took a plane from Tomsk to Moscow and immediately visited the US Embassy. They were great! Jerry had to fill out a couple of forms and hand them in at a window but he was assured his temporary passport would be waiting for him on the next day. We were elated. I think we even bought a couple of beers to drink in our hotel room in celebration. We were so naïve.

Sure enough the passport was waiting the next afternoon when we came for it. But we were told there was one other thing necessary before we could leave. We needed an exit visa before they would let us go. We asked where we could get one and were told to get it where we got the entry visa – that was Washington D.C.! By the way, our air tickets were for a flight leaving the next morning. We had no idea what to do but decided to play dumb and see if we could bluff our way onto the plane.

The next morning we got to the airport very early in case we might need some extra time. We checked in for our flight, checked our luggage and then began the security and passport checks. I sailed through with no problem but Jerry was taken to an office and "interrogated". Unfortunately he didn't speak Russian and they didn't speak English. I didn't know any of that at the time because I just saw him led away. It occurred to me I might never see him again and I didn't for about two hours. Just before our boarding call he stumbled into the waiting area. We were finally free to leave Moscow!

When I asked what had happened he said he just kept pointing to his temporary passport, the KGB document and his airline ticket. Finally the security people relented and managed to make him understand \$300 would buy a waiver of the exit visa requirement. Jerry paid. He may have been acting "dumb" but he's not stupid! We made our flight.

As we were flying home Jerry remarked that he would never go to Russia again. I wouldn't have blamed him but I knew he would change his mind. You see, we saw an orphanage full of "throw away" children who need some clothing. We saw a school for deaf/mute children needing a playground and we saw a rehabilitation facility for young children needing two pieces of equipment to help speed the process of learning to walk again. So we will go back – just as soon as some of our supporters give us more of their money. There are some pitiful youngsters in Tuva who need us and we don't have the heart to let them down.

Editor's note: They're back in Russia at this time. Thanks you two!



## Chathams honor Troy Dibley

Nancy Boucher

As a highlight of the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of Circle K International, the college division of the Kiwanis Family, the Kiwanis Club of the Chathams honored former Chatham resident and Circle K International President, Troy C. Dibley with a Carrington-Swain Award. This is the New Jersey District's the highest award.

Troy, a recent graduate of George Washington University, began his Kiwanis Family career as a member of the Builders Club of Chatham Middle School and continued in the Chatham High School Key Club. Both clubs are sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of the Chathams. Troy also served as a Key Club Lt. Governor in the New Jersey District and as an International Trustee on the 1999-2000 Key Club International Board of Trustees. Following his leadership in the Circle K Club of George Washington University and as Secretary/Treasurer and Governor of the Capital District of Circle K International, Troy was elected as the 2004-2005 President of Circle K International.



Marc Litwack, a former New Jersey Circle K President (left) and Nancy Boucher, Past President (right), present Troy Dibley, with the Carrington-Swain Award at the CKI Convention in Greensboro, NC.



November is

Aviation History Month  
 American Diabetes Month  
 Diabetic Eye Disease Month  
 Epilepsy Awareness Month  
 "I am so thankful" Month  
 Lung Cancer Awareness Month  
 National Adoption Month  
 National AIDS Awareness Month  
 National Alzheimer's Disease Month  
 National American Indian Heritage Month  
 National Family Caregivers Month  
 National Fun with Fondue Month  
 National Hospice Month  
 National Marrow Awareness Month

National Homeless Week begins Nov 1  
 World Communications Week begins Nov 1. 6 billion people speaking more than 3000 languages worldwide!  
 National Donor Sabbath, Nov 11-13 and 18-20, to increase the awareness about the dire need for organs and tissues for transplantation.  
 American Education Week begins Nov 14.  
 Operating Room Nurse Week begins Nov 13.  
 National Farm-City Week begins Nov 19.  
 National Bible Week begins Nov 20.  
 National Family Week begins Nov 20.

Nov 1: All Saint's Day. Roman Catholic Holy Day of Obligation.  
 Nov 1: Kite Festival of Santiago Sacatepequez in Guatemala  
 Nov 2: Eid-Al-Fitr, celebrates the end of fasting for Ramadan.  
 Nov 3: Cliché Day. Use as many clichés as possible today.  
 Nov 4: UNESCO Day. United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization was formed, 1946.  
 Nov 5: Sadie Hawkins Day in which women and girls are encouraged to take the initiative in inviting men and boys of their choice for a date.  
 Nov 8: Election Day! Get out and vote!!  
 Nov 9: 16<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of the Berlin Wall.  
 Nov 9: 21st anniversary Vietnam Veteran's Memorial Statue unveiled.  
 Nov 9: National Young Reader's Day.  
 Nov 10: USMC birthday, 1775  
 Nov 11: Veterans Day  
 Nov 12: Birthday of Baha'u'llah, prophet founder of the Baha'I faith.  
 Nov 13: World Random Act of Kindness Day.  
 Nov 14: Eid-al-Fitr, Islamic festival celebrates the completion of the Ramadan fast and usually lasts for several days.  
 Nov 15: Shichi-go-san, annual children's festival in Japan when guardian spirits are thanked for the healthy growth of their children and prayers are offered for their further development.  
 Nov 17: Homemade bread day.  
 Nov 18: National Great American Smoke-out Day.  
 Nov 18: Mickey Mouse b'day.  
 Nov 18: Prematurity Awareness Day. March of Dimes reports 1 in 8 babies are born premature (before 37 weeks.)  
 Nov 20: NJ becomes the first state to ratify the Bill of Rights.  
 Nov 20: UN Universal Children's Day  
 Nov 25: UN International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women.

## Caldwell~West Essex supports programs for children and Families

The Kiwanis Club of Caldwell/West Essex delivered 5 cribs, 7 changing tables and 2 children's tables with chairs to the Babyland Domestic Violence Shelter in Newark. The furniture was donated by Dorel Juvenile Group of Wayne, N. J.

Six Kiwanians and two family members of a Kiwanian formed a 4-vehicle caravan from Caldwell to Wayne and finally Newark. The team of 8 disassembled the cribs in Wayne, loaded the furniture in to 4 trucks and transported it to the shelter in Newark on Saturday, September 10th. The cribs were then reassembled at the site. Ruth Kleiman, Director of Babyland DV Shelter wrote a note, stating "Thank you for helping us, we need more people like you."

The Kiwanis Club of Caldwell/West Essex has worked with the Babyland DV Shelter for over 15 years. They collect donations of clothing, domestic items, books and toys for the children and women of Babyland. There is a need and Kiwanis' goal is to help those in need within the community, locally and globally.

As October approaches, preparations are being made for Domestic Violence Awareness Month as well. The Babyland DV Shelter is organizing a program to raise awareness, provide education and solutions for Domestic Violence. The event, appearing at a local museum on October 26th, will feature an award winning film, "The Pillar of Salt: The Angry Women Syndrome" by Hafiz Farid.

October is also "Respect for Life" Month. Susan Harper-Lloyd, a volunteer with Several Sources Foundation spoke at the Kiwanis monthly dinner meeting on September 13th. This was the first time the club worked with Several Sources Foundation. The club was impressed with the organization and looks forward to building an on-going relationship. SSF helps save lives and change lives.

Several Sources Foundation helps pregnant teens and women whom have no where else to turn during pregnancy. The non-profit, organization was founded in 1981, by Kathy DiFiore in her Ramsey home. Today SSF has 4 houses for pregnant women, plus a "Ladies Rest" day facility in Newark. Furthermore, a program about making choices, aptly named "The Choice Game", has been developed by SSF. The program is offered in Newark, New Jersey public schools as well as 11 other states in the country.

For more information regarding any of these programs/organizations, please feel free to contact the Kiwanis Club of Caldwell/West Essex at gaffedw@comcast.net or 973-228-4820. "Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to serving the children of the world, one child and one community at a time."

## Operating Agreement with CSH and NJD-KI

*The following is the governing document that outlines the agreement between Children's Specialized Hospital Foundation and the New Jersey District of Kiwanis in relation to the year commitment approved at the 2005 Annual Convention.*

The Committee will consist of ten (10) members, including the president of the New Jersey District Kiwanis Foundation (District Foundation) and the executive director of Children's Specialized Hospital Foundation (Hospital Foundation).

The balance of the Committee will consist of an equal number of representatives from both organizations. Charter members will be divided into three classes of service (one, two and three-year terms). Each member will be eligible to serve a maximum of two consecutive terms with a one year rotation off the Board before any further re-appointment. Meetings will be held quarterly at locations to be determined by the Committee.

A quorum will be required for the Committee to transact business. A quorum will exist if two members from each organization are present. Any vote being conducted must be done by eligible Committee members either in person, electronically or via conference call. Proxy voting is not allowed. The Committee will follow the most recent version of Roberts Rules of Order, Revised.

In launching the Fund, it is the recommendation of the president of the New Jersey District Kiwanis Foundation and the executive director of Children's Specialized Hospital Foundation that the 2005 contribution be used to seed the Fund to provide support for children who are uninsured or underinsured.

Beginning in 2006, all proceeds transferred by the Kiwanis Foundation will be divided evenly between the Fund and for use toward construction costs incurred to create PSE&G Children's Specialized Hospital – New Brunswick.

It is further recommended that all proceeds contributed to the Hospital Foundation be invested by the District Foundation in accordance with the approved *Investment Policy* of Children's Specialized Hospital, a copy of which is attached. Investment reports will be provided at each Committee meeting.

The officers of the committee shall be the co-chairs (New Jersey Kiwanis Foundation President and the Executive Director of Children's Specialized Hospital Foundation), a secretary and a treasurer.

### Joe & Norma Foley

Here is Joe Foley's temporary address in IL. Please circulate this to anyone who would like to keep in touch or send greetings. Joe and Norma Jane will be moving into an active adult community in a few months. He has promised to let us know where to find him.  
Scott

Joe & Norma Jane Foley  
710 Zion Ridge Court  
Eureka, IL 61530



Putting cribs together for Babyland Domestic Violence Shelter.  
Story on page 9.

December is

Colorectal Cancer Education and Awareness Month  
National Tie Month.  
Universal Human Rights Month.

National Aplastic Anemia Awareness Week begins Dec 5.  
Human Rights Week begins Dec 11.  
International language Week begins Dec 15.

Dec 1: UN World AIDS Day.  
Dec 5: National Communicate with your Kid Day.  
Dec 5: Rosa Parks refuses to give up her seat on a Montgomery bus, 1955.  
Dec 5: AFL-CIO founded.  
Dec 6: National Pawnbroker's Day.  
Dec 7: Pearl Harbor Day.  
Dec 8: Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Roman Catholic Holy Day of Obligation.  
Dec 9: Clarence Birdseye's birthday.  
Dec 10: Human Rights Day.  
Dec 11: UNICEF anniversary, 1946.  
Dec 12: Frank Sinatra would have been 90 today!  
Dec 15: Bill of rights Day.  
Dec 16: Boston Tea Party anniversary, 1773.  
Dec 18: NJ becomes the third state to ratify the Constitution. 1787.  
Dec 18: UN International Migrants Day.  
Dec 21: Anniversary of the first crossword puzzle, 1913.  
Dec 21: Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock, 1620.  
Dec 22: Abilities Day, celebrates all people with disabilities and their caregivers.  
Dec 25: Christmas Day  
Dec 26: Channukah, the Feast of Lights begins at sundown on Dec 25.  
Dec 26: Kwanza starts.  
Dec 29: YMCA formed in 1851.



## Morris County Aktion Club

The Morris County Aktion club is alive and doing great! We were chartered in January of this year and since then the club has been very busy. Some of the activities have been: A bowl-a-thon where we helped to raise \$500 donated to the Morris County Battered Women's Shelter, Cooking for persons with special needs, and just recently ran a booth at the Parsippany Street Fair where the club raised \$109.00 for victims of Hurricane Katrina. Presently, the club is in the process of collecting prizes for its upcoming tricky tray on October 14<sup>th</sup>. The clubs 17 members have all pitched in and have collected over 60 prizes so far.

Since this club was not sponsored by one club, but a whole division, our members are from all over Morris County and the club has been meeting regularly at various locations. The members have been learning about what it is to be a Kiwanian and have been working on organizing new projects and fundraisers for the rest of the year. Our attendance averages about 95% of the members at each meeting. The members range in age from 18-40 and they enjoy many aspects of being a member of the club.

Here is what some of our members are saying:

"I like being with my friends" - Susan Clavadescher Flanders, NJ

"I Feel like I am helping people who need help" - Lisa Markey Cedar Knolls, NJ

"Getting Donations, Goofing off and I like Laughing" - AJ Cullen Succasuna, NJ

"I like sharing my ideas, and counting all the money" - Stephen Somich (Treasurer) Whippany, NJ

"Getting Out" Mike Longendyke Denville, NJ

"Strengthening my friendships with the people I already know" - Erich Specht Morristown, NJ

"Socializing" Kevin White Randolph, NJ

"I like the POWER!" Rachel Weiner Rockaway, NJ

The Club is co-sponsored with DAWN, Inc. a non-profit organization that advocates for persons with disabilities. The money raised from the Aktion club tricky tray will be donated to DAWN Inc. for projects and programs directly related to special needs individuals. For more information about Dawn, Inc. Please contact Carmella Slvin-ski@Dawninc.org.



At the end of another successful service year, the New Jersey District of Key Club gathered once again at Valley Forge Convention Center. The community service hours were astounding, as high schoolers across the state visited their local soup kitchens and Veterans Homes. The fundraising numbers were even more astonishing, as Key Clubbers Walk and Dance "A-Thoned" their way to over \$50,000 for the American Diabetes Association and \$31,000 for the UNICEF Iodine deficiency initiative. As Kiwanians, I am sure that you are proud to see the difference that "your children" are making in their area and across the globe.

Everyone is extremely excited about this year's district project: Alex's Lemonade Stand. Alex's story and determination has touched countless lives. Alex began her struggle with cancer a few months after birth. While many children dream of having lemonade stands to buy their favorite toy or game, Alex wished to raise money for her hospital. At the age of four, Alex held her first lemonade stand, and the tradition began to spread. After seven and a half years of living with cancer, Alex lost her battle against the illness. However, her dream to raise money for pediatric cancer research will not go unfulfilled. This year, we have set our fundraising goal at an ambitious \$96,000. There is no doubt that this can be accomplished. The tremendous amount of support throughout the district is nothing short of extraordinary. Over the course of the summer, clubs have worked diligently holding lemonade stands and fundraising to get a head start on the coming school year.

In the coming year, I look forward to a blossoming relationship between Key Clubs and Kiwanis. As a parent/child relationship, Kiwanis and Key Club should stress communication and interaction. Familial involvement in projects, especially around the holidays or during the summer, would not only serve the community, but bring the family closer together. It is the idea of a Kiwanis family that is at the heart of this organization; a common heart that will lead us hand in hand into the future.

## Key Club news



## Alex's Lemonade Stand

On September 18th, from 12 to 5 pm, the Kiwanis of Parsippany planned a Fall Festival street fair to raise money and awareness for child cancer research through the inspiration of Alex's Lemonade stand. The street fair was on North Beverwyck Road, which quickly filled to the brim with people from all walks of life. It was amazing just to witness the love and compassion of the community through their generous donations with which the Key Club of Parsippany and Parsippany Hills raised close to four hundred dollars. The energized members of the two high school Key Clubs walked up and down the street attracting the attention of everyone around them with their enthusiasm and fire toward helping cancer research. The members shouted, "Free lemonade! Help fight childhood cancer! Donations are appreciated!" as much gusto as possible, as well as singing short songs like, "It's gettin' hot in here, so get your lemonade! It is, gettin' so hot, we want some lemonade!". The lemonade sold by Key Club was very popular as people young and old all crowded around the booth to try some. It was truly an inspiration to see how much people care about such pressing issues as cancer research. Through Alex's Lemonade stand, the key clubs of Parsippany have all learned more about the importance of charity, and human kindness.





## 50 Never Looked So Good

By Mike Murray

On Saturday, August 13, Circle K members from all around the world gathered in Greensboro, North Carolina to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Circle K International. Over thirty Circle Kers, Kiwanians, advisors, and alumni from New Jersey attended this milestone in Circle K International. As attendees arrived they had an opportunity to explore the hotel, check out the CKI store or go to the mall. That night the celebration kicked off with opening session, and one I will not soon forget. First, Kiwanis International President designate Steve Siemens, addressed the convention attendees and urged us to leave "brush marks" on the lives of others. Following his speech Steve and his wife Barb kicked off the karaoke aspect of the celebration, by serenading us to an amazing rendition of "Always" by Atlantic Starr. New Jersey was up on stage singing/performing throughout the evening, Lieutenant Governor Kristen Aitkens, Fundraising Chairperson Gina Durham and Richard Stockton College Vice President Anabela Resende performed "Girls Just Want to Have Fun". Then all New Jersey District Circle K members sung "Dancing Queen", while Richard Stockton College President Joey Giordano performed his traditional dance, lastly Immediate Past Rutgers University President along with me and a handful of other Circle Kers from other districts performed "Love Shack".

The next morning members attended various informative workshops, some of our members even ran them including Secretary Liz Frenkel, Immediate Past Editor Scott Ackerman, and Richard Stockton College Vice President Anabela Resende. These workshops varied from officer roundtables to the service initiative. Later that evening the Governor's Gala dinner was held where each attendee received a copy of a History of Circle K manual. Following dinner was the Governor's Gala where Immediate Past Governor Tom Lawrence received the Frank B. Fulton Distinguished Governor Award and I, Immediate Past District Secretary, received the R.P. "Reg" Merridew Distinguished Secretary Award. The Keynote speaker, Judson Laipply, addressed the attendees about the power of choice that we have as humans. He

also noted that we should acknowledge the little things, which he called "celebratory moments" and to give a big "YAY" with your hands in the air any chance you get. He concluded his presentation in a medley of moves to demonstrate the most popular dance steps from the past 50 years in just minutes.

On the third morning the first session of House of Delegates was called to order. The discussion and voting seemed to be going very well, the resolutions went by very quickly, this all changed when discussion on bylaw changes. There were many heated debates on the numerous topics but it would all have to wait until tomorrow to be finished. Later that day, the Club Awards and Recognition session was held where two clubs from the New Jersey District were honored. First, current District Editor and Immediate Past club editor of Richard Stockton College was awarded 1<sup>st</sup> place Brian C. Kull Outstanding Newsletter, for her publication, "The Lake Fred Ledger. A few moments later, Rutgers University was awarded first place club achievement in the bronze division.

On the final day of the convention, the morning kicked off with the continuation of the House of Delegates. Slowly yet surely all the amendments to the bylaws were discussed and a new International board was elected. Many bylaw changes were passed in the House of Delegates including the creation of a Governor's Council, a no confidence option for International President/Vice President, a no confidence option for International Trustee, a multiple club school policy and much more, to view all the resolutions and amendment results please visit <http://circlek.org/circlek/lit/download.asp?id=356>. Also a new International board was elected including, International President Brian Egger from the Pacific North West District, Wess Robotham from the Nebraska-Iowa district, and nine trustees, of which New Jersey was assigned Brian Smith from the New York district. Closing session wrapped up the convention where President Troy Dibley recognized a number of individuals, the new international board was presented, and Circle K International met all its goals and therefore shaved the head of International President Troy Dibley. Fifty never looked so good and won't be soon forgotten, I can not wait for next year's International Convention in Boston, Massachusetts.



NJ Circle K Governor Michael Murray at our District Convention.



Mike was recognized as Distinguished Secretary at the Circle K Convention in August down in Greensboro, North Carolina. Way to go, Mike!

## Circle K Large Scale Service Project.

Five days before International Convention, twelve New Jersey Circle K members ventured down to Greensboro, North Carolina to participate in the 2005 Large Scale Service Project (LSSP) to renovate the playground for the Guilford Child Development Center.

Guilford Child Development Center is a child development program that involves families, professionals, and the surrounding community in the areas of education, family, community partnership, nutrition, disability services, health services, and parent involvement. It provides a learning environment which helps children develop socially, intellectually and physically.

Guilford's goal is to provide services that enable families to meet their goals and nurture their children. The playground is now a safe environment where children can learn, have fun, and enjoy themselves, thanks to the

2,500+ service hours put in by a group of 134 Circle K'ers from around the world.

Arriving at the site on August 8, the Circle K'ers took a site tour.

The basketball court, full size, was full of cracks and weeds. The soccer goals lacked nets because the facility was often a target of thieves. And all over uneven surfaces and pesticide-laden logs posed a constant threat to both children and adults.

Different teams were established, and the spirit war between brown, purple, red, white, orange, blue, and green began. Each team was assigned to a specific area, where, under the lead of a member from the LSSP committee, work began to change the face of the playground.

Although the first day of construction saw a 4-hour rain delay, by the end of Day 2 the overall

picture became a lot clearer. The basketball court was now half-sized and the rest of the paved surface would be used for games. The nature trail was now traced over the terrain where the logs once stood. The soccer field no longer had stumps coming out of the ground. And the tree branches were all cut to keep park-goers from being snagged.

The teams made enough progress to impress site coordinator Mike Palmer, as well as LSSP 2005 Chair Abby Sills. Attendees found the LSSP to be a priceless and enlightening part of the I-Con experience.

By August 12, the playground had become a place to play again. Through service and a job well done, the attendees made a difference in many children's lives, developing leadership and fellowship, and proving the value of serving together.



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Dean Konner and Ron Weber at the Circle K convention in Greensboro, NC.

## Division 2 divisional Interclub

By Mark Esposito, LtG

We had an excellent time in the first divisional interclub I can remember in a long time.

Nearly 50 Kiwanians from seven clubs got together Oct. 27 for fellowship, good times and a presentation from foundation president Jack Wilson telling us about the new initiative with Children's Specialized Hospital.

A director from the Camden River Sharks was there to tell us of a way we can raise money to support the project.

I have told Patti we will definitely take her up on the offer to have people at the refreshment stands to raise money for the hospital. Seven percent of the profits are returned to the organizations. It was reported that one group last year made more than \$7,000 on a Friday night.

I hope that reading this has put a smile on your face and I expect I'll see you at President Steve Siemen's visit.

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### Movers & Shakers Birthdays!

#### November

10: Gary Biondi  
17: Diane Hutchinson  
25: John Green  
28: Bruce Marich

#### December

2: Mary Pat Wilson  
3: Margaret Henry-Parker  
10: Colleen Jarvis  
20: Pat George  
24: Eileen Cater

### Club birthdays:

#### November

1: KC of Woodstown, 1948  
4: KC of Atlantic City, 1920  
5: KC of Hasbrouck Heights and Teterboro, 1952  
7: KC of Linden, 1946  
14: KC of Perth Amboy, 1923  
19: KC of Dover, 1923  
19: KC of Speertown, Upper Montclair, 1996  
23: KC of Jersey City, 1921  
23: KC of Northfield-Linwood, 1975  
27: KC of Scotch Plains-Fanwood, 1962  
28: KC of Caldwell-West Essex, 1923  
30: KC of Morristown, 1928  
30: KC of Cape May Court House,

1943

#### December

2: KC of Secaucus, 1975  
4: KC of Madison, 2002  
5: KC of Greater Parsippany, 1991  
6: KC of Somerset Hills, 1947  
8: KC of Toms River Daybreak, 1989  
10: KC of Bernardsville, 1947  
12: KC of Sparta, 1947  
15: KC of Washington, 1922  
18: KC of Mount Holly-Vincentown, 1951  
18: KC of Lower Township, 2001  
20: KC of Bridgeton, 1922  
21: KC of Egg Harbor Township, 1972  
23: KC of Clayton, 1924  
27: KC of Andover, 1949

## The Six Objects of Kiwanis

1. To give primacy to the human and spiritual rather than to the material values of life.
2. To encourage the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships.
3. To promote the adoption and the application of higher social, business and professional standards.
4. To develop by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive and serviceable citizenship.
5. To provide, through Kiwanis clubs, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service and to build better communities.
6. To cooperate in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism which make possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism and good will.