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"Eliminators"

At the Kiwanis International Convention in Las Vegas, the Bowling Green K-Kids and their Faculty Advisor Rich Santer received the Kiwanis International Foundation’s Tablet of Honor recognizing the K-Kids as the first donors to the ELIMINATE Project. Just two days earlier at the Convention’s opening session, the ELIMINATE Project was announced as Kiwanis International’s new Worldwide Service Project.

Through the ELIMINATE Project, Kiwanis International will partner with UNICEF to eliminate Maternal and Neonatal Tetanus in the 40 countries where the disease continues to kill newborns and their mothers. In these countries one newborn baby dies every 9 minutes due to neonatal tetanus. This can be prevented through tetanus vaccination of women of childbearing age and improved birthing conditions. As Kiwanis International eradicated Iodine Deficiency Disorder (IDD), Kiwanis, through the ELIMINATE Project, will eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus.

The Bowling Green K-Kids became the first donors to the new Worldwide Service Project (WSP) by donating over $1,000 to the Kiwanis International Foundation. The K-Kids raised these funds through their second annual Talent Show. The members selected the next Worldwide Service Project as their beneficiary before even knowing that eliminating maternal and neonatal tetanus would be selected.

According to Faculty Advisor Rich Santer, the K-Kids had expressed interest in repeating the success of last year’s talent show. “When the topic of choosing a beneficiary came up, then President Kasha Sialla asked which Kiwanis charities the group had not yet raised money for. As I explained the Kiwanis International Foundation’s role in eradicating Iodine Deficiency Disorder (IDD), the members became very interested in the new Worldwide Service Project (WSP) that would be announced the following month at the Kiwanis International Convention in Las Vegas. After I described the three finalists, it became apparent that the K-Kids didn’t care which disease they would help eliminate. They simply wanted to be a part of making the world a better place through elimination of a terrible disease,” Santer recalled.

After the club inquired how to donate to the still-unnamed WSP, Matt Morris of the Kiwanis International Foundation called suggesting donation be made through the Tablet of Honor program. Mr. Morris also asked if representatives of the K-Kids would attend the convention to accept the award from Kiwanis International President Paul Pizzazz.

Talent show co-hosts President Juliane Hallett and Distinguished Immediate Past President Kashia were each invited to the convention. While Kashia could not attend, President Juliane Hallett and her family were able to join Santer and his family in Las Vegas.

The Tablet of Honor was presented at the Worldwide Service Project Luncheon on Saturday. Following a moving presentation on maternal and neonatal tetanus and the ELIMINATE Project by US Fund for UNICEF President Cary Stern, International President Paul called Santer and Juliane to the stage to accept the award.

Juliane beamed as camera flashes ignited and Kiwanians from across the globe congratulated her and asked to take her photo.

President Juliane left the convention with a deeper understanding of the impact the service of K-Kids has on Kiwanis International and the world. She is making plans to do additional fundraising to support the ELIMINATE Project during the 2010-2011 school year.
YOU CAN SAVE A BABY

Maternal and neonatal tetanus kills one baby every nine minutes. What if you had the chance to help save a baby's life from MNTE? With The Eliminate Project, you can. Yes, you!

Julianne Hallett's K-Kids Club already has. Julianne is the president of her club at Bowling Green Elementary School. During the Kiwanis International convention in June, she presented the very first donation to the Kiwanis Global Campaign for Children. Julianne enjoyed being able to lend a hand. "We wanted to donate to a service project that we never donated to before and that helped kids," she says.

Her club's donation definitely helped—just three doses of a 90-cent vaccine can protect babies and their mothers. Kiwanis and UNICEF have joined forces to bring the

Kiwanis International President Paul Palazzolo, US Fund for UNICEF President Caryl Stern, Bowling Green K-Kids President Julianne Hallett and Bowling Green K-Kids Faculty Advisor Rich Santer
WHAT'S A CONVENTION?

kuhn-von-shuhn

1. A large meeting of people with a common interest
2. An assembly to nominate candidates and agree on programs and rules


Business. At conventions, people make rules, share news and gather ideas. At this year's Kiwanis International convention in Las Vegas, Kiwanis announced The Eliminate Project.

Learning. People learn new things. At the Kiwanis International convention, they got tips for making club meetings fun. And General Colin Powell gave a speech about youth.

Fun. Conventions are fun. People meet and have dinner. They go to parties and shows. In fact, Jay Leno and International President Paul Announce Their Club as the First Donors to the ELIMINATE Project.

Bowling Green K-Kids Faculty Advisor Rich Santer and K-Kids President Juliane wait on stage while International President Paul Announces Their Club as the First Donors to the ELIMINATE Project.

ELIMINATE

On the Web
Want to learn more about The Eliminate Project? Take a look at www.TheEliminateProject.org. You can watch videos, print out a fact sheet, get the latest news and a lot more.

ELIMINATE

Las Vegas

Bowling Green K-Kids Faculty Advisor Rich Santer with K-Kids Arly Claneros, Queenie No. Caitlyn Thompson and DIPP Kasha Bhatia
The KPTC Kit

This Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Kit is a child-sized ambulance equipment kit which was compiled to meet most "on scene" emergency needs of children. Through the fundraising efforts of the Friends of KPTC, kits are donated to local fire departments, ambulance corps, EMT Units and Police Ambulances, in their communities under the auspices of local Kiwanis Clubs.

Typical KPTC Kit Contents:

- Pediatric Immobilization Board
- Broadhead Pediatric Measure Tape
- Child S.M.V. Resuscitator
- Nasal-Endotracheal Intubation Device
- 10 Disposable Face Masks
- (Neonatal, Infant, Child, Toddler)
- Infant and Child Phrenicometers (Blood Pressure Cuffs with Gauge)
- Pediatric Stiff Neck Counter
- Infant Stethoscope
- Disposable Swaddle Blanket
- Stirred Blanket
- Personalized Soft Tri-Pocket Storage Case

Glenwood Fire Company Station 11

Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center
North Shore University Hospital
Bowling Green K-Kids Present Trauma Kit

The success of their second Annual Talent Show allowed the Bowling Green K-kids to make a $1,000 donation to the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center at North Shore-IL. In acknowledgment of their donation, the K-Kids received a pediatric trauma kit.

The K-Kids Board decided that they would present the kit to the East Meadow Fire Department. The club officers were invited by the Chief to the monthly department meeting to make the presentation.

After being introduced by Faculty Advisor Rich Santer, President Julienne Halley and Secretary Devon Raffanelli addressed the firefighters saying, “While we hope you never have to use this kit, it is our honor to present it to the East Meadow Fire Department and, in our small way, help you save lives. Like the members of the K-Kids, you are volunteers who give your time and energy to help others. However, you go a step beyond what we do, you risk your lives for others. We can’t do that but we want you to know how grateful we are to you.”

The girls concluded their remarks to thunderous applause and a barrage of thank you’s from the fire fighters.
AROUND OUR SCHOOLS

East Meadow Kiwanis Club Celebrates K-Kids International Award Winners

East Meadow Kiwanis Club recently honored four members of the Bowling Green K-Kids to celebrate the K-Kids’ success in the K-Kids International Contest. Kiwanis Club President Jim Harrigan graciously invited each award recipient and their guest to the club’s dinner meeting.

K-Kids Faculty Advisor Rich Santer and K-Kids District Administrator SDPLO Mickie Lamper proudly presented the awards.

First, K-Kids member Queenie Hu was named to the Kiwanis International Foundation’s Leadership Society. Queenie’s fellow K-Kids donated $100 to the International Foundation in recognition of Queenie’s dedicated service to her club, her school and to the East Meadow community.

The second award was the K-Kids International Speech Contest 2nd place medalion, which was awarded to Fifth-Grader Michelle Heim. While Michelle was unable to attend the celebration, she sent her gratitude to the Kiwanis Club for their support and for listening to her speech during a video-taping at an earlier Kiwanis Club meeting.

The next award was the K-Kids International Essay Contest 1st Place medalion. Ms. Ho’s winning essay entitled “How My Club Can Make an Impact in the Future by Growing Green” was written. K-Kids member Caitlyn Thompson described how the Bowling Green K-Kids implemented the K-Kids International Service Initiative Growing Green into their service projects. The 1st Place award was the Kiwanis International Foundation’s K-Kids Leadership Award. This prestigious honor was presented to K-Kids DIPLO Kash. During the presentation, Mr. Santer, who has had the honor of presenting these awards to Service Leadership Club officers for the past 10 years, emphatically stated, “Without a doubt, no recipient has been more deserving than K-Kids DIPLO Kash.”

After accepting her award, DIPLO Kash asked to make a brief presentation of her own. After thanking Kiwanis President Jim and the East Meadow Kiwanis Club for their support, DIPLO Kash explained that she had hoped to make her presentation at the K-Kids Retirement and Installation Officers ceremony but could not due to the recipient’s illness. Kash continued to detail the instrumental role that K-Kids “Administrator Mickie” played in supporting the K-Kids of Bowling Green. Following her remarks, DIPLO Kash asked SDPLO Mickie to step forward to accept a certificate naming her the first Honorary Member of the Bowling Green K-Kids.

After the awards presentation, the Kiwanis meeting continued with happy dollars after happy dollar praising the K-Kids and their faculty advisor on all that they accomplished during the 2009-2010 service year.

FRANKLIN SQUARE
K-Kids CHARTER NIGHT

[Images of people and activities]

[Sign: Maximum Occupancy Not to Exceed 75 Persons]
Congratulations

ELIMINATE MEDAL

FOR PRESIDENT JIM

Congratulations
Mini-Convention K-Kids

Committee hard at work!
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Locks of Love
Thank you Abby.
Bowling Green K-Kids Continue
Marathon of Holiday Service Activities

WINTER WONDERLAND

SNOE DAZE
Bowling Green K-Kids Continue Marathon of Holiday Service Activities

At the end of the food drive, more than 2,000 food items had been donated. First and second place trophies were presented to Ms. Kanepan and Ms. Bartosz's classes who each donated approximately 300 food items.

K-Kids Faculty Advisor Rich Santner was pleased that the K-Kids decided to continue this challenging service project. He commended Food Drive Co-Chairs Antonia Jannucci and Katherine Murakami and the entire Food Drive Committee who were so dedicated to the project. Their efforts led to this year's drive collecting more than twice as much food as last year.

The K-Kids' service continues throughout the weekend. On Friday evening, more than 20 K-Kids joined Builders Clubs, Key Clubs, and Kiwanians for food sorting at WT Clarke High School. A large cafeteria was set up with two truckloads of donated food. The K-Family members worked side by side to sort the food. The food was packed into the 120 baskets which the Kiwanians delivered the next morning.

On Saturday afternoon, the K-Kids, Builders Clubs, and Key Clubs met at East Meadow High School to transform the gym into a zoo, in keeping with this year's theme, for Sunday's Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Dinner.

Sunday morning brought East Meadow's K-Family back together to serve a hot Thanksgiving Dinner to over 150 senior citizens. The K-Kids welcomed each guest with a printed program and presented carnations to all the ladies.

After the senior citizens were all seated and served their dinner, the K-Kids passed Kamp Kiwanis' donation to over 150 senior citizens. The K-Kids welcomed each guest with a printed program and presented carnations to all the ladies.

The K-Kids are looking forward to the rest of the holiday season and the many opportunities to give back to their community that the holidays bring. In the next few weeks, the Bowling Green K-Kids will be holding a Holiday Fest fundraiser for Kamp Kiwanis, caroling for the Blurred Pediatrics Trauma Center, and helping the East Meadow Kiwanis Club sort holiday food baskets.
VALENTINES FOR VETERANS

LOVE
Valentines for Veterans
February 2011

Mr. Santer
C/o Bowling Green Elementary School
2340 Stewart Avenue
Westbury, New York 11590

Dear Mr. Santer,

Thank you for participating in the Valentines for Veterans Program this year. The Valentine’s Day cards, so thoughtfully prepared and written by your students, were given to our veterans at a local Veteran’s Hospital.

All the veterans really enjoyed receiving the Valentine’s Day cards from the children and were quite appreciative that the children took the time to thank them for their service and wished them a Happy Valentine’s Day. These veterans have served our country bravely and have fought to protect all of the important freedoms that we enjoy in the United States.

Again, thank you for making Valentine’s Day special for them.

Sincerely,

Gary

GARY HUDES
Councilman

GH:pjo
Talent Show
Bowling Green K-Kids Show Their Talent for Fund Raising

At their 2nd Annual Talent Show, the Bowling Green K-Kids brought the local K-Family of Service Leadership Clubs together to raise funds for the Kiwanis Pediatric Trauma Center (KPTC) at North Shore-LIJ and the new Kiwanis International Foundation (KIF) Worldwide Service Project.

KPTC also provides pediatric trauma kits to local fire departments and ambulance corps to allow first responders to properly treat children injured in accidents at the scene.

The Kiwanis International Foundation is the charitable giving arm of Kiwanis. At the International Convention in late June, a new international worldwide service project will be announced. Through its last worldwide service project, KIF raised more than $100 million to eradicate Iodine Deficiency Disorder (IDD). The finalists for the new project include malaria, maternal/neonatal tetanus and neglected tropical diseases.

Hosted by
Distinguished Immediate Past President Kasha Bhatta and
2010-11 President Julianne Hallert and directed by Faculty Advisor Mr. Santer, the talent show treated the audience to 18 vocal, instrumental and dance performances.

Performers included K-Kids and their family members, classmates from Bowling Green, Key Clubbers from Uniondale High School and the president of the recently chartered Nassau Community College Circle K.

The acts were judged by a panel of K-Family VIPs, KPTC Foundation Board President DPG Joe Corace, NY Circle K Governor Tony Genova, Long Island Circle K Lt. Governor Kristin Leverone and Key Club Division 6 Lt. Governor Domenic Pesce faced a daunting task as they evaluated the many fantastic performances.

The judges selected Nassau Community College Circle K Charter President Samantha Pontillo who sang "Taking Chances" as the Best Act and K-Kids member Emily Shaiman and her Sister Sarah Shaiman singing "Caitlyn and Haley" as the Best Act with a K-Kid.

The audience had the opportunity to select the winner of the evening's top trophy: the People's Choice Award.

Audience members voted by placing dollars into containers marked for each act. Any act receiving more than $60 in their container was named an "Outstanding Performance" and will receive a trophy at a later date. The act with the highest amount in their container received the People's Choice Award.

There were four "Outstanding Performances:" Adarsh Rajeev and Matteo Taraborelli who played "Eye of the Tiger"; Jordan Moldawsky, Rachel Freed, Bailey McNamara, Michelle Hromin, Alex Szrol and Chris Breviario who played "Percussus and the Sea Monster; Fallon and Farrah Panzerella, Amanda and Emily Abbitello and Gabrielle Possillo who danced to "Single Ladies," and Devon and her dad Michael Raffanelli who played "We Are the Champions."

The People's Choice Award went to Maria and Nicole Possillo, Sabrina Caputo, Mariani DeGuiza, Isabella Rivera and Emily Widmaier who danced to "Forever."

With the close of the curtain, the Talent Show was a huge success, raising more than $2,100 surpassing last year's total by more than $200.

K-Kids Past Director Michelle Hromin Performs "I'll Be There."

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Talent Show

Emily and Sarah Shalman Accept the Trophy for Best Act with a K-Kid from K-Kids President Juliane, DEPP Kasha and Judges DPG Joe Corace, NYCKI Gov. Rickie Santer, LISC Kiwanis LTG Tony Genova, LICKI LTG Kristin Leverone and Key Club Division 6 LTG Domenick Peace.

Nassau Community College Circle K Charter President Samantha Pontillo Accepts the Best Act Trophy from K-Kids President Juliane, DEPP Kasha and Judges DPG Joe Corace,
Bowling Green K-Kids Walk for Melanoma Awareness

Bowling Green K-Kids were joined by members of the Clarke Builders Club, Clarke Key Club and Circle K's Harry of the Island Division at the Walk for the Collette Cayne Melanoma Awareness Campaign (CCMAC). K-Kids Faculty Advisor, Mr. Rich Santer also serves as the school's Young Scientist Challenge Mentor. Ms. Santer had arranged for CCMAC's founder, Mrs. Cayne, to speak to the Young Scientist Challenge participants at Bowling Green. After learning about the foundation and its work, the K-Kids were brought to the attention of the club.

The K-Kids were very interested to learn that melanoma skin cancer is preventable through proper protection from the sun's ultraviolet radiation. Knowing that eliminating melanoma will not take a miracle, but rather a successful sun protection education campaign, motivated the K-Kids to participate in the walk. The K-Kids raised over $250 in walk sponsorships. The K-Kids have also put up posters throughout the school informing their fellow students how to stay sun safe.

CCMAC

Be Sun Smart

CCMAC - Collette Cayne Melanoma Awareness Campaign

Be Sun Smart
K-Kids Member Queenie Ho and President Julianne Hallett enjoy a snack after the walk.
TGIF ELIMINATE Autumn
EM Service Leadership Clubs Hold ELIMINATE Fund Raiser

The Service Leadership Clubs sponsored by the East Meadow Kiwanis Club recently held a K-Family Fund Raiser at the TGIF Restaurant in Levittown. Members of the Bowling Green K-Kids, Clarke Builders Club, East Meadow High School Key Club, Clarke Key Club, Sacred Heart Academy Key Club and the Nassau Community College Circle K were joined by Kiwanians from East Meadow and members of K-Family clubs throughout the LISIC Division. During the evening, more than 33 tables with groups as large as 12 enjoyed dinner with family and friends while TGIF donated 25 percent of each bill to Kiwanis International’s new Worldwide Service Project ELIMINATE.

The ELIMINATE Project, through a partnership between Kiwanis International and UNICEF, seeks to eliminate Maternal and Neonatal Tetanus (MNT) from the 40 countries in which it remains by 2015. At this time, MNT kills one baby every 9 minutes. The disease is completely preventable through a series of three vaccines that cost only 60 cents each.

The proceeds from the event will be donated to the ELIMINATE project through New York District Circle K Governor Rickie Santer’s Governor’s Project. Through this project, Governor Rickie is encouraging K-Family clubs to thank those that support them by acknowledging individuals who go above and beyond in their service and generosity.

In addition to thank you cards and certificates, Governor Rickie and NYKCI Governor’s Project Chair Lauren Sack have created the NYKCI Governor’s Worldwide Service Project Medal which acknowledges donations made to the ELIMINATE project and can be used to honor individuals or clubs. The Bowling Green K-Kids, who initially planned the fund raiser, chose TGIF because their giving program is the most generous of the many local restaurant chains that run charity nights.

EM Service Leadership Chair and Bowling Green K-Kids Faculty Advisor Rich Santer applauded TGIF’s generosity saying, “While most restaurants only give 10 to 15 percent of the bill, TGIF gives $5 for every $20 spent or 25 percent.”

“In addition, the management and wait staff of TGIF in Levittown go out of their way to support groups planning charity nights at their restaurant,” Santer added.

The Bowling Green K-Kids are grateful to TGIF and the other East Meadow Service Leadership Clubs that co-hosted the event. They also appreciate the LISIC Kiwanians who came out to support their fund raiser including Kiwanis International Foundation Treasurer DPG Peter Mancuso, KIF ELIMINATE Chair DPG Dave Ruthman, LISIC Lt. Governor Tony Genova and EM Kiwanis President Jim Mancuso. The final numbers calculated by TGIF equate to a donation of $450. Adding direct contributions made by attendees bring the fund raiser’s total for ELIMINATE to $615.
TGIF ELIMINATE

Service Leadership Clubs Hold Fundraiser

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East Meadow Supports Alzheimer's Memory Walk

Local Kiwanis brings people, both young and old, to fundraise at Old Bethpage Restoration Village.

By Emily Wood, December 15, 2010

Members of East Meadow Kiwanis were out in full force on Sept. 15, and they showed their ongoing support in the fight against Alzheimer's disease.

The Alzheimer's Association Memory Walk is an annual fundraiser to help the millions of people that are currently affected by the disease. The 5K walk was a "Fun Run Festival" and took place at the Old Bethpage Restoration Village.

Before the event was underway, volunteers worked hard to get everything ready for the run. Volunteers were set up on the male entrance and waited to assist participants. Everyone worked so hard and quickly to raise money for charity.

East Meadow's Kiwanis involvement began when the members wanted to do a family project. All members of the organization came together and did work that gave back to the community.

"They picked this walk because Alzheimer's affects everyone," Maryann Cassano, a Kiwanian member with over eight years at this event, said. "Kiwians really helped it get off to what it has become.

"East Meadow is the town, and they have the most sponsored kids," Cassano said. "We are the only club that has a K Kiwanis. They are the youngest participants at this event and the little kids really look up to the older Kiwanian kids. East Meadow is represented by every level of the Kiwanis family.

Finding service in young children is key and the younger members of the Kiwanian family were out and ready to help. Lisa Baldet, along with her three daughters, Nicole, Nicole, and Alessandra, had her club and K Kiwanis, was one of the clubs to support this grandmothers.

"It is very good to be doing service and helping other people in their community," Baldet said.

The Kiwanis family, including Circle K, Key Club, Balden Club and K Kiwanis, has had impressive turnouts in years past as well. Members of those clubs are always enthusiastic about doing service within their community.

"This is our first year doing this walk," Jennifer Pinn, Key Club Director and Chairman Governor East Meadow High School., said. "The way it is organized. There are so many people walking around selling everything that needs to be done and it is a great cause.

The 2010 Long Island Memory Walk raised approximately $8,000, which is dedicated to Alzheimer's support, care and research.
December, 2010

Dear Partner in Caring:

On behalf of the Long Island families we serve, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of the work we do here at our Chapter.

This past week, I had the opportunity to thank those present at our Memory Walk/Holiday Awards Luncheon. Unfortunately, you were unable to be with us, but your dedication to our Chapter is so very important and I do want to recognize your support of our Mission.

Please accept the enclosed Certificate of Appreciation as just a small token of gratitude from myself and our AALI Board of Directors.

The success of our Chapter greatly depends on the work of those who volunteer and support our Chapter and that support is greatly appreciated.

I look forward to seeing you at future events. In the interim, we thank you for helping us in our fight against Alzheimer's disease - together we're on the move!

Sincerely,

alzheimer's association long island

Mary Ann Malack-Ragone
Mary Ann Malack-Ragone
Executive Director/CEO
VisionWalk
A CURE IS IN SIGHT

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Retinal Diseases
Bowling Green K-Kids Jump Rope for Heart

K-Kids member Allie takes a turn at jumping for her team.
3rd grade K-Kids members Joanna, Mackenzie, Kamila, Chloe, Graceann and Gabrielle form a Jump Rope for Heart team.
students build

PAPER CRANES for JAPAN
Ambassadors Goodwill

Attendance

Monitors

Bus Monitors

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No Drug Free Zone
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LISC Mini-Golf Outing
His ‘heart belongs to East Meadow’

NFL player visits hometown to support families in need

By Mise Caputo

Two days after his team, the New England Patriots, closed out their final season in the NFL playoffs with a dominating victory over the Chicago Bears on Dec. 11, Rich Ohrnberger took a break from his day-to-day life to give back to the community where he grew up and where his father is a football coach.

Ohrnberger, 34, returned to East Meadow High School on Dec. 16 to present a donation of $40,000 to benefit the East Meadow Kiwanis Turkey Bowl Feeding Program.

“It’s greatly appreciated, especially during these times,” said Harry Denison, president of East Meadow Kiwanis. “Although Rich is a Patriot, his heart still belongs to East Meadow.”

With the help of generous supporters and volunteers, the project provides components of a complete meal to people in the East Meadow community who otherwise may not enjoy a holiday meal because of financial difficulties. Food baskets are provided for Thanksgiving, Christmas, Hanukkah, and Easter.

For Ohrnberger, supporting families from his hometown was a no-brainer. “With Kiwanis having the community it was the right way to hang in East Meadow,” Ohrnberger said.

Ohrnberger’s devotion to Kiwanis is not his first. Last year, he donated to Island Harvest, which helps feed the hungry and needy. This year, he spoke with EMHS principal Rich Howard about doing something more close to home.

“He wanted to make sure those families benefit from his success,” Howard said. “It was very important to him that it stayed in East Meadow. I know his father was a part of the community and it was a part of him.”

For East Meadow, Ohrnberger was the prestigious Thorpe Award, given to the most outstanding player in college football, the ‘Melayne’ award for the most outstanding lineman in the county. He was a first-team All-Big Ten Offensive Line as a junior.

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OHRNBERGER, WHO PRESENTED the check to Harry Denison, desired to help families from his hometown of East Meadow.
Need continues to rise
Kiwanis serves 127 families for the holidays

By MIKE CAPUTO

The record was broken again.
On Thanksgiving, the East Meadow Kiwanis Holiday Food Basket program benefited 127 families in the community who would otherwise not be able to enjoy a meal because of financial difficulties. That was a record.

For the Christmas-Hanukkah season, that number rose once again — to 127.

Volunteers from Kiwanis and several student organizations worked feverishly last Friday, Dec. 17, at WT. Clarke High School to assemble baskets filled with holiday food essentials. Those baskets were then delivered to next morning, on Dec. 18, to a list of families in the East Meadow community that was compiled with the help of school social workers and local clergy. A majority of the food was collected through drives conducted by volunteers at local supermarkets, and purchased from funds raised by Kiwanis.

North Shore Fitness, which held a collection drive of its own, contributed by storing the food until it was time to assemble the baskets.

Kiwanis continues its Holiday Food Basket Program in the spring, in time for the Easter-Passover season. For more information on the organization, visit www.eastmeadowkiwanis.com.
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Food Sorting

X-Kids members place soup into a food basket for each family.
Bowling Green K-kids members help the East Meadow Kiwanis Club sort food into 120 holiday food baskets for the needy.
K-Kids Help at East Meadow Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast