



## Summerfest 2018 June 14, 15, 16, 17

As President of the Kiwanis Club of Sand Lake, I want to thank you for your prior support. Kiwanis is a non-political service organization dedicated to serving the community and children of the Averill Park School District. We rely on the generosity of individual caring residents and businesses within our community. Without your help, we would not be able to continue to provide services to our residents, community and children in need.

During the last year, we provided labor and financial support to the Doors of Hope, Sand Lake seniors, community veterans, community organizations and the Averill Park Central School District Weekend Food Back Pack Program. The Back-Pack Program helps children in our community enjoy healthy meals during weekends. A shocking statistic reveals that nearly 24 % of our children come from families living below the poverty line. This is while living in some of the highest per capita income zip codes in Capital Region.

This Christmas we provided gift and food baskets to 196 children in 74 families, joining with the Marine Toys for Tots Program which helps needy families. We have continued this program for 26 years. In addition, we participate in the *Bells of Life* fund raiser to support Albany Medical Center's Intensive Care and Neo-Natal Intensive Care Units. This support was started by Kiwanis Clubs of the Capital Area over 25 years ago- serving the neediest and smallest children. Albany Med is one of only three such Pediatric Trauma Centers in New York State to provide Level 1 Pediatric Care.

Within the Averill Park Central School District, we provide financial awards for graduating seniors and sponsor Student Leadership Programs for all levels of education: K-Kids Clubs, grades 3 through 5, at each of the three elementary schools; Builder's Club, grades 6 through 8, at Algonquin School and Averill Park Key Club, grades 9 through 12, at our high school. Our Service Leadership Programs give children and young adults the opportunity to serve their schools, communities and to develop lifelong leadership skills.

On June 14. 15, 16 and 17, 2018 we will be conducting our largest fund raiser —Summerfest 2018. This is our town coming together for fun, food and entertainment. 100% of the net funds we raise go back into the community through leadership programs, student awards or community service projects. Our members will be calling on you in the near future to help support our mission of serving one community and one child at a time.

We know you have already done a great deal for the community. Please find it in your heart to support The Kiwanis Club of Sand Lake in our Summerfest fund raising effort to let all children thrive, prosper and grow. The kids are counting on you.

With warm and heartfelt gratitude,

John C. Brownrigg-President 2017-2018

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