

Kiwanis of Southampton Town

A brief history of our club

1968 to 2009

The club was sponsored by the Riverhead Kiwanis club and received its charter from the New York District of Kiwanis International in March of 1968.

Charter members included Howard Stock and Phillip Chodoff. Mr. Stock helped to organize the effort to start the club in cooperation with Riverhead Kiwanis which at that time was the largest club on the East End. Howard Stock and Phil Chodoff remained active members until they died in recent years.

Southampton Kiwanis met at several area restaurants over the years. Among them were the Southampton Inn, Villa Paul, and for many years at John Duck's. The club is presently meeting at the Southampton Public House and alternate meetings are held at the Villa Paul.

Among the several long term projects are the Holiday food distribution, Police Awards Dinner and the Scholarship Awards. These service projects began shortly after the club received its charter in 1968. The Southampton Carnival is the longest continuing fund raiser that began in the mid seventies. This event remains the largest source of funds for many service projects. The Bridgehampton Carnival was added in recent years to enable the club to expand these community service projects.

Southampton Kiwanis as it was originally known changed its' name to Kiwanis of Southampton Town in 2007 to identify the club name as a service club serving most Southampton town rather than only the Southampton Village area.

The major emphasis of this Kiwanis Club has been assisting children in many ways. Currently our mission statement is "Serving the Children of The World" following the guidance of Kiwanis International. Helping young people through such projects as scholarships, leadership programs, and sponsorship of athletic organizations, K-Kids, Key Club and Kamp Kiwanis continues in the club's area of Southampton Town.

Since the club was founded in 1968 it continues serving Southampton town as a part of the global effort of Kiwanis International.