



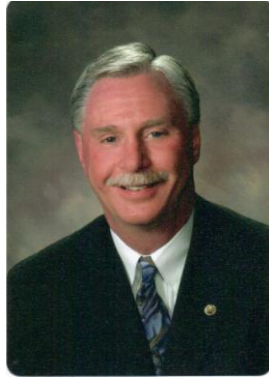
**Massapequa Lodge #2162** had the pleasure of entertaining over 200 children at their Cerebral Palsy Christmas Party. Children from Little Village, Carmen Road School and graduated kids from the same school with many family members in attendance. The smiles on their faces when they walk in were more than words could say. They were offered soda, coffee, chicken nuggets, hot dogs, French fries and to top it off cupcakes, cookies and ice cream donated and prepared by the volunteer members of the lodge. After dancing with the clowns and having balloon animals blown up, posing with "Frosty" and "Rudolph" Mr. And Mrs. Santa Claus greet all the children. The happy children received a Christmas gift from Santa and it brings an end to another wonderful Elk Day. Some of the many Elk Volunteers for the Christmas Party. Pictured above L to R: Fran Ward, Samantha Munsey, Tori Duignan (in rear) John Hallaran, Mr. & Mrs. Claus, Jo Ann and Dan McCann, Jade Michaels and Mary Wolf.



The lodges of the **State Capital District** proudly donated \$57,944.86 to the Center for Disability Services Home Service Program at the agencies annual telethon in Albany. Pictured above, with the events hosts are (l-r) SVP Jay Heasler, DD Tom Nealon, SP Mike Bloss ,PSP Bruce Hidley and District Major Project Chairman Dennis Whittemore. A number of members from the district's lodges also gave their time to answer phones to aid in collecting donations.



**Patchogue Lodge # 1323** hosted the Ladies of the East District's Annual Charity Breakfast. This is only part of their yearly fund raising for Cerebral Palsy. Over the past 20 years they have raised approximately \$300,000.00 for our State Major Project, Cerebral Palsy. A gathering of over 75 participants enjoyed the delicious breakfast prepared for the occasion and raised over \$1,000.00. Our State Vice President, Fred Follett, lead the attendees in the pledge of allegiance. To his left are this year's Chairpersons of the Ladies of the East District, Linda Follett and Breege Delany, doing an exemplary job for the Ladies.



**A Message from:  
PSP Jamie Peace,  
Chairman of the  
Board, NY Elks  
Major Projects, Inc.**

As we head into the final stages of our fiscal year, I would like to thank all of our members who have worked so hard for **your** lodges and districts to make our Major Project a success. Many lodges and districts have already made their per capita, and I would challenge those who have not yet made their per capita to do so before our convention in May. Your State chairman Lou Withiam has been working diligently with our State Secretary's office regarding the changes that have taken place with regard to how donations are managed. We are open to all of your comments and will work with all Chairmen to help you if you have difficulties with our new system. We want to alleviate any problems that may exist.

We have our Ambassadors in place for State Chairman Lou's term. The process to have three ambassadors that I, along with C.P. of New York thought would be quite easy turned out to be very difficult and drawn-out. This is in part due to the many privacy laws that are in place. I am pleased to announce that our Ambassador for the West is Caitlin Schuler, who was recommended by the Franziska Racker Centers in Ithaca and our Ambassador for the East is Joseph Cali. Joseph was recommended by the Centers for Disability Services in Albany. The Major Projects Board would like to thank Lou Withiam, Al Shibley (CP of NY) and all of the Affiliates throughout the state for all of the time that was devoted to this endeavor. We were attempting to have three Ambassadors for these regions, but that didn't happen and we were running out of time. Many of you have met Caitlin and her family. They were at our Fall Conference in Grand Island last September. Joseph and his family are planning to attend our Spring Convention in Rochester. Your Major Projects Board members are looking forward to seeing all of you in Rochester.



### **Yorktown Elks Lodge and Leos Collaborate for Charity**

A pancake breakfast was held at the Yorktown Lodge to raise money for Hudson Valley Special Olympics, and the NYS Elks Association Major Project - Cerebral Palsy, two of the lodge's major Charities. The Elks provided the facility and the food, and the Yorktown Leos provided all the manpower.....they did the advertising, sold tickets, cooked the food, served the patrons, did the clean-up and provided entertainment for children by portraying the popular TV characters of Sponge Bob, Winnie The Pooh, Elmo, and Dora The Explorer.

The event was coordinated by Past Exalted Rulers Rich & Mary De Silva of the Elks , and Meghan McGowan who chaired the event for the Leos. Lodge member and Chef Matt Arruda and his wife Amanda guided the cooks in the kitchen, as they prepared pancakes, sausages, and bacon for the many patrons who supported the event. The event proved to be a great success, and the net proceeds of \$1020 was split evenly between the charities identified above.

Pictured above in the photo of the check presentation for CP are l-r : Jack "Tex" McClurken - NYS Elks Association District

Major Projects Chairman, Meghan McGowan - Leos Pancake Breakfast Chairlady, Andy Tumolo - Yorktown Elks Lodge Exalted Ruler, Alison Fein - Leos President, and PER Charlie Scheld - Yorktown Lodge CP Chairman.

### **Mid Hudson District Raises \$ 12,600.00 for Major Projects Cerebral Palsy.**

On Saturday, Feb. 19, 2011, six lodges from the Mid Hudson District gathered at Peekskill Lodge #744. An annual drawing was held which resulted in a total donation of \$ 12,600.00 for Major Projects. In attendance for the fund raiser was District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler John E. Jacques. The lodges represented were Poughkeepsie #275, Peekskill #744, Beacon #1493, Brewster #2101, Yorktown #2324 and Wappinger #2609.

This annual event raises \$ 12,000.00 to \$ 15,000.00 each year. The Peekskill Ladies Club #744 also presented District Chairman Jack McClurken a donation check in the amount of \$ 500.00 for Major Projects.