

On May 20 2010, the **Colonie Lodge # 2192** conducted the Lodge's Teenager of the Year Awards. The Lodge held this in compliance with the Grand Lodge's guideline that May is set aside to honor youth on a national level. The Teenager program is designed to recognize and honor outstanding young men and women for their achievements in school and community life. Our criteria for winning is based on students who excel in scholarship, citizenship, performing arts, fine arts, hobbies, athletics, club and community service. > > The winner from South Colonie was Rachele Prawdzik. Academically, Rachele was on the High Honor Roll every semester at high school and received numerous academic awards. She participated in numerous school clubs such as the French Club and volunteered for community service as with Equinox. Rachele was a member of the school orchestra which is her real passion and will pursue a Bachelor in Music Education at Ithaca College. > > The winner from North Colonie was James Burr. Academically, James was a member of the Honor Society and maintained a 92% average for three years in high school. James played freshman and varsity golf and was captain of the team his senior year and led the team to the Surburan Council championship. James was active in Student Government, the Best Buddies Club and the Colonie Youth Court. James will attend Georgetown University this Fall.. > > A ceremony was held at the Town of Colonie Supervisor's Office with Paula Mahan, Supervisor, senator Neil Breslin. Assemblyman Bob Reilly, Loyal Knight Bill Sponable, representing Exalted Ruler Mike Cronin) Ron Galinski, Colonie Youth Chair as well as the winners' parents and relatives. Proclamations from the Senate and Assembly that were read and passed on the floors of the Senate and Assembly were presented to the winners. Paula Mahan resented a proclamation on behalf if the Town to each winner. The Colonie Elks Lodge presented each winner with a \$100.00 dollar savings bond. > >



Oswego Lode #217 recognized the youth of their community in many ways during the month of May. They had a "youth in government"(High school) luncheon with the Mayor and the city council on May 3rd and another one with the 7th and 8th graders on May 13th with the county council. They held their annual Teens of distinction and scholarship award winners banquet. Teens of the month from several schools in the Oswego area, three eagle scouts and four gold scouts received awards and scholarship winners receiving awards that night. Pictured are the Oswego Elks Lodge Scholarship winners for the year 2010. Pictured are Back Row, Lolly Malone Youth Chairman, Mackenzie Stone- Sweeting, James Gehan, Brian Walczak, Candace Supernavage, Caitlin Sawyer, ryan Ramsey, Lindsay Johnson, New York State

Scholarship Chair William Kerfien. Front Row, Kathy Babcock, Kristen Bartholomew, Julia Rodriquez, Hannah Joss, Megan Kelly, Laura Miceli, Sarah Hill Absent from the photo are Mikayla Rice, Chadwick VonHoltz, and Joshua Baer.



Watervliet Lodge #1500 visited area schools handing out over 184 Dictionaries to 3rd. graders & teachers. Pictured above; L to R are [PER] Johanna Baniak, [ER] Edgar Quackenbush, [PSVP] Edward Baniak with students from Heatly school in Green Island, N.Y.

Albany Lodge #49 presented its PER Edwin Dyke Hourigan Memorial Scholarship Award of \$1500 to each of five college students, children of Albany 49 members. (These students are attending SUNY Plattsburg, SUNY Cobleskill, Binghamton Univ. and Univ.Connecticut.) Lodge member Michael J. Tommaney oversees this fund, the administration of it and the awarding of the scholarships.



Plattsburgh Lodge #621 and member John Zurlo were awarded appreciation plaques during a District Deputy/State Vice President visitation to the Lodge. State Youth Chair Tim Welpé presented the awards. The Lodge and Zurlo, who served as Tournament Director, were recognized for their efforts with the NYSEA Jr. Golf Tournament. John Zurlo and Exalted Ruler Robert Dolan, holding plaques, are pictured with PSP David Carr, PSP William Smith, District Deputy DD Raymond Scott, Youth Chair Tim Welpé, Treasurer Lester LaPlante, Trustee Toss Yando and State Vice President Janice Oliver.

Smithtown Lodge #2036 certainly raised the bar with their recent fundraiser for Baby Bradley Shuta. Bradley was born with a rare internal disorder called "Microvillus Inclusion Disease". This disease won't allow Bradley to absorb nutrients from food or fluid, he must live on IV fed directly into his heart. Bradley's parents, Scott and Kristy graciously accepted a check for \$23,728.00 raised by the Smithtown Lodge, which ran a golf outing and Italian Dinner for the benefit. The mounting bills amassed for Bradley's medical attention has been a burden on the family and hopefully somewhat relieved by the benefit.

In the true spirit of Elkdom one of the Lodge's members, who wished to remain anonymous, donated all the food used to feed the two hundred and fifty people in attendance.



Lowville Lodge # 1605 was the host site for North Central District soccer shoot. The Lodge provided a luncheon and award ceremony following the contest. District champions and second place finishers pictured with District Deputy Stu Rische, State Vice President Jennifer Neaton, Past State President Tim Kelly and NYSEA Soccer Chair Mike Neaton. District Champions were: Jonathan Lyndaker, Lowville (1st Boys U7), Courtney Terry, Lowville 1st Girls U7, Jacob Sharpe, Ogdensburg (1st Boys 8-9), Nadine Coleman, Massena (1st Girls 8-9), Seth Kaufman, Carthage (1st Boys 10-11), Kaylee Olmstead, Lowville (1st Girls 10-11), Nicolas McKeel, Massena (1st Boys 12-13), and Makenna Honeywell, Watertown w/ 49 pts! (1st Girls 12-13).



Jamestown Lodge #263 participated in the 4th Annual Kickball vs. Cancer tournament to raise money for cancer patients. The proceeds help them pay for medication, transportation, and even insurance co-pays. I am proud to report that some young members in the spirit of Elkdom wanted to represent their lodge in this charity event. On a side note our young Elks brought home the first place trophy.

Patchogue Lodge #1323 - Scholarship Chairwoman Barbara E. Watson attended the Patchogue-Medford High School Scholarship Awards Ceremony this past June and presented the Lodges - C. John Wolfarth Memorial Scholarship in the amount of \$500 to this year's winner Brittany Jones of Patchogue. Brittany is now a freshman Attending East Stroudsburg University, East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania.

Potsdam Lodge #2074 donated \$750 to support the St. Lawrence NYSARC 3rd Annual Autism Awareness Walk fundraiser. Additionally the Lodge made arrangements for the North Central District Drug Awareness Trailer and Elroy the Elk to be available at the event. Elroy the Elk distributed drug awareness information and coloring books to the children. Some of the many volunteers, family members and children are pictured with Elroy following the walk.

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