

Colonie Lodge # 2192 recently held a dinner and dance in honor of the towns volunteer fireman. One outstanding member from each of the twelve departments that serve the Town of Colonie were chosen as their departments "Fireman of the Year " and received a plaque from Exalted Ruler Michael Cronin. A Total of three hundred fifty fireman and their guests attended the event.



Freeport/Baldwin Lodge #1253 stepped up to the plate to help a very special person, the lovely 22-year-old Lindsey DiPasqua. Lindsey is the daughter of member Ernie DiPasqua and his wife Gail. Unfortunately Lindsey is suffering from brain cancer. The DiPasqua family stood proud of its members as over 150 people attended the fundraiser. As usual the Freeport/Baldwin Lodge with member Charlotte Hoffman in the lead provided entertainment, prizes raffles and good, warm hospitality to the donors. By the end of the day they were able to raise over \$4,800.00 to defray some of the medical costs that the DiPasqua family has amassed. This shows that Elks Care Elks Share. Photo attached shows – l to r – Ernie and Gail DiPasqua with daughter Lindsey DiPasqua at the fund raising event in the Freeport/Baldwin Lodge #1253.

Smithtown Elks #2036 presented a gratitude Grant of \$500.00 to Pastor James Ryan of the Lighthouse Mission, which is located in Bellport, Long Island. This organization operates a mobile food party serving Long Island's underprivileged residents. Presenting the grant is Smithtown Elks Lodge Exalted Ruler Ken Donato.

Beacon Lodge #1493- The city's valiant first responders, past and present were feted at the first annual Beacon Heros Dinner dance. Hero of the year awards were presented to three men: Officer Chris Allencastro, former fire chief Dennis Leahy, Sr. and Patrick Miskell, of Beacon Police, Beacon Fire, and Beacon Volunteer Ambulance Corp, respectively. Event organizer, Carl Oken expressed elation. "The Elks have been supporting the community since 1928. Our motto is Elks Care, Elks Share.

Herkimer Lodge #1439 recently Lodge member Dan Enea was deployed to help the earthquake victims in Haiti. Dan is a local funeral director and his services were needed to handle the many people killed in the quake.

Colonie Lodge #2192 recently hosted a dinner and awards ceremony for the towns volunteer firemen. One outstanding member from each of the towns twelve fire districts was recognized as "Fireman of the Year " Each recipient was given a plaque presented by Exalter Ruler Michael Cronin. Over three hundred fifty firemen and their guests attended the event.Colonie Lodge 2192 distributed eight hundred seventy seven dictionaries to third graders in eighteen public and private schools within the town.

Since June 2010, **Beacon Elks #1493** and the Ladies Auxiliary (in conjunction with St. Rocco's Society and Ladies) have been cooking for approximately 75 Senior Citizens in the city of Beacon. • Every Friday of the month a different group (men's or ladies) will do the cooking and delivering of the food to the local senior housing. The seniors have thoroughly enjoyed the lunches.

Guilderland Lodge #2480 held their annual "Special Persons" Holiday party. The Guilderland Lodge invites over 100 of our Special Friends from the local "New Visions" OMRDD houses. There was a full Turkey dinner (at no cost to the client or their aides), musical entertainment by "The Nomads", (that consists of two Guilderland Lodge PER's who have been volunteering their time to the OMRDD doing numerous parties every year for over 25 years). Then Santa came and presented gifts to all our friends. This was a special occasion as the official "Fifth member of The Nomads" Alan Schoon maker, (one of the clients) sat in, playing drums & signing with the band. Alan was made an official member of the Nomads five years ago and has performed with the group at every OMRDD event, this was the first time he appeared at the Guilderland Lodge.



Staten Island Lodge #841. Leading Knight Richard Ryan had the pleasure of returning to the community anywhere from \$100-1000, monies raised through the generosity of lodge members. From food banks to animal rescue shelters, from Eden II, a facility for the Autistic child to H.O.O.P.H.A, a facility which uses horse-back riding for the physically and mental challenged child, donations were given to enrich the lives of those who need it. A single donation of \$1000 was presented to Ms. Joanne Gerenser, Ph.D, Executive Director at Eden II. The facility was vandalized earlier in the month and an estimated amount of \$4000 in computers was stolen. The computers were specialized, allowing the children the freedom of speech and communication. A gift of speech, a gift of hope. Pictured above L-R; Joanne Gerenser Exec. Director, ELK Richard Ryan and PER Sandra Lotz.

Albany Lodge #49 recently held a fund raising event to benefit The Elks National Foundation and Major Projects. Over one hundred attendees browsed the twenty five vendors present and the event and lodge members manned a food booth. Over one thousand one hundred eighty seven dollars was raised for the two charities.

Haverstraw Lodge #877 - the lodge has again awarded some \$12,000 in scholarships to 14 students. The top winner (for the late PDDER Bill.Keyser) was for \$1,000 a year for four years of college. The George Wright scholarship was for \$800. The others received \$750 or \$500 each. The students were from North Rockland, Albertus Magnus and Don Bosco High Schools.



New York Lodge # 1 Exalted Ruler Anitra Butler presents Citation of Merit to essay winner Melvin Geraldino. Congratulations are extended by Brooklyn Ave School principal Scott Coomis

Saratoga Wilton Lodge #161 a fund raiser which included a dinner, silent auctions and a car raffle was held for Sue Gardner who at time was fighting lung cancer. She lost her battle with cancer on March 2nd. Car raffle and other events were very well received by local community. Money raised which was substantial did truly help with funeral expenses and to help set up college fund for her two daughters. Winner of car raffle was Jeanne Magliulo of Schuylerville. Speaking of small worlds, Jeanne happens to be a R.N. nurse who was treating Sue's cancer at Suse's home, through home care services till her death. Car is a Chev. Alello, provided by Rich's garge of Ballston Spa. Picture left to right Bob Lloyd Committee Chairman, Jeanne Magliulo Winner of car with keys.

The Jack Haynes Memorial Golf Tournament was sponsored by the **Oswego Lodge #271**. It was held at Emerald Crest Golf Course in Palermo. All proceeds from this event went to the Elks National Foundation, a charitable foundation benefiting youth programs, veterans as well as drug awareness and boy and Girl Scout scholarships.

The Dream Big Foundation was given a generous check from **Oswego Lodge #271** for \$250.00 to sponsor the ice cream social during the Dream Big Hockey Classic. This years Erik Cole Dream Big Foundation Golf and Hockey is a three day event started with the Classic, followed by a Youth Hockey Tournament held at the SUNY Oswego Campus Center. Finally the Fourth Annual Golf Tournament was held at the Oswego Country Club

Liverpool Lodge #2348 recently held a Polish Dinner to benefit Elks National Foundation. They served a dinner of polish Food including Gowumpki, Pierogi, Kielbasa and Kapusta. They held raffles and played Polish Music throughout the evening. The dinner was a great success and the lodge raiser more than \$800 for ENF.



Islip Lodge #2533 Conducted it's 6th Annual "Dictionary Project". Once again we donated 408 dictionaries to the Islip area third graders. Left to right – PSVP Bruce Trezise and PER Norman Newkirk at Commack Roads School.