



**Utica Lodge #33** - Est. Loyal Knight, Ann McDonald headed our Dictionary Project. With the help of several officers, over 1,350 dictionaries were distributed to local fourth graders in the Greater Utica Area and surrounding area schools. Several grade schools sent thank you booklets to our Lodge in appreciation of their dictionaries. These booklets were made available for all members to read. Pictured above; Est. Leading Knight, Shange Barrett; assisted by Erica Pendrak, Student Assistant and a few of Ms. Robertson's fourth graders at New York Mills Elementary School.



**Massena Lodge #1702** hosted the **North Central District Hoop Shoot** at Massena High School. An award presentation and a complimentary luncheon for the contestants and their families were provided by the Lodge following the competition. District winners are pictured with District Deputy Stuart Rische, Exalted Ruler Donna Manchester, Past State President Tim Kelly and State Youth Chair Tim Welpé.

**Huntington Lodge #1565** in conjunction with the Huntington Young Professionals Chamber of Commerce hosted an evening that had more than 210 High School Students from 11 local high schools that participated in the competition that demonstrated their talents, skills and creativity at the Eighth Annual Business Leadership Competition. It was a delight to have gathered so many bright students who, during the competition, demonstrated their skills in Sports Management, Sports Marketing, Entrepreneurship, Travel and Tourism and Job Interview Skills.

Assemblyman Andrew Raia, Legislator Steve Stern and Councilwomen Susan Berland distributed proclamations to the students. It became clear that the high school students possessed an abundance of talent and will become the future generation of Long Island. Leading Knight Jack Safarik stated that the turnout for this celebration was phenomenal. The Huntington Elks Lodge was honored to be able to host these dynamic students.



**Watervliet Lodge # 1500** - ER Edgar Quackenbush & Nancy Caswell [Publicity Chairman] visited Watervliet Elementary School to present three cash awards to three 5th & 6th graders for their Americanism Essay's.....ER Edgar brought 240 cookies for all the children. Pictured bottom of first column; L - R Mikayla Humphrey 1st. place [6 grade], ER Edgar Quackenbush, Joshua Hilabrandt 3rd. place [6 grade] & McCormick Fisk 2nd. place [5 grade]...



**Watertown Lodge #496**

Distributes 1,285 Dictionaries. **Grand Father delivers Dictionary to Grand-daughter. Past State President Tim Kelly, along with PSVP John Gaffney, Per Don Ried, and member Bob Overton, took part in this program.** Starting from November 1, 2010 to November 9, 2010, the Watertown Elks Lodge #496 distributed 1285 dictionaries to 3rd graders in area schools. Accompanying the dictionaries were drug awareness bookmarkers and coloring books. Dictionaries were given to 23 schools:

- Maynard Wilson Building, Adams Center
- Mannsville Manor, Mannsville
- Belleville-Henderson, Belleville
- Sackets Harbor School, Sackets Harbor
- Dexter Elementary, Dexter
- Cape Vincent Elementary, Cape Vincent
- IHC Primary, Watertown
- Guardino Elementary, Clayton
- Faith Fellowship, Watertown
- Brownville-Glen Park Elementary, Brownville
- Calcium Primary, Calcium
- Philadelphia Primary, Philadelphia
- Evans Mills Primary, Evans Mills
- Antwerp Primary, Antwerp
- Theresa Primary, Theresa
- Alexandria Central Alexandria Bay
- LaFargeville Central, LaFargeville
- Sherman Street School, Watertown
- Knickerbocker, Watertown
- Ohio Street School, Watertown
- North Elementary, Watertown
- Starbuck Elementary, Watertown
- Lyme, Chaumont,

The Watertown Elks Lodge has been participating in the Dictionary Project every since the New York State Elks Association became involved during the 2004-2005 Lodge year. As of this writing, the Watertown Elks Lodge has distributed 9,757 dictionaries.

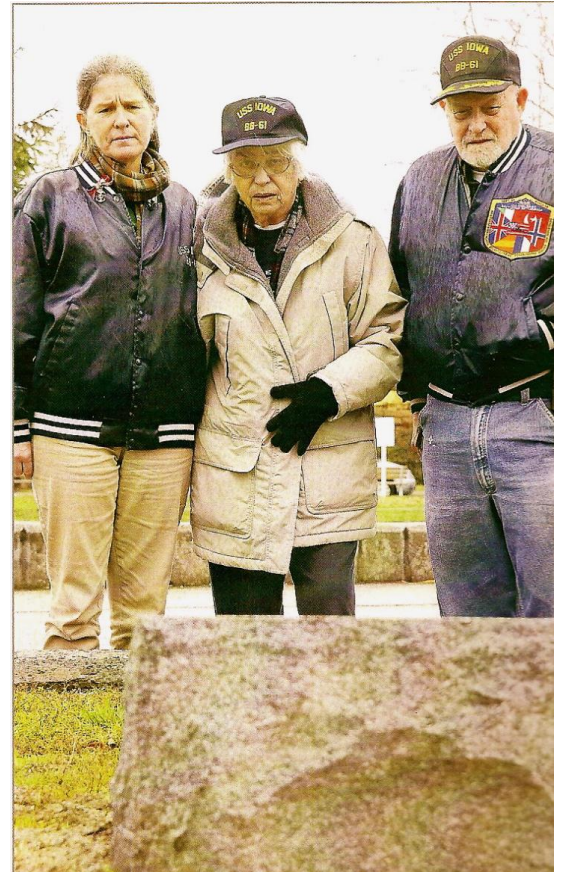
The Watertown Elks Lodge takes great pride in participating in this project and look forward to doing this again for the next school year.

The Dictionary Project was founded in 1995 by Mrs. Mary French of Charleston, SC. The sole mission of this non-profit organization is to distribute dictionaries to as many third graders as possible in the 50 United States and territories. The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks are one of many sponsors. Dictionaries have been distributed to every State of the Union, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. At this point in time, close to 7 million children have received a dictionary thanks to the generosity of sponsors who have participated in the Dictionary Project.

PSP Kelly pictured in column two, with Mr Burgess's class at Knickerbocker School in Watertown, with his grand-daughter, McKenna Kelly and her class mates, in front of him.

A message form PSP Tim Kelly

The Syracuse St. Patrick's Parade is this coming Saturday March 12<sup>th</sup>. Please let all your Lodge members know that they are all invited to march with the Ontario District Float. We need everyone to be at Syracuse Lodge (Pastimes) on Saturday morning by 9:30 A.M.. The float is freshly painted and we have to put all decorations on the float before we leave for the parade line-up. We are in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Division (Connacht Division) location #7. We need to leave the lodge no later than 11:15 A.M. to get to our line-up location. We should be back at the Lodge shortly after 1:00 P.M.. Syracuse Lodge will provide coffee & donuts. We also will have the Drug Trailer again this year from Tim Kelly's District. Hope to see you all on Saturday it is sure to be a fun filled day. Come and share the camaraderie with all the other lodges in our District. Green Jackets weather permitting or something Green.



**A Sailor's overdue recognition:**

When a monument to Levittown's war dead was installed at the community's Veterans Memorial Park last year, Peter Bopp's name wasn't on it. Peter had made the ultimate sacrifice for his country; He was one of 47 sailors killed in a gun turret powder explosion aboard the Battleship USS Iowa on April 19, 1989, two days before his 22<sup>nd</sup> birthday. But because his death occurred during peacetime, his name wasn't on the monument that marks the end of the Levittown Memorial Day Parade.

Jack Stein, Past Exalted Ruler of the **Hicksville Lodge # 1931**, with assistance from Peter's parents Eileen and Paul Bopp, and his sister Mary Messina, spearheaded the mission of having Peter's name placed on a monument in the Memorial Park. Jack is a Veteran of Vietnam and organized a St. Patrick's Day Dance to raise the funds for the monument. With the outstanding help and support of the Hempstead Town Supervisor, Kate Murray, they were able to complete the task. After the fundraiser Jack asked Peter Bopp's father, Paul, to help design the memorial for his son.

On Veterans Day the family members and friends dedicated a sloping, rectangular granite monument engraved with an image of the USS Iowa and Peter's name and date of death and rank – U.S. Navy Gunner's Mate Third Class. Paul and Eileen Bopp with their daughter Mary were eternally grateful to the Elks and the community for their efforts and recognition of a hero named Peter Bopp. In Photo: Peter's sister Mary Messina with Peter's parents Eileen and Paul Bopp