

Members of the **Ladies Auxiliary of the Camillus Lodge #2367** distributed 460 dictionaries to third grade students at East Hill elementary school, Onondaga Road elementary school, Split Rock elementary school, Stonehedge elementary school, and Bishop's Academy at Holy Family. "This is a great example of how the Elks Auxiliary organization supports our community. To see the excitement in the faces of the students when they receive their dictionary is just precious" said Patricia Schanzle, President of the Elks Ladies Auxiliary. Assisting Pat were Penny Widrick (Sister of the Year) along with Frank Legg, Trustee of the Camillus Elks Lodge #2367.



Austin Tracz a senior at Oswego High School has teamed up with **Oswego Lodge #271** in collecting used golf clubs and golf balls to send to our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan as part of the International Tee Off for the Troops Campaign. Oswego Elks Lodge #217 has designate \$1000 to assist Austin with mailing these clubs to our troops. This effort is part of Austin's volunteer service requirement for the National Honor Society. Pictured above Helen Milam Americanism Chairman, Bernie France Veterans' chairman, Austin and Michael Loughery Exalted Ruler.



The **Camillus Lodge #2367**, along with the Camillus Rotary Club and the Camillus Chamber of Commerce recently presented David and Elizabeth Beebe of the Camillus Canal Society a check for \$850.00 as part of the Grand Celebration held earlier this year. The money was raised when approximately 30 members from the three organizations combined their talents to serve an all-you-can-eat breakfast buffet to 225 Camillus residents in preparation for the "Grand Celebration" of the opening of the first navigable, restored aqueduct on the Erie Canal. President of Camillus Chamber of Commerce Don Laxton and Exalted Ruler of Camillus Elks Lodge #2367 James Roe present a check for \$850 to David and Elizabeth Beebe of the Camillus Canal Society in front of the Aqueduct Lounge at the Camillus Elks Lodge.



The **Massena Lodge #1702** Veterans Committee visited Veteran's at the Highland

and St. Regis nursing homes. The Veteran's committee presented Christmas cookies and "Wounded Warrior" t-shirts to 41 Veteran residents. Pictured are: Dianne Meyer, Thomas Burton, George Love, James Shaw, Gerry Elman and John Paul Dumas.



Saratoga-Wilton Lodge #161 on Dec. 12th. Was part of a Eagle Scout ceremony for Matthew C. Battle of Troop 11 sponsored by Knights of Columbus in the community room of the Saratoga Springs Public Library. Ken Tubbs, Esteemed Leading Knight recognized Matthew with a framed National Eagle Scout certificate with an American Flag. Matthew's Eagle Scout project was organize and put to together a group to clean up a section of the Kayaderoseras River including tires, misc, debris, and many other things. Items found and taken care of were 84 tires, 2 shopping carts, a 55 gallon steel barrel, 70 to 80 ft. of misc, steel pipe, a child's big wheel riding toy, and over 2500 lbs of other misc. debris. This project was worked with in accordance of the Cornell Cooperative Extension and the Saratoga Co. Intermunicipal Storm-water management program. Pictured a left to right; Ken Tubbs Elks Esteemed Leading Knight, Matt Battle Eagle Scout his mother Eileen and his father Matt.



On Sunday, Nov. 21, 2010, Jude Gosh, Veterans Chairman, and Tedd Stalker, ER, **Rensselaer Lodge #2073**, presented a \$500 donation to Michele Ferrauilo, of the Adaptive Sports Program at the Samuel Stratton VA Hospital. The money will give Veterans in this program (aged 21-86) the opportunity to again participate in activities that were so much a part of their lives prior to becoming disabled. In addition to equipment, 100% of the donation will help cover participants' travel expenses for the Winter Sports Clinic, the Golden Age Games, Wheelchair Olympics, and Summer Sports Clinic. Michele said that upon being employed by the VA, her plan was to stay in Albany for just two years. That was 20 years ago! The program started with her personal commitment of helping a double amputee Persian Gulf veteran again become active in the sports he had always loved.



Watertown Lodge #496 was able to send the gift of warmth by providing 145

winter coats to needy children from the Watertown area community. The coats were generously donated by Lodge members as part of the Lodges annual Coats for Kids campaign. Pictured displaying some of the coats are Rick Barrisford, Coats for Kids Chairman; Sherry Raffery, CAPC Administrative Assistant; Kathy Converse, Exalted Ruler; Sharon Bouchard, Family Center Director; and Michael Forcier, Lecturing Knight.



Watertown Lodge #496 distributed 1,500 dictionaries to 3rd graders in area schools. Accompanying the dictionaries were drug awareness bookmarkers and coloring books. 3rd grade students from Mrs. Castilleja's classes at Sherman Street School are pictured with their new dictionaries. This class represents one of many who were given dictionaries during the 2010- 2011 school year. Elk members distributing the dictionaries are Past State President Tim Kelly and Leading Knight Kathy M. Converse.



Watertown Lodge #496 Annual Harvest Dinner was a great success. The Lodge extended invitation to senior citizens from the Watertown community to a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner, compliments of the Lodge. Over 520 senior citizens attended the dinner. The Lodge provided transportation for seniors from various senior homes in the Watertown area. 60 members of the Lodge volunteered their time to provide the meal and transport.



Potsdam Lodge #2074 distributed 650 dictionaries to third grade students at Norwood-Norfolk, Madrid-Waddington, Parishville-Hopkinton, Colton-Pierrepont, Canton and Tupper Lake Elementary schools. Students from the Norwood-Norfolk Elementary School are pictured proudly displaying their new dictionaries. Pictured with the students are NYSEA Youth Activities Chair Tim Welpel, School Principal Joanne Bigwarfe, NNCS Superintendent Elizabeth Kirnie, Lodge member Jennifer Thomas and Leading Knight and dictionary project chair William LaPoint.