







# New York State Elks Association e-Zine

# The Monthly Electronic Newsletter of the New York State Elks Year 8 Volume 11 – October 2016

# Birthday Wishes

11/4 James Peace PSP 2004-2005

## SP Reedy Travel Schedule (Plan)

Visit	Date
South Central	Oct 14-16
Northeast	Oct 21-23
West	Nov 4-6
Southwest	Nov 11-13
Southern Tier	Dec 2-4
USO at Fort Drum	Dec 7
South	Dec 9-11
Central	Dec 16-18
North Central	Jan 13-15
West Central	Feb 3-5
Ontario	Feb 10-12
East Central	Feb 17-19
Southeast	Feb 24-26
NYS Bowling	March 24-26
East District	May 5-7
Spring Convention Adam's Mark Buffalo	May 18-21

## Empire State Elks Summer Edition The Summer 2016 edition of the Empire State Elk is now available on

our website, nyselks.org under News.

Internet Contest Won By A Nose! Watertown 496 edged out Clifton Park 2466 to win the New York State Elks Internet Contest. Their entry will now go on to national for judging.

#### Elks Training Available!

State Chair John Califano presented the Elks Training Program, along with the questions and the answer grid to be filled in and returned. The test material and his presentation are available at nyselks.org under News.

#### Junior Golf Results

Rotterdam 2157 was the site of the Junior Golf Tournament on August 15.

	15-16	Mike Ross Joe Kelly Ryan Blevins	Saratoga Oswego Watertown	75 77 82
	15-16	FionaFitzgerald	Clifton Park	Wd

Withdrew due to High School Qualifying

Fall Conference Summary

The Fall Conference was held at the Crowne Plaza in White Plains NY on September 22 through 25.

The conference started with a day of workshops on Friday. Saturday began with the business session, followed by an afternoon of workshops. At the business session, PGER Dave Carr welcomed our special guest, GER Michael Zeller and his wife, Donna, from Massachusetts. GER Zeller spoke at the business session and again at the evening gala. MP State Chair Jan Pashley introduced Alex Marmet, our newest Ambassador.

Workshops were presented by many of the committee chairs, and much material is on the website, at nyselks.org under News. Please refer to the News section of nyselks.org for this material.

Thanks to SP Reedy from GER Zellen Donna and I want to thank you, your wife Lisa and the officers and members of the New York State Elks Association for the outstanding, warm and gracious hospitality shown to us the weekend of the State Association's Fall Conference in White Plains. It was truly a pleasure meeting everyone.

I very much enjoyed stopping in at all of the workshops with you and PGER David on Friday and Saturday and seeing firsthand the hard work and dedication of your members. You certainly have very dedicated and knowledgeable committee chairmen.

Also, please express our thanks to the membership of the New York State Association for their friendliness and for their warm greetings, as we both felt very welcomed by all.

You are very fortunate indeed to have such dedicated members and officers in your state. I commend each and every one of them for carrying on the programs of Grand Lodge and for continuing to prove that 'Elks' are 'Leading the Way' GER Michael Zellen

The full text is available on the website

In Vain We Call...

John 'Jack' Dugan, PER of Albany 49, PDD of State Capital, passed away. Viewing October 16 at McVeigh Funeral Home, N. Allen Albany 2 to 5, Elks Service by District PDD's at 4:30. Cards to 2560 Rte 9 Lot 39 Malta NY 12020.

Clarence C (CC) Stevens, PER of Binghamton 70, PSVP, PDD and current State Trustee of South Central District, passed away September 26. Cards to 60 Harry L Drive, Kirkwood NY 13795.

Suzanne Whelan, PER of Johnson City 2821 and wife of PSP Phil Hol;owacz, died September 30. A Celebration of Life was held October 8 at Vestal Lodge. Cards to 170 Holowacz Rd. Unadilla NY 13849.

Rest in Peace...

#### **Empire State Elks Workshop**

State Chair Tim Welpe's presentation from the Empire State Elk Workshop at the Fall Conference is available at nyselks.org under News.

#### Youth Activities Workshop

The Youth Activities Workshop at the Fall Conference presentation by State Chair Jeff Smaldon is available at nyselks.org under News.

#### Guilderland to Host 2017 Bowling

The 2017 State Bowling Tournament will be hosted by Guilderland 2480 on April 1 and 2 8 and 9, 22 and 23, 29 and 30, and May 6 and 7. Entry forms (2 pages) are available at nyselks.org under News. To assist in funding the event, there will be an advertising booklet. Those wishing to support the event may use the form at nyselks.org under News.

#### Pictures from Fall Conference

Fall Conference pictures are available at nyselks.org under News. For a larger view of pictures, click on the image.

#### Mid-Hudson Goes Gold!

Mid-Hudson District joins Ontario with 100% of their lodges submitting articles for Elks in Action!

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