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**Birthday Wishes -**

12/21 Anthony Gilberti PSP 2003-2004  
12/26 Timothy E. Kelly PSP 2005-2006  
1/01 Lawrence Contratti PSP 2012-2013  
1/08 Lucian Masur PSP 1975-1976

**SP Conaty Travel Schedule (Plan)**

Event	Date
West Central	Feb 9-11
Ontario	Feb 16-18
East Central	Feb 23-25
Southeast	Mar 2-4
State Bowling	Mar 30-31
East	May 4-6
Spring Convention	May 31, Jun 1-2

**2017-18 Lodge Bulletin Contest**

Three consecutive issues of your lodge bulletin and a letter certifying the Lodge membership as of April 1, 2017 must be submitted to Michael Jones, Chairman NYSEA Public Relations, 809 Mann Ave, Rensselaer NY 12144 prior to March 15, 2018. Judging will occur in all six Grand Lodge Divisions. Winning entries will be announced at the 2018 Spring Conference. Any questions, please contact Michael Jones by phone at 518-441-1845 or email [michaeljns64@gmail.com](mailto:michaeljns64@gmail.com).

**Memorial Sunday Report Due**

Your Lodge Memorial Sunday Report on activities and participation are due to your district committeeperson NOW!

**Maintain Charity Records**

It is absolutely crucial to the survival and success of our Order that we be able to point to our charitable works. That ability to identify charitable works depends on accurate entries in the Record of Charitable Works. If you chair an event, help your Secretary by providing the required information.

**New Email For Internet Chair**

Matt Intriери PDD and NYSEA Internet Chair has a new email address, [pddmatt@gmail.com](mailto:pddmatt@gmail.com), effective immediately. Please update your contact list. Web communication can still go to [webmaster@nyselks.org](mailto:webmaster@nyselks.org).

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**Drug Quiz Show Reaches Kids**

The Drug Quiz Show appeals to students because it encourages involvement on many different levels such as teamwork, artwork and peer coaching. The program appeals to volunteers because it makes them feel good, knowing they're doing something positive and meaningful for the young people in their community.

Through the Elks Drug Quiz Show, teams of middle school students learn about the dangers of drug use by participating in an exciting game show.

The concept of a TV game show was originated by Jennifer Shulman, an insightful eighth grader who knew what would appeal to others her age. It was originally conceived in response to a confidential substance use survey completed by seventh through twelfth graders in the Jamesville DeWitt School District in DeWitt NY in 1984. The survey results, which paralleled national facts and figures, found that drug abuse was as much a local issue as it was a national problem. As a result, parents, teachers, administrators and students formed a group to fight back. Based on the latest research on effective measures in drug abuse prevention and education, the first Drug Quiz Show was held in October 1985.

Thirty plus years of experience with all types of fifth through eighth graders in public, private and parochial schools located in urban, suburban and rural settings have proven Shulman's thinking right.

The Drug Quiz Show has grown and prospered over the years. Its sponsorship remained mainly with drug store chains, but in 2011, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks took over leadership of the program.

With pride in our progress and greater hope for the future, we look forward to the day when all fifth thru eighth graders will have this exciting opportunity.

**In Vain We Call ...**

**Don Gula, PER aof Colonie 2192, and PDDGER of State Capital District** passed away November 25 in Colonie. Active in coaching ritual, he will be missed.

**John (Jack) Webber, PER of Niagara Falls 346 and PDDGER of West District,** passed away in Niagara Falls on December 12. There will be no services.

**Kathy Gardner, wife of DDGER John Gardner of South Central District,** died on December 10. She traveled extensively with her husband DD John, and was always with him. A memorial service will be held at the lodge. Condolences to 204 Kimble Rd, Vestal NY 13850.

**Rest in Peace...**

**Strengthen Elksdom Thru Awareness**

Local Elks lodges from every state will be busy helping our communities this holiday season. Thousands of needy families will receive food baskets and presents.

Elk volunteers will visit thousands of hospitalized veterans that have protected our freedoms. The Elks vow, "So long as there are veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them". The Elks support both active military forces and retired veterans. Elks furnish food, comfort care items, therapeutic items and gifts, host holiday celebrations and recreational activities at bases and hospitals, and stand ready to fill any need when called upon. The Elks have pledged \$4 million to help end veteran homelessness.

The Elks will receive thousands of scholarship applications from high school seniors across our nation. Annually the Elks award college scholarships across the nation totalling more than \$4 million.

The Elks Community Investment Program will award nearly \$12 million toward enriching our communities.

There are more than 1,900 Elks lodges across the country with a total membership nearing 800,000. Elks members must be American citizens who are at least 21 years of age and must believe in God.

**We improve by Change, not by Chance!**