



Yorktown Lodge #2324 in conjunction with Alliance for Sake Kids (aka ASK) hosted in the Lodge's main ballroom a pizza and soda party for 200 local 5th grade students for their graduation from the DARE Program. A local DJ donated his time and music for 2 hours. There were 12 parent volunteers who chaperoned the event. A table comprised of all Drug Awareness information such as comic books, bookmarks etc. were displayed and distributed. The remaining information was given to ASK for future events. Pictured above L to R; Yorktown PD DARE Officer Rich Finn, State Chair Drug Awareness PDD Tom Meier, PSVP Rich De Silva, SVP Mary De Silva, Westchester County Executive Andy Spano, ASK President Trish Cushner, DD Designate Paul Cooper and District Drug Awareness Chair PER Mike Manzi.



Patchogue Lodge #1323- Patchogue Lodge presented a check for \$1,500 to the Patchogue American Legion Auxiliary Post 269, to be used to help homeless Women Veterans at the Beacon House in Bayshore. These funds represent the proceeds raised at the Elk's Mothers Day Brunch. A special thanks goes out to Elk members Randy & Angie Tremble, James Mollitor and Nick Sweeney, PER for their hard work in preparing and serving the brunch. Pictured above left to right 1st row : Carole Bruggeman (Secretary), Pat Bergin (Treasurer), Christina Walpole (2nd. Vice), Cathy Beer (VP), Sharon Murch (President) from the American Legion, Edward Rosavitch (Exalted Ruler) and Veronica Bergin (Post 269 member). 2nd. row left to right are : Marie Woodward (Chaplain), James Barrie (PSP), John Delloimo (Trustee), Jackie Wallace (Inner Guard), James Strano (Trustee Chairman), Carrol Goerke (Historian) and Feorge Farrell, PER (Secretary).

North Albany Academy, Albany City School District's only PreK-8 elementary school, is again the recipient of the wonderful generosity of **Albany Lodge #49**. The Lodge was awarded a Gratitude Grant from the Elks National Foundation which was then used to recognize over 80 students at a special Readers to Leaders Celebration in June. The students received books, folders, pencils and a bag full of stickers, erasers, bookmarks and goodies, ate make-your-own ice cream sundaes and created character masks in an arts and crafts activity. Special literacy achievement was also rewarded with gift certificates from the Little Bookhouse in Stuyvesant Plaza. Connie McNally spearheaded this celebration. She received thank you notes from the students, and took pictures of all the activities to display in the Lodge. Special thanks go to PER John Cox for bringing this opportunity to the attention of the Lodge and to ER Larry Carrier and Secretary DDGER Ray LaRose for their participation.



While visiting Lodges in the **North Hudson District**, State President David Carr took the time to visit members of Hudson Lodge #787 who now reside in the Firemans Home in Hudson, NY. SP Carr presented each member with a certificate congratulating them on their years of service to the lodge. In the photo Standing L to R Exalted Ruler Deb Minners, PER and NYSEA State President David Carr Seated L to R Anthony Paone, Henry Koskowski, and Louis Polidor



Saratoga Wilton Lodge #161- the lodge sponsored Division II 9 & 10 year old Biddie Basketball team won the league championship with a final playoff win. The team had a 12-0 regular season record plus two playoff wins for a 14-0 undefeated 2009 season. The team is pictured above with Exalted Ruler Steve Green and coaches Dave Foley, Bruce Jones, Landon Moore Buddy Clark and Leading Knight Larry McGourty.



Herkimer Lodge #1439 - The local food pantrys was helped by a \$ 10,000.00 Elks National Foundation Impact Grant requested by the lodge. To help feed the needy of the community. Eight food pantrys received valuable help.

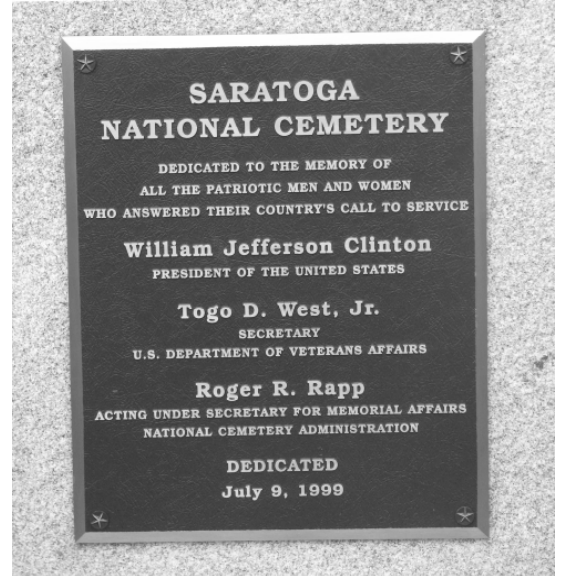


Utica Lodge #33 has been participating in the St. Patrick's Day Parade for many years. The lodge handed out 2,500 goodie bags filled with Drug Awareness coloring books, crayons and information for the parents. This year they were joined by SVP Kouis Christie. The parade route was lined with 50,000 spectators.

Poughkeepsie Lodge #275 held a benefit breakfast for a young boy who was severely injured when he was attacked by a pit bull. His injuries resulted in extensive medical expenses.

The lodge raised over \$ 1,900.00 for the "Frankie Flora Fund". The event was chaired by Frank Magurino and the breakfast was cooked by the Country Western committee.

Saratoga National Cemetery



NYSEA National Veterans Service Chairman Louis Withiam conducted a tour of this beautiful National Cemetery in Saratoga, New York.