



Liverpool Lodge #2348 and Oswego Lodge #271 joined together to purchase a dishwasher for Exploring Your World, Enable's inclusive preschool program. the dishwasher, which is used to clean up after snack time and the "lunch bunch" at EYW, freeing up valuable staff time. Enable Board Member Ricky Ryder, a member of the Liverpool Elks, was instrumental in securing the funds. Photo: Board Member Ricky Ryder and three students at EYW check out the new dishwasher.



Hornell Lodge #364 – The Lodge sponsored Hornell's first cerebral palsy 5K run/walk. In all, 39 walkers and 10 runners took to the streets of the Maple City. Esteemed Leading Knight Kari Burdick organized the event, which raised \$1,656 for the NYSEA Major Project. A lot of families and children participated in the walk and there were many volunteers from the Lodge to help serve lunch to the participants. The event was held in memory of six year old Colin Crook, who passed away from cerebral palsy in 1995, according to his mother Trisha Dodge. Winners were as follows: 15 and under category, Hailey Schwartz (1st place) and Mikayla Gardner, second. Men's 16-49 – Tim Rauber, first, Tom Crook, second, Scott Burdick, third. Women's 16-49- Sandy McAllister, first, Megan Taft, second, Kelly Valentine, third. 50 – up walkers (women), Diane Roosa, first, Barb Hillsdorf, second. Rick Packer placed first in the men's 50 – up category. Michael Screiber was the overall time leader in the men's run with a time of 22:36. Placing first in the women's overall run as Samantha Day, with a time of 28:56. Photo above; Front Row, left, is event coordinator Esteemed Leading Knight Kari Burdick with the category winners.

Staten Island Lodge #841 held a fundraiser for the UCP Children's Program on Staten Island, raising \$600.00 towards the cost of the upcoming Spring Bash. The fundraiser, a Cinco DeMayo party with home-cooked food, was attended by 59 Elks and their guests.



Keeseville Lodge#2072 hosted a fundraiser for triplet boys whose father is a member. The identical Triplets suffer from a rare neurological disease called spastic diplegia cerebral palsy. A Spaghetti dinner with music and raffles was well attended. With help from members and the Community we raised \$5,000. for the family. Pictured from (front left) Luke Richard, Chandler and Anthony Lafountain. 2nd row Parents Melody and Dave Lafountain. Standing: Jan Downs Inner Guard, Stella Kolysko District Major Projects Chairperson and David Gload E.R.

On tour with State Ambassador



Gregory Santiago

On Valentine's Day the **Ladies of Rotterdam Lodge # 2157** had their annual fund raiser in support of Major Projects Cerebral Palsy. There were over 400 guests with a fantastic meal. Their hard work paid off as they raised over \$6,000 for that one event. Our State Ambassador Gregory and his family had a great time. Gregory did a lot of dancing to the great music of DJ Good Times. Sister Ashley tired out MP Chairman Rich De Silva on the dance floor. Many gifts were given to Gregory, brother and sisters. Pictured above: SVP Ed Baniak, LORE President Lori Brooks, Event Chair Linda Casso, Co Chair Cindy Dagostino, State MP Chair Rich De Silva, ER John Califano, District Chair Dennis Whittemore, State Ambassador Gregory and Brother Tyler.



Guilderland Lodge #2480 hosted a Major Projects Cerebral Palsy breakfast Fundraiser in honor of State Ambassador Gregory and his Family. The event was well attended and had over 100 members and guests. Pictured: above; PDD Tony Thanopoulos, SVP Ed Baniak, Cobleskill MP Chair Colleen Schaffer, ER Wayne Slingerland, State MP Chair rich De Silva, District MP Chair Dennis Whittemore, State Ambassador Gregory



The Ladies of the East District held their annual fundraiser at Pt. Jefferson Lodge. They raised **\$17,000** for that one-day event. The bad weather could not prevent those in attendance to stay home. Pictured above; presenting gifts to State Ambassador Gregory are Carole Alexander Chair of the event and Eleanor Bozzozo Co-Chair.



The **Northeast District** held its annual District Major Project Auction held at Mechanicsville-Stillwater Lodge. It was attended with over 100 members and guests. State Ambassador Gregory and his family had a great time. Brother Tyler and Sister Ashley help out by bringing articles for auction to show those in attendance. Gregory himself had bided on a item and won the bid (I wonder why no one bid against him) District Chair Paul commented that this year was a fruitful year and they are looking forward to next year's event. Pictured above: SVP Theodora Meyer, State MP Chair Rich De Silva, District MP Chair Paul Galarneau, DD Francis Sirkoski, State Ambassador Gregory, Brother Tyler and sister Ashley.

The State MP Committee once again would like to thank the following:

SVP Theodora Meyer for her individual contribution of \$1500.

PER Derrick and Joan Mills for their contribution of \$1,000.

SVP Louis Christie for his contribution of \$550.

PDD Tony Thanopoulos for his contribution of \$500.



Canajoharie Fort Plain Lodge #2621 – The lodge was ask by their community to set up a street fair parade. Over 1500 people attended the parade. The lodge procured the local CP Affiliate Van for display. This helped show the local community where the Elks Cerebral Palsy donations go and the fine work they do.

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