

A MESSAGE FROM, PSP JAMES PEACE, Chairman of the New York Elks Major Projects, Inc. Board of Directors.

I would like to thank the Major Projects board for their support

and confidence in elevating me to the chairman of this very important Board. I have a very big pair of shoes to fill, in following the past Chairman Ernie Southworth. Living and working around St. Bonaventure University most of my life, I have had the pleasure to watch and work with a great basketball player and gentle giant - Bob Lanier. Bob was 6'11" and wore a size 22 shoe. When I say I have a big pair of shoes to fill I think of the size 22's. Ernie may not be 6'11" in size, but his stature within the Major Projects Corporation is enormous. Ernie was chairman for the past seven years, and as I have watched, our programs have prospered over Ernie's tenure. Ernie will stay involved, as he was elected to the Cerebral Palsy Association of New York State Board of Directors.

As I watched and listened at our State convention Workshop, it makes me so proud to say that I am involved with the Major Projects. We have Districts, Lodges, and of course many of our ladies organizations, raising an unbelievable amount of money so someone less fortunate with any disability can find help through our Home Service Directors. When we see that lodges raised \$40.00 per capita even in these tough economic times, and many other Lodges raising \$30.00, \$20.00, and a very large amount meeting our State Chairman's challenge of \$10.00 per capita, it makes you proud to say that we are part of this Great organization. Over half of our 17 Districts raised the \$8.00 Per Capita.

It is through you, the MEMBERS with all of your hard work and dedication that makes our Major Projects prosper. All of the monies raised through the Major Project per Capita go to help C.P. of New York, through the Home Service Directors. the National The Foundation State Grant Also helps to fund our programs. Cerebral Palsy of New York is our Major Project, but this Board oversees many other committees that fall under the Major Projects Corporation umbrella. Some of these committees are: Community Activities, Americanism / Flag Day, Drug Awareness, The Empire State Elk Newspaper, Hoop Shoot. Soccer Shoot, Scholarships. National Foundation, Veterans, Public Relations, and Youth Activities.

Your Major Project Board, along with State Chairman Richard DeSilva, THANK YOU, the Elks members of New York State, for keeping our Major Projects running.

## A Message from Major Projects Chairman Richard DeSilva

I must say thank you to the 127 Lodges who has contributed to CP and say shame on you to the 3 Lodges that contributed nothing. The Officers of those Lodges could have made a small donation for a great cause, the cost of refreshment or a pack of cigarettes. impossible. There are more people out there that have more problems than us. The CP Affiliates are counting on us so let us do our part to help them. Once again all I ask is that you make your per capita.

## STATE CONVENTION REPORT

The special group award for organizations donating \$500 to \$2999.00: Potsdam Youth Group And Girl Scouts Troop \$ 625.00 Rensselaer Ladies Auxiliary #2073 1,500.00 Glen Falls Ladies Auxiliary #81 1,600.00 Troy Ladies of the Elks #141 1,000.00 Wappingers Ladies of the Elks #2609 1,300.00 Cairo-Durham Elk Ladies #2630 500.00 Haverstraw Ladies Club #877 2,000.00 Balston Spa Ladies Auxiliary #2619 500.00 Clifton Park Ladies Auxiliary #2466 500.00 Brunswick Ladies Auxiliary #2536 2,256.00 Saratoga-Wilton Ladies Auxiliary #161 2,000.00 Colonie Ladies #2192 500.00 Doe Club of Hyde Park #2107 2,500.00 Guilderland Ladies Auxiliary # 2480 2,098.00 LODGES ACHIEVING OVER \$10.00 FREEPORT-BALDWIN #1253 PT JEFFERSON #2138 AMHERST#1942 NIAGARA FALLS #346 LOCKPORT #41 STATEN ISLAND #841 SCARSDALE #2056 PEARL RIVER #2041 OSSINING #1486 MAMARONECK #1457 RENSSELEAR#2073 WAPPINGER #2609 **BEACON #1493** ROTTERDAM #2157 **GUILDERLAND #2480** ESPERANCE #2507 LANCASTER #1478 WOLCOTT #1763 WEBSTER- FAIRPORT #2396 CORTLANDT #748 UTICA #33 ROME #96 MONTICELLO #1544 PATCHOGUE # 1323 HUNTINGTON #1565 **HICKSVILLE #1931** SMITHTOWN #2036 NORTHSHORE #1458 **MECHANICS-STILLWATER #1403** 

DISTRICT PER CAPITA AWARD ALL DISTRICTS MADE OVER \$8.00 PER CAPITA

**CENTRAL DISTRICT #6080** EAST DISTRICT #6120 MID-HUDSON DISTRICT #6180 NORTH HUDSON DISTRICT #6260 NORTHEAST DISTRICT #6260 SOUTH DISTRICT #6320 SOUTHEAST DISTRICT #6400 STATE CAPITAL DISTRICT #6400 WEST CENTRAL DISTRICT #6560 EXCEPTIONAL PER CAPITA DONATION AWARD ALL LODGES IN THE DISTRICT MADE \$8.00 OR MORE EAST DISTRICT #6120 NORTHEAST DISTRICT #6260 SOUTH #6320 SOUTHEAST #6400 EXCEPTIONAL OVER TEN-DISTRICT AWARD MADE OVER \$10.00 DISTRICT PER CAPITA EAST DISTRICT #6120 MID HUDSON DISTRICT #6180 **EXCEPTIONAL OVER TWENTY-DISTRICT** AWARD MADE OVER 20.00 DISTRICT PER CAPITA SOUTH DISTRICT #6320 THE TOTAL DONATIONS COLLECTED THROGHOUT NYS IS \$434,854 OR \$7.50 PER CAPITA. THE THREE HIGHEST DISTRICT COLLECTIONS: \$ 54.794 STATE CAPITAL #6480 \$ 39,880 MID-HUDSON #6180 SOUTH DISTRICT #6320 \$ 36,650 86 LODGES DID \$8.00 + PER CAPITA Now we will give out the balance of the awards for those special groups and/or individuals OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS OF \$3000 OR MORE ELLENVILLE LADIES OF THE ELKS #1971 \$ 5,000.00 **ROTTERDAM LADIES AUXILIARY #2157** \$ 6,279.00 THE NEXT AWARD GOES TO TWO DISTRICT CHAIRS DISTRICT COMMITTEE PERSON AWARD: PAUL C GALARNEAU NORTHEAST DISTRICT MARK STUPARICH SOUTHEAST DISTRICT THE NEXT AWARD IS FOR THE LARGEST **INDIVIDUAL DONATION OF \$1,500** PRESENTED TO THEODORA MEYER, SVP FROM MECHANISVILLE-STILL WATER LODGE #1403 THE SECOND LARGEST INDIVIDUAL **DONATION OF \$1,000.00 DERRICK & JOAN MILLS** 

WAPPINGER LODGE #2609

Our State Ambassador, Gregory Santiago sends his Greetings.

As I traveled to Regional CP meetings, Home Service Directors Meetings and the CP Conference, I have been promoting Elkdom and all the good works that we do. At the last Home Service Directors Conference that I attended in April, their Executive Committee kept saying thank God for the Elks. As Government is cutting back in payments and Grants, The Elks, continue to live up to their commitment.

I need you to help me get my job done. All that I ask of you is to make at least \$8.00 per capita. My goal was \$10.00. We had 29 Lodges that hit that goal, 3 Lodges did over \$20.00, 3 Lodges did over thirty and one Lodge did over \$40.00. I realize that we are in tough times but as ELKS we do the Last year we had 20 lodges did over 20 lodges that did over \$10.00 per capita, this year we have 29, hopefully next year we can have 40 lodges. **LODGES ACHIEVING OVER \$20.00** ELLENVILLE #1971 ISLIP #2533 PORT CHESTER #863 **LODGES ACHIEVING OVER \$30.00** BRONX-NEW ROCHELLE #756 MT KISCO #1552 YORKTOWN #2324 **LODGE ACHIEVING OVER \$40.00** MT. VERNON-YONKERS #707

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