



**New Hyde Park Lodge #2107** and Does Club recently awarded their annual college scholarships to two outstanding local high school seniors. The Lodge's \$4,000 Henry Wessels' Scholarship winner was Jason S. Alves of Chaminade High School, Mineola, NY. Jason is a member of the National Honor Society, Chaminade High School Honor Roll as well as a winner of the President's Award for Educational Excellence and Honor Character Certificate. Jason will be attending Fairfield University. The \$1,000 Does Club scholarship winner was Kevin Joseph Brethel of Sewanhaka High School, Floral Park, NY. Kevin was the 2011 Class President, Captain of the Varsity Swim Team, is a member of the National Honor Society, and has achieved Departmental Honor Society distinction in math, science and physical education. Kevin will be attending Virginia Tech. (L-R) Kevin Brethel, Dorothy Guilliano, Does Scholarship Chair, Leonard Musmeci, ER, Jason Alves, Dean Lykos, PSVP, Elks Scholarship Chair.



**New York Lodge #1** PER Association awarded four \$750.00 scholarships to graduating high school seniors who are continuing their formal education. We wish them all the best in their future endeavors. Pictured above; from (l to r) are Lodge member and NY State Assemblyman Brian Curran; PER Association President Edith Savino, PSVP; Shannon Dass (Hartford); Robert W. Kerning (Penn St.); Michelle Ninivaggi (C.W.Post); MaryKate Ryan (Iona) and Scholarship Chairman Ron Hansen, PDDGER.



**Colonie Lodge #2192** - Bradley F. Mertins of Latham Troop 62 became the troops newest Eagle Scout in a ceremony held at Colonie Lodges pavilion in June. Representing Colonie Lodge were E.R. Carol Sponable and Americanism Chairman PER Jim Rubino. ER Sponable presented the newest Eagle with a Certificate from the Elks recognizing his accomplishment and a letter of congratulations from GER Michael Smith. PER Rubino presented a gift on behalf of the members of the lodge. Brad is the son of lodge members Richard and Francine Mertins.

**Huntington Lodge #1565** - The Nickolas Demidovich Memorial Fund Pancake

Breakfast to Benefit Local Boy Scouts Gathered at Elks Lodge in Huntington. Over sixty friends, family and lodge members and 20 scouts from Troop #165 gathered on Saturday, July 23rd, at the Elks Lodge in Huntington to help raise funds for the Memorial Fund, which helps defray the cost of sending all scouts to camp. Peter Demidovich, Lecturing Knight, is the son of Nickolas who set up the fund for the exact purpose of benefiting the scouts.

Peter and an array of scouts, friends and elks prepared a varied menu of pancakes, along with sausage, bacon and beverages. Jack Safarik, Exalted Ruler said, "The turnout for this first benefit was wonderful. We are honored to be able to host this affair for our sponsored troop". Thank you Peter, that's what Elkdom is all about.



**Syracuse Lodge #31** – Exalted Ruler Don Clookey along with Trustee Kevin Merriam PER handed out dictionaries to elementary schools throughout their immediate area. The Syracuse Elks Lodge #31 also handed out the dictionaries in Roxboro Rd. Elem. School in Mattydale, N.Y. as well as the 3rd graders in St. Rose of Lima School in North Syracuse, N.Y. and Huntington School in Syracuse. In all, Syracuse Lodge has given out over 500 dictionaries every year for each of the past 5 years to area schools much in need of resources. Pictured is Exalted Ruler Don Clookey speaking with the children at Elmwood School.



**Fulton Lodge # 830** held their annual Youth May Day event during National Youth Week. The event included carnival rides, Drug Awareness Booth, hands on children activities, bike drawings, NYS Elks Major Projects Booth and demonstrations by local Youth groups. The events are aimed at informing and educating our local children and parents of available youth programs in our area and our Elks programs available to them. Picture above are ER Christine Hawksby and Leading Knight Ross Belfiore with one of the bike winners.



Three local students were recognized by the **Camillus Lodge #2367** for attaining the rank of Eagle Scout in Boy Scouts of America Troop #60 from Warners, NY. The rank of Eagle Scout is the highest rank attainable in the Boy Scouts of America. Since its introduction in 1911, the Eagle Scout Rank has been earned by more than 2 million young men. The title "Eagle Scout" is held for life, thus giving rise to the phrase "Once an Eagle, always an Eagle". Requirements include earning twenty one merit badges and demonstrating Scout spirit, service, and leadership. This includes an extensive service project that the Scout plans, organizes, leads, and manages.

Camillus Elks Lodge Exalted Ruler Tom Kinsella commented "Our Lodge takes enormous pride in their achievement and are proud to call them our fellow citizens because they have worked hard to prove they believe in the United States as one nation under god, with liberty and justice for all." Pictured above; Eagle Scouts Jay Paika Rawling, Thomas O'Hara, and Joshua Miner receive plaques from Tom Kinsella. Photographs by Ted Gacek.



**Oswego Lodge #271** recently held their annual Teen Recognition Dinner. The Girl Scouts were honored for achieving their Gold Scout Award. Each of the Scouts was awarded \$ 100.00 from the Elks. Also honored were the Teens of the Month from Oswego, Mexico, Pulaski and BOCES. Each of the teens received \$ 100.00 from the Oswego Elks. Pictured above L to R; Tom Willuize, Dave Longley State Vice President Ontario District, Troop 484 Leader Mary Ann Pettie, Ambassador Girl Scouts Troop #41 Paige Gray, Katherine Robinson Ambassador Girl Scout Troop # 484 Danielle Mather, Troop # 484 leader Cindy Mather, Exalted Ruler Colleen Rinaldo, John Rinaldo, Troop #41 Leader Sonia Robinson. Front row left to right: Ambassador Girl Scout Troop #484 Brittany Noyes, Ambassador Girl Scout Troop #41 Camille Graham and Jacqueline Hondro, Ambassador Girl Scout Troop #484 Shannon Pasco.

**Potsdam Lodge #2074** sponsored a day of free inflatable rides for children during the annual Potsdam Summerfest. Over 400 children enjoyed bounce, climbing and a large water ride at the Lodge. Lodge members also distributed dictionaries, hoop shoot shirts and American flags to children. Elroy the Elk was on hand to greet and have photo's taken with the children and families. Elroy is pictured with one of the many young children that enjoyed the rides.