

## Community Activities



**Canandaigua Lodge #1844** - The Saltonstall Community Watch Group recently received a donation of community watch signs from the Canandaigua Lodge. These signs will be posted throughout the Saltonstall area in an effort to promote a safe neighborhood. This project was prompted by Police Chief Jonathan Welch, Liaison Officer Dan Ball, Watch Group organizer Jennifer Naracong and Spearheaded by Leading Knight Rob Coe Jr. Pictured above Left to Right: Ron McNeal, Jim DeMay, ER Al Clark, Dave Simmons, Officer Dan Ball, Paul Paeth, Jennifer Naracong, Rob Coe Jr.

**Islip Lodge #2533** - Islip Lodge joined with The Town of Islip in its' 21st. annual "Just Say No to Drugs" Sharpshooter Contest. Thanks to the collaboration of the Islip Sports and Aquatic Office, The Islip Housing Authority, local school districts and the Islip Elks, local students have the opportunity to compete in this great event. Pictured are member Dennis Casey and Norman Newkirk, PER, along with the 6th. and 7th. grade 1st., 2nd. and 3rd. place girls. Islip Lodge has been supplying Tee Shirts and Trophies for this Drug Awareness Contest, since its' inception.

**Ogdensburg Lodge #772** handed out dictionaries to students from the Ogdensburg, Heuvelton, Lisbon, Hammond and Morristown school Districts. The Lodge has dedicated the program as the Sheila Gwin Dictionary Project in memory of the late Sheila Gwin. She was a long time teacher and Principal in the Ogdensburg School District. PER Jerry Reed and Past State Vice President George Kotz Sr. are pictured with third grade students from Kennedy School in Ogdensburg.

In the fall, Ron Rookey a member of **Oswego Lodge #271**, decided that it was not only time to lose a few pounds but that in do so, he could raise money for his lodge. He began by personally enlisting 120 sponsors, most of whom were Elks, to pledge a minimum of one dollar for every pound he lost.

Ron began his diet on October 3<sup>rd</sup>, following an official weigh-in that took place at the lodge. Nine weeks later he weighed in again, only this time, he was 23 pounds lighter. This resulted in pledges of \$3500.00 being raised. Of this amount, Oswego Lodge #271 contributed \$2800 to the Oswego Community Christmas Basket Program and \$700.00 to the Human Concern Center. The Lodge was able to prepare 22 Baskets for families in the area.



**Potsdam Lodge #2074** distributed 620 dictionaries to all third grade students at Norwood-Norfolk, Madrid-Waddington, Parishville-Hopkinton, Colton-Pierrepont, Canton, Tupper Lake and St. Mary's of Canton. Students from the Banford Elementary School are pictured proudly displaying their new dictionaries. Pictured with the students, in back row, are NYSEA Youth Activities Chair Tim Welp, School Principal Richard Tomlinson and Past Exalted Ruler Mike Neaton.