

## Major Projects CP



On behalf of the Major Projects Board of Directors, we would like to thank you, the MEMBERS of the New York State Elks Association for all of your generous support. As we are coming to the end of another fiscal year, we are all working hard to meet our Per Capita goals of at least \$8.00 per member. Our State Major Project Chairman Rich DeSilva, along with his wife Mary, has been working tirelessly to assist Lodges and districts in their fundraising efforts, to ensure that we will have a positive year.

With all of your contributions, you are helping the New York State Elks Association to continue our commitment to work with and partner with Cerebral Palsy of New York State. All of the monies raised pay the salaries of the Home Service Director for each Affiliate. We also assist in the purchase of 4 vans each year. The Home Service Directors lead their clients through all of the stumbling blocks that may arise when dealing with Insurance and Government agencies, making sure that their client receives the specialized treatment that may be needed. The Home Service Director not only makes the appointment, but may also drive the family to the appointment, as many do not have a vehicle, or do not drive.

In the upcoming Fiscal Year we are looking at some changes that will be announced at our Convention in Rochester in May. Again THANK YOU, the MEMBERS, for all of your support.

Jamie Peace, PSP, Chairman,  
NY Elks Major Projects Board

The newly merged **Brooklyn-Queens Borough Lodge 878** raised \$250 tonight for United Cerebral Palsy at this year's Super bowl Party, featuring their new 18 foot projector screen! With almost 60-members, family and guests attending this inaugural event, the lodge provided a comfortable and pleasant atmosphere for those watching the exciting football game. In addition to having a wonderful time and enjoying food provided by Adrian and Rocky's Catering those in attendance reached deep in their pockets to give to this worthy cause promoted by our New York State Elks Association. Exalted Ruler Rodriguez, present at the event, stated that "it is wonderful to see the lodge members and others provide for those less fortunate than us". ER Rodriguez presented a check at the home-coming dinner for Gregory Christian Santiago, our UCP Ambassador at Staten Island Lodge No. 871 on February 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Liverpool Lodge #2348** recently held their annual Music Fest to benefit NYS Major Projects, Cerebral Palsy. Three bands played throughout the afternoon. There were raffles and food available. Over 500 people attended this event. Rotterdam Elks Lodge brought an entire bus load of people to help support this function and make it as successful as it was. The net proceeds exceeded \$10,000.

**Canandaigua Lodge # 1844** - Major Projects fundraising is once again in full swing with the start of the acclaimed Sunday Morning Breakfast series. This successful program has been the foundation of the Canandaigua Lodge's efforts for many years, producing not only the funds for Major Projects, but also the NYS CP Person of the Year, Richard Crudele PER.

**Rotterdam Lodge # 2157** held it's first ever bowling tournament to benefit CP. Lodge members, along with bowlers from other State Capitol Dist lodges, raised \$2,900. Two bowlers, Jeff Syron and Rotterdam Exalted Ruler Mel Olivera bowled perfect games .

### State Major Projects News

The North District held a Major Project double fund raiser for CP at Glen Falls Lodge # 81. It was also State President David Carr's visit to his home district. In the afternoon they held a wine tasting with 50 in attendance and in the evening there was an October Fest with over 150 people in attendance. All lodges in the district were in attendance. The lodge raised a lot of money for CP. Checks were presented to State chairman Rich DeSilva by North District Chairperson PER Stella Kolysko and Glen Falls ER Joseph DeLorenzo.

The NY State Major Project Committee wants to thank John Kochan from Colonie Lodge for his individual donation of \$ 500.00.