

The next award is to the largest donation by an individual. The recipient

Theodora Meyer, Mechansville-Stillwater # 1403 with a donation of \$1,000.00

The next group of awards goes to Lodges with significant improvement in donations. The two Lodges are: Elmira # 62 and Penn Yan # 1722.

I will be presenting the District Committee Person Award. These awards go to the District Chair(s) who made



significant contribution to our goals as an organization. Every District Chair deserves the award and it's a hard decision to determine the recipients but three Chairs stand out this year. Their districts all improved and their districts all had over \$9.00 per capita. The recipients are: Linda Smith, West Central District, Carol Dillabough, Ontario District and Jack McClurken, Mid-Hudson District. (Photo taken by William Pine)

The Distinguished Major Project Award is presented to individuals for their outstanding dedication and enthusiasm to the Major Projects Program.

The first recipient is Gerald Casso, Sr. from Rotterdam Lodge # 2157. Gerald is described as a behind the scene individual who has devoted 25 years working for Major Projects functions. Gerald does whatever needs to be done to make the event run smoothly. Gerald is not here today but the Rotterdam Lodge will make a suitable presentation to Gerald in the near future.



The next recipient is Rocco Arcaro, Camillus Lodge # 2367. Over a year ago Rocco lost his wife and asked that donations in her memory be made to Major Projects. This is an ongoing process and to date it has resulted in donation of over \$2,600.00. We thank Rocco for this thoughtful way to recognize his wife and to help those with disabilities achieve a better way of life.

At a recent Home Service Director's meeting I presented a Special Recognition Award to Cheryl Bradway, a staff member of CP of NYS. Cheryl designed the poster of the new Ambassadors changing the format to include biographies for the first time. This design format has drawn rave reviews from everyone. This was done at no cost except for printing and saved significant dollars that can be used elsewhere in our program This is an example of the type of people who work in our program, devoting their time and energy to help those who are striving to improve their life style.

The State Vice President's Award is for Outstanding Service to the Major Projects Program. Once again this is a difficult decision because so many deserve the award but after review and consultation with other members of the Major Projects team I have chosen Fred Kanehl of the West District for

the award. Fred is a go-getter who helped turn around a huge fundraiser in his district and this year they raised over \$20,000. Additionally, Fred constantly talked Major Projects and kept his district informed about everything going on in Major Projects.



The Ladies of the East District are the recipients of the next award, which goes to the Ladies Group raising the most money. Each year they put on a Sunday afternoon event for Major Projects and this year they raised \$17,000.00. This is an amazing event and one of the highlights of my year is being able to attend along with our Ambassador.



The next award is for the Lodge raising the most money during the year for Major Projects. Again this year the award goes to Rotterdam Lodge # 2157 for raising \$21,570.00.

The next part of this report is the State Vice Presidents report their district totals.

We will start with the Central District.

Central District- Robert Dyer, State Vice President District total \$22,804.50 District Per Capita 4 of 8 Lodges made per capita 2 of 8 Lodges made \$10.00 per capita

East District- Frederick Follett, State Vice President District total \$26,034.66 District per capita \$12,77 2 of 10 Lodges made per capita 1 of 10 Lodges made \$10.00 per capita Islip # 2533 made over \$15.00 per capita

East Central District- Gary Jones, State Vice President District total \$11,640.75 District per capita \$3.00 1 of 9 Lodges made per capita 1 of 9 Lodges made \$10.00 per capita Ellenville # 1971 made over \$20.00 per capita

Mid-Hudson District- Scott Taylor, State Vice President District total \$36,146.73

District per capita \$ 9.36 6 of 7 Lodges made per capita 4 of 7 Lodges made \$10.00 per capita

North District- Ray Downs, State Vice President District total \$22,006.67 District per capita \$7.18 4 of 6 Lodges made per capita 1 of 6 Lodges made \$10.00 per capita

North Central District-Jennifer Neaton, State Vice President District total \$30,659.69 District per capita \$4.75 1 of 8 Lodges made per capita 0 of 8 Lodges made \$10.00 per capita

North Hudson District-James Shaw, State Vice President

District total \$32,652.70 District per capita \$9.04 8 of 8 Lodges made per capita 2 of 8 Lodges made \$10.00 per capita

Northeast District-Paul Galarneau, State Vice President

Disrict total \$29,060.00 District per capita \$10.11 8 of 8 Lodges made per capita 3 of 8 Lodges mad \$10.00 per capita

Ontario District-Donald D. Fittipaldi, State Vice President

District total \$ 23,687.42 District per capita \$9.30 3 of 6 Lodges mage per capita 1 of 6 Lodges made \$10.00 per capita Liverpool #2348 made \$ 17.45 per capita

South District-Stephen Spodnik, State Vice

President

\$38,100.00 District total \$23.52 District per capita 7 of 7 Lodges made per capita 7 of 7 Lodges made \$10.00 per capita Bronx-New Rochelle # 756 made over \$20.00 per capita Mid Westchester # 535 and Mount Vernon-

Yonkers # 707 Made over \$30.00 per capita Ossining # 1486 made over \$50.00 per capita

South Central District-John Edinger, State

Vice President

District total \$17,119.50 District per capita \$4.70 4 of 10 Lodges made per capita 1 of 10 Lodges made \$10.00 per capita

Southeast District-Peter Roach, State Vice President

\$21,180.00 District total District per capita \$9.22 5 of 5 Lodges made per capita 1 of 5 Lodges made \$10.00 per capita

Southern Tier District-Gary Carlson, State Vice President **District Total** \$15,173.00

District per capita \$5.35 2 of 6 Lodges made per capita 2 of 6 Lodges made \$10.00 per capita

Southwest District-Wayne Crans, State Vice President

District total \$11,562.14 District per capita \$4.59 1 of 5 Lodges made per capita 0 of 5 Lodges made \$10.00 per capita

State Capital District-Ernest Heassler, State Vice President District total \$48,926.67

District per capita \$7.84 6 of 7 Lodges made per capita 1 of 7 Lodges made \$10.00 per capita

West District-Fred Kanehl, State Vice President \$21,046.55 District total District per capita \$8.01

3 of 8 Lodges made per capita 3 of 8 Lodges made \$10.00 per capita

West Central District-Edward Miller, State

Vice President

\$23,378.10 District total District per capita \$9.50 6 of 7 Lodges made per capita 4 of 7 Lodges made \$10.00 per capita

Thank you for your reports. We raised a total of \$ 439,639.12 for the year. I want to stress this is an unofficial total. We still have to double-check the figures given for accuracy

I would like to congratulate State President Mike Bloss for raising \$7,673.00 this past year as he traveled around the State on hi official visits.

It is my pleasure to introduce to you Joseph Cali, one of our Ambassadors. Joseph parents John and Catherine tagged along with Joseph to keep him out of trouble. Continued on page...... 8