

It is Hoop Shoot time!

Below are the dates for NY States, District, Regional, State, Tri State and National contests.

District

- North Central District-Clarkson University, Potsdam NY-1/21/12
- North Hudson District-Bard College, Red Hook NY-1/7/12
- Northeast District-Saratoga Central Catholic High School, Saratoga Springs NY-1/7/12
- Ontario District-Oswego Middle School, Oswego NY-1/7/12
- South District-Caputo Community Center, Ossining NY-1/14/12
- South Central District-Homer High School, Homer NY-1/21/12
- Southeast District-New Hyde Park High School, New Hyde Park NY-1/14/12
- Southwest District-St. Bonaventure University, St. Bonaventure NY-1/8/12
- Southern Tier District-Penn Yan Elementary School, Penn Yan NY-1/28/12
- State Capitol District-Watervilet High School, Watervilet NY-1/7/12
- Central District-Herkimer County Community College, Herkimer NY-1/21/12
- East District-Islip Village Hall, Islip NY-1/21/12
- East Central District-Liberty High School, Liberty NY-1/21/12
- Mid Hudson District-Arlington High School, La Grangeville NY-1/21/12
- North District-Plattsburgh High School, Plattsburgh NY-1/14/12
- West District-St Francis Assisi School, Tonawanda NY-1/21/12
- West Central District-Newark Community Center, Newark NY-1/14/12

Regional

- West-Wolcott Lodge-2/11/12
- Central-Herkimer Lodge-2/4/12
- East-Cohoes-Waterford Lodge-2/4/12
- South-Poughkeepsie Lodge-2/11/12

State Finals

Glens Falls Lodge-3/3/12

Tri State

Wilkes-Barre PA-3/24/12

National Finals

Springfield MA-April 26-29, 2012

This is truly one of the great programs we do in Elkdom. A big thank you, to all that are involved. I know this year will be one of our best.

Fraternally,

William J. Reedy Jr.

NYSEA Hoop Shoot Director



**Potsdam Lodge #2074** was the host site for 2011 North Central District soccer shoot. The contest was held at Potsdam College. Members of the Potsdam State woman's soccer team, along with Lodge members, officiated the competition. After the event, the contestants and their families enjoyed a luncheon and award ceremony at Potsdam Lodge 2074. District champions and 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishers are pictured proudly displaying their awards at the conclusion of the award ceremony with District Deputy Dennis Manchester, State NYSEA Soccer Chair Mike Neaton and Exalted Ruler Bill LaPoint.



**Massapequa Lodge #2162** opened its doors to the community during their Elks Open House coordinated by Chairwoman of the Board of Trustees Fran Ward. Committee Chairpersons presided over information tables with displays and handouts. They had discussions with visiting guests regarding the various programs of the Lodge. Drug Awareness, Youth Activities, Veteran's Affairs, Membership, E.N.F. and Major Projects were highlighted and many of our visitors were pleasantly surprised to learn what the "Elks actually do". There were over 30 people in attendance and volunteer members prepared snacks to enjoy while they visited the various tables and sat in discussions with our Chairpersons and committee members. Two visitors signed up to become members immediately and several others committed to returning for further information. The success was measured by educating our community members of who we are and what we do. Pictured above; Drug Awareness Chairwoman Jade Michaels and Drug Awareness and Youth Activities Chairman PER William Schmidt.



**Patchogue Lodge #1323**, as part of their Elks ongoing Dictionary Project, presented Thesaurus's to 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Students at the Bay Avenue Elementary School. Pictured with the students on the top row from left to right are: Patchogue Elks Past District Deputy Craig Munn, Bay Avenue Principal Rui Merndes, Lodge Treasurer Robert Carciello and Mrs. Melissa Colnna 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher.



Starting from November 1, 2011 to November 5, 2011, the **Watertown Lodge #496** distributed 1392 dictionaries to 3rd graders in area schools. Accompanying the dictionaries were drug awareness bookmarkers and coloring books. The above photo shows 3rd grade students from Lyme Central school, Chaumont NY with their new dictionaries. This class represents one of many who were

given dictionaries during the 2011 - 2012 school year. Elk members distributing dictionaries here are Tim Kelly, Past State President, William Coty, member and Bob Overton, member.

**Haverstraw Lodge # 877** held its 6<sup>th</sup> year program for their Drug Program that includes other youth problems that can be prevented in the North Rockland School District. The program was held at the Fieldstone Middle School in Thiells for 1600 students. The students came from the Fieldstone, Farley and Haverstraw Middle Schools. The program was entitled "Images and Miracles" and included drug problems, Bulimia, binge drinking and peer pressure, all potential problems of our youth. The Haverstraw Elks also distributed dictionaries to all third graders in the North Rockland and Parochial Schools to continue its programs for youth.



**Patchogue Lodge #1323** – Drug Awareness Poster Contest Winner The 4<sup>th</sup> Grade winner of the Patchogue Elks Drug Awareness Poster Contest, Katarine Rocano, is presented with a Certificate of Recognition for her winning poster "Not Now – Not Ever". Pictured on the left is her Dad Marco and on the right is Drug Awareness Chairman Scott Salimando. Katarine was also presented with a \$30 First Prize from the Patchogue Elks and a \$50 Second Prize from the Elks of the East District. This year's contest Theme will be "I Choose Not To Use".



**Patchogue Lodge # 1323** Leading Knight Scott Salimando making presentation to Eagle Scout Nicholas D. Kaufer Eagle Scout Court of Honor was held by Troop 47 of Patchogue for Eagle Scout Nicholas D. Kaufer at the Bay Avenue Elementary School. Nick's project was to create an "Outdoor Classroom" at the Bay Avenue Elementary School. Patchogue Lodge # 1323 Leading Knight Scott Salimando presented Nick with a Certificate of Recognition and a Ceremonial American Flag. Job well done Eagle Scout Nick.

