



The **Mid-Westchester Lodge #535** located in White Plains, NY with the help of an ENF Promise grant has provided \$1,000 start-up funding to form a Boy Scout Pack for children with disabilities. Pack 535 consists of 10 boys from the CP Westchester School program who would have not had the opportunity to participate in scouting without the generosity of the Elks. The funding is going towards the purchase of uniforms and is paying for activities that will enable the scouts to earn badges. The CP Center of Westchester, the Boy Scout Council and the Mid Westchester Elks Lodge have joined forces in making this program a reality for these special needs boys. The program takes place on the CP Center Campus. One of the CP Center teachers is who has special training is the Pack Leader.

The Westchester/Putnam Scout Council has been supportive in the development of this innovative Scouting program for children with physical and other developmental disabilities. The Scouting curriculum is being modified so that the boys can participate in meaningful activities that will enable them to earn badges.

The Scouts are planning activities that will include visiting community helpers and responders, going to local parks to explore and participate in outdoor activities. Pictured above; is Bob Sollazzo Youth Committee chairman and John Donahoe.



**Port Jefferson Lodge #2138** made a presentation of a \$1,300.00 check to the local Boy Scout Troop # 354. This donation to the Scout Troop was to help them replace equipment that they recently lost through a burglary. Pictured above (L. to R.) first row: Scouts William Marlowe, Todd Alix and Daniel Steir. Middle row: Adam Giamerest, Phil Keskes, Maclain Griesch, Tristin Griesch and Charles Craig. Back Row is Justin Behrens, Kyle Schauss, Trustee and PER Robert Morrow, Scout Master and lodge member Bob Pearsall, Exalted Ruler Anthony Florio, PER, Scouts Andrew McHugh and Brendan Behrens, with Chairman of the Lodge Trustees, Robert McClean.



**Massapequa Lodge #2162** – Exalted Ruler Charles Munsey attended a Court of Honor for an Eagle Scout Thomas B. Garcia of Troop 656 of Wantagh. Thomas was presented with a United State Flag and an Elk Eagle Scout certificate to commemorate his accomplishments.



Success By 6 is a community initiative that works to ensure that kids are ready for success in school and life. The initiative is led by United Way of Central New York, and works in partnership with many local business, non-profits, and community members. Whether you're a childcare provider, a preschool teacher, a parent or a grandparent, Success By 6 is your link to resources about childcare, early childhood education and child development;

- By educating and involving parents to help them play a more active role in their children's success
- By focusing community efforts to build the best early childhood development programs possible
- By helping parents and caregivers understand the effect they have on the lives of the children they care for
- By advocating for the best, physical, intellectual and emotional care for all young children

**Auburn Lodge #474** held a Pancake Breakfast. All of the food served for the breakfast was donated. Guests and Elk members had a hearty breakfast.

Exalted Ruler Frank Saya presented a check for \$540 representing the proceeds of the breakfast to cover the Success By Six program for 20 children. In addition, good member and Past Exalted Ruler Fred Mochler donated another \$50 towards the benefit.

The check was presented to the Success by Six Coordinator, Nancy Tehan and Rick Hansinger, CEO of the Gavras Center in Auburn, NY. Also in attendance for the presentation was Michael Strube, Leading Knight and CP Chairman and of course Bill Welch. Pictured above L to R: Rick Hansinger CEO, ER Frank, Hon. Bill Welch, Michael Strube Leading Knight, Nancy Tehan, Coordinator Success by 6.



**Cobleskill Lodge #2040** – A big Thank You goes out to Scoville-Meno Honda of Oneonta for donating to the lodge Youth Activities program a check for \$ 150.00. Leading Knight and Youth Activities chairman Victor Taylor presented the check to Exalted Ruler Charlene Wilder.



**Ticonderoga Lodge # 1494** - Distributed dictionaries to the third grad students at the Putnam Central School, St. Mary's School, Ticonderoga Elementary

School, Schroon Lake Central School, Mountainside Christian Academy and Moriah Central School. The lodge distributes dictionaries every year to seven schools in their area.

