



**Massapequa Lodge #2162** had over 250 parents and children with cerebral palsy and challenged children sharing the day filled with hot dogs, chicken fingers, balloon making, face painting and dancing. Santa and Mrs. Claus gave each of the children a Christmas present from the North Pole. Lodge Chairwoman Gina Munsey makes it better year after year.

On November 19, 2011, the **Rensselaer Lodge #2037** held its 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Cerebral Palsy Auction. In addition to over fifty local businesses donating goods and services, many Lodge members personally donated items, including beautifully hand-made items. Final winners for the 20-Week Club were also drawn that evening. Through the assistance of dozens of members, Ron Barner, Chairman, and Lodge Est. Leading Knight announced a total net income of \$6,581, demonstrating that truly "Elks Give from the Heart."

Elks National Foundation – Summary of Donations April 1, 2011 thru Feb. 29, 2012

NYSEA Membership – 54,749

Donations \$ 249,728.03

Per capita \$ 4.561

Bequests \$ 5,000.00

Grand Total \$ 254,728.03

**DISTRICT TOTALS**

Central District #6080	\$ 14,732.50
East District #6120	\$ 17,167.70
East Central Dist. #6160	\$ 13,007.70
Mid Hudson Dist. #6180	\$ 15,829.40
North District #6200	\$ 20,028.46
North Central Dist. #6240	\$ 21,507.75
North Hudson Dist. #6260	\$ 15,320.20
Northeast Dist. #6280	\$ 16,981.70
Ontario District #6300	\$ 11,398.38
South District #6320	\$ 13,676.70
South Central Dist. #6360	\$ 18,758.00
Southeast Dist. #6400	\$ 10,090.00
Southwest Dist. #6440	\$ 7,393.00
Southern Tier Dist. #6460	\$ 11,823.21
State Capital Dist. #6480	\$ 13,886.86
West District	\$ 16,556.25
West Central Dist. #6560	\$ 14,054.52
NYSEA	\$ 1,407.00
Miscellaneous Donations	\$ 1,108.70



In February, officers and members from **Watervliet Lodge 1500** visited the 8th grade class at the Menands Public School to present awards to the winners of the Americanism Essay contest. A total of ten entries were received from the class. All the students were also treated to cookies compliments of the lodge. Pictured above; L to R PER Edgar Quackenbush, Connor Price-1st place, Abigail Davis ,2nd place Bridget Kelly,3rd place Class teacher Agnes Andrews and ER Pat Moran PER.

**Herkimer Lodge #1439** - When the Herkimer High School won the Class III Section C Championship for the first time in 27 years the Herkimer Elks wanted to make it special for them. Under youth activity they presented each member of the team along with the coaches a commemorative football highlighting that achievement. On hand to present the football where ER William Proni, Leading Knight Scott Pizer, Lecturing Knight Ryan Jaquish. Past State Vice Presidents Roy Henry and Lou Christie.



**Newark Lodge #1249** hosted the 6th annual Blue and Gold Banquet where Scouts were recognized for their special contributions to the community. Four second year Webelos including; Lucas DeVito, Liam Childs, Cameron Swann and Connor O'Brien participated in the Crossing Over Ceremony in which they became Boy Scouts. The evening commenced with a welcome to over eighty Scouts and their parents. Following Innovation and Den introductions, a number of Cub Scouts were recognized for having earned beltloops and pins and four others received their Wolf Badges. Michael Thompson, Exalted Ruler, accepted a special plaque from the Scouts which thanked Newark Elks Lodge #1249 for being Pack 122's Chartering Organization. The guests enjoyed a special recognition dinner prepared by Matt DeJohn and his kitchen crew.



Cobleskill Lodge #2040 distributed over 160 dictionaries to all of the 3<sup>rd</sup>. grade students at Cobleskill-Richmondville Central School for our youth activities and Drug awareness

programs. Each student was given a dictionary to keep and inside the dictionary was a bookmark reminding them of the dangers of drugs. Pictured bottom center column are PSVP Jay Heassler, Youth Activities Chairman, Mrs. Philbrick, school representative and Kim Weidman, Drug Awareness Chairman.