

On October 13th **Boonville Lodge #2158** participated in the annual Cerebral Palsy Walk. Over \$1600 was raised by their members. Although the amount was smaller than last year they have high hopes for next year.

Bring out the classic cars, with over 50 classic cars on hand the **Herkimer Lodge #1439** held their annual classic car show. With the support from local vendors, the public and sponsors the event was able to turn over to our Major Project Cerebral Palsy a check for \$2,000.00. Chaired by PSVP Roy Henry and all the volunteers this event turned out to be a big success.



Mid Westchester Lodge #535

For most teens, getting away from parents and spending time with friends is a way of life. For teens with disabilities, it's more of a struggle. Thanks to **Mid Westchester Lodge No. 535**, many of these teens now have a social group of their own. Several times a month, Elks organize outings for teens with disabilities, like movie nights, amusement park trips, service events, baseball games and holiday parties. The Lodge recently received a Friendship Award from the Cerebral Palsy of Westchester honoring the Elks for the successful program. The enthusiasm and joy of the teenagers involved continues to be strong, says Project Manager Ron Rezza. "Their families often have expressed their deepest appreciation for the program."

ELKS GRANT TO HELP PROVIDE DISABILITY SPORTS TRAINING FOR AFFILIATE STAFF



Thanks to a \$5,000 grant from the New York State Elks Association Major Projects Fund, CP of NYS is moving forward with plans to hold a Disability Sports Specialist Training workshop next spring in Queens. The two-day training will qualify about 40 Affiliate staff as certified disability sports specialists. The training includes risk management, injury prevention, information on paralympic sports structure, athlete development skills and updates in technology in disability sport, among other topics.

The support of the New York State Elks Association for CP of NYS, our Affiliates

and the people we serve has never been stronger and we are grateful for all their organization does on our behalf. The annual donations to our Home Service Program, as well as the many projects, both large and small conducted by individual lodges for local CP of NYS Affiliates, help us to provide opportunities for people with disabilities to be fully involved in their communities.

The workshop in Queens will provide training for Affiliate staff interested in creating recreational and competitive athletic programs for people with disabilities. This will enable staff to help program participants be more physically active, healthier and more involved in their communities. This gift, like so many others from the Elks, helps us to accomplish our mission. Submitted by **Al Shibley**

STORMS BATTER NEW YORK, BUT STAFF FROM CP of NYS AND AFFILIATES ARE UNDETERRED

Super Storm Sandy and the Nor'easter that followed a few days later, wreaked massive destruction in New York City, Long Island and the Hudson Valley. Downed trees and storm surge caused the loss of electrical power to more than one million New Yorkers. The New York City subway and highway tunnels flooded cutting off Manhattan. Most transportation was stopped in suburban areas because of impassable roads.

CP of NYS and Affiliates throughout the downstate area were without power and water for days. Many residents were evacuated and some have still not been able to return to their homes. But our staff carried on and continued to do their jobs despite the fact that some of them also lost their homes to the storm. Employees at CP of NYS Metro Services and Affiliates in NYC, Queens, Nassau, Suffolk, Westchester, Rockland, Orange, Sullivan, and Putnam & Dutchess worked around the clock to ensure that the people they support were safe and comfortable.

Government and private agencies are helping as much as they can, but it will be months before any sense of normalcy returns to many areas. Areas like Breezy Point in Queens, where more than 100 houses burned to the ground, and Midland Beach in Staten Island, where a dozen people died in a flood, may never fully recover.

A fund has been established to help employees of CP of NYS and its Affiliates start the recovery process. Details about how to help can be found [here](#). We are also gathering stories about how staff at CP of NYS and its Affiliates responded to the storm. Those can be found on our website or on facebook.

Lyons Lodge #869 recently hosted the Lyons 5K Race to benefit Cerebral Palsy. Many volunteers from not only the Elks Lodge, but also community members helped make the event a success. Event chairman Tom Gowan announced the following results at the end of the race:

- RUNNERS**
LADIES – Overall Winner: Martha Robers (23.29)
 Age 30-39 1st – Julianna Lake
 Age 40-49 1st – Ellen Hey
 2nd – Jean Carnese
 Age 50-59 1st – Janine Quinlan
 Age 70+ 1st – Dawn Wilcox
MEN – Overall Winner: Lynn Buckholz (21.03)
 Age 30-39 1st – Jimmy Addona
 2nd – Joshua Perkreign
 Age 40-49 1st – Joe Carnese
 Age 50-59 1st – Jeff Washburn
 2nd – Steve Morse

FASTEST ELK TEAM - Rochester Lodge #24
FASTEST ELK – Ed Tellier
FASTEST WALKER

- Men 1st - Matt Addona
 2nd – Bill Dinse
 3rd – Ed Miller
- Women 1st - Shannon McVeigh
 2nd – Kim Snyder

Event Chairman Gowan also recognized the many supporters of the event including local businesses and individuals for providing many needed supplies to help the event be successful.

Supporters included: Dobbins Drugs Inc., Lyons Veterinary Clinic, The Lyons National Bank, Duane Fisher, Inc., Richard Wunder, Esq., Brian Manktelow, Dr. Randy Mitchell, Patricia Albert, Josh Pickreign, Growler's Pub & Grill, Goebert Auto Parts, Pacello Service Station, Lyons Police Department, Village of Lyons, and Wayne County Sheriff's Dept.

Overall winners Martha Roberts and Lynn Buckholz had their names and race times permanently engraved on the Lyons Elks Lodge #869 5K Plaque.



Keeseville Lodge #2072 recently shared the fruits of their labor with several local and statewide organizations. Over the past several weeks, representative of the local lodge have been meeting with organizations to offer their support for the various causes. In particular, the members gave significant donations to the Clinton County Veterans Assistance Fund, Clinton Community College's College Advance Placement Program, and the NY State Elks Association's Major Projects Corporation. Pictured above Past Grand Exalted Ruler David R. Carr (L) and District Deputy David Gload (R) present a donation from the Keeseville Elks Lodge to NYS Major Project District Chairperson, Brian Greene.



The Elks chose these charities because they are in line with the causes that are important within their own group. "The Elks believe very strongly in supporting youth activities, veterans, and the people in our own communities," explained Randy Pray, Exalted Ruler of the Keeseville Lodge. "Through these donations, more students will be afforded the opportunity to advance their education, more veterans can get the assistance they so justly deserve, and the Home Service Directors of our Major Projects affiliates can do more to help families affected by Cerebral Palsy and autism-spectrum disorders."



The donations were the result of several fundraising events hosted by the Keeseville group over the summer and early fall. "We have several events that we hold every year, the biggest being our Pig-N-Swig fundraiser," said Past Exalted Ruler Dave Gload. The Pig-N-Swig is a day-long classic car show, motorcycle ride, and pig roast; held each year on or around Father's Day.

In addition to the fundraising, recent Lodge events include a free dinner for Veterans Day and a community Thanksgiving basket giveaway. Still to come is the annual Hoop Shoot Free-Throw Contest and the Keeseville Community Christmas Baskets program.