

Community Activities—Making a Difference in our Communities



Auburn Elks Lodge # 474 donated 255 items to the Golisano Children's Hospital's Child Life Program. The items were purchased using a \$2,000 grant from the Elks National Foundation. Using the \$2,000 grant, the Auburn Elks purchased books, crib soothers, teething, rattles, latex-free Band-Aids, night lights, lip balm and clothes for the Hospital. Valerie Parsons, Lodge Chaplain is pictured presenting the donated items to Suzanne Karl, the Syracuse hospital's child life specialist.



Liverpool Elks Lodge #2348 recently celebrated their 48th anniversary. New York State Elks Association President Jerry Shook, along with his wife Abby joined in the festivities. At a dinner in his honor awards were given to outstanding police and firefighters that serve the members of the lodge. Chief Donald Morris, of the Liverpool Police Department, Chief William Lefencheck of Baldwinsville Police and Chief Tony Albanese of Seneca River Fire Department were present to honor the award winners from their departments. Officer Gerald "Jerry" Unger of Liverpool Police Department and Office Jason Guinn of Baldwinsville Police along with Captain Christopher Snow of Seneca River Fire Department were honored for their dedication and outstanding achievements to their departments and all they represent. The recipients were all chosen by their peers in their respective departments. Pictured are William Lefencheck Baldwinsville Police Chief ;Donald Morris Liverpool Police Chief ;Officer Jason Guinn, Baldwinsville Police Department; Jerry Shook, NYS Elks Association President; Officer Gerald "Jerry" Unger of Liverpool Police Department; Captain Christopher Snow of Seneca River Fire Department; Chief Tony Albanese of Seneca River Fire Department and Arthur Van Gelder III Exalted Ruler, Liverpool Elks Lodge.



Colonie Lodge 2192 donated their Gratitude Grant of \$2000.00 to St. Ambrose's Food Pantry. The donation will feed more than 100 families in need in the Latham-Colonie area. Pictured from L-R are: Pauline Kubizna; DeBorah Sponable, Exalted Ruler Colonie 2192; Father Anthony Barrett, St. Ambrose Church and School; Patricia Pyndus; Kimberly Tremblay & Patricia Ostiquay. All ladies are volunteers of the food pantry.



New York Lodge #1 sponsored a Police recognition night. Officer Schoepfer, upon hearing of a robbery had just taken place and having a description of the subject he was able to determine that this person was the subject involved in the robbery. He placed him under arrest and charged him with Robbery First and Second Degree, Criminal Possession of a weapon Third Degree and Criminal Possession of Stolen Property. Pictured l to r – Brian Curran-State Assemblyman, Francis X Becher-Nassau Legislator, Ed Oppenheimer-Trustee Rockville Centre, Honoree Police Officer Joseph Schoepfer-1st Pct Nassau County, Inspector Daniel Flanagan-Commanding Officer 1st Pct Nassau County, Frank T. Hunt-Exalted Ruler of NY#1, Bryan Curran-State Assemblyman, Theresa E. Gaffney-Trustee East Rockaway and Edward Sepe-Trustee Rockville Center



Johnson City Elks Lodge #2821 partnered with Catholic Charities and used a Gratitude Grant to provide fresh fruit and vegetables for a summer reading program Friday back pack program.. The Lodge also worked with the Broome County library to obtain 350 books for \$25. Lodge member Dino Christopher PER, is pictured reading at the program.



Potsdam Lodge #2074 made a \$200 donation to support the Kick it for Zack Zumba-thon, held at St. Lawrence University. The fundraiser, sponsored by students from St. Lawrence University in Canton, New York, is benefited seventh grader Zach Hamilton, who's is fighting neuroblastoma. PDDGER Tim Welpe is pictured presenting the donation at the Zumba-Thon on behalf of the Lodge.

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