



Ticonderoga Elks Lodge #1494 recognized the winners of the Elks Americanism Essay program during the Lodges Flag Day Ceremony. Mrs. Mary Lloyd Burroughs, Chairman of the Americanism Essay program, presented awards to the winners. They were: Grades 5 & 6: 1st place: Kiersten Sawyer, 2nd Place: Sydney Mosier and 3rd place: Zyleen Tyler. In Grades 7 & 8: 1st place: Latherine Shelmedine. 2nd Place: Mackenzie Trombley and 3rd. place: Savannah LaCourse.



Brewster Elks Lodge #2101 held an Eagle Scout Award ceremony to honor Christopher Zazzero from Brewster BSA Troop 1. Christopher's project was to make six pressure treated picnic tables for the Brewster Elks Lodge #2101. He is pictured proudly showing his award with Lodge and family members. Pictured from left to right: Fran Ott, Chaplain, John Autorino, PER, Cristane Autorino, PER, Edna Zazzero (Grandmother), Vito Zazzero (Grandfather), Christopher Zazzero, Dympna Zazzero (Mother), Paul Zazzero (Father), John Pancaldo, PER, Bill Miller, PDDGER, Peter Priolo, PER, Past State Tiler, Youth Activities Chairman.



Lowville, NY Elks Lodge #1605 held their annual Father-Daughter Banquet, which traditionally hosts prominent and successful women to share their experiences with young ladies of the lodge area. It's also a chance for the young ladies to simply share a special night out with their dads. This year's guest speaker was Olympic bobsledder Jamie Greubel, who in February at the 2014 Sochi Olympics, took the bronze medal in the women's 2-man bobsled event with her team mate Aja Evans. This was the 31st annual Father-Daughter banquet for the Lodge, which over the years, has featured guests such as Olympic luge champion Erin Hamlin, Olympic Super-G gold medalist Diann Roffe-Steinrotter, beauty pageant winners such as Miss NY State, and many other women of prominence. Over 350 young ladies and their fathers attend the Banquet annually, making it one of the biggest nights of the year for the lodge. It is always very inspirational for the young ladies, as each one of them gets to meet the guest speaker and have their picture taken with them as well. Guest speaker Jamie Greubel is pictured signing an autograph for one of the young ladies attending the banquet.



Massapequa Lodge #2162 recognized three girl scouts with Gold Awards. Alyssa Kelly's contribution to the Girl Scouts was her "Goodwill Garden". The garden is located at St Frances De Chantal's property and all the crops are donated back to the parish social ministry office. The purpose of the garden was to feed local families in need and provide a healthy and fresh alternative to the processed foods. She was able to harvest and donate over 400 crops to those in need. Kelly Saronka's project was titled "Spring into Math" and was geared to elementary aged students (40 in total) to relieve the stress brought on by the subject matter of math. She combined the math subject with math games and activities on topics such as multiplication, fractions and estimation. Melanie Sheehan's project was "Ocean Safety". She created an ocean safety awareness video with the help of the Ocean Junior Lifeguards. The video focused on rip currents and sun safety. She also distributed fliers with a link to her video on Youtube. All three Girl Scouts have done outstanding work that made the candidates for the highest Honor in Girl Scouts, the Gold Award. The Massapequa Elks salute you for your outstanding work. Pictured: L to R, Exalted Ruler William Schmidt, Alyssa Kelly – Troop #3277, Kelly Saronka – Troop #3277, Melanie Sheenan – Troop #3622, Trustee Thomas Harrington and Tiler Kathleen Harrington..



Hornell Lodge #364 sponsored an annual Kids Fishing Derby. Sunny skies and ideal temperatures set the scene for the derby that was held at Mike Fucci Memorial Park. Twenty-six youths competed in the event that was co-sponsored by the Hornell Lodge and Hornell WalMart. Susannah Lang took first-place in the 10-12 age group; Brandon McGregor was second and Zach Miles placed third. In the 7-9 year old division, Ethan Hall claimed first; Grace Plank, 2nd, and Mason Terwilliger, third. In the 6 and under group, Elijah Plank was first; Carson Pollizi placed second, and Mae Terwilliger was third. Special prizes were also awarded -the first fish was caught by Susannah Lang; most fish caught by Ethan Hall and Gates Miller reeled in the biggest fish. At the conclusion of fishing, refreshments, including hot dogs, soda, and bottled water were served to the contestants, parents and volunteers. Approximately 75 people were in attendance for the derby. Derby officials extended a special thanks to member Dick Robbins for organizing the event, and to all the volunteer helpers, parents and WalMart for donating the bait and some fishing equipment prizes.



Watertown Lodge #496 held a ceremony to recognize five Watertown area students that earned the distinctive Eagle Scout award. Each of the scouts was presented a Grand Exalted Ruler congratulatory letter. The Eagle Scouts are pictured proudly displaying their certificates following the ceremony. They are pictured with Exalted Ruler Raymond Cooley and Leading Knight Keith Anderson.

Staten Island Lodge #841- After reading over 600 Americanism Essays Joe Cammarata and his committee consisting of Ralph and Joanne Padula, Warren and Grace Osborn and Giullio and Margaret Ruffini sent 6 essays for consideration in the 2014 Essay contest. The lodge was pleased when 12 year old Joseph Morelli a student of Our Lady Star of the Sea who was last years 2nd place winner, was chosen as the 1st place winner for NY State. Joseph's tenacity is just one example of our young people and their desire to reach their fullest potential. The lodge introduced Joseph and his family during the Youth week celebration.