



Colonie Lodge #2192 recently named their Teenagers of the Year for 2014. They are Rachel Tenney of Colonie Central High School and Manuj Goyal of Shaker High School. Both students are involved in many activities in their respective schools and were awarded \$100.00 each at a special ceremony held at the lodge. Pictured in photo from L-R are: Paula Mahan, Colonie Town Supervisor; Manuj Goyal, Shaker High School; Rachel Tenney, Colonie Central High School; DeBorah Sponable, Exalted Ruler, Colonie Lodge 2192 and Tim Mastro, Colonie Lodge Youth Chairman.



Boy Scouts of America Troop 507 had a winner in the house. PER Amy Schneller and Lecturing Knight Paul Schneller of **New York Lodge #1** Happily presented Boy Scout Joseph J. Kim with an award for being made Eagle Scout. Kim is pictured with his mother. Kim's project entailed starting up a non-profit organization to educate the U.S. about the mosquito transmitted malaria in Africa. He received corporate donations to purchase mosquito nets for an orphanage in Kenya. As a volunteer Joseph served to educate at the orphanage in Kenya. In addition Joseph has been selected to attend Annapolis Naval Academy. Congratulation Joseph, you make us proud.



Six student officers from East Islip Middle School and their adviser attended the Town of Islip's 35th Annual Youth in Government Day, sponsored by **Islip Lodge 2533**. The students had an opportunity to meet with Town Councilman John C. Cochrane, Jr., who spoke to the students about town government activities, projects and goals. Pictured: (l to r) PER Norman Newkirk, the six Winners of the Islip Elks 35th annual Youth in Government Essay Contest, DD Bruce Trezise and PER James Kachadourian.



The **Johnson City Lodge #2821** held the 1st Elks Drug Quiz Show. The Jeopardy Style competition consist of three rounds of buzz-in questions. Fifty students participated from seven school districts. St Mary's Crusaders of Cortland, NY took first place. Their prize was a drug-free night on the town in a Binghamton Mets Sky Box. Pictured is St Mary's winning team with the National DAP Directors.

Each year, during Youth Week scholarships are presented to young men and women who have displayed the desire to achieve their best. **Staten Island lodge #841** had the honor of presenting the Most Valuable Student scholarship to Sean Egan an 18-year-old student from Monsignor Farrell High School, Staten Island. Sean has been named one of America's top 10 youth volunteers of 2014 by the Prudential Spirit of Community Awards, a national youth recognition program sponsored by Prudential Financial in partnership with the National Association of Secondary School Principles and was honored during the annual award ceremony in Washington, DC. Sean helped found Hearing Our Heroes, a non-profit that works with veterans. More than 300 students from 6 schools assist our veterans providing goods and services as well as visiting those who are hospital bound. After hurricane Sandy Helping Our Heroes assisted veterans rebuild their lives. The organization assists with the upkeep of our veteran's cemeteries as well.

"It is our duty to ensure that those who have served our nation and defended our precious freedom receive the appreciation and recognition they deserve", Egan said. Through his service, Sean Egan and the dedicated students who have joined him, continue to make a difference in the lives of our veterans. What a powerful example he is, showing his peers what is possible if your heart is in your dream. You are more than worthy of the Most Valuable Student scholarship and we thank you for a job well done.



Oswego Elks Lodge 271 has a 40 year history of honoring the students from Oswego, Pulaski, Mexico, and BOCES High School. Each student is honored for their dedication to the community and the honors they received during their 4 years in high school. Exalted Ruler Thomas Milam presented each student with a \$100.00 check and a certificate of achievement from the Oswego Elks. The Elks held a dinner in their honor with their parents and family attending. There was 125 in attendance for the dinner; 37 students were honored. Pictured are front row Ryan Lavner, Kennedy Singletary, Elizabeth Baker, Evan Davis, Emily Hurlbutt, Maggie Maas, And Samantha Davis. Missing from the photo are Mathew Warren and Madison Collins and Brian Hartwell Principal of Oswego High School. Pictured in back row are Lodge Tiller Margaret Mahoney, Loyal Knight Charlotte Sereno, Lecturing Knight Ken Ellsworth, Exalted Ruler Thomas Milam, Inner Guard Carol Simpson Past Exalted Ruler Lolly Malone, Past Exalted Ruler William Reedy, and Past State President Daniel Capella.

Potsdam Lodge \$2074 sponsored several inflatable rides during the Potsdam Summerfest celebration. The Lodge sponsored the rides for two days and approximately 1000 children enjoyed the rides. The Lodge has sponsored the rides the past several years as part of the youth program. Elroy the Elk made appearances throughout the two days. He greeted children and their families and had his picture taken with numerous children and families. The Lodge invests \$5000 to sponsor the inflatable rides making this the Lodges most significant yearly community contribution.



Ticonderoga Lodge #1494 annual youth fishing tournament was held at the Lake Champlain Ferry Landing. This year's theme was "Get hooked on Fishing, Not Drugs". The tournament was for youths ages 7-14. Prizes were awarded and lunch was provided throughout the tournament.