

YOUTH ACTIVITIES



Potsdam Lodge #2074 presented a new dictionary to 700 area students. Past Exalted ruler Sheila Guerin, Past Exalted Ruler William LaPoint and Trustee Earl Cook are pictured with 3rd graders at Norwood Norfolk Central School. Past Exalted Ruler LaPoint has chaired the Potsdam Lodge dictionary program for the past ten years. During this time, he and other Lodge members have distributed over 6,000 dictionaries to eight area schools.



Port Jefferson, NY Lodge #2138 presented Eagle Scout William Koji with a Certificate of Commendation from their lodge on the occasion of his being elevated to the Eagle Scout rank a Court of Honor ceremony. Shown presenting the commendation from the Lodge, as well as a letter and Certificate from the Grand Exalted Ruler and an American Flag is Past State Vice President Henry Ross. Eagle Scout Koji's project was making a handicap accessible flower box at Bethel Hobbs Community Farm, located in Centereach, NY. The flower box is part of a much larger handicapped garden where the physically disabled can come and help farm crops, an experience they are unable to have anywhere else, the products of which are all donated.



The **West Central District Soccer Shoot** was hosted by Wolcott Lodge at Marshall Fields in North Rose. Winners from each age group from their home lodges shot for the chance to advance to the State Soccer Shoot. Afterwards everyone was treated to pizza and soda at Wolcott Elks Lodge and trophies were presented to 1st, 2nd & 3rd place winners in each age group for girls and for boys. pictured are some of the first place winners receiving their trophies from Wolcott Lodge's Soccer Shoot Chairman Dave Porter and Wolcott Lodge's ER Pete Morsdorf III.



Newark Lodge #1249 partnered with the Rotarians and distributed over 140 dictionaries to 3rd graders at Kelley Intermediate School. Pictured (front row, l to r): Lindsay Wells, Ethan Coleman, Timmy Facklman and Dr. David Hannon. Back row (l to r): Susan House; Michelle Burke, Kelley School Acting Assistant Principal and David Doebler, Committee Chairman.



Ogdensburg Elks Lodge #772 provided members of Cub Scout Pack 2 Wolf Den during information on the proper use of the American Flag during a meeting at the Lodge. The Cub Scouts learned how to salute the flag during ceremonies, what it means to have the flag at half-mast and several other facts about the flag. PER Jerry Reed gave the presentation to the scouts. The cub Scouts are pictured with PER Reed and Cub master Mary LaComb following the presentation.



Lyons Elks Lodge #869 recently donated dictionaries to every third grade student and thesauruses to every fifth grade student at the Williamson Elementary School. Lyons Elks Exalted Ruler Kurtis Kirchoff and Past Exalted Ruler Julie Wunder made the presentation at an assembly for the students. As part of the presentation the Elks explained the donation to the students and how these resources can be used by them throughout the school year with their many educational programs.

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