

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES



Southampton Lodge No. 1574 was pleased to donate \$3,000.00 to the Southampton Village Volunteer Ambulance, to enable the ambulance to purchase much needed equipment. Shown in the photo, (l. to r.), are Golf Committee members - Wayne Swiatocha, Leading Knight Tom Bruzdoski, 1st Asst. Chief Dan Berry, 2nd Asst. Chief Chris Epley, Golf Chairman PER Dan Lachcik and Lodge member Mike Croke.



Esperance Elks lodge #2507 presented Hailey Seamans with a check for \$2,660.50. The donation were the proceeds from the Lodge's 8th Annual Oktoberfest & Craft Fair. The donation will help assist Hailey and her family with medical and transportation costs. Hailey suffers from a rare metabolic disease called Cystinosis, and requires hemodialysis, and a kidney transplant. Haley and her family are pictured with Loyal Knight Carl Bodiani, Event Coordinator Catherine Heise, Exalted Ruler Jay Hewett and Lodge Secretary Jeff Largeteau.



Beacon Lodge #1493 members donate over \$1000 worth of Thanksgiving related food to the Castle Point V.A. Hospital Food Pantry. Included with this donation were 14 turkeys which were purchased from donations received at an OPEN MIC NIGHT held at the lodge with Beacon community participation. Pictured left to right - State Vice President and Lodge Board of Directors Chairperson Carl Oken, Pantry volunteer Suzanne Maxillam, Veteran Christopher Brown and Veteran Ralph Johnson.



Potsdam Lodge # 2074 donated \$500 to support the Potsdam High School Hall of Fame Program. Exalted Ruler Deb Moschell and PSVP Ernie Charleston are pictured presenting the donation to Hall of Fame committee member Jim Mason.



When GER John Amen visited the State of New York in September he was asked to do an interview with the local Public Broadcasting Station WMHT Educational Telecommunications about the Elks and what they do. The interview went very well and afterwards he gave the interviewer, Joyce Stah, an application. Joyce, who also administers a volunteer radio program for the blind and print disabled called RISE which is broadcast by WMHT, talked with Paul Erkinen, a RISE volunteer, about Lodges in the Capital District that might become her as a member. After talking with friends who are Elks, she applied to **Guiderland Lodge #2480** and was initiated on November 17, 2014. The Guiderland Lodge presented her with a framed copy of her application signed by GER Amen and State Secretary/COO Erkinen presented her his GER pin. Pictured are Kathleen Brittell, Exalted Ruler Guiderland Lodge #2480, Joyce Stah who interviewed GER Amen for WMHT TV, and Paul Erkinen, NYSEA State Secretary/COO.



Lowville lodge #1605 used proceeds from an ENF Beacon Grant and partnered with the Lowville Free Library to sponsor a community "Story Walk" event. The Story Walk took place at the DEC Nature Trail on Route 812 in Dadville, NY. Lowville Lodge officers and members assisted with setting up four story books along a trail and then fished with the children and the end of the walk. Leading Knight Brad Myers and his wife Dawn coordinated the Lodge's participation at the event. Member Steve Young "enthusiastically" volunteered to play the part of Woodsy Owl. Leading Knight Brad Myers and North Central District State Vice President Paul Monnat are pictured with Woodsy Owl at the event.



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