

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES



Beacon Lodge #1493 held an outdoor 9/11 service. The service was on the lawn in front of the Lodge's memorial garden and flagpole area. There were 72 people in attendance (including members of the public, lodge members, and boy scouts). Boy Scout Troop #42 assisted in the ceremony. The Scout Troop members are pictured with Lodge Officers following the service.



Jamestown Elks Lodge #263 Exalted Ruler Paul Hill recently awarded 22 college scholarships to sons and daughters of lodge members at a dinner in their honor. Morgan Rose Everson received the top Gino Micciche Memorial \$1,200 Scholarship. Receiving \$200 scholarships were: Brett Barden, Jonathon Caprino, Katie Cooley, Krista Cooley, Lily Ellis, Kelsey Fish, Conner Randall Grey, Kyle Anderson Grey, Jacquelin Renee Gulloti and Wilson Lockwood. Additional \$200 scholarship winners were: Nicholas Lombardo, Kyle Edward Moran, Haley Nieves, Madison Nieves, Rachel Nicole Oelbracht, Alisha Gail Perrone, Madeline Grace Pinciario, Mackenzie Snyder, Conner Austin Stam, Alexandra Sullivan and Shelby Williams. "It is a great honor for our Elks lodge to be able to provide scholarships to so many bright young individuals," said Paul Hill, lodge Exalted Ruler. "Our lodge members look forward to being able to provide many more scholarships in the future." Lodge Tiler George Marchini and his family prepared a dinner recently to assist with funds for the Micciche Scholarship. Lodge member Jim Murphy and friend Onnolee Samuelson donated all food for the dinner and prepared it as well. All proceeds from the dinner were returned to the Lodge's scholarship fund. Pictured: Left to right, Bill Everson, lodge member, Morgan Rose Everson, Bill Everson's daughter, receiving the \$1,200 Gino Micciche Memorial Scholarship and Paul Hill, Elks lodge Exalted Ruler.



During the holiday season, **Potsdam Lodge #2074** donated \$300 to support the South Colton Community Christmas Day Dinner. This was the 6th annual dinner and the Lodge has been a sponsor each year. The dinner is free and was held at the Watson Center in Colton Exalted. The dinner is open to senior citizens or community members living alone. Transportation to the dinner or delivery is provided. Exalted Ruler Deb Moschell is pictured presenting the donation on behalf of Potsdam Lodge to event coordinator Donna Arquiett. Approximately 60 to 70 individuals attend the dinner each year.



Staten Island Lodge #841 Leading Knight Gary Reider Jr presented a \$300 donation to Jacqueline Fiore, Executive Director of the YMCA Counseling Center. The center provides services the needs of substance abusers seeking the tools for recovery as well as their families. The agency provides the Staten Island community with a much needed service. Pictured Left to right, Esquire Robert Reider, Leading Knight Gary Reider Jr, Jacqueline Fiore Executive Director of the YMCA Counseling Center and member Thomas Manix who also made a personal donation.



Massena Lodge #1702 has been a local support resource for the Meals on Wheels Program. Exalted Ruler Jim Root is pictured presenting a \$100 donation to a Meals on Wheels staff member during a recent fundraiser.

The **Johnson City Lodge #2821** delivered homemade Christmas cookies, candy canes and chocolate to the USO Fort Drum prior to the Christmas holiday. (Picture to left).

The Hudson Valley Council BSA Community Band chartered by the **Wappinger Elks Lodge #2609** participated in the East Fishkill's 9-11 Memorial concert and ceremony that was held in the East Fishkill's Town Hall. The half hour patriotic concert was broadcasted on Cable Channel 22. The Lodge sponsored Boy scout Community Band is participating in patriotic ceremonies and concerts to show the public what Scouting and values of Elkdom is all about.

