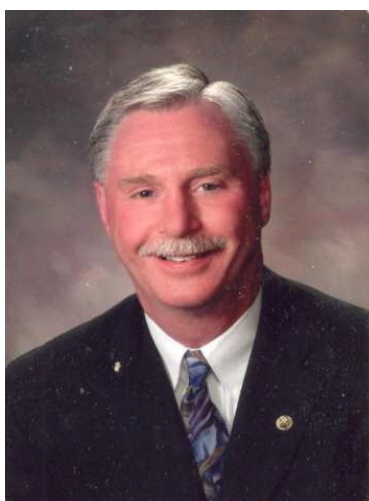




NEW YORK STATE ELKS ASSOCIATION MAJOR PROJECTS



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MESSAGE TO MEMBERS

Happy New Year!

2014 was a good year, but the Major Projects Corporation Board is looking for bigger and better things in 2015. We would like to announce to our membership a new way to make donations to our Major Project. The Major Project is now able to receive donations directly through credit cards. Your donation will be credited to you, and will also be credited to your Lodge's per capita. You will also be able to print a receipt for your personal records. The Major Projects Board is confident that because members can now use credit cards for donations, this will help to increase our donations and meet our fiscal goals.

At the annual fall conference for Cerebral Palsy Association of New York State, Susan Constantino, CEO, honored the New York State Elks Major Project for 50 years of partnering together. I was honored to accept the award representing our Major Project. We have had a great 50 years of working hand in hand to help make the Home Service Program prosper. I may have accepted the award, but it is for all of the members who have worked for the past 50 years for the Home Service Program. Without all of our members' hard work and dedication, people with developmental disabilities and their families would have a much harder time getting the help that they need.

Thank you for all that you do for New York State's Major Project!



Past State Major Projects Chair Louis "Lou" Withiam has been recognized as the CP Person of the Year by the New York State Elks Association. He is pictured receiving his award from Major Projects Chair Irene Pashley. The award was presented during the Major Projects workshop. He was joined during the presentation by his wife Fran. His award read "To Louis Withiam for Outstanding Service, Dedication and Support of New York Elks Major Project. In addition, Lou was recognized for his accomplishment and commitment to the Major Project Program at an Annual CP State Event. The New York State Elks Association extends a sincere thanks and congratulations to Lou!!



Following the award presentation, Ambassador Allie Comfort joined State Chair Irene Pashley and the Withiam's for a photo.



During his visit to **Potsdam Lodge #2074**, Exalted Ruler Deb Moschell presented State President Jerry Shook with a \$1500 donation for the NYSEA Major Projects Program. The Lodge also contributed a \$1000 donation to benefit the Elks National Foundation. Past State President Tim Kelly accepted that donation on behalf of ENF Chair Stu Rishe.



The Comfort family attended the convention and participated in the general session and Major Projects Workshop. They are pictured with State Major Projects Chair Irene Pashley during the workshop.



Major Project Ambassador's

Ambassador Kimmie Kennedy (pictured to the left) on the soccer field with her dad.

Ambassador Allie Comfort (pictured to the right) achieved Student of the Month in September.

