

# YOUTH ACTIVITIES



**Cortland Elks Lodge 748** honored students that took part in the Elks Drug Quiz Show with a pizza luncheon. This year's team from St. Mary's School in Cortland was comprised of 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders. These students commence preparing in the fall for the final competition that is held in the spring. Their coach, Megan Dovi, sixth teacher at St. Mary's, applauds these students for all their hard work and giving up so much of their time to prepare. The Elks Quiz show is a wonderful way to have fun and still gain the knowledge, skills and self-confidence needed to make safe and healthy, real-life choices when it comes to proper use and misuse of substances. These students are also great envoys in creating community and school abuse awareness. Pictured: Coach Megan Dovi's Team and Exalted Ruler, John Pinto from the Cortland Lodge.



**New Hyde Park/North Shore, NY, Lodge #2107** awarded its Teenager of the Year awards to Domenico Pietromonaco and Camille Bangug, two graduating seniors from New Hyde Park Memorial High School for their outstanding academic achievements and dedication to their community. Domenico will be attending Fordham University and will major in business administration. Camille will be attending Georgetown University. Pictured left to Right: Donald Rood, PDDGER, Domenico Pietromonaco, and Camille Bangug.



**Greenwich Lodge #** recognized Americanism Essay Contest winners during their Flag Day Ceremony. The First Place Winner from Schuylerville was awarded \$100. The other winners, from Salem, Argyle, Cambridge and Greenwich were awarded \$50. Veteran and Greenwich Lodge Member Lou Leone, Retired Army Lt. Col. was the Guest Speaker. He is pictured with the essay winners as they proudly display their awards.



**Potsdam Elks Lodge #2074** presented a \$2260 donation to support the Potsdam Central School After Prom Party. Lodge members Jane Amelotte, Beth Burkett and Tracy Davis Green are pictured presenting the donation on behalf of the Lodge to Potsdam High School students. The Lodge has supported the Potsdam High School After prom Party for several years.



**Johnson City Lodge #2821** teamed up with the Johnson City Lions to hold a DARE picnic for over 170 middle school children at a local park. The teens played games and had a bbq while celebrating learning how to resist drug and alcohol use. Some of the students are pictured at the picnic.

**Liverpool Elks Lodge #2348** delivered dictionaries to schools within the Liverpool School District. The dictionaries were presented to approximately 400 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students from six schools in the district. The Schools were: Liverpool Elementary, Chestnut Hill, Donlin Drive, Nate Perry, Morgan Rd and Elmcrest. The principals, teachers and students alike were thrilled to receive the dictionaries.



**Oswego Elks Lodge #271** recently held a luncheon at the lodge for the Oswego County legislators and 25 students from the Oswego Middle School. The luncheon was for Youth Government Day with the 20 County Legislators that attended. The students toured the 911 center, the county jail, spent time talking with the County DA and attended a County Legislator meeting. Exalted Ruler James Oldenburg is pictured with the students in attendance.

**Fulton Elks #830** recently held their 63<sup>rd</sup> annual May Day celebration. A tradition that began in 1952 turned into an annual celebration that is especially promoted at every school in the district. Sixty-three years later the Fulton Elks continue the tradition to honor America's Junior Citizens for their accomplishments and to give fitting recognition of their service to the community, state and nation. A proclamation was received from Fulton Mayor Ronald L. Woodward, Sr. designating the first week of May as Elks Youth Week. This year the celebration included live entertainment, food, music, dancing, midway rides, concessions and games, activities and more on both days. The bicycle giveaway, considered the highlight of the event, took place on Saturday. Every child in the Central Square, Fulton, Hannibal and Phoenix school district in grades K-6 was eligible to enter the bike raffle. Drawings were held every hour on the hour and one girl and one boy from each grade received a new bicycle with a helmet. Additional drawings were also held and ride tickets were given out to the children. Several area businesses helped fund the event and the bicycles were sponsored by individuals as well as local businesses. This year's event was a great success and was well attended by the community. The festival never fails to bring a smile to the faces of many boys and girls in the community.