

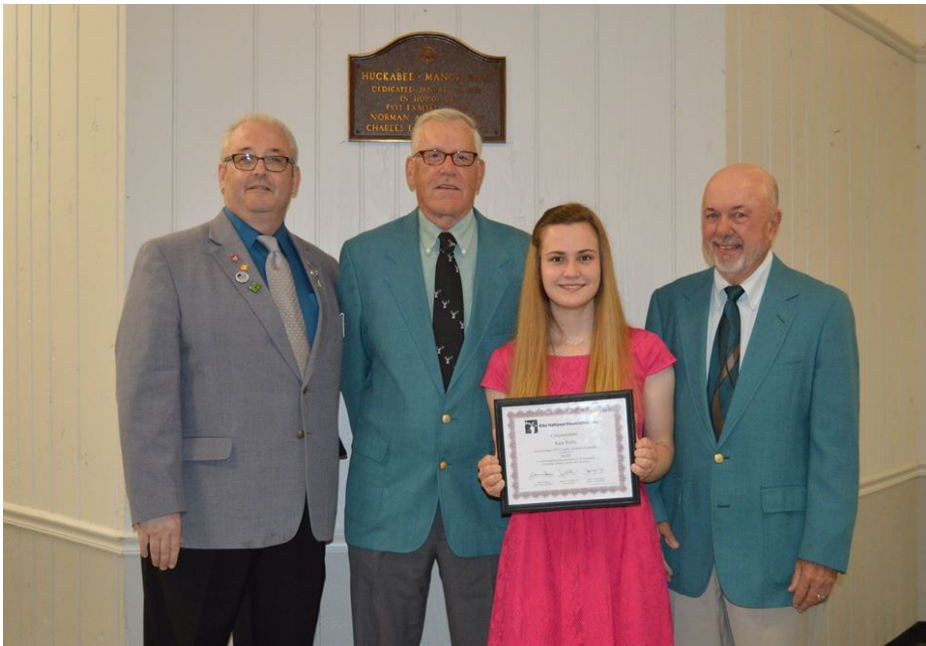
# YOUTH ACTIVITIES— SCHOLARSHIPS



During his visit to the **East District**, then NYSEA President Jerry Shook had the pleasure of meeting the BPOElks 1st Place Most Valuable Student female winner, Sarah Straka Jiudice. Sarah and her mother Monika were invited to dinner at the Southampton Lodge # 1574 on the occasion of President Shook's visit there. Pictured ( l. to r. ) Tom Bruzdoski, Elalted Ruler; Past President Jerry Shook; Sarah Straka Jiudice, her mother Monika Straka and Jack Capute, Southampton Lodge Scholarship Chairman.



**Johnson City Elks Lodge #2821** established a memorial scholarship award in honor of PSVP Joseph Maluchnik. Joe was one of the founders of the Johnson City Elks Lodge and an advocate for the scholarship program. This year the Joseph Maluchnik scholarship award was presented to Jessica Hranek. She received a \$500 scholarship. Ms. Hranek is pictured after receiving her award with Past Exalted Ruler Bill Maney, and District Deputy Sharon Flint.



This year, the **Oswego Elks Lodge** honored Kara Weiss as a recipient of the Elks National Foundation 2015 Legacy Award, a \$1,000 scholarship awarded annually for four years upon completion of volunteer requirements. Next fall, the Elks will be proud to contribute to Kara's education at Yale.. Kara's application acknowledged such efforts, describing her past experiences with the organization as "positive, memorable, and family oriented". In her essay, she recounted a history of involvement with the Oswego Elks Lodge through her connection with her grandparents, John and Ginny Ruf, members of the lodge for thirty four years. After attending many Christmas and Halloween parties and pancake breakfasts as a youth, she later returned to volunteer at the functions so that other children could create the same fond memories she enjoys. Through her academic achievements, dedication to volunteerism, commitment to the community, and care for her fellow citizens, it is clear that Kara demonstrates the core characteristic of every Elk, knowledge, charity, community and integrity. Pictured are James Oldenburg Exalted Ruler, Bill Kerfien, PDDGER and scholarship chairman, Kara Weiss, her grandfather John Ruff, a Lodge member for 34 years.



**New Hyde Park/North Shore, NY, Lodge #2107** awarded its annual \$4,000 Henry Wessel's Scholarship to Morgan Roth, the graduating Salutatorian from New Hyde Park Memorial High School. She is a National Honors Society member who will be attending Purdue University where she will be majoring in civil engineering. Ms. Roth is pictured with Lodge Scholarship Chair Dean Lykos, PSVP,

## ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION SCHOLRSHIPS

The Elks National Foundation provides \$3,74 million in college scholarships each year through it's three scholarship programs:

Most Valuable Student Scholarships—For High School Seniors Who are US Citizens.

Legacy Awards—for Children and Grandchildren of Elks

Emergency Educational Grants—For Children of deceased or Totally Disabled Elks.

Visit the Elks National Website for information about these scholarships.

**Liverpool Elks Lodge #2348** Lecturing Knight Larry Gillette, PER recently attended a moving up ceremony at Baldwinsville High School. Scholarship winners are chosen by the school. He was honored to present Nate Mitts a \$1000 scholarship on behalf of the lodge. Nate is the son of A.J. Miitts, Jr., PER from Liverpool Lodge. Nate was also awarded the lodge's student of the month award in April. The students of the month receive a certificate along with \$250. The Ladies Auxilliary also presented the Theresa Sullivan Scholarship in the amount of \$1000 .The scholarship is dedicated to the young daughter of member of the lodge who was lost at a very young age. Liverpool Elks Lodge #2348 Ladies Auxilliary First Vice-President Rose Durkin presented awards to Jesse Menkie and Melissa Krause . Each received \$500 to help with their first year of college. The scholarship is awarded annually.

**Liverpool Elks Lodge #2348** Exalted Ruler Patricia Neuberger recently attended the Dollars for Scholars ceremony at Liverpool High School. Scholarship winners are chosen by the school. She was honored to present David Pflanz a \$1000 scholarship on behalf of the lodge. It was wonderful to witness these outstanding students receive both recognition and financial support from their community. Liverpool Elks Lodge #2348 Ladies Auxiliary First Vice-President Rose Durkin also attended the Dollars for Scholars ceremony. The Auxiliary presents the Judith Miller Scholarship in the amount of \$1000 each year. This was dedicated to the wife of member of the lodge who was lost at a very young age. Ammar Khan received \$1000 to help with the first year of college.