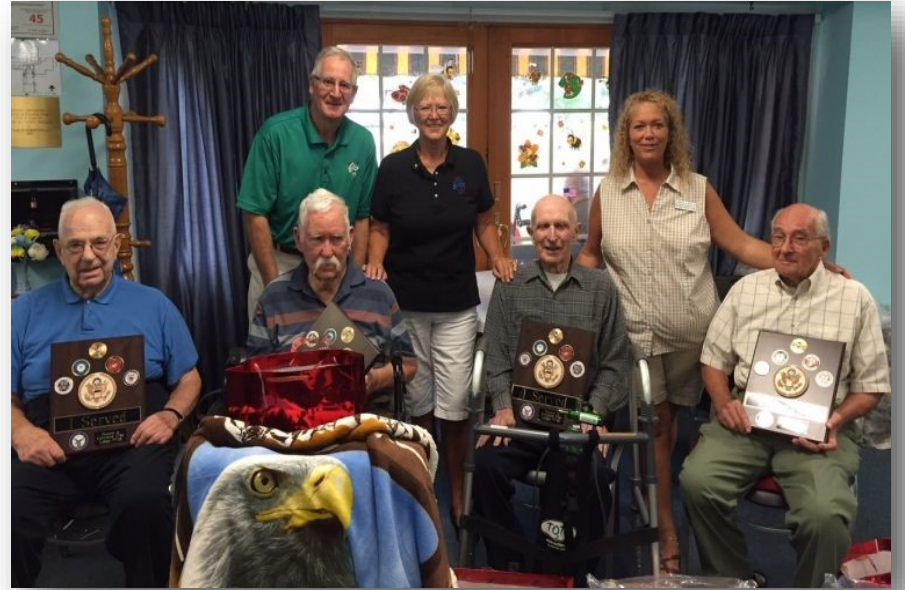




# ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION—GRANTS IN ACTION



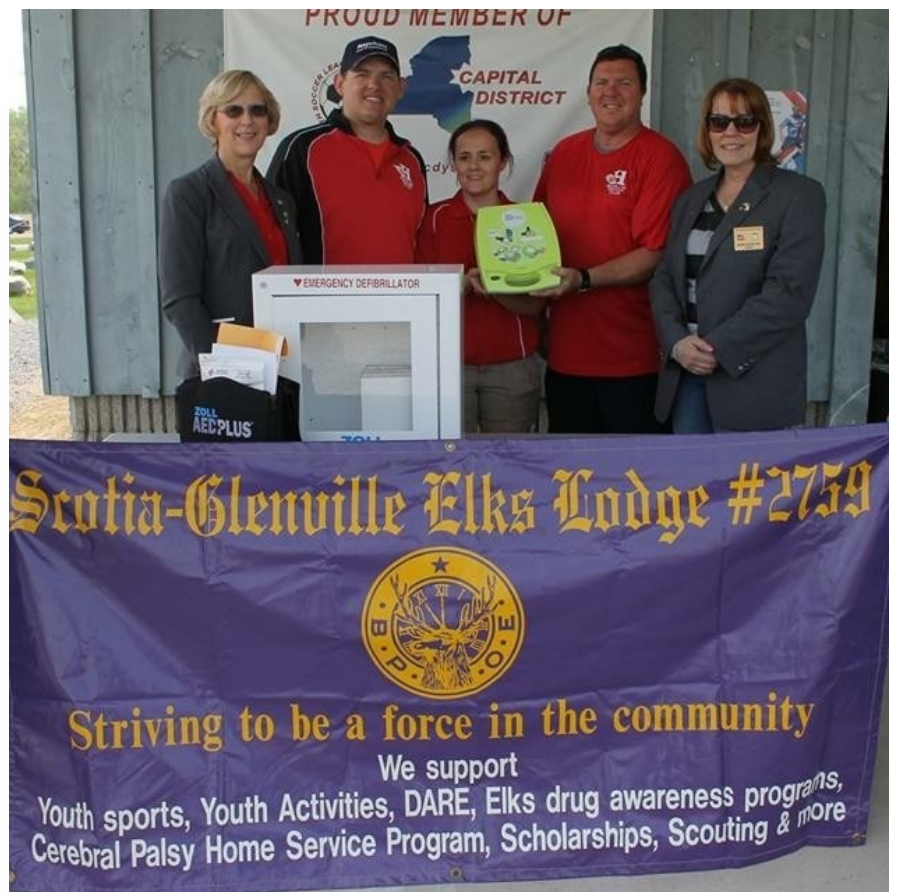
**Newark Elks Lodge #1249** recently welcomed 40 bikers, plus 20 riders, to its 116 mile long Annual Dice Run. The route began at the Newark Lodge and went on to the Warehouse in Sodus Point, Wolff's Grill on Cayuga Lake, Jose & Willy's on Canandaigua Lake and Vonnie's Boathouse Bar & Grille in Geneva. The ride ended with prizes, an auction and a BBQ back at Newark Lodge. Jeff Tellier, coordinator of the event, thanked the four stops for each donating \$100 to the Elks National Foundation that supports charitable goals of the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks which include veteran, youth and community groups. Tellier also thanked some of the workers including; Sue House, Peggy Mares, Lori Randolph, John MacTaggart, Matt DeJohn, Corrina DeJohn, Roger VanDeMortel, Dick Gutschow, Barb Gutschow and Marlene Donk for their part in making this year's event a success. A special thanks went out to Tracy Herman Zornow for organizing the auction and to Mark Austin, who won top prize of \$100, but donated it back to the Lodge. The Lodge looks forward to planning the 4th Annual Dice Run in 2016 to benefit the goals of the Elks National Foundation.



**Cortland Elks Lodge #748** realized that there was a strong need within our community to help those that have served our country but have been confined to assisted living or nursing home facilities. These veterans are often forgotten. This year, working with representatives from local veteran agencies and nursing homes, the Lodge identified these veterans and set out to show them they are still remembered and appreciated. Cortland Elks provided packages to honor these veterans in nursing homes. The packages were put together based on information provided by each nursing home at a special meeting. A \$2,000 grant awarded the Cortland Elks by the Elks National Foundation, and local contributions made it all possible. The look on their faces, some wiping away a tear said it all. "Elks Care, Elks Share," was apparent that day. The Cortland also set aside a special luncheon for these special veteran attended by the Mayor, community, Elks, servicemen, and local officials. Over fifty veterans residing in our nursing homes will be receive visitations and packages as a result of the efforts of the Cortland Elks. Lodge Exalted Ruler John Pinto, member Judy Chamberlin and Nursing Home Coordinator, Amie Wells are pictured with some of the Veterans..



**Cohoes-Waterford Elks #1317** used proceeds from a Promise Grant and donated \$1000 to Cohoes School for school supplies for needy children. Exalted Ruler John Lord is pictured presenting the donation to Cohoes' School Superintendent Dr. Springer.



**Scotia Glenville Elks Lodge #2759** presented an External Automated Defibrillator to Highland Soccer Club of Scotia, NY on May 9, 2015. The club is host to over 450 youth and families and hosts annual soccer events and tournaments throughout the year bringing in thousands of spectators. It was noted that the nearest emergency responders are volunteers and the department is several miles from the fields. An ENF Gratitude grant and funds raised by lodge members and events allowed the lodge to purchase the device and to cover a portion of the cost of training by Beukendael Volunteer Fire Department for the league coaching staff. Present were Exalted Ruler Michele Moore, ENF chair and Loyal Knight Debra Kruk as well as Highland Soccer League Officers, Steve Gerke, Jamie Gerke, and Joseph O'Connor. This was a great opportunity to partner with our local youth and first responders.



**Lowville lodge #1605** again used proceeds from an ENF Beacon Grant and partnered with the Lowville Free Library to sponsor a community "Story Walk" event. The Story Walk takes place at the DEC Nature Trail on Route 812 in Dadville, NY. Lowville Lodge officers and members assisted with distributing 255 books to the children and then enjoyed a fun time fishing with the children. Many enjoyed the thrill of catching their first fish. Exalted Ruler Brad Myers, joined by fellow members Lowville Lodge in the back row, are pictured with some of the many children that participated in and enjoyed the Story Walk. (Picture to the left)

**"ELKS CARE, ELKS SHARE"**