



NEW YORK STATE ELKS ASSOCIATION MAJOR PROJECTS



Homer Elks Lodge #2506 held a 3K March Madness Run to benefit the Elks National Foundation and the NYSEA Major Project, the Home Services Program for Cerebral Palsy. Pictured is Event Co - Director Mike Falls, Second Place Winner Jackson Dowdle, Lodge Secretary Dave Gray, Elroy the Elk, First Place Winner Jayden Gavidia, Co - Director Jennie Guy, and PDDGER Jim Russell. "Mysteriously missing" in the picture is Lodge ENF Director, PDDGER John Edinger. Homer Elks Lodge want to thank all that participated in this event and thank Jennie Guy and Mike Falls for their hard work to make this event such a success!!



The Northeast District had their Annual Charity Auction for CP at the Clifton Park Lodge and this is a picture of one of our state ambassador's Allie Comfort who won the basket she wanted thanks to State Vice President Michael



Members of the **Northeast District** and their friends raised nearly \$5,000 recently at a year-end charity auction for the Cerebral Palsy Associations of New York. A dinner and auction was held at Clifton Park Elks Lodge 2466 and was attended by nearly 100 Elks members and guests for an evening of high end dining followed by fast paced bidding. The connection between the state's 123 Elks lodges and Cerebral Palsy New York goes back 50 years. The Elks organization stepped in in 1964 to assist Cerebral Palsy New York with a joint venture to benefit children and adults with disabilities and their families. That joint venture became, and has remained, the focus of the major projects campaign for Elks lodges statewide. The district Chairman is David Brown of the Cohoes-Waterford Elks Lodge. "This is a major event for us and for the district," he said before the dinner started. "The money raised here tonight helps with (Cerebral Palsy New York's) home care services and with referrals for people in need of vocational training." The New York State Elks has donated more than \$10 million to the Home Care Service program over the 50 year association. Brown noted that the 17 Elks districts donated \$460,000 to the program last year. NYSEA Major Project Ambassador Allie Comfort and her family attended the auction and Dinner.



Past State Major Projects chair Louis "Lou" Withiam was recognized as CP Person of the Year by the New York State Elks Association. He is pictured receiving his award from Major Projects Chair Irene Pashley during the fall conference 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 Projects. In addition, Lou was recognized for his accomplishments and commitment to the Major Project Program at the Annual CP State event. The New York State Elks Association extends a sincere thanks and congratulations to Lou!!

Liverpool Lodge #2348 held a concert fundraiser, which also featured dinner, games and raffles, and raised about \$7500 for the State Major Projects which supports the Cerebral Palsy Associations of New York State.

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HELEN BLAIS
\$1000.00 towards
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\$1000.00 towards
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(NYS Elks
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JOHN BLAIS
\$1000.00 towards
Elks National
Foundation.
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(NYS Elks
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**SVP Helen Blais and
PSVP John Blais have
started a fund raising campaign
to raise money for great causes.
If they raise a total of \$4000.00
they will cut their hair.
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and donate when you see them or
send donations to the address below..**

Please make checks payable to Helen or John
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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 the donation on behalf of ENF Chair Stu Rische.

