

# YOUTH ACTIVITIES



**Patchogue, NY Elks Lodge #1323** presented awards to 6th grade students at the Saxton Middle School on Wednesday, February 25th. The English Learning Arts Students participated in the Elks Americanism Essay Contest. This years' theme was "What the Pledge of Allegiance Means to Me". Students were presented certificates of achievement and checks ranging from \$100 to \$25. Pictured L/R back row are teacher Keri Hoyt, Elks Past Exalted Ruler and Americanism Chair- Therese Rosavitch, Elks Treasurer Robert Carciello, Teacher Katie Gersbeck, Elks SVP-elect Edward Rosavitch. One of the Essays was sent to compete in the State level.



**Cohoes-Waterford Lodge #1317** proudly sponsored the Americanism Contest. Students from Waterford-Halfmoon School competed in the Elks Americanism Essay Contest, "What the Pledge of Allegiance Means to Me", and the two 5th grade students below were the recipients of the awards for an outstanding job. From Left to Right is Elementary Principal Joseph Siracuse, Leading Knight John Lord, the two fifth grade winners, Exalted Ruler Renee Bott and Superintendent Patrick Pomerville. Congratulations!



**Vestal Lodge #276** handed our dictionaries to every 3rd grader in the Vestal School District. Each of the students was also provided a drug awareness book mark and coloring book. SVP John Gardner, Esteemed Leading Knight Mike Sage, Bonnie Metcalf, Jedd Gardner and myself spent an enjoyable morning with the students. Thank You Vestal Elks members for supporting this great program.



**Oswego Lodge #271** 8th annual Youth Bowling Contest was one again a huge success. The contest consist of three age divisions: Division A 8 Under, Division B 9-12 and Division C 13-17. There is a boys and girls division. Winners in the Boys and girls 13-17 age division are pictured showcasing their awards with Lodge members Tom Miliam (PER), Lolly Malone PER and Youth Chairman) Charlotte Sereno (Leading Knight) and Carol Simpson (Chaplain). The contest took place at Lighthouse Lanes. Member Mike Byrne served as the event chair. Other Lodge members that volunteered to make the event a success were Mike Coad, Justin Taylor, Mike Coffey, Mike Mahaney, Bill Chorley, Tammy Byrne, Tom Rollin, Kevin Goodale, and Craig Tyrell.



**Watervliet Elks Lodge 1500** visited Menands, Heatly & Watervliet Elementary to hand out awards to 6 winners for their Americanism Essays. All the children in the schools were given cookies from a local bakery. Handing out the awards was PER Colleen Quackenbush along with the help of PER Edgar Quackenbush & Publicity Chairman Nancy Caswell all from Watervliet Lodge #1500. Shown with essay winners is PER Colleen Quackenbush.



**Liberty Lodge #1545** hosted a Christmas party for 400 needy children and about 100 parents. Each child received a piece of candy, a small gift and a large gift and had an opportunity to pose for a photo with Santa and Mrs. Claus. The photos were taken by a Liberty High School photography student. Each family received a print of the photo, The event, which also featured a lunch, was held with the help of a \$2000 ENF Promise Grant.

**Port Jefferson Lodge #2138** members attended a Court of Honor Ceremony for new Eagle Scout William Koji. He is a member of Boy Scout Troop 229. The Lodge presented him with a certificate and a US Flag. For his Eagle Scout Project, Koji created a handicapped-accessible flower box at Bethel Hobbs Community Farm.

**Johnson City Lodge # 2821** hosted a Christmas party for 20 children from group homes managed by the Handicapped Children's Association of Southern New York. The event featured a dinner and a visit from Santa, who gave each child a gift. The Lode members also accompanied Santa on a visit to Mom's house, and members and Santa gave gifts to 27 children ages 1 to 4.

**Rochester Lodge #24** sponsored a breakfast that featured a visit by Easter Bunnies. The Lodge served over 75 children and adults at the breakfast. Each child received an Easter basket full of goodies. Pictured are PER Shannon Dinse and PER Shirley Schuhart with Ginger Burgess looking in behind them..

**Herkimer Lodge #1439** is proud to be involved in the Dictionary Project Program. During the past school year, he Lodge presented dictionaries to over 250 3rd graders at Herkimer Elementary School, St. Francis Catholic School and Richfield Springs Elementary School. PER Patti Sullivan had the honor of presenting the dictionaries . In return, all the students shared the gift of a smile.