



*New York State Elks Association
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“Prevention through Education”

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A Message from the State DAE Chair

October was a great month for the New York State DAE Programs. I heard from many of you and I was very happy to assist you. There are a lot of enthusiastic chairs out there that are really working the program. Keep up the good work!! Everyone should have a plan in place for your DAE Lodge and District events.

I have had many requests for literature and I try to order it within 48 hours of receiving the request. The exception would be if Grand Lodge is out of something as they were out of bookmarks for 2 weeks. The quantities on bookmarks have changed to 250 per box so, if you need 600, you don't have to order 1,000, you can order 750. Hopefully this change will save Grand Lodge some money and prevent excess stock from lying around unused. Keep up the good work and remember not only should we educate our communities, we should educate ourselves along the way.

Due to the Holidays, this will be a November/December issue and I will try to resume publications in January.

Thank you. Kathleen

Do You Have Input??

If you have anything you would like to share with the DAE Chairs of New York State, feel free to e-mail it to me.

Events, programs, ideas, questions... anything goes!! This should be where we connect to improve our programs and share our successes.

*Thanks to all of you. Kathleen
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Please feel free to print the NYSEA DAE Newsletter and leave in you Lodge for any interested members.

Any information or clipart in this Newsletter may be used for Lodge Bulletins or other publications.

Poster Essay Contest

In the October Issue of the NYSEA DAE Newsletter I included the New York State Elks Poster/Essay Contest Guidelines. There has been some confusion because the Grand Lodge Contest is different. Let me try to clear it up. NYSEA awards \$4,500 in Savings Bonds, 3 prizes for each of 5 Groups. Grand Lodge awards 1 \$500 Bond for the Poster Contest and 1 \$500 Bond for the Essay Contest nationwide. Each State can only send 1 Poster winner and 1 Essay winner to Grand Lodge. Grand Lodge will only accept 8 ½ x 11 Posters as they use the winners for the pages of the Coloring Books. The National Winner is used for the cover of the Coloring Book. Therefore if the State Poster winners are larger than 8 ½ x 11 it will not be forwarded to Grand Lodge instead an 8 ½ x 11 winner will be chosen to be sent on to Grand Lodge. State poster winners will be chosen based on State Guidelines and Grand Lodge winners will be chosen based on Grand Lodge Guidelines. There has been discussion regarding making changes to the State Guidelines but after much consideration we will keep the guidelines as they are. Remember, District winners must be to me by March 15, 2012. I must have them judged and the winners to Grand Lodge by April 1st. Also, ALL Poster and Essay submissions must have the "Hold Harmless Waiver" and the student information label completed and attached to the entry or they will not be judged. You will find these forms in this Newsletter.

Mission Statement

The Drug Awareness Program of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks is dedicated to preventing the use of illicit drugs by the youth of our country as well as informing them of the dangers of caused by the use of legal drugs, such as alcohol and tobacco. This mission will be accomplished by directing resources to our various targeted audiences, both young and old, based upon set priorities and with the assistance of our committed partners, we will be able to actively educate our communities by providing them with scientific-based prevention programs and drug

Perseverance

is the hard work you do after you get tired of doing the hard work you already did.

~Newt Gingrich

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www.elks.org

and

nyseelks.org

For access to tons of valuable information.

I received this story in an e-mail and thought it should be passed along. Some of us are too young to have been drugged like this but I remember my parents telling stories...

The other day, someone at a store in our town read that a Methamphetamine lab had been found in an old farmhouse in the adjoining county and he asked me a rhetorical question, "Why didn't we have a drug problem when you and I were growing up?"

I replied, I had a drug problem when I was young: I was drug to church on Sunday morning. I was drug to church for weddings and funerals. I was drug to family reunions and community socials no matter the weather.

I was drug by my ears when I was disrespectful to adults. I was also drug to the woodshed when I disobeyed my parents, told a lie, brought home a bad report card, did not speak with respect, spoke ill of the teacher or the preacher, or if I didn't put forth my best effort in everything that was asked of me.

I was drug to the kitchen sink to have my mouth washed out with soap if I uttered a profanity. I was drug out to pull weeds in mom's garden and flowerbeds and cockleburs out of dad's fields. I was drug to the homes of family, friends and neighbors to help out some poor soul who had no one to mow the yard, repair the clothesline, or chop some firewood, and, if my mother had even known that I took a single dime as a tip for this kindness, she would have drug me back to the woodshed.

Those drugs are still in my veins and they affect my behavior in everything I do, say or think. They are stronger than cocaine, crack, or heroin; and, if today's children had this kind of drug problem, America would be a better place.

God bless the parents who drugged us.

Please, don't be discouraged.

As with any committee, project, event... there are those that don't always share our enthusiasm. Perhaps as a District Chair, your Lodges do not respond to your requests, or as a Lodge Chair, the members aren't as excited as you are about an event. As a State Chair, sometimes, I feel as though I am wasting my time, my words are falling on deaf ears. Please try to look at the positive, the ones that work the programs and do their jobs.

When I was appointed my District DAE Chair, I had enthusiasm and drive. I sent a letter to all 10 of my Lodge Chairs in hopes of getting them all together for a DAE meeting to brainstorm and discuss our programs. I sent a questionnaire in hopes of gathering information to prepare an agenda for the meeting. I was even going to cook lunch for everyone. Of the 10 Lodges, I received only 3 responses, 2 were unavailable for the meeting and the other chair actually wrote on the questionnaire that they were DAE Chair "in name only and have no program plans". Yes, I was disappointed, but certainly not discouraged. I still hand out information and work the programs. Over the years, the Lodge Chairs have change and there are still those that I wish would do more, but I am thankful for the enthusiastic chairs.

Stay positive and be proud that you are a part of the hardest working program in Elksdom.

Have a safe and happy Holiday Season!

Kathleen



Below you will find the Poster Essay Contest Guidelines, the Poster Essay Labels and the Hold Harmless Agreement. All entries sent to me must have a label and a signed Hold Harmless Agreement attached. Grand Lodge will not accept entries without them and the Empire State Elk publication will not print a list of winners without each winner having a Hold Harmless Agreement attached.

Any questions about the Poster Essay Contest feel free to call or e-mail me.

Guidelines for Poster and Essay Contest

2011-2012

Poster Contest for: Group I Kindergarten
 Group II First and Second Grades
 Group III Third and Fourth Grades

POSTER SIZE: Minimum 8 ½ x 11 inches
 Maximum 22 x 28 inches

Essay Contest for: Group IV Fifth and Sixth Grades
 Group V Seventh and Eighth Grades

ESSAY SIZE: No more than 200 Words

THEME: “I CHOOSE NOT TO USE” for Poster & Essay

Judging criteria: Closeness to theme
 Originality
 Neatness

All Posters and Essays must have the Identification Label affixed to the back
Winners submitted must have the Hold Harmless Waiver attached.

Deadlines: Lodge January 15, 2012
 District February 15, 2012
 State March 15, 2012

State Prizes for each Group are: 1st place \$500 Savings Bond
 2nd place \$300 Savings Bond
 3rd place \$100 Savings Bond

Poster/Essay Contest Entry Label

Student's Name: _____
Grade: _____ Age: _____
Home Address: _____

Student's Phone: _____
Name of School: _____

Student's Social Security Number: (Only needed if Savings Bond might be issued and will only be used for that purpose): _____

Lodge Submitting Entry: _____

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POSTER CONTEST & ESSAY CONTEST
Hold Harmless Agreement
-WAIVER-

My child _____ is the recipient of an Elks award through the Drug Awareness Poster/Essay Contest. I hereby give consent to the use of his or her name, photo and or Poster/Essay in The Elks Drug Awareness Coloring Book, *The Elks Magazine* or other Elks' publications (including all forms of media) in furthering the programs and works of charity for the Order of Elks. I further consent that the Essay/Poster shall become the property of the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks of the United States of America.

Dated this _____ day of _____ 20_____.

Parent/Guardian's Signature



Witness

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(This document should be signed by the parent/guardian of any person under the age of 18)

Chris Baron State Capitol District Chair sent the following link. Please check it out.
Kids cannot pull one over on us if we just stay one step ahead of them.
Let's keep ourselves educated.
Thanks for the great info!!

<http://www.clickorlando.com/education/29609837/detail.html>