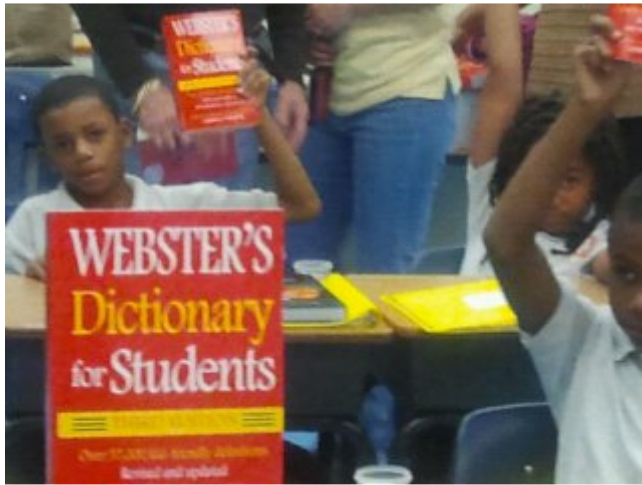


Newport News 315 Donates Dictionaries, and other Lodge News



On November 22nd, 2011, Newport News Elks Lodge #315 presented third graders at the Achievable Dream Academy with 135 Webster's dictionaries. The Achievable Dream Academy, which has several schools for students from Kindergarten through 12th grade, is the result of a public-private partnership with the Newport News Public School system and local businesses. The school has accomplished great things during its existence, including a 100% college acceptance rate for its most recent graduating class.

OTHER LODGE NEWS

ELKS RAISE \$600 FOR NEWPORT NEWS SPECIAL OLYMPICS

On December 4th, 2011, Newport News Elks Lodge #315 raised approximately \$600 at the annual NASCAR end of season party. The event was headed by Steve Ludley and the money was donated to the "Newport News Special Olympics."

ELKS DONATE \$4,000 TO DUCO

On December 8th, Newport News Elks Lodge #315 ER Jennifer Harper and Treasurer Larry Church (PER) presented a check for \$4,000 to Maria Cory, Executive Director of the Denbigh United Christian Outreach (DUCO). The proceeds were the result of the Lodge's annual Charity Golf Tournament, headed by Church. DUCO helps families referred to them by a group of local churches with food and financial aid to help them with their various causes.

ELKS DONATE FOOD BASKETS

In December, Newport News Elks Lodge #315 held their annual "Christmas Food Baskets" drive. Led by Bonnie Stepp, 20 baskets of food were organized and delivered to needy families in the community. A special thanks to Dawn Bardy for donating the money to purchase the hams.

29 CHILDREN BENEFIT FROM ELKS "ANGEL TREE"

Bonnie Stepp, Youth Activities Chairperson, also headed up this year's "Children's Angel Tree." This year 29 children in the community benefitted from the Elks generosity. Each child who participated listed their age, sex and Christmas gift wishes at the December 17th event. After being served breakfast, the children were surprised by a visit from Santa Claus and had the opportunity to have their picture taken with Santa and receive their gifts.

LODGE TO HOLD HOOP SHOOT JANUARY 14

On January 14th, the Newport News Elks Lodge #315 will host its annual "Hoop Shoot" at the Warwick Memorial United Methodist Church, located at 38 Hoopes Drive in Denbigh. Registration starts at 1 PM. For more information, please contact Rich Means (291-6876) or Bonnie Stepp (303-4336).