

1750 Pairs of Safety Glasses to Augusta County Schools



July 30, 2010, Staunton Elks Lodge 351 presents 1750 pairs of safety glasses to Augusta County Schools. From left to right: Lisa Shifflett (Curriculum Supervisor), Paul Hiveley (Lodge 351), Dr. Chuck Bishop (Superintendent of Augusta County Schools), Rowland Byrd (Lodge 351), Mike Miller (Lodge 351), Otis Holley (Lodge 351), Buck Robinson (Lodge 351) and Dr Pam Ungar (Assistant Superintendent of Instruction).

Distributing safety glasses to Virginia Schools is a three year old program that is a major focus of the Virginia Elks Association (VEA). Started in 2008, the VEA Safety Glasses Program provided more than 3,000 pairs of Safety Glasses to high school students attending the various Regional Career and Technical Training Centers across the State of Virginia. In 2010, the Safety Glasses program was expanded to include the high schools in the communities of the 32 Virginia Elks Lodges that make up the VEA. In 2010 the program anticipates that 7500 pairs of safety glasses will be distributed to schools across Virginia.

Staunton Elks Lodge 351 will also be presenting 80 pairs of safety glasses

to the Staunton schools and 400 pairs to Valley Vocational Technical School in partnership with Waynesboro Elks Lodge 2270. The Virginia Elks Association pays 60% of the cost of the safety glasses with the local Elks Lodge paying the balance.

The Elks National Foundation (ENF), the charitable arm of the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks national organization, is a major source of funding for the Virginia Elks Association. This year the ENF will return to Virginia \$1.83 for every \$1.00 raised by Virginia Elks. In 2010 this will amount to \$169,300.00, which includes \$48,000 in college scholarships awarded to high school seniors.