

Virginia Elks Association News

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Arlington-Fairfax 2188 Has Youth Recognition Awards Ceremony



Scout Honor Guard



Mr. Frank Schroeder



Exalted Ruler
Patti Graves



Special presentation from Matt Burns to Exalted Ruler Patricia Graves



(L - R) Prenzel Scholarship recipient Joseph Jones with the William I. Beals Scholarship recipients Thomas Holtslander, Sreya Atluri, Pele Solell, Joshua Okada, and Risbuh Jain

On Friday, March 20, the ballroom at Arlington-Fairfax 2188 was filled with outstanding young people who were there to be recognized at 2188's Outstanding Youth Recognition Dinner and Awards Ceremony. This annual ceremony recognizes the



Exalted Ruler Patricia Graves with the Outstanding Youth Recognition recipients



(L-R) Lodge 2188 Scholarship Committee members Ken Hensley, Chair Susan Mekenney, Tim Knotts, and Sharon Dunfrund with the Prenzel and William I. Beals Scholarship recipients.

accomplishments of the local area Boy Scout's Eagle Scout recipients, Girl Scout's Gold Award recipients and 2188's Scholarship recipients. These festivities were attended by approximately 200 award recipients, family members, and lodge members; all who enjoyed a sumptuous dinner buffet prepared by the lodge chef and staff. Following dinner, attendees enjoyed the amazing presentations of guest speakers Clara Ritgers, a 2009 National Elks Most Valuable Scholarship Award recipient; Lauren Rigby, a previous Gold Award recipient; and Fenwick Gilroy, a previous recipient of the Eagle Scout Award. Their speeches were delightful, insightful and inspirational. The evening culminated with the awards presentation to each of the well-deserving recipients. The Outstanding Youth Recognition Committee members are: Boy Scout representatives Jack Lundin and Matt Burns, Girl Scout Representative Sharon Scarce, 2188's Lead Coordinator Frank Schroeder, 2188's Scholarship Chair Susan Mekenney, 2188's Girl Scout Coordinator Ken Hensley, and Exalted Ruler Patti Graves.