

The Rochester Elks #1393 recently conducted its Annual Drug Awareness Poster Contest in Rochester New Hampshire schools, grades 3 through 5. Over 659 posters were created by students and judged by Lodge members and representatives. The Judging Committee met earlier this month to review the posters and select winning entries. Winners will be announced in the near future and they will then be submitted for consideration in the State Elks Drug Awareness Poster Contest to be conducted on Sunday, March 10th at the New Hampshire State Elks Association Meeting in Lebanon, NH.

The Elks established a Drug Awareness Program in 1983. Through the local Lodges, State Associations and the Grand Lodge, they have distributed more than 250 pieces of educational literature to students, educators and parents. In addition, the Elks work with drug prevention and awareness organizations and agencies throughout the United States who want to educate and inform our youth about the dangers of drug use and also to do whatever possible to curb the use of all drugs to the maximum extent possible. This includes illegal substances, tobacco products and alcohol. In some cases, Elks Lodges also provide financial support to law enforcement in their efforts to curb the growth of drug use and to encourage children and young adults to make healthier decisions in their lives.



Judges from Rochester Elks Lodge #1393 begin the judging process of posters.



The judges - Front Row: Dave Keller, Linda Keller, Linda Norris, Pat Waskiewicz. Back Row: Pete Meyer, Cheryl Meyer, Jerry Skidds, Cindy Skidds, Kathy Akerman, Sue Cook, Becky Parker