

Elks donate to youth baseball trip

Elks Lodge 135 recently hosted a barbecue for players from the Monte Irvin Baseball League in Orange who were selected to represent the city in the Inner City Classic in Florida.

Matthew P. Mulligan Jr., representing the Main Street lodge, presented a \$1,000 check to league Commissioner Diane Sczcepanik and Orange Mayor Eldridge Hawkins Jr. The donation was intended to offset the trip's cost.

The league is organized through the Orange Recreation Division.

Division officials said the Orange teams played four games during the tournament but were unable to advance into the playoffs. The trip included visits to several locations in central Florida, including the Florida A&M School of Law.

"I am proud of the players. They played their hearts out in Florida and were wonderful goodwill ambassadors for our city," said Hawkins."



Photo Courtesy City of Orange

Matthew Mulligan of Elks Lodge 135 presents a \$1,000 check to Orange Mayor Eldridge Hawkins Jr. and Diane Sczcepanik, commissioner of the Orange Recreation Division's Monte Irvin Baseball League, to help send a group of players to a baseball tournament in Florida.

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