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ARC-Rutland Area expresses its deepest gratitude to the Rutland Elks Lodge #345 for sponsoring and hosting the annual meeting and Holiday Dinner Dance on Dec. 10. Once again, the Elks outdid themselves with a lovely dinner of pasta, salad and the fixings. We also extend our warmest appreciation to GE Aerospace Employee Community Concerns for its very generous support for this annual event. We also have a big shoutout to Chelsea Slayton who spent hours handcrafting a beautiful platter of holiday cookies.

This year, local merchants sponsored this dance with 75 door prizes and gifts making this a very cheerful event with Santa handing them out. The Salt Cave, Star Barbershop, Masala Corner, KC Lea Creations and Mountain Music all contributed to some very happy and lucky people.

Robert Pocquette was presented with the prestigious Maggie Pak Member Achievement Award and Ronald Perry was presented with the Individual Goals Achievement Award. Several members were presented with Certificates of Volunteerism Awards, which is a very high and respected honor.

The board of directors, staff and members of ARC are so very grateful for the generosity and kindness shown to them by all the donors (above) and volunteers of the Elks Club and Bobby Pocquette and Terry Stevens to make this event successful.

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