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Dear Fellow Members,

Happy New Year!!! I hope all of you enjoyed your holiday as much as I did mine.

Looking back on the year that has passed, I can't help but reflect on all the fun this club and its members have enjoyed. I thank everyone for their contributions and participation in club events, fundraisers, and work parties. Whether you ran a function or just attended one for fun, the club has benefited from it.

And what a night it was...thank you John and Miriam Sheridan for planning another outstanding Christmas Party. There are just some things you should not miss and this party is one of them. Food was everywhere, drinks were everywhere, entertainment was everywhere! The place was filled with members and a lot of fun was had by everyone, everywhere!!!

As always, the holidays would not be complete without the beautiful decorations seen around the club courtesy of Barney Shannon. Barney puts a lot of time and effort into getting the club into fine shape for all the holidays. The membership appreciates all of his efforts. That isn't even all of it, Barney treated our little shillelagh's to a morning with Yogi, Boo Boo, and Santa at the Children's Christmas Party. It took a little enticing through caroling for Santa to enter the theater, but he did and the event was its usual success filled with holiday cheer. How great is it that John Wagle has an in with Old Saint Nick!!

An event that has become very special to our club is the Toys for Tots fundraiser. Tom and Annette Dunn's commitment to the drive has inspired the membership to make this event a success year after year. Angels come in many forms and this year they made it possible for many children to feel special. Thank you to Dennis O'Pinkiewicz, Tom McCarthy, Chris Brady, Scott Howard, and Bill Nolan for preparing the food for all to enjoy.

The 2010 New Year's Eve Gala was an absolute hoot! Party favors, decorations, finger foods, cocktails, and entertainment was the perfect ending and beginning to great times with old and new friends. I am grateful to VP John Sheridan, Scott Fitzgerald, and World renowned Chef Extraordinaire, John Demaio, for making it all happen!

Nominations for officers will take place at January's general meeting. The new sound system and TV installation is complete. Thank you Neil Beinert and Brian Smith for your hard work on the sound system. If anyone is not receiving weekly emails regarding what is happening at the club, please contact Dave Cummins.

So stir the eggnogg and lift your toddy, Happy New Year everybody!!

Be well and God bless you all-

Mac





Good and Welfare



Please always, take a moment to think of all our troops and support staff overseas, and those less fortunate than us.

Good and Welfare information should be given to Barney Shannon @ (732) 254-6153, or to any officer.



SHENANIGANS DEADLINES

Please note, we are going to try and get the paper online sooner than usual from now on, that said, please have any items you want in the paper submitted by the 20th of the month. Thanks

POSSIBLE WEATHER...

January Meeting - Thursday, January 13th 8:30PM

Parade Fundraiser - Sunday, January 16th 3PM - 7PM
A bit more inside.

Oldies Night - Saturday, January 22nd 7:30PM
More inside.

Comedy Night - Saturday, January 29th 6:30PM
\$40.00 per person, sells out QUICK!! Comedian - Jeff Norris

Mardi Gras - Saturday February 19th 8PM - 12AM
More info inside.

Club Elections/ Blood Drive - Saturday February 26th
Details on the following page

FSOS Dinner Dance - Saturday March 12th
All the juicy details inside.

Incoming: - The annual Widows Luncheon will be APRIL 10th this year, more to come.

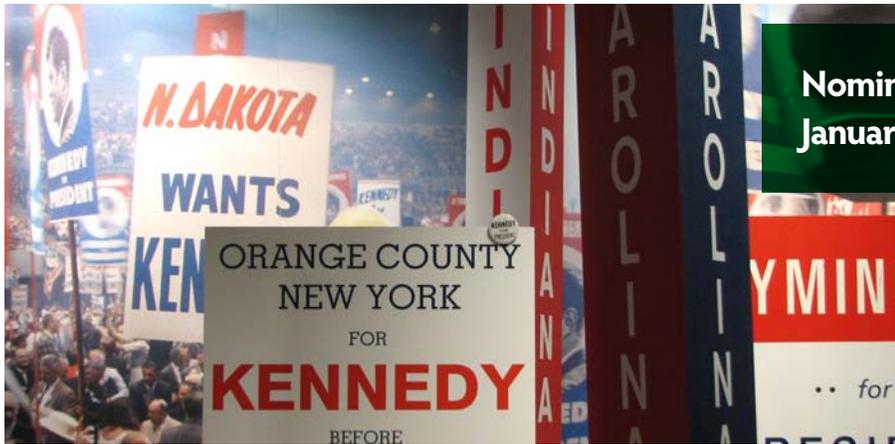


FSOS Pipes and Drums News



Anyone interested in playing Pipes or Drums, come down on Monday nights. - John Hatton

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS



Nominations will be accepted at the January Meeting for 2011 Elections.

Remember: Your Dues responsibilities also include your Ad Book payments, as outlined in our By- Laws.

It is highly recommended that you prepay your Ad Book tickets. Save yourself the trouble each month of remembering. Once prepaid, your tickets are automatically deposited in the draw bin and it helps to keep the cost down for running the raffle. Help us, help you to the winners circle.

Criteria as follows: "To be eligible to nominate or be nominated for any office in this organization, a member cannot be more than two months in arrears in the payment of dues and must have completed payment of the initiation fee as of the January meeting."

"To be eligible to vote for any office in this organization, a member must be not more than two months in arrears in payment of dues and must have completed payment of the initiation fee as of Election Day, the last Saturday of February." February 26th



Club Elections & Blood Drive

Saturday, February 26th

BLOOD DRIVE begins at 10AM. Please come down to give a pint, and get a pint.

VOTING commences at 12 Noon through 7 PM.

And be sure to come down to the pub election night to hear the results, welcome your new officers, and, well, get crapulous.



Membership News

Effective as of the DECEMBER meeting

1st Reading: John Maine

2nd Reading: William Kreppein, Bill Schnitzerling, Raymond Foley

New Members: David Schmidt and Robert Anthony - WELCOME

BELMAR PARADE FUNDRAISER

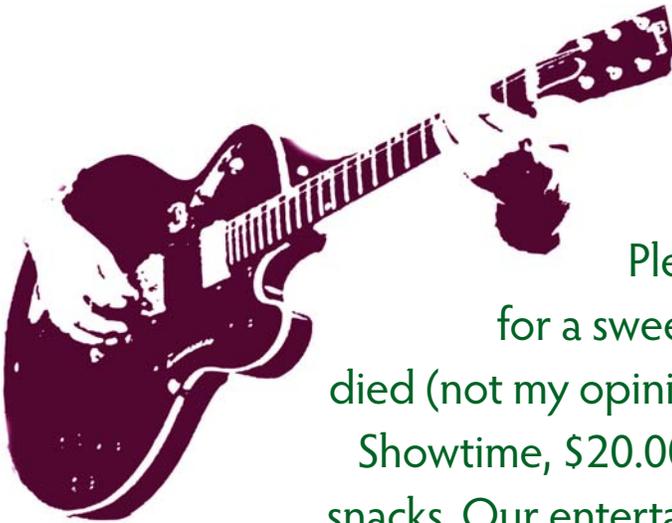
1st parade fundraiser of 2011! SUNDAY, January 16th 3 to 7 PM.

\$10.00 admission includes one complimentary drink, Hot and Cold Buffet. Music, including the FSOS Pipes And Drum Band!

See Charlie Donnelly if you have any pertinent questions.



OLDIES NIGHT



Please join us on SATURDAY, January 22nd for a sweet trip back to the days, before the music died (not my opinion, but go with it) Doors @730 PM, 8:15 Showtime, \$20.00 per person, Draft Beer, Wine, Soda and snacks. Our entertainment will be the delightful Patsy Palma and Friends, cool baby, cool.



FREE TO A GOOD HOME

One, slightly used, somewhat battered, but well broken in Corresponding Secretary. Can cook, will clean, known to be cynical, borderline insane. Includes thousands of CD's, and very little hair. (single life bites) Happy New Year to All! TJM

MARDI GRAS

(NEW ORLEANS NIGHT)

Saturday, FEBRUARY
19th 7:30PM - ????

Tickets \$35.00pp at door
& prepay special \$30.00pp
if paid by Sat., Feb. 12th

Music provided by THE VOODOUES!

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our real deal cooks, lead by Chef De
Maio. Beads, brew, and dancing like a
wild 2nd line in 4th gear.

There really are not words to describe
just how good this night is, just come.

See Le Roi, John Sheridan, for further details,
it will be a Tonnerre mes chiens night, and
remember, Lache pas la patate



FOOTBALL Remember, as the playoffs rush up, or loom, depending on
your team, we have all the games live, all the food cooked, and the beer cold.

Bring your friends, tell stories, tell lies, but have fun FSOS style !



If it's true that we are here to help others, then what exactly are the others here for?

CLUB DINNER DANCE

Get Ready for another SMASHING FSOS Dinner Dance!

This year, we are re-locating to the historic, and beautiful

Molly Pitcher Inn, Red Bank, NJ.

Saturday, March 12, 2011.

4:00pm to 6:00pm.....Open Bar in the Molly Pitcher lounge bar.

6:00pm to 7:00pm.....Cocktail Hour in the main Banquet Hall.

7:00pm to 11:00pm.....Dinner Dance in the main Banquet Hall.

11:00pm to 12:00pm.....Night Cap drinks in the Molly Pitcher lounge bar.

Your entire night includes all of the above plus full five course dinner .

Also live full Big Band entertainment for your enjoyment .

Total costs for this complete evening will be in or around \$16,000.

So if we divide that by 100 guests that amounts to \$160.00 per person.

Thanks to all the fundraiser's throughout the year organized by the Dinner Dance committee we are going to offer this night up to our members and significant other at \$60.00 per person .

So please sign up early at the club and include your choice of main course dinner.

Please make all checks payable to FSOS and leave an envelope in the safe addressed to John Sheridan.

Full tables will be sold at a first come first paid in full basis , 15 tables max.

Please have all checks in no later than Election Day , Saturday February 26th to facilitate planning for the event.

If you decide to stay over , we have reserved a block of rooms for the FSOS at approximately \$106.00 per room.

Thank you , we look forward to seeing you all there to enjoy this classy night together.

Cheers for now , John Sheridan.

P.S. Wishing you and your families a Happy and Prosperous New Year .

AD Book: # 135 Maryellen Murphy

IRISH LANGUAGE TARGETED IN 20-YEAR PLAN

A 20-year plan has been announced by the government with the intention of tripling the number of Irish speakers within the country. Gaeltacht communities (those committed to speaking Irish) are to be encouraged to find new ways to boost the language which is seen as being under threat from a number of angles.



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