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SHENANIGANS



All,

May this letter find you in good spirits and good health. I hope you all had a great Easter with your families, as it turned out to be a beautiful day. April down at the club was a quiet month compared to March, however there were plenty of reasons to come on down. We had Friday Night Dinners; live music April 21st, and of course we had our annual FSOS Easter Egg Hunt run by the Cameron clan. Although Marty will tell you he does everything, we all know who the real boss is (thank you Josie and kids). There were egg hunts for children of all ages and all who came had a blast. A very heart-felt thank you goes out to Marty and family for all their years of service running this event for the kids.

We closed the month with the 30th annual "Ladies Luncheon" for all our widows. There were over 30 who came down, and it was my first time attending. I know we run this event every year, but I never really understood how much this event means to not only the widows, but for those former presidents who pitch in, help out and run the event. It was, and is a first-class event; I was honored to be a very small part of it. These young ladies are our friends, family and our heritage; they deserve to be honored.

Unfortunately, again we had some sad news as we learned of the passing of member Gary Nemshick, and Denise Shanley, the daughter of Bobby Quinn Sr., and mother of Kenny and Bob Shanley. Please keep their families in your prayers as they will be missed!

We have a ton of things going on at the club in May; read your Shenanigans to see what is going on. Stop in, have a pint and a laugh with a friend.

I leave you with the words of Mark Twain: "Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do, than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover."

Sláinte
Jeff Schuld



UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday, May 11 - Meeting Night @ 8:30pm

Saturday, May 13 - Monthly Work Party @ 9:00am

All candidates, their sponsors and other members are needed this month to prepare the hall and grounds for Mother's Day.

Note: All candidates must attend (3) work parties, and each sponsor must attend (1) work party with their candidate, before the candidate can be officially approved to be a member.

If a candidate, or any member cannot attend a Saturday work party, feel free to come to the club any other time, and do something in the building. Kenny Shanley or Mike Murphy are always available to dole out some guidance.

Sunday, May 14 - Happy Mother's Day to all Mom

Sunday, May 14 - Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast – 10am 'til Noon

Treat Mom to our annual Friendly Sons' World Famous Pancake Breakfast!

You know the grill, our "New Boys of Batter" will serve up a breakfast of Pancakes, gluten-free Pancakes, Sausage, Eggs, coffee, tea, OJ, and Mimosas, for only \$7.00 per plate, all you can eat. Bring your wife; your mom; her mom; your mom's mom; her mom's mom; or a great-grand mom, to a breakfast worth remembering. Momma Mia, it'll warm everyone's heart.

Saturday, May 20 - Annual Bike Fundraiser for Multiple Scleroses

Sign up to be part of the FSOS bicycle team, and partake in the MS Society's annual 25-mile charity bike tour. It will be our 14th consecutive year participating in this ride, which begins and ends at Monmouth University. T-shirts are provided by the FSOS and MS Society, as well as soft drinks and a boxed lunch, free to riders.

All this benefits those stricken with MS, including our own Mike Eilers. Anyone interested in riding, or sponsoring one of our riders, please contact Don Bruchez at sndbruchez@msn.com, or call 908-705-4687.

Thursday, May 25 - Irish Cultural Committee Book Signing @ 7:30pm

The Irish Cultural Committee (I.C.C.) will be hosting a book reading and signing by guest speaker Richard Daniel McCann. Mr. McCann is the author of two books which explore the immense contributions of Bishop John J. Hughes to New York's Irish and the Catholic Church. Admission is free and open to the public, with Teá, coffee and Irish soda bread being served; for information call John O'Keefe @ 908-705-1606.

Monday, May 29 – Memorial Day - Sayreville Parade @ 8:30am

This day of Remembrance, honors the memory of every man and woman who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. Many soldiers who fought and died for the USA throughout our history, were not American citizens, but Irish immigrants or children of Irish parents.

Join the FSOS Pipe Band in marching in the annual Sayreville Memorial Day Parade.

Club members who want to join march behind the band, will wear our summer uniform of gray slacks, white short sleeved shirt with FSOS Logo on breast pocket (\$20 each), and white ball cap with FSOS logo (free); a limited supply of both will be available for marchers only, at the club.

Member's bus leaves the club at 8:30am, and return to the club after the parade, when there will be a hamburger and hotdog BBQ.

After the Sayreville parade, the Pipe Band will travel to South River for their parade.

Thursday, June 8 - Next Month's Meeting @ 8:30pm

Saturday, June 10 - Next Month's Pre-Pig Roast Work Party @ 9:00am

Volunteers are needed on Friday, June 9th, the day before the Pig Roast, as well as on Saturday morning, to set-up and prepare the grounds for this event. Many Volunteers are also needed during & after the picnic. Volunteer sign-up sheet will be posted on bulletin board, so please indicate what you can assist with, and what time frame.

(Continued inside...)



SHENANIGANS IN SHILLELAGH LAND

Marty Cameron's his recap of the 2017 Children's Easter Egg Hunt: "It was a Good Day"! Everyone had fun, and every child walked away a winner

It appears that St. Patrick's spirit graced the club this past Parade Day, by bestowing upon us with what could be called the "FSOS - Peace Accord"; He brought two strong-willed men, with vastly opposing views, together, at least for the evening. One look at the picture provides all the evidence needed;



I was told that Tom Keegan's anniversary as a member of the FSOS club is coming up. But I can't remember if this would be his 90th anniversary on his 35th birthday; or is it that he is a member for 35 years, just after celebrating his 90th birthday.

FILFC: The Old Spry Guy, Tom Keegan

AD Book: # 012, Tom Colleran.

We have a few unsold AD Book tickets available for purchase. Please take a one year subscription at the next meeting; or have a friend join in the fun.

UPCOMING EVENTS (cont'd)



Saturday, June 10 - Annual Pig Roast @ 1pm

This is our greatest outdoor event. Aside from roasted swine, there will be Clams, deep-fried Turkey, Sausage & Peppers, Burgers, Hot Dogs, homemade coleslaw, potato and pasta salads, etc. Food features include smoked ribs and corn-on-the-cob, cooked on the grill. Deserts of cake and melon will also be served. Arrive with an empty stomach. And yes, there will be BEER and wine (ID required), and lemonade and punch for the kids.

Tickets are \$25 per person for those 21 and over. But, if purchased by June 3rd, you get the early bird price of \$20. Purchase a block of 10 tickets by June 3rd, you not only get the \$20 per person price, but you also get a reserved picnic table under the Pavilion. Our goal is to sell as many tickets prior to the event, so we can forecast the amount of food needed.

Unless you have reserved a table, the picnic tables are first come, first serve. Club chairs will not be permitted outside the building, so bring a chair or umbrella chair, folding table, or your own pop-up tent; RVs will not be permitted on the grounds. Live music; no organized kid's games are planned, but play equipment will be provided.

Spring Prize Raffle: tickets are \$10 each. On June 10th, we will have the drawing for the winners of several top-notch prizes (prizes will be displayed in the Bar shortly). See Jeff Schuld or Dennis Pinkiewicz for tickets.

Sunday, June 11 – NJ Irish Festival at Monmouth Park Racetrack

The 47th annual Irish Festival begins at 12 noon and ends at 7pm. However, gates open at 10am, with a Catholic Mass at 11am. Live Thoroughbred horse racing begins at 12:50pm.

Wander the grounds and enjoy Pipe & Drum Band Competitions (early in the day); live entertainment on

three stages (10 bands including Eamonn Ryan of FSOS-Essex), and Irish Step Dancing. Participate in family activities, shop at the Irish Merchandise Vendor and Craft Vendor booths, and dine in the Food area. 50/50 Raffle tickets will also be sold.

This year the "Human Horse Race" will be raising funds for "Team Shamrock", which is a major contributor to the "Tunnel to Towers Foundation". The Foundation gifts a finished and furnished house to a returning home, disable veteran, among many other worthy causes.

Our own John Sheridan will once again be one of the 2-legged "horses" and has committed to raising \$1,000 for this charity. Please help John by pledging; (908-415-9664, or via a pledge sign-up sheet on Bulletin Board).

Saturday, June 17 - Annual Atlantic City Bus Trip

Tropicana Casino here we come! Bus trip is open to members and one guest, at \$22 per person. All seats are currently reserved, but there is a waiting list on the bulletin board. If you are not paid by June 1st, you lose your seat(s). Make checks payable to FSOS, and place in an envelope; write your name and 'AC Trip' on the outside and insert into safe. Contact Dave Delaney (848-391-2114) or Dennis Sullivan (732-238-1985).

Sunday, June 18 - Father's Day

Honor the man who does everything, for everyone.

Friday, June 23 – 2nd Irish Whiskey Tasting Night

Get ready to wet your whistle, again, because the Irish Cultural Committee will be hosting another Irish Whiskey Tasting event, this time with a steak dinner, under the Pavilion. Advanced reservations and pre-payment will be required! Sign-up sheet will be posted soon; look for more details in the next issue.

FSOS Pipes & Drums

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



NEWS ACROSS THE F.S.O.S. CHAPTERS

FSOS-OLD BRIDGE

Widows' luncheon – Held on April 30, 2017

Here is Bob Quinn's report on the luncheon:

This was our 30th Anniversary, and I would like to thank the former Presidents for the hard work they put into the Widows' luncheon.

Thank-you to Pat Donnelly of Top Hat Catering for the wonderful meal which was served; the Surf & Turf was a hit. Thanks to the members of the Pipe Band who performed for the widows (Frank McFadden, Kevin McFadden, Bridget McFadden, John O'Keefe and Bart Mc Dade), and to the Irish Step dancers under the direction of Catheline Dower; the entertainment was enjoyed by all. A special thanks to Nancy Stalley who has attended every luncheon for the past 30 years. Thank-you to my wife Agnes, and our daughter Denise Shanley for their help

September 11th thru 21st - 11 Day Tour of Ireland & Northern Ireland

Take a fabulous trip to Ireland and visit Belfast, Derry, Galway, Connemara, Killarney, Kerry, Blarney & Dublin. Trip is being co-hosted by Michael Lee Foster but is not an FSOS sponsored event, so see Bulletin Board for details, or contact Michael Lee at 732-577-1234, 908-227-0227 or, michaelleefoster@verizon.net.

FSOS-ESSEX

Sunday, June 11 - "Irish Sports Expo" @ 12noon 'til 7pm

FSOS-Essex is hosting an Irish Sports Expo, featuring Hurling & Rugby. \$20 cover charge (\$5 for those between 10 to 20) includes entry, food token, beverages and music. See our bulletin board; on Facebook: "2017 Irish Sports Expo"; on Twitter: #Irish Sports Expo, or call FSOS-Essex at 973-325-9338.

FSOS-BELMAR

They have opened the new clubhouse. I was inside it and they did a fantastic job, so if you are ever down on 16th Avenue in Belmar, stop in and see for yourself.

Good and Welfare



GOOD:

- A heart-felt thanks to every member who pitch-in daily to provide valuable help behind the bar; and to the men who help our Steward with their culinary skills during our monthly meeting, and other Club events.

WELFARE:

- Gary Nemshick passed away; Kevin Hoag's mother, Christina, passed away.
- Denise Shanley, the daughter of Bobby Quinn Sr and the mother of Kenny and Bob Shanley, passed away.

Féadfaidh Siad Chuid Eile I Síocháin (May they Rest in Peace)

- Remember Pat Carragher Sr., Charlie Donnelly, Jerry Kennedy, Tom McGrath, Bob McQuade, Ed "Butch" Konopka, Dennis Ryan, Kevin Wyer's mother, and other members whose families have on-going health issues, in your prayers;
- Plus, think about our FSOS families who have members in the Armed Forces, and all U.S. Troops stationed throughout the Globe; as well as our Disabled American Veterans, Wounded Warriors, and Veterans;
- Please visit our Memorial Monument to remember our deceased members.

Send G&W information to Jim Hartwyk, any e-board Officer, or to news@fsos.com. Provide member's full name; details of their issue, and if in the hospital, room and phone.

- If you wish to electronically receive all Old Bridge notifications, as well as the newsletters from the other Chapters, submit your e-mail address to any e-board member, or send to news@fsos.com.
- All non-members who enters the bar MUST sign the Guestbook by the door; this includes your wife, girlfriend, friends or adult children.
- We are continuing the process of updating the Old Bridge Membership Database; see the Corresponding Secretary (Tom Jennings) to review your contact information.
- Please patronize the businesses advertised in this newsletter
Welcome to our newest advertiser: Cary Windisch Electrical Contractor. He is the 2nd Electrical firm advertising with us.
Call Jamie O'Kane (732-425-8181) for an Ad which you, or a friend want published.
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Sláinte

Membership (As of Last Month's Meeting)

Membership committee: Dennis Bohanan,
Ben McLaughlan, Harry Humes & Joe Murray

1st Reading: Aspiring Assets

Michael Biernes, Monroe
Nicholas Masserant, Toms River
Joseph McAndrew, Old Bridge
Chris Mulderrig, Parlin
Joseph Murphy, Old Bridge

Sponsor

Charlie Donnelly
Rick Dealy
Don Bruchez
Denis Kildoff
Mike Murphy

2nd Reading & Vote: Assets in Training

None

New Members: Affirmed Assets

Jerimiah Buller
Dennis Hennessey
Tim Kearney
Joseph Walsh



MAY Anniversaries

30 YEARS

ROBERT MULLANEY

25 YEARS

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