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SHENANIGANS

Gentlemen,

August has come and gone; the kids are off to college, high school and/or grade school, and you know what that means: College and NFL football are back baby!!! So, stop in, put your favorite team on the TV, have a pint or two, and enjoy the club. Or, maybe root to see if the Yankees can make it into the post season.

Have you heard of the Notre Dame special???? Any member (includes significant other) who come to the club to watch a Notre Dame Football game... AND are wearing a ND Shirt, (hats don't count) will get a \$0.50 discount off all drinks.

Don't forget the NFL either. As usual, we will put out a spread each Sunday for either the Jets or Giants game. And we'll put as many other games on that we can, so you can root for your fantasy players.

We have tons of things going on around the club in September; you'd be silly not to stop down. We have the Annual Whiffle Ball Tournament, the Kelly Brothers' Scholarship Benefit, Tour De Shillelagh Bike Run and of course the Annual Family Picnic (which will feature our 3rd annual BBQ Rib cook-off contest); all the details are inside.

On a sadder note, we lost another brother; Tommy Keegan passed away on a Monday, August 28, 2017. Tommy, a longtime member of the club, was also U.S. Army veteran serving his country in both World War II and the Korean War. He was also one of the biggest NY Giants fans that you would ever meet. The club won't be the same without you, you crazy Mexican! RIP!

I leave you with a quote from Tom Robbins – American Writer: “There's always the same amount of good luck and bad luck in the world. If one person doesn't get the bad luck, somebody else will have to get it in their place. There's always the same amount of good and evil, too. We can't eradicate evil, we can only evict it, force it to move across town. And when evil moves, some good always goes with it. But we can never alter the ratio of good to evil. All we can do is keep things stirred up so neither good nor evil solidifies. That's when things get scary. Life is like a stew, you have to stir it frequently, or all the scum rises to the top.”

Sláinte
Jeff Schuld



UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, September 4 - Labor Day

Although Labor Day is generally heralded as the 'end of Summer', not so fast, it is still Summer. So, keep doing Summer things until Fall arrives, which is September 22.

Thursday, September 14 - Monthly Meeting @ 8:30 PM

Saturday, September 16 - Monthly Work Party @ 9:00am

Saturday, September 16 - Whiffle Ball Tournament @ 8:30am

Back by popular demand, it's time for the Whiffle Ball Tournament. Clear your schedule and start training! Players are needed for this friendly tournament, so contact Bobby Shanley to sign-up and get all the details. Games will be played on our expansive lush field.

Saturday, September 23 - Kelly Brothers' Scholarship Benefit @ 2pm

The club will be hosting the 25th annual Kelly Brothers' Scholarship Benefit, in memory of brothers Bob & Dennis Kelly. A \$25 donation includes food, draft beer, wine and soda; a DJ, and games for Children, whom are free. If unable to attend, donations are greatly appreciated; checks can be made out to: Hemophilia Association of NJ, or H.A.N.J. Any questions, please call Bart McDade @ 732-678-1922.

Saturday, September 30 - Tour De Shillelagh Bike Run @ 9:00am

This will be our 17th year hosting the 20-mile bike ride benefit, which begins and ends at the club; riders get a free T-shirt. It will be held the morning of our annual Family Picnic. First you sweat off the pounds biking, and then drink the pounds back on during the picnic; a win-win situation. What fun!

Contact Don Bruchez (908-705-4687) to sign-up, or if you can't ride, please donate. Funds raised by this event will be donated to FSOS charitable endeavors.

Saturday, September 30 - Annual Family Picnic @ 1:00 'til 6:00pm

Jeff Schuld and his crew of BBQ guys and gals will once again tantalize your taste buds with a menu that is sure to please. Although the menu is still being finalized, we are positive there will be more food than most of us could possibly ingest. As always, tap beer, wine and soda will be flowing. There will be live music, some children activities and a Raffle. As with all our outside functions, please bring chairs.

For the 3rd year in a row we will host the rib cook off, to register please contact Jeff Schuld. Can Billy Farmer defend his 2016 title? You need to be present to find out. \$20 per person (21 and over); children 10 years old through 20.99 years old: \$10; children 9 years and under are free.

This event is one of the club's "gifts to our membership". Please come down to Chill with your friends, and Sizzle with the food. It's always heartwarming to see a LARGE MEMBER TURNOUT each year; remember it's your club. Hope to see you there!!! Many volunteers are needed before, during and after this event.

Saturday, September 30 - 3rd Annual FSOS Picnic Raffle

Raffle tickets are \$10 each; see Dennis Pinkiewicz for tickets. The drawing will be approximately 5pm, during the Picnic. Winners need not be present, but those winners who are, can select from one of the following (5) great prizes:

- 50" Smart TV
- Coleman Gas BBQ Smoker
- Coleman Travel Gas Grill
- 2 Amazon Alexa Dots
- 2 Amazon Fire Sticks.

Thursday, October 12 - Next Meeting @ 8:30pm

Saturday, October 14 - Next Month's Work Party @ 9:00am

(Continued inside...)

UPCOMING EVENTS (cont'd)

Saturday, October 21 - Bus Day Trip to Army vs Temple Football Game

The club has purchased 40 tickets for Army vs Temple University football, to be played at historic West Point. Tickets are for members and their immediate family only and cost \$100 each, which includes the bus, game ticket, food and refreshments (i.e. beer). At West Point, enjoy the Fall atmosphere during the pre-game tailgate party. If interested, contact Jeff Schuld, Denis Pinkiewicz, or drop your check in safe.

The bus will be leaving the Club at 7:30 AM sharp!!

Saturday, October 21 - Back to the 80's - Part III @ 7pm

The FSOS Softball team is sponsoring their 3rd annual, 80's Dance, featuring 'The Ronald Reagans'. They are more than a band, they travel 'Back in Time' on a musical trip to an era of one of the most diverse decades! Get into your attic or basement, dig out your 80's gear, and prepare for one great night, again. Prizes for the best dressed 80's style outfit, or 80's person or character. "Doc, this is heavy"!

Tickets are \$30 (21 and older); doors open @ 7pm for a Buffet meal, with draft beer, wine and soda. Music begins at 7:30 pm, and goes until midnight. Contact Mike Sullivan @ 732-406-2236. Tables must be paid for in full, prior to the dance.

Saturday, November 18 - FSOS Holiday Bus Trip to Lancaster, PA.

We are planning a 1-day bus trip to attend the show "The Miracle of Christmas" at the Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA. Package includes bus trip, a buffet lunch at Pennsylvania Dutch Shady Maple Smorgasbord, and a ticket for the show.

Reservations are required; price is \$115 per person, with payment due by October 27th. Bus departs from the club at 9am (real-time; not Shillelagh-time), with an approximate return time of 9pm. Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board; see Dennis Pinkiewicz for details. Payments needed by October 27, 2017.

Friday, February 9, 2018 - Rangers vs Calgary - NHL Game

We have purchased 30 tickets (at \$85 per game ticket) for the NYRangers vs Calgary Flames game, on Friday night, February 9, 2018. Find your way into MSG, and find your way out of NYC, on your dime. First 30 checks in the safe, get to go. Based upon feedback from last year's game, many did not find their way to their seats.

An ad is a terrible thing to waste! Please patronize businesses advertised in OUR newsletter

Call Jamie O'Kane (732-425-8181) to place a one year AD subscription.

Hall Rentals - Contact Tim Black (732-251-2626) to reserve the Banquet Hall, Lounge or Pavilion.

Fact or Fiction? Centuries ago, when the Irish farmers cursed and beat the Earth with sticks, it was called witchcraft.

Today it is known as GOLF!

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SHENANIGANS IN SHILLELAGH LAND

- The August meeting had to be one of the fastest FSOS meeting on record; only 24 minutes;
 - NFL and College football seasons are here! Come in and watch the games;
 - To stimulate the FSOS economy, President Jeff Schuld has approved a \$0.50 discount off all drinks for members or significant others who come to the club to watch a Notre Dame game wearing their ND Shirt; just think, 40 drinks and the Shirt is paid for!
 - FILFC: Jack Redding.
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2017 IRISH FESTIVALS

Saturday, September 16 - The Irish Festival at the Jersey Shore @12 noon

Sea Girt National Guard Armory, Sea Girt

Saturday, September 16 - The 36th Annual Great Irish Fair: 10am 'til 8pm

Ford Amphitheater, Coney Island Boardwalk, Brooklyn, NY - \$20 Admission

September 21 - 24 - Irish Fall Festival

Olde New Jersey Avenue, North Wildwood

4-Day Irish Festival features great entertainment, live music & plenty of vendors

September 22 to 24 - Sea Isle City Irish Festival Weekend

LaCosta Lounge - 4000 Landis Avenue, Sea Isle City

Saturday, September 30 – Belmar's Battle of the Pipe Bands @ 1pm 'til 5pm

This is a fundraiser for the Belmar / Lake Como St. Patrick's Day Parade (\$10 entry fee). It will be a friendly, mini competition between various Pipe Bands who participate in the annual parade, and will be held on the 9th Avenue Pier, Belmar, weather permitting. See any member of the pipe band for details.

Saturday, October 14 -10am 'til 6 pm & Sunday, October 15 - 11am 'til 6 pm

Smithville Irish Festival - Smithville, 615 East Moss Mill Road, Galloway

This is a website with details for the various NJ Irish Festivals
www.new-jersey-leisure-guide.com/irish-festivals.html

IRISH ENTERTAINMENT (We're not endorsing any business, just spotlighting Irish music)

St. Steven's Green Publick House - 2031 Highway 71, Spring Lake Heights

Sunday, September 3 & 17 @ 6pm - The Bantry Boys;

Saturday, September 16 @ 9:30pm - The Snakes;

Tuesday Evening's @ 7pm - Irish Seisuns.



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

Monday, September 25 - The Shillelagh Invitational Golf Tournament

In recognition of the formation of the Ocean County FSOS Chapter, it was agreed by all chapters that the "Tri-Shillelagh Golf Tournament" name for our annual golf outing will be retired; it is now: "The Shillelagh Invitational Golf Tournament", and will be held on the 4th Monday of September, annually.

Essex FSOS will be hosting the 2017 Golf Outing on Monday, September 25 at the East Orange Golf Course, 440 Parsonage Hill Road, Short Hills. Price is \$80 per person, and includes Golfing, with lunch and cocktails being served after the event at the Essex Shillelagh Club. Registration begins at 8am with a 9am shotgun start!

Contact Larry Lonergan at llonergan@wlesq.com to register.

OLD BRIDGE

Notre Dame's 2017 Shirt

Jamie O'Kane has placed the order for the 2017 Notre Dame football "Shirts" (short-sleeve Shirt is \$20, and long-sleeved shirt is \$30). Jamie expects to have the shirts available shortly. Here is the link to preview the 2017 Shirt: <http://theshirt.nd.edu/>.

Card Access System

Our new Card Access System to enter the building via the front door only, is operational; old access cards no longer work! If you have not picked up your new card or FOB, see Jeff Schuld, Tim Black or Jamie O'Kane on meeting night.

ESSEX

Saturday, September 16 - St. Baldrick's Children Cancer Fundraiser

The Essex Chapter will host their 11th annual fundraiser, and needs volunteers willing to have their heads shaved for this charity. I believe our own Wayne Miller will once again be participating, and Old Bridge members are welcome to join Wayne for the trip to Essex. Contact Kevin Kinney (Essex) at kjkinney@aol.com or 973-214-0170.

BELMAR

Saturday October 7 - 4th Annual Belmar Shillelagh 5k and Mile Walk

Belmar is hosting their 4th annual 'Shillelagh 5k and Mile Walk', beginning at Bar A, Lake Como. 8am registration and 9:30am start. See the flyer on our bulletin board. You can register at jsrc.org or jerseyrunner.com; or contact Bill Ryan (Belmar) at info.fsosbelmar@gmail.com.

If you wish to electronically receive all Old Bridge notifications, as well as the newsletters from the 3 other Chapters (when made available), submit your e-mail address to any e-board member, or send to news@fsos.com.

Good and Welfare



GOOD:

- A heart-felt thank-you to all members, spouses, girlfriends, friends and the Pipe-Band for donating the time with regards to Charlie Donnelly's Wake, Funeral and Repass; the support was overwhelming. Kudos to Deacon Bob McGovern for his beautiful eulogy about Charlie at the funeral Mass;
- Congratulations to Rick and Anne Dealy, on becoming grandparents;
- Remember our FSOS families who have members in the Armed Forces, as well as all U.S. troops stationed around the Globe; and our Disabled American Veterans, Wounded Warriors, and Veterans;
- Irish History Report: Please give a round of applause to Larry McGrath for his efforts to research, compile, type and then read a historical Irish story upon the conclusion of each month's meeting. It takes a great deal of time to accomplish this every month. Great Job Larry!
- 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.
- **AD Book:** # 181: John Hatton.
There are over 70 unsold AD Book tickets available for purchase each month. Please take a one year subscription at the next meeting; or ask a friend join in the fun.

WELFARE:

- Sad news: Tom Keegan passed away on August 28, at the age of 90;
- Wayne Miller's mother passed away.
Féadfaidh Siad Chuid Eile I Síocháin ! (May They Rest in Peace)
- Keep Pat Carragher Sr.; Frank Doyle; Frank Hines; Tom McGrath; Bob McQuade; Dennis Ryan; John Hoag's wife, Tom Esser's father; and Jim Hartwyk's mother, as well as other members and/or family members who have on-going health issues, in your prayers;
- 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;
- All non-members entering the bar MUST sign the Guestbook at the door; this is a requirement of our State of NJ liquor license. Yes, this includes your wife, girlfriend, friends or anyone over 21 years old;
- We are continually updating the Old Bridge Membership Database; e-mail Corresponding Secretary (Tom Jennings) with your contact information.

The Repass committee is asking for your help: if you or a spouse are available to donate several hours to assist in working any future deceased member's Repass luncheon, please contact Jim Hartwyk, Jeff Schuld or Dennis Pinkiewicz. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

Membership (As of Last Month's Meeting)

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

1st Reading: Aspiring Assets - Sponsor

Denis Kilduff, Jr, Old Bridge Denis Kilduff, Sr.

2nd Reading & Vote: Assets in Training

None

New Members: Affirmed Assets

None

FSOS IRISH Cultural Committee

The next FSOS-ICC event being contemplated is an Irish Stew night with various Irish beers. Tentatively it is being planned for this Fall, but details are still being fermented. Also, John O'Keefe and Chris Finnegan welcome any cultural ideas from the membership for their review.

FSOS Pipes & Drums

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

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