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# SHENANIGANS



Gentlemen,

First order of business, Daylight Savings Time Ends this Sunday, November 5--@ 2am. Woo Hoo!...an extra hour of sleep!!! Turn your clocks back 1 hour, and then stay up that extra hour watching Netflix.

How was everyone's Halloween? Great I hope; here's wishing that all the kids (big and little) got plenty of treats.

If you did not go on the bus trip to West Point for the Army vs Temple football game, you missed a great time. We met up with the Essex club and had a blast. Funny though, during the national anthem, did not see a single person taking a knee.

We are starting the holiday stretch run and it's coming fast. First Thanksgiving (November 23rd this year) and before you know it, Christmas. If you know of any families in need, reach out to Ray Costello for our Annual Thanksgiving Basket Donation; see inside for all the details. This is truly one of our greatest traditions.

Also on Saturday, November 18--we will have our first FSOS Holiday Bus Trip to Lancaster, PA. Looks like it is a sold out trip; really looking forward to it. Again read inside for details.

I'll leave you with this:

"Life is too short to be serious all the time. So, if you can't laugh at yourself, call me--I will laugh at you!"

Sláinte  
Jeff Schuld



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## **Sunday, November 5 – Daylight Savings Time Ends @ 2am**

At 2am turn ALL your clocks & watches back 1 hour; include your stove, microwave, programmable thermostat and of course, the VCRs. Also replace the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

## **Tuesday, November 7 - Election Day. VOTE!**

## **Thursday, November 9 - Monthly Meeting @ 8:30 PM**

## **Saturday, November 11 - Veterans Day**

Originally called 'Armistice Day', it was a worldwide anniversary, celebrating the signing of an Armistice, signaling the end of World War I, which took effect on the 11th hour, of the 11th day, of the 11th month, of 1918. Every year thereafter, each country commemorated the Armistice their own way.

On May 13, 1938, the U.S. Congress created a permanent national holiday called 'Armistice Day' to honor the deceased soldiers of WWI, and declared that every November 11th would be the official legal holiday.

On June 1, 1954, the U.S. Congress amended the original Congressional Act by replacing the word 'Armistice' with the word "Veterans" and, also modified it to include all U.S. Veterans, alive or deceased, from all wars, not just WWI. Veterans Day is celebrated across the U.S. with memorials, parades and military ceremonies. On behalf of the FSOS and their families, we thank all members, past and present, for their service in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine and Navy.

## **Saturday, November 11 - Monthly Work Party @ 9:00am**

ATTENTION! ALL members; our Keepers need your help with the ongoing quest to clean, and maintain your building and the grounds. Feel free to contact our Keepers, Kenny Shanley or Mike Murphy to find out what needs to be done, and do it when you're available, even if it's not a Saturday.

## **Thanksgiving Basket Assembly**

Check the bulletin board to see if any items remain unsubscribed.

If you know a family that needs our help, please contact Ray Costello at [elevatorray@gmail.com](mailto:elevatorray@gmail.com); call (732-500-6929), or leave a sealed envelope in the safe with the name and address of the family, and quantity of family members. Include the gender and ages of any children (newborn to age 16), because we try to supply some toys, collected during our Toys-4-Tots drive, to the children to help make their Christmas be special.

Feel free to donate your spare change in the bucket at the bar, and/or support the weekly Football Sunday 50/50. These donations help offset the price of the Turkeys, which typically cost about \$1,200 each year, purchase any unsubscribed items or Shop-Rite gift cards for last minute referrals, as well as the assembly day breakfast.

This is our Club's most participated event by the members and their wonderful families! Remember, children who participate will be given community service letters if they require them. Thank you one and all for your help in this huge endeavor.

Monday, November 13 - Drop-off of all Basket donations begins; all items to be in the club by 9pm Friday, November 17.

Saturday, November 18 @ 8:30am; Basket assembly begins, with deliveries scheduled for later that day.

(Continued inside...)

## UPCOMING EVENTS (cont'd)

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

1-day bus trip to Lancaster, PA to attend the show "The Miracle of Christmas" in the Sight and Sound Theater. Cost is \$115 per person, and includes bus trip, a buffet lunch at Pennsylvania Dutch Shady Maple Smorgasbord, and a ticket for the show. See Dennis Pinkiewicz for any availability. If you have not made your payment, it is past due. The bus will leave the Club at 9 AM sharp!! Bus returns approximately 9pm the same day.

**Please note that the Thanksgiving Basket volunteers, and their delivery vehicles will be arriving at the same time as your group. As they need to park near the entrance for loading purposes, please park your cars near the cell tower.**

### **Thursday, November 23 – Thanksgiving Day (228th Anniversary)**

On November 26, 1789, President George Washington established the first American holiday, calling it Thanksgiving Day, proclaiming it to be a day of prayer and public thanksgiving in gratitude for the successful establishment of a new American republic.

### **Thursday, December 14 - Next Meeting @ 8:30pm**

### **Saturday, December 16 - Next Month's Work Party @ 9:00am**

### **Friday, January 12, 2018 - Irish Stew Night**

Due to a conflict with the Thanksgiving Basket program, the FSOS-ICC sponsored Irish Stew Night has been rescheduled for Friday, January 12, 2018. Details to follow.

John O'Keefe and Chris Finnegan welcome any ideas for future cultural events.

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

There are very few tickets left for the NYRangers vs Calgary Flames game, on Friday night, February 9, 2018. Ticket is \$85 for game only; NO transportation.

## **Christmas Events for DECEMBER 2017**

### **Saturday, December 9 - Christmas Dinner Dance @ 6:30pm 'til 12am**

### **Tuesday, December 12 - Christmas Cookie Exchange @ 7:30pm**

Our 5th annual Christmas Cookie Exchange takes place, and will be hosted by our very own "Shilleladies": Dot Sullivan @ 732-238-1985 and Kathy McDonald @ 732-841-5528. So, ladies and gentlemen, whip up 4 to 5 dozen of your special batch of Cookies only, and bring them, along with written copies of your recipe to the Exchange that night.

### **Saturday, December 16 - Children's Christmas Party @ the Movies**

It's too early to provide the movie feature or time, but we will have details next month.

### **Sunday, December 17 - Toys-for-Tots Collection (1pm 'til 5pm)**

Support our annual Toys-for-Tots collection; please bring a \$20 toy (for either boy or girl) or a \$20 cash donation. Your donation entitles you to hot dogs and hamburgers, and a \$0.50 discount on drinks.

### **Monday, December 25 - Christmas Day**

### **Sunday, December 31 - New Year's Eve Party @ 9PM 'till Whenever**

New Year's Eve Party to usher in 2018!! Details next month.

## **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

## FALL 2017 SPORTING EVENTS

### **NHL Hockey and NBA Basketball**

Don't miss the excitement, or the opportunity to support your team.

### **College Football Saturdays**

Games are on every TV screen all day, thru-out the season, until the respective College Bowls. Games start at various times and continue until the night games end.

Notre Dame games will always be televised. To stimulate the FSOS economy, President Jeff Schuld has approved a \$0.50 discount off all drinks for members or significant others who wear a ND Shirt during a televised Notre Dame game!

### **NFL Football: Sunday Afternoon & Night / Monday & Thursday Nights**

Sunday games start at 1 pm, and continue until the night game ends; food is served during the afternoon game. Both Monday & Thursday night games are also televised.

### **Card Access System**

The new Card Access System 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.

All non-member guests over 21 years old MUST sign the Guestbook at the door; this is a requirement of our State of NJ liquor license.

If you are the last person to leave the building at night, turn off the lights, CHECK ALL DOORS to confirm they are locked; deadbolt the front door; and then drop the key into the mail slot.

### **Monthly AD Book - New Payment Program**

The monthly AD Book is one of the revenue streams we count on to keep the Club running. Therefore, we are changing the way we sell the AD Book tickets and collect the money for the monthly drawings. Our yearly goal is to have all 300 AD Book tickets sold and paid for. If we don't sellout the 300 tickets, we will target a lower quantity, which will result in a lower monthly payout.

Starting with the March 2018 meeting and going forward, all AD Book tickets will be sold as a 1-year subscription (i.e. \$60 per calendar year) and must be paid in full for the year, at the March meeting. Please note: before you can purchase an AD Book ticket(s), you must pay any AD Book money owed from previous years.

Beginning with the April 2018 meeting, AD Book money will no longer be collected, nor will individual tickets be sold at any meeting!!! If you do not pay in full in March, you will lose your ticket(s) and must wait until the following year to get back in; but there's no guarantee your ticket(s), or any ticket will be available.

Also, to re-obtain a ticket you will be required to pay any outstanding unpaid balance owed, based upon the quantity of tickets and number of months the ticket(s) were in your possession, if applicable.

We understand that many members have tickets, and/or specific numbers they want to keep, which is why we are notifying everyone 5 months in advance, so you can properly budget and place money aside. This way, when March 2018 arrives you will be able to pay in full.

Please note: If you are a member in good standing, and have a large quantity of tickets, speak to Jeff Schuld or Dennis Pinkiewicz, and they will try to work with **you**.

Finally, all future incoming members will be asked and encouraged to purchase an available AD Book ticket once they are a member. If no tickets are available, we will begin a waiting list.



## Membership Database

We occasionally receive feedback from members stating they're not getting Club phone calls when a member has passed away, or when there is a special events announcement. In addition, others say that they are not receiving the monthly newsletter electronically.

The contact information in our Database is a direct result of what is provided by you. It is up to each of you to confirm that your contact information in our Membership database is accurate (i.e.: telephone, address and e-mail address).

To ensure that we have your correct information so you will receive future "FSOS Phone Messages", Old Bridge notifications, and the other Chapters newsletters (when available), **e-mail your current information to [news@fsos.com](mailto:news@fsos.com).**



## SHENANIGANS IN SHILLELAGH LAND



- The bus trip to West Point, for the Army vs Temple football game was fantastic. It was a great day, with great weather, a great game, and an Army Win!!! As unbelievable as it sounds, for a day in late October, many on the trip returned with a sunburn;

- The Softball team's "Back to the 80s" night was a success; many attendees wore great period costumes, with prizes awarded by popular vote; and lots of dancing;
- The annual Walter Siecinski blood drive was a large success. A major thank-you to the 47 generous men and women who donated much needed blood, just in time for Halloween; and, at least the same quantity of pints, were consumed there-after;
- The 2017 Tour D'Shillelagh bike ride raised approximately \$ 2,700, which Donny Bruchez has donated to various charities within our organization. Thank you to all the riders and their sponsors for their energy and donations;
- Recently, Tom Keegan's family sent a thank-you to the club in gratitude for his repass which was held at the club (look for the pictures on the bulletin board). Within the envelope there was a card with Tommy's picture on one side, and on the flip side "Tom Keegan's Top Ten" saying. So, being that we have only one card, I have reprinted them for your enjoyment and / or memories:
  10. "Who loves you baby?"
  9. "Drink Beer – fish have sex in water"
  8. "That's life in the fast lane."
  7. "Is Helen Reddi? Is Ruth Buzzi? Is Ben Gay?"
  6. "You can always tell an Irishman; but you can't tell him much."
  5. "Did you ever have so much fun with all your clothes on?"
  4. "You're only going around once baby, and you're not coming back!"
  3. "Anything better than this, God kept for himself!"
  2. "There's a 'K' on every dial, and that stands for 'Keegan', and you can dial it anytime."
  1. (Like you didn't guess this one already)... "You may not always like me, but you'll never forget me"!

# Good and Welfare



Call Jim Hartwyk (908-307-7423) with G&W; give information to an e-board Officer, or e-mail to [news@fsos.com](mailto:news@fsos.com).  
If a member is in the hospital, provide member's name; details of their issue, hospital, room and phone.

## GOOD:

- Congratulations to Erin Jennings, daughter of Tom & Nadine Jennings, on her marriage to Greg Gillmann. On a personal note, thanks to Chris Finnegan (whose Uilleann Pipes added elegance to the event) and his musical partner, Frank Banafato for providing the music during the Wedding ceremony and Cocktail Hour. And a special thanks to the FSOS Pipe Band for making a surprise appearance to perform during the Reception; they were a perfect addition to the festivities;
- Congratulations to Jack McCarthy's daughter and husband, on the birth of their son, Aiden;
- Jeff Schuld's son, Bryan, was deployed in the past several days;
- Best wishes to Dave & Charlene Delaney as they finally moved to Naples, Florida;
- 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;
- 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.
- **FILFC:** Joe Paterson
- **AD Book:** # 224 – Rob Anthony.

## WELFARE:

- Keep Pat Carragher Sr.; Frank Doyle; Frank Lynch; Bob McQuade; Bob Quinn; Jeff Schuld's mother; Jim Hartwyk's mother; John Hoag's wife; Tom Esser's father; and other members and/or family members who are quietly attending to their on-going health issues, in your prayers;
- Please visit our Memorial Monument to remember our deceased members;
- 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 Repass luncheons for a deceased member, please contact Jim Hartwyk, Jeff Schuld or Dennis Pinkiewicz. Help is greatly appreciated.

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**To place an AD in our newsletter, contact Jamie O'Kane (732-425-8181),  
or e-mail your request to [news@fsos.com](mailto:news@fsos.com).**

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

# Membership (As of Last Month's Meeting)

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

## 1st Reading: Aspiring Assets - Sponsor

### Aspiring Assets

Kyle Brown, Jr, Old Bridge  
Charles Costello, Old Bridge  
John McCarthy, Old Bridge  
Keith Hannan, Colts Neck  
Kevin Naples, Union Beach  
Joe Wereson, Spotswood

### Sponsor

Kenny Brown, Sr.  
Ray Costello, Old Bridge  
Jack McCarthy, Old Bridge  
Jeff Schuld, Old Bridge  
Ray Costello, Old Bridge  
Tom Keegan / Ray Costello

## 2nd Reading & Vote: Assets in Training - None

## New Members: Affirmed Assets - None

Candidates must attend (3) work parties, and their sponsor must attend (1) work party with their candidate, before the candidate will be approved to be a member. If a candidate, or their sponsor cannot attend a Saturday work party, contact our Keepers, Kenny Shanley or Mike Murphy to find out what needs to be done, and do it when you are both available.

## FSOS MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES

### OCTOBER

35 years Tom Howe  
30 years Don Murray  
20 years Frank Davis  
20 years Larry Haughney  
5 years Mike Lynch  
5 years Walter Evans

### NOVEMBER

40 years Kevin Hayes  
25 years John McGuinness  
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20 years Tom Dunn  
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15 years Jim Morris

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