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Gentlemen,

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and it was shared with family and loved ones. Here's to wishing you all health and happiness in 2018!

We started the Christmas Season off with our annual members only Christmas Party-December 9th. We had a little bit of snow, but that scared no one...what a grand night it was! As usual, Top Hat Catering wowed everyone with their never-ending line of fantastic appetizers they served, followed up with a beautiful buffet dinner. After all the eating, we worked off a couple of calories when we danced the night away to the wonderful music of "Backdraft". Truly a great evening. Last, but not least, a big thank you goes out to Margie Pinkiewicz for making the hall look magical and amazing!

What do we have lined up for January???? Well, we start back up with Friday Night and Sunday Afternoon Shuffleboard leagues; fun times will be had. If you wish to be a substitute player for either league, come early and sign up.

Then, the first of the season fundraisers for Belmar/Lake Como, Saint Patrick's Day Parade. It will be on Saturday Night, January 13 @ 7pm – ??? This is a new date and time this year. Please read inside for further details.

On a sad note, we lost a prominent member of the club in December, with the passing of James "Jim" Fennessy. Jim was a founding member of our club as well as our 9th president; he will be deeply missed. Please keep Jim's family in your prayers. RIP my friend.

We owe a great debt of gratitude to those men who started and established our club in 1964. All we enjoy is directly related to their efforts.

Sláinte Jeff Schuld



UPCOMING EVENTS

WELCOME TO 2018 !

Athbhliain Faoi Mhaise Dhuit! (Happy New Year).

Your 2018 Club Dues and AD Book payments are due.

AD Books: see the article within this newsletter concerning the new payment structure.

Building Fund: see the article within this newsletter concerning this fundraiser.

Please write separate checks for your Dues, AD-book, and Building Fund payments, as co-payment of these funds as one deposit usually leads to confusion, and is a book keeping nightmare; make it easy on our Treasurer and pay on time

Friday, January 5 – Friday Night Shuffleboard Begins

Sunday, January 7 – Sunday Afternoon Shuffleboard Begins

If you wish to be a per-diem substitute player for either league, come early & sign up.

Thursday, January 11 - Meeting Night & Nominations @ 8:30pm

Nominations for the 2018 Executive Officers shall be made from the floor at January's general membership meeting. Based upon our By-Laws, the criteria are 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 their initiation fee as of the January meeting.
- To be eligible to vote for any nominee 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.
- Ad Book payments are part of your Dues responsibilities.

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

ATTENTION all members! Your help is needed to clean and prepare the building for the Parade Fundraiser later that night. Contact Kenny Shanley or Mike Murphy to find out what needs to be done.

Saturday Night, January 13 @ 7-11 pm –

"A Celebration of Life" Fundraiser for the Belmar/Lake Como, Saint Patrick's Day Parade

The 1st fundraiser for the 2018 Belmar / Lake Como St. Patrick's Day Parade will be "A Celebration of Life" in memory of Charlie and Cathy Donnelly, and will be at the Old Bridge FSOS. Admission is \$20 per person, and includes selected tap beer, wine, soda, and food by Top Hat Catering.

Live entertainment by "Paddy and the Pale Boys", our very own FSOS Pipes & Drums, and a performance by the D'Arcy School of Irish Dancer. Details on additional Parade fundraisers will be posted on bulletin board, or contact John Sheridan.

Saturday, January 20 – Live Entertainment @ 8pm

We will have entertainment at the bar, by the Acoustic duo of Scott and Don, for an evening of "Get out of the House" winter fun. Bring some snacks to munch on.

Saturday, January 27 – Annual Comedy Night @ 6:30pm

Tickets are \$40 per person and includes buffet dinner, draft beer, wine and soda, Doors open at 6:30pm, with dinner served immediately upon opening; show-time is 8pm. The show is sold out, with a waiting list, so contact Don Bruchez (908-705-4687) to ensure your reservation. Please have your money in to Don, by January 13th, or if you are putting a check (no cash) in the safe, mark envelope attention: Don B. - Comedy show. If you don't have your money in, you may lose your seat. By the way, the 3 headliner comedians are Adam Kerr, Tommy Gooch, Tom Anzalone, as well yours truly, Don Bruchez. Thank you, thank you very much.

Sunday, February 4 - Super Bowl Sunday

Sunday afternoon Shuffleboard will be in progress until about 5pm. But don't let that stop you from joining us at the Club to watch and enjoy the Super Bowl pregame show; the BIG GAME which begins at 6:30pm; the Half-Time show; the commercials, and the game's finale. Food will be served prior to kick-off. See Jeff Schuld with your offers of assistance.

UPCOMING EVENTS (cont'd)

Thursday, February 8 - Next Meeting @ 8:30pm

Your 2018 Officer Nominees will be given the opportunity to speak about why you should elect them; or give their riveting 'Re-elect Me' speeches.

Our 2018 "FSOS Irishman of The Year" and Belmar "Parade Adjutant" will be announced.

Saturday, February 10 - Next Month's Work Party @ 9am

Preparation of the building and grounds for Parade Day and St. Patrick's Day.

Wednesday, February 14 - Lent Starts; and its St. Valentine's Day

Friday, February 16 - 10th Annual Great Guinness Toast (St. Practice Day)

Friday Night Dinners start off the evening at 5pm. Then at 8pm, Joe Patterson will be our toast master for The Great Guinness Toast as he forays into the dark mystic brew with the perfect head. For \$5, you get one pint of Guinness and a raffle ticket for a plethora of giveaways throughout the evening. Joe will impress us with his poetic, sentimental and nonsensical toasts. Musical guests are Bob Hurst & Tim Murphy of the Bogside Rogues!

Saturday, February 24 - Annual Club Elections & Blood Drive

More details about both events to follow in the February newsletter.

Sunday Night, February 25 - 'Cherish the Ladies' Concert @ 7pm

Our very own FSOS Pipes and Drums, in a joint venture with the VFW Post #133, present an evening with "Cherish the Ladies", an Irish Traditional Music and Dance Ensemble. Concert will be held in the American Legion Joyce Kilmer Post #25, located on 4 John F. Kennedy Drive, Milltown; see poster on bulletin board. Tickets are \$35; contact John O'Keefe (908-706-1606), or drop a check in the safe. Great way to start off Saint Patrick's season!

Sunday, March 4 - 44th Belmar / Lake Como St. Patrick's Day Parade

The day begins with a 9am Mass at the club, a prayer service at the monument for our deceased members, followed by a Continental Breakfast.

This will be the 32nd Anniversary of marching in this Parade! Club & Parade details will be in the February newsletter.

Uniform Information: Full FSOS uniforms must be worn on Parade Day. Uniform is gray dress slacks, white dress shirt and black shoes, which you acquire from any clothing store. The following Uniform components are to be purchased from TRIPLE CROWN SPORTS (TCS): the green Blazer; jacket FSOS patch; FSOS neck-tie; beret and FSOS hat broach (see bulletin board for prices).

TCS is located @ 18 Throckmorton Lane, Old Bridge, just off Route 9 South. Contact Ralph Quick at 732-679-2231 if you have a special request for a jacket or hat size.

Friday, March 23 - Annual F.S.O.S. Installation Dinner Dance @ 6pm

The 2018 Dinner Dance will, once again, be held at the Battleground Country Club; located at 1 Covenhoven Road, Manalapan; (732) 462-7575.

The cost will be \$ 85 per person, and includes a great dinner, open bar, and live music by the Phil Engel Band; plus, an appearance by the FSOS Pipes and Drums band.

We have reserved a small block of rooms @ \$140/night for anyone wishing to stay at the near-by Radisson Hotel, 50 Gibson Place (Route 537) Freehold; (732) 780-3400.

Contact Jeff Schuld (732-261-8952) to reserve your table; sign-up sheet will be posted.

FSOS Pipes & Drums

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

SHENANIGANS IN SHILLELAGH LAND

- Irish Stew Night has been postponed until a later date due to low response;
- For the month of November, no soda supplies were purchased, drawing a huge applause by the membership;
- Thanks to John Waggle and associates for decorating the club for Christmas;
- The annual Christmas Dinner Dance was a huge success; the hors d'oeuvers and dinner were excellent and enjoyed by all. It was fitting that it snowed, making our Christmas Party even more festive. The music was provided by "Backdraft" and what a hit they were! Fortunately, no one did anything silly, although it would have been good fodder for the newsletter;
- "Wheel Barrow of Cheer": won by Ron Wittenberg (#021); Pat Mulvihill won 2nd prize (#036); Ken Brown won 3rd prize (#188) and Dylan Massih won 4th prize (#184);
- The Children's Christmas Movie was well attended; Santa Claus appeared prior to the movie, which was a great animated movie "Ferdinand The Bull";
- As advertised, the new Card Access System is operational. If you have not picked up your new card or FOB, see Jeff Schuld, Tim Black or Jamie O'Kane.

MONTHLY AD BOOK - NEW PAYMENT PROGRAM

The monthly AD Book is one of the revenue streams we count on to keep the Club operating.

Starting with the March meeting and going forward, we have decided to change the way we sell, and collect the money, for the monthly AD Book tickets. Our goal is to have all 300 AD Book tickets sold and paid for, by March of every year. If we can't sellout the 300 tickets, we may be forced to target a lower quantity, which will result in a lower monthly payout.

All AD Book tickets will be sold as a 1-year subscription (i.e. \$60) and **must be paid in full, at the March meeting**. However, before you can purchase any AD Book ticket(s), you must pay for any AD Book money owed from previous months or years.

Beginning with the April meeting, AD Book tickets will NO longer be sold at any meeting, nor will money be collected!!! If you have not paid in full at the March meeting, you lose your ticket(s), and must wait until the following year to get back in; and 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, based upon the quantity of tickets and number of months the ticket(s) which 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.

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 new members will be offered, and encouraged, to purchase any unsold AD Book ticket. If no tickets are available, we will begin a waiting list.

BELMAR/ LAKE COMO ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

2018 FUND RAISER PROGRAM

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21 Manasquan Beach House 390 Main St. Manasquan

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28 Bar Anticipation 703 16 Ave., Lake Como

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11 Anchor Tavern 715 Main Street, Belmar

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18 Boat House Bar & Grill 309 Main St., Belmar

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25 F.S.O.S. - Belmar - 815 16 Ave, Belmar

Donations are \$15.00 per person, per location. ALL events are 2 pm to 6 pm, and include Entertainment and Hot & Cold Buffet.

MEMBERSHIP (As of Last Month's Meeting)

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: Dennis Bohanan, Ben McLaughlin, Joe Murray, Bill Schneider and Rick Dealy

1st Reading: 1st ReadingAspiring Assets (Sponsor)

Mike Martin - Old Bridge (Larry McGrath) Nicholas Cameron - Scotch Plains (Tom Glynn) Tim Dunnigan - Old Bridge (William Dunnigan)

2nd Reading & Vote: Assets in Training

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

New Members: Affirmed ASSET

Denis Kilduff, Jr.

Aspiring Assets must attend (3) work parties, and their sponsor must attend (1) work party with their Asset, 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.

Membership Database

We occasionally receive feedback from members stating they're not getting the monthly newsletter (either via snail mail or electronically), the phone call when a member has passed away, or when there are announcements of special events.

Your contact information in our Membership Database is a direct result of what you previously provided. If you have moved, changed your phone numbers or e-mail address, it is up to you to notify us, so that your contact information is updated and accurate.

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

FSOS MEMBERSHIP ANNIVERSARIES: JANUARY

35 years-Steve Hansult; 25 years-Tom McGinty; 20 years-Sean Hoag; 5 years-Cathal O'Brien



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**. If a member is in the hospital, provide member's name; details of their issue, hospital, room and phone.

GOOD:

- Congratulations to Kevin McFadden, on his graduation from the Philadelphia Police Academy, and the beginning of his Police career;
- 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: Dennis Bohanan;
- AD Book: # 056 Dennis Pinkiewicz.

• WELFARE:

- Founding Member and 9th president, Jim Fennessy passed away on December 26; Jim recently celebrated his 90th birthday in June;
- Keep Pat Carragher Sr.; Rich Green; Frank Lynch; Bob McQuade; John Hoag's wife; 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.

An ad is a terrible thing to waste! Please patronize businesses advertised in OUR newsletter To place an AD in our newsletter, contact Jamie O'Kane (732-425-8181), or e-mail your request to news@fsos.com.

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

2018 FSOS BUILDING FUND

This is the Club's premium annual Fundraiser for the upkeep of our building and grounds. Only 600 tickets @ \$50 each, will be sold, beginning Sunday January 7. First prize is 10,000 points, as well as numerous multi-point secondary prizes. See Jim Hartwyk (908-307-7423) for your tickets. All ticket stubs, money, and unsold tickets must be returned by Sunday, March 11, 2018.

Drawing will be Saint Patrick's Day, Saturday, March 17, 2018, approximately 7pm.



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