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Brothers,

A big THANK YOU to all who helped put together the 10th Annual Walter Siecinski Blood Drive. We donated "52" pints of blood in Walter's honor. Great effort from all who contributed and/or helped out.

We also had the Quad-Shillelagh on September 17th, hosted by the FSOS boys from Ocean County. We showed up in force by sending 6 foursomes; very impressive. I understand the beer was cold and a great time was had by all!

The Notre Dame Fighting Irish are undefeated with a 5-0 record and are currently ranked #6. Next up is Virginia Tech on the road; Go Irish!

The 2018 Family Picnic was a fantastic success. We had over 225 attendees, great weather, great music, outstanding food and, of course our 4th Annual BBQ Rib cook off. Taking home this year's honors was Team Frank McFadden. All it took was to lighten the team (you know too many chefs in the kitchen). With O'Keefe and DeMaio away at South Bend for ND game, Team McFadden "Lite" focused, bore down and took home the trophy! Coming in 2nd was Adam Borre and 3rd was Scott "Always a Bridesmaid" Fitzgerald. Great job guys!

Thanksgiving is not too far around the corner, and that leads to our Thanksgiving Baskets Food Drive. If you haven't signed up yet, the list is on the board down at the club. Bobby Shanley is taking over the reins from Ray Costello. Reach out to him if you know of any families in need.

Irish Wit: It's not that the Irish are cynical. It's rather that they have a wonderful lack of respect for everything and everybody. - Brendan Behan

Sláinte Jeff Schuld



UPCOMING EVENTS

It's October and this means serious **SPORTS:** MLB Playoffs and World Series Games; NFL Football; and the NHL Hockey & NBA Basketball seasons begin. Don't miss the excitement, or the opportunity to support your team, as well as the FSOS club.

MLB Baseball: Post Season Games

Regardless of which teams are in the post season, baseball will be televised until the completion of the World Series.

Football

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!

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

Sunday games start at 1 pm and continues until the Game of the Week is over; food is served during the Sunday afternoon games. Both week-night games are also televised.

NHL Hockey and NBA Basketball - 2018

The NHL season has begun: GO Devils / Rangers / Islanders / Flyers or whomever!!!!

The NBA season begins Tuesday, October 16, 2018.

Monday, October 8 - Columbus Day

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

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

Help is needed to prepare the grounds for this afternoon's fundraiser.

Saturday, October 13 @ 2PM - Kelly Brothers' Scholarship Benefit

The club will be hosting their 26th 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 see Bart McDade, or call 732-679-5679.

As a side note: Bart McDade stated that several club members' families have been beneficiaries of their scholarship program over the years.

Friday, October 19 Irish Whiskey Tasting Night III @ 7:30pm

The Irish Cultural Committee is hosting their 3rd Irish Whiskey Tasting event under the Pavilion, so come prepared to wet your whistle. Sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board.

Advanced reservations are required to ensure that everyone has a meal!

The whiskies on hand will be: Dead Rabbit; Yellow Spot; Clontarf; Tullamore; Caribbean Cask and Middleton. There are even rumors of cigars being available.

Cost is \$45 per person and includes a Ribeye Steak dinner with potatoes and creamed spinach. Payment must be made by Sunday, October 14. Checks only are to be placed in an envelope and put into the safe. On the envelope, write John O'Keefe's name and "Irish Whiskey Dinner", along with the names of your guests.

Questions please call John O'Keefe 908-705-1606.

Sunday October 28 – Annual Halloween Party @ 1pm 'til 5pm

Bring all the kiddies, in their costumes to our Halloween Party; adults can dress up too. Contact Sean & Jenn Flaherty @ 732-552-7760 for details.

Wednesday, October 31 - Halloween

Or, "All Hallowed Eve" which was an ancient celebration, combining the Christian festival of All Saints Day, with Pagan autumn festivals.

Sunday Morning, November 4 - Daylight Savings Time Ends

At 2am reset your clocks and watches 1 hour back.

Public Service Announcement: Smoke Detectors and Carbon Monoxide detectors are required in your house because they save lives. As always, at this time of year replace the detector batteries when you reset your clocks for Daylight Savings Time. If your detectors are hardwired, have them checked to ensure they are connected and work. Most important: test detectors every month, even after the batteries are replaced. And, all detectors have an expiration date on the back of them; examine your detectors and replace if necessary.

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

Saturday, November 10 - Next Month's Work Party @ 9:00am

Tuesday, January 29, 2019 - Rangers vs Flyers - NHL Game

The Club has pre-purchased 30 tickets (\$103 per game ticket) for the NYRangers vs Flyers game, on Tuesday night, in the 1st two rows of the Upper Level Bridge. Find your way into MSG, and find your way out of NYC, on your dime; NO transportation. First 30 checks in the safe, get their ticket(s). Sign-up sheet is on the board, but many seats have already been claimed! Contact Jeff Schuld for details.

FSOS PIPES & DRUMS

Saturday, December 1 thru Monday, December 31

The FSOS Pipe Band is running their NJ Lottery based fund-raiser again.

This time it will only run for the month of December, but the prizes are larger. Tickets are \$20 each and, based upon the 3-digit number you purchase, you have 31 chances at winning a prize (i.e., every day gives you another chance).

Every day during the month of December, the FSOS ticket number which matches the NJ Lottery's Evening Pick 3 game, is the winner; it's that simple. See John Hatton, any band member or member of the FSOS Pipe Band Flags & Banners for tickets.

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

SHENANIGANS IN SHILLELAGH LAND

- Wayne Miller, Rob Antonelli and John Martin all participated in the St Baldrick's Foundation head shaving fundraiser. Here is a link for pictures of Wayne: www.stbaldricks.org/participants/ mypage.988551/2018;
- The Family Picnic's annual was fantastic. After days of overcast skies and heavy rain, the luck of the Irish prevailed, and we enjoyed a spectacularly beautiful sunny day. Part of the day's event included the 4th annual Spare Rib BBQ cook-off, and it was a finger-licking success. Frank McFadden was declared the winner and awarded a plastic 24k gold Chef trophy. Word has it that other spare-ribs entries were extremely tasty;
- Winning results of the 2018 Family Picnic raffle: Jim Hartwyk; Jeannie Farmer; Mary Pat Jeffries; Josie Cameron & Gail Ampania;
- A Riddle: If six sisters have one brother each, how many brothers are there?

THANKSGIVING BASKETS – 2018

Thanksgiving is next month, and every year we take time to reflect on how grateful we are, for all that we have. Since the mid-1960's, when the FSOS was in its infancy, we have prepared food baskets for needy families in our community who have fallen on hard times, to help make their Thanksgiving Day special.

A list of various food and ancillary items, and their quantities, is posted on the Bulletin Board; please sign-up to purchase and donate an item of your choice. As some items are more expensive than others, do not put any financial hardships on your own family; feel free to partner with another club member to share the cost for one of those items.

If you know a family that will benefit from our help, please contact Bobby Shanley, (seeknay31@gmail.com or 732-921-0828)with the family's name, address, quantity of family members, and the age and gender of any children. Or, place a sealed envelope into the safe with their information.

In addition to the food baskets, we try to donate some toys to those children (newborn to age 16) to help make their Christmas special. Toys are collected during our annual December Toys-4-Tots Drive.

Also, feel free to put any spare change into the bucket behind the bar, or buy a weekly Football Sunday 50/50 chance. These donations help offset the cost of the Turkeys, which cost at least \$1,200 each year; help purchase any items on the list not claimed; purchase Shop-Rite gift cards for any referrals above the assigned baskets; as well providing breakfast for our many volunteers on assembly and distribution day.

ALL donations must be brought to the club beginning Monday, November 12 and ending at 9pm Friday night, November 16; DO NOT drop anything off before Monday! Baskets will be assembled on Saturday morning, November 17, starting at 8:30am; deliveries are scheduled for later that afternoon.

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

OLD BRIDGE

Monday, October 15 thru Sunday, October 28

Annual Clothing & Sports Equipment Drive run by Tom Esser.

Gather up your used clothes, unwanted pocketbooks, and footwear (shoes, boots, sneakers, in good condition - bagged separately from clothes), and place in the Pavilion in waterproof bags between the above dates. Help will be needed on pick-up day to load the truck, on a date to be announced.

Plus, unwanted Sports Equipment is highly accepted; equipment will be distributed to the sports needy; contact Tom at Fizzed12000@yahoo.com.

BELMAR

Monday, October 15 thru Sunday, October 28 Saturday October 13 - 5th Annual Belmar Shillelagh 5k and Mile Walk

Belmar is hosting their annual 'Shillelagh 5k Run and Mile Walk', starting with an 8am registration at Bar A, Lake Como, and 9:30am start. Each year the net proceeds are donated to various charitable causes. This year we will be raising funds for the educational fund of the 3 grandchildren of fellow Shillelagh member, Steve Day. Steve's wife Sharon, and his daughter, Dr. Deidre Day Seick. both recently passed away. Deidre, a beloved local pediatrician, leaves behind her husband and three young children all under 10.

Prizes for top three Shillelagh members in the 5k run; do not have to Belmar Shillelagh. If interested, see the flyer on our bulletin board, or register at jsrc.org; jerseyrunner.com; or contact Belmar VP, Bill "Mumbles" Ryan (Belmar) at info.fsosbelmar@gmail.com.

• The Belmar chapter has installed memorial paving blocks and granite tiles in front of their building; stop by and look for our FSOS Old Bridge 12" x 12" tile.

IRISH ENTERTAINMENT

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

www.ssgpub.com Huge schedule of various bands almost daily, every week;

Tuesday Evening's @ 7pm -Irish Seisuns.

The Snakes Band: a rock band which provides great music with an Irish kick. They play at various venues; www.thesnakesband.com or check them out on Facebook.

The Bantry Boys: an Irish band which provides great Irish music and play at various venues; www. thebantryboys.com.

Just an Observation

- Attendance at our monthly meeting, as well as at the bar, is rather light; remember, it's YOUR club, so support YOUR club!
- A limited quantity of FSOS logo car magnets are available at \$5 each. See Dennis Pinkiewicz or John O'Keefe to purchase one, or two;
- Scott Fitzgerald is our new FSOS haberdashery agent. He will work with the club in placing orders for various clothing with the FSOS logo embroidered on them. Or, if an individual member has a specific garment such as a shirt, sweater or jacket you wish to have the logo on, see Scott; embroidery fees do apply.

DECEMBER 2018 – Christmas Events at a Glance

- This is a preliminary schedule of events. Keep an eye out in future issues for other events.
- Saturday, December 8 Members' Annual Christmas Dinner Dance
- Tuesday, December 4 Christmas Cookie Exchange @ 7:30pm
- Our 6th annual Christmas Cookie Exchange takes place and will be hosted by Dot Sullivan @ 732-238-1985 and her "Shilleladies". So, male or female, bake 4 dozen of your special cookies, and bring the recipe with you that night.
- Tuesday, December 25 Christmas Day
- Monday, December 31 New Year's Eve.

Good and Welfare



CPR CLASS: Tom Esser is planning another CPR Class. No date or details yet, but he will need a head count; email him at Fizzed12000@yahoo.com.

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:

- 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;
- Please bring a donation of non-perishable canned food such as stews, Italian foods, tuna, and the like. Peanut butter is always welcome. Toiletry items are also desired and include soap, shampoo, deodorant, etc., etc., etc. for the Old Bridge Food Bank.
- FILFC: Dominic Ryan
- AD Book: # 072 Frank Hines.

WELFARE:

- Mike Fitzgerald passed away;
- John Norton, father of Mary Costello and grandfather of fellow member Charlie Costello Jr., passed away; Féadfaidh Siad Chuid Eile I Síocháin (May they Rest in Peace)
- Charlie Agar, Pat Carragher Sr.; Dave Furey; Rich Green; Bob McGowan, Bob McQuade; Bud Murphy; Dan O'Malley; Smitty Tolan; John Hoag's wife, Catherine
- Keep all other members and/or family members who are quietly attending to their on-going health issues, in your prayers;
- Visit our Memorial Monument to remember our deceased members;
- 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;
- The Repass committee is requesting 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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An ad is a terrible thing to waste! Please patronize businesses advertised in OUR newsletter

To place an AD in our newsletter, call the club @ 732-251-9840 and leave a message for Michael Falzone, or e-mail your request to news@fsos.com.

Hall Rentals - Contact our new Banquet Chairman, Bill Dunnigan (732-251-2626) to reserve the Banquet Hall, Lounge or Pavilion for your 2018 and 2019 events.

MEMBERSHIP (As of Last Month's Meeting)

2018 MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: Dennis Bohanan, Ben McLaughlin, Joe Murray, Bill Schneider and Rick Dealy

New Members:

Affirmed ASSET Nicholas Cameron 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 still receive feedback from members stating they're not getting the monthly newsletter (either via snail mail or electronically), the "FSOS Phone Message" call when a member has passed away, or for 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, **e-mail your current information to news@fsos.com.**





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