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SHENANIGANS



Gentlemen,

Let me start off by wishing you all a safe, happy and prosperous 2019, and I hope you all had a fantastic Christmas with family and loved ones.

If you were at the Christmas party, you enjoyed a fantastic evening. We had over 140 members with significant others eating, drinking and dancing the night away. Thank you as always, Top Hat Catering for feeding us all, to full to our hearts content.

January is one of my favorite months at the club. We've got the start of the Shuffle Board league's (Friday and Sunday), we have the NCAA football Championship Game, the NFL Playoffs begin, Hockey is getting in full gear and NCAA basketball starts divisional play. So, come on down, support the club, root your favorite team on and have a pint or two.

We packed the house for the Notre Dame vs Clemson game. Yes, I know, it sucks that Notre Dame got knocked out, but 12-1 is a great season. And a special Thank-You to Tim Duggan and Kevin Flynn cooking for us. Well done guys!

Please make every effort to make the monthly meetings, it's your club. This is the night to get updated on all that is going on. Plus our steward, Rick Dealy, always puts out a great meal.

Also don't forget, at the January meeting we have the nomination for 2019 officers. Your dues need to be current if you intend to run for any office.

AD BOOK TICKETS: Just a friendly reminder that your 2019 AD Book Ticket money is due by the March General Membership meeting. If you are not sure about your AD book numbers or want an additional number(s), a sheet with all names and numbers will be behind the bar. Either myself, Dennis Pinkiewicz or Bill Becker should be there on Fridays, from January through March to help with any questions. If you want to leave money in the safe, please mark envelope with your name, amount, email address and ad book number so we can properly credit your ad book account.

Lastly, posted around the club are flyers listing the many fundraising events for the Belmar Parade. Please attend as many as you can.

Sláinte
Jeff Schuld

WELCOME TO 2019 !

Athbhliain Faoi Mhaise Dhuit! Happy New Year!

2019 Club Dues and AD Book payments!

Club Dues: Annual membership is \$100. Active members who are 65 years of age or older on January 1 (not after), with 10 years of continuous membership in good standing are eligible for the senior membership of \$25 annually. Due are to be paid at the January meeting.

AD Book ticket renewals, sold as a 1-year subscription (i.e. \$60) must be *paid by the March meeting*.

If you are not sure about your AD Book numbers, there is a sheet with all names and numbers behind the bar. Or ask Jeff Schuld, Dennis Pinkiewicz, or Bill Becker, who should be there on Fridays, January through March, to help with any questions.

If you no longer wish to have an AD Book number, contact one of the above so they can remove your name from the list, and you will not be responsible for the payment.

There are some unsold tickets available for 2019, so once again, see one of the above if you want to purchase one or more; makes a great gift for a family member or friends.

However, before you can purchase an AD Book ticket(s), you must pay any outstanding unpaid balance from previous years, if applicable.

All future new members will be offered, and encouraged, to purchase an unsold AD Book ticket(s). If no tickets are available, then a waiting list will be started.

Remember, once the AD Book list is full and accounted for, it is locked out until next year, so please get your money or commitment into Jeff, Dennis or Bill Becker.

2019 FSOS BUILDING FUND

This is the Club's premier annual Fundraiser for the upkeep of our building and grounds. Only 600 tickets @ \$50 each, will be sold, beginning Friday January 18. First prize is 10,000 points, plus numerous multi-point secondary prizes. See Jim Hartwyk or call 908-307-7423, for your tickets. All ticket stubs, money, and unsold tickets must be returned by Sunday, March 10, 2019.

Drawing will be Saint Patrick's Day, Sunday, March 17, 2019, approximately 7pm.

Payments

Please write separate checks for your Dues, AD-book, and Building Fund payments so we can properly credit your various accounts; a single payment check for these funds usually leads to confusion (which item was paid?), and is a book keeping nightmare for your Treasurer.

Place the separate checks in one envelope and on the outside write your name, and items and amounts being paid; also write on each check what it is to be applied to. Insert envelope into safe, or send checks by snail mail to club, addressed to John O'Keefe. Never mail cash or place cash into safe.

With respect to the AD Book payments, also mark envelope with your email address and AD Book number; see the sheet behind the bar for your number(s) so we can properly credit your AD book account.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday, January 4 – Friday Night Shuffleboard Begins

The Friday Night teams have been assigned for our 5th year of Friday Night Shuffleboard; start time is 7pm; their season lasts 10 weeks.

Sunday, January 6 – Sunday Afternoon Shuffleboard Begins

The Sunday Afternoon teams are set. As has been exhibited over the past 46 years or so, you can expect some exaggeration, disagreements, walks, fibbing, cheating, politeness, niceness and even honesty, during this 12-week season.

Who Else Wants to SHUUUFFLLLEE???

If you would like to be a substitute player for either league, come early and sign up.

All non-participants are invited to support the bar while supporting their friends, whether it is for the Friday Night or Sunday Afternoon games. Bring sandwiches or snacks but clean up after yourselves!

Thursday, January 10 - Meeting Night @ 8:30pm **Nominations for the 2019 Executive Officers**

Based upon our By-Laws, nominations for Officers shall be made from the floor at January's general membership meeting, abiding by 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 12 - Monthly Work Party @ 9:00am

Sunday, January 13 - Fundraiser for the Belmar/ Lake Como, Saint Patrick's Day Parade 3-7pm

The 1st fundraiser for the 2019 Belmar / Lake Como St. Patrick's Day Parade will be held at our own Old Bridge Club. Admission is \$15 per person and includes one free drink and food by Top Hat Catering. Remember, Charlie Donnelly had a massive presence and influence in this Parade, so let's keep his memory alive by supporting this event, and all the other fundraisers.

Live entertainment by "Ryan's Express" featuring Eamonn Ryan and Jack Thomas; our very own award winning FSOS Pipes & Drums, and a performance by the D'Arcy School of Irish Dance. Additional Parade fundraisers are listed within this newsletter.

Saturday, January 26 – Annual Comedy Night @ 6:30pm

Tickets are \$45 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 confirm your reservation. Please have your money in to Don, by Sunday, January 20th; please do not pay at the door as it is a hectic evening. To pay by check (no cash) put it in an envelope, marked "Attention: Don B. - Comedy Show" and place into safe. If you don't have your money in, you may lose your seat.

For those attending the show it has more of an adult theme this year with headliner comedians Julia Scotti and the world- famous Jackie "The Jokeman" Martling, formerly of the Howard Stern Show; check them out on Mr. Google. So, put on your 'big boy' or 'big girl' pants and get ready to laugh, or be offended; either way, you have been warned.

By the way, your MC, Don Bruchez, requests that you bring canned or dry goods, and any type of toiletries to the show.

Tuesday, January 29 - 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.

Thursday, February 14 - St. Valentine's Day

Thursday, February 14 - Next Month's Meeting @ 8:30pm

Nominees for the 2019 Officers will be given the opportunity to speak about why you should elect them; or for some, give their riveting 'Re-elect Me' speeches.

Our 2019 "FSOS Irishman of The Year" and Belmar "Parade Adjutant" will be announced.

Saturday, February 16 - Next Month's Work Party @ 9:00am

Sunday, March 3 - Belmar/Lake Como St. Patrick's Day Parade; this will be the 33rd year of our marching in the Parade!

All Members are required to march. If for any reason you cannot march, you must submit a written note to the Executive Board, prior to Parade Day, requesting to be excused. Automatic excuses are not given due to non-residency, work, etc. Those who do not submit a request, or do not sign-in, WILL receive a censure.

Uniform Information: Full FSOS uniforms must be worn Parade Day. Uniform consists of gray

2019 BELMAR / LAKE COMO ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE

Fund Raiser Schedule

ALL events are 2 pm to 6 pm, with a \$15.00 donation per person, per location. Includes live Entertainment, Pipes and Drums, as well as Hot & Cold Buffet.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 20 - The Salty Whale @ 390 Main St. Manasquan (one free drink)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27 - Bar Anticipation @ 703 16 Ave., Lake Como (one free drink)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10 - Marina Grille @ 905 Highway 35, Belmar

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17 - Boat House Bar & Grill @ 309 Main St., Belmar

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24 - F.S.O.S. - Belmar @ 815 16 Ave, Belmar *responsibilities.*

dress slacks, white dress shirt, and black shoes (no sneakers), which you can acquire from any clothing store. Uniform components are the green Blazer; FSOS patch; FSOS neck-tie; beret and FSOS hat broach, which are available from TRIPLE CROWN SPORTS (TCS); see their ad in this newsletter. You need to visit the store soon to acquire everything prior to Parade Day, especially if you have a request for a special size blazer or beret.

Friday, April 19 - Good Friday Bus Trip to Lancaster, PA.

1-day bus trip to Lancaster, PA to attend the show "The Story of Jesus" in the Sight and Sound Theater. Cost is \$130 per person, and includes coach bus, a continental breakfast, buffet lunch at Pennsylvania Dutch Shady Maple Smorgasbord, and your show ticket. The buffet will serve fish for those who don't eat meat on Good Friday.

Dennis Pinkiewicz wants to secure floor seats for the show, so the earlier we get 30 people to commit, the better our chances are. Payments must be in by March 4.

The bus will leave the Club at 11am and return approximately 11pm the same day.

See sign-up sheet on the bulletin board; if you have any questions, contact Dennis.

Check the show's reviews on Facebook, or online. We have been told this is the best show yet.

Saturday, April 27 - FSOS Pipes & Drums Pub Night

Save the date for a great time. Details will be forthcoming!



SHENANIGANS IN SHILLELAGH LAND

- HE'S BACK!! Walter Farrell and his wife have returned to New Jersey to stay. Although he does not live near the club, be on the lookout for him, and if you spot him stop for a chat!
- Thanks to Marty Cameron and Jim Hartwyk for decorating the club for Christmas;
- The annual Christmas Dinner Dance was a huge success; the hors d'oeuvres and dinner were excellent and enjoyed by all. The music was great and what a good time we had! We even went overtime that night. Fortunately, no one did anything silly, although it would have been good fodder for the newsletter;
- **"Wheel Barrow of Cheer"** won by Woody Steel; Mike Martin won 2nd prize; Chris Stapleton won 3rd prize, and Glen Amapania won 4th prize;
- The Children's Christmas Movie event was well attended; Santa Claus appeared prior to the movie, which by the way was an enjoyed by all!

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

- **Scott Fitzgerald, our FSOS haberdashery agent**, has a large supply of shirts of various styles and sizes with the FSOS logo embroidered on them, for sale. And, if you own a specific garment(s) such as a shirt, sweater or jacket you wish to have the logo on, see Scott; embroidery fees do apply, per item;
- 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;
- **Membership Database** - Your contact information in our Database is a direct result of what you provide. If you have moved, changed your phone number(s) or e-mail address, it is up to you to notify us, so we can update your contact information; So, **e-mail your current information to news@fsos.com** to ensure you receive the e-mail blasts of the monthly newsletter and club event notifications, and "FSOS Phone Messages";

If you are not receiving the newsletter e-mail blasts, and you are reading a hard copy of this newsletter, check your "Junk Mail" box, as it may be going there. If not, notify us with your e-mail address and we will re-enter it.

BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU WISH FOR

An Irishman was backpacking across the US when he met two American Indians walking through the woods. Suddenly, one of them ran up a hill to the mouth of a small cave.

'Wooooo! Wooooo! Wooooo!' he yelled into the cave, listened closely until he heard an answering, 'Wooooo! Wooooo! Wooooo!' He then tore off his clothes and ran into the cave.

The Irishman was puzzled and asked, 'Is he crazy, or what?'

The reply was "No. It is Indian custom during mating season when Indian man see cave, he yell 'Wooooo! Wooooo! Wooooo!' into opening. If he gets answer back, it means beautiful squaw in there waiting for him".

A little later, they came upon another cave. The second Indian ran up to the cave and hollered, 'Wooooo! Wooooo! Wooooo!' Immediately, there was a reply of 'Wooooo! Wooooo! Wooooo!' from deep inside. He also tore off his clothes and ran into the opening.

The Irishman decided that he was on his own, so he continued in the woods alone. Eventually, he spied a large cave with ornate brickwork. As he looked at the size of the huge opening in amazement, he thought, "Aye, this could be me lucky day! It's bigger than what those blokes found, so there must be some fine women inside"!

So, he stood in front of the opening and hollered as loud as he could, 'Wooooo! Wooooo! Wooooo!'! Like the others, he heard an answer, 'WOOOOOOOOOO! WOOOOOOOOOO! WOOOOOOOOOO!'

With a gleam in his eye and a smile on his face, he tore off his clothes and raced into the opening.

The following day, the two Indians were at the coffee shop reading the local newspaper and were shocked by the headline:

NAKED IRISH TOURIST RUN OVER BY TRAIN!!!

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:

- 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 which include soap, shampoo, deodorant, etc., etc., etc. for the Old Bridge Food Bank;
- Let Rob Anthony know of other local Food Banks which may need the above items;
- **FILFC:** Dennis Sullivan
- **AD Book:** # 197: J. Casey

WELFARE:

- Lucy, mother of Frank Gigante, passed away;
Féadfaidh Siad Chuid Eile I Síocháin (May she Rest in Peace)
- Larry McGrath's wife, Joan, fell and broke her shoulder; surgery was performed, and she is home recuperating;
- Charlie Agar, Pat Carragher Sr.; Dave Furey; Rich Green; Bob McGowan, Bob McQuade; Kevin Morgan; Bud Murphy; Dan O'Malley; ED Quigley; 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 Repast committee is requesting your help: if you or a spouse are available to donate several hours to assist in working any future Repast luncheons for a deceased member, please contact Jim Hartwyk, Jeff Schuld or Dennis Pinkiewicz. Help is greatly appreciated.

All non-member guests over 21 years old, **MUST** sign Guestbook at the door; it's 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 and TVs; physically walk to ALL DOORS, especially the back doors, to confirm they are locked, not just closed; then deadbolt the front door and drop the key into the mail slot.

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.

First Reading

Aspiring Assets:

Sponsors

Ryan Starace – Old Bridge

Edward Fischer – Wall

Ed Starace – Old Bridge

Ed Starace – Old Bridge

2nd Reading & Vote

Asset in Training:

None

New Members:

Affirmed Assets:

None

Aspiring Assets must attend (3) work parties, while their sponsor must attend (1) work party with their Asset, before the candidate will be approved for membership. 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 any other time when you are both available.

FSOS Membership Anniversaries

30 years

Thomas Clancy

Walter Farrell

20 years

Jack McCarthy

Frank McGovern

Membership Database

Your contact information in our Membership Database is a direct result of what you have 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 contact information, so you receive the monthly newsletter e-mails, "FSOS Phone Messages", Old Bridge event notifications, and the other Chapters e-mails, **e-mail your current information to news@fsos.com.**

If you are on the FSOS email blast for the newsletter and are not getting it, but you are reading a hard copy of this newsletter, check your "Junk Mail" box, as it may be going directly to go there.

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