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Dear Fellow Members,

And then there were two: two months until we bid this year goodbye. Once the ghosts and goblins go, it is nothing but the hustle and bustle of holiday shopping to look forward to. That's of course if you are not a member of this fine club. So much to look forward to but so much to give credit to.

This past month, the Friendly Sons hosted its first ever Dart Social. BULLSEYE!!!!!! The success of this evening was due to the hard work and dedication of Tom Esser, Dennis Pinkiewicz, and Gene Moore. With nearly 200 people in attendance, not only did everyone meet someone new, even a few deserving charities benefited by this groups generosity. The night was intended to be a social event, not a competition and the mission was accomplished. Having met someone new, everyone turned out a winner.

There was plenty of mischief at the club the night before Halloween. My mask goes off to Marty and Josie Cameron for doing another outstanding job with the Children's Halloween Party. With a parade of costumes, our little shillelagh's had a spooktacular time.

In November we all give thanks for our good health, our families, and our friends. It is with this that we should remind ourselves of how lucky we are. With that being said, it is our tradition and our compassion that we put the needs of others first. On November 21st the Friendly Sons will be distributing Thanksgiving Food Baskets to many families in need. This year we will be delivering to even more families than in years past and welcome all donations. Should anyone have any questions or concerns contact Ray Costello who organizes this event with the support of our clubs membership.

With the holidays approaching I look forward to seeing you all.

Be Well and God Bless You all-

Mac



**Former member,  
Neil Murphy's wife  
Helen passed away  
this month.**

**Brother member,  
Ed Reuter, became  
a Grandfather  
on Halloween!  
Welcome Ace.**

Please always, take a moment to think of all our troops and support staff overseas, and those less fortunate than us.

Good and Welfare information should be given to Barney Shannon @ (732) 254-6153, or to any officer.



### **Shenanigans Online!**

The Shenanigans is now available online. It will be on our website as well as e-mailed to all for whom we have addresses for.

This is the first step in, hopefully, a fruitful transition. Comments welcome.

## **Walkin' to New Orleans...**

**November Meeting** - Thursday, November 12th 8:30PM

**Oktoberwheneverfest** - Saturday, November 14th 8PM

**Gold Buying Party** - Saturday, November 14th 3-8PM

**Thanksgiving Baskets** - Saturday, November 21st 8:30AM

FOOD DONATIONS DUE BY FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH 8PM

**Toys For Tots** - Sunday, December 6th 12:30PM

BRING AN UNWRAPPED TOY, OR CONTRIBUTE \$15.00

DRAFT BEER AND FOOD, TAILGATE ALL DAY

SEE JD PARK OR SCOTT HOWARD

**Adult Christmas Party** - Saturday, December 12th 6:30PM

2 LIVE BANDS!

**Children's Christmas Party** - Saturday, December 19th

STRATHMORE THEATER – MOVIE TO BE ANNOUNCED,

SEE BARNEY SHANNON, OR SANTA FOR MORE INFO

**Incoming** - Look for, and do NOT miss New Orleans Night in late January, Mardi Gracías indeed! SERF Comedy Night February 7th !




## **FSOS Pipes and Drums News**

### **Upcoming Events -**

Colts Neck Apple and Pumpkin Festival - Saturday, November 7th

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

# THANKSGIVING BASKETS



As you know from looking around the club we are going from 24 to 48 baskets for the first time. We would like to take this time to thank everyone that has signed up for food donations. We also ask you to let us know if anyone you know is in need of a basket. We think a great deal of people are hurting this year. Please leave the name of the family, the size of the family, and the genders and ages of the children if possible. The reason for this is that Tom "Gunny" Dunn takes care of the children through Toys for Tots. If you know someone who needs help but doesn't want the basket delivered to their door, we can make special arrangements to make this happen. The food is due on Friday, November 20th. They will be assembled at 8:30am on November 21st. Any volunteers that need community service hours there will be letters available that day. You can call Ray Costello at (732)-500-6929 to leave a message. You can put an envelope in the safe and mark it Thanksgiving baskets. We are trying to make Thanksgiving special for everyone. We can only do this with your help so let us say thank you in advance for the food, the names, and donations to this worthy cause.. – Ray Costello

**\*\* PLEASE REMEMBER - WE WILL BE PASSING THE HAT AROUND ON MEETING NIGHT.**



## Tour De Shillelagh Recap

On September 26th the Tour de Shillelagh took place. It was a great fall morning for riding. There were a total of 42 riders who took on the challenging 25 mile ride. We had people of all different riding abilities (or disabilities). Riders ages ranging from 7 years old to 70 (or however old Kevin Morgan is). In the end, everyone finished the ride and were able to replenish fluids at the family picnic.

As a result of the ride we were able to bring in over \$2,100. These proceeds go to SERF \$900, the food bank \$900, and the balance back to the club to help defray the cost of the picnic. Thanks go out to all those who helped run the event, to those who sponsored the riders, and of course all those who endured the ride.

Sincerely Don Bruchez.

**PS Keep in mind that we put a team together every May for the Multiple Sclerosis ride along the Jersey shore.**



## **GOLD BUYING PARTY** THE FRIENDLY SONS IS HOSTING A FUNDRAISER

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**DATE: SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2009**      **TIME: 3:00 – 8:00 PM**

JUST GATHER UP ALL YOUR OLD, UNWANTED OR BROKEN GOLD JEWELRY. AN EXPERT FROM UNITED GOLD BUYERS OF AMERICA WILL BE ON HAND TO CERTIFY AND WEIGH YOUR ITEMS AND YOU'LL BE PAID CASH RIGHT ON THE SPOT!!! WITH THE PRICE OF GOLD AT AN ALL-TIME HIGH, THERE'S NEVER BEEN A BETTER TIME THAN NOW TO TURN THE GOLD JEWELRY YOU DON'T WEAR INTO CASH!! (DON'T FORGET THOSE BROKEN CHAINS OR 1 EARRING).

Enjoy some time with your friends and earn some extra money at the same time! The holidays are just around the corner, what a good time to have some extra cash! Scoop up all your unwanted jewelry and turn it into cash right on the spot!!! **Feel free to bring a friend or two!**



## **OKTOBERWHENEVERFEST**

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**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH 8:00-12:00PM \$25.00 per person.**

Great food, live music featuring THE VOODOUES!, how can you go wrong. Ask John Sheridan (when he returns from Italy, he is filming, "the Good, the Bad, and the Pussywillies") any pertinent or redundant questions.

Chef De Maio will no doubt be concocting some special Bayerischer Raditeller for all good Hansel's and Gretel's.



*Beer makes you feel the way you ought to feel without beer.*

*– Henry Lawson*

# CHRISTMAS PARTIES

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**DATE: SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2009**

**TIME: 6:30PM SHARP**

MEMBERS ONLY PLEASE

Recently voted, by the League of Extraordinary Gentlemen as being the "Granddaddy of ALL indoor events this side of a happy ending machine", you will slaughter your dieting ideology with Top Hat Catering's famous Hor D' Oeuvres from 630 to 8!!, then, you will crawl into the hall for a FULL dinner! This year 2 LIVE BANDS, in the pub, a little Irish for ya, and then, the embarrassingly good "Primitive Soul" in the Hall. The event will be even better for some lucky soul, when the traditional "WHEELBARROW OF CHEER" is raffled off (tickets available soon, if not now.)

## **Children's Party – Saturday, 19th**

This is always a joyous day! Barney Shannon is your host; (732- 254-6153). The breathtakingly beautiful Strathmore Theater is the location. Call or see any officer for more. Santa will be on hand to see who's been a bad elf, ho, ho, huh?



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## TOYS FOR TOTS

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**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6th**

Please join us at our annual "Tailgate Special" to give a gift you cannot put a price on. \$15. or an unwrapped toy gets you Domestic Draft Beer, and food, but so much more; the knowledge that a child who would possibly not have a gift this year, will have both a present and a SMILE, THANKS IN PART TO you. amen.

See Jim "JD" Park, or Scott Howard (who are filling in for Gunny, get well SOON!)



# Membership News

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**1st Reading:** Kevin Keaveny – Sponsor – Chris Finnegan  
Johnathan and Frank Banafato – Sponsor – Jim Boyle

**2nd Reading:** None

**New Members:** None

**Questions or concerns should be directed to Dennis Bohanan (732) 723-0776**



## DRINK-DRIVE ALCOHOL LIMIT TO BE FURTHER REDUCED

Despite protests from rural publicans and even some T.D.s the legal blood-alcohol level for drivers is to be reduced from 80mg to 50mg. Several other countries in the EU have opted for a 0mg limit but this seems unlikely to be proposed in Ireland.



## THANK YOU

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These 2 words are obviously simple, and can be interpreted quite a few ways; some countries in Asia do not have them in their dialogue. Simple words are merely a key to the complicated heart.

When it comes to gratitude, hearing it or saying the words sometimes are not sufficient, no matter how many times.

That said, this club, for all its good, and some of its bad, would not be here without BARNEY SHANNON. I guess we sometimes take him for granted, well don't, and if God forbid, you do not know who he is, find out. Thanks Barney, for everything.



**F.I.L.F.C.:** Joe "the Chairman", the right reverend, Patterson

The Irish ignore anything they can't drink or punch. – Irish Proverb

"The Irish gave the bagpipes to the Scotts as a joke, but the Scotts haven't seen the joke yet."

– Oliver Herford

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