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Dear Fellow Members,

Happy New Year!!! I hope all of you enjoyed your holiday as much as I did mine.

Looking back on this past decade, I can't help but recall all of the great times this club and its members have enjoyed. Through dedication and teamwork, this club continues to prosper and will prove to be more successful. I thank everyone for their contributions and participation in club events, fundraisers, and work parties. Whether you ran a function or just attended one for fun, the club has benefited from it.

Although Top Hats and Tails were not required I would have to say that VP John Sheridan and his wife, Mim, made the adult Christmas party a night to remember. With the biggest turn out to date, guests were treated to entertainment, plenty of food, fun, and spirits. Thank you to Top Hat Catering and our bartenders for their hard work that evening. A special thank you to Sue Hansult for making the chocolates for all to take home.

As always, the holidays would not be complete without the beautiful decorations seen around the club courtesy of Barney Shannon. Barney is also responsible for running the children's Christmas party which despite the weather forecast turned out to be a great success. No one really knows how he gets Santa to show up there every year, but he does. Thank you for putting us all in the Christmas spirit.

An event that has become very special to our club is the Toys for Tots fundraiser. This year not only toys were donated, but food, clothing, and sports equipment were also collected. Tom and Annette Dunn's commitment to the drive help to make it the success that it is today. Thank you to J D Park, Scott Howard, Bill Gerdon, and crew for providing the delicious buffet. Miracles do happen, no one got sick!!!

As we begin a new decade I encourage all of our members to continue to get involved with the many functions this fine club supports. So stay involved and don't be surprised when you make new friends for life!!

Be Well and God Bless You all-

Mac



**Brother member John Lynch, father of brother member Conor Lynch, passed away. Brother member Ward Oakley lost his dear son. John Sheridan's wife, Miriam, lost her dad last month as well. Save a kind thought.**

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.

## Only Mama Knows...

**January Meeting** - Thursday, January 14th 8:30PM

**Entertainment Night** - Saturday, January 16th 8PM til ??  
VINNIE AND EJ FROM THE BACKBEAT, ALL NIGHT

**Parade Fundraiser** - Sunday, January 17th, 3-7PM  
\$10.00 PER PERSON MORE INSIDE

**Mardi Gras** - Saturday, January 30th 7:30AM - 12:00AM  
DO NOT EVER MISS THIS

**Pub Night** - Saturday, February 6th 8:00PM  
SEE ANY BAND MEMBER FOR DETAILS

**Comedy Night** - Saturday February 13th 7:00PM  
SEE DON BRUCHEZ QUICKLY, MORE INSIDE

**Club Elections/ Blood Drive** - Saturday February 27th  
DETAILS ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE



## FSOS Pipes and Drums News

### Upcoming Events:

**Parade Fundraiser - Saturday January 17th**

**Pub Night - Saturday February 6th 8pm**  
Entertainment by The Bantry Boys and the Pipe Band

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

# OFFICERS

Nominations will be accepted at  
the January Meeting for 2010 Elections.

**CRITERIA 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 the initiation fee as of the January meeting"

"To be eligible to vote for any office 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." February 27th.

**Remember: Your Dues responsibilities also include your Ad Book payments, as outlined in our By-Laws.**

## Club Elections and Blood Drive Saturday, February 27th

- ⇒ Blood Drive begins at 10AM. Please come down and have a pint drawn from you, and then we will draw a few pints for you.
- ⇒ Voting commences at 12 Noon through 7 PM.

**And be sure to come down to the pub election night to hear the results, welcome your new officers, and, well, get crapulous.**



## Membership News

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**Effective as of the DECEMBER meeting**

**1st Reading:** Thomas Doran – Sponsor – Harry Humes

**2nd Reading:** Ron Keaveney, Jonathan Banafato, Frank Banafato

**New Members:** None

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

# PARADE FUNDRAISER

**SUNDAY, January 17th TIME: 3:00 – 7:00 PM**

1st fundraiser of 2010 for the heralded Belmar/Lake Como Parade.  
\$10.00 per person, for food and drink. See Charlie D for more info.

Music will be provided by Burns and Cashman, and The FSOS Pipes and Drums as well as broadcast live on WRSU through our own Michael Callaghan. Hope to see you there, support the parade!



## PUB NIGHT

**Saturday, FEBRUARY 6th TIME: 8:00 PM**

Music by The Bantry Boys, and the FSOS Pipes And Drums.

The band will be honoring Bart McDade and Charlie Rizzo for 30 years of service! Basket of Cheer raffle including HUGE 42" Sony LCD and more beer than you can handle. Second prize Pot O Gold with a hundred gold coins and some gold label adult beverages. See any band member for more.

**Also, congratulations to Frank McFadden's son, Kevin, for being promoted to Grade 3 Piper.**



**Marking time** - Another year, memories, milestones, mostly fun. I want to thank everyone whose paths have crossed mine. It's been a slice, of...something.

- ⇒ **2010, all Building Fund monies MUST be reconciled by ELECTION DAY, FEBRUARY 27th**
- ⇒ **SUNDAY January 3rd begins our annual Shuffleboard League**
- ⇒ **Uniform Reminder - It's not too early to make sure all your uniform items are in order. Parade day is coming in fast.**

# MARDI GRAS

Saturday, January 30th 7:30PM till ?

**\$30.00 per person in advance, \$35.00 at the door**  
**Music provided by THE VOODOUES!**

DO NOT pass on this event, now a can't miss standard! Authentic Cajun Food, prepared by our real deal cooks, lead by Chef De Maio. Beads, brew (3 fine beers on tap), and dancing like ants in your underwear, and then some! Beads too, polite exchanges welcome. **Tables are filling up rather quickly, please book ASAP.** There really are not words to describe just how good this night is, just come. See John Sheridan for further details, or endless controversy.



There is reportedly one pub for every 300 Irish people in Ireland. In 2006, that equaled about 9,350 pubs. Today, the number is closer to 11,000. Not surprisingly, the best pubs are believed to be found here. Did you also know?

- ⇒ It's estimated that there are over 80 million people of Irish descent living elsewhere in the world
- ⇒ Ireland is famous for its writers. Among them are Jonathan Swift, Oliver Goldsmith, Oscar Wilde, George Bernard Shaw, W.B. Yeats, and James Joyce.
- ⇒ The longest place name in Ireland is "Muckanaghederdauhaulia," found in County Galway. A port, its translation is "pig marsh between two seas."
- ⇒ The original Guinness Brewery remains the largest brewer of stout in the world. In 1759, Arthur Guinness secured the brewery's location for 9,000 years for 45 Irish pounds/year (in perpetuity)!
- ⇒ It's believed there are more cell phones in Ireland than people. According to the Census (as of 2007), the most popular boy name in Ireland is "Jack," followed by "Sean;" and the most popular girl names are "Sarah" and "Emma."
- ⇒ The word "quiz" may have gotten its meaning from Ireland. As the anecdote goes: Theater proprietor Richard Daly made a bet that he could make a nonsense word the talk of the town within 48 hours. To do so, he and his staff posted cards with the word "quiz" all over Dublin. Within a short while, everyone was buzzing about it, wondering what it could mean? Hence, the word's meaning of "to question or interrogate" was born. Though the word existed prior to Mr. Daly's stunt, locals will tell you that the word's meaning wasn't truly born until Ireland defined it.



# SERF 6th Annual Comedy Night at the Friendly Sons

FSOS Hall

SATURDAY, February 13th

This is a night that always sells out, and for good reason, it's non-stop laughter from start to finish. The evening includes dinner, desert, coffee, draft beer, wine, soda and a seat at the show. And being as this night is dedicated to SERF, we're encouraging folks to bring along dried foods and/or toiletries. All will be appreciated. \$40.00 per person, currently a waiting list is being utilized.

Comedian: TBD • Evening starts at 7:00pm • Show starts at 9:00pm • Cost: TBD • Tickets:  
See Don Bruchez



## THANK YOU

Thank you my friends! To the (largely) nameless throngs (not thongs) who lent an extra hand, or foot to make our holidays at the club spot on! To Barney Shannon (above and beyond) et al...My heart to your heart THANK YOU John Sheridan



"The most important thing to remember about drunks is that drunks are far more intelligent than non-drunks. They spend a lot of time talking in pubs, unlike workaholics who concentrate on their careers and ambitions, who never develop their higher spiritual values, who never explore the insides of their head like a drunk does."

– *Shane MacGowen, lead singer/songwriter for The Pogues*

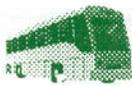
"Not a shred of evidence exists in favor of the idea that life is serious.."

– *Brendan Gill*

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