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Dear Fellow Members,

March Madness is over!!! What fun it was from start to finish. And, believe it or not, the weather actually cooperated with us. From the mass to the march and with so many members in attendance, not only marching but with their family members on the sidelines, our Irish Pride was shining. While most of us were enjoying the sun, some stayed behind and had their own fun. Jane Falzone and her crew might have had plenty of laughs, but they sure worked hard to see to it that all of us were taken care of upon our return to the club.

The dinner dance was enjoyed by many with a special thanks to VP John Sheridan, Scott Fitzgerald, and the committee for putting together such a memorable evening. A heartfelt congratulations goes out to our "Irishmen of the Year," Kevin Wyer, for his hard work and dedication to our club and its members. Although this has been said many times, Kevin, we thank you for everything that you have done.

St. Patrick's Day was its usual success thanks to such people as Butch Konopka, Walter Farrell, Frank Doyle, Bill Nolan, Tom McCarthy, Chris Brady, and so many others. Thank you Jane Falzone, Dot Sullivan, and Maureen McKiernan for participating in this organized (laugh) riot. Thanks to the Falzone girls and McKiernan boys for all of their help serving many meals that evening. And to Miriam Sheridan for making her homemade Irish soda bread for so many to enjoy not just for St. Patrick's Day, but for parade day as well. Last but not least to Steve Hansult who year after year sells out the building fund, a task only he can do!

In the months to come, there will be building projects getting underway and work parties that require member participation. Our Keepers, Jim Hartwyck and Joe Patterson are down at the club most weekends and could use a helping hand. Working together will make a difference. This club is thriving and remains strong, so let's keep up the good work!

Be Well and God Bless You all-

Mac



**Please keep the Murtha family in your thoughts and prayers. Jimmy and Patricia's son James Francis Murtha died suddenly this past weekend.**

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 DEADLINES**

Please note, we are going to try and get the paper online sooner than usual from now on, that said, please have any items you want in the paper submitted by the 20th of the month. Thanks

## **Square One...**

**April Meeting** - Thursday, April 8th 8:30PM

**Easter Egg Hunt** - Saturday, April 3rd

**Widows Luncheon** - Sunday, April 25th  
INFORMATION INSIDE.

**Friday Night Dinners** - Every Friday in Lent  
CHECK THE GREASE BOARD AND FSOS DIARY

**Pancake Breakfast** - Sunday, May 10th 10AM  
\$3.00 A PLATE FOR A NON- MORGAN STACK.

**MS Bicycle Run** - Saturday May 22nd  
SEE DON BRUCHEZ OR MICHAEL LEE FOSTER  
MORE INSIDE AS WELL.

**Pig Roast** - Saturday, JUNE 5th  
THE BEST PIG WE HAVE



*Though it's only one of many theories, there are those who believe the term "**put the kabash**" on something comes from an old Irish phrase "cie bais," which means "cap of death."*



# PANCAKE BREAKFAST

**Sunday, May 10th**

**10AM/ Noon**

Yes, once again, the legendary "Boys of Batter", fronted by our own Charlie Donnelly, will be preparing your Mother's Day feast.

They will measure each hot stack that passes through their hands, measuring each one carefully. Great care will be taken to place the correct embellishments on your stack, sausage, bacon, syrup, butter, you name it, and we will pile it on! \$3.00 per plate. Come on, treat Mom, treat your sweet wife, and treat yourself!



# 40th Annual NJ Irish Festival

**Saturday June 12 2010**

**12 PM to 7 PM**

First Energy Park, Home of the Lakewood Blue Claws

Entertainment: Blackthorn, Celtic Cross, Girsá, Willie Lynch, Jamesons Revenge, Bantry Boys  
(chaired by FSOS Conor Lynch)

Ceili Tent with Irish Step Dancing

Jim Collender Pipe Band Competition  
(run by FSOS Pipe Major John Hatton)

Catholic Mass at 12 Noon

Irish Craft Vendors

**and a wonderful new Master of Ceremonies**  
**—John Sheridan, VP of the FSOS**



**Pre sale tickets go on sale March 17th—please see Conor Lynch or John Sheridan for tickets?**

# MS Bicycle Run

Saturday, MAY 22nd



Once again, the FSOS Riders, led by Don Bruchez and Michael Lee Foster, will participate in this annual circuit aimed at eradicating MS from our vocabulary. This year's event is even more poignant, as fellow rider Ed Garrison Jr. suffers from the disease. Please contact one of these fine men and sponsor or donate.



## COMEDY NIGHT RECAP

On Saturday, February 13th, our 6th annual comedy show took place. This was a sell out with 195 people jamming in the hall. We could not have gotten anyone else in there if we had a crow bar or a jar of Vaseline. The night was filled with laughs and antics (even by the comedians). Thanks go out to all that attended and all that helped make this night a success. As a result of this fundraiser we were able to make a profit of \$5971.00 which was split up evenly between SERF and the dinner dance committee.

– Don Bruchez



## THANK YOU

Just a short spouting to give kudos to all the fine, generous individuals who helped at the fund raisers, the parade, St. Patrick's Day, and the wonderful Dinner Dance (shame on you if you didn't make it) There were many tireless hours given from huge hearts, and thanks to Mims, who may STILL be baking Soda Bread.

– John Sheridan.

*The word "slogan" comes from the Irish sluagh-ghairm, which means "war cry."*



# Membership News

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Effective as of the MARCH meeting

**1st Reading:** None

**2nd Reading:** Michael Murphy, William Cronin

**New Members:** Thomas Doran, WELCOME

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



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## Irish Easter Customs

- Clean house thoroughly inside and out-whitewash applied.
- Obtain New clothes.
- Good Friday-do no work on the land just in the house.
- Fast More than is Required on Good Friday.
- Good Friday- Plant a small amount of crop seed to bring blessing on it all.
- Shed no blood on Good Friday, work no wood, hammer no nail .
- Maintain quiet on good Friday from Noon till three P.M.
- Visit church-take off shoes-good Friday. Visit holy wells and graveyards.
- Do not fish with nets or lines on Good Friday no fishing boat puts out to sea alternatively gather bja tragh-shore food-seaweed and shellfish for the Main meal.
- Cut your hair on good Friday to prevent headaches in the year to come-trim finger and toe nails.
- Water from the holy well will have curative properties on Good Friday.
- A child born on Good Friday and baptized on Easter Sunday had gift of healing. (if a boy he should go into the ministry) die on good Friday go right the heaven.
- Eggs laid on Good Friday-Mark with cross and each eat one on Easter Sunday. Eggs Hatching on that day will produce healthy chicks.

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## Easter Saturday

- Have Holy water blessed.
- Drink three sips of holy water each for health. Sprinkle on everything for good luck.
- Bring cinders from the Paschal fire to be blessed.



## Easter Sunday

- Butchers have mock funeral for a herring symbolizing end to abstinence.-whip the herring, have a procession involving the herring.
- Go to church and then herring procession.
- Go up at sunrise to view the sun dancing with joy.
- View the reflection of the sun in a pail of water and move it so the sun appears to dance.
- Do something with eggs. Give them, color them
- Have a Cludog or cluideog ritual-children collect and cook eggs and other food in a structure which they make on the edge of the farm-roasted eggs.
- Brightly dressed Tobies go from place to place to demand the eggs of Easter Singing, dancing dressed in bright colored rags.
- Keep shells of Easter eggs for the May bush.
- Roll eggs to race them.-may be Presbyterian custom.
- Have feast on Easter-Kill a cow if you can-
- Take down the Spoilin meith na hlnide-little piece of meat pinned up at lent and burn it giving house a rich smell
- Have a Cake Dance. Cake being the prize for best dancer. Easter cake dance-a pruthog.
- Go to a "Sunday's" well-have a bonfire.

# WIDOW'S LUNCHEON

**Mark your calendars; Sunday, April 25th** marks the day for one of our annual "special" events. Hosted by the club's former presidents (organized by Bob Quinn, Sr.), invitations with food selections are in the mail.

If you are unable to drive, please feel free to invite a guest who can assist you. It is always a joy each year to see the widows get together and reminisce. The event has been heartily enjoyed by all who have attended. As usual, Patrick Donnelly will provide superb food choices. Former presidents, please set this date aside.



## The FSOS Pig Roast      Saturday, June 5th 1PM/?

**\$20 per person , tickets paid in advance sales & \$25 at the gate on the day, under 21 free**

**Purchasing a group of Ten tickets or more you can have a table reserved in the Pavilion or under the tents. These reserved tables will only be assigned when tickets are paid in full.**

This has become our greatest outdoor event. If you have not been up close and personal with a Pig, here's the chance of a lifetime! We will have (aside from roast swine) Deep Fried Turkey's, Chicken, Sausage, Clams, Burgers, Hot Dogs, but no Pizza. Oh, yes there will be BEER. We will have a live band, that you can dance, or grind, or just chill to. Games and prizes for the kids. Please bring extra chairs, and an empty stomach. See any officer to volunteer your assistance, please.

**LIVE MUSIC** by "The Backbeat" all day long. We will also have the Annual FSOS Gold medal relay races for the young and not so young, so line up your partners. I hear the Pigs have begun building houses, be worried if they get to brick, or learn to fly.

**RAFFLE:** There will be a SUPER Raffle of some sort. Tickets will be available for purchase on meeting night



*Sometimes I lie awake at night, and I ask, 'Where have I gone wrong?'  
Then a voice says to me, 'This is going to take more than one night.'*

*– Charlie Brown*

**AD Book:** #009, Brian Smith

**F.I.L.F.C.:** Jeff Schuld, slicing up the side of the room with his shaved pate, like an Olympic swimmer eyeing the gold, hope it was worth it.

**Please remember to bring a canned food item every time you come to the club, there are many needy people these days.**



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