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Dear Fellow Members,

They grew it, they shaved it, and they raised over \$16,000.00 to beat it. Wayne Miller, Gene Moore, and Anthony Riccardella shaved their heads in solidarity with children who have cancer. An annual event held at the Friendly Sons in Essex, the St. Baldrick's Foundation and its participants help raise funds to support cancer research. This is an example of the true spirit of our club and its members. Our participation in the event was much appreciated and they look forward to seeing us next year.

The Tour De Shillelagh celebrated its tenth anniversary this year with its biggest turn out of riders ever. Once again member Don Bruchez and family coordinated another successful bike run to benefit S.E.R.F. Thank you Don for the tremendous effort you put into the planning and execution of this event. Thank you also to Chuck Boyle for the use of the enormous pace truck. And to my son, Packy, despite the collision that sent me flying over my handle bars, I am so proud of you and those little legs for going almost the entire distance.

A great day was had by all at this year's Family Picnic. Brought to you by Former President John Wagle, everyone was treated to a day with plenty of food and plenty of fun. Still Kickin entertained our guests as our families enjoyed many activities and games. Kudos to VP John Sheridan for running another successful raffle. Thank you to Gene Moore and Tom Esser for their early morning work on the volleyball net. Many pints were served thanks to Mike Ruffley and Dennis Sullivan. To Bob Quinn, Frank Lynch, Jack Meehan, Frank Hines, Dave Delaney, Scott Fitzgerald, John DeMao, Tim Duggan, Butch Konopka, and anyone who I missed, your efforts were greatly appreciated. It was your hard work that made this day great!!!!

The annual blood drive in memory of Walter Siecinski had a great turn out with many donors. On behalf of Walter's family, thank you to all who were there. Walter Farrell worked hard in organizing this event that supports such a worthy cause. Thanks Walter!

As you all can see, improvements have been made around the club. Kenny Brown, John Wallenzak, and Kevin Wyr have donated their time to many projects and have seen them through to the end. They are an example of why member participation is the key to getting things done.

The Friendly Sons along with members Tom Esser, Dennis Pinkiewicz, and Gene Moore will be hosting its second annual Dart Social this October. The Dart Social was a sold out event last year and I am sure that this year will be no different. Don't forget about football, if you can't get to the game, get to the club

Be Well and God Bless You all-

Mac





# Good and Welfare



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

## Plastic Paperbacks

### October Meeting -

Thursday, October 14th 8:30PM

### DART TOURNAMENT - Saturday, October 16th

INFO INSIDE

### Kids Halloween Party - Saturday, October 30th

TENTATIVE, SEE MARTY CAMERON

### OCTOBERFEST - Saturday, November 13th

WITH THE VOODOUES, MORE INSIDE

### TOYS FOR TOTS - Sunday, December 12th

See Gunny Dunn, great annual event, great cause.

### CHRISTMAS PARTY - Saturday, December 4th

MUSIC BY THE BOGSIDE ROGUES. THE DEAL IS STILL A GREAT ONE, IF YOU HAD GONE TO THE DINNER DANCE, \$35.00 PER TICKET, OTHERWISE \$50.00. ALL THE BEST WE CAN OFFER IS ON YOUR LAP FOR THIS EVENT, GET IN NOW.



## FSOS Pipes and Drums News



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



**FSOS Dart Social**  
*Double elimination tournament*



**October 16, 2010 (Saturday)**  
**Doors open 6:00 (for practice)**  
**First dart thrown at 7:00pm *SHARP!***

**Where: At the Order of the Friendly Sons of Shillelagh**  
**15 Oak Street/Route 18**  
**Old Bridge, NJ**



*You do **NOT** have to be good at darts, actually we would prefer you not be!!  
This is a social party; with couples encouraged to participate.*

**\$30 per person**

***All-U-Can-Eat Buffet***  
***Beer, wine, and soda free***  
***Live music by the band "Still Kicking", door prizes, first prize trophy, and 50/50 raffles***  
***Special Door Prize entry for anyone that brings canned goods for the Food Bank, bags of clothes for clothes drive, and/or USED sports equipment for Project USE***



Please contact Tom Esser (732)986-2816 or e-mail me at [Fizzed12000@yahoo.com](mailto:Fizzed12000@yahoo.com)  
**"What a great way to meet some of your brothers and their significant others- and all for a good cause"**

***There will be no tickets sold at the door this year- all tickets must be purchased in advance- no exceptions***

# Tour De Shillelagh #10

On September 25th the 10th annual Tour de Shillelagh charity bicycle run took place. There were 52 riders who took part in this test of ones endurance. It was a great morning for a bike run with five Old Bridge Police vehicles escorting us through the 22 mile course. Every year the police department support this event helping make it safe. They even stop traffic at numerous spots(including route 18) so all riders can cross safely.

We had a rider as young as 6 years old as well as a rider in his retirement years, and all ages in between. You could say that some riders had a flipping good time. And fortunately nobody was seriously injured during the course of the ride.

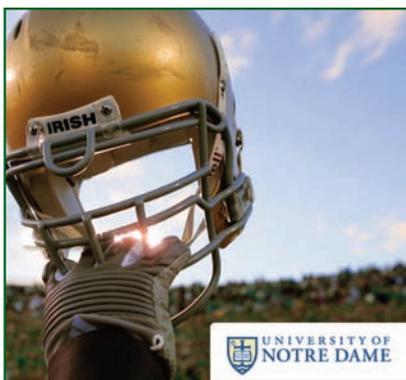
After all was said and done we raised a total of 2440.77 with some monies still coming in. The money raised was dispersed as follows SERF \$1,000.00, Food Pantry fund \$1,000.00, and \$440.77 to the club to help defray the cost of the picnic(since all riders are given a free pass to the picnic).

Thank you to all those who rode in the event, sponsored a rider or helped in any way shape or form to make this event go off without a hitch.

Thanks again everyone,  
Don Bruchez

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**Football season is HERE. We have ALL the games, free food as well.**



**NOTRE DAME SPECIAL** - all Notre Dame fans coming to the pub to catch the games will be treated to \$1.00 Draft Beers, and a free Buffet! Come on, support the IRISH!



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*GUITAR ME- Personal note, I need guitar lessons, apparently I need a hobby.*

*To "testify" was based on men in the Roman court swearing to a statement made by swearing on their testicles.*

# THANKSGIVING BASKETS

It is that time of year again when we ask all shillelaghs for their help. we are once again putting out 48 baskets instead of the 24 that we usually put out. We have put a signup sheet for the food donations on the bulletin board at the club. we asked that a few shillelaghs purchase an item together. We are not looking to put a burden on any single family. we also look for families to donate cash or shop-rite gift cards to our thanksgiving baskets undertaking. please put all donations in the safe behind the bar. this is a committee of all members. We also need your help on the most important part of this undertaking. please put the name address and family size of anybody that you think we can help. we help members, friends and complete strangers. our main goal is that we do not embarrass anybody. we have been known to take extra ordinary measures to make deliveries to people

without embarrassing them. we will meet people anywhere to make this happen. if you know someone that needs help and wants you to deliver the basket, let me know. that's what it's all about. i would like to thank anybody that participated in the 50/50's every Sunday for the thanksgiving baskets. We will pass the hat at the November meeting for the thanksgiving baskets. the arrangement of food on Friday November 19th, the assembly of baskets on Saturday November 20th at 8:30 am where breakfast is served for you and your family members to thank you for your help. We supply letters for community service for the children that need them for their confirmation commitment. then we help deliver the baskets with your help. Thanks for your help with this undertaking.

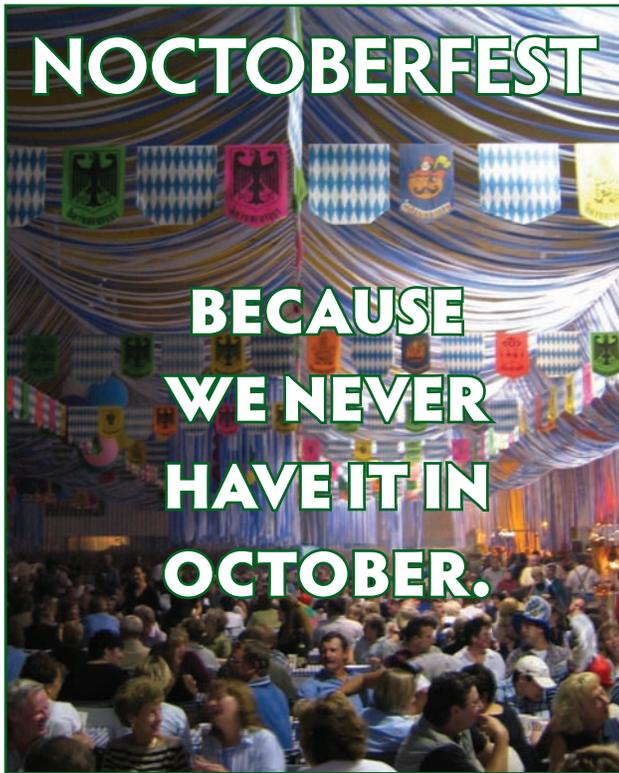
Your thanksgiving basket committee.

Ray Costello

**Annette and Tom Dunn** have been very helpful to me by arranging toys for tots to be delivered to the families that receive the thanksgiving baskets. this year we are taking care of children up to 16 years of age. Annette and tom have asked me if we can put the families (without names of course) on a Christmas tree for our members to help us with this endeavor. please see Tom Dunn if you have any questions.



*The Bible does not say there were three wise men; it only says there were three gifts.*



**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>**

**Tickets purchased by  
November 6th: \$30.00 pp**

**At the door: \$35.00,**

Includes all beer, wine, soda and food.  
Music by the fabulous VOODOUES

Authentic Bavarian feast prepared by  
Chef Demaio and crew.

See John Sheridan, tables will fill up quickly.



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## **A Very Big Thank You...**

To those who worked on the Halfway to St Patrick's Day Party!

Thanks to Barney Shannon for decorating the hall and to Scott Fitzgerald, John Demaio, Gary Murphy, and Walter behind the bar.



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## **Membership News**

**Effective as of the September meeting**

**1st Reading:** Robert Anthony, Dave Schmidt

**2nd Reading:** None

**New Members:** Robert Young, Danny McGowan, Robert Gerdon WELCOME

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

**Donald Duck's middle name is Fauntleroy.**

**AD Book: #31 Michael Donlon**

**CHOW - While there was no FILFC, there was the half way to St Patrick's Day Party, I believe, my friend Tom Keegan, put enough food, UNDER his gigantic hat to feed a third world country.**



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