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Dear Fellow Members,

During the holiday season many of us have plenty to be thankful for. I am thankful to Ray Costello for his dedication in organizing the clubs annual Thanksgiving Baskets. What an unbelievable sight to see our members, their families, and volunteers from our community working together to help so many people in need. I hope you all know that together we touched the lives of people and let them know that we care. On behalf of this fine organization which continues to prove itself time and time again thank you for your donations and efforts.

Throughout the year, the Dinner Dance Committee plans many events for members to participate in. And of course November was no different. The Voodudes entertained our party goers while they feasted on German fare at the annual Noctoberfest. This committee should be commended for their efforts. I commend you gentlemen for all of your hard work.

I hope to see many of you at the Christmas party being held on Saturday, December 4th. John and Miriam Sheridan have been busy planning the evening and it is a guaranteed good time. Even the Little Shillelagh’s have a chance to celebrate at Barney Shannon’s Christmas party at the Strathmore Theatre on December 18th. Rumor has it that Santa may be there as well!!

Ho! Ho! Ho! And there is still more to go. On Sunday, December 12th the club will be holding its annual Marine Corp. Toys for Tots event hosted by Gunny Dunn. Members are welcome to choose an angel from the board, which identifies the gender and age of a child who would love to receive a gift this year. So, please come down and enjoy a day of football, fun, and food. All new, unwrapped presents need to be at the club on or before the day of the event.

From my family to yours have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May God keep you happy and healthy. Please keep a prayer in your heart for the many in need as well as the men and women serving our fine country.

Be Well and God Bless You all-
Mac





Good and Welfare

Brother member Joe Peel continues to recuperate, Mike Pasquale is still mending,. Bob Brown's wife also passed away please save a thought for them



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

Holiday Hours...

December Meeting - Thursday, December 8th 8:30PM

Toys For Tots - Sunday, December 12th

Our annual tailgate extravaganza. Tommy Dunn is your host, further details inside

Children's Christmas Party - Saturday, December 18th
10AM Strathmore Theater; Movie will be the NEW Yogi Bear flick!. See Barney Shannon, or Santa for more info.

Entertainment Night - Thursday, December 23rd
Brian Burns, great Irish music.

NEW YEARS EVE - Friday, December 31st
Brian Burns will entertain, see John Sheridan for more.

Comedy Night - Saturday, January 29th
\$40.00 per person, sells out QUICK! Comedian TBA

Mardi Gras - Saturday February 19th 8PM - 12AM
More info inside.

Club Elections/ Blood Drive - Saturday February 26th
Details on the following page

Incoming: - 1st Parade Fundraiser should be mid January at the club, and then, it's almost PARADE time (March 6th)



FSOS Pipes and Drums News



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

NOMINATION OF OFFICERS

Nominations will be accepted at the January Meeting for 2011 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 26th

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



Club Elections & Blood Drive

Saturday, February 26th

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

Effective as of the November meeting

1st Reading: Michael Macey; Sponsor- Brian Tunyla

James O' Leary; Sponsor - William Gerdon

Michael Degenhardt; Sponsor - Mike Sullivan Jr.

2nd Reading: David Schmidt, Robert Anthony

New Members: TRAVIS GERDON - WELCOME

TOYS FOR TOTS 2010

Sunday December 12th, 1PM to 8PM

The 2nd part of our annual holiday sharing. This year, Annette Dunn has added a new dimension to the party. At the pub, you will find a board with Christmas Angels, each associated with a child in need. Please come down and select an Angel, then simply acquire a \$20.00 dollar gift and attach your angel to the gift when you come to the event. If you cannot do this, a \$20.00 donation will also reap you draft beer and a bite to eat at halftime. Tom Dunn, as usual is your host, see you there!



The Dinner Dance Committee presents...

AN EVENING OF CLASSIC STANDARDS AND OLDIES WITH PATSY PALMA AND FRIENDS.

A great night of music and memories from the times of Sinatra, Bennett, Elvis, Dion, etc.

Vocalist Patsy and family come together to perform a wonderful collection of classics for your listening enjoyment.

Doors open at 7:30pm...Show starts at 8:15pm .

\$20.00 per person includes...Entertainment, Beer, Wine and Soda .



**This coming years Annual Dinner Dance will take place at
The Molly Pitcher Inn in Red Bank on March 12th 2011.**

MARDI GRAS (NEW ORLEANS NIGHT)

Saturday, FEBRUARY 19th 8PM/? \$30 per person

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, and dancing like The Wild Tchoupitoulas (look it up)

There really are not words to describe just how good this night is, just come.

See Le Roi, John Sheridan, for further details, it will be a Tonnerre mes chiens night, and remember, Lache pas la patate



Thank You I would like to thank everyone who helped out with the thanksgiving baskets. This year we were able to help out 53 families in our area. I'd like to take this time to thank everyone that donated food, bags and time. The kitchen crew that fed us all, those who with set up and clean up and those who helped us fill up 48 sets of bags. There was those behind the tables instructing us on how many of each item to take, the members the wives the children and our friends that just wanted to stop by and help that day. The volunteers that ran to the store to pick up a few missing items, and especially those who supplied me with the names of the 53 families that we were able to help. Salk St. Ambrose

and St. Thomas all sent us some bodies that morning. Lets not forget our favorite butcher our corresponding secretary for helping us get the word out and our turkey pick up crew. Those that helped inventorying food, loading cars and setting up bags for delivery. Those that donated on meeting nite or put a donation in the turkey box and those that took part in our 50/50s for ten weeks. Mr. Barney Shannon and Mr. Robert Quinn because they laid the ground work for this great endeavor that is only possible with the help of everyone of you. Thank you very much, we hope you all had a happy thanksgiving with your families.

The Thanksgiving Baskets Committee

MEMBERSHIP APPRECIATION NIGHTS

We will be hosting a couple of nights to "give back" to the membership

Membership Appreciation Party I - Thursday, December 23, 2010, 8 PM - 12AM

Entertainment by Brian Burns - mixture of Irish Ballads, Irish hits ,Rock n' Roll (Bruce, Van Morrison,etc.), plus special party requests.

No Cover Charge - Bring a \$10 Xmas wrapped gift and receive a ticket for the fun gift giveaway raffle. Plus free giveaways throughout the night.

Membership Appreciation Party II - Friday, December 31, 2010, 9 PM - 1 AM

Two Bottles of Champagne Raffle giveaways every thirty minutes starting at 9:15pm last raffle 11:45pm. Plus complimentary Champagne Toast to 2011 at midnight.

Entertainment by Brian Burns - mixture of Irish Ballads, Irish hits ,Rock n' Roll (Bruce, Van Morrison,etc.), plus special party requests.



"Christmas Greetings!"

In Ireland, late fall is the time of the year to make the house ready for the upcoming holiday celebrations. An Irish home is cleaned top to bottom, and special holiday linens would be brought out of storage. Olden days in Ireland would see the home being white washed and general repairs to the home. Once all is clean it is ready for festive Christmas decorating!

An Irish Christmas Blessing

The light of the Christmas star to you
The warmth of home and hearth to you
The cheer and good will of friends to you
The hope of a childlike heart to you
The joy of a thousand angels to you
The love of the Son and God's peace to you.

AD Book: #019 Hank Hogan Jr.

Apparently, it was missed last month (thanks Alan) but Alan Purcell, DID beat Keegan to the chow line, at the Notre Dame/ Navy game.

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