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Elks of the Year, Sharon & Bob Haugh

by Dory Lennon

On March 18th, Point Pleasant Elks Lodge #1698 held their annual Citizen, Officer, Elk and Lady of the Year Banquet. While in the past, the recipients were announced beforehand, this year it was kept a surprise.

The recipient of the **Citizen of the Year** is Paul Brundage. He is currently serving as a trustee for our Lodge. He has been involved with the Golden Elks Pop Warner program for the past thirty years. Paul has been an assistant and head coach of the Jr. PeeWee, PeeWee and Midget football teams while also serving as the Director of Football. He loves working with children teaching them about football and, most importantly, about teamwork. Many of his former players have credited Paul for teaching them the importance of working as a team

Past ER Dino and his officers

which is a lesson they use in their personal lives.

Paul was very surprised and deeply honored when his name was announced and his family was introduced. His mother, brothers, sister, in-laws, children and his wife, Noemi were all there to celebrate this night with him as well as his Elk and Golden Elks Pop Warner family. **Congratulations, Paul,** for your many years as an Elk and coach for the children of our community.

Dino's announcement of Leading Knight Ted Holmgren as **Officer of the Year** was met with great cheering by those present. As Leading Knight, Ted has worked very hard to bring new programs into the Lodge. He started Sunday Morning breakfasts which have been a great success and has worked closely with Dino and the Trustees through-

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LODGE OFFICERS 2005-2006

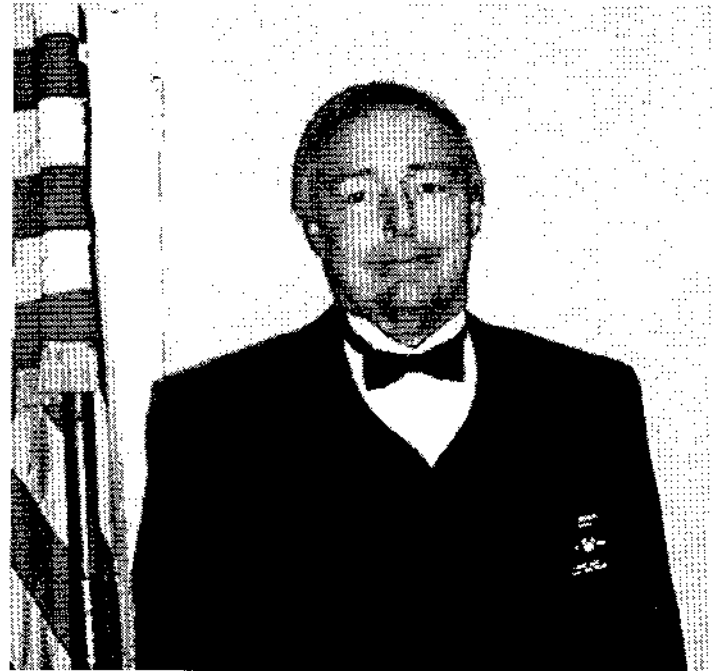
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EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE

by Ted Holmgren

"The faults of our members, we write upon the sand, their virtues upon the tablets of love and memory." We are an organization with over 700 members. It isn't possible to like every one of them equally, and you may not care for some of them at all. However, we are all bound together by common purpose, and our belief in the ideals of Elkdom. Let's spend the next year appreciating each other's contributions, not obsessing over what we may perceive to be their shortcomings. If we all pull together, I know we can accomplish great things. Let's see what a positive outlook and a generous spirit can do.

I want to thank all the incoming officers and committee persons for their support to the Lodge. I am personally delighted by the quality, competence and energy of these folks. If you have any interest in becoming involved to a greater extent, contact me or any of the officers or chairpersons, because we can certainly use more manpower.

Convention is coming soon. There are still a few rooms available. See Linda Muir if interested. Fluke tournament operations are coming into full swing; speak to John or Arnie if you have some time to spare. There will be a golf outing in the fall. I know this can be a great activity for the Elks. See Jim,

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LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS

by Mary Skidmore

Dear Members: Let's make this year exciting and successful. It takes all members working together to make this happen. This may be our last year, unless we can get officers to serve next year. The current officers have been in office for several years and we need a change! The current officers are continuing this year so we can celebrate our 60th anniversary. Please call me at 732-899-2575 if you would be willing to chair a committee or serve on the refreshment committee.

Upcoming events:

April 12: Business Meeting
Refreshment Committee
Margaret Bradley
Ruth Magley
Mary Skidmore

April 26: Social

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Joe or Alan if you would like to get in on the ground floor.

Great thanks to Dino for his leadership this past year. I commend him for his hard work and dedication to the guiding principles of Elkdome.

I am not a stranger at the Lodge. Please tell me your ideas, and feel free to approach me with your comments.

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out the past year. Ted's friends and wife Laurie were there to congratulate him on his award. As Officer of the Year, Ted has proven his determination to improve our Lodge and we look forward to his ideas for the next year as Exalted Ruler. **Congratulations, Ted.**

This year's announcement of **Elk of the Year** had a twist to it. While this special honor has always been presented to one outstanding Elk, this year there were two: Sharon & Bob Haugh. No matter what event is held you will always see Sharon & Bob working very hard. From the Fluke Tournament, Octoberfest, Special Needs Children's Picnic and so much more, they are always the first to volunteer their time. This year they also organized two special testimonial dinner parties for Gus Adamo and John Kaufman, which were enormous successes. Along with working on several other committees they are also members of the House Committee. Sharon & Bob were joined by their family and many friends to celebrate this special night. **Congratulations, Sharon & Bob.**

The Lady of the Year, Regina McCabe, was announced by the Ladies' Auxiliary President, Diane Omdal and her officers. Regina was not as surprised as the rest of our winners since her family had to tell her beforehand so that she would attend the banquet. Many of the members of the Auxiliary said Regina was the type of person who would help chair any committee and help anyone who needed it, but did not want to be singled out, what is just not her style. It then must have been a shock when Diane gave her a crown to wear for the night. For someone who likes to stay in the background, Regina was up front and center on this night. **Congratulations, Regina.**

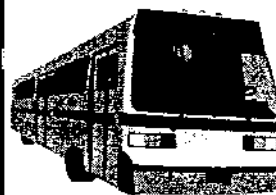
The **Lifetime Achievement** award, which was started several years ago by PER Bat Masterson, added another distinguished name to the list: Kay

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS
2 Daylight Savings Time Breakfast 9-11AM	3 Darts Boy Scouts	4 Lodge Mtg. 8 PM	5 Meetings: Vets: 7 PM HCC: 8 PM Fluke 8 PM Pop Warner	6 Shuffleboard Line Dancing	7 Dinner served from 6-8 PM	8
9 Breakfast 9-11/ Easter Egg Hunt 12 Trustee Mtg. 11 AM	10 Darts Boy Scouts	11 Ladies Auxiliary Mtg. 8 PM	12 Fluke Mtg. 8pm	13 Shuffleboard Line Dancing	14 Dinner served from 6-8 PM	15
16 EASTER SUNDAY	17 Boy Scouts Fluke Mtg. 8pm	18 Lodge Mtg. 8 PM	19	20 Shuffleboard Line Dancing	21 Dinner served from 6-8 PM	22 Delaware Park Bus Trip
23 Breakfast 9-11/Trustee Mtg. 11 AM/ Battleship NJ Visit/Delaware Park Bus Ride	24 Boy Scouts Fluke Mtg. 8pm	25 Ladies Auxiliary Social 8 PM	26 Pop Warner Exec. Bd. Mtg.	27 Shuffleboard Line Dancing	28 Dinner served from 6-8 PM	29
30 Breakfast 9-11	1	2	3	4	5	6

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2006 SPECIAL OLYMPICS POLAR PLUNGE

by Greg Smith, Elk of the Ocean

It was a nice day for a swim on February 26th. The air temperature was 26 degrees with a wind-chill that made it feel like 11 degrees. The ocean water temperature was about 38 degrees and choppy. These are the "perfect conditions" for a Polar Plunge to benefit the Special Olympics New Jersey. For the 7th consecutive year I raised money for S.O. N.J. and took the plunge into the chilly ocean along with over 2000 others. As you probably read in the local papers, this event raised over \$450,000.

I would like to thank all the Elks and their guests who donated to my collection canister in the Grill Room. We all helped make this event successful for the Special Needs adults and children of New Jersey

VETERAN'S GROUP ACTIVITIES

by Mike Trivisano

The Southeast District Veteran's Committee meeting was held on Monday, 3/6 and was hosted successfully by our Lodge.

On a very sad note S.E. District Chairman Jerry McIntire passed away on 3/9. He was a devoted, respected and admired leader for the Veteran's committee and a dedicated Elk.

The Veteran's Committee will run the 50/50 raffle at the Fluke Tournament.

Committee members were asked to bring in old photos and/or articles about the Lodge to be used for the "History of Our Lodge" campaign.

Sunday, April 23rd is Elks day at the Battleship New Jersey. Any one interested in attending, contact John Kaufman 732-295-1604. Transportation arrangements will be determined upon the number of attendees.

Sunday, May 21st is Elks day at the Blue Claws baseball game. The Lodge has purchased 50 tickets for the veterans so they may enjoy a day out.

The Southeast District Veteran's Committee is planning a golf outing for a September time frame. Mike Donahue has volunteered to run this outing and will need help. Any one willing to help Mike, please contact him.

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Meyer. As a member of the Ladies' Auxiliary, Kay worked with her late husband Louis on several different committees in the Elks organization. After becoming a member of the Lodge Kay has become an extremely active member of the Veteran's committee. Whether cooking her famous crab cake dinner, visiting Veteran's nursing homes or cooking the fish dinners for the Veteran's fishing trips Kay is always there with her great smile and warm personality. Kay was very surprised and honored to receive her award from Exalted Ruler Dino. She was surrounded by the Lodge officers, her daughters and their families and many of her friends.

Congratulations, Kay.

This year's banquet gave us many surprises and was enormously successful. Thanks go to Dory Lennon for supervising the event; to E.R. Dino Castronova; Secretary Helen McDermott, The Trustees, Colonial Meat Market Owner Darren Arms (the dinner was excellent), DJ Penny Petroff, Peg Dieker (who worked in the kitchen all evening), and Carol McMenamy, Lodge Activities Chairperson (all those napkins) for their help. Thanks to all the family members who worked so hard keeping their secrets and arranging for all family members and friends to attend and share this special night. A special thank you to John Gartz, Joe Rager, Dru Kegeriss Jr. and Paul Brundage who set up the room.

The true hero of the night was Dru Kegeriss, Jr. There are not enough adjectives I could use to describe this special young man. No matter what job needed doing he did it with a smile. I could not have gotten through the night without you. Thank you Dru.

CONVENTION NEWS

A few rooms are still available. Please call Linda Muir at 732-295-3285 for a reservation. If you will be coming down to Wildwood earlier than Friday, June 2nd, please call the Gold Crest Motel directly at 609-522-0153 to reserve extra nights.

Bob Conway and Charlie Scanlon will be hosting the Saturday Night Dinner and have a treat in store for all attendees.

Parade uniform will be the same as last year and all members who attend the convention **MUST** march in the Parade. Come on down to Wildwood for a great convention.

The Antler

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