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Officer of the Year, Colleen Castronova &
Elk of the Year, Ron Panuska



ER Dru Kegreiss congratulating Citizen
of the Year, Charles Brady

ELK, LADY, OFFICER AND CITIZEN OF THE YEAR: MARCH 10, 2007

By Jan Picarell

This night was like no other! As Elks and their families sat at beautifully dressed tables, Exalter Ruler Dru Kegreiss announced the much anticipated, the most prestigious awards of the year. Elk of the Year was Ron Panuska; Officer of the Year was Colleen Castronova; Lady of the Year was Dawn Cherry and Citizen of the Year was Charles Brady.

Charlie Brady is a 30 year Elk and while his sons and family looked on, ER Dru recounted his many humanitarian efforts throughout New Jersey.

Dru presented eight Special Grand Exalted Ruler citations to: Marianne Chickene for her work as the Antler Editor; Nancy DeVito, who runs a line

dancing class weekly and is also known as Antsy the Clown; Terry LaDu who serves as a most capable Webmaster; Carol McMenamy for being an all-around help as well as Esteemed Loyal Knight elect; John Gartz, who kept the Lodge running as House Chairman, Greg Smith for his commitment to the Hoop Shoot contests, Mike Travisano for leading the National Veteran's Service Committee and Gus (The Godfather) Adamo who has done a little bit of everything in the Lodge.

The Lifetime Achievement Award went to "Step" Avedisian, a 60 year Elk for his many contributions especially for being the original trustee at Camp Moore.

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LODGE OFFICERS 2006-2007

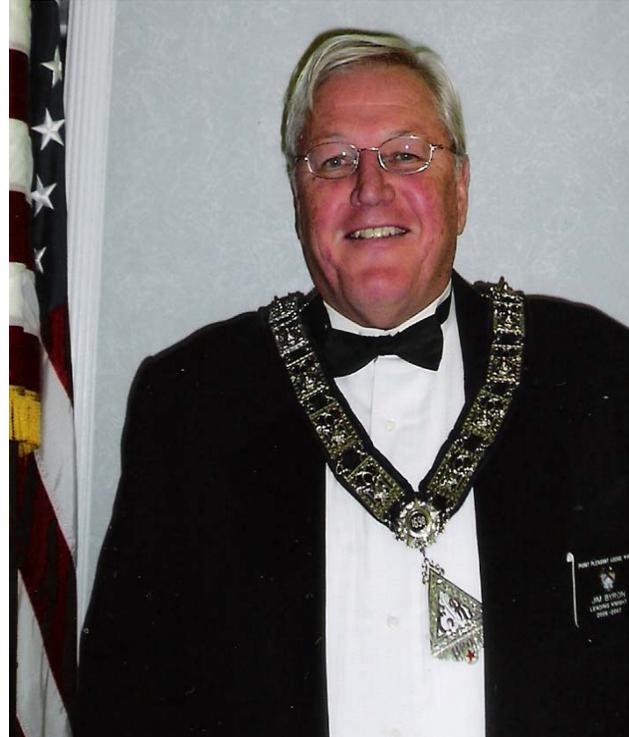
Exalted Ruler	Jim Byron	892-7937
Leading Knight	Mitch Fiedler	295-2561
Loyal Knight	Carol McMenamy	892-0045
Lecturing Knight	Valerie Famous	202-7030
Secretary	Helen McDermott	899-3186
Treasurer	Colleen Castronova	295-0989
Tiler	Gus Adamo	899-2722
Esquire	Scott Famous	202-7030
Chaplain	Joe Chickene	840-0891
Inner Guard	Charles Sherman	714-8771
Organist	Vacant	
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	Dino Castronova 528-5582	Connie Vuocolo 899-2716
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Community Relations	Roger Pyrtko	899-3354
National Foundation	Dino Castronova	528-5582
Investigating	Ron Panuska	714-9966
Indoctrination	Rocky Berrios	840-0239
Membership	Ron Panuska	714-9966
Lapsation	Ron Panuska	714-9966
Youth Activities	Joe Rager	295-1636
Tearoff Raffles	Cus Dalik	295-8370
Publicity	Vacant	
Memorial Day Service	Dory Lennon	908-415-8314
Visiting	Vacant	
Audit	Vacant	
Lodge Scholarship	Joe Rager	295-1636
Drug Awareness	Chris Phillips	
Nat'l Veterans Service	Mike Travisano	899-5115
Government Relations	Carol McMenamy	892-0045
Lodge Activities	Carol McMenamy	892-0045
Lodge Photographer	Marianne Chickene	840-0891
Hoop Shoot	Greg Smith	920-7516
Soccer Shoot	Dino Castronova	528-5582
The Antler	Marianne Chickene	840-0891
Friday Night Dinner	Joe Rager	295-1636
Convention	Linda Muir	295-3285
Banquets	Colette Martiak	899-2923
Flag Day	Charles Scanlon	899-1191
Webmaster	Terry LaDu	899-4635
Bar Steward	Jay Ramirez	899-8620
Octoberfest	Cus Dalik	295-8370
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LADIES AUXILIARY OFFICERS

President	Mary Bruce	892-5921
Hostess	Mary Skidmore	899-2575
Vice President	Dee Dalik	295-8370
Secretary	Katy Berrios	840-0239
Treasurer	Camille Cimino	899-6168
Chaplain	Catherine Evans	899-5071
Inner Guard	Ann Kaufman	295-1604



EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE

by Jim Byron

"I've got friends in low places". While Garth Brooks wrote it, I will take the song to heart by saying thanks to all my family, friends, new Officers, fellow Elks and all who showed their support for the Lodge at my installation. The "low places" is an obvious reference to our subterranean Grill Room. It is, after all, the physical heart of our Lodge. I especially want to thank Colette Martiak, our new Banquet Chairman, for pulling this special evening together. The party was wonderful and a great time was had by all. For those of you who could not or did not attend, I extend an invitation for next year to see a beautiful ceremony steeped in tradition. While I am sure it has evolved over time, the "passing of the guard" has been in place for 139 years and is timeless in its pomp & ceremony. Virtually every seat was filled but for those who passed on it, make a pledge to include it in next year's agenda. You won't be disappointed. It will round out your Elk experience and give you a glimpse into the tradition that is Elksdom.

Many members have approached me as to my agenda for the Lodge. I strongly believe we need a "better mousetrap". Membership is the lifeblood of the Elks. It allows committees to be filled and the charitable tasks of the Elks to be fulfilled. I feel that with an improved facility members will join and keep coming

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LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS

by Mary Skidmore

I would like to thank all the ladies who made my year a success. A special thanks to the ladies who chaired a committee or worked hard to make it all enjoyable.

I was proud to present Dawn Cherry as our "Lady of the Year" on Saturday, March 10th. Thanks to the committee for a job well done.

To Katy Berrios, thanks for all your hard work organizing our "300 Club" as our major fundraiser. And thanks to all who sold these tickets.

To Camille Cimino and her committee, thanks for a delightful "60th Birthday Party". Your hard work and talent showed.

To Dawn Cherry who took over the "Psychic Fair" and did an outstanding job, thanks to you and your committee and to all who furnished refreshments and helped.

To Nancy Carley and her committee, thanks for the excellent job chairing the "Covered Dish" dinner and to all who outdid themselves with desserts. Nancy also ran our "Bunco" night. Attendance at that wasn't great; however, all who did come had a wonderful time.

To Dee Dalik, thanks for chairing our "Pizza Night" instead of the usual Visitation. Since all other auxiliaries have disbanded we decided to have our own party.

To Mary Bruce as President and the other officers who are continuing, a huge thanks for taking the presidency for the coming year.

Our Officers for 2007-8 are:

President	Mary Bruce
Hostess	Mary Skidmore
Vice President	Dee Dalik
Secretary	Katy Berrios
Treasurer	Camille Cimino
Inner Guard	Ann Kaufman
Chaplain	Catherine Evans

This is my last message. I have enjoyed working with all of you over many years. I hope more of you will get involved and run for an office. Let's keep our organization going and strong. After being President three times, I think it's time for others to become involved.

GOOD LUCK TO ALL

**DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT
ANTLER IS: APRIL 23, 2007**

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Kudos to our House Committee for a sumptuous, delicious buffet dinner and beautifully appointed tables. The evening ended with dancing to the music provided by the Bob Ferrie and the Ferrie Men band.

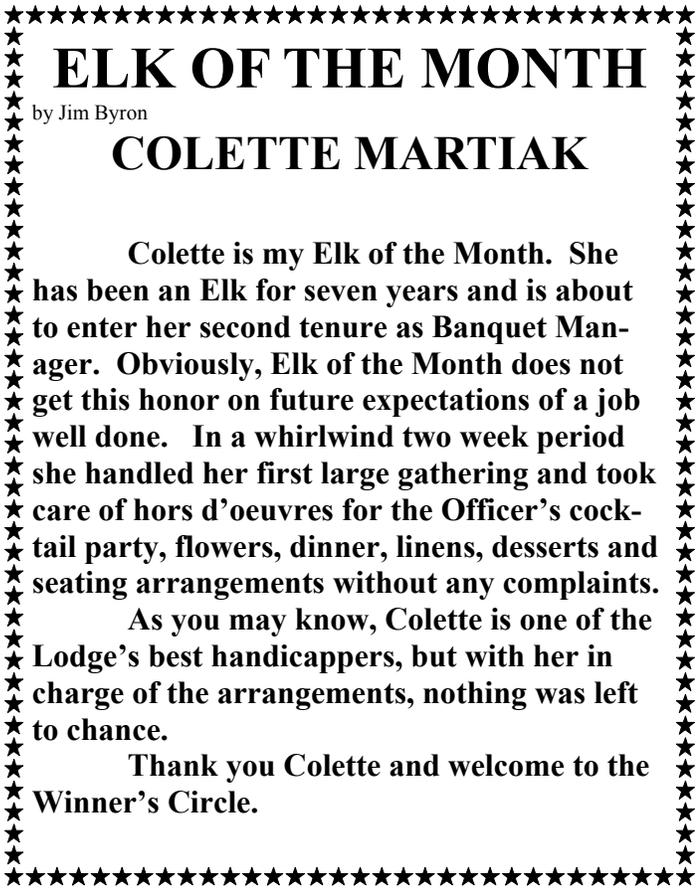
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back. Generally speaking, we are going to clean up the grounds and fence the yard. I would like to knock the masonry garage down and replace it, but I may have to settle for putting a little makeup on it. Not only is this a matter of pride of ownership but will be reflected in our banquet business which is down about half. We need to be competitive within the marketplace! The interior of the Lodge also needs attention. With the ban on smoking in effect, it seems worthwhile to redo the ceiling in the Grill Room and install new lighting. Heating in our rest rooms is also a must, especially for the gals. There are many other items which need attention and we will try to get to them. Rome wasn't built in a day! I give you my promise that each endeavor is being scrutinized by the Trustees for its economic impact.

I want to welcome my new chair and committee men and women. I deeply believe that this will be an exciting year for our Lodge. I want to again welcome our last class of 15 new members and was dedicated to Pt. Pleasant's own District Deputy Cus Dalik. Please get involved and let the energy and pride you have already exhibited translate into activism at our Lodge. If you like what you see, bring a friend and get him signed up as a new member; it's our lifeblood. Our Lodge, as with all Lodges, is all about service and unselfish giving for the greater good. There is plenty to do here at our Lodge and our real reward is a personal sense of charitable giving within each of us.

Lastly, I would like to thank PER Dru Kegreiss. Dru stepped in at a very difficult time after the death of my dear friend ER Ted Holmgren. He steadied the ship, managed the Lodge and was a taskmaster during ritual practice. He took me under his wing for the last few months in an effort to get me up to speed for my year as Exalted Ruler. Many thanks.

**THIS IS YOUR LODGE
COME OUT AND SUPPORT IT**



ELK OF THE MONTH

by Jim Byron

COLETTE MARTIAK

Colette is my Elk of the Month. She has been an Elk for seven years and is about to enter her second tenure as Banquet Manager. Obviously, Elk of the Month does not get this honor on future expectations of a job well done. In a whirlwind two week period she handled her first large gathering and took care of hors d'oeuvres for the Officer's cocktail party, flowers, dinner, linens, desserts and seating arrangements without any complaints.

As you may know, Colette is one of the Lodge's best handicappers, but with her in charge of the arrangements, nothing was left to chance.

Thank you Colette and welcome to the Winner's Circle.

BIG BAND DANCE When was the last time you were "In the Mood"?

Enjoy the sounds of the 30's and 40's with The Imperial Dance Band at Point Pleasant Elks Lodge on **Saturday, May 19th at 7:30 PM.**

Bring your dancing shoes as the songs of Tommy Dorsey, Glenn Miller and many others will be played for your listening and dancing pleasure.

DATE: May 19, 2007
TIME: Doors open at 7:00, Music at 8:00
COST: \$20 per person in advance
\$25. at the door

For reservations, send a self addressed stamped envelope with a check payable to BPOE #1698 in the amount of \$20.00 for each ticket to:
Big Band Dance
c/o BPOE #1698
P.O. Box 1069
Pt. Pleasant Beach, N.J. 08742
For more information contact Terry LaDu

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Ronald C. Mailloux
Carpenter
Sponsored by Joseph Rager, III PER

James P. Paone
Sponsored by Gary Laudisi

William Rutzler
Retired Insulation Installer
Sponsored by Jack Carley

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If your birthday is this month, the Lodge would like to buy you a drink. Please sign this coupon and present it to the bartender for your free drink. This coupon is good on any day this month.

Happy Birthday Clip Out Coupon
April, 2007
(Pt. Pleasant #1698 Members Only)

Name _____
Member # _____

Date of Birth _____

Verification of DOB may be required by bartender. Limit (1) coupon per member per month.

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**THE WINNING NUMBER OF THE
LADIES' AUXILIARY'S "300 CLUB"
FOR MARCH WAS: 176**

Did anyone borrow the Ladies Auxiliary's microphone system? If so, please get in touch with Dee Dalik at 732-295-8370 to make arrangements for its safe return.



APRIL, 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Boy Scouts	3 Lodge Meeting 8 PM	4 Meetings: Vets 7 pm SNC 8 pm	5 Shuffleboard Line Dancing	6 Good Friday Pop Warner Crew: Sautéed Scallops Or Stuffed Flounder	7 After dinner join us for live music and dancing in the Grill Room
8 EASTER SUNDAY	9 Boy Scouts	10 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 8 PM	11	12 Shuffleboard Line Dancing	13 Nancy's crew: Pigs in a Blanket or Stuffed Flounder	14 After dinner join us for live music and dancing in the Grill Room
15 Elks Day at the Battleship New Jersey	16 Boy Scouts	17 Lodge Meeting 8 PM	18 Meetings: Vets 7 pm SNC 8 pm Burnt Tavern Luncheon	19 Shuffleboard Line Dancing	20 Officer's Crew: Seafood Combo Platter or Sliced Roast Beef AuJus	21 Jersey Shore Relay Spe- cial Olympics Music & Dancing
22	23 Boy Scouts	24 Ladies Auxiliary Social	25	26 Shuffleboard Line Dancing	27 Vet's Crew: Roast Loin of Pork or Cajun Tilapia	28 After dinner join us for live music and dancing in the Grill Room
29	30	1	2	3	4	5

SAVE THE DATE: SATURDAY, MAY 19 FOR A SPECTACULAR BIG BAND NIGHT

THE JERRY MCINTIRE GOLF TOURNAMENT IS CANCELLED

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HOOP SHOOT NEWS

by Greg Smith

Hoop Shoot National Finals ...here we come!

Our State Champ, Lauren Hughes, has won the Northeast Central Regional competition by beating the Pennsylvania and New York State champs on March 24th in Wilkes-Barre, PA. **Congratulations, Lauren.**

She now gets to compete against our Nation's eleven other regional winners in Springfield, MA on April 21st.

Lauren started off by sinking her first 5 shots, then missed 2, then hit the next 3 for 8 out of 10. The other two girls were just as close. In the second round of 15 shots Lauren hit them all! Her total of 23 could not be matched. VICTORY!!! On to the National Finals.

I had the pleasure of being asked to be a rebounder this year. Of course, I chose to rebound for the girls so I wouldn't miss seeing Lauren shoot....and I saw all 23 go in although I never made eye contact with Lauren—I didn't want to break her concentration in any way and it worked. She hit 18 shots in a row which won her a basketball which was autographed by all the State Champs. Lauren received the Northeast Regional Trophy at the awards luncheon and that ended a great weekend.

Congratulations from the Pt. Pleasant Elks #1698 and all of Pt. Pleasant. We wish you the best of luck in Springfield.

GO FOR IT!!!!

See pictures of Lauren and Greg on the back page

**COME ON OUT AND SUPPORT OUR
FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS**

VETERAN'S GROUP ACTIVITIES

By Mike Trivisano

March 9th was our turn to cook for Friday Night dinner. Thanks to those who were there.

Work details will start in the Veteran's Memorial Park on March 31st. We will be assembling park benches and the Boy Scouts will help with clean-up. We need to obtain material for a small retaining wall in front of the flagpole and we are still looking for information on costs to engrave brick pavers which we will sell as a fundraiser. If anyone has any information on either or would like to help in any way, please contact any member of the Vets committee.

We have a campaign underway to collect various items for our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. Boxes are in the Grill Room & lobby with a list of desired items. The first box is close to being shipped. I have contacted Burnt Tavern Rehab and they are willing to help and I have also called McGuire AFB for help and information. We will also be contacting the newspapers to request donation from our community. **Help us help our troops, please donate.**

Elks Days at the Battleship New Jersey is April 15th.

The Jim Goddard Essay Contest with a \$500.00 Scholarship is open to High School Students who are children or grandchildren of Elk members in good standing. The essay title is "What a Veteran Means to Me" and is due no later than May 1, 2007.

The Pt. Pleasant Boro Memorial Day parade is on Sunday, May 27th and our Lodge has been invited to participate. We will meet at STS on Bridge Avenue at 12:30 pm for a 1:00 step-off. Attire is blue pants, white shirt and flag hat.

If you know anyone who has made the ultimate sacrifice in Iraq or Afghanistan please read the note on the Veterans bulletin board in the Grill Room for details on how their families can receive a "Medal of Valor".

Visit our web site for more Veteran information and "**NVSC 2007 Year in Review.**"

We all feel the need to "get the word out" to the community as well as the Lodge by contacting the newspapers when needed. How about volunteering to do this????

The last NVSC SED meeting is on April 2nd at 8 and hosted by our Lodge. Our next NVSC #1698 meetings will be April 4th and 18th at 7:00 pm.

The SED Gerry McIntire Golf outing originally scheduled for May 23rd is cancelled.

GOD BLESS AMERICA



BEACH PARTY 2007

By Colleen Castronova

The annual Beach Party was once again a “good time had by all.” The only time the dance floor had any room at all was when the door prizes & gift auction were called. What a great gift auction it was! We had some awesome gifts. My gratitude to all who donated items. They were deeply appreciated.

Our decorating crew (Dory, Michelle Linda, Carol and Victor) did such a good job that no one wanted us to take them down!! Poor Victor dealt with being the “lone wolf” quite admirably.

An evening like this is months of hard work. Without my “beach crew” lending their help every year, there would be no party at all.

The gift auction...thanks Dory & Michelle. Though you do realize the unspoken rule...”do the job well and it’s yours forever!!!”

My girl Friday Carol...everything from running errands to staying to help me cut 60 pounds of pork loin.

My last minute kitchen crew...without Jim & Victor the “beach buffet” would’ve been a “beach sub sandwich” Great job on those dishes, Dino!

A special thank you to my niece Victoria for her invaluable assistance; and Rose helping out even though she had just gotten over being ill.

To all who pitched in that night at the last minute, your help was greatly appreciated.

The Beach Party has turned into an affair that people look forward to. We have a good time and shake off the winter doldrums if only for one night. Judging by the dance floor that night, there was a “whole lot of shaking going on.”



Jersey Shore Relay Race

The Southeast District Special Needs Children’s Committee will be once again be hosting the Jersey Shore Relay Race which will take place on April 21, 2007.

Joe Rager, PER will be leading a team from Pt. Pleasant Lodge and Jenkinson’s, as a relay point, will be offering refreshments to all racers.

**2007 HOOP SHOOT
LAUREN HUGHES AND GREG SMITH**



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