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Dave and Nancy DeVito

All veterans from all branches of service

VETERAN'S DINNER DANCE

by Nancy DeVito

To my fellow Elks, Family & Guests: I would like to thank you for the honor of chairing one of my favorite committees. Being involved with the Veteran's committee and the military through my clowning has been a wonderful experience for me. The men and women from the different branches of service tell me they really appreciate what we civilians are doing for them. I'm thankful to them for making me feel like one of the family. I am one of eleven children and that means a lot to me.

Working on the Veteran's Committee has allowed me to say thanks to those who have already served. The Veteran's Dance held on November 10th was a labor of love for both my committee and

me. When we came up with the idea for the commemorative hearts we had no clue how much fun it would be learning the history of our fellow Lodge member's time in service. The pictures provided by our veterans had the ladies swooning. It was fun seeing how handsome they were as young men. What happened? Just kidding!

I'd like to thank my co-chairpersons Marge McGhee and Lois Francello, and everyone who had a hand in the set-up, clean-up and our fantastic kitchen crew. I couldn't have done it without you. You all know who you are!!! **You're the Best!** I apologize to Marge, after all the practicing for the show, I stole her part. (Big sorry to you.) We'll just

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LODGE OFFICERS 2007-2008

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Inner Guard	Ann Kaufman	295-1604



EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE

by Jim Byron

My dear fellow members, November is over in the literary world, as my tyrant editor, Marianne, has me writing this letter pre-Thanksgiving in order to make her deadline. Nevertheless, my message for this month to all our wonderful members is a simple one: **THANKS FOR GIVING!** November started off with the Fall Conference which was attended by Leading Knight Mitch Fiedler and me. Due to the generosity of our members I was able to present a \$5,000 check to the Elks National Foundation. This amount tied for first place out of 118 N.J. Lodges. Additionally, our Lodge gave a \$5,000 check to our State sponsored charity, Camp Moore. This amount placed us third among the Lodges. The afternoon session was devoted to getting the Exalted Rulers and Leading Knights to address lapsation more intently as statewide we are down about 3,000 members. Paradoxically, new membership is up substantially. We recently sent our the State President's letter addressing the importance of membership renewal. If you are delinquent, please sit down and write a check to the Lodge NOW! Phone calls are next.

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ER Message, continued

The Veteran's Committee has continued to excel at every level. Their November 10th weekend started on Saturday as they hosted a very successful and well attended dinner dance, then Sunday began at Burnt Tavern Rehab with an extremely inspiring Veteran's Day service which I was fortunately able to attend. The committee followed up with a spaghetti dinner for Veterans at the Lodge. Several members were invited to accompany McGuire Air Force staff on an in-flight refueling practice run. Cool!

Congratulations are in order to the Golden Elks Program and its President Ned Martin. While all football and cheering squads are to be commended for a very successful year, the PeeWee Squad won the championship game 22-19 against Eastmond from Syracuse, NY and are the Eastern Regional Champions "C" Division. Long time Elk and Assistant Coach, Kevin Tighe had the pleasure of seeing his son, Danny, come up "big time" for the team!

Please join me in thanking Sue Gajewski for her Public Relations efforts. It's great to see the Elk's good works publicized in the Ocean Star and other Elk Publications.

Lastly, everything at our annual Thanksgiving Dinner went smoothly and deliciously. To Ron Panuska and his cast and crew: Many thanks, you embody the throbbing heart of Elkdom.

*****NEW APPOINTMENT*****

IT WAS ANNOUNCED AT THE FALL CONFERENCE THAT:

CUS DALIK, PER PVP PDD
WAS APPOINTED AS GRAND LODGE NATIONAL VETERAN'S SERVICE VICE CHAIRMAN. HE WILL BE THE EAST VICE CHAIRMAN.

WE'RE WORKIN' ON IT

by Colleen Castronova

SECOND REMINDER!!
ANNUAL ENF BEACH PARTY
MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR:
SATURDAY, FEB. 23, 2008
7 P.M. TICKETS \$15.00
INCLUDES BEACH BUFFET,
DOOR PRIZES, YOUR ELKS
NATIONAL FOUNDATION
DONATION AND MUSIC BY
OUR OWN "PARROTHEAD"
ED AUSTIN

I am doing my best to obtain gift auction donations in keeping with prior years but the well is running dry. **As in the past, I welcome all unused donations with open arms. Anyone wishing to donate any items to the auction, please call me at 732-295-0989.**

Tickets will be on sale at the bar as of 2/1/08. So, don't forget to mark your calendars NOW. Have a great time while supporting the ENF.

Committee members wanted.
First meeting is Monday, Dec. 10th at 7:30 pm. All are welcome. If you are unable to attend and wish to help, please call or e-mail me at jrsycoll@hotmail.com

CONVENTION 2008

THE COST OF THE 2008 CONVENTION WILL BE \$325. PER COUPLE. APPLICATION LETTERS WILL BE GOING OUT SHORTLY.

★ **ELK OF THE MONTH** ★

★ by Jim Byron ★

★ **GARY SMITH** ★

★ Gary is a long standing member of
★ the House Committee. As everyone
★ knows, there is a lot of free advice at the
★ Lodge, but Gary's offerings tend to pick
★ up on the sensitivities of various people
★ who are involved in a given situation.
★ He's always among the first to help during
★ any event the Lodge initiates and he's a
★ familiar sight at the Fluke Tournament,
★ Oktoberfest and Friday Night Dinners.

★ Gary is always ready with a paint
★ brush should the Lodge need any sprucing
★ up and just this past week he installed a
★ new tile floor surrounding the upstairs bar,
★ making the room just right for our first catered
★ wedding in a long time; and as Bob
★ Barker used to say "The Price is Right".

★ Gary, thank you for all you do!
★

★ **LUNCHEAS ARE COMING BACK!!!** ★

★ **STARTING DECEMBER 4TH**
★ **TUESDAY THROUGH FRIDAY**
★ **11:30 AM TO 3:30 PM**
★ **MENU AVAILABLE WITH**
★ **DAILY SPECIALS**

★ **PLEASE PATRONIZE**
★ **OUR**
★ **ADVERTISERS**
★ **THEY ARE IMPORTANT TO**
★ **THE ANTLER**

****IMPORTANT NOTICE****
CALENDAR MEETING

**IF YOUR COMMITTEE
WANTS A DATE PUT ON THE
LODGE'S MAIN CALENDAR
YOU MUST ATTEND THIS
MEETING:**

**JANUARY 7, 2008
6:30 P.M.**

**DEADLINE FOR THE
JANUARY ANTLER
IS:
DECEMBER 23, 2007**

**THERE IS ONLY ONE LODGE MEETING
IN JANUARY ON JANUARY 15TH.**

• 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
• December, 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.



DECEMBER, 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
11/25 NFL Football & Menu	11/16 Monday Night Football	11/27	11/28	11/29 Line Dancing Shuffleboard	11/30	1 NCAA Football on our 8 TVs
2 Elks Memorial Service NFL Football & Menu	3 Monday Night Football & Dart League	4 Lodge Mtg. 8 PM	5 Meetings: Vets 7 PM SNC 8 PM Pop Warner	6 Line Dancing Shuffleboard	7 Elks Crew: Chicken Cordon Bleu/ Coconut Crusted Tilapia	8 NCAA Football on our 8 TVs
9 NFL Football & Menu Children's Christmas Party Noon	10 Monday Night Football & Dart League	11 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 8 PM House Comm. Meeting	12	13 Line Dancing Shuffleboard	14 House Crew: Barnyard Chicken/Ocean Floor Shrimp	15 Special Needs Children's Christmas Party 12-3 Vets visit to McGuire AFB
16 EGG NOG PARTY 3-6 PM	17 Monday Night Football & Dart League	18 Lodge Mtg. 8 PM Indoctrination 7 pm Initiation 8 pm	19 Meetings: Vets 7 PM SNC 8 PM Vets visit to Burnt Tavern	20 Line Dancing Shuffleboard	21 Nancy's Crew: Cornish Hens/ Flounder Florentine	22 NCAA Football on our 8 TVs
23	24	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS LODGE CLOSED	26	27 No Line Dancing No Shuffleboard	28 Officers Crew:	29 NCAA Football on our 8 TVs
30	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE IN THE GRILL ROOM 7:30 PM - ???	1/1 HAPPY NEW YEAR 2008	1/2 No Lodge Meeting	1/3 No Veteran's Meeting	1/4	1/5



THE VETERAN'S DAY CANDLE CEREMONY AT BURNT TAVERN REHAB CENTER



Veterans at Burnt Tavern Manor at Veteran's Day Ceremony

VETERAN'S GROUP ACTIVITIES

by Mike Travisano

As you have been reading for some time now the Veteran's Committee is trying to beautify our Veteran's Memorial Park, and at the same time raise money for our American Veterans. We are asking for your help to support these Vets. We are selling pavers and will have them installed to replace the main sidewalk area. We do not want to rely on the Lodge for any funds therefore we are requesting that you purchase a paver for \$100.00 each. To cover the cost of construction we need to sell 100 pavers which is not a lot if we all help. We will also be soliciting all N.J. Elk Lodges and local businesses to help us in this endeavor. Flyers are out to explain what you will be purchasing and there will be a full page order form in the January Antler and these forms are now available at the Lodge. Sample of pavers on bottom of page.

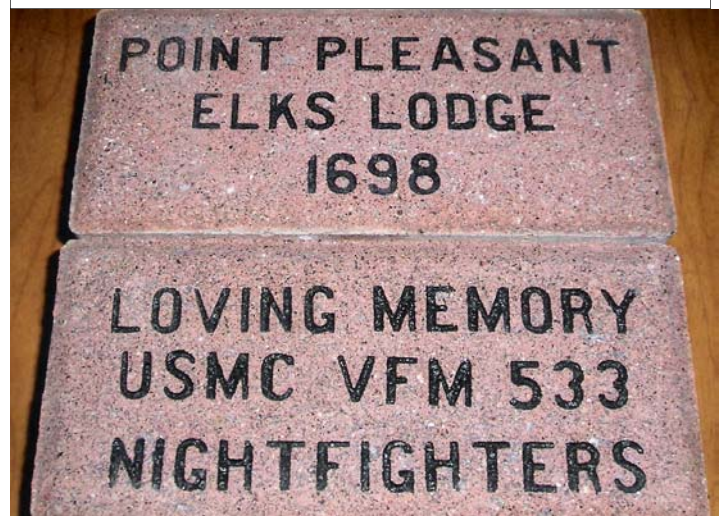
Again, with the help of our committee four more boxes have been shipped to Iraq which brings the total number sent to 40. Nancy DeVito and her team stand ready to ship more boxes when the time comes. If you have any questions or are willing to help Nancy contact her or any member of the Veteran's committee. Thank you Nancy!!!! **Please get involved!** Collection boxes remain in the Grill Room for contributions. **PLEASE help us support our troops. We will continue to collect and ship until they all come home.**

Look in the Asbury Park Press, the Ocean Star and the Elks Magazine and you will see the articles which Sue Gajewski has placed in each. She is such a great asset as our Publicity Chairperson.

Our next NVSC #1698 meetings are November 7th and 21st at 7:00 P.M.

GOD BLESS AMERICA!

**PURCHASE A PAVER FOR THE WALK
IN OUR VETERAN'S PARK
FORMS TO BE FILLED OUT WILL BE
IN THE JANUARY ANTLER
\$100.00 EACH FOR EACH PAVER UP TO
3 LINES WITH 13 LETTERS ON EACH
LINE.
HONOR THE MEMORY OF A BELOVED
VETERAN OR RECOGNIZE A FAMILY
BIRTHDAY OR ANNIVERSARY OR
WHATEVER YOU WISH
ENGRAVED.FOR MORE INFO SEE ANY
MEMBER OF THE VETERAN'S
COMMITTEE**



LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS

by Mary Bruce

Hi Ladies, Halloween has come & gone and now Thanksgiving has come and gone. How the time goes by when you're having fun!

Diane Cavalieri is planning a fabulous Christmas Party. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be there to give gifts to all members. Our entertainment will be a piano player and a sing-a-long, so ladies, we want to hear your best voices.

The "300" Club will start in March so get your tickets early before they're all gone.

Dawn Cherry did a great job setting up the "Tastefully Simple" party at our November 13th meeting and social. The dips and cakes were delicious. I want to thank Mitch Fiedler for setting up tables for this night.

Lastly, I want to congratulate Nancy DeVito for the great Veteran's Dinner Dance that she chaired along with her crew, Marge McGhee and Lois Francello. The red/white/blue decorations were heart warming. Any one who wasn't there missed a wonderful party.

GOD BLESS AMERICA



Attending the Ladies' Birthday Party, from left: Catherine Evans, Ann Kaufman, Mary Bruce, Singer "I'll be Frank", Mary Skidmore, Diane Cavalieri and Dawn Cherry.



LADIES AUXILIARY "300" CLUB

The "300" Club is underway, so select a number and become a member. Due to the New Jersey Legalized Games of Chance regulations, the first drawing will be March 11, 2008 and thereafter every second Tuesday of each month through February, 2009. To become a member you must:

- Select a number from 001 through 300
- Keep this number for monthly drawings for 1 yr.
- Cost: \$60.00 for the full year*
- Drawings 2nd Tuesday each month starting 3/08
- Winnings: 2/3 of monthly proceeds:

i.e. 300 tickets sold = \$1000 to monthly winner

For membership contact:

Ann Kaufman 732-295-1604 or

Camille Cimino 732-899-6168

e-mail: jacam7@verizon.net

*Note: \$60.00 must be paid in full by March 2008 to be eligible.

SELECT YOUR LUCKY NUMBER:

REMEMBER – YOU MUST BE IN IT TO WIN IT.

NEW YEAR'S EVE AT "OUR HOUSE"

**RING IN THE NEW YEAR WITH US
IN THE GRILL ROOM!**

**BRING A COVERED DISH AND
WE'LL SUPPLY THE HATS &
NOISEMAKERS.**

DRINK SPECIALS ALL NIGHT

DECEMBER 31, 2007

7:30 PM TILL ?????

Picture at left is the Installation of 4 new members to the Ladies Auxiliary on October 9, 2007. From left: Regina McCabe, Diane Keeler, Dee Dalik, Rosemary Tassie, Shirley Bruker, Irene Braly and Mary Bruce.

HOOP SHOOT 2007-8



by Greg Smith

Hello basketball fans!! It's Hoop Shoot time again! Starting in November and ending with the National Championship in April, 2008, over three million kids will be competing.

On November 10th the Pt. Pleasant Elks held the local competition at Point Beach High School. The winner from the schools in town came to shoot against each other in order to advance to the Southeast District event on December 15th.

The 8-9 year old winners are Melissa Alfonso and Devin Dragon. The 10-11 year old winners are Lindsey Havens and John Venturi and the 12-13 year old winners are Kelly Hughes, our 2004 National Champ for 8 year olds, and Mark Jurkowski. Congratulations to these six representatives from Point Pleasant. We wish them the best of luck at the Southeast District event.

I would like to thank my Hoop Shoot helpers for 2007 who did a great job rebounding, score keeping and a fast clean-up of the gym. Thank you to my "bro" Gary, Joe R, Peggy, Mike D, Ronnie and Mitch Jr.

See you next year

NOTICES

As of January 1, 2008 Friday Night Dinners will be \$10.00 each. On occasion there may be special dinners which may cost a bit more.

There will be only one Lodge meeting in January on January 15th.

The Egg Nog Party will be on December 16th from 3-6 PM

SCOUTING NEWS

The new upcoming Eagle Scout is Michael Clark, a Stockton College student. His Court of Honor is awaiting a date compatible with his school schedule. His project was to clean the area along the Pt. Pleasant canal and rebuild the benches.

The Cub Scouts are visiting the Claremont Nursing Home to assist with their Christmas Party.

Betty Torode, the tireless worker with all the scouts is finally being recognized for all the hours she gives the troop. She has been nominated by the Jersey Shore Council Higher Award Committee for the prestigious Harold T. Walsh Memorial Service Award which will be presented on January 24, 2008 at SeaOaks Country Club. Congratulations, Betty.

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have to do it again, maybe for our troops overseas. I had a blast playing around all night and the music by Ed Austin added the perfect touch to a great evening. To me it was a magical time. We started out with a prayer by our chaplain Joe Chickene and it touched every heart in the room. Thank you Joe for starting the evening on the right foot. The toast to honor our veterans was given by Mike Travisano. What can I say? Great job as always. If I had given the speech I probably would have cried because I was overjoyed to see all the people in the room; it was beautiful. You all thanked me for a job well done, well, I thank you for coming out to honor our veterans. You made me feel proud to be an Elk and proud to be an American. Please continue honoring our veterans and supporting our troops through the "Veteran's Committee Care Packages for our Troops" drive. The holidays are always hard on those away from loved ones serving in a strange land. Your help will allow us to bring them a piece of home for the holidays. Thank you for your support!



THANKSGIVING DINNER **AT PT. PLEASANT ELKS**

by Ron Panuska

It was another great Thanksgiving Dinner at Point Pleasant Elks thanks to the many volunteers both from our Lodge and St. Gregory's Pantry who made it all possible.

It took our chefs three days to prepare and cook twenty-five turkeys for a total of 403 pounds of turkey from St. Gregory's Food Pantry. Turkeys had to be carved and put onto trays, gravy made, mashed and sweet potatoes prepared, mixed vegetables steamed, cranberry sauce put into portion cups, stuffing prepared and coffee made...all before 12 Noon.

The dining room crew set up tables & chairs, placed tablecloths and fixed centerpieces and table settings. Meal time was from 1 to 3 PM and after that the dining room crew got back to work cleaning up, taking tables down, stacking chairs, sweeping the floor while the kitchen crew cleaned up the kitchen and all this was accomplished by 4 PM.

Many thanks to Mueller's Bakery for the rolls & bread; St. Gregory's Pantry and the Hughes Family and others for supplying 30 freshly baked pies, Joe Leone's for some unexpected delicious extras.

This year's menu consisted of fruit cocktail, rolls and breads, turkey, stuffing, homemade gravy, sweet potatoes, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables and cranberry sauce. Dessert pies were apple, pumpkin, cherry, blueberry and coconut custard. Coffee, tea, milk, apple cider, soda and cranberry juice were also available. A total of 172 meals were served.

GREAT JOB EVERYONE!
ELKS CARE – ELKS SHARE

*Editor's Note: Pt. Pleasant Lodge thanks Ron Panuska for coordinating this wonderful tradition at our Lodge.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

<u>NAME</u>	<u>OCCUPATION</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>
Edward Cafiero	Retired Project Engineer	David McWilliam
Robert Scott	N.J. Transit Foreman	Cus Dalik, PER
Richard A. Caliero	Retired Lieutenant FDNY	David McWilliam
Peter Glen	Bank Employee	Demit from Howell #2515
Paul Jacobs	Bus Driver	Reinstatement
Joseph Harris	Sales	Frank Connors
Nicole Addversky	Bartender	Frank Connors
Martin Lovgen	Tile & Marble Finisher	Dan DiCorcia
Michael Adamo	Union Electrician	Gus Adamo
Jeremy Margolias	GM, Magee's West Side Tavern	Joe Rager, III PER
Dawn Tortoriello	Commercial Lender, VP Shore Community Bank	Cus Dalik, PER

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