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**Robert Conway, Lynne Conway, Eric Hudson, Chris Hudson, Carol Scanlon, Charlie Scanlon**

by Marianne Chickene

Never has a team worked as hard as the “Gourmet Grillers” shown above. They chopped, minced, shredded and diced all day to prepare the feast they furnished for us on Saturday night at the annual convention. And...what a gourmet delight it was...appetizers were spicy chicken wings and steamed clams. Entrees included marinated steak and shrimp, barbecued chicken and huge grilled scallops. A green salad and corn-on-the-cob filled out the menu. As in past years, dessert was the

scrumptious strawberry shortcake and ice cream furnished by the church across from our motel..

As usual, our ER Jim took a dunking in the pool and acquiesced with grace and without too much fuss.

Our Veteran’s committee took home the only award given to our Lodge...1st place in Division IV in the State of N.J. for the 2006-7 Veteran’s Remembrance Report. All-in-all it was a good convention and a good time was had by all. Thank you Linda Muir for a job well done!!!!

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## EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE

by Jim Byron

By the end of August some will be saying "where did the summer go"? I will not be one of them. June, for me, was one of the most satisfying months I've had in a long time. I owe it to the Elks! Not particularly in chronological order, but in terms of importance, this was an outstanding month for our lodge. I feel a portion of our Flag Day ceremony should be incorporated into our children's elementary schools. The participation of our local officials and especially Mayor Martin Konkus' thoughts were extremely gratifying. Our ability to present four Grand Lodge Medals of Valor to the families of our fallen heroes was a moment that will stay with me forever. District Deputy Cus Dalik, Veteran's Committee Chairman Mike Travisano along with Flag Day Chairman Joe Chickene, Committee members John Kaufman, ENF Chair Dino Castronova and my Leading Knight Mitch Fiedler produced an indelible mark on all attendees and the families of our heroes. Ron Brooks' rendition of God Bless America and the Star Spangled Banner was a truly gifted performance. Kudos are also in order for the turnout by our Ladies Auxiliary and to Betty & Dennis Torode and the Boy Scout troop, who proved so helpful.

June started off with a bang as our Lodge participated in the Wildwood State Convention. A great time was

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## LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS

by Mary Bruce

Well, June 12th was our last meeting until September. I hope you all enjoy a great summer but I know I will see some of you in the Grill Room during the summer.

I want to thank John Kaufman for filling in for Gus Adamo at our June meeting. He's a great guy and I hope Gus will get well soon.

The winning number of the 300 Club was 186.

There will not be any social in June as some of us are going on a trip at that time.

A large group of our Auxiliary attended the Flag Day Ceremony on June 16th. Four Medals of Valor were awarded to families of deceased servicemen from our area. I submitted the name of Michael Curtin from Howell, N.J.

I was so proud that my officers and several members came to the Flag Day ceremony on June 16th. Thank you Ladies for attending. It meant a lot to me to meet Joan & Michael Curtin. Their son, Michael, was the first soldier from N.J. to be killed in Iraq. He was 23 years old and Joan's sister is married to my neighbor's brother.

### Upcoming Events:

- . Diane Cavaliere and Dawn Cherry are working on our Birthday Party and will let us know what they are planning soon.
- . Put your thinking caps on for suggestions as to what we can do as a fundraiser for the Auxiliary at the September Oktoberfest. We will need extra help for that.

Our next meeting will be on September 11, 2007.

**DON'T FORGET OUR  
FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS  
STILL ONLY \$9.00  
6 PM TO 8 PM  
AND DINO'S PASTA DINNERS  
EVERY 3RD SUNDAY OF  
EVERY MONTH**

## SCHOLARSHIP NEWS 2007

by Joe Rager

Once again Pt. Pleasant Elks Lodge #1698 had an excellent response for the Grand Lodge Most Valuable Student Contest, the Pt. Pleasant Lodge Scholarships and the Golden Elks Pop Warner Scholarships. The following were recipients at the Pt. Pleasant Beach awards ceremony on June 4th:

**Elks Most Valuable Student: \$4,000.00**

Jeffrey Caffone

**Lodge Timothy Rex Memorial: \$500.00**

Holly Sansolo

**Lodge Bobby Messerole Memorial: \$500.00**

Julia Bean

**Lodge Special Needs Committee: \$500.00**

David Clapp

**Golden Elks Pop Warner: \$500.00**

Stephanie Kitchenman

The following were recipients at the Pt. Pleasant Boro awards ceremony on June 7th:

**Lodge Timothy Rex Memorial: \$500.00**

Mark Dillon

**Lodge Bobby Messerole Memorial: \$500.00**

Erica DeMedici

**Lodge Special Needs Committee: \$500.00**

Ryan Kadeg

**Richard Neilsen Memorial: \$750.00**

Terrence Tripanera

**Golden Elks Pop Warner: \$500.00**

Paige Pyrtko

**Golden Elks Pop Warner: \$500.00**

Jeffrey Nase

**Golden Elks Pop Warner: \$500.00**

Erin Bradley

**Golden Elks Pop Warner: \$500.00**

Ashley Patterson

**Golden Elks Pop Warner: \$500.00**

Paul Zuhowski

**Golden Elks Pop Warner: \$500.00**

Travis Popiel

Pt. Pleasant Elks Lodge #1698 wishes to congratulate all of the 2007 graduates of Pt. Pleasant Beach and Pt. Pleasant Boro and we wish them success and the best of luck in their future endeavors.

# ELK OF THE MONTH

by Jim Byron

## JOE RAGER

My Elk of the Month is PER Joe Rager. I was introduced to Joe eight years ago, through the Elk's sponsored Pop Warner football program. Joe's caring and affection for these kids, including my own son was apparent right from the start. This carries over into his overall dedication to our Elk's Youth programs. Joe is committee head for Youth Activities and Lodge Scholarships. In addition, Joe has taken on the duties of Friday Night Dinner Chairperson. This is a glorified title for the person who schedules crews, order the food, does the inventory and, at times, steps in when there are a couple of "no shows". Incidental things like waxing the floor for my inaugural, running the 5K for Special Olympics as rep of our Lodge and assisting our banquet manager setting up the banquet hall are transparent to most at the lodge. Joe is one of a golden circle of Elks who provide the glue that holds the Elks together. Some would say that glue is what keeps Joe stuck to the post.

## YOU'RE THE BEST

**I pledge allegiance.....I promise to be true to the flag.....to the sign of our country of the United States of America.....a country made up of 50 states, each with certain rights**  
**and to the Republic....a country where the people elect others to make laws for them**  
**for which it stands.....the flag means the country one Nation under God....a single country whose people believe in a supreme being**  
**indivisible....the country cannot be split into parts with liberty and justice....with freedom and fairness**  
**for all....for each person in the country-you & me**

**DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT ANTLER IS: JULY 27, 2007**



Our current New Jersey State Champion Lauren Hughes shown above riding in a Wildwood tram car at the State Convention Parade on June 2nd. After the parade, she was joined by her two grandmothers, her Mom Betty, sister Kelly, the 2003 National Hoop Shoot champ and an aunt and all came to the Gold Crest Motel to visit, play golf, swim, relax and stay for dinner. They had a good time and we were most happy to have them with us.

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  
 July, 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.



# JULY 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3 No Lodge Mtg.</b>	<b>4 <u>HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA</u></b>	<b>5 Shuffleboard Line Dancing</b>	<b>6 Shrimp Creole/ Cajun Chicken</b>	<b>7 Martini Night &amp; dance band</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10 House Committee &amp; Audit Comm.</b>	<b>11 Vets Mtg. 7 PM SNC Mtg. 8 PM</b>	<b>12 Shuffleboard Line Dancing</b>	<b>13 Elks Crew: Breaded Chicken Cordon Bleu or Coconut Crusted Tilapia</b>	<b>14 Martini Night &amp; dance band</b>
<b>15 Dino's Pasta &amp; homemade meatball/ sausage dinner 4-7</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17 Lodge Mtg. 8 PM</b>	<b>18 SNC 8 PM</b>	<b>19 Shuffleboard Line Dancing</b>	<b>20 Captain's Meeting Fluke Tournament BBQ in yard</b>	<b>21 FLUKE TOURNAMENT Barnyard Buffet</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25 Special Needs Children's picnic VETS MTG. 7 PM</b>	<b>26 Shuffleboard Line Dancing</b>	<b>27 Cus' Crew: Pork Chops/ Shrimp Creole</b>	<b>28 Martini Night &amp; dance band</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3 Nancy's Crew: Kay's Crab Cakes/ Southern Fried Chicken</b>	<b>Lodge Telephone 732-892-9842</b>

**DON'T FORGET TO HAVE YOUR GUEST SIGN THE GUEST BOOK!  
OUR LIQUOR LICENSE DEPENDS ON THIS!!!**

## HOUSE COMMITTEE UPDATE

by Don Nickerson

All members must sign their guest in the log located in the Grill Room. The law established to maintain our liquor license requires this procedure. Children under age 18 must leave the Grill Room by 8:00 PM except if they are attending a family affair. They may never sit at the bar.

All committee chairpeople are reminded that use of the Grill Room for their activities must be cleared through the House Committee Chairman.

The House committee has approved an increased fee for member use of the banquet room effective June 13th. Please see Collette for information.

For Friday Night dinners, Kitchen Manager Joe Rager is offering soup, salad and roll for those who wish to eat lightly at a nominal cost. Drink prices have increased due to liquor inflation.

All committee chairpeople should discard materials no longer in use on the bulletin boards.

All smokers are reminded to use the "butt" receptacles located outside the lodge in order to keep our property clean.

Trees have been removed and the land cleared on the west side in preparation for fence installation. The dumbwaiter has not passed inspection....DO NOT USE!!!! The air conditioning system is being reconditioned.

## VETERAN'S GROUP ACTIVITIES

by Mike Trivisano

**Veteran's Memorial Park:** In preparation for the Flag Day ceremony, we trimmed and edged the grass, walkways and the porch was blown clean. The sidewalk and benches were power-washed thanks to Ray Staub and thanks to Lois & Marge, flowers were planted in the flower boxes. The military plaques which are located at the base of the trees were renovated and each were removed and a new aluminum bracket was installed. Big thanks to Bob Hough, Paul Pantaleone and John Kaufman. We will be installing permanent lighting on our flags in the park, again thanks to Paul for digging the trench and to Gary Laudisi for running the conduit (no electric yet).

**Paver Project:** We are planning to sell engraved pavers with the names of all loved ones to be placed in the walkway in the Veterans Park as a fund raiser. The contractor's bid was turned over to the Trustees for review. We, with them, will meet with the bidding contractor to get the required info and discuss the labor & engraving costs.

**Donations for Iraq:** We have again packed and shipped 4 more boxes, which brings the total to 18 care packages to addresses in Iraq. We will continue to collect & ship until our military comes home. Nancy DeVito and her team stand ready to ship more boxes when they're full. Thank you Nancy! Our collection boxes remain at the Burnt Tavern Rehab Center and two places in the Grill room.

**Flag Day Ceremony:** During the ceremony of 6/16 the Medal of Valor was presented to 4 families to honor their loved one: SFC Keith Callahan, Cpl. Michael E. Curtin, SFC Benjamin L. Sebban, LCPL Brian P. Parello. A wreath was presented in the Vets Park in memory of our fallen heroes. Thank you Gloria Adamo for making this wreath.

**Veteran's Fishing Trips:** The first was on June 20th; a small group from Navesink Harbor but all had a good time both fishing and at the fish dinner. The next outing is July 18th with Old Bridge Golden Living and Vets Haven as our guests. As always, after the trip our guests will be treated to a fish dinner and the winners of 1st fish and the largest keeper fish caught will receive prizes. Kay Meyer will be our chief chef.

**Blue Claws Baseball: Elks Day, June 24th:** The Claremont Facility, Old Bridge Golden Living and Burnt Tavern were our guests at a very exciting game. All had a great time and the Blue Claws won!

**Fluke Tournament 50-50 Sales:** Thanks to all the envelope stuffers, the raffle tickets have been mailed to all members. Please remember to send in your tickets. Boardwalk sales have begun and is entering its 4th week of sales.

**McGuire AFB:** Requests our help cooking at their family picnic July 28th. The picnics are to wish troops Good Luck prior to deployment and Welcome home troops as they return.

**Public Relations:** We need a Lodge PR person to let all know what we do to help Veterans, Special Needs Children and others.

**The next NVSC SED Meeting is July 2nd hosted by Jackson Lodge at 8 PM.**

**The next NVCS #1698 meetings are June 11th and June 25th at 7 PM.**



## **FLAG DAY, JUNE 16, 2007**

by Marianne Chickene

To quote ER Jim Byron, "To be an Elk is to be an American citizen. The Benevolent Protective Order of Elks has linked its destiny with the destiny of our country". What a great turnout on Saturday, June 16th on the porch and lawn of our Lodge to honor our Country's flag. From Ron Brooks' amazing rendition of our National Anthem to a heartfelt address by Pt. Pleasant's Mayor, Martin Konkus and all in between, everyone in attendance felt proud to be an American. Other dignitaries included Pt. Pleasant Beach Mayor Thomas Vogel, Councilmen Shawn McCarthy, Roger Pyrtko and Dan DiCorcia.

Scout Leaders, Betty & Dennis Torode had a cadre of boy scouts who were invaluable aiding committee members setting out chairs, presenting the United States' different flags while Leading Knight Mitch Fiedler explained the meaning of each, and laying a wreath at the Veteran's Memorial.

Before concluding the ceremony, ER Jim Byron thanked the Ladies Auxiliary for their show of support by their attendance and said: "You all made a decision to come here today and honor our flag and I thank you very much for that."

Medals of Valor were given to Ms. Carol Palmer in honor of Sgt. 1st Class Keith Callahan, Mr. & Mrs. Michael Curtin accepted the award for their son, Cpl. Michael Curtin, Mrs. Sebban accepted the medal in honor of her son, Gdt. 1st Class Benjamin Sebban but regretfully the family of Lance Cpl. Brian Parello could not attend this ceremony and will accept the award at a later date.

### **ER Message, Continued**

had by all. Bob Betz, also known as Judas Iscariot, led me to my fate ably assisted by PER Paul Brundage into the pool. Neither is in line for Elk of the Month in the near future! Thank you to Linda Muir, John Gartz and Charlie Scanlon and the Gourmet Grillers. Lastly, the Elks Golf Outing was a huge success. Thank you to the soon to be famous, Scot Famous for running the tournament. His incredulous act of flying his father in from Maine and making his Mom and Dad sponsor a hole got him the Exalted Ruler's BRASS GOLF BALLS AWARD!!!!

**APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP**

**NAME**

**OCCUPATION**

**SPONSOR**

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Robert Taveroni	Concord Environmental	Carol McMenemy
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