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At the start of the parade.... The Gourmet Grillers: Charlie & Carol Scanlon, Robert & Lynne Conway, John & Toni Scanlon and Eric & Chris Hudson

CONVENTION 2008 A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL!!

by Marianne Chickene

For the first time in many years the weather in Wildwood cooperated with us. The marchers walked in the sun, the sun worshipers got their tan and the Gold Crest Motel was full. So everyone was happy!!

The "behind the scenes" work was done by Linda Muir, John Gartz and their committee, seemingly without effort, but everyone knows how much energy goes into making it appear that way. There were plenty of hamburgers and sausages on the

grill most of the weekend and a lavish dinner prepared by the Gourmet Grillers on Saturday night topped off by the now famous Strawberry Festival dessert. Yummy!!!

Of course what would a convention be without the Exalted Ruler being lovingly tossed into the pool? Mitch took it in stride and took his "bath" all in good fun.

All-in-all it all "worked" this year. Everyone seemed to have a good time and now that it's over, we can enjoy the rest of the summer, and look forward to next year.

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EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE

by Mitch Fiedler

June has come and gone. We had beautiful weather for State Convention and a great turnout for the parade. Thanks to Linda Muir & John Gartz for setting up as usual and keeping everything flowing smoothly. A special thanks to Bob, Charlie, John, Eric and their wives for a delicious Saturday dinner.

The Flag Day ceremony was terrific. About 100 people gathered to see the rite performed by the officers, boy scouts and an honor guard from Navy Lakehurst. I would like to thank Joe Chickene for putting this all together and to the House Committee for the lunch following the ceremony.

The Fluke Tournament is July 26th. Volunteers are needed. Come out and spend an hour or two flipping burgers, pouring beer, or whatever is needed. Help is never turned away at the Elks.

Meetings for July and August will be the third Tuesday of each month (July 15 and August 19). So, mark your calendar.

Now for some unpleasant business. It has come to my attention that there are some misinformed, disgruntled members and guests discussing Lodge

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LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS

by Mary Bruce

Well, Ladies, this is the last newsletter until September. We will have our final social tonight with a pizza party. I'm sure we'll all enjoy it!

I want to thank my officers and some of the members who came to the Flag Day ceremony in the Veteran's Park. It was great and our Boy Scouts of Troop #3 did a wonderful job with the American flags, old and new.

On June 28th the Auxiliary will have a couple of tables at the flea market on the front lawn. We hope to make a lot of money and thank you for helping out.

I want to thank Bernice Engle for volunteering to chair our Birthday Party. She will need help to set up, etc. We still need a chairperson for our Christmas Party. Please, Ladies, think about it and volunteer.

I would like to thank Larriane Kirsch and Marie Foray for serving the cakes at our last meeting and, I can't forget John Kaufman for cooking our dinner. What a great guy!!!

Our By-laws were read and the changes were passed. Thank you Camille for your hard work preparing them.

Refreshment list for 2008-9:

Social June 14: Ann Kaufman, Camille Cimino,
Dee Dalik

Sept. 9: Ruth Magley, Mary Skidmore

October 14: Birthday Party: Bernice Engle &
Committee

November 11: Regina McCabe, Marie Foray

December 9: Christmas Party: Need Chairperson

January 13: Dolores Greco, Holly Ribertone

February 10: Pat Flynn, Flo Herbert

March 10: Bernice Engle, Lorraine Kirsch,
Rosemary Tassie

April 10: Need volunteers

The "300 Club" winning number was 195.
YOU GOTTA BE IN IT TO WIN IT!!!
Ladies, have a good summer.

**DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT
ANTLER IS: JUNE 24, 2008**

TAM TRAINING

There will be a TAM training class on **July 13, 2008 at the Jackson Elks Lodge** beginning at 8:30 AM. For those who would like to work on the beer truck during the 14th Annual Fluke Tournament and do not have a current TAM card or for anyone who needs to be trained, please sign up on the sheet in the Grill Room **before July 9th.** There will be no cost to those who sign up to be trained. **IT IS NECESSARY TO BE TRAINED AND HAVE A CURRENT TAM CARD IN ORDER TO WORK THE BEER TRUCK!**

GOLF...GOLF...GOLF

We are currently seeking sponsorships for our September 22, 2008 golf outing. All proceeds will be split between the Special Needs Committee and the Veteran's Committee.

HOLE SPONSORSHIP: In recognition of your \$100.00 sponsorship, we will display your company's or your individual name on a hole sign during the golf outing and in the program.

We would like to thank you in advance for your donation. All proceeds will go to supporting the Pt. Pleasant Lodge #1698 Special Needs Children's and the Veteran's Committees.

Any questions: please contact:

Tom Watters: 848-992-6194

Mike Travisano: 732-899-5115

Cut along dotted line

Fall Golf Outing, Monday September 22, 2008
Proprietor and Business:

Name: _____

Address: _____

**THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR
FUND RAISING EFFORTS**

JULY, 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 Line Dancing Shuffleboard	4 4th of July Celebration NO DINNER	5
6	7 Fluke meeting	8	9 Meetings: Vets: 7 PM SNC 8 PM	10 Line Dancing Shuffleboard	11 Nancy's Crew: Stuffed Shells/ Shrimp Parmagiana	12
13	14 Fluke meeting	15 Lodge Mtg. 8 PM	16	17 Line Dancing Shuffleboard	18 Officer's Crew: Roast Beef au jus/ Roast Chicken Marsala	19
20 Dino's Pasta Dinner 4-7 pm	21 Fluke meeting	22	23 Meetings: Vets: 7 PM SNC: 8 PM	24 Line Dancing Shuffleboard	25 Fluke Comm. Presents: Captain's Picnic Burgers, Dogs, Sausage, Clams, Beer	26 FLUKE TOURNAMENT PICNIC TO FOLLOW
27	28	29	30	31 Line Dancing Shuffleboard		

LOTS OF HELP IS NEEDED FOR THE CAPTAIN'S NIGHT JULY 25TH AND THE FLUKE TOURNAMENT ON JULY 26TH. PLEASE VOLUNTEER A COUPLE OF HOURS TO MAKE THIS MAJOR FUNDRAISER A SUCCESS.



FLAG DAY JUNE 14, 2008

by Joe Chickene

A grand & glorious flag, a grand and glorious day! So described is our flag and the day we revered it. This year's service, 4 months in the planning, was one of the most impressive and best attended in Pt. Pleasant's history. The morning began with the presentation of colors by an honor guard from Lakehurst Naval Air Station, arranged by Sue Gajewski. Next was a beautiful rendition of our National Anthem by Ron Brooks followed by words of welcome by ER Mitch Fiedler. The Officers rendered the Elks Flag Day Ritual mandated by Grand Lodge. This included a history of our flags. Assisting in that effort were the Scout officials, Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts of Troop #3. Our thanks to Dennis & Betty Torode for arranging this participation.

A beautiful memorial wreath, created by Gloria Adamo, was placed at the park monument by Veteran's Committee Chairman, Mike Travisano and former Veteran's volunteer of the year and current Memorial Day Parade honoree, John Kaufman.

We were then honored by a few words from Pt. Pleasant Beach's Mayor and Lodge member, Vincent

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VETERAN'S COMMITTEE NEWS

by Mike Travisano

Please remember those Americans who have served, and are serving, in our Armed Forces to guarantee the freedom we enjoy. Service to our Nation comes in many capacities. The Veteran's Committee says Thank you for all your support to our programs and projects.

VETERAN'S MEMORIAL PARK-Thank you!

The major construction is complete. We just need to purchase and install wire & lights for the flag and the front Lodge signs. To do this, more pavers need to be sold.

For those who have talked about purchasing an engraved paver but haven't yet, we are requesting that you do it soon so we can finish the park. It will be a lasting memory

Please fill out the blank on the following page. A photo of the paver will be given to each purchaser.

ELK DAY AT BLUE CLAWS-Three Veteran Care Centers joined us at the game on June 29th.

VETERAN'S FISHING TRIP-Our 1st trip was held 6/18 with guests from Vets Haven. Not many keeper fish were caught but all had a great time.

DONATIONS FOR IRAQ-We have shipped 76 care packages to military addresses provided to us. Nancy DeVito & her team stand ready to ship more boxes. For questions call Nancy or me. We will continue to ship until they all come home.

BATTLESHIP NEW JERSEY-We are still attempting to arrange a tour of the battleship. A flyer will be placed in the Grill Room to see who is interested.

FLUKE TOURNAMENT-The Vets Committee will be handling the 50-50 raffle for the tournament on 7/26. Raffle tickets have been mailed to members and we are selling them Fridays and Saturdays on the Pt. Pleasant boardwalk.

PLAYING CARDS-Dozens of cards have been distributed to care centers and if anyone going to Atlantic City wishes to pick some up can get a letter from our bulletin board.

PUBLIC RELATIONS-Flyers announcing our combined Vets & Special Needs committee golf outing for 9/22 at Cruz Farms will be out soon. Come join us for a good time.

Next NVSC #1698 meetings are July 9th and 23rd.

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Barrella. Exalted Ruler Mitch, then rendered the moving “Elk’s Flag Day Toast”, followed by a rousing rendition of God Bless America by Ron Brooks.

At the closing of the ceremony Joe Chickene and ER Mitch invited all in attendance to the Grill Room for refreshments prepared by PER Joe Rager and his committee.

The services this year were all the more impressive because they were held in our newly refurbished and beautified Veteran’s Memorial Park.

A grand and glorious day indeed!!
Thanks to all who helped.



HEEEER’S NANCY!!!!

What other Lodge in New Jersey had not one but two State Volunteers of the Year???

Last year John Kaufman was given this honor and this year Nancy DeVito was the recipient. At the awards ceremony at the Wildwood Convention Nancy was presented with a watch and commemorative plaque. Pt. Pleasant Lodge #1698 is indeed fortunate to have such dedicated volunteers.

THE ELKS NATIONAL FOUNDATION DONOR BILL OF RIGHTS

The Elks National Foundation considers philanthropy to be a voluntary action for the public good. It is this tradition of giving and sharing that drives and supports our work. To assure that our donors can have full confidence in the ENF and its programs we ask them to support, we declare that all of our donors have the following rights:

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Our cumulative individual recognition program shows our gratitude and our commitment to honor the Elks long-standing philanthropic tradition. Each donor, each gift, helps instill integrity in our youth, inspire the pursuit of knowledge, and make the community as a whole a healthier, safer, and better place to live. Donors do make a difference.

Thanks to you we can continue to serve those in need, today, tomorrow and for years to come.

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