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BIG BAND EXTRAVANZA



Chairperson Terry LaDu and his crew



The Imperial Dance Band

by Terry LaDu

The Lodge meeting hall was transformed into a dance palace with the sounds of the thirties, forties and later on Saturday, May 19th. That is when the 15 piece Imperial Dance Band performed a three-set blend of Bennie Goodman, Artie Shaw, Glenn Miller and many other Big Band favorites. For those who danced or just listened, all enjoyed the fine musicianship of this group from South River.

Dancers from within and outside the Lodge, a number of whom were elegantly attired, enjoyed renditions of Blue Moon, In the Mood, Lady in Red and even a little Beer Barrel Polka. The dance floor was rarely empty and toes were continuously tapping to the Band's performance.

Besides the music & dancing, light refreshments were served and the National Veteran's Service Committee had a successful 50-50. Many in attendance were

asking when the next dance would be held and discussions have started about a fall date.

The Big Band Dance Committee received well-deserved applause from the crowd as they were acknowledged during the 2nd intermission. Many thanks to Valerie Famous, Carol McMenemy, Marianne Nielsen and Ron & Joan Panuska for their work in organizing this inaugural event. Special thanks to Joan's sister & brother-in-law, Carol & Ron Reister from West Orange Lodge #1590 for their assistance in food preparation, set-up & clean up.

For those of you who attended, we hope you had a good time and we look forward to bringing another Big Band evening in the fall.

AND, DON'T FORGET TO TELL YOUR FRIENDS ABOUT THIS SPECIAL EVENING.

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EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE

by Jim Byron

While the dust settles from my becoming Exalted Ruler, and the road before me gets clearer, I have the happy news to report that the dust has once again been kicked up. By the time this Antler gets to print, I feel safe in saying that the ten large trees on our western property line will be removed along with the accompanying brush and debris. Hopefully, the municipally required fencing will follow shortly thereafter and, like Beyonce, "our back will look as good as our front". Further improvements are imminent. Our wonderful and devoted Ladies Auxiliary led by Mary Bruce and Mary Skidmore have generously offered to assist the Lodge in an additional project or two. While the aforementioned is greatly welcome and, in the case of our yard work, long overdue, much remains to be done. From the Grill Room renovation to front porch masonry to our Lodge being 61 years old...read electrical and plumbing...we can't stand still. God and the membership willing, I would like to emulate our sister Lodge in Manasquan and initiate a Building Fund. I intend to make this proposal at our next meeting and I am asking for your support. I intend this to be totally

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LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS

by Mary Bruce

Our yard sale on May 5th was a great success and I want to thank the ladies who helped set up, those who donated articles to sell and all who worked that day. If it were not for the workers, where would we be? Bernice Engel's husband set up a large rack to hang clothes on and he also put up signs at various locations.

I sent a letter of thanks to the Ocean Star newspaper for publishing our sale for two weeks in their Community Calendar.

The winning number for our 300 Club for May was #282.

Nancy Carley will be in charge of our May 22nd social. She has planned Bunko for 7 P.M.

I would like to suggest to some our members who haven't been to a meeting in a while to please come back and if you need a ride we'll arrange for transportation for you.

I want to thank Carol McMenamy for finding my star flag pin which I lost at a Friday Night Dinner. It was kind of her to turn it in as this pin is so special to me.

I want to thank Nancy Carley for chairing the Bunco game at our May Social and all the ladies who brought cakes. Thanks also to Gus Adamo and his helpers for making the coffee & chicken wings and to Don Nickerson for setting up the tables. I called him at the last minute and he was right there for us....a good guy.

Upcoming Events:

Diane Cavalieri and Dawn Cherry have volunteered to take joint chairmanship of both our October Birthday Party and the Christmas Party. This was a miracle out of the blue!! I promised them they would have plenty of help..... A thousand thanks to you two Ladies.

The next business meeting is June 12th and we will need refreshments.

The Annual Fluke Tournament is on July 21st with the Captain's meeting on Friday, July 20th. As this is one of our major fund raisers, please mark these dates on your calendar as they require a lot of help from our members. If you are a fisherman and plan to participate, applications are available at the Lodge. Entry fee is \$125. Per boat with 4 fishermen and \$25. For each additional fisherman until July 17th. After the 17th the fee is \$175. \$10,000 in prizes will be awarded for the tournament. If you have a business and would like to advertise where it would reach many people contact one of the committee members. Donations of cash or prizes for our auction will be greatly appreciated.

TAM TRAINING\

There will be TAM training at 9 am on June 23, 2—7 for all those volunteers who want to work on the Beer Truck and at an outside bar. Training is set up for new certifications as well as for those who want to renew their certification. **IF YOU ARE NOT TAM CERTIFIED, YOU CANNOT SERVE ALCOHOL AT ANY EVENT.**

There will be a TAM Training sign-up sheet in the Grill Room. Please take advantage of this opportunity if you want to work the Beer Truck for the Octoberfest. Any questions, please call John Veprek at 732-899-5121 or Arnie Van Duyn at 732-899-6657.

John E. Veprek, Jr. Reappointed to 3rd term at Grand Lodge

John E. Veprek, Jr. has recently been reappointed to the Grand Lodge Activities Committee by Grand Exalted Ruler Arthur Frost and will serve another term as Area 2 Representative. John's responsibilities will include developing and administering over 15 Grand Lodge Programs and Contests for 266 Elk Lodges in Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, District of Columbia as well as New Jersey. Areas include Elk Training, Lodge Bulletin, State Association and Lodge web sites, Community Service and Image contests, Memorial Service brochures and Elk National Foundation Awards.

Golf Tournament @ Woodlake Country Club

Monday, June 25, 2007

7:00 a.m. Registration

8:30 a.m. Shot-Gun Start

4:30 p.m. Open Bar/Cocktail Hour

5:30 p.m. Dinner and Awards

Entry Fees: \$115/\$100 (65+)

Sign up in the Lobby

Contact Scoot Famous 732-202-7030

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

June, 2007

(Pt. Pleasant #1698 Members Only)

Name _____

Member # _____

Date of Birth _____

ELK OF THE MONTH

by Jim Byron

TERRY LA DU

My Elk of the Month for June is Terry LaDu. An admitted “techie”, Terry has fortunately picked being an Elk and hanging out at our Lodge as opposed to claiming the millions of dollars that await him in Silicon Valley. While Bill Gates weeps, our Lodge reaps the benefits of his expertise. Thanks to Terry, we have a world-class website, which he updates frequently. After fighting off the competition (no one else could do it) to develop this site Terry next took on chairing the Audit committee. Speaking from experience, this is an exceedingly thankless position., but one of the most important at the Lodge. Aside from all the aforementioned chores, he also programs the “Zip Strip” in the Grill Room so everyone knows what’s going on and what the weekly dinner specials are.

Lastly, Terry, along with his great committee was the impresario of our Big Band evening which proved to be a big hit! Can Tony Bennett be far behind?

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voluntary but ultimately ask for donations throughout our membership and the business community. This is our home in Elkdom. Point Pleasant Lodge #1698 is one of the more imposing physical plants among Elk’s Lodges in our area, to say nothing of our award winning membership and what the Elks stand for regarding those in need. Being an Elk means that you didn’t believe your Mother when she said “Charity begins at home” but a little wouldn’t hurt! Thank you and God Bless you all.

Some key dates to remember:

June 25: Lodge Golf Tournament

July 21: Special Olympics at Seaside Heights.

July 23: SE District is cooking at Camp Moore

Aug. 5: 10AM Flag Retirement at Lacey Lodge.

Please bring flags to be retired to our receptacle in the lobby of the Grill Room.

Aug. 5, 6, 7: Youth competition for bowling, tennis and golf, ages 13-18. Free to youth at Fernwood Resort in the Poconos.

Aug. 10: Vets Golf Outing at Fort Dix Country Club, See Mike Travisano for details.

Sept. 16: Army of Hope Picnic.

Sept. ??? Annual M.A.S.H. picnic at Sea Girt. Date to be announced.



FLAG DAY CEREMONY

Flag Day will be celebrated on Saturday, June 16th in Veteran’s Park at 11:00 AM.

Medals of Valor will be presented to the families of four deceased veterans from Iraq and Afghanistan.

A barbecue will follow the ceremony. Please join us to honor our Flag.

ANNUAL MOTHER’S DAY CEREMONY

On May 13th the annual Mother’s Day ceremony was conducted by the Lodge Officers.

Flowers were presented to the oldest and youngest mothers present and the one with the most grandchildren.

Lunch was served by the House Committee after the rites.

JUNE, 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Convention In Wildwood	2 Convention In Wildwood
3	4	5 LODGE MEETING 8 PM Audit Mtg. 7 PM	6 MEETINGS; Vets 7 pm SNC 8 pm	7 Line Dancing Shuffleboard	8 Officer's: Roast Beef Au Jus/ Fisherman's Combo Plat- ter	9 After dinner join us for Music, Danc- ing and drink specials
10 Trustee Mtg. 11 am	11 Boy Scouts Fluke Mtg.	12 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 8pm	13 Orientation For new mem- bers 8 pm	14 Line Dancing Shuffleboard Flag Day cere- mony changed to June 16 at 11 am	15 Nancy's Crew: Kay's Crab Cakes/ Southern Fried Chicken	16 Flag Day Ceremony 11 AM followed by a cookout PM: Music & Dancing
17 COME DOWN TO DINO'S PASTA SUNDAY 4-7 PM	18 Boy Scouts Fluke Mtg.	19 LODGE MEETING 8 PM Initiation of new members	20 Meetings: Vets 7 pm SNC 8 pm Cub Scouts	21 Line Dancing Shuffleboard	22 Vet's Crew: Roast Loin of Pork/Cajun Style Tilapia	23 After dinner join us for Music, Danc- ing and drink specials
24 Trustee Mtg. 11 am Vets Day at Blue Claws See Mike Travisano	25 Golf Tourna- ment @ Woodlake CC Boy Scouts Fluke Mtg.	26 Ladies Auxiliary Social 8 pm	27	28 Line Dancing Shuffleboard	29 House: Jamaica My Day Chicken/ Don't Worry, Be Happy Fish	30 After dinner join us for Music, Danc- ing and drink specials

DON'T FORGET FLAG DAY ON JUNE 16TH.
COOKOUT TO FOLLOW

CEREMONY IN VETERAN'S PARK AT 11 AM
OFFICERS IN WHITE TUXEDOS PLEASE

VETERAN'S GROUP ACTIVITIES

by Mike Travisano

We are still trying to acquire permanent lighting on the American Flags in our Veteran's Park. We are planning to sell engraved memorial pavers with names of loved ones to be placed as the walkway in the park as a fund raiser for our American Veterans.

To date, with the help of our committee, we have shipped 14 care packages to the military addresses we know in Iraq. Nancy DeVito and her team are ready to ship another 3 boxes. Thank you Nancy. If you know the name and address of personnel in Iraq or Afghanistan, please let us know and we will send a package directly to them. Thanks go to Burnt Tavern Rehab Center. They placed a collection box at their facility and had a large donation for us. Our collection boxes remain there and in our Grill Room for donations. **Help us help our troops, Please donate.**



I requested and received Lodge participation to honor our American Veterans in the Memorial Day Parade on Sunday. It was a very good turnout and we were represented well. Thanks to all who marched in the parade and the House committee for preparing a cookout for us. Join us again next year!



Flag Day ceremony will take place on June 16th. During the ceremony the Medal of Valor will be presented to families to honor those who have made the supreme sacrifice. If you know anyone killed in Iraq or Afghanistan, their families are entitled to this medal in their honor. A note on the Vet's bulletin board in the Grill Room will explain all details.



On May 15th the Veteran's Committee volunteered to take part in "Casino Night" at Burnt Tavern Rehab Center. They were the Blackjack, Roulette, Bingo and card dealers. To the Committee members who volunteered their time, thank you from me and the Burnt Tavern staff.

The Veteran's fishing trips are scheduled to start June 20th and our guests will be the KC-10 Air Refueling Squadron from McGuire Air Force Base. As always, after the trip we will have a fish dinner with prizes for the first and for the largest "keeper" fish caught. Capable Kay Meyer will once again be our chief chef.

Our committee sold 50/50 tickets at the Big Band Dance on May 19th and it was a successful fund raiser for us.

We will once again be selling 50/50 raffles for the Fluke Tournament. Brother Gus Adamo has contacted funeral homes in the area for donations of tickets and we will be mailing a book of these to each member. Volunteers are needed to sell tickets on the Pt. Pleasant Boardwalk and Joe Abradi is coordinating this aspect of sales.

The next NVSC SED meeting is June 4th at Bayville Lodge.

The next NVSC #1698 meetings are June 6th and 20th, 2007 at 7:00 PM.

COME OUT AND SUPPORT OUR FRIDAY NIGHT DINNERS FROM

DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT ANTLER IS: JUNE 25TH

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Orientation for new members: Wednesday, June 13, 2007 at 8 PM

Initiation of new members: Tuesday, June 19, 2007 at 8 PM

The mandatory NJ State Police Safety Course for our Lodge is on June 30th. This course runs from 9 AM until 2:30 PM. It includes the test and a temporary operating certificate on the spot to all who pass. Lunch and a non-alcoholic beverage will be included for \$60.00. A cash bar is also available. This course is **REQUIRED** by the State Police for all who drive a boat or personal watercraft. A teacher's link is www.njboatingsafety.com

The parameters are:

PERSONS BORN IN 1959 OR LATER MUST POSSESS A BOATING SAFETY CERTIFICATE BY JUNE 1, 2007.

PERSONS BORN IN 1949 OR LATER MUST POSSESS THIS CERTIFICATE BY JUNE 1, 2008

EVERYONE WHO DRIVES A BOAT MUST HAVE THIS CERTIFICATE BY 2009.

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