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A "BEACHIN' TIME WAS HAD BY ALL

by Colleen Castronova

What is that saying...neither rain nor sleet nor snow.....???

Forget the postman, it now applies to all the Elk members and their friends who attended the annual Beach Party. I wasn't worried a bit..."gasp"...when Mother Nature decided to let loose with the biggest snowfall of the year along with blizzard winds. I had faith (along with a couple of early cocktails) and the evening went perfectly. There were over 100 tickets sold and THEY ALL CAME!!! Ironically, it was the best turnout I've ever had.

Everyone was dancing and having a great time. NO, the drink specials for the night (jello & test tube shots) had absolutely nothing to do with it. Ed Austin was excellent as usual. Did everyone see the nice picture of him in The Ocean Star along with a great article

on the party?? Was that a great action shot of John & Victor??? I mean, the sweat was just pouring off them.

The gift auction went extremely well with the two grand prizes won by members of my committee, Collie & Peg. Between the gift auction, ticket sales, 50/50 proceeds and the additional income for the bar, the evening was very profitable for both the ENF and the Lodge.

I strongly encourage everyone to support our area merchants as much as possible. Without their generous donations there would not have been an auction. I also wish to thank the members of the Lodge who donated items to the auction: Sandy, Collie & Jim, Nancy, Marianne, Diane and Pete & Brenda.

My committee...what can I say? I may be biased but I definitely have THE BEST committee mem-

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EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE

by Dino Castronova

Another month has gone by. Where did the time go? This past month we had our ENF Beach Party—great job Colleen and her helpers and to all who came down on a night that did not look to be promising, thank you. We had another great bus trip to Atlantic City—great job Carol.

This is my last message as Exalted Ruler and I want to thank everyone for a great year. It was a lot of fun and a lot of hard work. I want to thank all of the committee chairmen and all who helped out. I am thankful that I had John Gartz as my House Committee Chairman. Thank you John, to you and your committee.

To E. R. Ted Holmgren: Have fun and enjoy the ride because it is a great ride and it goes by very quickly.

Just to update you on some of the things that are going to happen in a few weeks: March 18 is the Elk, Lady, Citizen, Officer of the Year dinner. April 1st will be the Officer's Installation.

So, once again thank you all for this past year. See you all down at the Lodge.

P.S. Thank you Marianne for not killing me when I'm late with my message.

LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS

by Diane Omdal

Our 60th Anniversary is this year. I want to thank the officers for once again putting themselves on for another year to keep the Auxiliary going. The Officers for 2006-2007 will be:

Elected Officers:

President:	Mary Skidmore
Hostess:	Diane E. Omdal
Vice President:	Mary Bruce
Recording Secretary:	Kary Berrios
Corresponding Secretary:	Dolores Dalik
Treasurer:	Camille Cimino
Financial Secretary:	Dawn Cherry

Appointed Officers:

Chaplain:	Catherine Evans
Inner Guard:	Ann Kaufman

Since this is supposed to be my last newsletter I want to thank the officers who served with me. I am grateful for your support and friendship. I also want to thank the chairs and members of our special events and those who serve on the standing committees because without people stepping up and taking charge there would be no functions. A special thank you to the following ladies who either chaired or served on committees throughout the year. I want you to know I've noticed and am grateful for your continued and unending support: Gloria Adamo. Claire Beno, Catherine Borkowski, Dolores Brown. Margaret Bradley, Nancy Carley. Dawn Cherry. Ann Kaufman. Lorraine Kirsch and Regina McCabe. Last, but not least, I want to thank the members who come out to the meetings, who support our functions, those who make phone calls, those who bake and those who help set up and clean up. All of these activities continue to be an essential part of what keeps the Auxiliary alive. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Upcoming events:

March 14: Business Meeting – reminder – bring new gifts for the auction at our Visitation.

March 28: Visitation. Theme: Our 60th Anniversary. Don't forget to bake a dessert. Call Dee Dalik 732-295-8370.

April 12: Business Meeting

HOOP SHOOT NEWS SISTER STARS!!!

by Greg Smith

Lauren Hughes is the 10-11 year old girl's Hoop Shoot State Champion! On February 19th at Woodbridge High School Lauren sank 20 of 25 shots to claim the State title over 11 other district winners. Lauren calmly hit 8 out of 10 in the first round and then buried 12 of 15 in the second round for a total of 20. The rest of the field could not catch her. Congratulations to her.

This is now the third year in a row that the Hughes sisters have given Pt. Pleasant a State Champion. Kelly won in 2004 and 2005, now Lauren in 2006. The next competition is the Northeast Regional against the New York & Pennsylvania State Champs on March 18th in WilkesBarre, PA. As your local Hoop Shoot director, I plan on attending the Northeast Regional as I have in the past and hopefully bring home more good news.

Congratulations Lauren, we are proud of you. Good luck at the Regional.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO BY-LAWS

Article IV, Section 1 not reads: The regular sessions of this Lodge shall be held on the first and third Tuesday evenings in each month throughout the year except that in the months of July and August, sessions of the Lodge shall be held on the third Tuesday evening of each thereof.

Proposed change: The regular session of this Lodge shall be held on the first Tuesday of each month, and on the third Tuesday as deemed necessary by the Exalted Ruler.

This will be voted on at the March 21st meeting.

BE A FLUKE TOURNAMENT SPONSOR!

The Fluke Tournament Committee is accepting sponsors for this July 22nd event. Our goal is to provide our sponsors with the best advertising suitable for their businesses. Many of our sponsors are not members of the Elks. This notice is to encourage members of Pt. Pleasant Lodge to take advantage of this great opportunity to promote their business. Prompt service will be given by a member of the committee, or call 732-899-7638 voice mail #3.

ELK OF THE MONTH

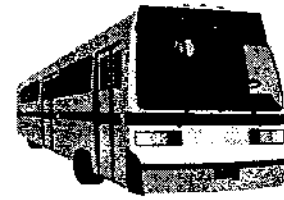
by Dino Castronova

COLLEEN CASTRONOVA

When Colleen runs a party she really does it right. She has orchestrated the Annual Beach Party for the past few years and each one gets better. This year was no exception.

Our Lodge is fortunate to have such a good organizer and as of April she will put her skills to good use as our new Lodge Treasurer.

**CONGRATULATIONS
ON A WELL DESERVED**



DELAWARE PARK BUS TRIP

Do you like to bet on the ponies or play the slots??? Watch for details on our May Delaware Park Bus Trip. Tickets will be available in the Grill Room. Limited seating.

ELK, LADY, CITIZEN, OFFICER OF THE YEAR

SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 2006
6 P.M.

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CALLING ALL GOLFERS

A golf tournament is in the planning stages for October. Volunteers are needed to bring this to fruition. Call Jim Byron 732-892-7937 or Al Lavitola 732-295-8842.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

APRIL 1, 2006

COCKTAILS 4 PM

PORK CHOP MURPHY OR
CORNISH GAME HEN DINNER

ER:	Ted Holmgren
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Lecturing Knight:	Carol McMenamy
Secretary:	Helen McDermott
Treasurer:	Colleen Castronova
5 Yr. Trustee:	Dino Castronova
Tiler:	Gus Adamo
Esquire:	Penny Petroff
Inner Guard:	Dave Grande
Chaplain:	Joe Chickene

**CALENDAR MEETING 1PM
MARCH 12, 2006 COMPULSORY
ATTENDANCE FOR ALL
COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN.**

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
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MARCH, 2006



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Meetings: 7pm Vets 8pm HCC Fluke Pop Warner	2 Line Dancing Shuffleboard	3 Vets Crew: Sliced Steak/ Lemon-Pepper Scrod	4
5 Breakfast 9-11 am	6 Boy Scouts Darts Vets District Meeting 8 PM	7 Lodge Mtg. 8 PM	8 Fluke Mtg.	9 Line Dancing Shuffleboard	10 Nancy's Crew: Egg- Plant Parm/ Shrimp Scampi	11
12 Breakfast 9-11 am Trustee Mtg. 11 AM	13 Boy Scouts Darts	14 Ladies Auxiliary Business Mtg. 8 PM	15 HCC Mtg. 8 pm Fluke Mtg. Indoctrination 8 PM	16 Line Dancing Shuffleboard	17 House Crew: Corned Beef/Cabbage & Reubens ST. PAT'S DAY	18 Elk, Lady, Officer, Citizen of the Year Dinner
19 Breakfast 9-11 am	20 Boy Scouts Darts	21 Lodge Mtg. 8 PM	22 Fluke Mtg.	23 Line Dancing Shuffleboard	24 Officer's Crew: Roast Chicken/ Catch of the Day	25
26 Breakfast 9-11 am Trustee Mtg. 11 AM	27 Boy Scouts Darts	28 Ladies Auxiliary Visitation 8 PM	29 Fluke Mtg. Pop Warner Exec. Mtg.	30 Line Dancing Shuffleboard	31 Cus: crew: Pork Chops/ Shrimp Scampi	April 1 Installation of Officers



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Upcoming events

- March 18, 2006 - Northeast Regional Hoop Shoot
- Elk, Officer, Lady, Citizen of the Year Dinner
- April 1, 2006 - Officer's Installation
- April 9, 2006 - Breakfast & Easter Egg Hunt
- May 13, 2006 - Delaware Park Bus Trip
- June 2,3,4 - Wildwood Convention
- July 22, 2006 - Fluke Tournament
- September 3, 2006 - Octoberfest

Convention: Rooms still available at the Gold Crest Motel in Wildwood Call Linda Muir 732-295-3285

Hey Moms, Dads, Grandmas, Grandpas, Aunts & Uncles.....

It's almost time for the Easter Bunny. Member's children are invited to join the Easter Bunny for an outdoor egg hunt on Sunday, April 9th at 11:00 AM.

Breakfast for the children will be served before the egg hunt between 9 am and 11 am and is available for the adults at a cost of \$6.00.

Please register the children before April 2nd in the Grill Room so the Easter Bunny knows how many baskets to bring.

Any questions, please call Carol at 732-892-0045.

VETERAN'S GROUP ACTIVITIES

After the Pledge of Allelgience, Mike called the meeting to order.

Five members attended the Valentine Dinner Party at Burnt Tavern Manor and it was an enjoyable evening.

The SED announced they are planning to run a golf tournament and need lots of help. Dino Castrovna and Mike Donahue have volunteered to help run the tournament and will try to attend the district meeting to pass on information to the committee.

Our group is going to sponsor the 50-50 at the Fluke Tournament. Chances will be mailed to all members at \$1.00 each in a book of ten. The drawing will be held at 8 PM on July 22nd with last call at 7 PM. Gus Adamo is making sure the permits are in order and ordering the printing of the tickets.

Lou LaStella thanked all for his "Veteran Volunteer of the Year" award.

The Vets will be hosting the Friday Night dinner on March 3rd serving sliced steak or lemon pepper scrod.

Next meeting will be on March 1st. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

DEADLINE FOR THE APRIL ANTLER IS: MARCH 24TH

Don't forget to support Friday Night Dinners

Beach Party, continued

Jimmy, Peg, Michelle, Rose, Jim, Marguerite, Ed, Victor and my 2 surprise helpers, Greg & Gary. My deepest gratitude for all your help year after year. You never let me down.

Jay, what can I say, You pulled through with lotsa "good stuff" for me as usual. A special thanks to Penny for providing the "after Beach Party" music. It enabled those who worked all night to have a few dances also.

All-in-all...it was an AWESOME evening!! Thank you to all who braved the weather that night.

PROPOSITIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

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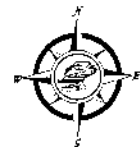
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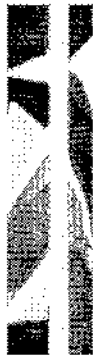
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