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### **“The Imperial BIG Dance Band**

### **Big Band Committee**

By Terry LaDu

Where were you on the night of Saturday, October 20th? If you weren't upstairs in the Lodge Hall, you missed a fantastic evening of the sounds of the thirties, forties and later. The fifteen piece “Imperial Dance Band” performed a three-set blend of Bennie Goodman, Artie Shaw, Glenn Miller and many other Big Band favorites. Those in attendance danced and listened, but most of all, enjoyed the fine musicianship of this group from South River.

The music played from 7:30 to 11:00 p.m. with many enjoying the opportunity to dance to this live ensemble. Light refresh-

ments were served including desserts and coffee. The Veteran's Committee held a successful 50-50.

Many thanks to the Big Band Dance Committee for their work in staging this event: Valerie & Scot Famous, Terry LaDu, Ed McDermott, Kim McLure, Marianne Nielsen, Ron Panuska and Georgianna Walsh.

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 Spring. **DON'T FORGET TO TELL YOUR FRIENDS.!**

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## EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE

by Jim Byron

Once again November is here! There's no frost on the pumpkin, no changing colors in the leaves and our snowbirds show no sign of bolting south. Strange weather aside, we still have plenty to do as the holiday season approaches. I am anticipating our November 6th meeting to be a very important one as we are to receive a fiscal report from the Trustees. This will give us an outline of our financial abilities regarding the remodeling of the grill room, restrooms, upstairs air conditioning duct work, exterior brick work and repairs to the gutters and leaders. Please make time in your schedules to try to attend this crucial meeting.

Keep in mind that our major fundraising events; the Fluke Tournament and Octoberfest, are over and so is the gravy train. We must run the Lodge until April on the funds we have. Correspondingly, we are looking for a few people who may have ideas for a fundraiser and hope they will vocalize them.

Please accept my sincere thanks to those who are trying their best. The Ladies' Auxiliary recently had a wine tasting/gift auction; Terry LaDu had another Big Band Dance, the Special Needs Committee

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## LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS

by Mary Bruce

Hi Ladies, Four new members were installed at our October meeting: Diane Keeler, Shirley Brucker, Irene Braly and Rosemary Tassie. I would like to thank our installation team:, flag bearer Regina McCabe, Claire Beno, Ruth Magley, Gloria Adamo, Holly Ribertone, Flo Herbert and Ann Kaufman. You all did a splendid job! Many thanks to Mitch Fiedler, Jim Byron and Ed McDermott who set up for us. You guys are the greatest!

Our Wine/Cheese/Gift Auction party was held on Sunday, October 21st. Dee Dalik & Camille Cimino were co-chairs and did a superb job on this fundraiser. A lot of work was involved and despite the scanty turnout, all who did attend had a good time and enjoyed the gifts they won. Thanks to all who donated gifts or money or snacks.

Diane Cavaliere planned a great Birthday Party for us to the theme of "A Taste of Italy." Our entertainment was "I'll Be Frank", a showcase of the very best of the music of Frank Sinatra. Flo Herbert was the 50-50 seller and I thank both of these ladies for doing such a good job.

Gus Adamo and John Kaufman served us chicken, french fries and hot dogs after our meeting and ER Jim Byron came to thank our auxiliary for the new fence we donated to the Lodge. We want to thank the members for the cake they supplied for our dessert at this meeting. Eat your heart out, Emeril!

Our November 13th social will be a "Tastefully Simple" Food and Spices party arranged by Dawn Cherry.

## NEW YEAR'S EVE AT "OUR HOUSE"

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

**Bring a covered dish and we'll  
supply the hats & noisemakers  
Drink specials all night  
December 31, 2007  
7:30 PM till ?????**

## ENF BEACH PARTY 2008

by Colleen Castronova

THE ANNUAL ENF BEACH PARTY IS BACK!!! Mark your calendars for **Saturday, February 23rd at 7 pm.** No worries about forgetting though, I'll be reminding you in every Antler issue until February.

Our entertainment will once again be our very own Pt. Pleasant "Parrothead" **Ed Austin.** Ed never fails to provide an evening full of great music and really loves doing the beach party.

Tickets will be \$15.00 which will include our Beach buffet, door prizes and your Elks National Foundation donation.

Back by popular demand will be our "Beach Drink Specials" at a reduced price throughout the night.

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 please call me at 732-295-0989.

Tickets will be on sale at the bar as of 2/1. For bookkeeping purposed, we ask that **all** payments be a **personal check.**

A special thanks to our bartending staff for their continuous help with ticket sales. Your assistance is truly appreciated.

So, folks, don't forget to get this on your calendar now. Have a great time while supporting your lodge and the ENF.

All member friends are welcome, so bring a few along.

**MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL IS BACK!  
COME ON DOWN AND WATCH THE  
GAME ON OUR 8 TV SCREENS.  
ENJOY COLETTE & PEG'S COMPLIMEN-  
TARY BUFFET AND DRINK SPECIALS**

**DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT  
ANTLER IS: NOVEMBER 23RD**

# ELK OF THE MONTH

by Jim Byron with assistance from John Gartz

## CONNIE VUOCOLO

He may be gone but he's not forgotten! Connie was an Elk member we all knew and loved. He was the one who you could count on to be involved with all major events, making sure everything was ready and running successfully. He almost completed his 5-year term as trustee. In the past he chaired the Octoberfest making it the most successful event run by the Elks by combining it with the Pt. Pleasant Beach Seafood Festival.

Everyone has his or her own memories of Connie, he was at every Friday night dinner, then at the bar where you know he was always ready to listen to you.. Don't forget he was always the last to leave to make sure our bartenders were escorted safely to their cars. Who will now pull the horn number?

Everywhere you go in our building, you can see his mark. From the power poles outside to the repair of the glass washer when it was broken. He was always repairing, cleaning or setting up grills to ensure the success of each event. He was also responsible for collecting equipment from businesses which were closing and other sources which the Elks needed and used. Some of his famous quotes include: "It's brand new from the junkyard"; "I hate having fun"; "It's all about the boink"; "Where's my cellaphone"; "I'll have a scotch & water, but leave out the water because fish....."; "Help me you....".

The Lodge will never be the same with Mash, Law & Order, Are you Smarter than a 5th Grader, Don't forget the Lyrics, Gunsmoke and his great selection of juke box music.

Connie is truly an Elk who will never be forgotten!!!

**TO OUR ABSENT MEMBER**

## A DATE TO REMEMBER

by Nancy DeVito

On November 10th we are having our Veteran's Dance. It will be our time to thank those who have served, and are serving our Country. Come down and toast our servicemen and women. If you or a family member served our country and would like to be honored please bring a picture of him/her in uniform (ASAP please).

Dress code is casual OR patriotic. We are going to be comfortable and ready to have a good time. Doors open at 7:00 pm, tickets are \$20.00 each. We are planning a buffet (by Chef Nancy) and music and entertainment by Ed Austin.

Please come and help us make this the best night ever so we can continue to be the NUMBER ONE Veteran's Committee in the Nation. For more information, call Nancy DeVito 732-892-8961

## THANK YOU

by Dee Dalik

Thanks to Colette and Bob (a great guy), Dino Castronova, Paul Brundage, Gary Laudisi (who tried & tried to get a mike to work), Gus Adamo, John Kaufman (who sold 50-50 tickets), and Cus Dalik the "wine giver"...the ladies just loved him...especially the Mary Bruce clan. All in attendance enjoyed themselves. To all the Auxiliary members, too many to list, all who set up, worked the function, baked some goodies or made hors d'oeuvres and last but not least my co-chair Camille Cimino. A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL!!!

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

November, 2007

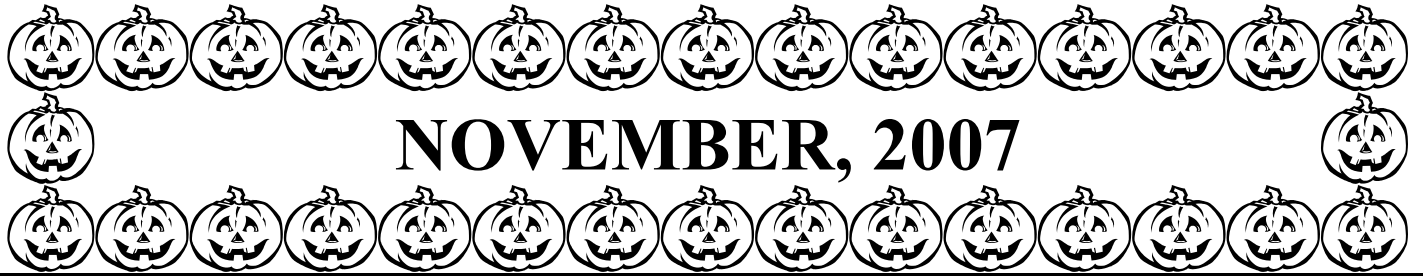
(Pt. Pleasant #1698 Members Only)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Member # \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Verification of DOB may be required by bartender. Limit (1) coupon per member per month.



# NOVEMBER, 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Shuffleboard Line Dancing	2 Officers Crew: Sea- food sampler/ Chicken L'Orange	3
4 NFL Football & football Menu available	5 Monday Night Football 1/2 time buffet  Dart League	6 Lodge Mtg. 8 PM	7 Meetings: Vets: 7 PM SNC: 8 PM	8 Shuffleboard Line Dancing	9 Pop Warner Jack Daniels Chicken/ Flounder in wine sauce/// Vets Day Ceremony at Brick Lodge	10 Dino's Lunch 12-4 Meatball/ Sausage Sandwiches/ Hoop Shoot/ Vets Dinner W/Chef Nancy
11 NFL Football & football menu available	12 Monday Night Football 1/2 time buffet  Dart League	13 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 8 PM Vets Spag. Dinner Noon/ House Comm. Meeting	14	15 Shuffleboard Line Dancing	16 Vets Crew Roast Loin of Pork/Lemon Pepper Tilapia	17
18 Dino's Pasta Dinner 4-7 PM & Meatball/ Sausage sandwiches  NFL Football	19 Monday Night Football 1/2 time buffet  Dart League	20 Lodge Mtg. 8 PM	21 Meetings: Vets: 7 PM SNC: 8 PM	22 THANKS- GIVING DAY	23 For dinner information, call the lodge 732-892-9843	24
25 NFL Football & football menu available	26 Monday Night Football 1/2 time buffet  Dart League	27 Ladies Auxiliary Social 8 PM  House Comm. Meeting	28	29 Shuffleboard Line Dancing	30 Cus' crew Apple pork chops/Shrimp Scampi	1

**DON'T FORGET THE FABULOUS BEACH PARTY ON FEBRUARY 23RD**

**PT. PLEASANT ELKS #1698  
PAVER PROJECT FOR THE  
VETERAN'S MEMORIAL GARDEN**

**Purchase a paver in memory of a beloved veteran or in recognition of a family birthday or anniversary or whatever you wish engraved at \$100.00 each.**

**Upon completion, the Veteran's Memorial Garden will be lit with perpetual lights reflected on your name or the names of your loved ones.**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME(S) (UP TO 3 LINES, 13 CHARACTERS PER LINE:)**

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**Spaces count as a character and checks may be made out to BPO Elks #1698 Attn: Veteran's Paver Project**

**Enter a drawing to win the first paver—a \$100.00 Value. Put your name & phone number on this entry blank:**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**For more information, speak to any member of the Point Pleasant Veteran's Committee or call Mike at 732-899-5115**

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sponsored a golf outing, Dino is still coming in on weekends with his homemade meatballs & sausage to benefit the convention and Colleen is planning another Island Beach Party early in 2008 to bolster the ENF coffers.

Finally, don't forget to take a chance on the Giant football games raffle. Next up: Dallas.

**VETERAN'S GROUP ACTIVITIES**

By Mike Travisano

**VETERAN'S PARK:** Our fundraiser Paver Project has kicked off: It's time to start selling the pavers. Flyers are out to explain what you will be purchasing. Please fill out the form to the left with your information. Please support this project!

**DONATIONS FOR IRAQ:** With money donated, Nancy DeVito can purchase more items to send to Iraq. Four more boxes have been shipped totaling 40 sent so far. Any questions on this endeavor call Nancy or me. Thank you over and over again, Nancy. Collection boxes remain in the Grill Room for any and all donations. **Help us help our troops.**

**PUBLIC RELATIONS:** Look in the Asbury Park Press, the Ocean Star and the Elks Magazine and you will see that Sue Gajewski has placed articles in them. Sue will place articles in the newspapers and the Elks Magazine for the Lodge and any other committee or function.

**NEXT NVSC #1698 MEETINGS:** November 7th and 21st, 2007 at 7:00 pm.

**DON'T  
FORGET  
FRIDAY NIGHT  
DINNERS  
STILL ONLY \$9.00  
6-8 PM**

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## **SHUFFLE NOTES**

by Dave McWilliam

The current season got off on a high note with a great banquet at Villa Vittoria in Brick put together by our leaders, Pauline & Hal Wyckoff (see photo above). Thanks for your efforts. Hanger champions from last year, John Seifert and Camille Cimino were presented with beautiful Dolphin trophies in line with our ocean area setting. This year we added John & Michelle Moffet and Linda Muir to our roster along with red shirt freshman from late last year, Judy & Mike Travisano. John took little time getting into the hanger race racking up one to help his team to a victory. John Gartz was seem passing out a "coat hanger" to John Moffet to celebrate his first hanger. Linda & Michelle also each got deciding points in their team's recent games.

Lois McWilliam is off to a fast start with 3 hangers in the 1st 4 weeks. Not to be outdone, Dave McWilliam got a walk-off "come from behind" hanger on the last shot of a recent game. Probably his last for the year!

Honey O'Keefe made a trick shot, making two hangers on one shot as her weight bounced from one to another leaving two over the edge. By the way, have you noticed that Honey only shoots weights with "red" tops on them? Sonny Bartus leads the men in the early going with two hangers.

While Jack Cimino finished 2nd in the hanger race last year, he claims he was hanger champ in the unaudited summer warm-ups. Give him a "coat hanger", John.

Keep on shooting those pucks and good luck!

## **LADIES AUXILIARY "300" CLUB**

The Auxiliary of the Pt. Pleasant Elks #1698 will conduct their monthly "Game of Chance", the "300 Club" with the first drawing on January 8, 2008. Three hundred numbers, 001 thru 300 are bring sold for \$60.00 a year, equaling \$5.00 a month. Here is how the game operates:

- Select an available number or random selection by the committee, 001-300 and keep that number all year.
- Pay for the full year – \$60.00, check payable to Ladies Auxiliary.
- All monies must be paid in full to keep the same number and be eligible.
- Drawings will take place at our regular meeting, 2nd Tuesday of each month starting January 8th.
- Winnings will be 2/3 of the monthly gross, i.e. all 300 numbers sold, winner would receive \$1,000.

We are asking for your support by being a participant in our "300 Club" and your donation will, hopefully, turn into a profitable investment.

If interested, contact Ann Kaufman at 732-295-1604 or Camille Cimino at 732-899-6168 or by e-mail at [jacam@verizon.net](mailto:jacam@verizon.net). The winning number will be posted at the Lodge each month. If you would like to be notified by e-mail list your e-mail address with your check.

**REMEMBER: YOU MUST BE IN IT TO WIN IT!**



Pictured above are most of Pt. Pleasant's officers, from left: Valerie Famous, Mitch Fiedler, Scot Famous, Cus Dalik, PER PVP PDD, Carol McMenamy, Colleen Castronova and Dino Castronova.

The occasion was a pig roast On September 22, 2008 at Lacey Lodge honoring Cus for his efforts as District Deputy.

**PROPOSED FOR MEMBERSHIP**

<b><u>NAME</u></b>	<b><u>OCCUPATION</u></b>	<b><u>SPONSOR</u></b>
Richard J. Hulsart, PER	Mixer Driver, Clayton & Sons	Dru Kegeress
Michael Bottge	Corrections Officer, Monmouth Cty.	Bob Taveroni
Edward Townatore	Sales, Weisleder Mazda	Frank N. Pinho
Linda Mazzeo Famous	Sales, Presperse, Inc.	Valerie Famous
John M. Acierno	Environmental Consultant	Frank Rizzo
Richard H. McAdam	Retired UPS Driver	Frank Rizzo
George Edson	Executive Director, Brighton Gardens Senior Living	John H. Varg

**CHRISTMAS IN NEW YORK BUS TRIP**

Please join us Saturday, 12/8/07 for a bus trip to NYC. Our trip begins with a stop at Rockefeller Plaza where you will have 4 hours on your own to shop, tour, take in a show or whatever you like. Our bus will then take us to Little Italy where you will enjoy a 5-course family style dinner including beverages, beer and wine. PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR LODGE AND JOIN US!

Cost for bus & dinner: \$90/person

Children: \$50/person

Bus only: \$30/person

Agenda: 10:15 AM Depart Pt. Pleasant Elks

12:15 PM Arrive Rockefeller Plaza

12:30-4:30 PM On your own

5:30-7:30 PM Dinner

7:45 PM Depart La Mela

9:30 PM Arrive Pt. Pleasant Elks

Please make your check payable to BPOE #1698 and mail no later than November 20th to:

Valerie Famous, 754 Maple Avenue, Brick, NJ 08724

Questions? Home 732-202-7030

E-mail: [vgfamous@presperse.com](mailto:vgfamous@presperse.com)

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