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## SPECIAL NEEDS – SPECIAL PEOPLE

By Dan DiCorcia

Our Special Needs Children's picnic was once again "The Greatest Show at the Jersey Shore" as we helped to put smiles on the faces of our special children....100 of them.

All were treated to boat rides from Comstock's boatyard in the early morning and we thank the Gahr Family for their generous hospitality as always.

Hot dogs, burgers, fries, sausages, Italian ices, soda and a delicious ice cream dessert from Martell's were served back at the Elk's Lodge

Entertainment included music by Ed Austin; our dedicated clowns, Nancy & Dave DeVito; face painting by Joann Koenig; Buster, the Blue Claws mascot; Sergeant Duffy with the DARE car, Sergeant Michigan with Axel, our hero canine; and games & prizes for all.

The fire engine rides with sirens wailing throughout the Beach, Boro and Bay Head were once again the heart of the day. The children loved it!!!

Special thanks to the above mentioned as well as: Our Special Needs Committee; The Ladies Auxiliary, The Boy Scouts; The N.J. Marine Police; Charlie The Ice Man; Natures Reward for the produce; the Downtown Market for veggie burgers & more; CocaCola for water & Soda; The Ocean Star, Mike Ryan and Mortgage Now for the Blue Claws hats.

A VERY special thank you to our Police Depts; First Aid Squads and Fire Depts, the few who do so much for so many. Our picnics would not be successful without them.

In summation, someone once said the "The best exercise for the heart is to reach down & lift up our fellow human beings" & that is what all our volunteers did to make 7/25 "The Greatest Show at the Jersey Shore".

## LODGE OFFICERS 2007-2008

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Banquets	Colette Martiak	899-2923
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Octoberfest	Ron Panuska	714-9966
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## LADIES AUXILIARY OFFICERS

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Chaplain	Catherine Evans	899-5071
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## EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE

by Jim Byron

Maybe it's just me, but August '07 seemed to be the quintessential summer month: lazy, hot and humid. On the other hand, after the tsunami of the fluke tournament, just maybe the calm eye of the storm is passing over us, prior to the approaching hurricane a.k.a. Octoberfest. Regardless, I urge all members to help us put a finger in the dike on Sept. 15th. Mi casa...su casa.

Our August meeting provided a great experience. Past National Director of Veteran's Services Commission Diron "Step" Avedisian PER, Grand Lodge Committeeman John Veprek PER PSP and current State Veteran's head Cus Dalik PER PVP PDD, and all of Pt. Pleasant Lodge assisted me in welcoming Colonel Jonathan Spare of the 76th Air Refueling Squadron and 6 of his McGuire Air Force Base people to our Lodge. Col. Spare and Associates were at our Lodge to present a special appreciation award and Commander coins to Chairman Mike Travisano and members of the Veteran's committee for a job well done. As part of their yearly composition of work, the Veteran's Committee staffed and ran the 76th Squadron Family Picnic at McGuire AFB. There is a reason why these Ladies & Gentlemen are the #1 Veteran's Committee Nationally for the Elks. Even as I sit here writing this memo the day after our meeting, several of these Committee mem-

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## LADIES AUXILIARY NEWS

by Mary Bruce

Hi Ladies! It won't be long and we will be starting our fall meetings. I hope you all had a wonderful summer.

We have several things planned for fundraisers this year. Please help us and volunteer for these important events. Diane Cavaliere and Dawn Cherry are planning both our Birthday and Christmas Parties. Many thanks to both of them.

We have several new members coming in and we need all the help we can get.

The last "300 Club" winner was #210. Thank you to all who participated in this.

See you on September 11th and to those members who haven't participated in a while, please join us!

### Notice to all Committee Heads & Members

The officers will be cleaning the attic during the month of August and September. Please stop down, identify and mark any items you don't want discarded.

A dumpster will be here immediately following the Octoberfest and we anticipate completing our project to coincide with its removal.

Any items you would like retained should be clearly marked NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, 9/16/07. Any items which appear to be "trash" or which are not marked will be discarded.

If you have any questions please contact Jim Byron.

Thank you for your support in keeping our Lodge clean.

### **DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT ANTLER IS: AUGUST 24th**

Most unfortunately the "Coast is Clear" picnic scheduled for September is cancelled.

## GOLF.....GOLF.....GOLF **MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2007** **WOODLAKE COUNTRY CLUB**

### **TIMES:**

7:00 AM REGISTRATION

8:30 AM SHOT-GUN START

4:30 PM OPEN BAR/COCKTAIL HOUR

5:30 PM DINNER AND AWARDS

### **ENTRY FEES:**

\$115.00 PER PLAYER

\$100.00 PER SENIOR

### **FEES INCLUDE:**

GREENS FEES, CART, ON COURSE

BEVERAGES, OPEN COCKTAIL HOUR, DINNER, AWARDS AND PRIZES.

\$25.00 PER SPOUSE/GUEST FOR COCKTAIL HOUR AND DINNER

**\$100.00 DEPOSIT PER FOURSOME**

**DUE AT SIGN-UP. BALANCE NO**

**LATER THAN FRIDAY, 9/28/07**

*Down load an entry form from the website's Lodge Events page.*

Mark your calendars for an evening of fun and remembrance. Plan on honoring our veterans and at the same time have a great time. Don't forget: **NOVEMBER 10, 2007!** You won't want to miss it!! We would love to have a picture of any veteran in uniform of any branch of service who is planning on attending for a display. Come and see if you can identify these pictures. More details to be announced. For more info call Nancy DeVito at 732-892-8961

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE!!!**

**WE RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT ALL VEHICLES STORED ON LODGE PROPERTY MUST BE REMOVED BY SEPTEMBER 8, 2007 OR THEY WILL BE TOWED AT OWNER'S EXPENSE. NO PERSONAL ITEMS MAY BE STORED ON OR IN LODGE PROPERTY**





# SEPTEMBER, 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	31	1 Martini Night
2	3 <b>LABOR DAY</b>	4 Indoctrination 7pm, Lodge mtg 8pm Installation  Tuxedo for all officers please	5	6 Line Dancing Shuffleboard	7 Elks Crew: Stuffed Flounder/ Baked half Chicken	8 Dino's Lunch: meatball & sausage sandwiches \$5.00 12-4 PM <u>MARTINI NT.</u> <u>MASH PICNIC</u>
9 Trustee Mtg. 11 am	10 Monday Night Football Begins	11 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting 8 PM	12 Meetings: Vets 7 pm SNC 8 pm  Vets Picnic Noon	13 Line Dancing Shuffleboard	14 Set up for Octoberfest Italian buffet for all volunteers	15 <u>OCTOBER-FEST</u> PLEASE VOLUNTEER SOME TIME
16 Dino's Pasta Dinner 4-7 PM/ Army of Hope Picnic-Lacey Lodge	17	18 Lodge Meeting 8 PM	19  Vets Sunset Fishing trip	20 Line Dancing Shuffleboard	21 Officers Crew: Chicken Marsala/ Fisherman's combo	22 Martini Night Pig Roast & Volleyball Tournament Jackson
23 Trustee Mtg. 11 am	24	25 Ladies Auxiliary Social 8 PM	26 Meetings: Vets 7 pm SNC 8 pm	27 Line Dancing Shuffleboard	28 Vet's Crew: Roast Loin of Pork/ Tilapia Florentine	29 Martini Night/ Pig Roast Jackson Lodge
30	1 Fall Golf Outing Woodlake Country Club	2	3 Meetings: Vets 7 PM SNC 8 PM	4 Line Dancing Shuffleboard	5 House Crew:	6 Martini Night

**THE BIG BAND DANCE IS  
BACK!!!**

ENJOY THE SOUNDS  
OF THE 30'S AND 40'S WITH THE  
**IMPERIAL DANCE BAND**  
AT POINT PLEASANT ELKS  
LODGE ON SATURDAY, OCTO-  
BER 20TH AT 7:30 PM. BRING  
YOUR DANCING SHOES AS THE  
SONGS OF TOMMY DORSEY,  
GLENN MILLER AND MANY  
OTHERS WILL BE PLAYED FOR  
YOUR LISTENING AND DANC-  
ING PLEASURE. LIGHT RE-  
FRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED  
AND A CASH BAR WILL BE  
AVAILABLE.

**DATE:** SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20,  
2007

**TIME:** DOORS OPEN 7 PM,  
MUSIC 7:30-11:00 PM

**COST:** \$25.00 PER PERSON IN AD-  
VANCE, \$30.00 AT THE  
DOOR

FOR RESERVATIONS, SEND A  
SELF ADDRESSED STAMPED EN-  
VELOPE WITH A CHECK PAY-  
ABLE TO BPOE #1698 IN THE  
AMOUNT OF \$25. FOR EACH  
TICKET TO:

BIG BAND DANCE  
c/o BPOE #1698  
P.O. BOX 1069  
PT. PLEASANT BEACH, NJ  
08742

FOR MORE INFORMATION  
CONTACT TERRY LADU A  
(732) 899-4635 OR  
tladu@pointpleasantelks.org

**VETERAN'S GROUP ACTIVITIES**

by Mike Travisano

**MASH PICNIC:** The Annual M.A.S.H. picnic will be held Saturday, 9/8 at Sea Girt Training Center at noon. Help is requested at 10:30. Please see Mike for tickets.

**VETERAN'S PARK:** Paver Project-We have for some time been talking about selling engraved bricks; well, the time is nearing when we will be requesting and placing orders. We will have the bricks engraved with the names dedicated to Veterans, loved ones and/or organizations to be placed in the walkway of the park as a fundraiser for our American Veterans.

**DONATIONS FOR IRAQ:** With the help of our committee two more boxes have been shipped totaling 26 care packages shipped so far. Thank you over and over again to Nancy DeVito. We will ship these packages directly to names & addresses of military personnel in Iraq or Afghanistan provided to us. We are running out of items for donations and money. The donated money that was to be used for shipping is being used to purchase items as well and this is why we are requesting your help. Collection boxes remain in the Grill Room. **Please get involved to help us help our troops.** We will continue to collect & shop until they all come home.

**VETERAN'S FISHING TRIPS:** The last fishing trip on August 22nd had a large turnout. Our guests were from the Dept. of Veteran Affairs-Newark. Fishing was not good due to inclement weather but all still had a good time. As always after the trip, our guests were treated to a great fish dinner. Thanks to all who volunteered their time on the boat, in the kitchen and serving food thereby making all 3 fishing trips a success and hopefully brightened the day for each of our veteran guests. **Reminder: To all Veteran Committee Members, our Sunset Cruise is September 19th at 4 PM.**

**50-50 Raffle Sales:** As a fund raiser for our committee we will be selling raffle tickets for the Octoberfest.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS:** As a much needed PR person, Sue Gajewski has volunteered to help us spread the good works to the public via newspapers and the Elk News Magazine to let everyone know about all our activities, the work that we do and how we help our Veterans, Special Needs Children and other organizations. WELCOME, SUE.

**Our next NVSC #1698 meetings will be held September 12th and 26th at 7:00 PM**

NOTE: Next month, in the October Antler we will have a special report and pictures of the awards given to our committee by McGuire Air Force Base and their visit to our Lodge on August 21, 2007 as well as our involvement at the picnic at their base on July 28th.

**Pt. Pleasant B.P.O.Elks #1698 Spring 2007 Golf Outing**  
**Monday, June 25, 2007 at Woodlake Country Club**

**SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS:** RNH Electric Co.; Don & Sandy Famous; Presperse Inc.; Michael Angelo Photographers; Platinum Flooring; Freehold Raceway; U.S. Subs & Wraps; Lakewood Blue Claws; Four Seasons Financial Group Inc.; Monmouth Auto Body; Finlay Financial Group and J. Byron Commercial Real Estate Finance.

**AWARDS:**

Closest to the Pin: Ladies-Debbie Horbal. Men-John Horbal

Longest Drive: Ladies-Eileen Nappi. Men-Ron Bevacqua

Most Honest Foursomes: Team #1 Joe Abradi, Ken Mathis, Joe Chickene, Mike Travisano  
Team #2 Rob Castoral, Nick Reda, Jan Picarell, Vinnis Parisi

3rd Place: Score 62: Gary Thorgesen, Rich Schular, Dinnis Mabbit, Ron Bevacqua

2nd Place: Score 62: Charlie Cowell, Bob Monach, Joe Dye, Al Kurtz

1st Place: Score 62: (won with match of cards) Don Nickerson, Gary Wolfe, Tim Donovan,  
Kenny Langfeud

Many thanks to all players and all sponsors.

**NEXT GOLF OUTING: OCTOBER 1ST, 2007**  
**SEE SEPARATE NOTICE IN THIS ISSUE**



**LADIES AUXILIARY PRESENTS.....**

**3-IN ONE...OH, WHAT FUN!!!**

**WINE/CHEESE PARTY  
MINI GIFT AUCTION  
DEMO-FLOWERS BY ROZ**

**SUNDAY, OCT. 21ST  
DOORS OPEN 2:00 PM  
HORS D'OEUVRES  
\$15.00**

**FOR TICKETS CALL DEE DALIK AT 732-295-8370**

**WATCH FOR A RAFFLE FOR INDIVIDUAL GAME TICKETS TO THE  
N.Y. GIANTS HOME GAMES. FOR INFO CALL DRU @ 899-6101**

## APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

<u>NAME</u>	<u>OCCUPATION</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>
Gary Guoin	Production Planner, Hatteras Press	Mitch Fiedler
David Cavagnaro	Retired Teacher	Patrick English
Michael English	Teacher	Patrick English
Peter Calderone	Judge, NJ Dept. of Labor	Patrick English
Terrence R. Kenney	Principal-Jackson Board of Education	James F. Murray
Richard Tempsick	Teacher	Jay Ramirez
Patricia A. Coscia	Waitress/Bartender Mom's Kitchen	Marilyn Lavitola
Paul E. Panuska	Teacher, Brick Board of Education	Gerardo F. Ferrara
Michael Monahan	Bartender	Jay Ramirez
Frank Gajewski	Retired Police Officer	Susan Gajewski

## HOLIDAY BUS TRIP TO NEW YORK CITY

by Valerie Famous

WE WOULD LIKE TO ORGANIZE A BUS TRIP TO NYC EITHER THE 1ST OR 2ND WEEK OF DECEMBER.

WE HAVE TWO IDEAS FROM WHICH TO CHOOSE:

1. Bus to NYC followed by a visit to the tree with choice of ice skating or on your own for 3 hours then dinner in Little Italy.
2. Bus to NYC Matinee (Spamalot) followed by dinner in Little Italy.

Please let me know which is more appealing to you. You can reach me at [vgfamous@presperse.com](mailto:vgfamous@presperse.com) or leave a note in my box in the mail room.

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