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Dear Fellow Members,

The beginning of April brought out the best Easter Egg Hunters that I have seen in a long time. Our Great Easter Bunny Marty Cameron and his wife Josie hosted another successful day. With so many kids both young and old in attendance, everyone went home a winner. Thank you to my boys for helping out with the dying of the eggs, something they have begun to look forward to.

Saturday night shuffleboard is back in business. Our friend Dave Delaney is the coordinator for these evenings and welcomes anyone wishing to participate. The dates are listed online as well as in the Shenanigans, so come on down for some fun and guaranteed laughs. Keep in mind that this is an amateur league and no experience is necessary.

It was my honor again this year along with eleven former Presidents to participate in the Widow's Luncheon. A thank you to Miriam Sheridan for planting the beautiful flowers in the entrance way and monument area to welcome the ladies. The afternoon was delightful due to the efforts of former President Bob Quinn and his wife Agnes who continue to organize this event year after year. The ladies were wined and dined all day and really appreciated all that was done for them. In addition, Sue Hansult prepared beautiful chocolate favors for the each one to take home. The FSOS Pipes and Drums also provided each lady with a CD for their enjoyment.

The entertainment this month was provided by "Backbeat". For those that attended the evening, they were treated to fine music and fare. John Sheridan and other members work very hard to schedule a variety of activities for the membership. Entertainment nights will continue and I look forward to seeing you there.

Jim Hartwyk and Joe Patterson have committed themselves to making improvements around the club. This past month the membership turned out to aid our keepers in their efforts to begin their spring cleaning. With that being said, what a great job everyone has done and from what I understand this is only the beginning. Your dedication has not gone unnoticed. Work parties are held the Saturday after the general meeting and all are encouraged to attend and help to improve the building.

Marvelous Moms is what they are and the best Mother's Day breakfast in town will be on Sunday, May 9th in the Grand Hall. Brought to you by Pancake Charlie and crew, where else can you go for a Morganstack at such reasonable prices? What started thirty years ago has now become a tradition. Thank you Charlie and Cathy Donnelly.

Many events will follow and I look forward to seeing you at the club.

Be Well and God Bless You all-
Mac



Brother members Jim Nolan, and Jack Gleason, father of member Tom Gleason passed, please offer prayers and thoughts for their families.

Please always, take a moment to think of all our troops and support staff overseas, and those less fortunate than us.

Good and Welfare information should be given to Barney Shannon @ (732) 254-6153, or to any officer.



SHENANIGANS DEADLINES

Please note, we are going to try and get the paper online sooner than usual from now on, that said, please have any items you want in the paper submitted by the 20th of the month. Thanks

Justify...

May Meeting - Thursday, May 13th 8:30PM

Pancake Breakfast - Sunday, May 9th 10AM
\$3.00 A PLATE FOR A NON- MORGAN STACK.

Open Shuffleboard - Saturday, May 15th

ALL ARE WELCOME, PLAY OR WATCH, BUT DEFINITELY SMILE.

MS Bicycle Run - Saturday May 22nd

SEE DON BRUCHEZ OR MICHAEL LEE FOSTER
MORE INSIDE AS WELL.

Pig Roast - Saturday, June 5th

THE BEST PIG WE HAVE.

Open Shuffleboard - Friday, June 25th

Blue Claws Baseball - Thursday, July 1st

DETAILS INSIDE.

MEMORIAL DAY PARADE - details are not available at press time, but we should have the opportunity to march with the band. We will keep you posted.



A jaunting car is a traditional Irish horse-drawn vehicle with two wheels, which can carry four passengers and is driven by a man called a "jarvey."

40th Annual NJ Irish Festival

Saturday June 12 2010

12 PM to 7 PM

First Energy Park, Home of the Lakewood Blue Claws

Entertainment: Blackthorn, Celtic Cross, Girsá, Willie Lynch, Jamesons Revenge, Bantry Boys
(chaired by FSOS Conor Lynch)

Ceili Tent with Irish Step Dancing

Jim Collender Pipe Band Competition
(run by FSOS Pipe Major John Hatton)

Catholic Mass at 12 Noon

Irish Craft Vendors

and a wonderful new Master of Ceremonies
—John Sheridan, VP of the FSOS



Pre sale tickets go on sale March 17th—please see **Conor Lynch** or **John Sheridan** for tickets?



Widows Luncheon: From Robert Quinn Sr.;

Thank you to all of the ladies ,who braved the bad weather to attend the Widows Luncheon. Special “thank you” to Sue Hansult for the wonderful homemade candy, as well as her help in the kitchen; my wife Agnes for the beautiful flower arrangements, my daughter Denise for assisting with the invitations, Walter Farrell for donating his time to tend bar. Thanks also to former presidents, Jim Fennessy, Charlie Donnelly, Jime Byrne, Bob Coyle, Ray Costello, John (Tiny) Redden, Michael Lee Foster, Steve Hansult, John Wagle, and our current president, Robert McKiernan for all their help. Thanks also to John Hatton for the Pipe Band CD's.

A special thank you to (Top Hat Catering) Pat Donnelly, who helps make this day so successful.

THANK YOU

Bob Quinn

The FSOS Pig Roast

Tickets just \$10.00

Saturday, June 5th 1PM/?



\$25.00 per person, over the age of 21. If you purchase your tickets in advance (by May 30), you get an early bird price of \$20.00. Purchase 10 tickets to reserve a table. All others are free!

This has become our greatest outdoor event. If you have not been up close and personal with a Pig, here's the chance of a lifetime! We will have (aside from roast swine) Deep Fried Turkey's, Chicken, Sausage, Clams, Burgers, Hot Dogs, but no Pizza. Oh, yes there will be BEER. We will have a live band, The Backbeat, that you can dance, or grind, or just chill to. Games and prizes for the kids. Please bring extra chairs, and an empty stomach. See any officer to volunteer your assistance, please.

I hear the Pigs have begun building houses, be worried if they get to brick, or learn to fly.

SUPER RAFFLE

1st prize

Toshiba 40' flat screen TV

2nd prize

HP Laptop

3rd prize

100 Qt. Brushed Steel Patio Cooler

4th prize

4GB IPOD Shuffle

MS Bicycle Run

Saturday, MAY 22nd



Once again, the FSOS Riders, led by Don Bruchez and Michael Lee Foster, will participate in this annual circuit aimed at eradicating MS from our vocabulary. This year's event is even more poignant, as fellow rider Ed Garrison Jr. suffers from the disease. Please contact one of these fine men and sponsor or donate.



Boat Safety Class

If you are planning on boating or jet skiing this year, you WILL need a NJ BOATING SAFETY CERTIFICATE. On May 16th, at 9AM (photo ID required) there will be a NJ State Police certified NASBLA Safety course offered at the club. Cost is \$65.00 per person. Signup sheet in the pub, or contact Bill Jarvis 732-740-8640

What is this craic and why is everybody having it or looking for it?" visitors to Ireland often ask with raised eyebrows (their tone suggesting that the entire Irish population should get to a detox clinic as soon as possible).

Craic is a Gaelic word, with no exact English translation. The closest you get is "fun." There's the expression "ceoil agus craic," meaning "music and fun," probably once used by locals to fortify themselves before heading off over an arduous mountain pass to the nearest ceili. Craic doesn't appear in standard English dictionaries, but enter it as a search term on Google, and 42,500 listings come up. There's obviously a lot of craic out there.



Membership News

Effective as of the MARCH meeting

1st Reading: Robert Wright

2nd Reading: none

New Members: MICHAEL MURPHY, WILLIAM CRONIN

Questions or concerns should be directed to Dennis Bohanan (732) 723-0776



BLUE CLAWS BASEBALL: We have reserved a block of 100 tickets for the Lakewood BlueClaws game on July 1st. That's going to be one very green section.

Tickets are \$10 each and the club will get money back for all purchased tickets... so it's a win win.

This is a Thirsty Thursday game with drink specials throughout night. It's also Andre Dawson night where the recent inductee into the MLB Hall of Fame will be there to meet and greet and sign autographs. Everyone will have to provide their own transportation.

Need more information: Contact Tom Esser by Email or by phone @ (732) 986-2816 after 3pm daily.

You can also purchase tickets at any meeting night. Stay tuned as we will be announcing tickets for the Somerset Patriots and the Trenton Thunder.



MEMBERSHIP APPRECIATION NIGHT

Friday, May 21st Main Hall 8-12PM NO COVER CHARGE

Members and their friends are invited to a night @ The Friendly Sons!!!!

\$1 Beer / Wine (Prices only apply to beer/wine purchases in the dance hall)

Prize for best Hawaiian Shirt

Please use sign-up sheet for you and your guests.
Seats are limited, so sign up soon. Feel free to bring along table snacks.

AD Book: #188, Bob Quinn Jr.

F.I.L.F.C.: Mike Ruffley proving hunger has precedence over age.

Please remember to bring a canned food item every time you come to the club, there are many needy people these days.

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