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Elk of the Year – Bob Kierstead

From among our many members, a single member is chosen and recognized as the “Elk of the Year.” **Bob Kierstead, PER**, has been awarded this distinction for the 2010-2011 year.

Yes, Bob was the House Chairman but those members who visited the Lodge know that he was more than “the House.” He frequently went beyond to help others - working in the kitchen, helping with committee activities, and sharing his knowledge. And, on top of all this, he was the “Go To” Guy for just about everyone who needed help.

Thank you Bob for all your time and effort toward improving our Lodge and helping others!



Officer of the Year - Ron Panuska

During the 2010-2011 Lodge year, we all knew him as the Chairman of our Lodge Trustees, or a dedicated member of the Veterans Committee, or the chairman of the Investigating Committee.

Perhaps you remember him as the “key chef” who spent most of a week in November roasting turkeys for our Thanksgiving dinner for the needy. Maybe you remember him as co-chairman of our largest event—Oktoberfest. Maybe you know him as all of the above and possibly even more.

We know him as **Ron Panuska** and are benefactors of his contributions to our Lodge and activities. For this, he received recognition as the 2010-2011 “Officer of the Year.” Congratulations to Ron for “Jobs Well Done” and for being such an important asset to our Lodge.

Congratulations!

Exalted Ruler's Message



This is a picture of my Dad and me at the R&A in St. Andrews, Scotland. For those of you who are not golfers or beginners, the R&A is one of the first golf clubs in golf history and it is the governing body for golf around the world other than the countries that the USGA, United States Golf Association, governs. Every fourth year the USGA and R&A get together and amend the Rules of Golf.

First, I would like to thank Georgiana Walsh and Kelli McNicholas for putting together an awesome Mother's Day ceremony and brunch. Also, I would like to thank Tim and Les for setting up and breaking down for the ceremony. I cannot forget G's and Chef K's helpers during brunch ... Thank you Carmen and Janice! And, thank you Officers for a fine performance that your Mothers' will be proud of! Last, but not least, thanks Joe and Jan for filling in. The Lodge and I thank you very much!

Jan not only pinched hit for us during Mother's Day, she ran another Superfecta Long Shot Kentucky Derby! Thanks Jan and way to pick the Winner ... the ER for the Pot of Gold! You did such a great job with the first leg of the Triple Crown, I'll let you run the rest and I'll run for the Triple Crown of Pot of Golds!

I am the luckiest ER ever, but not because of a little Pot of Gold, but because of my supporting Team of Officers, Trustees, Committee Chairpersons, and, of course, the best Members in Elksdom! I say this because we just had a historic initiation for #1698 at our last meeting in May! Bringing in 26 new members will be one of the greatest highlights of my ER year! I really have to thank the Three Stooges for Masterminding Membership, Investigation, Indoctrination ... Bob Scott, Bob Kierstead PER, and Gus Schipani: Thank you guys for your hard work, endless hours, and dedication! And, thank you to the members who were the sponsors. Welcome New Members to the Best Place On Earth, Point Pleasant Lodge #1698 with the Best People On Earth!

I am not sure when you will receive your June Antler, but I would like to wish everyone a "Happy Father's Day" on your Dad's Day Off! My gift for my father on his day is: "Hey Pop, everything inside the leather, Pick 'em up, their good!

In closing, I cannot thank every Officer, Trustee, Committee Chairperson, and Member enough for their unconditional support, endless time, and passionate dedication! If these last two months are any indication of the next 10, I will go down in our #1698 legacy of ER's, not only as the most FAMOUS one (Ha Ha), but really as the LUCKIEST (I better win the next 2 POG's, Jan!!!)!!!!!!!!!!!!

Oops ... almost forgot the ER trivia ... last month's answer was: Robert Kennedy! This month's trivia quote is: "My father gave me the greatest gift anyone could give another person, he believed in me!" Ok, you know the drill. Let me know who said that and your next one is on ME! And, do not forget, if you know the answer, please be prepared to let me know your ideas on how you are going to help YOUR Lodge! Keep it in the Short Grass!

Scot

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Trustee	Rob Cook	732-261-0048

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Nat'l. Veterans Service	Nancy DeVito	892-8961
Oktoberfest	Vacant	
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Presiding Justice	Rob Cook	732-261-0048
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Webmaster	Terry LaDu	899-4635
Youth Activities	Dino Castronova, PER	995-5758



Triple Crown Results by Jan Picarell

Members and their guests gathered at the Lodge on May 7th to watch the Kentucky Derby. Animal Kingdom came in 1st, followed by Nehro and Mucho Macho Man respectively. Dawn & Bob, Jeanne Collins & Mickey Mantle won this race. The Pot-O-Gold valued at \$100. was won by ER Scot Famous. Proceeds went into our Scholarship Fund.

The running of the Preakness held on May 21st had Shackleford nose out Animal Kingdom, the Derby winner. Astrology placed 3rd. Helen McDermott, Gerry R. and Diane V. enjoyed their winnings in 1st place. 2nd place winnings to Kerry, Gerry R. and Rory. 3rd place money to Bob Scott, Tom Watters, and Rich Lee. The Pot-O-Gold was won by Jessica Stephans, whose Mother has been designing the race trophies. All proceeds benefited our Scholarship Fund.

Kudos to our members and their guests for your support of our Scholarship. Because of your financial support, the goal to reach \$1,000.00 is within reach!

See you at the Belmont on June 11th and another \$100.00 Pot-O-Gold!



**Our lodge will be
conducting
Flag Day Services on
Sunday, June 12th
at 11 a.m.**

**Refreshments will be served
following the ceremony.**

Joe Chickene, Chairman

Save the date

**July 25, 2011
Lodge Golf Tournament at
Woodlake Country Club**



House Committee News by Tim Haley

Many thanks to Ron Panuska, Bob Scott, Gus Schipani and other volunteers who put up the new smoking tent! Gus Schipani also put up an Elks emblem on top of the entrance to the door in the back of the lodge.

After June 30, new bar chips will replace the small, plastic shot cups that are currently given out signifying a bought drink. Please use your cups before that date. FYI—Bar chips will NOT be honored during Saturday's 2 for 1 drink special as of July 1st.

"Martini Night" coming back every Saturday starting May 28th after 7:30 p.m. Various concoctions all priced at an unbelievably low price of \$3.00!

Thanks to Janice Knorr for beautifying our front porch with new flowers and palm trees.

Thanks to the Veteran's Committee, especially Mike Travisano, for the beautiful, new sign now hanging in our Veteran's Park.

Thanks to Kyle Walters and Paschal Drew for their donation of new cue balls for the Elks billiards table.

There are now various board games (chess, checkers, etc.) available for play at the Elks Lodge. Just ask the bartender.

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Soup Du Jour

Cup \$2
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Salads

Prime Salad \$8

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Classic Chicken Caesar Salad \$7

Crisp Romaine lettuce tossed with a classic Caesar dressing with homemade croutons and Reggiano cheese

Chef Salad \$7

Ham, Turkey, Salami, & Swiss served over Romaine lettuce with tomatoes, red onion, and cucumbers

Salad Duo \$8

A scoop of our homemade chicken & tuna salad served over spring mix with tomatoes, red onion, and cucumbers

Sandwiches/Wraps

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Cheeseburger \$6
Grilled Chicken Sandwich \$6
Chicken Caesar Sandwich \$7
Chicken Parm \$7
Chicken Cordon Bleu \$7
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Time: 9 a.m.

For more info, contact Carmen Vanata at
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ELK OF THE MONTH

By Scot L. Famous, ER

Geno Nigro

Ladies and Gentlemen, I am honored to announce that **Geno Nigro** is June's Elk of the Month! Gino is a GREAT addition to our Membership from that little hole in the wall Lacey Lodge!

Geno has volunteered to help renovate our downstairs Men's restroom! He has made every member and guest's visit to the "Loo" much more pleasurable, and, I mean visually and aesthetically, not literally, you silly Elks!

And, I am personally thankful to Geno for improving my Second Office at the Lodge!

The Members, guests, and I thank you very much for your time, talent, and dedication. You are a true ELK!

P.S. If someone is parked in your EOM parking spot, it could be our Chaplain!

June 2011

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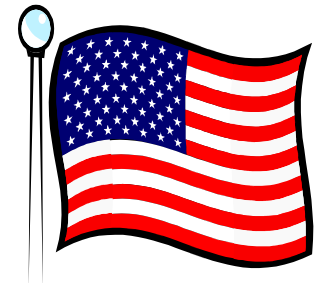
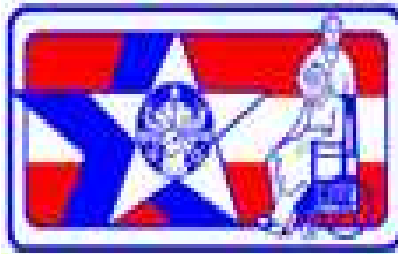
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			1 SNCC 7 p.m.	2 Thirsty Thursday 4-7 p.m. Line Dancing 7:30 p.m. Shuffleboard	3	4 Martini Night 7:30 pm
5	6	7 Lodge Meeting 8 p.m.	8 NVSC 7 p.m.	9 Thirsty Thursday 4-7 p.m. Line Dancing 7:30 p.m. Shuffleboard	10	11 Belmont Race Martini Night 7:30 pm
12 Flag Day Ceremony 11 a.m.	13	14 Trustee Meeting 7:30 p.m.	15 SNCC 7 p.m.	16 Thirsty Thursday 4-7 p.m. Line Dancing 7:30 p.m. Shuffleboard	17	18 Yard Sale 9 am Martini Night 7:30 pm
19 Father's Day	20	21 Lodge Meeting 8 p.m.	22 NVSC 7 p.m.	23 Thirsty Thursday 4-7 p.m. Line Dancing 7:30 p.m. Shuffleboard	24	25 Martini Night 7:30 pm
26 Sunday Breakfast 9—Noon	27	28 Trustee Meeting 7:30 p.m.	29	30		



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Veteran's Committee by Nancy DeVito

May 24th and 25th, Nancy DeVito and Cus Dalik, PDD will be representing the Point Pleasant Elks on a Civic leaders tour to Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Mississippi. The purpose of the civic leader tour is to inform key civilian education, business, elected, and community leaders about the US Air Force and, in particular, the reserve component. And, to have a greater appreciation of the role Citizen Airmen play in the nation's defense and the challenges facing newly enlisted Airmen-active and reserve.

Kevin Nickerson is heading to Afghanistan. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

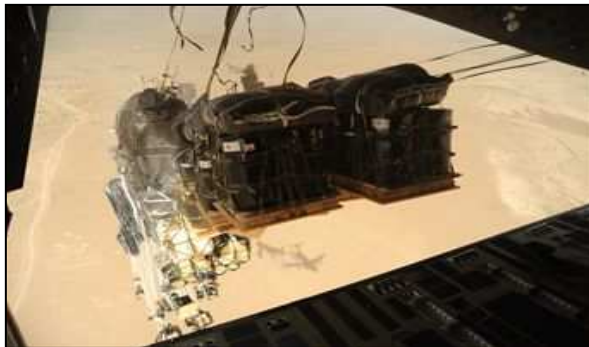
Point Pleasant Elks were invited to march in the Pt. Pleasant Beach Memorial Day Parade on May 28.

On May 31, a local young man, Sgt. Patrick McCann with the 101st Airborne (Fort Campbell, Kentucky) will be home here in PPB after serving a second tour of Afghanistan. Patrick was born and raised in PPBeach. He attended Antrim and graduated PPBeach High School in 2000. Thank you Patrick!

Our Veterans Committee will be assisting in the Wounded Warrior Day in Jackson. Dates: June 25; July 9; August 27.

June 21st will be our first Veterans Fishing Trip this year. We are looking forward to making this a special day for our Veterans.

Our Packages Being Delivered Into The Field:



Care packages are needed more than ever. Help us continue supporting our men and women fighting for our freedom. Someone inquired about flea collars so I asked if they are needed and this was the response from Tsg. Sean Warnet: As for the flea collars, yes, they are a great idea. Flea collars are only needed in certain parts in Iraq. I've never heard of anyone needing them in Afghanistan yet. I will make sure those get to the right places if you send them. The reason for the flea collars is because there are sand fleas in areas that have very light, dusty sand. I'm sure you can imagine-they are very annoying. The last time I was out there I had my family send me some. They are usually in the mid western part of Iraq and in the area where we caught Saddam. The last care packages you sent were amazing. I think you are doing perfect. I've done a lot of deployments out here and don't think I could have even done that good! The flea collars are a great idea. Boot socks is a great idea too. If you can find black or green boot socks, then they would be best. White socks feel better but they are not authorized in uniform. Most people will wear them anyway, but, some people that could really use them might not take the chance of getting caught wearing white socks. Boot inserts and foot powder are also great ideas. Bug spray, even ice packs. It gets so hot and ice melts way too fast out here. If you have a bottle of water outside with you, it is hot within minutes. I used to put a wet sock on the bottles of water just to keep them cooler longer. Flavored sugar packs for water. If you can find little power aid sugar packs, they are good. Anything to give the constant water intake a different taste is awesome. That's all I can really think about right now. Well, it's really good hearing from you again and thank you, as always, for taking care of all the troops! I will get in touch with you when I'm in Jersey. I head home to my wife and kids in 28 days! We will all be in Jersey July 12th, I think.

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David Angrosina
Kim Forfar
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Robert Brain

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Meridian Rehab
Earle Asphalt
Gabe's Lawn Service
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Tom Watters
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31 years as an Elk

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