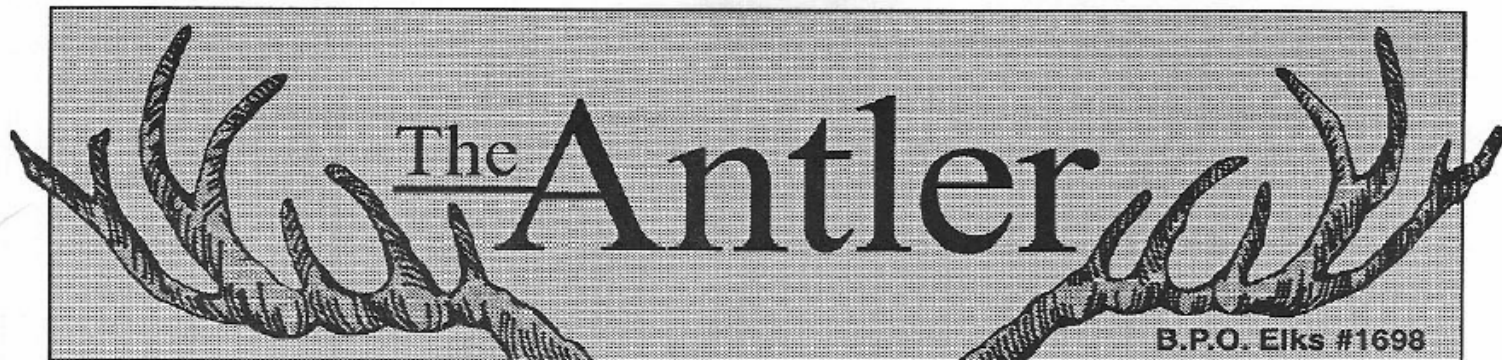




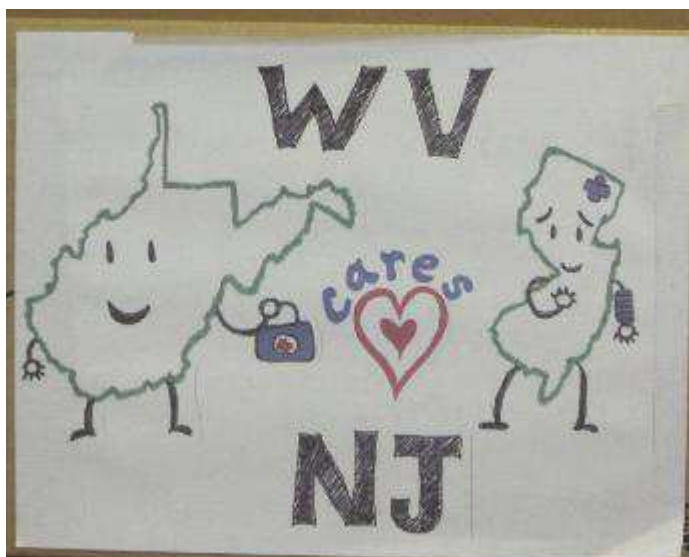
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EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE



Well now, Sandy has certainly put us to a test, but she didn't realize that we are ELKS. She may have destroyed homes, destroyed cars, and destroyed our beloved seaside resort of Point Pleasant Beach, but the one thing she could not destroy is our ELK SPIRIT.

Throughout this massive destruction, because of the efforts of our members and, in some cases, the assistance of their significant others, we have all worked together helping St. Gregory's. We sorted and boxed clothing for people who lost their homes, collected food donations for St. Gregory's pantry, and donated food to the homeless when we lost refrigeration. We let members park their cars in the lot to prevent them from flooding. Our Veterans Committee treated the National Guard to a Friday Night Dinner. We donated the Lodge for a dinner for people who were left homeless as a "Thanksgiving," and we offered the Lodge as a shelter for township residents (although the township didn't need it). I would like to say "thank you" to all our members who pitched in and helped out. Some came over on their lunch breaks to help. And, to the significant others of our members, "thank you" for your help too. "Thank you, thank you, thank you all so much!" I would like to commend

each and every one of you for your tremendous effort even in light of your own hardships. And, if you were unable to help this time, I am sure there will be more opportunity in the future for more good works. We'll be cleaning up a long time after this one. Sandy was the most devastating storm to hit the east coast in our lifetimes as the sheer size of it caused havoc from the Carolina's to Connecticut. We can all be proud of our response to this crisis. Everyone worked well together and showed patience and a positive attitude in getting done what needed to be done. Once again, "thank you so much" to all those who helped.

The Elks National Disaster Relief Fund has set aside money for Elk members who have been severely impacted by Hurricane Sandy. Please contact me for the form which needs to be completed. And, please remember, this fund is not for loss of electricity, gas, food, etc., but for those that are desperately in need.

I would like to extend my thanks to Susan Longo, the newest Chairperson, for one of our new committees. We have established a Food Drive Committee for victims of Hurricane Sandy and Susan will be accepting donations and then driving them to local food pantry's. If anyone would like to make a donation, please contact Susan for more details as to what food is needed. Thanks for all your help, Susan, in co-coordinating this much needed project!

And now, with the Holiday's rapidly approaching, I would like to wish each one of you, your families, and friends, a very "Happy, Healthy, and Safe Holiday Season!"

As always, keep up the outstanding work and keep the ELK SPIRIT alive.

Fraternally,
Dawn Tortoriello



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House Committee News

The House Committee welcomed two new members in November, Susan Longo and Brian Coyle.

Thanks to everyone who helped with Hurricane Sandy. We were asked by St. Gregory's for help sorting clothes. They dropped off over 300 bags of clothing and in two days we went through it all and boxed it all up in men's, women's, teen's, children's, and infants. Over 200 boxes were filled and marked. Nice job!

Eggnog Party will be held on Saturday, December 8th, beginning at 4 pm. The Elks provides the eggnog and the members are asked to bring a covered dish.

Christmas Bake Sale to be held on December 14th. Please see Janice Knorr or Carolyn Watters for donations, etc.

Memorial Service

**The Lodge will
hold a
Memorial Service
to recognize our
departed members
on
December 2, 2012.
The service will
start at 10 a.m.**

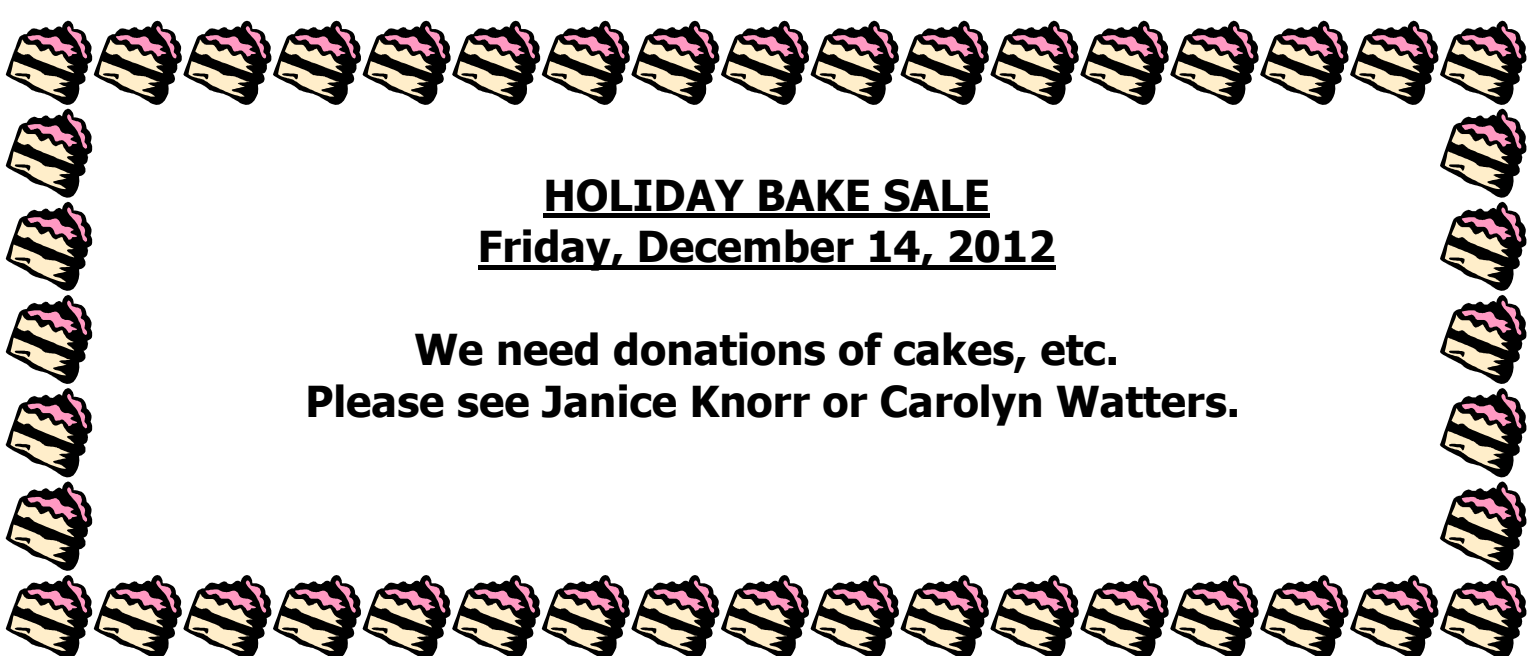
Organ & Tissue Donation Program



The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the USA has joined forces with Donate Life America to increase donations of organs, eyes, and life-saving tissue.

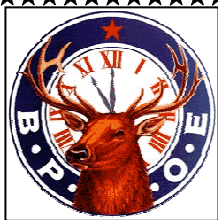
The need is paramount. More than 110,000 patients were waiting for organ transplants as of March 2011, according to the Donate Life America website, www.donatelife.net. Only 28,663 organ transplants had been performed in 2010, and even fewer—14,502 organ donations had been made in that year.

We Elks Members can help close the gap! For more information on the importance of donation and how to become a registered donor in your state, go to the **Donate Life** website. This is a great way to show that “*Elks Give from the Heart.*”



HOLIDAY BAKE SALE Friday, December 14, 2012

**We need donations of cakes, etc.
Please see Janice Knorr or Carolyn Watters.**



Elk of the Month

By Dawn Tortoriello

Bill Matthews



Our Elk of the Month is: Bill Matthews...also known as "Wild Bill"

Bill is a new member in his first year of Elkdome, and immediately after becoming a member he became involved and joined the Special Needs Children's Committee. He has volunteered his time working at the Fluke Tournament and Oktoberfest and at both events he was everywhere helping at doing anything that was needed. He was running around crazy, and this is how he became known as "Wild Bill"! He helps with every Special Needs Children's breakfast and he is a big help assisting the Chairman Tom Watters with whatever is needed. One Sunday during football there was no one available to cook in the kitchen so "Wild Bill" called his friend and the two of them did it. Whenever any help is needed, you can let "Wild Bill" know and he will be there to help.

"Wild Bill"- thanks so much for all the good works and CONGRATULATIONS on being the Elk of the Month!

Special Needs Children's Committee is holding their
Christmas Party on December 9th from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
There will be food and activities. Anyone interested in
helping, please contact Tom Watters at 732-295-4269.



The Lodge Party for the Member's Children and Grandchildren is
also on **December 9th from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.** Parents are to
bring a wrapped gift for Santa to give out.



**Members of Point Pleasant Lodge
#1698, you are cordially invited to the:**

LODGE EGGNOG PARTY

Saturday, December 8th

Starting at 4 p.m.

**The Lodge supplies the egg-
nog.**

**Members are asked to bring a
covered dish.**

**Come down and wish
your fellow members
“Merry Christmas!”**

December 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Memorial Service 10 am	3	4 Lodge Meeting 8 pm	5 NVSC 7 pm	6 Shuffleboard Line Dancing	7 Friday Night Dinner	8 Lodge Eggnog Party 4 pm
9 SNCC Christmas Party, 11-1pm Members Children's Party, 2-4 pm	10	11 Cornhole League 7-10 pm	12	13 Shuffleboard Line Dancing	14 Holiday Bake Sale	15
16	17	18 Lodge Meeting 8 pm	19 NVSC 7 pm	20 Shuffleboard Line Dancing	21 First Day of Winter	22
23	24	25 Christmas Day	26 Kwanzaa Begins	27 Shuffleboard Line Dancing	28	29
30 Breakfast 9 am-Noon	31 New Year's Eve	Upcoming Event: SNCC Charity Ball Feb. 2, 2013				

Veterans Committee News

By Nancy DeVito

October 29th was the day we battened down the hatches and prayed that Sandy would miss us completely. Sadly that was not the case. Our town and the whole East Coast was hit very hard. Many friends and families have felt the impact of Sandy in the worse way. I pray that those effected can somehow get back to their daily routines and heal from this tragedy! Please reach out to the Elks and let us know if we can help. Food, clothes, and cleaning supplies are available to help with your clean up.

November is Veterans Remembrance month and our Veterans Committee invited members of the National Guard and Point Pleasant Police to a Friday night dinner. They were very appreciative of the thought and enjoyed a moment to normalize. They also said their hearts break as they assist those who suffered through the devastation that has hit our area. Thank you Friday night dinner crew for serving our local hero's and for our fellow Elks that gave them a warm welcome.



It's a busy time of year for everybody. Let us not forget our Veterans serving overseas and having to be away from their families and also those who are homeless. Our committee will be visiting the Veterans in the nursing homes spreading Christmas cheer.



Santa and Mrs. Claus and their elves will be out at base bringing toys to our military children. Mrs. Claus will be heading to Kennedy Airport to see the children of our fallen soldiers.

Please keep our community and surrounding communities in your prayers this holiday season.

God Bless You and God Bless America!



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Elk year 2013-2014,
please contact Cliff Van Nest
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732-295-1093."

Scholarship Committee News by Jan Picarell

At our regularly scheduled Lodge meeting on November 20, 2012, members approved the Donald Koch PER Memorial Scholarship. Mr. Koch was our Exalted Ruler in the 1957-1958 year. This scholarship was requested by Betty Koch, his widow, and her brother, Frank Ditullio, who is the owner of the Off Shore Restaurant in Point Pleasant Beach. This memorial will be funded by the family for five years at \$1,000.00 per year. One graduating Senior at each of our Lodge's local high schools will be awarded \$500.00 each effective June 2013. The student who is recommended by their guidance counselor must be a person with exceptional academic and athletic accomplishments, outstanding leadership skills, and a commitment to community service.

Attention: High School Seniors: Applications for the Elks Foundation Most Valuable Student are due December 7, 2012, at the Elks Lodge on Arnold Avenue in Point Pleasant Beach. If you have difficulty with this deadline, please call me at 732-892-4522.

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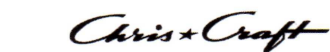
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Our Second Home by Gus Adamo (732-899-2722)

I want to thank our members that are donating to the upkeep of our second home. We still have a long way to go. I hope our members didn't forget about us. **Please Help.**
Checks only payable to PPElks Lodge #1698. Thank you.

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