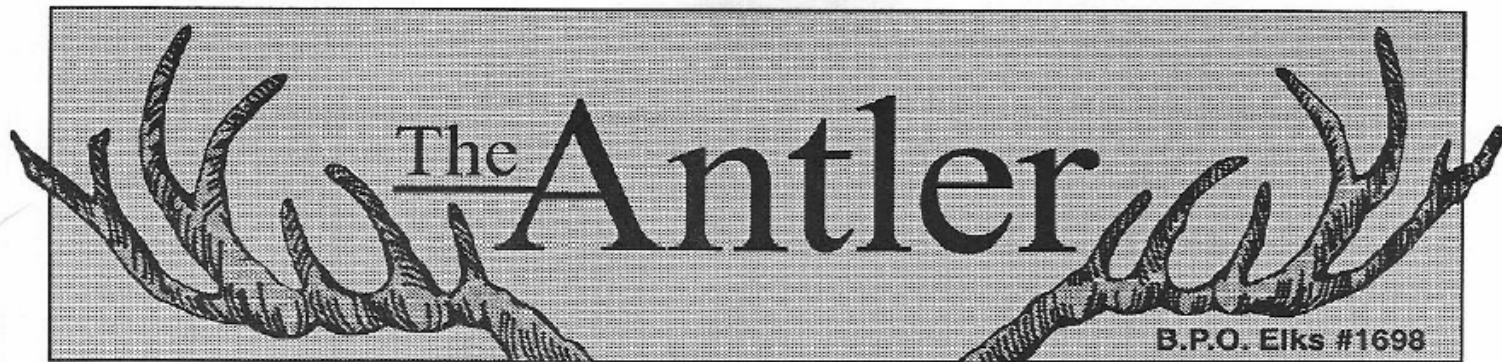




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EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE



Past Exalted Ruler Scot Famous: Thank you for this past year of dedicated service as the Exalted Ruler of our Lodge. I wish you success in all your endeavors and look forward to working with you in the coming year.

A hearty CONGRATULATIONS to Gary Laudisi, on being selected as Elk of the Year for 2011-2012. Your selfless devotion and dedicated service to our Lodge is not only recognized by the members, but it is greatly appreciated too. Thank you, Gary.

And, I must say a thank you to all who participated in selecting me as Officer of the Year for 2011-2012. It was a very nice surprise and it makes me very happy to see that you appreciate all the hard work and devotion of time that was spent for the good of our Lodge. Thank you very much.

And now, as we move full speed ahead into the new Elk year, I want to remind everyone that teamwork will be the key to success for our Lodge. Each one of us has something to contribute to the team, regardless of whether it is skills, experiences, or insights. We each have something to offer to benefit our Lodge. The key elements of teamwork are listening, questioning, persuading, respecting, helping, sharing and participating. I can't stress enough the importance of every member's contribution to our team. We need to effectively communicate with one another, to learn to listen to points of view expressed by others, give others the benefit of the doubt, and to support the Lodge Officers and Committee Chairpersons. This is not a Lodge of one person or one thought. It is a Lodge of many people with many thoughts; all of which combined will result in achieving overall success for our Lodge.

And, finally, let's not forget that the month of May is when we recognize our service men and women; our active military on Armed Forces Day and our Veterans on Memorial Day. Patriotism is in the hearts of all our members and no organization has ever given more to our nation's veterans than the Elks. And remember, *"So long as there are Veterans, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks will never forget them."*

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God Bless America!

Fraternally,
Dawn Tortoriello

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House Committee News

The ramp on the side of the building has begun to be repaired. Woodhaven donated \$800.00 worth of lumber to fix the ramp. It should be completely finished by month end.

Thanks to everyone who helped cook and set up on April 7th for the Easter Egg Hunt. And a special thank you to Antsy the Clown for doing a wonderful job once again, and to our Easter Bunny, Fred Frick, for 25 years faithful service as our Easter Bunny. We had a little over 70 in attendance. Great job everybody!

Thanks to Janice Knorr, Phyllis Willever, and Carolyn Watters for doing the bake sale. The Lodge made almost \$200.00 from this event. Another great job!

New kitchen hours will be:
Monday and Tuesday-closed;
Wed., Thurs., Fri. 3 pm to 8 pm.
Saturday and Sunday 12-8 pm.

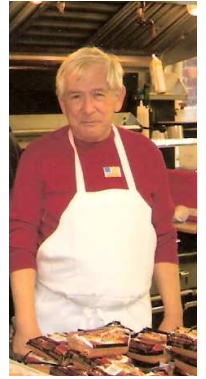
The Saturday drink special has changed to 1/2 price drinks instead of two for one.

Please come out and support the Lodge the last Sunday of the month for breakfast from 9 am until noon.

Correction from the April Antler: Thanks to **Gus Adamo** for donating a new clock, dedicated to the memory of his wife, **Gloria**, to our Grill Room. The clock he previously donated has been moved to the Banquet Hall.

A note from ER Dawn:

It is a very sad time for the Point Pleasant Elks Lodge #1698. Our faithful Brother, Robert "Bob" Kierstead, Past Exalted Ruler, has passed away, after a brave fight with cancer. There was never a time you could come to this Lodge and not see Bob Kierstead around. He was always here, devoting his time to this Lodge, the very Lodge he referred to as "my Lodge." Bob wanted nothing more than for people to think of the Lodge as "my Lodge." In loving memory of all the good works that he did (far too much to even attempt to put into print), I will hold my head high and refer to the Point Pleasant Elks as "my Lodge" and will be very proud to do so. My deepest sympathies to the Kierstead family. You have suffered a great loss; as we have also. Bob touched every heart here at the Elks and he will be greatly missed.



For me, I will miss his fatherly advice and most of all his laughter...Godspeed Bob.

Scholarship Report by Jan Picarell

Quick up-date on the NCAA winners: Denis Gallagher won the 50-50 and Jim Brogan and Georgianna Walsh shared the \$125.00 Pot-O-Gold. Thanks for playing, folks.

We are off to the races again with the Triple Crown and 3 Pot-O-Gold's to support our Scholarship Fund, as you so generously supported in the Spring of 2011. Our race officials, John and Vicky, are ready to place your selections at the following: Kentucky Derby, May 5th; the Preakness, May 19th; and the Belmont on June 9th. See you at post time!!!

Speaking of the Triple Crown, your efforts last year supported our Elk children in college. And, I can assure our members, that we can all be proud and applaud their college activities. They are:

Alison Haugh, a graduate of Rider University, majoring in Education and Theatre, is now teaching locally.

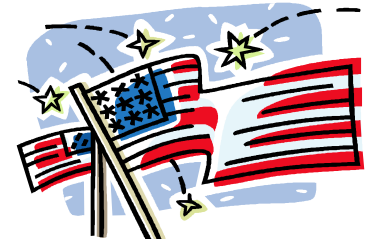
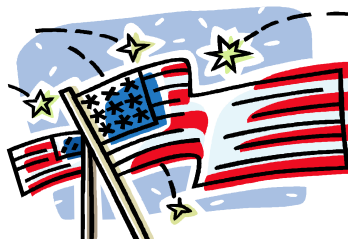
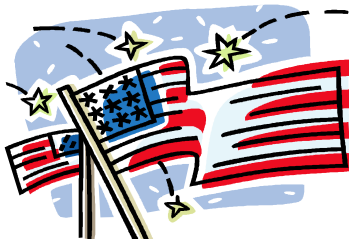
Kristin Haycook, a graduate of Dominican College, majoring in Special Education, is teaching locally.

Justin Haugh is completing his Sophomore year in Theatre Tech., etc., at DeSales University in Pennsylvania. He will be working his skills at the Shakespeare Summer Festival.

Chloe Ramirez, a Sophomore at Ocean County College, majoring in Psychology, will continue her degree at Kean University on campus.

Kaitlyn Parlow is completing her Sophomore year at Manhattan College, majoring in Civil Engineering.

In June I'll give you a profile on our College Freshmen and I will be meeting this month with both High School Guidance Departments to select the High School Seniors who will be receiving our Memorial Scholarships.



Elk of the Month

By Dawn Tortoriello

Eddie Zaidel

Our May Elk of the Month is: Eddie Zaidel...or as we know him..."Eddie Z"!

Eddie Z has been the owner of U.S. Subs for years, and, the Point Pleasant Elks have reaped the benefits of this!

As a member of the Elks for the past 7 years, Eddie Z has donated delicious sandwiches and salads for Lodge events including the Special Needs Children's Picnic; the Beach Party; and the Super Bowl Party, just to name a few. Tuesday Night Lodge Meetings are always a favorite when you get downstairs after the meeting and see all the delicious food!

Eddie is always there; ready to help in a pinch when we forget to give him notice that we'll be needing food for an event. And, as a member of the Police Department, Fire Department, First Aid, and the Elks, Eddie Z gives a deep discount when ordering from his store. Eddie is a true inspiration to our community.

Thank you very much for the delicious food and all that you do to help the Elks and the community. ***Congratulations Eddie Z!***



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.*"

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NJ State Elks Convention—June 1-3, 2012

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732-306-5935

Also needed: a Parade Chairperson

Mother's Day Ritual Service

May 13, 2012

10 a.m. in the Upstairs Lodge Room

Immediately following will be a brunch

In the Downstairs Grill Room

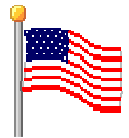
Mothers are FREE

Everyone else: \$5.00

Memorial Day Parade



Saturday, May 26, 2012
(Rain date May 28, 2012)



Bank of America Parking Lot on Arnold Avenue

9:30 a.m.

Attire: Khaki Pants, White Sneakers, Elks Shirt, Hat (if you have one)

Any Veteran not able to walk, please call Phyllis Willever by May 16th,
at 732-714-1149

There will be cars available for Veterans to ride in.

Save the Date

**Casino Night
Saturday, August 11, 2012
7-11 p.m.**

**Phyllis Willever is looking for donations.
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For detailed information go to www.elkshome.org, email en-home@elkshome.org or call 1-800-552-4140. You can also write to the Elks National Home, 931 Ashland Avenue, Bedford, VA 24523.

Articles for the **June Antler** are due by **May 20, 2012.**

Veterans Committee News

By Nancy DeVito

I would like to congratulate our new ER Dawn and her new slate of Officers for the coming year!



On March 12, the Veterans Committee visited Burnt Tavern Manor for the Adopt-A-Vet program. While we were there we joined in a game of Bingo. We had a good time playing Bingo with the residents and they enjoyed our company and compassion.



April 11th the Veterans Committee volunteered out at Joint Base McGuire for their annual "Family Fun Day." We served over 1,600 hot dogs. They were quite impressed with our serving and chef skills. Thank You everybody for helping with the military family fun day. They really appreciated it.



Is the War over? No, it isn't. We still have troops over in Afghanistan. Please do not forget them and drop some care package goods for them in the Lodge foyer or give to Nancy DeVito.

Pavers are always available to buy! Support the Veterans Committee.

DID YOU KNOW there are over 8,600 homeless Veterans in Ocean County alone?! The SED is in the process for having an "Operation Stand Down" to assist with the needs of our forgotten Vets. More information will follow and be posted at the Lodge.

There is no time like the present to mark your calendars for the upcoming Veterans Events. There will be more events posted when I get firm dates. I'll be looking for you! **May 26:** Memorial Day Parade in PPBeach. Kick off is 9:30 a.m. See Phyllis Willever if you need any further info/ride.; **June 10:** Flag Day; **July 21:** Fluke Tournament, (Vets Super 50/50 Raffle); **August 5:** Flag retirement (Lacey Lodge); **September 22:** Oktoberfest (50/50 Raffle); **September 25:** Veterans Picnic; **October 13:** Veterans Dinner Dance; **November 5:** Remembrance Luncheon for Veterans.

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Special Needs Children's Committee News

New member, Teri Reddington, donated two bikes to the Committee and we are raffling them off for \$20. for the two. Only one hundred chances and the winner will be drawn when filled. *Thank you, Teri, from the Committee and the Lodge.*



May 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue Terrific Tuesdays From Noon-4 pm	Wed	Thu Thirsty Thursdays 4-7 pm	Fri	Sat Half-Price Drinks 3-7 pm
		1 Lodge Meeting 8 pm	2 NVSC 7 pm	3 Shuffleboard Line Dancing	4	5
6	7 Board of Directors Mtg. 7:30 pm	8 Cornhole League 7-10 pm	9 SNCC 7 pm	10 Shuffleboard Line Dancing	11	12
13 Mother's Day Service 10 am	14	15 Lodge Meeting 8 pm	16 NVSC 7 pm	17 Shuffleboard Line Dancing	18	19
20	21 Board of Directors Mtg. 7:30 pm	22 Cornhole League 7-10 pm	23 SNCC 7 pm	24 Shuffleboard Line Dancing	25	26 Memorial Day Parade
27 Breakfast 9 am—Noon	28	29	30	31		

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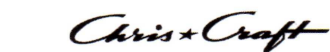
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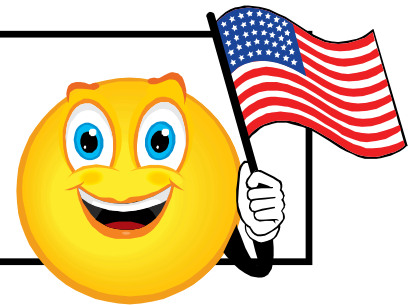
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Robert Kierstead — April, 2012

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