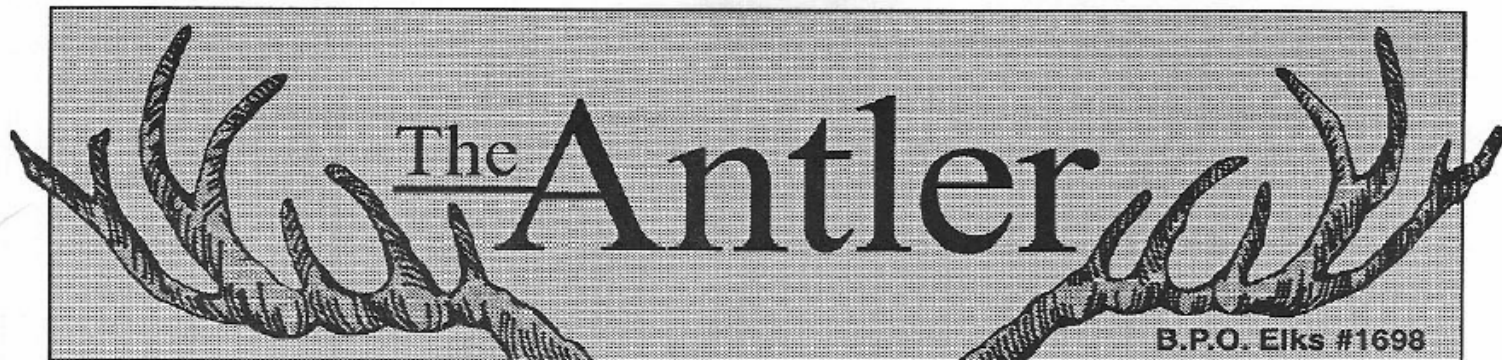




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EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE



Six months into the year and, once again, I give our Lodge Report Card an A+! All of our Committees and Members have been working hard and that hard work has paid off. The Point Pleasant Elks Lodge #1698 is a shining star in the Southeast District!

Our Fluke Tournament was well attended, although for the first time ever, the event had to be changed from a Saturday to a Sunday due to weather conditions. But, in spite of the change, it was a nice day and I'd like to thank John Veprek, Chairperson, and all the members of the Fluke Tournament Committee for a job well done!

Our Special Needs Children's Committee did an outstanding job once again on the Picnic for our Special Needs Children. There is nothing that can bring more joy than to see the smiles on the faces of these children. This year, the children sang a song and dedicated it to the Special Needs Committee members and all the volunteers who helped with the day's festivities. What a fabulous tribute! Thank you to the Special Needs Committee and Chairperson Tom Watters for all the wonderful things you do for our Special Needs Children.

And our Veterans Committee has been hard at work these past 6 months helping our troops in sending care packages, cooking at bar-be-cues for family members at the base, and visiting our Veterans in facilities and in their homes. Any person who has been hospitalized for a long period of time can understand the loneliness and depression experienced by our Veterans, who either live in a facility or are restricted to their homes. Visits from family members may be at most times infrequent or non-existent. Our Veterans Committee volunteers make special efforts to visit, play cards, send birth-

day cards, and bring them to special events. It is their way of thanking them for their service to our country and show that we will never forget them. Nancy DeVito, you do an outstanding job as the Committee Chairperson for our Veterans Committee and a heartfelt thanks to you and all the Veterans Committee volunteers and please keep up the good work!

When visiting the Lodge, I've never seen so many members volunteer and work together again as they have done in the past. From the goals we have set; and as one by one we attain each goal, we get closer and closer to achieving the success we have set out to accomplish for our Lodge. As I look around, I see plenty of smiles and happy faces around me. Friday night dinners have begun to bring in record crowds that we haven't had in a while. Our new ramp looks beautiful and the new fencing is being completed. Let's keep this positive momentum going strong!

God Bless the members of Point Pleasant Lodge #1698 and God Bless America!

Fraternally,
Dawn Tortoriello

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House Committee News

Thanks to "Johnny Unda" and friends the new fence is up. Nice job! Thanks to the Veterans Committee for generously donating the money for the new fence.

Fluke Tournament went well despite the change from Saturday to Sunday due to bad weather. Thanks to all who volunteered and helped with the cooking, beverages, selling tickets, etc.

The new tables are in. Thanks to Rosemary Tassie for donating the money from the cruise to purchase the new tables.

Thanks to all who help with the Thursday breakfast: Phyllis, Hugh, Les, and Hockey. We are doing very well and making money for the Lodge. Anyone available on Thursday morning to help with the breakfast, please contact Bob Scott.

Friday Dinners are doing very well since "Johnny Unda" and Bob Scott have been cooking every week with fresh food, the Grill Room has been packed! Any Committee who wishes to help Johnny and Bob, please let Bob know.

Thanks to Phyllis Willever for doing an outstanding job with the Aug. 11th Casino Night!!



Scholarship Report by Jan Picarell

Welcome back to School Year 2012-2013... To our 2012 Graduates who may already be at their new college campuses, continue your fine achievements.

Attention: Seniors, Class of 2013: Applications for Elks National Foundation Scholarships can be applied for on-line beginning September 1. Materials explaining these Scholarships will be in your Guidance Offices at Point Pleasant Borough and Point Pleasant Beach High Schools as you return to school. Continue to excel in your academics, athletics, and clubs. Increase your community service hours. Most scholarships require this factor now. Apprise yourself of the four Memorial Scholarships that the Point Pleasant Elks will be awarding at your June 2013 Awards assemblies. Your Senior Counselors can show you the parameters of each. If I can be of assistance to you, do call.

Charity Begins at Home

Hello All Members,

My name is **Gus Adamo** and I have been a member of the Point Pleasant Elks Lodge #1698 for the past 40 years.

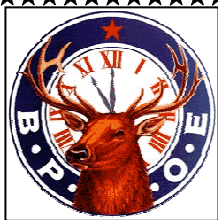
We should all be proud to belong to one of the best Lodge's in New Jersey. We do so much for our Veterans, Special Needs Children, and we sponsor children's programs within our community, just to name a few.

I'm writing this to tell you of the needs of the Lodge. We are a non-profit organization. We never have money to "face lift" our Lodge since all the money goes to charity.

We need more storage space, our bathrooms need to be updated, and many other things. Members, we need your help. Please donate to the needs of our second home.

To make a donation of any amount towards the beautification of our Lodge, please contact me at 732-899-2722. Thank you.





Elk of the Month

By Dawn Tortoriello

John Sportelli



Our Elk of the Month is: John Sportelli...better known as "Johnny Unda"

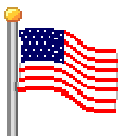
Johnny has been a pleasure to have around the Lodge. He helps Bob Scott, House Committee Co-Chair, do just about everything that needs to be done. Including, most recently, putting up the new fence on the side of the parking lot. He has brought new members into the Lodge and when he bartends on Thursday's, he cooks food for everyone and pays for it from his own pocket. We now have a big crowd around the bar on Thursday. Some are old faces of friends, which we haven't seen in a while.

Johnny brings a lot of fun to our Lodge on Friday's where you will find him volunteering his time to cook Friday Night Dinners. You can see the impact he has made on Friday's by stopping in for dinner. Just trying to find a seat has become difficult! And, the bar is packed!

Johnny...thank you so much for all your hard work, and, CONGRATULATIONS on being our Elk of the Month for September!

Special Needs Children's Committee by Tom Watters

On July 25, the Special Needs Children's Committee hosted its' annual Camp Moore picnic. I would like to thank all of the volunteers who came and cooked the food. There wasn't an empty stomach out there. A special thanks to our "soda jerks." You kids did a great job! Thanks to Al and Maryann DiSilva for donating all the soda and snacks for the campers when they get back to camp. A very special thank you to all the Captains. It's an amazing sight when the children get on-board the boats and all you see are the smiles on their faces. To Chip Gahr and the Comstock Family, without you we would be dry docked. And, last but not least, thank you to all the emergency vehicle operators from the Point Pleasant Beach and Boro Police, Fire, and EMS departments that donate their time to give the children a ride around town. I overheard one of the fireman saying, "every child rides no matter what." That saying comes from the heart and when you see these children come back from the ride you'll know why. Thanks to all for putting a smile on all their faces. God Bless.

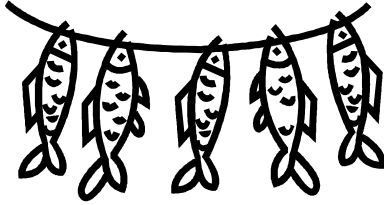


Antler Mailings

Beginning November 2012, the Antler will no longer be mailed. It can be accessed through our website, or hard copies can be picked up at the Lodge.

If a hardship exists, such as living out of state or not having a computer, you need to contact Dawn Tortoriello ASAP at 908-600-6605 for additional instruction.

Point Pleasant Elks 18th Annual Fluke Tournament by Robert Pursel



The 18th Annual Point Pleasant Elks Fluke Tournament finally got under way after a one day delay due to high waves and wind on the ocean. The fishermen and fisherwomen moved their boats out of the inlet at 6:00 a.m. on Sunday, July 22, to start the Tournament. They floated out into the ocean and dropped their lines in anticipation of catching that large fluke that would win them a prize in this year's tournament.

When they returned and weighed their fish, we got the results of their efforts. The winner of this year's Tournament in the power boat division was **Dave Deo** of Watchung, NJ, with a fish that weighed 7.7 lbs. Second place went to **Craig Zincavage** of Hopatcong, NJ, whose fish weighed 7.0 lbs. Third place went to **Lou DeRosa** of Toms River, NJ, whose fish weighed 6.8 lbs. Fourth place went to **Eugene Murphy** of Toms River, NJ, whose fish weighed 6.7 lbs. Fifth place and Sixth place was a tie between **Gary Read** of South Amboy, NJ, and **Tom Easton** of Greenbrook, NJ, with fish that weighed 6.6 lbs. Tom Easton was also the winner of the Elk Member Prize. Seventh place went to **Matt Calabrie** of Hazlet, NJ, whose fish weighed 6.5 lbs. The Youth Prize went to **Anthony Fanelli**, 14, of Bordentown, NJ.

The winners in the Kayak division were: Longest Fluke, First place, **John Kravcha**, Brick, NJ, with a length of 24 1/4 " ; Second place, **Andrew Tortorello**, Toms River, NJ, with a length of 23 3/4 " ; and Third place, **Phil Orsini**, Scotch Plains, NJ, with a length of 23 1/4 " . Three longest fluke combined winners were: First place, **Judy Seger**, Deal, NJ, combined length of 61 1/2 " ; Second place, **Gary Ward**, Brick, NJ, combined length of 58 " ; and Third place, **Larry Newman**, Brick, NJ, combined length of 51 " .

While the fishermen and fisherwomen were enjoying themselves out on the water, which was still a little rough on Sunday, the Lodge members were either at the weigh stations waiting for the fishermen and fisherwomen to return or back at the Lodge preparing for the picnic later in the day.

The Fluke Tournament Committee would like to thank all of the members of our Lodge that came out on both Friday and Saturday for the Captains' Meeting and Sunday for the Tournament to work the grills, beer truck, bar, and anything else that had to be done. Also, all of the members that were there all during the week to help in the setup. Special thanks to **Jessica and Cliff Van Nest** for once again taking care of our Silent Auction, the **Veterans Committee** for running the 50/50, and the **Special Needs Children's Committee** for running the Calcutta.

It looks like we have had another successful Tournament and now we can start looking forward to the 2013 Tournament!



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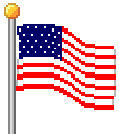
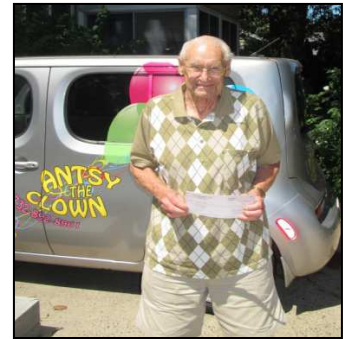
By Nancy DeVito

I would like to thank everyone who supported the Veterans Super 50/50. Our Veterans will benefit from the proceeds of this event. Congratulations to Herbert, Struening, Ralph Struening, and Kathy Davison for being our 50/50 winners.

Here's Herbert. He said it was the first time he ever won anything in his life. He was glad it was to benefit the Veterans.

We have fishing trips planned for both the Navy and Army. I'm praying for good weather and I know they are looking forward to the day of fishing.

Thank you to my committee members who helped out at the 76th/78th Air Refueling Squadron family picnic on August 18th. They greatly appreciated all our help. Makes me proud to be an Elk!



We have several family picnics coming up at base. This is what it's all about—giving back to those who serve. They say they can't thank us enough! I'm honored they consider us part of their family and I know the committee members are happy to help them.

Oktoberfest is just around the corner on September 15th. Please come out and lend a hand wherever it's needed.

Jerry McIntyre's Mash Picnic will be held on September 22 at the Brick Elks from 1-4 pm. Tickets are \$15.00 for Veterans and children are \$10.00. Please come out and support the Southeast District Veterans Committee.

What's happening on October 13?? It's the date for our Annual Veterans Dinner Dance. Please don't miss out on a night of fun, good food, and music. We all can use a night of laughter!!! And, guess what? On top of all that, you'll be supporting the Veterans at the same time. There may be a few, new surprises in store for you, so mark your calendars now! **October 13, 2012** Tickets will be available shortly.

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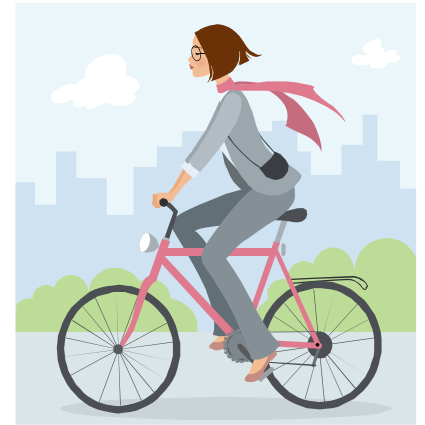
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The Special Needs Children's Committee will be raffling off bicycles at the Sept. 15th Oktoberfest. Erin Dolan of the Wayne Elks won them at Convention. Erin generously donated the bikes back to the SNCC. Thank you, Erin.



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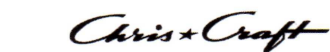
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