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FEBRUARY 27
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TO VETERANS HOME & HAVEN

MARCH 12
ST. PATRICK'S DAY
PARADE AND PARTY

MARCH 13
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS

APRIL 9
NASHVILLE NIGHT

APRIL 17
LODGE OFFICER INSTALLATION

APRIL 22
ANNUAL FISH FRY

MAY 13 - 15
CAMP MOORE
PREPARE FOR OPENING

MAY 22
FASHION SHOW

MAY 29
CLAMBAKE

JUNE 3 - 5
NJ STATE CONVENTION
IN WILDWOOD

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CONVENTION PARADE

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Exalted Ruler Bill Joyce

To My Brothers and Sisters,

March is the final month of our Lodge year for 2010 - 2011. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our officers for their support, encouragement, and hard work and for their continued efforts going forward. I am blessed to have been surrounded by such a great team. Our committees and their chair people have done a great job raising both spirits and money for our charities. They have had remarkable success in these difficult financial times.

Finally, I would like to thank our members for their support and hard work. I can't count the times that I have received praise and thanks for OUR work from members of other organizations and the general public. I proudly respond to these kind words on behalf of OUR members.

Nominations for officers this year were uncontested, and Secretary George cast his unanimous ballot to welcome our officers for the 2011 – 2012 Lodge year. The only change will see Fran Heineman move from Chaplain to Lecturing Knight. The Chaplain is appointed by the ER so I'll be filling this vacancy soon. Installation of officers will be on April 17th at 4PM. All are welcome to attend.

The Beef n' Beer Benefit for Nathan Cherico (son of n member Sabrina Drake) was a rousing success. Thanks to all who volunteered to help with this fund raiser. Our prayers are with Nathan and his family.

A delicious Friday Night Valentine's Dinner was served to an appreciative crowd on February 11th. The members and guests from Coquille Beach were there in force having a jolly time. Thanks to Nancy, Linda, Dot, and crew for another fantastic meal!

On Saturday I attended a Beef n' Beer Benefit at the Cape May Elks Lodge. They are expanding their Lodge to accommodate their rapidly growing membership, and the fund raiser will help with the costs.

The Trustees and I are working on a Five Year Capital Improvement and Financing Plan. Hopefully we can start some of the targeted projects this spring.

Our new Operations Manager, Jim DiCecco, has jumped into his job with gusto. The House Committee and I agree that this position will help make the operation of the Lounge and Banquet Room run more efficiently. I have already had positive feed back from a member who met with Jim to book a function.

***Fraternally,
Bill***

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MONTHLY MEETINGS

LODGE MEETING

2ND & 4TH TUESDAY
@ 7:30P

HOUSE COMMITTEE

3RD WEDNESDAY @7P

TRUSTEE MEETING

1ST TUESDAY @ 7P

COMMUNICATIONS MEETING

2ND THURSDAY @ 6P

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

2ND & 4TH TUESDAY
@ 6:30 P

VETERANS SERVICES

1ST MONDAY @ 6P

YOUTH COMMITTEE

3RD THURSDAY (AS NEEDED)
@ 7P

**ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME
TO ATTEND - HEAR WHAT IS
GOING ON AND LET YOUR
THOUGHTS BE HEARD**

LOUNGE HOURS

MONDAY 3P - 11P

TUESDAY - THURSDAY

2P - 11P

FRIDAY 2P - 12A

SATURDAY NOON - 12A

SUNDAY NOON - 10P

**MEMBERS - PLEASE USE
YOUR CARD KEY AT THE
LOUNGE ENTRANCE
AND YOU MUST SIGN-IN ALL
GUESTS**

**(REQUIRED BY NJ STATE
ALCOHOL BEVERAGE
COMMISSION)**

REMEMBER

**"EACH MEMBER OF LODGE
2428 MUST CARRY HIS
PAID-UP MEMBERSHIP CARD
FOR ADMITTANCE TO THE
LODGE, AND HE SHALL
WILLFULLY DISPLAY HIS
MEMBERSHIP CARD IF
REQUESTED TO DO SO."**

Trustee Report - Paul Consorte, Chairperson

Trustee Meeting on Tuesday, February 1st

- The 16 Camera Security System, purchased for the interior and exterior of the Lodge, will be installed the week of February 21st.
- The Trustees are developing a 5 year plan which will address the various goals, projects, funding, and payment method for the Lodge. This plan will be finalized and presented to the Membership.

Next meeting - Tuesday, March 1st @7p

REMINDER TO BOAT SLIP HOLDERS AND MEMBERS ON THE WAIT LIST

IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT YOU SUBMIT YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS FOR 2010.

REQUIRED HOURS ARE 25 FOR BOAT SLIP HOLDERS OR 10 FOR THOSE ON THE WAIT LIST.

THE VOLUNTEER HOURS REPORTING FORM IS AVAILABLE IN THE LOUNGE AND ON THE WEBSITE.

House Committee Report - Rick Votta, Chairperson

We will be planning our summer schedule for the outside Tiki Bar along with Friday Night Food. If you have any ideas you would like to share, just stop by one or all of our monthly meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7p. Come and "brain storm" with us.

Due to the rising cost of wines, the House Committee approved a price increase on two of our selections: Cavit Pinot Grigio and Yellow Tail Shiraz will now be \$4 per glass, up from \$3.50. Also, wine is now available in carafes for a price of \$11 or \$9 depending upon the type of wine.

**LODGE WII BOWLING HAS BEGUN ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT 7P!
THE WII IS GETTING A WORKOUT ON MANY OTHER NIGHTS AS WELL
BARB GRUBE WILL BE SETTING UP A LEAGUE SOON
SIGN-UP SHEET IN THE LOUNGE OR CALL (609) 266-9826**

**GRAB THE REMOTE, BOWL IN THE LANES SHOWN ON THE TV, AND HAVE FUN!
COME ON OUT - HAVE A GOOD TIME - BRING A GUEST**

Friday Night Food Committee – Nancy Muncer, Chairperson

Thanks to all who helped make the Valentine's Dinner a success, including about 125 diners.

Winners of the Fourth Annual Soup Cook-Off: Linda Camerota (by a VERY narrow margin) with *Tuscan Stew* and Denise Spence, wife of Member Bill Spence, with *Shrimp Bisque*. We had 82 voters, both Members and their guests, 14 soup entries, and a lot of fun.

No menus are ready for posting yet for March so check the board in the Lounge or the website each week to see who has volunteered and what they are cooking. Speaking of volunteers, we still need them. Get a few friends together and sign up. Even if you can just volunteer once a year, it would be a great help. As I have mentioned in the past, the proceeds from Friday night dinners go right back into our lodge in the form of equipment, upgrades, etc. Our last purchase for the lodge was the Wii Nintendo game. All dinners are served 5:30p - 7:30p.

Check our website or the sign-up board in the Lounge for menus.

Sun, Sand and Style Fashion Show - Tonia Harris, Chairperson

FROM FRIGID TO FASHION

Although it's cold out there, the Brigantine Elks Sun, Sand and Style Fashion Show Committee has already begun planning this year's event. Mark your calendar for Sunday, May 22, 2011, and remember to buy your tickets early since it was a "sellout" event last year. In addition to the hottest trends for the Summer of 2011, it will also feature a tribute to "Brigantine Then And Now". The Committee promises to bring you another wonderful champagne brunch and a runway of community celebrity models. More details will follow.

Editor's Corner - Susan Marie Pierce (609-892-8300; antlers@brigantineelks.com)

from the mailbag was empty this month - the pen pals must have taken a month long holiday

* * Welcome to our 18 new Members who went through the Initiation ceremony on Saturday, February 19th * *



IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER: JOSEPH CALLAHAN JR, NATALIE CIANCIO; FRANK CIOCI, GREGORY DE PIANO, NICHOLAS DI MARIO, DEBORAH FULMER, PHYLLIS GLOMB, MIKE JACKSON, TAMMY KISBY, PATTI LOERS, RICHARD MC NULTY, FRANK PANETTA, JOSEPH PICONE, ROBIN SIEGFRIED, JOHN SPINA, LEONA STEIN, ELIZABETH STRING, ED WILKINS

NOW THAT YOU ARE OFFICIAL "BABY ELKS", OUR LODGE IS OPEN TO YOU - COME TO THE LODGE MEETINGS, ENJOY THE LOUNGE AND EVENTS, DON'T BE SHY ABOUT ASKING QUESTIONS OR GETTING INVOLVED, ALLOW US TO GET TO KNOW YOU - WE'RE HERE TO HELP YOU GET TO KNOW THE B.P.O.E. (BEST PEOPLE ON EARTH) AND OUR LODGE.

Thank You to the Members who volunteered to be chefs and servers to provide a hearty meal for this special day.

**Annual St. Patty's Day Parade on the Atlantic City Boardwalk
Saturday, March 12 at 11a**

We encourage everyone to march and/or join us in the festivities at the Elks Lodge following the parade. Buses will be provided to and from the parade for marchers. Sign up on the board posted in the Lodge by March 1st if you are planning to march.

An outstanding menu of Irish fare is being planned, the Elks "Irish" Band will be performing, and the suds will be flowing. The all-inclusive cost is \$20 / adult and \$5 for children under 12.

CALLING ALL
BRIGANTINE
LEPRECHAUNS



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ABOUT THE ELKS**

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www.elks.org
www.njelks.com

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**MORE INFO ON EVENTS AT
OUR LODGE WEBSITE
www.brigantineelks.com**

NASHVILLE NIGHT - SATURDAY APRIL 9TH - LINDA FISHER, CHAIRPERSON

Howdy, ya'll,

It's almost that time again! The great Elks Nashville Night.

Auggie, Linda and crew have been busy moseying down that country road to bring you the best ever Nashville Night. Things are rounding-up nicely.

So shine those boots, put on that cowboy hat (and chaps if you have them), grab a partner, and head on down to the Elks on Saturday April 9th for a good ole routin-tootin country night.

**DONATIONS OF RAFFLE ITEMS WOULD BE APPRECIATED
PERHAPS EVEN UNWANTED GIFT CARDS OR GIFTS,
PERHAPS AIRLINE MILES. WE ARE TRYING TO GET A TRIP TO NASHVILLE.**

NJ State Convention in Wildwood June 2nd - 5th - Allyson Arnold, Chairperson

Thank You for your response to our questionnaire.

Our committee has put this together to address your various questions and concerns.

Q. What is this Wildwood Convention I keep hearing about?

A. It's about Elkdom. It's about getting to know your brother and sister Elks from our Lodge and from others around the state. It's about seeing first hand how Elks work closely together for our common goals and how our tireless fundraising efforts help those in need. You can observe how other Lodges work towards those goals just as we do.

Q. So what is it ABOUT?

A. It is The New Jersey Elks State convention, commonly called a reunion. Our ER and other officers, past or present, can go to meetings with others on their level to better perform their volunteer duties. The rest of us go for the camaraderie and Elkdom experience.

Q. Why does our Lodge want me to participate?

A. Because we want you to learn about "what it is to be an Elk". Elkdom runs rampant in Wildwood all week-end long. You can see it everywhere and be a part of it. Plus, we want to get to know you, our fellow Elk member.

Q. Who can come?

A. Anyone can come. We encourage all Elk members to come and bring family or friends.

Q. What's the schedule like?

A. Some people arrive on Thursday but most come down on Friday afternoon or evening. We enjoy each others' company on the large patio area (which is also right next to the pool AND offers an ocean view!). Throughout the evening we can spend time privately in our room with family and friends, gather in groups to visit other motel areas where other Lodges are doing what we're doing, or go out and experience the attractions Wildwood has to offer (many of which are within walking distance)!

On Saturday all members are encouraged to march together in the NJ State Elks parade. We'd love to show the whole state our members support and solidarity. After that it's back to the patio where we can celebrate our "pride in being Elks" with a get-together with food, fun, music and games.

Q. Is it affordable?

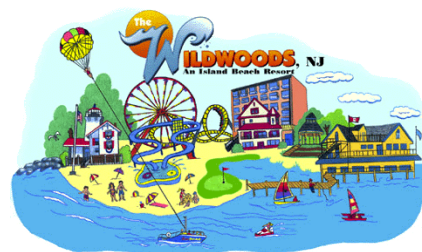
A. We get a great deal at the ocean side motel, The Roman Holiday. The suites, which sleep up to 6, are as low as \$114 per night. Your "hospitality" fee (\$60 per each adult if you stay for 3 days) will get you dinner Friday night, breakfast Saturday morning, lunch Saturday, dinner and the party Saturday night, breakfast Sunday, snacks available at all times of the day AND beverages!! Kid's "hospitality" is \$10 per day. You could easily not spend anything other than this for the whole time you're there.

Q. How do I sign up?

A. There's a sign-up board in the Lounge at the Lodge. Just put your name and phone number or email us your info and we'll put your name up there for you.

Q. What if I have a question?

A. Please feel free to email us at BrigElksgotoWW@hotmail.com or leave a message at the Lodge and one of us will call you back.



CAN WE COUNT ON YOU TO COMMIT TO MARCHING IN THE PARADE ON SATURDAY SO THAT WE CAN DO OUR LODGE PROUD?



Veterans Service Committee - Joe Kelly, Chairperson

Cell Phones for Soldiers - Santa must have brought new cell phones to many of our Members and the community over the holidays. In the last two months, we collected 255 used cell phones for our *Cell Phones for Soldiers* project. To date, this program nationwide has generated more than 90 million minutes of free talk time to our service men and women. The average roaming fee from Afghanistan is \$3.99 a minute, making a call home a rarity for many of our military. If you have a family member or know someone serving our country overseas and would like us to send them free calling cards, please contact Jeanne DiCecco at 266-1335 or email to jdicecco@comcast.net with your service member's mailing address. One phone call can truly make a difference.

PLEASE remember to drop off your old cell phones at the Lodge. It doesn't matter what condition they are in. **Your donation makes a difference.**

Saint Patrick's Day Visit - Thursday, March 10 We will be visiting both the Vineland Veterans Home and Veterans Haven to deliver Irish Potatoes, Shamrock Cookies, and other goodies to our Veterans. **Please** consider making some cookies or other goodies for our visit and deliver them to the Lodge on Monday, March 7th by 5p. We can never have too much to offer.

OUR COMMITTEE WAS HONORED BY VFW BRIGANTINE POST 6964 FOR "OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO ALL VETERANS". WE ARE MOST GRATEFUL FOR THE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF WHAT WE DO - WORKING TO ENRICH THE LIVES OF OUR VETERANS.

Veteran ID Card As has been reported in the local newspapers, the Atlantic County Clerks office is providing ID cards to Veterans which earn discounts at numerous retail outlets and restaurants in the area. The VFW Post 6964 here in Brigantine will be hosting an ID night sometime in late March or early April and issue the ID card's on the spot. Stay tuned for further details.



Thank You to our benefactors: Larry Keys and the generous employees of Beach Vans.

DON'T FORGET TO ATTEND NASHVILLE COUNTRY MUSIC NIGHT ON SATURDAY, APRIL 9TH - YOU CAN COUNT ON HAVING A WONDERFUL TIME
GET YOUR TICKETS NOW AND HELP SUPPORT THE VETERANS SERVICES COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES AND ALLOW US TO CONTINUE EVENTS AND VISITS FOR OUR WONDERFUL, BRAVE MEN AND WOMEN IN UNIFORM

Next Meetings - Monday @ 6p—March 7th, April 4th - All Members are WELCOME to attend.

Americanism Committee - Joanne Delaney, Chairperson



Americanism is pride and love of our country and is not just a word. Rather, it is a cause; a way of life practiced each and every day and month of the year through our thoughts and actions. Nor is it just one month, February, designated as Americanism Month, filled with patriotic and historical events. Every day is a time to reflect on our freedom and a time to let the public, particularly our youth, know just how unique and special our land is and the freedom that all our veterans have given us.

Practice patriotism in your home. Instill in your children and grandchildren the foundation for appreciating and understanding our government system. Our youth today are our strength for the democracy of tomorrow. So, give them your needed guidance of Americanism to ensure their patriotism of the future.

Let's fly our country's flag proudly; not only on President's Day, February 21, 2011, but all year round. Elks are proud to be Americans and to display our flag. We sponsor an essay contest for youngsters and donate flags to the grade school. There is much more we do, such as Law and Order Night and whatever else we can do to display and honor the flag of our country and promote patriotism. This committee welcomes more support and ideas from you. Contact Joanne Delaney at (609) 513-0671.

A REMINDER TO ALL

LODGE MEETINGS AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS

COME ON IN AND EXPERIENCE THE ELKS LODGE PROCESS FIRST HAND

HEAR WHAT IS GOING ON AND LET YOUR THOUGHTS AND SUGGESTIONS BE HEARD

OUR THOUGHTS ARE WITH YOU SICKNESS & RECOVERY

- SUE FOLCHER
- FRANK KOCH
- EILEEN MAHAN
- MIKE PRIORE
- EMMETT TURNER

PASSING

- DR. WILFORD CONN, MEMBER # 63
- CHARTER MEMBER, PDDGER, PVP NJ STATE DISTRICT, ER '73, PER, LIFE MEMBER
- 42 YEARS AS AN ELK

DOT MATHIESON SENDS CARDS, CARE PACKAGES, FLOWERS, FRUIT BASKETS, ETC. TO ANY ELK WHO IS ILL OR IN DISTRESS. IF YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO COULD USE OUR HELP AND THOUGHTS, PLEASE LET DOT KNOW AT 609-485-2467(H) OR 609-456-7621(C); FEEL FREE TO LEAVE A MESSAGE.

TO ALL ELKS AND THEIR FAMILIES

SHOULD A MEMBER PASS AWAY, THE OFFICERS WILL PERFORM THE ELKS FUNERAL SERVICE AT YOUR REQUEST. PLEASE CONTACT THE EXALTED RULER, BILL JOYCE

ELKS MISSION STATEMENT

TO INCULCATE THE PRINCIPLES OF CHARITY, JUSTICE, BROTHERLY LOVE AND FIDELITY

TO RECOGNIZE A BELIEF IN GOD

TO PROMOTE THE WELFARE AND ENHANCE THE HAPPINESS OF ITS MEMBERS

TO QUICKEN THE SPIRIT OF AMERICAN PATRIOTISM

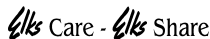
TO CULTIVATE GOOD FELLOWSHIP

TO PERPETUATE ITSELF AS A FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION AND TO PROVIDE FOR ITS GOVERNMENT

THE BENEVOLENT AND PROTECTIVE ORDER OF ELKS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WILL SERVE THE PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES THROUGH BENEVOLENT PROGRAMS, DEMONSTRATING THAT *ELKS CARE AND ELKS SHARE.*

HOW TO BRING IN A NEW MEMBER

REACH OUT TO THE PEOPLE YOU KNOW. LET THEM KNOW WHAT ELKS DO. BRING THEM TO THE LODGE. LET THEM SEE THAT



AND THEN, JUST ASK THEM IF THEY ARE INTERESTED IN KNOWING ABOUT THE ELKS. OFFER TO SPONSOR THEM.

AFTER ALL, **THE ELKS ARE THE PREMIER CHARITABLE ORGANIZATION IN OUR BRIGANTINE COMMUNITY**

Member Profile - Mike Jackson



Mike and Kristen moved to Brigantine from Bucks County in PA five years ago. Their first exposure to the Elks happened

at that time. Their oldest child was enrolled in the Brigantine school system in a special needs program when their four old son had the opportunity to go to the Lodge's Special Needs Children's Christmas Party. Cameron came home from the party ecstatic about the time he had. Now it is an annual event. Last year he went to Camp Moore for the first time and had a grand time. He's probably already packed his bag for this year.

Starting then, the Jackson family came to Bayfest and other public events sponsored by the Elks. They were impressed by the sense of community shown in Brigantine. Mike and Kristen have volunteering in their hearts and have participated in various support and fund raising efforts for Autism. Joining the Elks was a goal when the timing was right for them. They have two uncles who have been Elks for quite a while (Joe Hasselman and Jack Kelly) and learned quite a bit over family dinners.

Well, the timing was right sooner rather than later and Mike was Initiated just a few days ago with the February 19th class. Rumor has it that Kristen might be interested in the Annual Soup-Off.

Mike would like to let us know that their family has received numerous benefits through the Elks. Smiles and feeling that people in the community care bring tears to his eyes. He looks forward to helping out wherever he can and giving back to others.

Welcome Mike, Kristen, Cameron, Arianna and Brayden!

IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR WHEN LODGE DUES WILL BE PAYABLE. YOU WILL BE GETTING AN ITEMIZED STATEMENT BY US MAIL.

THE LODGE DUES OF \$50 HAVE NOT CHANGED. OTHER FEES OF \$15 (\$7.50 GRAND LODGE PER CAPITA, \$3 GRAND LODGE GROUP LIABILITY INSURANCE, \$1 NJ STATE ELKS ASSOCIATION PER CAPITA, \$3.50 ELKS MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTION) HAVE BEEN ABSORBED BY THE LODGE FOR QUITE SOME TIME. NOW THEY ARE BEING PASSED TO THE INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS WHO DIRECTLY REAP THE BENEFITS OF AN ELKS MEMBERSHIP. ALSO, IN ORDER TO KEEP LODGE MEMBERSHIP RECORDS UP-TO-DATE, WE ASK YOU TO FILL IN YOUR CURRENT PHONE NUMBERS (HOME, WORK AND CELL), E-MAIL ADDRESS AND HOW YOU WANT YOUR ANTLERS NEWSLETTER SENT (POSTAL MAIL, E-MAIL, BOTH OR NEITHER). THEN, SIMPLY RETURN YOUR STATEMENT WITH THIS INFORMATION WITH YOUR CHECK OF \$65.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

- 1 CHRISTOPHER CARROLL
WALTER GRAHAM SR
JOHN HALE
ANTHONY LASPOPOULOS
- 2 CHARLES BRASSELL
DONALD GARRETT
PATRICK MAGINNIS
ANDREW NOCERA
- 3 WILLIAM MOWBRAY
ERIC REINBOLD
WILLIAM SIMPSON
- 4 THOMAS FOLEY
- 5 THOMAS MC NERNEY
- 6 RONALD LAFFERTY JR
DOT MATHIESON
WILLIAM MC GARRIGEL
BRIEN WINDSTEIN
- 7 DR ZIMMERMAN
JAMES MILLS JR.
- 8 CAROLYN MC NAMEE
CYNTHIA POWERS
- 9 BRUCE HUNT
- 13 MICHAEL SPAZIANO
THOMAS TRAINOR JR
DAVID WEINER
- 14 JOSEPH BARTUCCI
JAMES DEERY
JOHN LIVEZEY
PAUL WASILUK
- 15 FRANK CALABRESE
JAMES WEIGOLD
- 16 GEORGE NEFF
ROBERT SHEPPARD
- 17 STEPHEN GURA
JOHN LEON
JOHN SUTTON
- 18 PHILIP GUENTHER
FRAN HEINEMAN
MICHAEL MUSARRA
- 19 JOHN JOHNSON
STEPHEN VOLPE
- 20 TAMMY KISBY
RICHARD SCHEPISSE
- 21 ANDREW BITTLE
- 22 JOSEPH MIGATZ
- 24 MICHAEL MAAG
- 27 MICHAEL IACOVELLI
JOHN KACHUR
MARTIN LUFF JR
- 28 PAUL CONSORTE
KEVIN FULMER
SAL STORINO
- 29 JOSEPH GILSON
EDITH JAKEMER
ALFRED MOTTOLA
JOHN SPINA
- 30 MICHAEL CONSORTE
JOHN KELLY
- 31 JAMES FEIZET
EDWARD SIMON



President Kennedy once said: "One person can make a difference and every person should try."

Community Activities Committee (CAC) - Kathy Joyce, Chairperson

Atlantic City Rescue Mission - Lodge Members approved a donation to the Atlantic City Rescue Mission at the routine Tuesday Lodge Meeting. The CAC purchased and delivered 75 new pillows to the Mission this month. Surely 75 people will rest easier with our generous donation showing that Elks Share - Elks Care!

Miracle on the Mountain (Camp Moore) - We will be collecting items throughout the month of **APRIL**, 2011 so, start saving all usable/wearable clothes, blankets, comforters, shoes, stuffed animals, pocketbooks, etc. for collection. All items must be in plastic garbage bags! Our Lodge will be credited with a donation to Miracle on the Mountain based on amount of clothing collected.

Note: Clothing collected is not shredded, it is shipped overseas for use. Clothing needs to be in GOOD condition.

Youth Committee - Julie Mandes, Chairperson

2011 Elks Peer Leadership Conference



FROM TOP TO BOTTOM: JAIMIE LAFFERTY, CONNOR BURBRIDGE, ERIN COFFMAN, RACHAEL KLAISS, JOSEPH MANDES, CARLY BURBRIDGE, BECCA POWERS, DANA NALE, DAN STINSON, MICHAEL MANDES, CHELSEA HUSTA, BRIANNA HUSTA, AND TAYLOR ANDROS.

About 500 high school age youth came together for a weekend to hear inspirational speakers on the topic of Drug Prevention. It was funded by our Lodge, the Municipal Alliance and fundraising efforts. Susan Pierce, our Antlers Newsletter Editor, suggested to me that it would be great to hear from the young folks who attended the conference as it was, really, all about them. While their feedback could fill many pages, here is a summary of what they had to say:

*The speakers were both entertaining and inspirational in helping youth to learn to make positive choices and deal with peer pressure. The speakers shared personal anecdotes and captivated their audiences. It was a life-changing weekend for many of the youth who attended. All youth who attended are very grateful to the Brigantine Elks for providing us with this wonderful opportunity and are planning our support of Drug Awareness in our community. On behalf of the Brigantine Youth Alliance, youth from St. Thomas Youth, Kids for S.J.C.F., and the Girl Scouts, we thank the Elks for this weekend training. **Joseph and Michael Mandes***

*This was my first year here, and I really enjoyed it! I come from a small town and this entire weekend opened my eyes to a new world, one that us kids from the conference are going to make even better than it already is! This weekend was so much fun! Thank you to everyone who made this possible for us! **Rachael Klaiss***

*My favorite part of the weekend was Albert Mensah. His story really made me appreciate the things in life that I sometimes take for granted. **Taylor Andros***

*I thought the speakers were very inspiring! It was so cool to see how ordinary adults are making such a big impact on young people because they simply "followed their dreams!" **Connor Burbridge***

My favorite memory of the 2011 conference is seeing Heather come up to speak! I went to her workshop and loved the idea of students interacting. Because of interacting, I made new friends, and I felt that I had an easier time paying attention to the message Heather was trying to get across. After listening to her, I now feel that youth have the potential to be leaders, and that as Heather said- "We, as youth" are the future of this world! We can make a difference!"

Joseph Mandes

I am grateful to the Elks for founding this wonderful Peer Leadership Conference for us students, and I would like to thank each and every person who put in so much of their time to make this weekend truly life-changing. Everyone, from the motivational speakers to the staff, created such a positive, happy, and uplifting environment. I felt this atmosphere increasingly grew after the speakers shared their life experiences and lessons; they empowered me with their knowledge, all the while providing me with the hope I needed to believe I can succeed. I feel I have a different outlook on life now after attending this conference and sincerely hope to attend next year. Thank you again.

Jaimie Lafferty

Online Fundraising efforts now focus on supporting the Dictionary Program to provide local schools with Dictionaries, Thesauruses, and Spanish/English Dictionaries. Checkout the web page to start shopping and offer your support.

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27	28	29	30 WII BOWLING 7P	31	<i>APRIL 1</i> FRIDAY NIGHT FOOD 5:30P	<i>APRIL 2</i>