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## Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of U.S.A. A Fraternal Organization

## EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE

## Brothers all,

Hope everyone's new year has started out good, we are coming to a close to the Elk year and I am very happy with the work that all of us been doing but we still have a full slate for the upcoming months. On January 9th, I attended the District Hoop Shoot with Chairman Nick Figaro, Middletown was well represented and all the shooter did an excellent job I would like to thank all the kids and their parents for attending, you should all be proud you didn't let our lodge down. On the 13th, Past D.D. Chuck Bolin held a officers training class for the officers and any members who would be interested in becoming an officer, it was very informative and along with the help of Dan Maloney and Randy Smith they touch on a lot of duties that are asked of them, there will be more of these classes in the future all are welcome to attend, watch the calendar for these days, also at the regular meeting of the 14th, I installed this as a new committee which will be chaired by P.D.D. Chuck. On the 16th, we ventured to Long Branch lodge to honor the District Elks of the Year. I was very proud when Bob Santoro's name was called and I know he got the loudest ovation of them all.Great Job Bob and yes that's the last on but I have to say again you deserved it and you earned it so be proud of it. On the 23rd, we paid just tribute to are Past District Deputy Chuck (we finally got in) it was a great crowd with good food and music this isn't an easy job but Chuck you made it look easy, you made Middletown proud, you did it with class and dignity thank you for representing us so well, do I hear State President down the road? Maybe, if I keep you away from Donny LOL. On the 30th, we


Michael Dickie Exalted Ruler
held our Irish Wake, man they party for any occasion, well needless to say everyone had a great time, thanks to the P.E.R.'s for running this event, but next time I suggest a heated casket BRRRRRRRR. . . . .also we have been holding numerous benefits for people who need help in our community I would like to thank everyone who has come out to support these families you should all be proud, that is the best thing about OUR lodge when people are in need we step up I applaud you all. Okay on to February on the 3rd, Spaghetti Dinner and Blood Bank give us your blood and get a dinner, thank you in advance for donating your time to do this, it is very important. Now Superbowl weekend is upon us and Sharon's Famous Chili Contest will be held Saturday the 6th, so get out your secret recipes and enter, you never know you might walk away with top prize!!! That same night will be a Margarita Dance Party, so wear your favorite Jimmy Buffet shirt and bring your parrothead friends for some fun in the sun, this sounds like it's gonna be a blast. Superbowl on Sunday the 7th, get there early for a good seat and root on your favorite team or just c'mon down to watch, this is always a great day to spend with your friends for a couple of brewski's. On the 16th, there will be an indoctrination for our new class, please all committee chairmen come down and let these new members know about what you do, it is a good way to get some help and we are always looking for new bodies to help with committees. New class will be the 21 st at 11 am , come see the ritual preformed or just come down later to greet your new brothers and say

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Continued From Page 1 hello. As always I would like to thank the entire membership, Ladies Auxiliary and families and friends who have been helping out all year long without YOU we could not strive to be the best lodge in the state of New Jersey. It makes me feel proud to be a member of Middletown Elks \#2179.
"Together, ordinary people can achieve extraordinary results"
God Bless and Stay Gold, Michael Dickie

Here's an Elk who is fairly new to the lodge but he is rapidly becoming Nick G's right hand man in the kitchen, he has helped at all the major events and Spaghetti Dinners.
My Elk of the month for February is David Shrum.


## Spring Dart League

Sign-ups at the Lodge
Hurry in and sign your team up Limited availability Captains Meeting 7 pm 3/1/10

League starts 3/8/10
10 teams = 11 weeks
Don't sing it, BRING IT!!


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## YOUR ROOM!!!

## ADDTIONAL SIGN-UP DATES TO BE ANNOUNCED

## SIGN.UP AND COME DOWN AND JON US:!



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## WHO IS THIS MYSTERY ELK MEMBER?



Answer on Page 7

## 50th Anniversary

The Lodge is now preparing for our 50th Anniversary which will take place on Friday, July 23, 2010 at the Lakeside Manor. P.E.R. Ken Massicotte is the Chairman of this Commitee and there will be more information in future bulletins regarding other events surrounding this important celebration.
We are coming to the end of our fraternal year and we have several members who have not paid their dues. Please take care of this immediately.

Thank You

## DUES

Brothers,
As before we have been asking almost every single month for people (members to please pay there dues, now its February, April is just around the corner, there are just too many who have not paid there dues. Sponsors please talk to the people who you sponsored and have them get in touch with us. We have a great lodge, great people who run it, I'm sure we can make a good run at getting this lasped members down, thank you all. I hope everyone had a great holiday season.
Ed O'Kane

# CHARITY BALL AT LAKESIDE MANOR 

## MARCH 6TH, 2010

## \$60 PER PERSON

## HONORING OUR POSTER CHILD GAVIN KASABA

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Hello Ladies Auxiliary,
After New Year's Eve, January was pretty quiet for the Auxiliary, until the last of the month.
Honoring Chuck Bolin on the 23rd was as always a marvelous evening. The Elks do such a swell job celebrating their own.
Sunday, January 24th the Ladies again enjoyed Steal Bingo. We have so much fun with this. Fran Duffy worked on this project all year and it shows. She puts a lot of energy and caring into our Bingo to produce a fun day for Auxiliary.
On January 27th, we held nomination of officers for the coming year. Your dues for 2009 must be paid to enable you to vote in February and you will need to have a membership card with you. When elected Kathy Corridon will be taking over the presidental reigns at our March meeting.
January 30th brought out the "Irish" and we all know how much the Irish like to Party and we do - "Long party the Irish"!
February 6th Sharon Corridon and Kathy Corridon are holding their Chili Contest. Hope to have lots of chili cooks submitting chili. We'll be anxious to find out who are the winners.
As if that wasn't enough going on, it is also the day we're holding our Margarita Beach Party. Lots of Margarita's and other drinks will be served and our D.J. Carmello will keep us moving. "Happy Feet" again. Flo , Nancy, Liz and Ginger have made lots of plans, so I hope all of you come out. Bring snacks and have a great evening.
I want so very much, to say Thank You to Colleen and Jim Kane even though our plans were changed, you were understanding and I really appreciate your volunteering to cook for the Auxiliary.
On the fourth Friday, February 26th Lesile Connors is cooking for the Auxiliary. She will be preparing Authentic Cheesesteak Sandwiches, Fries with gravy and Nuggets for the children. Leslie is a new Auxiliary member and this is her first time cooking for us. Please come down to the Elks and join us for a sandwich and few drinks to help support the Auxiliary.
Thank you Ladies, Remember: Dream Big and Believe in Miracles.
Kay Woods

## A FEW WORDS OF PRAISE AND GRATITUDE

Cathy Merker and myself would like to say thank you to everyone who helped make the Auxiliary Christmas Party, a fun filled evening.
Our Chef, Pat Vadala, you could cook circles around Emeril. Everyone enjoyed the meal you painstakingly prepared.
Nick Giuriceo, as Kenny Anderson said when you're in the kitchen things run like a well oiled machine.
Dave, thank you for those wonderful dishwashing hands.
Jess Goodbody and Adrienne Snow, you give so much of yourseleves. Thank you for helping the Auxiliary when you were really needed. Denise Giuriceo, it was wonderful of you to pitch in and give Jess and Adrienne a hand. You're a sweetheart.
Joe McGrath, you not only gave us happy feet, you make our hearts skip a beat. The Auxiliary truly appreciates alll you do.
Stir, mix, pour, who could ask for anything more. Brian Copeman you kept everyones glass full. You're the man.
Chris Marchetti, you must have seen cookies in your sleep. I can't imagine how you do all that you do but I'm so thankful you get it done. Love ya so much.
Santa Claus, you were the highlight of the party. If you charged for the laughs and smiles you bring, you would be rich. Randy Smith (A.K.A. Santa) you are a giant among men.
Dottie Nesfield, Edna Bryk, Chris Marchetti and Fran Duffy, you all did a fabulous job tending the gift, 50-50's and gas tables. You gals know what to do and how to do it.
Carol Maloney, Marion Shannon, Kathy Corridon, Linda Brazauckas, Jeff Merker and Danny McCartan. Setting up in the a.m., would not have been possible without your more than needed help. Thanks a big bunch.
To all the ladies who were so generous with your donation of gifts, we can't thank you enough.
Betty angelhone, you stepped up just when Cathy and I were ready to drop. Thank you for running the gifts to our lucky winners. I was truly beat. Yor timing was perfect.
President Kay Woods won the gas raffle. Congratulations Kay.
Cathy Merker thanks for being the best possible partner. You're the best.
With our thanks to all.
Your Chairladies, Ginger Rooney and Cathy Merker

## Ladies Auxiliary Officers 2009-2010



| COMMMTTEE CHAIRLADIES |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Past President Dinner | Kay Woods | 732-495-2953 |
| Convention Shirts | Kathy Corridon | 732-495-3689 |
| Gift Auction | Janet Desfosse | 732-495-9297 |
| Gift Auction | Ginger Smith | 732-495-4693 |
| Fashion Show | Liz Revill. | 732-671-1704 |
| Fashion Show | Carol Goodbody . | 732-495-9693 |
| Christmas Party | Ginger Rooney. | 732-787-7861 |
| Christmas Party | . Cathy Merker | 732-495-6654 |
| Chili Contest | Sharon Corridon | 732-495-2768 |
| Chili Contest | Kathy Corridon | 732-495-3689 |
| Steal Bingo | Fran Duffy | 732-787-3330 |
| Steal Bingo | Janet Desfosse | 732-495-9297 |
| Auditor/Budget | Chris Marchetti. | 732-872-1189 |
| Book. | Adrienne Snow | 732-291-0695 |
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| Dark Horse . | Betty Anghelone . | 732-787-0291 |
| Funerals | Fran Duffy | 732-787-3330 |
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| Membership | Liz Revill. | 732-671-1704 |
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| Phone Committee | . Mary Ruck | 732-741-7685 |
| Pins | Cassandra Gormley | 732-495-0678 |
| Sunshine | Chris Marchetti. | 732-872-1189 |
| Friday Night Dinners | Nancy Brandine | 732-492-3893 |
| Scholarship | Cathy Trieste | 732-291-0276 |
| Waitresses | Kathy Corridon | 732-495-3689 |
| Christmas Trees | Edna Bryk | 732-787-4780 |
| Women of the Year | . Dottie Nesfield. | 732-787-7732 |
| District Representative | Cathy Trieste | 732-291-0276 |

## Ladies Auxiliary Scholarship Applications

The Ladies Auxiliary is pleased to announce that applications for the 2010 Auxiliary scholarship for a graduating high school senior are now available. This scholarship is only open to children and grandchildren of Auxiliary members in good standing.

The application deadline is February 15. 2009. Please contact Cathy Trieste for further information. (732) 291-0276

Applications will be available at Auxiliary meetings.

## Spotfight Bady My Spotlight Lady for February is Fran Duffy.

 Fran has been the Auxiliary's President and also Women of the Year. She does the Gas Cards at Christmas and runs Steal Bingo. She calls the Ladies when we have a Repast and works with the Special Children's Committee. Fran helps in every way she can and she is another Lady I'm proud to work with in the Auxiliary. She has been a wondeful friend from the day I joined the Auxiliary.Love you Fran! Kay

## February Birthday Ladies Birthstone - Amethyst

Kay Fox, 4тн
Linda Brazauckas, 10th, Gold Star
Melody McKittrick, 10th
Rose Parry, 10th
Cahterine Williams, 12th
Nancy McCallan, 14 TH
Jo Fix, 17th Gold Star
Donna Fette, 20th
Peggy Maurice, 23Rd
Sharon Corridon, 27th
Marlene Maroldi, 28th

> A Birthday Wish From Cupid To You, A Happy Valentine's Day Wish Too. A Piece Of Cake and a Present or Two, Your Auxiliary Sends Warm Birthday Hugs and Kisses, To All of You.

A lady who does so much for the Auxiliary was left out of January's Birthday list. Elaine McCormick was born on January 25 th and she has been making people smile ever since. So sorry for the goof up E. we hope your Birthday was as Special as you are.

## BULLETIN BOOSTERS

Each booster helps to offset printing and mailing costs of this monthly newsletter. Boosters are for one year, and payable in advance. Please note your name, and when it is due. Thank you. ANY OVER DUE HAVE BEEN DROPPED FROM LIST

## January

In Memory of Lou Memmolo
Tom \& Flo Gormley
Spice Tree School
Lance Jordan Director

## February

Bob Santoro
Spice Tree School
Lance Jordan Director

## March

Paul and Rosanne Dutton
Christina and Angela Melfi
In Memory of George Moore Ed Thacke
Spice Tree School
Lance Jordan Director
April
In Memory of Gene Ruck
Mary Ruck
Ed and Frann Glenney
Mike and Bernadette Dwyer
In Memory of Lou \& Kay
Dandorph
Huge Bowers
Walt and Doris Fricke
Bill and Joan Burger
Edna Bryk
In Memory of Ray Bryk
Frank and Mary Weber
In Memory of Nicole Jouaneau
Lois Sheppard
Spice Tree School
Lance Jordan Director

## May

Joan McTigue
Jim and Pat Waked
Donna \& Nick DiGrigorio, Sr.
Marge Herr
Emil and Catherine Dean
Spice Tree School
Lance Jordan Director

## June

In Memory of
Dan Marchetti
In Memory of Sue Newell
Dan and Carol Maloney
Bob and Pat Crawford
In Memory of
Frank Buckley
In Memory of George Boyce "Fish On"
Rich and Donna Garrett
In Memory of Robert J. Brant
Spice Tree School
Lance Jordan Director

July
Chris Marchetti
Red, White, \& Blue
Bob and Pat Crawford
Mike and Nancy Brandine, Jr.
Spice Tree School
Lance Jordan Director
August
In Memory of Jack Spann
Marge Smith
Joe and Rosemary Keeney
John Huber
John and Kathy Steakin
Bob and Cookie Kelly
In Memory of
Ralph Santoro
Ed and Lynn O'Kane
Spice Tree School
Lance Jordan Director
September
In Memory of Mary Brant
Frank and Dianne Zechman
Spice Tree School
Lance Jordan Director
October
In Memory of PER John McTigue
In Memory of
Kathleen L. McCartan
Dan McCartan
Ed and Mary Tomkins
AI and Cathy Grabau
Bob and Alice Eckert
In Memory of Bob Brant
Kathleen Brant
BSA Troop 242
In Memory of Chief \& Marge Smith
Randy Smith, PDD
Spice Tree School
Lance Jordan Director

## November

In Memory of Richard McCallum
In Memory of Willy Fix
Thomas F. Early
Chuck and Adrianne Bolin
Cathy Grabau
Spice Tree School
Lance Jordan Director
December
Steve Hoitt
Spice Tree School
Lance Jordan Director
In Memory of Ken Thompson Jane Thompson

Please check to see if your payment is due - those more than two months in arrears will be dropped. Thank you for your support.


HOUSE COMMITTEE

| Chairman: | Nick Giuriceo |
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| Members: | Kevin Brittain <br>  <br>  <br>  <br>  <br>  <br>  <br>  <br>  <br>  <br>  <br>  <br>  <br>  <br>  <br>  <br>  <br> Trick Figaro Copeman Beattie <br> Bob Kegley <br> Mike Angehelone |

Meet Third Sunday of month at 10:00AM

## PROPOSITIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

Thomas O'Brien by Thomas Tremor
A.J. Hill by Thomas Tremor

Matt Dempsey by Thomas Tremor
Shawn Jaggers proposed by Mike Dickie

## APPLICATIONS FOR REINSTATEMENT

John Sotos Bob Herman

## IN MEMORIAM

The clock of their days has stopped and across the dial, A motionless shadow marks the hour of eleven, with us the golden hour of recollection.

To our absent brothers may they rest in peace

Michael Haley - 11-28-09 Kenny Anderson - 1-11-10


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Bring your own snacks
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Nancy \& Flo Sponsored Ladies Auxiliary


## SUPER BOWL PARTY

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6P.M.
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## OPEN BAR

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# Calendar Events For February 2010 

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| $21 \underset{\substack{\text { CLASS } \\ \text { 11:00AM }}}{\text { NEW }}$ | 22 | $\begin{gathered} \text { 23 AGLLE SCOUT } \\ \text { COUTTOF } \\ \text { H:OOOPM } \end{gathered}$ | $24 \begin{gathered} \text { LADIES } \\ \text { AUX. } \\ \text { MEETING } \end{gathered}$ | 25 REGULAR election of NEW OFFICERS | 26 <br>  6:00PM | 27 rental |
| 28 RENTAL |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Calendar Events For March 2010

| Sunday |  | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 28 rental | 29 | 30 | $31 \begin{gathered} \text { LADIES } \\ \text { AEETING } \end{gathered}$ |  |  |  |

## CHARITY

Please complete and send with check to:
Middletown Elks \# 2179
S/C/C Charity Ball Souvenir Program
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DUE BY: February 26, 2010
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