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THE MONTHLY NEWS BULLETIN OF THE MIDDLETOWN B.P.O. ELKS LODGE 2179  
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**Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of U.S.A. A Fraternal Organization**  
**EXALTED RULER'S MESSAGE**

**Rich Jaeger**  
*Exalted Ruler*

The Ladies Auxiliary is running a fund raiser for Gas Cards. With the rising cost of fuel this would be a win win if you get lucky. See any of the Lady Officers to purchase your chance. Coming up this

Still looking for Bartenders we need these positions filled urgently. Please see Nick or Charlie, we don't want to cut back on the hours that the lounge will be open.

Fraternally Yours,  
Rich Jaeger ER

*“The faults of our Brothers we write upon the sand”*





# ELK OF THE MONTH

## JUNE 2022

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**My Elk of the month is Ron Steinberger.**

For all the things that you do.  
Coming to the Rescue & Teaching  
Others on the fine art of frying Fish.



**COME DOWN  
AND ENJOY  
ELKS  
HONORING  
FLAG DAY**

**Flag Day  
will take place  
Sunday, June 12  
at 11:00 am**

**Refreshments  
will follow.**

**For further information  
call Dan Maloney  
at 732-915-9351.**



## Elks and Patriotism

The Order of Elks is committed to promoting the patriotic principles of individual freedom, opportunity, and dignity. In 1911, the Grand Lodge mandated that all local Lodges observe Flag Day with appropriate ceremonies, making the Elks the first national fraternal organization to require the observance of Flag Day. On August 3, 1949, President Harry S. Truman, himself an Elks member, designated June 14 as Flag Day by signing an act of Congress.

## Freedom Is Not Free

**BY 1988 AIR FORCE JUNIOR ROTC CADET MAJOR KELLY STRONG**

I watched a flag pass by one day.

It fluttered in the breeze.

A young marine saluted it, and then he stood at ease.

I looked at him in uniform, so young, so tall, so proud.

With hair cut square and eyes alert,

He'd stand out in any crowd.

I thought how many men like him

had fallen through the years.

How many died on foreign soil,

How many mothers' tears?

How many pilots' planes shot down? How many died at sea?

How many died on foreign soil?

**No. FREEDOM IS NOT FREE!**

I heard the sound of taps one night

When everything was still,

I listened to the bugler play and felt a sudden chill.

I wondered just how many times

That taps had meant, "Amen!"

When a flag had draped a coffin of a relative or friend.

I thought of all the children, of the mothers and the wives,

Of fathers, sons and husbands, with interrupted lives.

I thought about a graveyard at the bottom of the sea,

Of unmarked graves in Arlington.

**No! FREEDOM IS NOT FREE!**

The Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks is a proud member of the Citizens Flag Alliance which supports legislation prohibiting physical desecration of the Flag of the United States.





Wed. July 6 1-7pm  
Middletown Elks

Appointments suggested. Walk ins accepted if spacing allows. For an appt. go to <https://nybc.org/newjerseydrive> Use sponsor code 71001 or call 800-933-2566

A promotional graphic for a drive to raise awareness for blood donation. On the left, a teal banner contains the text 'CRITICAL NEED' in large, bold, black letters with a white outline. Below this, it says 'Take home a free NY Mets T shirt and a pair of tickets to a game when you donate at this drive!' in white text. At the bottom of the banner, it states 'Eligible 6/26/22-7/9/22. Prizes hold no cash value and are non-transferable.' On the right, there is an orange NY Mets T-shirt with the text 'Mets are in our BLOOD' and 'A New York Blood Center' below it. Next to the shirt is a blue ticket stub that says 'ADMIT ONE' and a white baseball with red stitching.



**New Jersey  
Blood Services**

800.933.BLOOD • nybc.org #njbloodservices





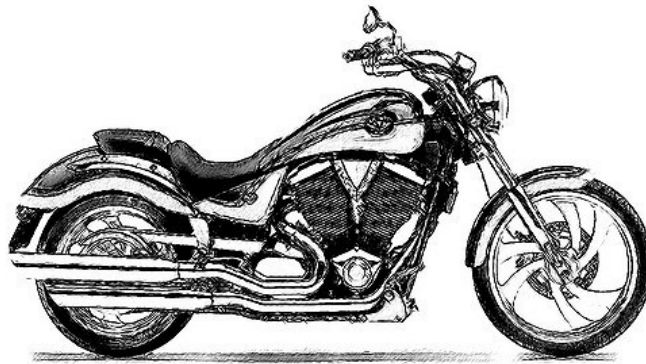


Middletown Elks Lodge #2179



# RUN FOR THE KIDS

Proceeds to Benefit Special Children Committee



**Sunday, August 7th, 2022**

**Registration 9AM-11AM**

**ALL ARE WELCOME!!**

**\$20 per Rider/ \$10 per Passenger/ \$20 Walk-In**

**Contact: Tommy Cribbin (347) 451-7913**

**Refreshments and food will be provided**



*Don Desfosse receives award for  
Baby PER from DD Rich Brady  
and VP Mike Veth*



**ATTENTION ALL  
COMMITTEE  
CHAIRMEN:**

South Central District Committee meetings for the  
Month of June will be held at Old Bridge Lodge  
located at 67 Old Amboy Rd, Old Bridge NJ.

Phone 732 970-0084

The following Committees will be meeting  
Americanism, Army of Hope, Convention,  
Membership & Member Retention, National  
Veteran Service, Special Children, Youth Activities

Meeting Date: 6/21/22 at 7:30 pm

Dress code business casual.

If anyone needs a ride let me know.

Rich Jaeger ER

Phone: 732-241-3753

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*Ladies Auxiliary is hosting  
Past President Women of the Year Social*

*Friday, August 5th, 2022*

*6pm Middletown Elks - Bar Area*

*All Welcome to Come Celebrate These Ladies*

*Light food and Appetizers • Cash Bar*

## Hope To See Everyone

*Any Questions, Please See Ginger Smith, President*





## Spotlight Lady

**My Spotlight Lady for May  
is Tisa Dziadzio.**

Janet you have been an active member for more years then I can count. I know you are a phone call away. Always ready to help with everything. We appreciate everything you do. Love ya.

## Ladies Auxiliary Officers 2022-2023

President . . . . .	Ginger Smith . . . . .	732-495-4693
1st V.P. . . . .	Michelle Fairhurst . . . . .	
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## Executive Board

Kathy Corridon . . . . . 732-673-4756  
Tisa Dziadzio . . . . . 732-693-5678  
Lisa Hahn . . . . . 732-757-2981

## LADIES AUXILIARY UPCOMING EVENTS

June 29th. . . . . Ladies Auxiliary Meeting



# Madame President's Message

Hello Everyone,

Happy June, Happy Summer. The ladies have been very busy. We cooked for Kentucky Derby Day. Thank you Charlie Diehl for asking us to help out that day. It was a fun day, great friends and lodge was full. Janet Desfosse, Kathy Corridon, Debbi Gerardi and I had a great time in the kitchen talking, laughing and cooking. Thank you ladies, I appreciate all your help. Thank you to everyone who donated food.

Mother's Day, great breakfast cooked by the men and a beautiful service by the men officers, thank you gentlemen. It was a little rough one this year , remembering all the ladies who passed away. Jane Thompson was definitely on my mind . Thank you to my breakfast buddy every year, Kathy Corridon and this year Arleene Zaborney for joining me for breakfast.

Betty Anghelone is still doing the gas card event if you want in give her a call. Goes off in July . . Janet is getting things in order for the steal bingo in January. Please let her know if you can help her out. Last month's meeting, we were so happy to see Ginger Rooney and Kathy Merker at the meeting. Hope to see more ladies come out to the June meeting. Then we have no meeting in July . August we will have a social to get everyone together catch up and plan some fun stuff. I will have a date soon. Tisa is planning a band night along with Betty and I hear another bar crawl could be coming to. I would love to plan a Summer BBQ if you want to help, please call me. I am always open to any ideas or help with anything. Let's keep working together bringing back fun things and raising money. Our Ladies Auxiliary is the best. Anyone who is interested in joining the Ladies Auxilary, please contact myself or Tara Mirenda. If you have not paid your dues, please send them in or bring to the meeting, we would love to see you all. Our next meeting is June 29th, Officers meeting 7:15pm and Regular meeting 7:30pm.

Working together we can do great things.

Ginger Smith, President







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## Calendar Events For June 2022

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY	5 CORN HOLE	6 BLOOD BANK 11:00 AM - 7:00 PM	7	8	9 RENTAL
10	11 DARTS	12 CORN HOLE	13	14	15	16 RENTAL
17 DD JEWEL CHANGE	18 DARTS	19 CORN HOLE	20 FOP	21	22	23 RENTAL
24	25 DARTS	26 CORN HOLE	27	28 REGULAR MEETING	29	30
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