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Your President's Message

Brother Shillelaghs,

I would first like to wish everyone and their families a Happy Holiday season. May the New Year bring everyone much success and happiness. This time of year is about enjoying time with family and friends. It is also the time of year when this club steps up to assist those who may need some help. We recently concluded our annual FSOS Jersey Shore Toy Drive. This undertaking from start to finish is really something to witness. Beginning with the full sized trailer being dropped off to when the gifts reached their local destinations to children in the Shore area. Among them was Jersey Shore University Medical Center pediatric unit and the 180 Turn Around. Many toys also went to individual local families as well. The success of this program was lead by John Carr and Brendan Dolan. They put many hours into this project. As always it was a smooth well-organized event. A special thanks to Mark Quirk for being Santa that day. Also a big thanks to all the volunteers who took part by donating their time.

On Saturday December 19th was our annual club Christmas Party along with the Super 50/50 drawing. It was a huge fundraiser for our club so that we can continue to distribute financial assistance for those in need. Congratulations to Rosco and Snuffy for reaching their goal of 400 tickets sold. A huge thanks as always to Joe Freeman, Tim Paris, and their boys for providing a wonderful dinner buffet that was fantastic. Thanks for all the hours that you put in to cooking and cleaning so that the members may enjoy the food you provide for us.

Saturday December 20th was our annual Children's Christmas Party. The turnout was outstanding as each child received a gift from our Santas (Dan Reilly and Ken Sherman). Thank you to the Hen Pen and the other volunteers for helping out with everything.

The new building final approvals have been submitted and we are just waiting for them to come back from the borough. Once this hurdle is cleared we will be finalizing the final step with our lender and builder and we will be ready to break ground. I encourage more members both new and old to become more involved with club events in the New Year. If you would like to help with any of our events please contact any Executive Board member.

Sincerely,

Steve Roberts

DATES TO REMEMBER

JANUARY

Wednesday, January 6
general membership meeting 7:30 pm.

Sundays throughout the month- Belmar/Lake Como Saint Patrick's Day Parade fundraisers. See flier for more information.

Saturday, January 30
Carmie Brady Foundation wine tasting 6:00 pm. See a Brady for more information/tickets.

Saturday, January 30
Pipes and Drums of the Jersey Shore Steak Bake 7:00 pm. Tickets \$40 each. See band column or a band member for information/tickets.

FEBRUARY

Wednesday, February 4
general membership meeting 7:30 pm.

Throughout the month- Belmar/Lake Como Saint Patrick's Day Parade fundraisers. See flier for more information.

Sunday, February 14
VALENTINE'S DAY!!! SPEND TIME WITH YOUR WIFE/SIGNIFICANT OTHER (your welcome).

Saturday, February 20
NJ Special Olympics Polar Bear Plunge, Seaside, NJ. For more info go to <https://www.classy.org/seaside-heights/events/2016-plunge-at-seaside/e55366> or see Danny Reilly.

Good News...

Congratulations to our President Steve Roberts, a coach with the Middletown South High School Football Team. The Screaming Eagles won the NJSIAA Group IV state championship and finished the season ranked #1 in New Jersey!

Do you have good news to report... a promotion? Award? Retirement? New baby or grandchild? Send your information to info.fsosbelmar@gmail.com and we'll share it in the upcoming newsletter.

If you have an event or announcement you'd like placed in the newsletter, please forward all information to info.fsosbelmar@gmail.com by 20th of the month (in order to get it into the following month's newsletter). The executive board has final say over the contents of the newsletter. Newsletter requests will be handled on a case-by-case basis.



SANTA WAS AT THE BAR A TOY COLLECTION,
THANKS TO HIS FRIEND PAUL TAYLOR



SHILLELAGH KIDS ENJOY THE CLOWN
AT THE CHRISTMAS PARTY!



SANTA, A FRIEND OF DANNY REILLY'S, WAS A
GUEST AT THE CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY!

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JOE FREEMAN COOKING
UP A HOLIDAY STORM!



SANTA'S SHILLELAGH ELVES (TOY DELIVERY)



President (and coach) Steve Roberts poses with the trophy and a couple of players from the Middletown South state championship football team!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SHILLELAGH SUPER 50/50 WINNERS...

1st- #303 \$ 13,400

2nd- #058 \$ 4,000

3rd- #126 \$1,400

4th- # 275 \$ 600

5th- # 282 \$ 200

6th- # 007 \$ 200

7th- # 044 \$ 200

ATTENTION MEMBERS

Please make sure that you sign in any/all guests in the book next to the front door. Please keep in mind that your guests may only visit while you are in attendance and, as a member, you are responsible for them as long as they are at the club.



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**SUNDAY, JANUARY 10, 2016
MANASQUAN BEACH HOUSE
390 Main St., Manasquan, NJ 2 pm to 6 pm
Entertainment ~ Hot & Cold Buffet
Donation \$15.00 732-251-9840**

**SUNDAY JANUARY 17, 2016
FRIENDLY SONS OF THE SHILLELAGH
Route 18 South-Old Bridge, NJ 3 pm to 7 pm
Irish Music & FSOS Pipes & Drums ~ Hot & Cold Buffet ~ Complimentary Drink
Donation \$15.00 732-251-9840**

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 31, 2016
BAR ANTICIPATION
703 16th Ave., Lake Como, NJ 2 pm to 6 pm
The Snakes ~ Hot & Cold Buffet ~ Complimentary Drink
Donation \$15.00 732-681-7422**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2016
CONNOLLY STATION
715 Main Street, Belmar, NJ 2 pm to 6 pm
Entertainment ~ Hot & Cold Buffet
Donation \$15.00 732-280-2266**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2016
BOAT HOUSE BAR & GRILL
1309 Main St., Belmar NJ 2 pm to 6 pm
Entertainment ~ Hot & Cold Buffet
Donation \$15.00 732-681-5221**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2016
AN EVENING OF IRISH CULTURE
At the Waterview Pavilion
800 River Road, Belmar, NJ 7 pm to 11 pm
Entertainment ~ Dinner ~ Open Bar
\$65 Per Ticket 732-280-2648**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 2016
INVESTITURE MASS at St. Rose Church
601 7th Ave. Belmar, NJ 10 am
INVESTITURE LUNCHEON immediately following at
MIKE DOOLAN'S Rt. 71, Spring Lake Heights
Luncheon Donation \$30.00 732-280-2648**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 2016
ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE 12:30 MAIN ST. LAKE COMO & BELMAR
Information: 732-280-2648, P.O. Box 331 Belmar, NJ 07719
www.belmarparade.com e-mail: info@belmarparade.com**

**Bag Pipes at all Fund Raisers
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The Pipes and Drums of the Jersey Shore ~ January 2016

I hope Santa was good to all of you and your families! Parade Season is on the horizon already! Winter has set in.....well on the calendar it has but Mother Nature has been providing a rather unique fall/beginning of winter. People were on the beach and mowing lawns in December! The local boardwalks have been crowded with walkers/runners and bikes since summer ended. Personally, I hope parade day holds the same 65 degree/sunny weather we have had for quite some time now.

The band will hold rehearsals twice week as we prepare for Parade Season which is right around the corner! Let's hope Dunphy's been a good boy so Santa can bring him a new practice chanter!

We are having a Steak/Bake Dinner for our first fundraiser in quite a few years on January 30th at the South Wall Fire house on Atlantic Ave. Info is below:



We are also in the home stretch for selling raffle tickets to offset costs to ship drums and other equipment to Ireland for the Rose of Tralee International Festival in August 2016. The drawing is March 6 (Belmar parade day). As always on behalf of the Pipe Band, thank you so much for your continuing support especially in this what could be a once in a lifetime opportunity for the band to participate in the Rose of Tralee International Festival. We will perform in 2 or 3 parades and an addition 2 or 3 events during the 3 day festival. \$20 a chance – please see me or any other band member for your chance to go to Ireland with the Pipe Band!

As with any organization, growth is key to being successful in the long term. That said, **WE ARE PUTTING YOU (yes YOU)** on the lookout for anyone you know that wants to learn to play. Learning how to play bagpipes or drums is a great way to be involved with the band, club, your Irish Heritage and of course to do something fun! NOW is the time to start learning! Stop by at a rehearsal to talk to us on any Tuesday evening at the Ascension Church in Bradley Beach (in the gym), at 6:30pm for beginners and 7pm for band members. If you already know how to play bagpipes or drums & want to join the band, just head over to practice on a Tuesday evening and check us out. Our email is band@jspipesanddrums.com which can be accessed by visiting our website at www.jspipesanddrums.com or talk to any band member for information.

Slainte,

Ray Spengler

Next Meeting

Wednesday, January 6th

7:30pm

PHONE TREE

If you haven't received any calls from the phone tree in the last few weeks, you are not in the loop.

Contact *Ed Hunter* at 732-664-2549 and have your phone number added to the list.

HAVING A SMALL PARTY?

The room upstairs is perfect for certain events (50 people or less). Jim Dunne has volunteered to help the Party Room Committee with booking the parties and confirm availability of dates. Please call Jim Dunne at 732-681-2659 with all your room rental questions.

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