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TWO BIG ‘THUMBS UP’ FOR AMCOMC’S 2016 HOLIDAY PARTY!

This year’s event was held on Saturday, January 21, 2017 at MJ’s at The Buttonwood Manor and it was a spectacularly elegant affair. The entire ballroom was staged beautifully and represented our club perfectly with our colors being displayed all around. From the red napkins that matched our logo to the beautiful linens and underlays on the tables, the staff at the Buttonwood Manor made sure that even the smallest details were perfect. The tables were set with beautiful flower bouquets, which added ambiance to our event.

We have five attentive, kind servers on hand to assist our members and their guests with their every whim. There was a full-service bar and bartender on duty to mix up any beverages that our guests wanted to procure for themselves. Our Maître D’ was attentive to everyone’s needs and even doubled as our carving station attendant. As a bonus, the club fronted the cost for a roast beef carving station for those in attendance.

The delicious appetizers kicked off the buffet with fresh mozzarella and tomatoes, tossed salads, fruit platters, crudité platters, cheese platters, and the fresh shrimp and calamari salads were to die for. As we mentioned, the carving station was an added featured treat to top off the six delicious dishes served – sausage and peppers, chicken marsala, hot and spicy shrimp over rice, beef tips, penne vodka, and the softest, tastiest potatoes and sautéed veggies you’ll ever eat.

Talk about having your cake and eating it too – boy, that is what we all did! To top off the delicious custard and fruit-filled cake (with our club logo and name on the top, courtesy of our hosts at the Buttonwood), we also enjoyed fresh coffee with assorted mini pastries and cookies for everyone to enjoy.

This was one of those great events that our members will remember for time to come... and that was just the food! We managed to secure giveaways from a large number of our member sponsors and the excitement was everywhere as we made it possible for every attendee to walk away with (AT LEAST!) one prize.

The club as a whole owes a HUGE thank you to our Member Sponsor and our gracious host at Buttonwood

Manor, Sue Fitzgerald. With her help and the assistance of her staff, we were able to enjoy a perfectly executed holiday party. Sue’s courteous pricing and special food considerations secured our club a sensational deal, covering everything from A-to-Z. The food was excellent and the venue space was magnificent – thank you for an excellent event!

We cannot say enough about our Member Sponsors who showered our events with so many gifts. We would like to thank each and every Member Sponsor for their kindness and generosity throughout the year and always. So many of our sponsors donated gifts, making this event so memorable for everyone. Our Sponsors who contributed are Manny Konstantinidis of the New Monmouth Diner, Jen Palmieri of SuperCuts, Tom O’Neill of Advance Auto Parts in Middletown, Ken Van Wickle of Van Wickle Auto Parts/NAPA Car Parts, Peter Bruncati of Bronc Shine, Stu Berg of Berg Animal Hospital, Jeff Cruz of the Monmouth County Concours D’Elegance, Nicole Stoeber of the Painted Flame, LLC, and Sue Fitzgerald of MJ’s at the Buttonwood Manor. Again, thank you to all of our 2016 Member Sponsors! We hope that you consider sponsoring us again in 2017 and onward!

2016 SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR

A special award was presented at our holiday event to our 2016 Sportsman of the Year recipient, Mr. Jim Cattelona. Jim has demonstrated commitment and dedication to our club, going over and beyond the call of duty. Jim has always been the person to step up to the plate to volunteer for club activities. We salute you, Jim! Thank you for always being you! Great job!

CHARITY EVENT SUCCESSFUL

The CentraState Healthcare Foundation’s 55th Celebration Ball with a “Havana Nights” theme was a great success. From the foundation’s website: “More than \$235,000 was raised for the Pediatric Center at CentraState, where our littlest patients and their families will be treated and have a comfortable place to heal from illness.” We supplied two antique cars – Bernie and Trudy Merer with their 1950 Chevy and Jack Torres with his 1957 Metropolitan.



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FROM THE GAVEL



Wow, what a holiday event! I can't say enough about our Member Sponsors. It is thanks to their financial support that we are able to bring the many treats to our members all year long (refreshments at car events, pizza nights at certain meetings, picnics, and holiday events!). It is with that in mind that I would like to challenge each of you to help secure a new Member Sponsor of your own. I would love to see each member seek out and sign up someone you may know that can help our cause. Automotive-related sponsors are appreciated so that we can support their business directly, but it is not required. New Member Applications are available at every club meeting or feel free to ask any of the Executive Board members (above) for assistance with the paperwork.

I would also like to recognize an individual for his hard work and dedication to the club. He was vital in making our holiday event so successful. He is our newly renamed Administrative Director (voted upon and accepted during our January 2017 meeting), Sean Fitzgerald. He is a person with many different talents and attributes and we salute you, Sean. Thank you for your service to the club and always ensuring that we are in order – an excellent job as always!

Wishing you endless miles and memories,

Jack

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