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FROM THE PRESIDENT

I hope this finds everyone well. Many thanks to everyone that helped with St Anns Feast and The Oyster festival. Both were a great success and earned money this year. I want to send a special thanks to those of you that help to set up and tear down the equipment needed for these affairs. These men and women work hard behind the scene to help make it all possible. I appreciate all the energy our members put into selling raffle tickets. Please remember to always return any unsold tickets as a full accounting is required by state law.

Although these are our most prominent events, there are many events that require your help and support (see event list). So plan to get involved with your club, come and help with or attend these events, after all it is your club. Two important dates that come to mind are Oct. 9th, Italian Heritage Day at the Wall on West Av. at 1pm followed by a mass and a meal at the club. Also Oct 15th which is our Charity Dinner Dance where you will see where some of our donations will go. It's going to be a good time and a nice dinner at only \$35 per person.

God bless you all, *Joe Valiante*

FROM THE LADIES AUXILLARY PRESIDENT

As our very long and HOT summer comes to an end, I must mention my heartfelt gratitude to our members for their outpouring of devotion and hard work during our two major events. You all endured the oppressive heat the week of our Feast and the soggy grounds at the Oyster Festival - and yet you were there! I was personally honored to be with my sisters and brothers, working side by side, together as one.

We have lots planned for the upcoming Auxillary meetings including the recitation of the Rosary (beginning at 7:00 p.m.), Birthright Shower and membership appreciation at our October meeting; a guest nutritionist at our November meeting (7:00 p.m.) and collection of Christmas donations and gift cards for the Children's Bank beginning now and continuing until our December meeting. (These are children and their siblings in a crisis situation and in foster care as the result of sexual and physical abuse) I am very proud that the Auxillary contributed nearly \$1,500 in donations & gift cards to this sad and heartbreaking cause in 2010. Lisa Caruso will also be at our December meeting with her beautiful Jewelry for sale - you can even do some Christmas shopping - so please try to attend these meetings.

Looking ahead - thank you to Maria Chuhta & her committee for once again chairing the Children's Christmas Party and Doris Chiappetta & Jean Denaro for Chairing the Auxillary Christmas Party. I want to wish all our members and their families a Blessed and Peaceful Holiday Season.

Finally, I can't believe my first year as Auxillary President is almost over. I would like to thank both the Men's and Auxillary Boards and the entire membership for all your support. It has truly been my pleasure to serve The St. Ann Club in this capacity. During these past months I have been overwhelmed by the generosity, compassion, devotion and pride of our members - and I am so grateful to have had this amazing opportunity.

Kind regards and gratitude,

Kind regards and gratitude, *Betty Tavella Brink*

ST ANN'S CLUB DONATES FUNDS FOR HOMELESS FEMALE VETERANS

By Leslie Lake of the Hour

When the St. Ann's charitable committee met in May to decide which local organization would benefit from its June golf tournament, committee member Sal Fratino made the decision an easy one. Fratino suggested the donation be made to Homes for the Brave-Female Soldiers, Forgotten Heroes, dedicated to providing transitional housing and support to homeless veterans. The fund would go to the local initiative for homeless female veterans, spearheaded by Shalini Madaras, mother of PFC Nicholas Madaras, the 19 year old Wilton soldier killed by a roadside bomb in Sept. 2006 while serving in Iraq. Touched both by the plight of female veterans and the efforts of Madaras to honor her son's memory, the group recently presented a check to Homes for the Brave for \$15,000, to be used to help refurbish the PFC Nicholas A. Madaras Home in Bridgeport. The home will provide transitional housing for up to 15 homeless female veterans and their children up to age 2. Additional services provided include vocational training, job placement, life skills coaching and case management. Madaras became aware of the need for aid to female soldiers while working on her other initiative, Kick for Nick "I realized there was a huge need for female soldiers" she said. "We decided that this would be a great program. I did some research and found that if we could raise 40 percent of the money needed for the home, the Veterans Administration would contribute 60 percent. I began to contact friends and after our last gala, we had raised 100 percent of the needed funds." According to Madaras there are more than 7000 homeless female veterans living across the U.S. with more than 200 in Connecticut. While there are 158 transitional supportive housing beds in Connecticut fewer than five of these are for women.

After four years of grant writing and fundraising Madaras' efforts raised 40 percent of the \$1.3 million needed to purchase and refurbish the 96 year old former rooming house in Bridgeport . The balance of the funds came from the Veterans Administration. The ribbon cutting at the home on Elmwood Ave. will take place Oct. 21st. "that was Nick's birthday. He would have been 25 years old," Madaras said. Madaras' other effort in her son's memory, The Kick For Nick program is dedicated to collecting and sending soccer balls to Iraqi children. "Nick loved the sport and asked us to send him a few balls so he could distribute them in Baqubha. Sadly, he never got the chance to do this." Madaras writes on the Kick for Nick website. For information on donations go to www.homesforthebrave.org or www.kickfornick.org or shalnimad@aol.com

OCTOBER IS ITALIAN HERITAGE MONTH

ITALIAN AMERICAN DEMOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

There are nearly 15 million people who have identified themselves as Italian American in the 1990 U.S. census, the Population Division of the U.S. Census Bureau reports. The Census Bureau estimates, however, that 1 out of 10 Americans has some Italian blood, bringing the total number of Americans of Italian descent to 26 million.

Italian Americans are the fifth largest ethnic group in the United States, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. The four larger groups are: the Germans, Irish, English and African Americans.

The average Italian American still lives in the city in which he was raised, has attended at least one year of college and has an average family income of about \$33,000 per year, according to a survey of the National Opinion Research Center (NORC) at the University of Chicago.

Italian Americans are evenly split among the three political parties: 35 percent Republican; 32 percent Democrat; and 33 percent Independent, according to the NORC. No matter their political orientation, Italian Americans tend to support liberal social causes: 89 percent would vote for a woman president; 55 percent are pro-choice; and more than 60 percent think the government should spend more on health, education and the poor.

Italian Americans either make up 15 percent of the population or number more than 1 million in the following states:

California 1,500,000, Connecticut 650,000, Massachusetts 845,000, New Jersey 1,500,000, New York 2,900,000 Pennsylvania 1,400,000, Rhode Island 200,000.

Italian Americans are also found in significant numbers in 15 other states, including Florida (800,000); Illinois (730,000), Ohio (640,000); Michigan (412,000); Texas (314,000) and Maryland (253,000).

ITALIAN AMERICAN INNOVATORS

Italian Americans created many of the familiar items we enjoy every day.

The Jacuzzi hot tub and spa were invented by the Jacuzzi family, whose family of seven sons and six daughters came to America in 1907. In 1915, they formed the Jacuzzi Brothers Incorporated, which supplied the American military with propellers. In 1926, they developed the deep well (jet) water pump that led to the famous whirlpool bath.

Mr. Coffee, the best-selling coffee maker in the world, was invented by Vince Marotta, who also developed a better way to extract oil from coffee beans and invented the paper coffee filter. Since 1972, more than 50 million Mr. Coffees have been sold. An estimated 10 billion Mr. Coffee paper filters are sold annually.

The convertible sofa was invented by Bernard Castro (1904-1991) who came from Italy and opened an upholstery shop in New York in 1931. In 1945, he invented the famous space-saving sofa that even a child could open.

Chef Boyardee, the man behind the nation's leading brand of spaghetti dinners, pizza mix, sauce and pasta, was really Ettore Boiardi, an Italian immigrant from Emilia Romagna. Boiardi, who began as a chef's apprentice at age 11, eventually opened a restaurant in Cleveland, Ohio in 1924 and began packaging pasta and sauce for his customers to take home. In the 1930s, he began selling his pasta and sauce in cans. A food distributor convinced him to change the spelling of his name to make it easier for Americans to pronounce. During World War II, the company was the largest supplier of rations for the U.S. and Allied Forces.

The Big Mac, McDonald's sandwich classic, was invented by Jim Delligatti owner of a McDonald's franchise in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Since its introduction in 1967, more than 14 billion Big Macs have been sold, making it the most popular sandwich in the world.

Antonio Meucci invented the telephone in 1871, five years before Alexander Graham Bell, but the impoverished inventor did not have the funds (about \$25.00) to file a patent.

The popular Radio Flyer red wagon was created by Antonio Pasin, an immigrant Italian carpenter in 1917. Pasin began making the wagon he called the Liberty Coaster, after the Statue of Liberty, one of his first sights in America. Today, his grandson, Robert Pasin is the president of the Chicago-based Radio Flyer Inc, which he runs with his brothers, Antonio and Paul. The company's 100 employees manufacture about 8,000 wagons a day.

The chocolate bar exists today in part thanks to Domenico Ghirardelli. In 1867, he perfected a method to make ground chocolate. Today, Ghirardelli chocolate is sold all over the world, including the square in San Francisco named after him, where his chocolate factory - now a shopping center -- still stands.

Mr. Peanut and the Planters Peanut Company were created by Amedeo Obici and Mario Peruzzi, two Italian immigrants. Obici, who came to America from Oderzo in 1889, began selling five-cent bags of peanuts on the street. In 1897, he took Peruzzi as his partner. By 1930, the two had four huge factories, and raked in over \$12 million annually. Today the Planters Peanut Company has over 5,000 employees.

The cough drop was created by Vincent R. Ciccone, who began his career in the 1930s as a janitor at the Charms Candy Co. and retired as the company's president and chief executive officer. Ciccone secured 20 patents, including the "Blow Pop," a lolly pop with a bubble gum center. He died at age 81 in 1997.

Charles Atlas, born Angelo Siciliano, invented the body-building technique called "Dynamic Tension" in 1921 and was dubbed "America's Most Perfectly Developed Man" by Physical Culture magazine. By the 1950s, the former Coney Island janitor, had over one million followers. He died in 1972 at age 79 while jogging too soon after a heart attack.

The ice cream cone was invented by an Italian immigrant to New Jersey named Italo Marcioni in 1896.

The three-way light bulb was invented by Alessandro Dandini, who patented more than 22 inventions, including the rigid retractable automobile top and the spherical system, which concentrates and extracts solar energy. Dandini came to the U.S. in 1945, and taught at the University of Nevada in Reno. He held degrees in science, languages, hydraulic engineering and classical literature. He died in 1991 at age 88.

Bernard Cousino (1902-1994) held more than 76 patents on audiovisual equipment, including the eight-track tape player and the automobile tape deck. In 1994, just days before his death, he filed a patent for a continuous loop video cassette that allows VCRs to play tapes repeatedly without rewinding.

T'S GETTING TO BE THE SEASON

The Children's Christmas Party will kick off the Holiday Season on Dec 4th at 2 p.m. Contact Maria Chuhta for information.

OYSTER FESTIVAL CREW DINNER

On the last day of the Oyster Festival a dinner of salad, roast beef sandwiches, and fruit platters was donated and expertly prepared and served to a hungry volunteer crew. A member of the woman's auxiliary, who wishes to remain anonymous, did this for us and we wish to thank her for her gracious contribution.

AUGUST SEAFOOD SUPREAM MENS DINNER

There is usually not a mens' dinner in August, but this year there was a very nice one planned and produced by Pat and Donna Cutrone and Mike and Jen Veno and our usual cast of waiters and others. I don't often write about past dinners, but this one was too good not to at least mention it. A great menu was prepared to perfection. If you like seafood don't miss the next one.

JANUARY GAME DINNER

The game dinner will be held on January 5th 2012. Reserve your seats early as this is always a sell out event.

NEW MEMBERS.

Valentino Ciccone. Honorary member sworn in at the July meeting. Sponsored by Nick Cappuccia. Valentino works as an architectural molder. He has provided the display for the statue of St. Ann at our club and for that has been made an honorary member.

Joseph Dudas sponsored by Ken Komano. Retired from CL&P where he worked for 39 years. He has been sworn in at the Sept. meeting.

Robert Mossop sponsored by Joe Valiante. He is a fire fighter in Norwalk and has been sworn in at the Sept meeting.

PLEASE READ

Any one wishing to contribute to this newsletter is encouraged to do so. Please contact Eric Fleisch at 847-7669 or by e-mail at BIGE101@optonline.net. The next edition will be sent on or about January 1st 2012.

SICK OR HOSPITALIZED MEMBERS

If you know any member that is sick or hospitalized contact J. Ruggiero at 866-1477, for men. For the Ladies Auxiliary contact Barbara Antonelli at (203) 866-3953.

A gift basket and card will be sent. If anyone knows of an Auxiliary member who has been permanently placed in a nursing home please contact Betty Brink with the information at (203) 847-8133. (we would like to keep in touch with them by sending a card.

ADDRESS CHANGES AND E-MAIL ADDRESSES

Address changes should be directed to Ken Romano 866-8840 or 442-3104 for the men, and for the Ladies Auxiliary to Camille Andreozi at (203) 849-0199

Please send your E-Mail address to Louis Salcito at LOU1030@AOL.COM so we can compile a list to keep you better informed on a timely basis.

Thank You, *the Editor*

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October

1.....Oldies, Déjà Vu,. *Pizza \$20.00*
5Men's Meeting
6.....Ladies Meeting
8.....D.J. Night
9.....Heritage Wall 1:00 P.M.
15.....Charity Dinner
20.....Women's Dinner
22.....D.J. Night
24.....Women's Bocce Dinner
26.....Men's Dinner
29.....Karaoke Night

November

2.....Men's Meeting
3.....Ladies Meeting
12.....D.J. Night
17.....Ladies' Dinner
19.....Karaoke Night
26.....D.J. Night
30.....Men's Dinner

December

3.....D.J. Night
4.....Children's Christmas Party
7.....Men's Meeting
8.....Ladies' Christmas Party
10.....D.J. Night
17.....Men's Dinner
31.....New Years Eve Party