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Saint Ann Club

16 HENDRICKS AVENUE

Mother of Mary, Inc.

NORWALK, CT 06851



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## DISPATCH NEWS

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ST ANN NEWSLETTER JANUARY FEBRUARY MARCH 2018

## ATTENTION MEMBERS

*The parking lot at St Anns has been newly painted and very clearly reflects fire lanes and no parking zones. New signs will be posted as to where you can recover your car if you insist on parking in these areas. A recent medical emergency at the club was hindered by inconsiderate drivers who apparently feel that rules do not apply to them. Fedor Autobody and Towing has been authorized to make random and frequent checks and tow any offenders. Please consider yourself warned.*

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

I want to wish all our members a very Merry Christmas and a happy and peaceful New Year. Our club continues to thrive and grow stronger because of all the selflessness and hard work of its members. There are events almost every week end. There is a very special event on March 17th and I hope we will fill the club that night. Because of what goes on at St Anns there are many charities that benefit. Many people have better lives because of what we do, and we have fun doing it. I continue to remain receptive to your ideas and concerns and will always be available.

Sincerely,  
 Nicandro Cappuccia

## FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE LADIES AUXILIARY

As 2017 came to a close, the Ladies Auxiliary enjoyed a Christmas dinner as a thank you from the Club. It was a wonderful evening where we reveled in the camaraderie of our sister members, feasted on a delicious dinner, sang and danced to the holiday music, and some were even lucky to win a lovely gift.

All in all, from our Ladies Dinners and Raffles to our last project for the year—the Holiday Fair, we enjoyed much success from our fundraisers. Not to be dismissed were our member and community events such as the children's Halloween and Christmas parties, our donations to Project from the Heart and the children's supplies we donated for the Kindergarten classes at the Marvin School.

None of this could have been accomplished without the generosity and volunteer help from our members...both women and men. Congratulations!... You are all Rock Stars! Because of your efforts, our Club remains very well respected in the community. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Now, I look forward to working with all of you in the coming year. My best wishes to you for a peaceful, happy and prosperous 2018!  
 Camille Andreozzi

## WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

On December 12th, our club hosted a dinner for the convoy for Wreaths Across America. Each year, the convoy travels from Columbia Falls, Maine to Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia. Over 175 people make the trip regardless of weather conditions in cars, trucks motorcycles to escort eighteen wheel semis carrying almost 250,000 wreaths to be placed on the markers of deceased veterans of our military in Arlington on December 16th. The club volunteers were presented with a beautiful wreath at the dinner that is being proudly displayed throughout the holiday season at the club.

On December 16th, while the ceremony is commencing in Arlington, ceremonies are held simultaneously at noon at over 1200 cemeteries across the United States and a total of over 1.2 million wreaths are placed on markers across the U.S.

In Darien, at the designated official veteran's cemetery at Spring Grove, our club was invited at their ceremony to present a wreath representing one of the branches of our armed forces. 2,184 wreaths were then placed on every marker in the cemetery.

For those wanting to know more about the organization you can visit their website and lastly, we thank each and every person who took the time to volunteer for this event.

Submitted by Sal Fratino

## JANUARY

3	Joint Meeting	8:00
6	Private Party	
11	Game Dinner	
13	EVERYTHING ELVIS	
	Featuring all Elvis Music	
18	Womens Dinner	7:30
20	COASTAL GROOVE BAND	
	BBQ Food truck will be present to buy food	
	Dance lessons with Maria Flora available \$15	
27	DJ DOM	7:30
31	Mens Dinner	7:30

## FEBRUARY

1	Womens Meeting	7:30
3	KARAOKE WITH LEIGH HENRY	
7	Mens Meeting	8:00
10	VALENTINES DANCE \$35	
	Contact Tony Cappuccia 203 515 7706	
15	Womens Dinner	7:30
17	PARKER AVE BAND	
23	Malta House Dinner	
24	Private Party	
28	Mens Dinner	7:30

## MARCH

1	Womens Meeting	7:30
3	OUTSIDE CHANCE BAND	
10	Private Party	
15	Womens Dinner	7:30
17	ST JOSEPHS--ST PATRICKS DANCE HONORING JOE VALIANTE	
	Contact Tony Cappuccia \$35	
24	DJ DOM	7:30
28	Mens Dinner	7:30
31	Easter weekend no Entertainment	

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## CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS TOY DRIVE

A special thank you to all the club members that participated in the St. Ann Club's Christmas Toy Drive for the underprivileged and abused children that Norwalk Human Services (Children's Connection) help each year. It was a big success!

Thanks to the generosity of the members, we delivered many toys, clothing and sporting equipment that will surely bring these children some happiness and show them that Santa did not forget them. Spearheaded by Mike Tolla, Thank you, Mike

## MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OF OUR ESTEEMED MEMBERS OF THE ST ANN'S CLUB.

### ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS

My name is Chuck Goulart I am a new member of the St Ann's club. At my first meeting I heard that the Club was having difficulty getting volunteers to help at the monthly dinners. I asked how many members do we have, and they told me 580. So why is it that only 20 or 30 members are signing up for all of the dinners and getting burnt out? It must be because many of the other members must not be aware of the need. The old saying "many hand make light work" comes to mind. In theory we should have enough members that each person only would have to sign up for one dinner every 3 years. Truth is we need you. We are all busy and we have many responsibilities especially this time of year.

The St Ann's club runs and functions to raise money for so many different charitable groups in our community and it only happens through many of the fund raisers. The club also has to cover the monthly overhead expenses which keep the lights on and the building warm.

During this meeting I volunteered to help the club reach out to many of our members through email. This is the reason for this email form link.

Below click this link and it will bring you to a volunteer sign up form for our dinners. Please fill out the following Name, Email, phone number, then on each dinner date click if you available or not then submit at the bottom. We currently only need waitresses and waiters to work the dinners. It is really fun work, you get to meet other members and enjoy great food.

If you have any issues with the form please contact me. Thank you in advance for your support of the St Ann's club. <https://goo.gl/forms/vGa59FjOZORS0xCb2>  
Chuck Goulart 203-943 0961

"Your talent is God's gift to you. What you do with it is your gift back to God."

## A DAY IN THE HISTORY OF OUR CLUB

January 6th, 1950 Regular and Special meeting minutes.

President: Victor Camarota, Vice President: John Santopietro, Treasurer: Joe Rodonto, Corresponding Secretary: Andrew Taloni, Financial Sec: John De Fines, Trustees: Angelo Santella, John Di Pietro and Herman Oman, Sergeant at Arms: Mike Passarelli.

House Committee was selected by the President as follows: Herman Oman, John Di Pietro, Mike Passarelli, Anthony Cardillo and Anthony Garcia. Meeting opened at St Ann hall by Vic Camarota our President presiding. Our President called on Vincent Camarota to install the new officers. He wished them all luck and hoped that they all do a good job for the coming year. Each officer for the year 1949 was gifted a present for their work. A motion was made and seconded that we give the former Bar Manager the same present as the previous year. A motion was made and seconded by Vic Camarota.

The record becomes a bit fuzzy at this point but apparently there was some type of auction. The record continues, Angelo Santella as our auctioneer and Tony Cardillo was the highest bidder at \$85.00.

Report of the New Years Eve Party by Angelo Santella states that the club barely came out in the clear.

A law was made by the President that in the future that no silver ware articles will leave the club.

The President appointed Angelo Santella, Vincent Camarota and Joe Santella to read the ritual when we go to see a deceased member of our organization.

Reading of the Financial Report was read by the president showing a good profit.

Ralph Malgese, John Di Petro and Frank Rotondo were named on a committee for a caravel dance to be given in the month of February sometime.

The meeting closed with a sound hour following.

Editors Note: This was transcribed from the original hand written minutes and although every effort was made to transcribe it as written some parts were very difficult to read.

Expenses for the month of December 1949

Income

Loss on Italian Show	53.00
Dues	41.00
Springwood Florist (Bouquet for Patsy Cutrone)	3.06
Honorary member (Max Rasken)	5.00
Leo Caseria Happy Italian Hour. Advertising for the Italian show	17.50
Rent of hall	80.00
Anthony Caruso Newspaper	2.88
Rent of chairs	<u>2.50</u>
Star Press Postcards and Tickets	11.80

Total	128.50
South Norwalk Electric Works	34.64
Louis Di Pietro & Son Checking heaters	10.50
Meeker Coal Co. Fuel oil	60.18
Expenses	541.00
Hamblem Wilson Comp. Fire Insurance	191.25
Income	<u>128.50</u>
John Santapietro 10 lb wax 1 mop and handle	6.19
In The Red	412.50
John Barber Gift	<u>150.00</u>
Total	541.00

## SAINT JOSEPH DANCE TO HONOR JOE VALIANTE WITH BRONZE PLAQUE DEDICATION

This year on March 17th a special combination dance of St. Joseph and St. Patrick will be held to honor Joe Valiante. As most of you know Joe was a life long member and to say he was devoted to the club is an understatement. Recently when Joe Valiante Jr. and Sal Fratino were in Italy, they received a plaque to be presented to our club. The plaque was given by the Saint Ann Society of Jelsi to recognize the fund raising Joe had done over the years to support local projects and charities in Jelsi. It also commemorates the tireless effort Joe made to continue and to strengthen our ties to Jelsi and our roots in Italy.

The plaque, as presented, is of wood. The membership, via a floor vote, has decided to have it duplicated in bronze with Joe's likeness on it and mount it in the club. In fairness to outstanding past, present and future members a special raffle is being held to raise money for the plaque. There are only 200 chances to win an Apple iPad Mini, the tickets are available from Mike Gabrieli at \$10.00 each. Let us do Joe proud. Please support this effort and make this dance and raffle a sellout. Dinner Dance tickets; Tony Cappuccia 203 515 7706.

## SAINT ANN CLUB 2018 MEN'S LIFETIME MEMBERS

Michael Bredice  
Tony Bucciarelli  
Frank Felicissimo  
George Elio Iacono  
Paul Laracca  
Vincent Lavecchia  
Charles Robinson  
John Stanizeski

## NEW MEMBERS MEN

Joseph DiBartolomco, Norwalk, CT

## ADDRESS CHANGES AND E-MAIL ADDRESSES

In an effort to bring the club more into the electronic age we are asking that anyone with an e-mail address, who hasn't done so already, to please send it to Ken Romano. His e-mail address is [rmyken@aol.com](mailto:rmyken@aol.com). We will use these addresses to update events and schedules as well as save postage and be able to keep members informed on a timely basis.

If you move and need to change your physical address contact Carol Shannahan at 203-846-2140 or email her at [Shannahan776@gmail.com](mailto:Shannahan776@gmail.com).

## 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](mailto:BIGE101@optonline.net). The next edition will be sent on or about January 1, 2018

## SICK OR HOSPITALIZED MEMBERS

If you know any member that is sick or hospitalized please bring it to the attention of the Board of Directors or Eric Fleisch at 847-7669 or by e-mail at [BIGE101@optonline.net](mailto:BIGE101@optonline.net). For the ladies 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.