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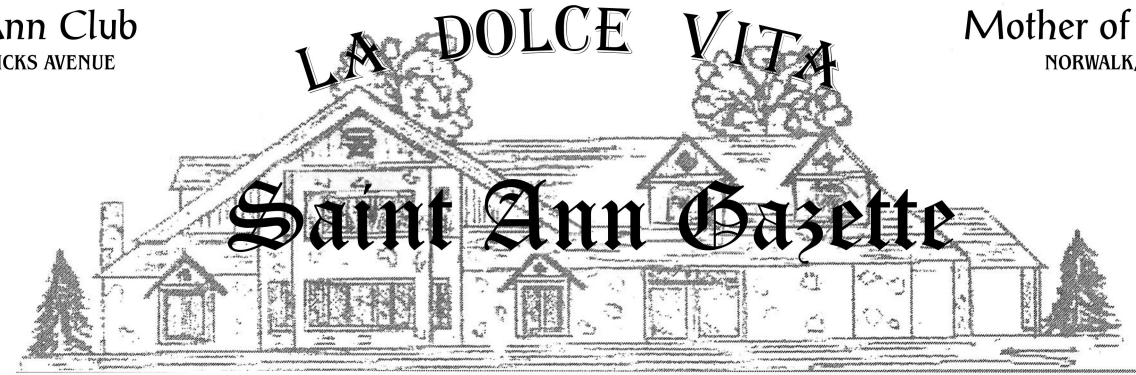
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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Fall is in the air! During this lovely time of the year let us be thankful for the many blessings that God has bestowed on the Saint Ann Club. Thank you, thank you, to the many volunteers for your assistance which resulted in a very successful Feast in July, this will assist us in continuing the traditions of this club. I believe that giving back through our donations to charitable causes in our community is what continues to be the reason the Saint Ann Club has been so blessed. The generosity of our volunteers make it possible to transform people's lives in positive ways. It has been my great honor to be the President of Saint Ann Club. We have many events planned for this season and I hope to see all of you there both as volunteers in traditional Saint Ann Club style, and also to take part in the festivities. As we watch the leaves turn color and wither off and die and then welcome the chill of the winter season, let us thank God for each other and the blessings of friendship we enjoy as members of the Saint Ann Club.
 - Your President, Guiseppe Tamburro

FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

Dear Fellow Members, thank you to those who volunteered your time and effort for our recent events; your dedication truly made a difference. We deeply appreciate your enthusiasm and commitment, which contributed greatly to our most successful July feast to date. However, we were disappointed that some members did not participate or offer support. We encourage those who have not yet volunteered to consider how you can contribute in the future. Every member's participation is valuable and can help us achieve our goals together. Let's work towards a more inclusive and collaborative environment moving forward. A chain is only as strong as its weakest link. Which link are you? We need leaders to chair our monthly dinners. The revenue we generate from these dinners is vital to supporting our club. Your involvement is crucial for the growth and sustainability of our club. I know that our members are capable of putting the Club above personal differences and let's all work together to secure St. Ann's Club's future. With the holidays approaching, I want to wish you all health, peace, and happiness.
 - Walter Cerretani, Chairman of the Board

THE PRESIDENT OF THE LADIES AUXILLIARY

Dear St. Ann's members,
 Welcome back from our summer break, hope all is well with everyone. Our feast was a great success. Thank you to all of our volunteers who came old and new to make it so great. We opened our September meeting with a mass. Thank you, Sister Lucy and Father Shidir for arranging that. It was heartfelt by everyone and also very special. On that day, our sister Maria Vozzo was having her heart transplant, which made it all the more special. Our bingo is doing well. Come and join on Monday evenings! There are many events coming in the following months, so look to the St. Ann's entertainment app. They will be listed there. Thank you to Camille for arranging the Feragusto trip, it was a full bus and a lot of fun and food. Our Ladies Christmas Party is planned for December 11th. Our membership has grown to over 335 women which means we are very limited for space. Therefore, we need ask for first come first serve. Reservations need to be made by November 15th. As always, prepaid tables, members only, and \$20 per person. Invitations will not be sent; we will need to be told either at meetings or call JoAnne at 203-847-5222.
 - Thank you, President JoAnne Guaglione

MARINA COMMITTEE

Chairman: Nick Kantzas
 Dock Master: Tom Donohue
 Assistant Dock Master: Jeff Wallace
 Secretary and Treasurer: Frank Felicissimo

EVENTS

OCTOBER

- 1 Ladies Bocce Dinner 5-10
- 2 Men's Meeting 8-9
- 3 Ladies Meeting 7:30-9:30
- 7 Bingo 5:30-9:30
- 9 Private Fireman's Dinner 7:30-11
- 13 Columbus Day Celebration 12-3
- 14 Columbus Day (No Bingo)
- 15 Private Stamford Bocce Dinner 7-11
- 17 Ladies Dinner \$30. 7:30-9:30
- 21 Bingo 5:30-9:30
- 26 Community Dinner 7-10
- 28 Bingo 5:30-9:30
- 30 Men's Dinner 7:30 - 9:30 \$35

NOVEMBER

- 6 Men's Meeting 8-9
- 7 Ladies Meeting 7:30-9:30
- 9 80's Dinner Dance 7-11
- 11 Veterans Day All Day
- 13 Private Norwalk Old Timers 12-5pm
- 16 Craft Fair Set up 5-10pm
- 17 Craft Fair 9am-5pm
- 21 Ladies Dinner \$30. 7:30-9:30
- 25 Bingo 5:30-9:30
- 27 Men's Dinner 7:30-9:30 \$35
- 28 Thanksgiving Day
- 30 Kids Xmas Party Set Up 7-9pm

DECEMBER

- 2 Bingo 5:30-9:30
- 4 Men's Meeting 8-9
- 5 Ladies Meeting 7:30-9:30
- 9 Bingo 5:30-9:30
- 11 Ladies Christmas Party 5-11
- 14 Men's Christmas Party 5-11
- 16 Bingo 5:30-9:30
- 23 Bingo 5:30-9:30
- 25 Merry Christmas Everyone
- 31 New years Eve Dinner Dance 7pm-1am

Please go to stannclub.org for more current, up to date information and or changes on dates and events. We try very hard to be up to date and accurate. It is very difficult to plan three months in advance. Come to the meetings and be more involved in our club. Special events are posted at the club. Dates for events are subject to change.

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MEMBERS STORIES REGARDING SAINT ANNS

When I moved to Norwalk from New York in 2002, I only knew a handful of people, most of whom were through work. I met a few more people here and there and one of them, Connie Szabo, asked me to join St. Ann's Club. During this time, my husband Michael was quite sick and, unfortunately, passed away. At that time, the Club really saved my life by providing me with what I like to call "A home away from home!" I volunteered as much as I could and have made wonderful friends with whom I share many happy times at dinners, family events, day trips and other social get togethers. Thank you, St. Ann! **From Camille Andrezzi**

THOMAS GAAL HAS THIS TO SAY

Here a suggestion for the spirit of the club: I think the club today is a piece of America we all love while preserving its Italian-American way of life, and the Italian way of life is something most immigrants and their children appreciate. It reminds them of their own values. It also preserves the immigrant and tradesman history of Norwalk. My parents are typical immigrants, father is a tradesman and mother stayed at home taking care of the family. Both wanted their first- generation American kids to have a better life.

It is wonderful today seeing how the club brings together all Americans - Italians, Mexicans, South Americans, Irish-Americans, etc., and me myself being a Hungarian-German-American. Please keep up pledging allegiance to the flag and having a priest say a blessing at club events, Tom Gaal (my father Gyula is a lifetime member, we always sit at the table with Louis DiBerardino) God bless America. I am proud to be at the dinners! **From Thomas Gaal**

ST. ANN'S STORY BY ANNA MASTROLILLO

The St Ann Club was on Ely Avenue for many years. My family lived at 139 Ely Avenue in a two-story building that was diagonally across from the Club. On the first floor of the building was the Hilltop Restaurant. In our backyard of our house was Mastrolillo's Poultry Market.

My Grandparents (Joseph and Alisa Mastrolillo) and my mom (Sarah Mastrolillo) and Dad (Nicholas Mastrolillo) were active members of St Ann Club. I joined the St Ann Club and was a member for two years then dropped out while I attended 2 years of college and then I rejoined... I believe I'm a member 37 plus years! Two years ago, I turned 65 and became a Lifetime Member. I know my Grandparents were active members, but I don't really know much about what exactly they did. I do know My Dad was very active in the Club and also was the Men's President for one year. My Dad cooked and helped out at numerous functions at the Club. He always had an apron on whether it was for a men's dinner or a picnic or any other event that happened at the Club you could always find my dad cooking. My Mom was very active too, and would help out wherever she could with Club events. Sadly, they both passed away in 2001 but they were active members up until their last year of life. I have been an active member since joining, helping out with many events. I am noted for my ability to sell raffle tickets and for my photography talent. I have volunteered by taking pictures for numerous events through the years and have sold many raffle tickets too. I also have helped out setting a lot of tables and I have helped out in other areas when possible.

One morning my dad and I had to go to the eye doctor... thankfully, I had taken the day off because the event that followed after the eye doctor was quite amazing.

When we came home from the eye doctor, we noticed across the street there was machinery that was getting ready to tear down the Ely Avenue St Ann Club. Thinking it would be interesting to watch my dad and I both went across the street. Luckily the timing was just right because they had not started the demolition.

While looking at the building we noticed that the cornerstone was still intact on the building and the shell for the statue was still standing in the backyard. I said to the demolition guys you have to wait you cannot destroy the cornerstone and the shell! They told me that there were no provisions to keep the cornerstone or the shell. I asked them to give me a few minutes... as I would make a phone call and be right back...I ran home and to be honest I don't remember who I called... my guess is I called the current president, but I'm not sure!

Whoever I spoke to said yes, please recover the cornerstone but don't worry about the shell. I immediately went back to the demolition guys and told him please give me a few minutes and I will get some guys to remove the cornerstone.

Luckily, it was later in the afternoon so there were men in the Hilltop Restaurant having a few beers. I asked a few of the guys if they would come out and help us get the cornerstone. They were more than willing to help and came out side.

At the time my dad owned an old yellow station wagon which he opened up the back and four guys, including my dad, Bob Copperweight and two other fellas lifted the cornerstone and put it in the back of my dad's station wagon... and we all transported the cornerstone over to the new club.

The Ely Avenue St Ann Club cornerstone is on our current club wall next to the new cornerstone. If it wasn't for my dad and I and the fellas that helped us from the Hilltop, the cornerstone would have been destroyed. It is nice to see the corner stone hanging on the wall, knowing that my dad and I had a major part in preserving it. **From Anna Mastrolillo**

BINGO AT SAINT ANNS

Dear Saint Ann members, Bingo has been going very well with an average of over 70 people a night and has been many as 110. We now feel it is possible to use an advertising logo on our two projection screens to give Business members a chance to sponsor a game of Bingo every Monday Night for a year, or half year. We do bingo about 48 times a year. There are 19 games, each about 10 minutes. The logo is on the lower left-hand side of the Bingo Board and is quite visible. We will also have on every table a laminated flyer of all sponsors with your ad or card on it so they need not jot it down. We will have copies for them to take home. The cost for an ad is \$500.00 that's a little more than \$10.00 a night for one year, or \$300.00 for a half year Jan – June or July- December. The year starts Jan. 1, 2025. The ads are available now and are free for the remainder of 2024. Sometime in November of 2025 we will ask for renewal for 2026. We just need a picture of your ad. If you have any questions, please call me or email me. Jack Zakhar Phone: 203-952-8516. E-mail: jzakhar@hotmail.com

TRUNK OR TREAT

Looking for members to come out and participate Sunday October 27th 2-6 for kids to have a safe place to trick a treat. So if you like to participate by decorating your trunk or donation your time or candy. Please contact Jacqueline: 347-780-6260.

HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR

Mark your calendars, The Holiday Craft Fair will be held on Sunday, November 17th from 10- 4 pm. We will again be asking for your support donating baked goods for the Bake Sale. Many great vendors, Sip and Shop, and always a yummy lunch from our St Ann's café. A great way to spend an afternoon with friends. Come out and support! Thank you, Patty Murphy

TO THE LADIES OF THE ST ANN'S AUXILLARY

The board had proposed we start a "Ladies Night Members Only" night where we could gather, and participate in many events, i.e. flower decorating, cookie swap, card/game night, book review, etc. We also proposed starting committees for day trips, a movie theater night, day trips to see plays, Rockettes, etc. We received a great response for ideas and people willing to chair. If you have an idea or would like to chair something, please contact Patty Murphy at: murphyp382@aol.com or 203-853-6685. Love to hear from you!

NEW MEMBER JOINS OUR CLUB

Anthony Calanca has been sworn in as a regular member and sponsored by Vincent Scicchitano. Anthony is with Calanca Business Associates (Business management). He is originally from Waukegan Il. And now resides in New Canaan. Welcome to Saint Anns.

TURNING 65 OR LEAVING YOUR EMPLOYER PLAN?

I can help you navigate the process of applying for Medicare & choosing a plan that best meets your needs. Medicare made simple. We can speak via phone or meet at the club. Available for members & non-members & anyone who can benefit from this free valuable informational service.

Gary A. Antonello *Medicare Solutions* 203.984.3737 or Gary@themorgangroup.net

~ A NEW FEATURE ADDED TO OUR NEWSLETTER, FEATURED RECIPES, AND HERE'S THE FIRST ONE ~

GONE TO HEAVEN RICOTTA, LIMONCELLO & ALMOND CAKE

Ingredients:

- 1 1/2 cups almond flour
- 3/4 cup all purpose Flour
- 1 cup ricotta cheese
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 3 eggs
- 7 Tbsp of butter
- Grated peel of 1 lemon + 2 tbsp of limoncello
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 cup slivered almonds
- A pinch of salt

Method: Melt butter in small saucepan and cool. In a bowl, sift both flours, baking powder and grated lemon peel, mix. In another bowl, beat the eggs with the sugar and salt until mixture is light and fluffy. Next, soften the ricotta with a fork and add to the egg mixture using mixer on low speed. Pour in the butter and limoncello slowly. Add the dry ingredients a little at a time, mixing well. Grease and flour a 9" x 2" baking pan and gently pour in mixture. Add the almonds on top and bake in pre-heated oven 350 degrees for 40 minutes or until a toothpick comes out clean. Remove from oven and allow to cool. Top with powdered sugar. ENJOY!

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

We will be holding the Children's Christmas Party on Sunday, December 1, 2024. The event will run from 12:30pm until 4:00pm and will be featuring our favorite Magician. Santa will be handing out presents and refreshments for the children.

This event will be for the children/grandchildren of members only, ten (10) years old and under with a limit of two (2) adults per family.

Please e-mail Ellen Marucci @ emaru10139@aol.com no later than **Friday, November 1, 2024**, with the following:

Name of member, child's name, child's age and gender. Looking forward to an exciting and festive event!

THIS IS IMPORTANT

If you have an E-mail address and have not provided it to St Anns, please do so by contacting Louis Imperato by phone at 203-984-2094 or bigalou@aol.com. This will help us to keep you informed about various happenings at the club on a timely basis.

PLEASE READ

Anyone wishing to contribute to this newsletter is encouraged to do so. Please contact Eric Fleisch at 203 847-7669 or by e-mail at bige101@optonline.net. The next edition will be sent on or about January 1, 2025

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 203 847-7669 or by e-mail at bige101@optonline.net. For the Ladies Auxiliary contact Ellen Marucci at (203) 847-5536. 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.