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MARINA COMMITTEE

Marina committee members:
 Chairman: Mike Devlin
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EVENTS (SUBJECT TO CHANGE OF COURSE)

APRIL

1 Ladies Meeting 7:30
 5 April 8 Food drive
 7 Mens Meeting
 7 Blood Drive Christina Kantzas
 9 Club Opens. St Ann Café DJ DOM
 15 Ladies Dinner
 16 Pizza No Music
 28 Mens Dinner

MAY

5 Mens Meeting
 6 Ladies Meeting 7:30
 7 Blood Drive & Bake Sale
 8 Craft Fair Toni Wallace
 20 Ladies Dinner
 26 Mens Dinner

JUNE

2 Mens Meeting
 3 Ladies Meeting 7:30
 5 Flea Market
 17 Ladies Dinner
 30 Mens Dinner

April - May - June - 2021

DISPATCH NEWS

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members, First, I would like to say thank you for letting me serve as your president. I guess in a way I've come full circle. I have been a member close to 35 years but I have been coming to this club my whole life. I remember as a child coming with my parents on the other side, hoping to get a candy bar that we sold there. From clambakes to oyster festivals St Ann has had a huge influence on me. I'm proud to follow in the footsteps of my father who was your president for 25 yrs. He is now the best consigliere one can ask for. I'd like to thank Mike Gabriele for his service to the club these past 2 yrs.

Now as we embark on 2021 we are faced with the reality of a different world. This past year our club and the rest of the world has seen challenges that had never been seen before. Lockdowns, deaths, not seeing family and so on. Many, many business did not make it through. St Ann took a financial hit but is still standing. That is due to over 100 yrs. of dedication and loyalty from our members. So now we will bounce back, it will be that same loyalty, dedication, volunteerism that will get us there. I look forward to packed dinners, dances, feasts. Look forward to once again being an organization that gives back to its community. Now that families are reunited, I know that the St Ann family will reunite and we will be stronger for it. Welcome back and God Bless. Tony Cappuccia, President.

FROM THE ST. ANN LADIES AUXILIARY

In conjunction with the Blood Drive organized by the Ladies Auxiliary scheduled for May 7, 2021, the Baking Committee has agreed to organize a **BAKE SALE** to be held in the front entrance. We invite all members and friends of St. Ann's Club to donate baked goods for the sale and to participate in the purchase of goodies in support of the Club! Baked Goods can be dropped off on Thursday, May 6 from 10am to 4pm or the morning of May 7th. Please wrap all items in plastic wrap or baggies. Example: packages of 6 or 12 cookies, individual cupcakes or brownies, slices of cake or breads (banana, cranberry, pumpkin, etc.) whole cakes or pies.

Please label your Baked Goods to identify what it is and if it nut-free.

Call or text Ellen Signore at 203-216-7374 with any questions

AND HERE'S MORE FROM THE AUXILIARY

Hi everyone. Now that spring is here and things are starting to open up more and more people are getting vaccinated maybe we can get back to some normalcy. The auxiliary is now putting on the Ladies dinners and we are back to having our monthly meetings. We have a few things planned starting with a food drive the week of April 5th. You can drop off your non perishable food items as well as toiletries in the hallway during that week or bring them to the Ladies meeting on April 8th. I will take everything to St. Vincent DePaul food bank on Friday morning April 9th. We are also having a blood drive and bake sale on Friday May 7th. Please call Christina Kantzas (203) 856-0642 for an appointment. An outdoor craft fair will be held on Saturday May 8th. Rain date May 15th.

Other events are in the works so please look for emails on upcoming events. I know we have all been waiting to get back together again, it has been a long time coming. I can't wait to see you all again. Take care, Toni Wallace

CLUB TO OPEN FRIDAY NIGHTS

Beginning April 9th the club will open on Friday nights. There will be a variable menu from week to week and you must purchase food served by the club. This is some kind of mandate by The State of Ct. For further explanation call the Governor. Hope to see you there.

EASTER TRADITIONS IN ITALY

Easter holidays are one of the best times of the year to visit Italy. The sun shines, trees are in bloom and, from North to South, the country is full of events, fairs and other folk and religious traditions that are without equal in the rest of the World.

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Indeed, what is common among regions and towns all different from one another, is the importance of the Holy Week. Easter continues to be the main celebration of Christian majority countries, and Italy is no exception. Moreover, the so-called *Bel Paese* is also considered to be the land of food, and chocolate is among its specialties. So, how can we forget the production of **Easter eggs**, such as those of the *cioccolatifici* of excellence in Piedmont, Emilia Romagna or Umbria?

CELEBRATIONS The **Good Friday** marks the day of mourning and sorrow. The towns host the traditional procession, the *Via Crucis* (lat. Way of Grief), where people participate in the commemoration of Jesus Christ's painful way to the crucifixion. This rite is always suggestive, as hundreds of torches illuminate the streets. On Easter Eve, the Holy Saturday, Italians use to celebrate the Easter Vigil at the stroke of midnight Sunday. After the lent, they can enjoy the traditional *colomba*, a dove-shaped dessert with candies. In general, not only on Sunday but during the whole Holy Week, Italy wakes up with its popular rites, including the usual family lunches.

NORTHERN ITALY In Friuli Venezia-Giulia, North-East of Italy, a village named Cividale del Friuli gets the prize for the **most curious Easter tradition**. Indeed, the *civadalesi* play the *'gioco del true'*. This game is about sliding some colored chicken eggs in a sand bucket in order to strike the egg of your opponent. Spectacular are also the bonfires started in the countryside of Bolzano and Rimini. Finally we should not forget the float parade held in Bormio, Lombardy, and *'La Paquerette'*, the artisanal fair organized in the French-speaking reagon of Val d'Aosta.

CENTRAL ITALY In the central *Piazza del Duomo* of Florence, Tuscany, every year there is the famous **Scoppio del Carro** (Explosion of the Float). There, the Archbishop sets fire to a float full of fireworks, starting an incredible pyrotechnic display. Instead, if you are visiting Rome, don't miss the incredible mix of Roman architecture and Christian rituals by taking part to the *Via Crucis* in front of the Colosseum. On the other side of the Appennines, in Abruzzo, they use to soak the exquisite food with the holy water.

SOUTHERN ITALY In Southern Italy the religious tradition is stronger, so locals take part to the ritual processions and start bonfires as a sign of devotion. For example, in the Tyrrhenian island of Procida, Campania, and in Taranto, Apulia, the faithful march in pointed hoods with eye-holes in these famous processions. While, if you are in Calabria, you have the chance to listen folk songs in the local Albanian communities' dialect. Finally, in Sicily, customs are kings, with adults and kids wearing masks of animals, demons and death throughout the island.

PASQUETTA In conclusion, there is a little something for everyone. However, do not forget that the Easter Monday (*Pasquetta*) is also holiday in Italy. So, what's more traditional than a short field trip with your local friends?

DEAR SAINT ANN MEMBERS,

As you all know it's been a very difficult year at the club and, in all our lives as well, all due to circumstances far beyond our control. We certainly pray and hope, that soon, all of us will return to a more normal lifestyle.

As some of you may know we have had a few dinners at the club. We are of course following the ever changing state mandated guidelines in terms of limited capacity, social distancing, and facial coverings. These guidelines do little to help our bottom line. Therefore, the Officers and Board of Directors are working on ideas that will help our club continue well into the future and while doing so remain financially sound.

Many of our members are contractors in various trades, electricians, plumbers, painters, masons, roofers, and general repairs, just to mention a few. Many of these people have contributed to our club in ways that we will be forever grateful for. Saint Ann's would not be the great club it is today, without the generous contributions and volunteering of all our members.

We want to ask (on a volunteer basis) members who are engaged in the trades if they are willing to offer their services to the club at rates that are somewhat less than the going rates. We are not asking for "freebies" rather we are asking for rates that are more friendly to the clubs' checkbook. Of course, that being said, donations for small jobs are always appreciated.

Therefore, if you are a tradesmen, or have any other skill that may be helpful to the club and wish to be on the ***SAIN*** ***ANN*** ***S*** ***P*** ***R*** ***E*** ***F*** ***E*** ***R*** ***R*** ***E*** ***D*** ***V*** ***E*** ***N*** ***D*** ***O*** ***R*** ***L*** ***I*** ***S*** ***T*** ***A*** ***N*** ***N*** ***S***. Please text, phone or e-mail Tony Cappuccia 203-515-7711 or tonycappuccia@yahoo.com and you will be given the first opportunity to secure projects from the club.

If past performance is an indicator of what to expect of the future, we feel sure that our members will step up to the plate in whatever capacity that they can.

BUT WAIT, THERE'S MORE

We are also going to create and print a booklet to be distributed to all members and will encourage members to use the services of fellow members (plumbers, electricians, painters, masons, carpenters, suppliers of consumer goods as well as others). We think this will be a ***WIN-WIN FOR EVERYONE***. So, if this sounds like a good idea to you, please send your business card along with \$5.00 to help with printing costs to Tony Cappuccia c/o St. Ann Club 16 Hendricks Av. Norwalk, Ct. 06851. As soon as everyone has had a chance to do so, we will print the booklet and distribute it to all our members and perhaps beyond our members.

SAINT ANN CLUB GOLF OUTING 2021

Over the past 9 years, the Saint Ann Club has held their annual charity golf outing donating proceeds to local charities. Last year this event had to be canceled because of the Covid-19 virus. This year the Saint Ann Club will need to play for the operating side of our club with proceeds going to Mother of Mary. This is a necessity to keep Saint Ann's Club operating.

Ways that you can help support us would be playing golf or purchasing an ad sponsorship in our golf book. Any support would be greatly appreciated. This year's outing will be on June 21, 2021 at Oak Hills Park Golf Course. Hopefully in 2022 we will be able to help local charities once again. We are asking all club members to help in any way possible. Golf Forms are available at the club or on our website. Thank you for your generosity.

Ken Romano, Golf Chairman and Financial Secretary

BLOOD DRIVE TO BE HELD AT CLUB

St. Ann's will be hosting a blood drive with America Red Cross. **It will be Friday May 7th from 9- 6:30**. Our sponsor code is SACNORWALK this code will take you directly to our site. Thank you, Christina Kantzas

ITALIAN PROVERB

After the game, the King and the Pawn go into the same box.

MENS NEW MEMBERS

Michael Andreoli sworn in at the Men's October 2020 meeting sponsored by Tom Buono.

Tim Coda sworn in at the Men's October 2020 meeting sponsored by Mark Pohl.

Juan Muratalla sworn in at the Men's January 2021 meeting sponsored by Per Piencka.

Anthony Arena sworn in at the Men's March 2021 meeting sponsored by Tony Cappuccia

Tim Sargent sworn in at the Men's March 2021 meeting sponsored by Joe Conti

Daniel Pote sworn in at the March 2021 Men's meeting sponsored by Chris Iannacone.

LADIES NEW MEMBERS

Oops, in the last newsletter, Cheryl Scicchitano was incorrectly listed as a new member. It should have been Rachel Scicchitano who was recommended by Jennifer Veno.

Newly sworn in member Marianne McDonald was recommended by Patricia Murphy.

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 Louis G. Imperato. His e-mail address is bigalou@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.

In order to keep the records of the Auxiliary up to date, if you change your physical or email address and/or telephone number(s), please contact Camille Andreozzi at (203) 849-0199 or email her at candreozzi@aol.com.

PLEASE READ

Anyone 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 July 1, 2021

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. 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.