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EVENTS

JULY

5 Joint Meeting 8:00
 10 Bingo 5:30-9:30
 13 Men's Board Meet 7:00
 20 Saint Ann Feast 6:00-10:00
 21 Saint Ann Feast 6:00-10:00
 22 Saint Ann Feast 4:00-10:00
 23 Saint Ann Feast 3:00-8:00
 24 Bingo **Canceled**
 27 Men's Board Meeting 7:00
 31 Bingo 5:30-9:30

We make every effort to be accurate however, sometimes we're not, but we will keep trying!

AUGUST

2 Blood Drive 8am-1pm
 2 Men's Meeting 8:00
 3 Ladies Meeting 7:30
 5 Pimpinella Band contact Kelly \$20.
 7 Bingo 5:30-9:30
 10 Men's Board Meeting 7:00
 12 NHS 45th Reunion Private Party
 14 Bingo 5:30-9:30
 19 Bad Boys Band Food Truck \$20.
 21 Bingo 5:30-9:30
 24 Men's Board Meeting 7:00
 28 Bingo 5:30-9:30
 30 Men's Dinner 7:30 \$35

SEPTEMBER

4 Bingo **Canceled**
 6 Blood Drive 8am-1pm
 6 Men's Meeting 8:00
 7 Ladies Meeting 7:30
 9 Our Vision Private Party 5:00-9:00
 11 Bingo 5:30-9:30
 14 Men's Board Meeting 7:00
 17 Pancreatic Cancer Car Show 7am-5pm
 18 Bingo 5:30-9:30
 19 Ladies Bocci Dinner
 21 Ladies Dinner 7:30 \$30.
 23 NHS 50th Reunion Private Party
 25 Bingo 5:30-9:30
 27 Men's Dinner 7:30 \$35
 28 Men's Board Meeting 7:00
 30 Private Party 7:00-11:00

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A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Members,

I have now been your president for 6 months. It has proved to be a rewarding experience because of the can-do attitude of countless volunteers at this club. The dedication and support from our volunteers never ceases to amaze me and therefore, I am looking forward to the next 18 months as your President. Building back and emerging stronger from the pandemic and continuing in a focused and positive path forward has been my goal and the goal of the Board of Directors. Summer is finally with us and it is the time of the year that we plan for our major fundraising effort; the Saint Ann Feast. I thank all who have been, and continue to be involved in making this annual event such a success year after year. We need volunteers to make this happen, **so please get involved**. Another success story is the ongoing Bingo Mondays. I would like to thank the Women's Auxiliary and all the volunteers who make this happen week after week. It has brought attention to our club and a steady added income that is much needed and we hope to put to good use in the future. In closing, let's continue to do what we do best; assembling our volunteer spirit of teamwork to keep the Saint Ann Club prosperous while also having some fun. Remember our club supports not just us, but many worthy charities that benefit from our generosity. Thank you volunteers for all you do!

- Your President, Guiseppa Tamburro

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

To my fellow members of St. Ann Club,

In a little more than a month, our 2023 Annual Feast will take place. Between now and then, please take some time to reflect upon how you personally can help and give back to the Club. You may inform the booth leaders of your chosen area and they will provide further instruction and times. Let us help make the 2023 Annual Feast be a memorable one for all. With this in mind, please respect one another, be kind to our fellow members and guests, and help us to maintain exceed the level of prestige, widespread admiration and respect the St. Ann Club has achieved for over a century. I am here to help in any way I can, and to answer questions you may have. Please don't hesitate to reach out. Best to all of you and I wish everyone a happy, healthy and safe summer!

- Walter Cerretani

HELLO MEMBERS,

Hope all is well with everyone. I would like to give a big shout out and thank you to all our ladies who showed up for our Memorial Day parade, it was such great support. The bystanders all seemed to know us with their clapping and shouting, "YAY St. Ann's!" Keep in mind we have another parade for the feast and would love your support walking with our saint. Also, going to the mass is a great feeling of pride and honor. The **Bishop Caggiano** will be giving the Mass. Congratulations to our Grand Marshals Angelo Mattera and Mary Testa.

Also, shirts are ordered for the ladies who would like them and we will wear the blue and white. We expect them in time for the feast. If you cannot volunteer to work the feast please come down, meet your friends, eat and enjoy, support your club!

July 5th is our final joint meeting until September. Please note our sauce will not be sold until September. Have a great summer!

- President, Joanne Guaglione

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The Italian translator will be back. The next visit will be July 28th and thereafter on the last Friday of the month from 9:30 to 10:30am. "We are at your complete disposal for Italian, German, Swiss, French, and Social Security pension applications. We will assist you in completing your tax returns, life certificates, and various documents for the Italian Consulate."

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 REQUEST FROM THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

Please, *UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCE* leave cash in his mailbox at the bar.

Thank you, The Management

OUR VISION: A BRIEF HISTORY

Our Vision is dedicated to organizing activities for persons with disabilities based on social interests, participation in Special Olympics and community involvement in Fairfield County.

Over 45 years ago, a group of parents from several Fairfield County Schools' special education programs joined together to organize after school and weekend social activities for the benefit of their children with disabilities.

Today Our Vision continues its initial purpose and has expanded its work by providing additional opportunities to its members.

We place emphasis on Special Olympics with our team competing in bowling, track events and swimming. We strive to instill the principles of independence, good sportsmanship and self-confidence through our training.

Our members reside in group homes, independent living situations and private residences We encourage our members to achieve their greatest potential in community life by participating in and contributing to local programs and events.

OUR MISSION: To enrich the quality of lives for persons with disabilities by providing social, cultural and recreational activities which foster enduring friendships and expand their potential through teamwork and training in Special Olympics.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT: Our Vision is led by an all-parent group governed by a volunteer Board of Directors elected annually by members. Parent participation in our activities and events is expected and is an important contribution to the group's optimal functioning. All parents in Our Vision participate in fund raising, organizing and supporting all social events, Special Olympic events.

Fund raisers are periodically held at Saint Anns. Please support this excellent organization.

CLUB MEMBER ANNOUNCES MAYORAL RUN

Long time club member and past President of Saint Anns has decided to run for Mayor of Norwalk. Vincent Scicchitano, owner of Accurate Auto Repair with brother Cosmo, in my mind would be an excellent Mayor. I hope you will support "Vinny" in this effort. We all know and love you, good luck! The Editor

HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY!

On June 6th our oldest and longest living member Antoinette Fratino celebrated her 100th birthday! A member from 1949 she has been one of our most active members in her 74 years with the St. Ann Club. Here's to an incredible century of memories and experiences! She has done and seen more in her lifetime than others can ever dream of!

Eleanor Roosevelt was quoted as saying "Beautiful young people are accidents of nature, but beautiful old people are works of art." You are a work of art Antoinette! Buon Compleanno!

HERE ARE SOME COMMON ITALIAN MYTHS:

The Evil Eye: The Evil Eye is a common superstition in Italian culture. It is believed that someone can cast a curse on you by giving you an envious or malevolent look. To ward off the Evil Eye, Italians use amulets such as the cornicello (a small horn-shaped amulet) or the cimaruta (a charm depicting various symbols).

Aradia: Aradia is the Italian goddess of witchcraft. She protects witches (male and female) against the aggression of religious authorities and teaches them how to use their powers for good.

Carmenta: Carmenta is the goddess of spells. She is known for chanting incantations in verse to ease the pains of women in labor and to protect children from harm.

Februus: Februus is the god of purification. He presides over the month of February and is associated with cleansing rituals.

The unlucky number 17: In Italy, the number 17 is considered unlucky because when written in Roman numerals (XVII), it can be rearranged to spell "VIXI," which means "I have lived" in Latin and is often used on tombstones.

Don't place a loaf of bread up-side-down: According to Italian traditions, a loaf of bread must always be placed on a table facing up.

Watch where you lay your hat: It is believed that if you place your hat on the bed, you will have bad luck.

Never seat 13 people at a dinner table: This superstition dates back to the Last Supper when Jesus dined with his 12 apostles before his crucifixion. It is believed that if 13 people sit down to eat together, one of them will die within the year.

Single people, avoid brooms: It is believed that sweeping over the feet of an unmarried person will prevent them from getting married.

Don't toast to bad luck: In Italy, it is considered bad luck to toast water or say "chin chin" (the equivalent of cheers) without clinking glasses.

JOINT MEETING July 5th AT 8PM Please plan to attend!!!!

NEW MEMBERS

Chris DiPisa Born in Norwalk, Ct. He will be a regular member and is sponsored by Phil Tavella. He works as a heavy equipment operator and supervisor for Stuart Exc. of Monroe. Welcome to St. Ann's.

Robert Rainone Born in New York City. Robert will be a regular member and is sponsored by Frank Felicissimo. He is the owner and operator of On Point Home Inspections in Wilton Ct. Welcome aboard.

Michael Raimondi Born in Oak Park Illinois, will be a regular member and is semi retired. He is sponsored by Joe Piazza-Palotto. We're glad to have you!

Peppino Cappello Born in Calabria, Italy. He is a retired stone mason and of course with his name will be a regular member. Sponsored by Frank Rizzetta. We all look forward to seeing you at the "Club".

NEW AUXILLARY MEMBERS

Anna LaVechia was born in Italy but has been in the U.S. for 53 years, currently living in Norwalk. Anna is married with 3 children and six grandchildren. She enjoys gardening and cooking for her family.

Francesca Cowan was born in Italy and came to the United States as a baby. Her husband (now deceased) and Francesa have 4 children with most of them living in Norwalk. She has worked at various companies for more than 40 years, most recently as a graphics specialist for a management consulting company, and has now been retired for 11 years. She enjoys working out, reading, and going to the casino with friends.

Roberta Wilmot has lived in Norwalk all her life. Her grandparents came from Italy, so her mother was first generation American. She is a retired nurse with two sons and two granddaughters. She enjoys reading, especially about history and has been a volunteer at the Norwalk Lockwood Matthews Mansion. She loves to travel and enjoys spending time with people.

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 October 1, 2023.

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.