

ST ANN NEWS LETTER JAN FEB MAR 2014

FROM THE PRESIDENT

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and I wish you all a Happy New Year. Happy 100th anniversary to our Club.

From Jan. 1st to Dec. 31st 2014 all activities and events will be a celebration dedicated to all our predecessors. With their participation, suggestions, work and sacrifices, they have permitted us to reach the goal of 100 years. A goal that makes every member proud, honored and committed more than ever to continue the work to achieve and perpetuate to our children and their children, so that hopefully 100 years now another celebration will take place, with even greater achievements.

During this year special dates for events and celebrations will be communicated to you by Nick Allgretta and Arlene Petersen who are co-chairing the Centennial. They welcome any of your ideas or suggestions.

A cook book will be printed and if you have recipes to contribute please contact Pat Moisio.

I felt very fortunate and proud that I served as President at the 75th Anniversary and even more fortunate and prouder serving as President at the 100th anniversary.

Together, let's all go forward to improve with more intensity our friendship and relationship with others. Let us make comfortable all guests visiting us, especially for this unforgettable occasion.

Ancora, dal profondo del mio cuore, a tutti e le famiglie vostre,

Buon Natale e Felice anno Nuovo.

Buon 100mo Compleanno Sant' Anna.

Nicandro Cappuccia

FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

As I have always said the Saint Ann Club would not be where it is today, were it not for the men and women volunteering their time?

We are beginning a new year; I'd like to thank the Officers, Board Members and Club Members for their co-operation and dedication to the Saint Ann Club during this past year.

I know you will all continue to assist the Officers and Board of Directors in the coming year.

Don't forget to take advantage of the activities at the Club and use your fee cards.

Once again I would like to thank everyone for what they have done and will continue to do for the Club.

James J. Ruggiero

Chairman of the Board, 2013

AUXILIARY PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thank You: A big thank you goes out to all St. Ann volunteers. The hard work, dedication and commitment of our members has ensured the success of our prestigious club and made it one of the most prominent organizations in Fairfield County!

Dues: Please remember to include a self-addressed, stamped envelope when paying your 2014 dues if you are unable to come to pick up your Social Events Card in the near future.

Special Thoughts: Let us always keep, in our thoughts, the brave men and women both retired and currently serving our country. We have added a new program to our auxiliary line up – we will be collecting items to be sent overseas to our troops through Project from the Heart. Included will be necessities such as miscellaneous toiletries (both genders), snacks, socks (black or brown only) and monetary donations to help with purchases and shipping costs. Your contributions may be brought to the January and February meetings. Please contact Chairperson Christy McWilliams at (203) 969-5491 or any Board member for more information.

The members of the 2013/2014 Auxiliary Board of Directors trusts that you had a wonderful Christmas filled with traditions and joyful gatherings with your friends and families and wishes you a peaceful and happy New Year.

Wishing you many blessings,

Betty Tavella Brink, Auxiliary President

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2013

About 75 children attended the St. Ann Children's Christmas Party this year.

My sincere thanks to all who helped me make it a success, from buying the gifts, to wrapping them, to helping with the many duties that day. Without your help none of it would be possible. I also want to thank Donna Cutrone and Jeannette Iannacone for once again setting up the Christmas trees.

Thanks to Ralph Allegretta for seeing that Santa has a ride in the Fire Truck and my thanks to Al Latte for taking over the job of playing Santa.

I hope you all had a Merry Christmas and look forward to a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Sincerely, Maria Chuhta, Chairperson

NEW BY-LAW BOOKS

The new by-laws books are completed and all members that attend the monthly meetings will receive one then. They will not be mailed.

FOOTBALL SUNDAYS

For the rest of the football season the club will be open from noon till 8:00 pm with a cash bar for your drinking and viewing pleasure. Come on down, bring your friends and have some fun!!

SUPER BOWL SUNDAY

Doors open at 3:30 and kick off is at 6:30. Hot dogs are served till half time and then a buffet dinner. Advance tickets \$15.00. At the door price \$20.00 Contact Chris Iannacone at 203-855-1060 for tickets.

ONE HUNDRED YEARS

As many of you know 2014 is the 100th anniversary of the founding of the St. Ann Club. A special committee has been working very hard planning special events that will be featured throughout the year. Please stay tuned for these special events, and plan to attend.

SPRING TIME TAG SALE

We are planning to have a tag sale at the club sometime in the spring. Proceeds will benefit the club. Please begin to save any unwanted, clean, items in good condition to donate. We will also have available tables if you wish to sell your own items. A small fee will be charged for these tables. Watch for further details.

SAINT ANN'S CHARITY GOLF CLASSIC 2014

The Saint Ann's Charity Golf Classic will be held on June 23, 2014 (Monday) at Oak Hills Golf Course this year. Save this date.

NOTICE JANUARY 2014 MEN'S DINNER

Beginning with the January 2014 Men's Dinner, the dinner price will go from \$20.00 to \$25.00 per person.

DID YOU KNOW

The name Italy comes from the word *italia*, meaning "calf land," perhaps because the bull was a symbol of the Southern Italian tribes.

The official name of Italy is the Italian Republic (*Repubblica Italiana*).

When McDonald's opened in 1986 in Rome, food purists outside the restaurant gave away free spaghetti to remind people of their culinary heritage.^a

There are two independent states within Italy: the Republic of San Marino (25 square miles) and the Vatican City (just 108.7 acres).

Italy's San Marino is the world's oldest republic (A.D. 301), has fewer than 30,000 citizens, and holds the world's oldest continuous constitution. Its citizens are called the Sammarinese.

Most of Italy's natural flora and fauna has disappeared due to centuries of cultivation. Most of its natural wildlife has also disappeared due to over-hunting.

Italians suffer more earthquakes than any other Europeans. In 1693, an estimated 100,000 people died in an earthquake in Sicily. The most deadly recent quake in Italy occurred in Naples in 1980, killing 3,000 people.

By the year 2000 B.C., Italic tribes (Oscans, Umbrians, Latins) had established themselves in Italy. They were followed by the Etruscans in 800 B.C. and the Greeks, who established colonies known as *Magna Graeca* in southern Italy (present-day Apulia). Rome was founded in 753 B.C., and soon thereafter the Romans began conquering the peninsula.

At its height in A.D. 117, the Roman Empire stretched from Portugal in the West to Syria in the east, and from Britain in the North to the North African deserts across the Mediterranean. It covered 2.3 million miles (two-thirds the size of the U.S.) and had a population of 120 million people. During the Middle Ages, Rome had perhaps no more than 13,000 residents.

In the 1930s and 40s, Italian fascist Benito Mussolini (1883-1945) tried to eliminate foreign words from Italian. In soccer, "goal" became "meta" and Donald Duck became "Paperino." Mickey Mouse became "Topolino" and Goofy became "Pippo." While the ban was not permanent, the Italian names remain common.

The pre-dinner *passaggiata* (evening stroll) is one of Italy's most enduring leisure activities where Italians stroll about the streets to see and be seen.

The first violin appeared in Italy in the 1500s, probably from the workshop of Andrea Amati (1505-1578) in Cremona. The city later became the home of Antonio Stradivari (1644-1737), the most famous of violin-makers.

Many single Italian children live at home until their 30s, even if they have a job. The Italian family stands at the heart of Italian society.

The language of music is Italian. The word "scale" comes from *scala*, meaning "step." And *andante*, *allegro*, *presto*, and *vivace* are just a few of the many Italian musical notations.

LIFE MEMBERS FOR THE YEAR 2014

Having reached the age of 65 and served as members for 15 consecutive years.

Ralph Castelli

Peter Cocchia

John Johnson

Angelo Mallozzi

Anthony Pomponi

Michael Tucciarone

NEW MEMBERS

Vincent Luppino sponsored by Rocco Luppino

Tim Donnelly sponsored by Sal Covello

Ryan Gisolfi sponsored by the late Marcello Cerretani Jr

Joseph Buffone sponsored by Umberto Malagisi

Joseph Mastrianno sponsored by Joseph Valiante

First Reading for Nicholas Marsan sponsored by Ken Romano at the December Men's meeting.

MEN'S DUES AND ANNUAL MINIMUM.

The annual 2014 Men's membership dues will be \$100. We will also have again our annual minimum amount of \$50 for each member including members who are exempt from paying annual dues. This will bring the annual yearly total for each member to \$150. Life members will still be exempt from both.

NEW AUXILIARY MEMBERS:

Carol Drap, sponsored by Toni Wallace

Janice Falbo, sponsored by April Yoder

Jessica LaRose Cappuccia sponsored by Maria Vozzo

Rosemary Fabion sponsored by Rosemary Maillard

Helen Barati sponsored by Barbara Tomasetti

Flora Zecchin sponsored by MaryAnn Cappuccia

New Auxiliary Lifetime Members:

Betty Brink, Doris Chiapetta, Maria Cundari, Gloria Durkin, Lucy Lusquandro, Rosemarty Maillard and Ada Ruggiero.

REMINDER: \$50.00 Dues and Annual Minimum for 2014 are required by January 1st.

TOP TEN NEW YEARS RESOLUTIONS

DO YOU HAVE ONE OR MORE?

1. [Spend More Time with Family & Friends](#)
2. [Fit in Fitness](#)
3. [Tame the Bulge](#)
4. [Quit Smoking](#)
5. [Enjoy Life More](#)
6. [Quit Drinking](#)
7. [Get Out of Debt](#)
8. [Learn Something New](#)
9. [Help Others](#)
10. [Get Organized](#)

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 March 31st 2014

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. 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, for the men contact Ken Romano and for the ladies, contact Camille Andreozzi at 203-849-0199 or email her at candreozzi@aol.com.

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 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

COMING EVENTS:

- Jan. 02 Joint Meeting Thursday at 8:00 p.m.
04 D.J. 8:00 p.m.
08 Game dinner, Wednesday 7:30 p.m. \$35.00, call Joe Valiante 203-644-2290
11 D.J. 8:00 p.m.
16 Ladies Dinner 7:30 p.m.
18 Family Pasta Dinner 7:00 p.m.
Reservations John or Maria Vozzo 203-853-3996
25 Karaoke 8:00 p.m.
29 Men's Dinner 7:30 p.m.
- Feb. 01 D.J. 8:00 p.m.
02 Super Bowl 3:30
Kick Off 6:30
05 Men's Meeting 8:00 p.m.
06 Ladies Meeting 7:30 p.m.
08 Carnival Dinner Dance 7:00 p.m.
15 D.J. 8:00 p.m.
20 Ladies Dinner 7:30 p.m.
22 Karaoke 8:00 p.m.
26 Men's Dinner 8:00 p.m.
- Mar. 01 D.J. 8:00 p.m.
05 Men's Meeting 8:00 p.m.
06 Ladies Meeting 7:30 p.m.
08 D.J. 8:00 p.m.
15 St Joseph Dinner Dance 7:00 p.m.
20 Ladies Dinner 7:30 p.m.
22 D.J. 8:00 p.m.
26 Men's Dinner 7:30 p.m.
29 Karaoke 8:00 p.m.

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