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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members,

Well, we have made it through the weather and winter relatively unscathed! Spring is upon us and on behalf of the board of directors and myself it is our hope everyone is well! My message to our entire membership remains constant...be a part of what we represent! We are a strong and active Italian-American membership. Get involved in our club activities and help us continue to be a positive presence in our local community. We have a number of events planned in the upcoming months. We appreciate both help in arranging them and the participation in them. Let us always take pride in our efforts to promote the St. Ann Club. The best to all and enjoy the spring!

FROM THE LADIES AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

This year, we survived winter with very little difficulty and it looks like spring is finally here as the groundhog predicted! In April, after a brief meeting beginning at 7:00 PM, Christina Francello will chair a spring fashion show presented by Chico's. Coffee and dessert will be served at your table to enjoy during the show. In May, beginning at 6:30 PM, we will have the rosary and crowning chaired by Virginia Yost followed by our meeting. In June at 7:00 PM before our meeting begins, we will welcome summer with something newhot dogs with all the trimmings and make your own ice cream sundaes. As always, a big thank you to both the lady and men volunteers....we could not survive without you! Wishing you all a beautiful Easter and a great Spring. Lastly, remember our military who keep us safe.

Camille Andreozzi

MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in service of the United States of America. Over two dozen cities and towns claim to be the birthplace of Memorial Day. While Waterloo N.Y. was officially declared the birthplace of Memorial Day by President Lyndon Johnson in May 1966, it's difficult to prove conclusively the origins of the day.

Regardless of the exact date or location of its origins, one thing is clear – Memorial Day was borne out of the Civil War and a desire to honor our dead. It was officially proclaimed on 5 May 1868 by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, in his General Order No. 11. "The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land," he proclaimed. The date of Decoration Day, as he called it, was chosen because it wasn't the anniversary of any particular battle.

On the first Decoration Day, General James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery, and 5,000 participants decorated the graves of the 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers buried there.

The first state to officially recognize the holiday was New York in 1873. By 1890 it was recognized by all of the northern states. The South refused to acknowledge the day, honoring their dead on separate days until after World War I (when the holiday changed from honoring just those who died fighting in the Civil War to honoring Americans who died fighting in any war).

It is now observed in almost every state on the last Monday in May with Congressional passage of the National Holiday Act of 1971 (P.L. 90 – 363). This helped ensure a three day weekend for Federal holidays, though several southern states have an additional separate day for honoring the Confederate war dead: January 19th in Texas; April 26th in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and Mississippi; May 10th in South Carolina; and June 3rd (Jefferson Davis' birthday) in Louisiana and Tennessee.

GRILLING BURGERS? GOING TO THE BEACH? SPORTS ON TV?

Memorial Day is about none of these things.

It is a Federal holiday honoring members of the United States Armed Forces who have died in war or while otherwise serving their country. Our country. It began as Decoration Day following the Civil War, because the living would honor the dead by decorating their graves. This tradition endures, especially at military cemeteries like Arlington National Cemetery where an American flag is placed on every single grave. In non-military cemeteries the fallen are

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APRIL

2 Private Party
 9 Private party
 16 Family Dinner
 Contact Maria Vozzo
 23 Private Party
 30 ST ANN ANNIVERSARY DINNER
 \$40 Beer and wine included
 with dinner
 Contact Tony Cappuccia
 (203) 515-7706

MAY

7 Private Party
 8 Mother Day Brunch \$25
 Contact Tony Cappuccia
 14 DJ DOM Sponsored by
 Half Full Brewery
 21 MERSEY BEAT BAND
 60s / Beatles music
 28 Happy Memorial Day
 No entertainment
 30 Memorial Day parade

JUNE

4 CRAFT BEER DINNER
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 11 RETRO EXPRESS BAND
 18 Scholarship Dinner \$35
 Contact Tony Cappuccia
 25 Bluewater Band

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likewise honored, usually by friends and relatives, but anyone is free to pay their respects to those who made the greatest possible sacrifice so that the rest of us can continue to do what we enjoy doing. The traditional time to visit cemeteries or war memorials is at 3PM local time on Memorial Day, which is Monday. U.S. flags will be flown at half-mast until noon. According to the US Government’s website, you can also “Pay tribute to the U.S. men and women who died during military service by observing a minute of silence at 3:00 PM, local time.”

Memorial Day used to be held on May 30 regardless, and was moved to the last Monday in May in 1968 to create a three-day annual weekend. Interestingly there are those who oppose the weekend idea and advocate its return to fixed date, including the Veterans of Foreign War (VFW). In the Eighties Hawaiian Senator Daniel Inouye, himself a WWII veteran, introduced legislation (unsuccessful) to return the original date. The idea is that if Memorial Day was not simply a long weekend holiday for going to the beach and grilling, more Americans might actually realize that it has a deeper and much more somber meaning.

To the members of the United States Armed Services, past and present, thank you for your service.

“The cost of freedom is always high, but Americans have always paid it. And one path we shall never choose, and that is the path of surrender, or submission.” John Fitzgerald Kennedy

Perhaps now we all know a little more about Memorial Day. Our club is always represented in the local parade, the problem is that out of six hundred some odd members only a smattering of people will show up to march in the parade. St Anns needs to be better represented. Please show your pride and gratitude to our fallen heroes and come to march in the parade. Just one last thought, everyone loves a parade so consider bringing a spouse or friends and think how much fun it would for your children and grandchildren to actually march in the parade!! Come on folks, show Norwalk how much St Anns cares.

MYTHS ABOUT DATING ITALIANS

Dating Italians is a great window on a wonderful culture and can really help you get a handle on life in Italy if you’re living there.

But there are some pretty stubborn ‘what to expect when dating an Italian’ myths that have been perpetuated across the blogosphere, which don’t always ring true. Here are six of the most common ones, busted.

ITALIANS ARE GOOD COOKS

This tired old cliché is simply boring. Yes, Italian food is fantastic but it’s more to do with the huge spectrum of fresh, artisanal produce that is still widely available rather than the inherent skill of Italians as chefs. As in most countries, Italy’s best cooks tend to be older women who learned how to make delicious meals on a tight budget while raising a family. Not the kind of people who generally play the dating game. Not that it matters of course. Practically all Italians can rustle up a couple of simple and delicious dishes like spaghetti olio, aglio e peperoncino, or alla carbonara, which when washed down with a nice bottle of Nebbiolo makes for an almost perfect date!

ITALIAN MEN CHEAT

This is just offensive. Firstly, the cheating thing doesn’t appear to be true at all. Men from all over the world cheat – in fact, studies have shown that British men are more likely to cheat than Italian men. Perhaps Italians are just more likely to be open about the level of commitment they’re looking for. The mum thing comes up a lot – but it’s not like Italian men actively invite their mums to interfere with their lives – it just tends to happen in Italy where, for socio-economic reasons young Italians often stay at home until their 30s. When many of them do move out, they still live close enough for a visit from mamma.

ITALIAN MEN ARE FOOTBALL (SOCCER) FANATICS

The football thing is nonsense too. Italian men that do support football are generally passionate, colorful and vocal fans – which has perhaps led to the misconception that the nation is ‘football mad’ but Italian men follow football less than many other nationalities. A 2012 study showed that just 42 percent of all Italians watch football at all, with 10.3 percent declaring only a mild interest. Compared with the estimated 67 percent of Americans who watch the NFL, the description of Italians as “football mad” seems a little out of place...

THE WOMEN HAVE FIERY TEMPERS

Perhaps you think an argument with an Italian girlfriend will finish with you ducking out of the way as she hurls various items of crockery at you from across the living room? It won’t. Italians have a reputation for temper because they often shout, gesticulate and aren’t afraid to disagree with you. Most of the time it’s not a furious argument but a good-natured discussion, during which no plates are thrown and nobody gets upset.

THEIR MUM WILL DO YOUR LAUNDRY

Perhaps you’re thinking that a possible perk of dating an Italian is that their mum will do your laundry? It’s always a possibility if you’re lucky...but certainly not guaranteed. Firstly, it depends if you and your partner are officially an item or ‘fidanzati’, which means you’re pretty much ‘engaged’. Even then, it really depends on how much their mum likes you. If they’re still working and have lots of other things to do, it’s unlikely they are going to volunteer to wash your delicatas, isn’t it?

YOU WILL DEFINITELY LEARN ITALIAN

Conventional wisdom holds this to be true but alas, loving someone who speaks a different language has absolutely zero impact on your ability to learn it. It all depends on the dynamic of the relationship. If you and your partner already have a language in common it’s much less likely you will end up fluent in Italian over the course of the relationship. Sure, you might get lots of input and opportunities for practice – but without constant correction it’s very difficult to improve. Your boyfriend or girlfriend will either over-correct you and destroy your self belief or ‘go soft’ on you – allowing you to let the subjunctive slide and get inventive with gender.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

On July 20th, St. Ann’s will hold their sixth annual charity golf tournament at Oak Hills Golf Club. Each year, we have over 120 golfers participating in this great event. The day starts with lunch, followed by a scramble golf tournament. Afterwards, we convene for a great reception and dinner with an open bar at our club. This tournament has sold out each year so see Kenny Romano to sign up and join in on the fun. Even if you’re not a golfer you can join us for dinner! We will be seeking tee and flag sponsors over the upcoming months. Please help us help others! Thanks!

MOTHER’S DAY BRUNCH

Our 2nd annual Mother’s Day Brunch Buffet will be held on May 8. \$25 for 12 and over, \$12 for children 11-3, under 3 free. Doors open at 11am and brunch will be served at 11:30. Please call Tony Cappuccia for reservations at 203-515-7706.

ANNUAL DUES

If you have not paid your 2016 dues of \$50 and still wish to be a member, you must pay your dues by March 31 and will be charged an additional \$10 late fee. If your payment is not received by March 31 you will be dropped from the roster.

CRAFT BEER DINNER JUNE 4th

Meet the Brewer. The local Half Full Brewery will provide different types of beer with dinner, answer questions and explain the process. HALF FULL BREWERY will supply different types of beer with Dinner. Full dinner served, music and Dancing by DJ DOM. Special Raffle supporting TWO WHEELS ORGANIZATION a great organization that supply bikes, food and clothing to select kids in our community that otherwise couldn’t afford them. \$35 - contact Tony Cappuccia

COMING SOON TO ST ANNS

A Friday night bocce league is being formed and will be open to both male and female members and their immediate family. Volunteers are needed to help with the league rules and other items to be determined. For further info contact Al Latte at 203 847 7521.

ENTERTANIMENT AT OUR CLUB

Since Tony Cappuccia has become our entertainment director there has been a great improvement in the quality of Saturday nights at the club. I have been to many of these nights and they are a lot of fun. Tony has a variety of musical talent and there is never a charge. For those of you who want to have something to eat there is a mobile food vendor and they make a nice burger. There is a cash bar for your refreshment. Come on down and enjoy your club.

NEW MEMBERS MEN

Nick Caruso sponsored by Patrick Shipman, sworn in on January 6, 2016

John Bove sponsored by Pat Cutrone, sworn in on January 6, 2016

Harry Rilling sponsored by Michael Gabriele, sworn in February 3, 2016

NEW 2016 LIFETIME MEMBERS LADIES

Linda Allegretta	Connie B Cianciullo	Anna DiRenzo	Kathy Dominick
Ann Marie Giglio	Dolores Ramsey	Tina Santella	Barbara Toscano

NEW MEMBERS LADIES

NEW MEMBERS LADIES	DATE SWORN IN	SPONSOR
Nancy Adams	10/1/15	Arlene Peterson
Nancy Crow	12/2/15	Joanne Guaglione
Karen Kulish	10/1/15	Mary Sue Skrensky
Susan LaFontaine	10/1/15	Connie Bucciarelli
Mary Markiewicz	10/1/15	Donna Cutrone
Lora Oliver	11/4/15	Lisa Caruso
Judy Somers	10/1/15	Mary Sue Skrensky
Carolyn Ulman	10/1/15	Frances Thompson
Rosemarie Caruso	1/5/16	Nancy Tolla
Maria Piazza-Palotto	1/5/16	Maria Vozzo
Anna Marie Presutto	3/02/16	Lucy Albano
Lucia Rilling	3/02/16	Camille Andreozzi
Victoria Tashash	3/02/16	Lea DiMuzio

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 contact Carol Shannahan at 203-846-2140 or email her at 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. The next edition will be sent on or about June 30th 2016.

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.