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FROM THE PRESIDENT

As 2015 comes to an end, I want to sincerely thank all those members who gave their time and energy throughout the year to promote the good and welfare that this club represents. I wish the entire membership and their families a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and prosperous new year! Buon Natale e Felice Anno Nuovo!

BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 2016. Nick Cappuccia, Al Latte, Tony Cappuccia, Ken Romano, Walter Cerratani, Vinny Scicchitano, Pat Cutrone, Keith Stadler, Sal Fratino, Joe Valiante, Mike Gabriele, John Vozzo and Syd Gordon

The ladies had a Chinese auction in November, and it was a great success.

For the fourth year in a row, a group of men prepared and traveled up to Homes for the Brave in Bridgeport to serve and feed the homeless veterans a Christmas meal. Thanks to Kenny Prince, Syd Gordon, Sal Fratino, Joe Valiante, Francesco Danieri, Kenny Romano and Al Latte. Also a special thanks to Marguerita Aloï-Perreira, Executive Chef from Il Palio in Shelton for her contributions.

On December 8th, the club hosted a dinner for those volunteers in the Wreaths Across America convoy as it made its way from Maine to Arlington National Cemetery. The convoy included thirteen 18-wheelers carrying in excess of 200,000 wreaths to be laid on the graves of those resting in Arlington. Nationwide, over 900,000 wreaths would be placed on the graves of those that made the ultimate sacrifice to protect the liberties and freedoms we enjoy in this great country. Our club should be proud of this night as it accurately reflected the true purpose of our club. Thanks to all the volunteers of the evening. We believe it's the first time our volunteers received a standing ovation for their tireless efforts! Job well done!

Sal Fratino

FROM THE LADIES AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Looking back over the past year as Auxiliary President, I am filled with pride because of the accomplishments of the Ladies Auxiliary. Our volunteers and donors step up to the plate at any given moment to help meet our goals. We have had record numbers at our dinners, a lovely Mother's Day Brunch, a great showing in the Memorial Day parade, tireless work at our Feast, a "frightfully" adorable Children's Halloween Party, a very successful auction for the benefit of the Female Soldiers/Forgotten Heroes for which I am most proud, and a delightful Children's Christmas Party.

Ladies, congratulations to you for a job well done! Together we can look forward to another great year ahead.

It would be remiss of me if I didn't thank the men's board and membership for their help and support of our activities.

May the peace and joy of this Christmas Season remain with all of you throughout the New Year!

Camille Andreozzi, Auxiliary President

A VARIETY OF CHRISTMAS WISHES FOR YOU

Decorate every empty space in your home to remind you the magical season that this truly is. Merry Xmas to you!

A little smile, a word of cheer, a bit of love from someone near, a little gift from one held dear, best wishes for the coming year.

May you find hope and peace this joyous season and may the coming year be your most successful year yet.

'Tis the season for good food, family, friends, presents and fellowship. May yours be filled with each this season and throughout the year.

May your spirit be renewed during this joyous season with the love of the family and friends that you care about most.

Here's to hoping that you find happiness, peace and good will this holiday season and throughout the coming New Year.

Take nothing for granted and be thankful that you have such great family and friends to spend this joyous season with.

Take a few moments this season to appreciate the true meaning of Christmas and what makes it so magical and joyous.

Fill your heart with the warmth that is the closeness of your family, friends and loved ones this holiday season and forever.

Even though we don't see or talk to each other too often, I wish you nothing but the best this season and for the coming New Year.

This holiday season, try to appreciate the true meaning of Christmas and share the meaning with the ones that are closest to you.

Don't dwell on the past too much. Use this time of year to reflect on the good things in life that mean the most to you.

Smile often, love always and good things will find a way to enter your life to give you a true sense of happiness.

May your inner child come out this holiday season so you may truly enjoy and appreciate the small things in life that so often get overlooked.

May the holidays bring you new inspiration and joy. Wishing you all the happiness of the season in the new year.

Christmas is the time of giving and sharing, it is the time of loving and forgiving. May the miracle of Christmas fill your heart with warmth and love.

Wishing you and your family health, happiness, peace and prosperity this holiday season and in the coming New Year.

May the magic of Christmas fill your heart all year. May your Christmas sparkle and shine. Celebrate this holiday like a child. Have a great Christmas.

THE LITTLE MATCH GIRL

Most terribly cold it was; it snowed, and was nearly quite dark, and evening-- the last evening of the year. In this cold and darkness there went along the street a poor little girl, bareheaded, and with naked feet. When she left home she had slippers on, it is true; but what was the good of that? They were very large slippers, which her mother had hitherto worn; so large were they; and the poor little thing lost them as she scuffled away across the street, because of two carriages that rolled by dreadfully fast.

One slipper was nowhere to be found; the other had been laid hold of by an urchin, and off he ran with it; he thought it would do capitally for a cradle when he some day or other should have children himself. So the little maiden walked on with her tiny naked feet, that were quite red and blue from cold. She carried a quantity of matches in an old apron, and she held a bundle of them in her hand. Nobody had bought anything of her the whole livelong day; no one had given her a single farthing.

She crept along trembling with cold and hunger--a very picture of sorrow, the poor little thing!

The flakes of snow covered her long fair hair, which fell in beautiful curls around her neck; but of that, of course, she never once now thought. From all the windows the candles were gleaming, and it smelt so deliciously of roast goose, for you know it was New Year's Eve; yes, of that she thought.

In a corner formed by two houses, of which one advanced more than the other, she seated herself down and cowered together. Her little feet she had drawn close up to her, but she grew colder and colder, and to go home she did not venture, for she had not sold any matches and could not bring a farthing of money: from her father she would certainly get blows, and at home it was cold too, for above her she had only the roof, through which the wind whistled, even though the largest cracks were stopped up with straw and rags.

Her little hands were almost numbed with cold. Oh! a match might afford her a world of comfort, if she only dared take a single one out of the bundle, draw it against the wall, and warm her fingers by it. She drew one out. "Rischt!" how it blazed, how it burnt! It was a warm, bright flame, like a candle, as she held her hands over it: it was a wonderful light. It seemed really to the little maiden as though she were sitting before a large iron stove, with burnished brass feet and a brass ornament at top. The fire burned with such blessed influence; it warmed so delightfully. The little girl had already stretched out her feet to warm them too; but--the small flame went out, the stove vanished: she had only the remains of the burnt-out match in her hand.

She rubbed another against the wall: it burned brightly, and where the light fell on the wall, there the wall became transparent like a veil, so that she could see into the room. On the table was spread a snow-white tablecloth; upon it was a splendid porcelain service, and the roast goose was steaming famously with its stuffing of apple and dried plums. And what was still more capital to behold was, the goose hopped down from the dish, reeled about on the floor with knife and fork in its breast, till it came up to the poor little girl; when--the match went out and nothing but the thick, cold, damp wall was left behind. She lighted another match. Now there she was sitting under the most magnificent Christmas tree: it was still larger, and more decorated than the one which she had seen through the glass door in the rich merchant's house.

Thousands of lights were burning on the green branches, and gaily-colored pictures, such as she had seen in the shop-windows, looked down upon her. The little maiden stretched out her hands towards them when--the match went out. The lights of the Christmas tree rose higher and higher, she saw them now as stars in heaven; one fell down and formed a long trail of fire.

"Someone is just dead!" said the little girl; for her old grandmother, the only person who had loved her, and who was now no more, had told her, that when a star falls, a soul ascends to God.

She drew another match against the wall: it was again light, and in the lustre there stood the old grandmother, so bright and radiant, so mild, and with such an expression of love.

"Grandmother!" cried the little one. "Oh, take me with you! You go away when the match burns out; you vanish like the warm stove, like the delicious roast goose, and like the magnificent Christmas tree!" And she rubbed the whole bundle of matches quickly against the wall, for she wanted to be quite sure of keeping her grandmother near her. And the matches gave such a brilliant light that it was brighter than at noon-day: never formerly had the grandmother been so beautiful and so tall. She took the little maiden, on her arm, and both flew in brightness and in joy so high, so very high, and then above was neither cold, nor hunger, nor anxiety--they were with God.

But in the corner, at the cold hour of dawn, sat the poor girl, with rosy cheeks and with a smiling mouth, leaning against the wall--frozen to death on the last evening of the old year. Stiff and stark sat the child there with her matches, of which one bundle had been burnt. "She wanted

to warm herself," people said. No one had the slightest suspicion of what beautiful things she had seen; no one even dreamed of the splendor in which, with her grandmother she had entered on the joys of a new year.

THE CHRISTMAS STORY: Luke – Chapter 2

1. And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.
2. And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.
3. And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city.
4. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)
5. To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.
6. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.
7. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.
8. And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.
9. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.
10. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.
11. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.
12. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.
13. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,
14. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.
15. And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.
16. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger
17. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child.
18. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.
19. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.
20. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.
21. And when eight days were accomplished for the circumcising of the child, his name was called JESUS, which was so named of the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

TO THE LADIES OF THE KITCHEN

I would like to sincerely thank all the ladies who give freely of their time and effort to do the prep work for the dinners at our club. As everyone knows the hardest part of any job is the preparation, and all of the ladies that help, do a fabulous job. Your hard work and loving attention is a big part of the reason the dinners are so tasty and people come from miles around just enjoy them. You are all appreciated very much.

Ken Prince

ALZHEIMERS ASSOCIATION FUNDRAISER HELD AT ST ANNS

December 11th there was a fundraiser dinner dance to benefit the Alzheimer's Association. It was a very nice event that was well attended. The following have made donations for the raffle. Please patronize them. Billy Genuiro and Steve Moran, D.J Dom, Dooney Bourke, Partners Café, J.B. Deli, Mikes Deli, Pat Spinola, Joe Valiente Jr., St Ann Club, Anytime Fitness, 203 Tan and Jessica Larose Cappuccia.

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There has been some interest in a men's and mixed Bocce league or Bocce night at the club so I will post a sign up sheet on the club bulletin board to see if there is ENOUGH interest! Warren Fondu 246-0377

MARINA NEWS

We will have a marina meeting at the club on January 6, 2016 at 6:30 pm. This meeting will be before the club's joint meeting so please make every effort to attend. At the meeting we will hold an election of officers and committee members for the marina.

All positions are open, Chairman, Dock Master, Assistant Dock Master, Secretary and Treasurer. We will also elect 3 additional committee members. Current committee members are: Chairman - Warren Fondu, Dock master - Sal Covello Assistant Dock master – open, Secretary – open, Treasurer, Frank Fellicissimo, Committee members, Ed Matthews, Vince Pampena, Rinaldo Diiorio. Nominations will be taken from the floor followed by an election.

You may nominate yourself. You must be at the meeting in order to be elected. If you cannot be there and want to run for a particular position you need to contact me ahead of time. As I said ALL POSITIONS are open. I, for one, feel that it is time for a change of the guard so if you

have the time and interest please seriously consider a nomination for one or more of the positions. The election will be our primary order of business. As time permits we will discuss the marina docks and any other issues that anyone wants to discuss.

Thank You
Warren Fondu
Chairman

MENS MEMBERS 1ST READINGS DECEMBER

Nick Caruso sponsored by Patrick Shipman
John Bovie sponsored by Pat Cutrone

NEW MEMBERS:

David Grecco sponsored by Frank Mauro sworn in October men's meeting
Mike Tavalacci sponsored by Frank Mauro sworn in October men's meeting
Peter Havens sponsored by Mike Gabriele sworn in November men's meeting

2016 NEW LIFE MEMBERS:

Joseph Chetta Louis Fabion Chris Iannacone Charles Johnson Frank Picchione Robert Siano Nicola Vona

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 Carolyn Shanahan at 203-8462140 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 March 31, 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.

JANUARY

- 6 Joint Meeting 8:00
Marina Meeting 6:30
- 9 Old School Band
- 16 D.J. Dom the Magnificent
- 21 Ladies Dinner
- 23 Family Dinner
Contact Maria Vozzo
- 27 Mens Dinner
- 30 Johnny Meceli
Acoustical guitarist,
Singer

FEBRUARY

- 3 Men's Meeting
- 4 Ladies Meeting
Blood Pressure
Screening 6:30
- 6 The Talented D.J. Dom
- 13 Valentine's Dinner Dance
Featuring the band
Dreamin
- 18 Ladies Dinner
- 20 Glenn Roethal Award
winning guitarist, singer
and entertainer. Will take
requests for songs from
the past seven decades.
- 24 Men's Dinner
- 27 Whistleville Band
Country Music

MARCH

- 2 Men's Meeting
- 3 Ladies Meeting
- 5 The Renowned D.J. Dom
- 12 The EXTRAS Band
- 17 Ladies Dinner
- 19 Open Date...at printing.
- 26 St. Joseph's Dance
- 30 Mens Dinner

For information or reservations on most of the events contact Tony Cappuccia 203 515 7706

For events not specifically designated as a dinner or dinner dance there will be a food truck for your dining pleasure.

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- Vice President – Mike Gabriele
- Financial Secretary – Ken Romano
- Treasurer – Syd Gordon
- Recording Secretary – Vincent Scicchitano
- Bar Manager – James O'Brian
- Public Relations – Eric Fleisch
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MARINA COMMITTEE

- Chairman – Warren Fondu
- Dock Master – Sal Covello

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- Syd Gordon
- Keith Stadler
- Tony Cappuccia
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