

## SAINT ANN NEWSLETTER OCTOBER NOVEMBER DECEMBER 2018

### THE BEST ST ANN FEAST IN HISTORY

July 26<sup>th</sup> thru July 29<sup>th</sup> was the best St. Ann Feast of all time. By the time you read this the final numbers will be in and we all will be very pleased. Despite a slight shower on Friday night, the people kept coming and a great time was had by one and all. Our annual Feast requires a great deal of effort and hard work by our members and I'm here to say a great big **THANK-YOU** to all who participated. May next year be even better.

The Editor

### A NOTE FROM THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

After a disappointing summer weather-wise, hopefully we will have a nice fall complete with all its beautiful colors. Go out and enjoy yourselves before the cold winter months are upon us.

Our heartfelt thanks to all our volunteers who worked so hard for our Feast, the Oyster Fest and our many club events. The Club could not survive without your support. We are grateful to all of you!

A reminder of auxiliary coming events--Auxiliary Meeting, October 4th at **7:30PM**,

Member Appreciation and Nominations at the November Auxiliary 1st meeting at **7:00PM** and

Elections for Officers and Board Members at our December 6th Auxiliary Meeting at **7:00PM**.

As we enter the holiday season, let us remember those we lost, those who are suffering, those who lost everything because of catastrophic weather and be grateful for all that we have and enjoy with our families and friends.

Camille Andreozi

### COLUMBUS DAY PARADE

Sunday October 7<sup>th</sup> members of St Ann's, Sons and Daughters of Italy and Knights of Columbus are requested to meet at The Eagles Club on Mott St. at 11:00 am to then march to the Heritage Wall via West Av. There will be a ceremony at the wall followed by Mass and dinner at St. Ann's.

### SATURDAY NIGHT FEVER, NOT EXACTLY

On most Saturday nights, at the club, our esteemed social event director, Tony Cappuccia has arranged for a band or a D.J. or Karaoke. There is no cover charge at all. You may bring in your own food or snacks as well as all your friends and or family, and they need not be members. You must, however purchase your beverage at the bar. Where else can you get this kind of a deal, all night fun and comradery for the price of a beer or glass of wine. All this having been said, the turnout is pretty dismal most nights and my wife and I have been to many of them. People may ask "What does the club do for me?" Well this is something the club does for the membership as well as the general public. I repeat, where can you get a deal like this? Please consider calling some friends and come to the club. Remember it's your club and quite simply "The more the merrier"

### CHILDRENS HALLOWEEN PARTY

To be held on October 28<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 till 4:00. We are asking for donations of regular candy and nut free candy (Please be generous). There will be a costume parade and pumpkins to decorate as well as arts and crafts and games to play. A reservation form will be sent. If you have questions call Maria Vozzo at 203 853 3996.

### CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PARTY

To be held on December 9<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 till 4:00. There will be a magician and Santa will arrive on a fire truck. It will be loads of fun for the kids. This is always very popular so...we ask that you keep to a minimum the number of adults accompanying children. A reservation form will be sent. Any questions call Maria Vozzo at 203 853 3996.

### 2019 DUES

The Men's and Women's dues, payable by January 1, will remain the same for 2019. \$150 for the men and \$50 for the women. Checks should be made out to Mother of Mary. Envelopes should be to the attention of Ken Romano for the men and Carolyn Shannahan for the women. A formal dues letter will be sent out in December. As a reminder your balances on your debit cards cannot be carried over to next year. Please come to the club and enjoy the activities and use your remaining balance.

### ITALIAN EXPRESSIONS AND PROVERBS

**Si dice sempre il lupo più grande che non è.** Which literally translates to: The wolf is made bigger than it is. But actually means: Lying a little might make the story better. (Which – obviously – is totally true).

**La troppa bonezza finisce nella monnezza.** This is the Italian way of saying that "nice guys finish last," but it literally, "too much goodness ends up in the trash."

**Far d'una mosca un elefante.** My mother used to always tell me to stop making a mountain out of a molehill. Don't make a big deal of something so small! In Italian, the proverb is a bit more creative: "To make an elephant out of a

fly.”

**La famiglia è la patria del cuore.** Which means: home (or in this case, family) is where the heart is.

**Senza tentazioni, senza onore.** Translation: Where there is no temptation there is no glory. Or, you have to overcome a few obstacles for real success.

**Quando finisce la partita il re ed il pedone finiscono nella stessa scatola.** The English translation would be:

When you finish the game, the king and pawn end up in the same box. In other words: we all meet the same end.

**Omangiar questa minestra o saltar questa finestra.** This literally means “Either eat this soup or jump out of this window,” better known in English as “you can take it or leave it.” Of course, the Italian version has to incorporate food!

**Lagatta frettolosa ha fatto i gattini ciechi.** The most literal translation here would be “The hasty cat gave birth to blind kittens.” In other words, doing something too quickly can result in less-than-perfect results.

**Al povero mancano tante cose, all'avarò tutte.** This is literally Italian for “the poor man is lacking many things, the greedy man all.” In English, it would be a warning that the greedy are never satisfied.

**Cuando l'amico chiede, non v'è domani.** When a friend asks, there is no tomorrow.

### **Christmas Eve Dinner by Jillian Howe**

I am fifty percent Italian and live with my mother, father, brother and grandmother. My mother and grandmother are both one hundred percent red, white and green and hold their heritage close to their hearts. December is the start of the constant bustling around for the holidays. However, my family starts preparing earlier than that. As soon as Thanksgiving comes to a close, Christmas is the only light at the end of the tunnel. We get ready for our annual Christmas trip to Arthur Avenue in the Bronx.

I joined my brother, mother and grandmother in our van early that morning. The windows were cracked just enough to allow a crisp breeze to keep us cool as we started our journey. We arrived in Little Italy with one mission in mind. The goal was to buy all the ingredients and Christmas Eve dinner essentials listed on the folded up sketch paper in the most efficient way possible. Our first stop was the main market. Noise filled the room as we walked into the market and found our way to the fruit. The fruit was aligned in such a way that it almost looked like a painting you would hang above your kitchen counter. The colors were vibrant making it difficult to choose the ripest, sweetest looking oranges and grapes. We filled our basket, checked fruit off our list and moved down the crowded aisles to the vegetable section. We came across the string beans and broccoli hidden next to the abundance of potatoes. My brother made a face, the kind little kids make when an unfamiliar food appears on their dinner plate, grossed out and unamused. He wasn't much of a veggie eater and now everyone in the market could tell. I drew a thin black line through the listed vegetables and folded the paper back up. The next stop was the pasta section. I never saw so many different types of pasta in one place before. I grabbed the linguini and carefully placed it in the basket. We were going at a good pace as we continued to cross items off our list.

Next, we arrived at Madonna Bread Store. The air was thick with the scent of the freshly baked bread. The store was filled with people shoulder to shoulder. My grandmother purchased an assortment of breads for the big dinner. The bags were getting heavy so we walked back to the car to unload our packages. With empty hands, we continued our mission moving on to the most important part of the trip.

I plugged my nose as we approached the Randazzo Fish Market. The store was overflowing onto the sidewalk with a wide variety of fish. This was my least favorite store mainly because the scent wasn't anywhere close to that of the bread store, and the fish were looking at me with their lifeless eyes. I stood with my brother outside like we always did watching the lobsters head butt each other in the small tank in the window. When my mother and grandmother exited the store, they were struggling to carry all the bags. We reached out and took some of the bags from them. They bought mussels, clams, lobster tails, calamari, shrimp, scallops and scungilli. It's clear to see with Christmas carols and ornaments on evergreen trees comes an abundance of fish for the Italians.

December 24th is a day my family stresses about for weeks but always thankful for it once everything all comes together. The sound of my dad's voice woke me up as he opened my bedroom door and turned on my light. I headed downstairs and my eyes closed as I yawned at the kitchen table. Before I could make breakfast, my mother was already going over the day's game plan. Christmas Eve turns my mother into a military general! As long as everyone does what she says and does it in a timely fashion, no one will get hurt. Everyone was given an assignment. I was in charge of setting the dining room table; my brother was on vacuum duty and the rest of the family started their chores. I folded each cloth napkin neatly and rested it up against the china dishes. I was extra careful when taking out the china and stemware since both were wedding gifts for my parents and only used on holidays and special occasions. As usual, I complained that my brother was given the easier job but I knew everything would be shattered by the time he finished. I could hear my mother stressing in the other room but I smiled as I went into the kitchen and told her the dining room was perfect. I sprinted up the stairs to take my shower and dress in my deep red sweater and black pants.

I was brushing my hair when the doorbell rang. Down the stairs I went and opened the door. Standing outside were my aunts and uncles. They each greeted my brother and I with a big hug and a wet kiss! I led them inside as I

attempted to rub off the brown lipstick my aunts left on my cheeks. When everyone arrived, they went into the dining room and complimented the decorations we had throughout the house.

We all joined hands and said grace thanking God for the food on the table and good people around us. My grandmother got up and went into the kitchen. When she returned, she was holding a large bowl. You can't have Christmas Eve dinner without zuppa di pesce. The room was filled with loud conversation and praise of my grandmother's cooking. Everyone ate so fast it felt as if I blinked and the bowl was empty. Four fish down, three to go. The second course was fried calamari, Italian shrimp salad, baked scallops, potatoes, broccoli and my great grandmother's Christmas Eve salad with oranges. I don't usually eat a lot of fish but I must admit it's hard to say no to this meal.

Once dinner was finished, my brother and I helped clear the table and brought out the many desserts and coffee. I always looked forward to this part of the night. The room was filled with a peaceful feeling and the quiet voices of family catching up since the last time we all got together. Before we knew it, the time had come to say our goodbyes.

The seven fish Christmas Eve dinner will always be an important tradition to me. My grandmother has taught me so much about family values and culture and for that I am extremely grateful. I hope to continue this tradition with my family in the future and learn how to prepare the dinner from my grandmother. I will never forget the memories made throughout the years and to look forward to the bustling mornings and relaxing evenings of December 24th.

### **MENS NEW MEMBERS**

Robert Fahey sworn in on July 11, 2018 sponsored by Peter Napolitano

Steve Marsan sworn in on July 11, 2018 sponsored by Ralph Allegretta

Michael Stromandnoli 1st Reading October 3 sponsored by Lou Caruso

Nick Kantzas 1st reading October 3, 2018 sponsored by Lou Caruso

Salvatore Salta will be sworn in on October 3, 2018

### **LADIES NEW MEMBER**

Angela McCabe sponsored by Marian Barbieri

### **ATTENTION ALL LADIES**

Toni Wallace is now using a new phone number for all club business and it is 203 984 2930. Please use this number to make reservations and any other club business. Make a note and thank you.

### **ANNUAL GAME DINNER**

The annual game dinner will be held on January 10, 2019 at 7:00 pm. There will be the usual fare and the cost is \$45.00. Please contact Giuseppe (Joe) Tamburro at 203 515 2163. As you know this dinner always sells out very fast so to ensure your place contact Joe ASAP.

### **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](mailto: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](mailto:Shannahan776@gmail.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](mailto:BIGE101@optonline.net). The next edition will be sent on or about January 1, 2019

### **SICK OR HOSPITALIZED MEMBERS**

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](mailto: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.

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Oct.        3    Mens Meeting 8:00 pm  
              4    Ladies Auxiliary Meeting **7:30 pm**  
              6    Private Party

- 7 Columbus Day Parade 11:00 am  
Meet at Eagles Club on Mott St.  
See text for details
  - 13 Community Awards Dinner Dance  
\$35.00 Tony Cappuccia 203 515 7706
  - 15 Bocce Dinner 7:00 PM
  - 18 Ladies Dinner 7:00 PM
  - 20 Private Party
  - 27 Halloween Dance: Prizes for best costume  
Sandwedge King Food Truck on site: Chicken parm, Bbq chicken  
Buffalo chicken, Steak and cheese, Meatball parm, Pulled pork
  - 28 Childrens Halloween Party 2:00 till 4:00  
Maria Vozzo 203 853 3996
  - 31 Mens Dinner
- Nov.
- 1 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting **7:00 PM**  
Member Appreciation and Nominations
  - 3 Private Party
  - 7 Mens Meeting
  - 10 Karaoke with Leigh Henry
  - 15 Ladies Dinner 7:00 PM
  - 17 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Sauce Contest and Pasta Dinner \$25.00  
Streets of the Bronx Band For reservations or to enter  
Contact Tony Cappuccia 203 515 7706
  - 18 Holiday Craft Fair 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
  - 24 Armed and Dangerous Band
- Dec
- 1 DJ Dom and all his Christmas Cheer
  - 6 Ladies Auxiliary Meeting - **7:00 PM**  
Election of Officers and Board Members
  - 8 Country Christmas Featuring;  
Jakes Rocking Country Band  
Celebrate Christmas the Country Way \$35.00  
Pulled Pork, BBQ Chicken, Baked Beans, Mac n Cheese,  
Salad and Peach Cobbler
  - 9 Childrens Christmas Party 2:00 till 4:00  
Contact Maria Vozzo 203 853 3996
  - 13 Womens Auxiliary Christmas Dinner 7:00 PM
  - 15 Mens Christmas Party
  - 22 No Entertainment
  - 31 New Years Dinner Dance \$75.00  
Contact Chris Iannacone 203 722 8104
- Jan
- 10 Game Dinner 7:00 pm \$45.

Contact Joe Tamburro 203 515 2163