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MARINA COMMITTEE	
Chairman	Tom Buono
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APRIL

- 4** Ladies Meeting 7:30
B.P. Screening 7:00
- 6** Breast Cancer Fund Raiser \$40
Benefiting Greenwich Hospital
Call Tony Cappuccia 203-515-7706
or Giovanna Cicirello 203-722-3705
- 7** Family Game Day 1:00-3:00
- 13** Breakfast with the Easter bunny
10:00-12:00 \$10 under 10 y.o. free
Contact Toni Wallace 203-984-2930
- 13** Third Rail Band 7:30
- 17** Ladies Dinner **WEDNESDAY** 7:30
Due to Holy Thursday. Also bring
Nonperishable food items.
- 20** Easter weekend
- 24** Men's Dinner 7:30
- 27** Private

May

- 1** Men's Meeting 8:00
- 2** Ladies Meeting 7:30
Rosary by Ginger Yost 7:00
- 4** Pet Nation Norwalk/Fairfield Police K9 &
Animal Nation Fundraiser \$90 per person
\$850 table of 10, call Sue Gabriele
203-984-3169
- 10** Oldies Night Dance the night away
DJ Dom plays your favorite oldies
- 12** Mother's Day Brunch \$25. 11:00am
Contact Tony Cappuccia 203-515-7706
- 16** Ladies Dinner 7:30
- 18** Private
- 19** Beautification & Pride Day 10:00-1:00
Hot Dogs will be served
- 24** Happy Hour \$10. Starts at 6:00
Call Tony Cappuccia 203-515-7706

LADIES AUXILIARY	
President	Toni Wallace
Vice President	Joanne Guaglione
Recording Secretary	Marie Mappa
Corresponding Secretary	Barbara Antonelli
Treasurer	Maria Chuhta
Financial Secretary	Carolyn Shannahan
Sergeant at Arms	Mary Ann Cappuccia
Public Relations	Maria Vozzo

BOARD OF DIRECTORS	
Chairman of the Board	Lisa Prince
Vice Chairman	Vicki Raymond
Members	Arlene Peterson Kate Fiore Cristina Francello

- 27** Memorial Day We will participate
Details to be determined
- 29** Men's Dinner 7:30

June

- 1** Sun Kings Beatles Tribute 7:30
- 5** Men's Meeting 8:00
- 6** Women's Meeting 7:30
- 8** Spring Fling Dinner Dance 7:30
Featuring Tim Currie Band \$35
Tony Cappuccia 203-515-7706
- 15** Private Party
- 17** Golf Tournament
- 20** Ladies Dinner 7:30
- 22** Outside Chance Band
- 26** Men's Dinner 7:30
- 29** DJ Dom 7:30

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NORWALK, CT 06851

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members

I hope this letter finds you in good health and ready to enjoy the upcoming season. I ask that we all pray for any of our members that are sick or hospitalized.

The officers, directors and committee chairmen have all been announced and have commenced their duties. Thanks to the previous administration the club is in great shape and it's my intention to keep it that way for the future administrators. The state of our union is strong thanks to our amazing members. Thanks to each and everyone of you we have a very special organization one that you all can be proud of.

As you all are aware of, our busy time of the year will be here before you know it. We have our two crown jewel events in June and July. I would like to thank Patrick Mobilio for volunteering to take charge of our long standing annual Feast. He has started planning and recruiting chairs for our booths. I am sure based on the way he ran the pastry booth that he will do a terrific job. Let's alt help Patrick make this a record breaking event.

As usual Kenny Romano is well underway with our successful annual golf tournament. As you know we raise a great deal of money for needy organizations and this event has been very effective at raising that money. This year Kenny came up with a great way to pick the charities that we will host. The men's and ladies board each picked one organization and the golf committee picked the third. I am happy to inform you that these are the groups we will sponsor: Leukemia & Lymphoma Society - Men's Board Rallye For Pancreatic Cancer - Golf Committee Lupus Foundation of America -CT Chapter - Women's Board. Whatever you can do to help us make this a success is appreciated.

Concerning the Oyster Festival, the board of directors has decided not to participate in the Oyster festival this year. As you may know attendance has steadily declined over the last ten years and last year we didn't make enough money to warrant the effort we put into it.

Our marina is in superb condition thanks to the individuals that run it and this year there might be a waiting list.

In closing I want to thank you for the opportunity to lead the club. I will do my best to work with each and everyone of you to move us forward and continue our 105 years of successful growth. Of course I cannot do this without your help.

Enjoy your spring and have a very happy Easter. God bless the St Ann club and the United States of America.

~ Mike Gabriele

FROM THE LADIES AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Spring is finally here. With the warmer weather coming it is a great time to come to the club to socialize and volunteer. We have a lot of activities coming up for you to enjoy; Family Game Day, Breakfast with the Easter Bunny and Beautification & Pride Day just to name a few. Please remember that none of these activities would be possible without our dedicated volunteers, so please come and help whenever you can.

Auxiliary meetings are as follows: April 4th at 7:00 blood pressure screening. Meeting at 7:30, At this meeting as well as the April Ladies Dinner we will be collecting nonperishable food items. At the May 2nd Meeting at 7:00 Ginger Yost leads us in The Rosary followed by the regular meeting at 7:30.

I would like to take this opportunity to tell you it is an honor and a privilege to be your President. I accept this appointment with pride and will give it my best effort. With the Grace of God and the cooperation of fellow members I will devote my time and myself to the obligations and duties of this post. But a single head achieves nothing...so let's see all the great things we can do together.

~ Toni Wallace

Mother's Day Brunch 2019

The club will be hosting another delicious Mother's Day Brunch this year. It will take place on Sunday, May 12, 2019. Brunch will include a variety of breakfast items as well as specialty lunch items and a unique dessert table. Coffee, tea, orange juice included, and all adults receive a ticket for one specialty brunch beverage. Doors will open at 11:00 a.m. with brunch beginning at 11:30 a.m. Open to members and non-members. Cost for adults is \$25, children 3 to 12 are \$12, and children under 3 are free. Reservations required. Space limited. Payment in advance encouraged and can be mailed to the Club care of Lisa Prince. For reservations, please call Tony Cappuccia at 203-515-7706 or Lisa Prince at 203-855-8231.

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In Italy, it is not a crime to steal food if you are hungry and have no other means of nourishment.

Since 1968 a man would wake up at sunrise every morning and rush to the Trevi Fountain in Rome. There, he collected coins with a rake. Allegedly, in 15 minutes of work, he used to gather up to \$1000. He was caught only in 2002.

The largest Chinese community in Europe is found in the Tuscan city of Prato. Prato’s Chinese community consists of an estimated 20,000 legal and 30,000 illegal migrants, many working in sweatshops that provide affordable “Made in Italy” textiles for China’s emerging middle class.

In 1968 a man built an island off the coast of Italy and declared himself the President. He ran a restaurant, a bar, a nightclub, and a post office on the island. The Italian government didn’t like this, seized control of the island, and literally blew it up the next year.

In Italy, old people “adopt” students, who can’t afford rent, to their homes in exchange for company and a little help around the house.

37% of Italians have never used the internet (as of 2012).

- Italian cities are amongst the worst in Europe for pollution, but the government are taking measures to improve the environmental situation.
- Italy has a well-developed road network, with nearly 7,000 km of motorway connecting all corners of the nation.
- While the Italian education system is of a high standard, many expats decide to send their children to one of the countries’ several international schools.
- The health service in Italy – the SSN – is one of the best In Europe, and healthcare coverage is guaranteed for all citizens.

Breathtaking scenery, friendly locals, world-renowned food and wine – life in Italy appears to have almost everything an expat could dream of.

Wake up each morning with a cup of the best Italian cappuccino, take a stroll through Milan’s upmarket fashion district, enjoy a plate of *prosciutto cotto* and a glass of *Trebbiano* for lunch, visit one of the countless museums and galleries, and finish the day eating a dinner of *linguine frutti di mare* in the Piazza Navona in Rome. Sound appealing? Then *la dolce vita* might be the lifestyle for you.

If you are considering accepting an expat assignment in Italy, or simply just want a change of scene, read on for some background information to help you make an informed decision about your move.

TROUBLES WITH TRASH AND TRAFFIC

Regardless of the region, urban life in Italy is often very chaotic, with a lot of noise and air pollution. Unfortunately, Italy is also one of the least developed countries in Europe as far as environmental protection is concerned.

Italy’s cities are very polluted, with smog being a regular issue due to the immense amount of traffic. Milan is among the most polluted cities on the continent. Often, vehicle restrictions are imposed in order to bring down air pollution levels- Waste disposal is also rather underdeveloped, with the country failing to properly deal with factories dumping sewage and waste into the Po River.

The good news is that the Italian government, spurred on by the European Union and UNESCO, is looking into environmentally friendly solutions to the above-listed problems. This should make life in Italy a lot greener in the future.

MORE ABOUT ITALY

Italy is a favorite destination of many expats who not only move abroad for their career but also for love or to seek greener pastures, so to speak. However, between pizza, pasta and Berlusconi, there are many things you may not know about the expat destination of your dreams.

When you hear about, Italy you imagine culture, tasty food, and breathtaking views. Italy is everywhere: in the so-called frozen Italian pizza you buy, in funny television programs about cliché Italian people, and in the dreams of many holidaymakers. Therefore, especially if you are a lover of this country, you might think that you know everything there is to know about it. However, there are some interesting facts about Italy that you have probably never heard and that will certainly surprise you.

ITALIANS SPEAK MANY DIFFERENT DIALECTS

In Italy people speak Italian, right? Partially right! En fact, countless dialects – or languages as debated by many – are spoken on the peninsula. These dialects are different from the standard Italian language, to the point that if you only speak standard Italian you may not understand most of them. Counting them is very hard, if not impossible, as it is difficult to trace the line between one dialect and the other. As a matter of fact each village and each city has a different one, with characteristics that differentiate it from the one of the neighbor village. People speaking solely standard Italian in familiar situations (informal situations) make up 44.6% of the population, the ones mostly using a dialect represent 23.6% of Italians, and 28.3% alternate standard Italian with a dialect. These different dialects might make communication challenging – especially for foreigners who speak only standard Italian – but they are a true cultural heritage which deserves to be protected.

THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS A TYPICAL ITALIAN

What does a typical Italian look like? According to the stereotype he or she is rather tanned with generally dark features, in-reality Italians are the most genetically diverse population on the European continent. There is more difference between an Italian from the region of Sardinia and one

from Friuli, than between a Portuguese and a Hungarian. Therefore, there is no such thing as a typical Italian. But where does this diversity come from? It was born and developed through centuries because Italy has always been the land of arrivals and departures. Many different peoples have crossed it for multiple reasons: commerce, conquering, political reasons in order to get to Rome the center of Christianity, and continuing to other places.

NOT ONLY ROME, PISA. FLORENCE, AND

Obviously, these cities should not be missed when visiting the boot-shaped country; however, there are other astonishing landmarks worth visiting or at least knowing about. For instance, did you know that in the region of Abruzzo there is the most southern glacier of Europe? Even if recently there has been literature discussing other glacial apparatuses which are even more at south, this remains the most famous one. It is inside the massif of Grand Sasso d’Italia in the central Apennines. It has a height which goes between the 2650 and 2850 meters. A bit more south we find another astonishing fact, or to better say, an astonishing volcano: Etna. With a diameter of 40 km and a height of 3340 m, this volcano is the highest active one in Europe. If we move to the Adriatic coast, we find a very peculiar landmark: *la coste dei trabocchi*; this coast is characterized by the diffusion of the *trabocchi*, which are ancient fishing machines which became monumental heritage. It is difficult to describe these machines without a representation in front, but it is possible to say they are strange and complex, held up by pilings and supported – almost miraculously – by a spin of cables and axes. As these fascinating apparatuses are on the sea, many of them are now used as restaurants where the most amazing fresh fish is served.

Pizza and Pasta?

Of course, we know about pizza and pasta, the most famous Italian dishes; but is this everything Italy has to offer food-wise? Absolutely not! In fact, Italy has 20 regions and each region has plenty of specialties. An analysis of 2013 which was based on a census of the traditional agricultural products has shown that Italy has the biggest number of food specialties, which reached the number of 4698 different dishes. This makes Italy the global leader in food tourism. Therefore, next time you visit Italy, make sure not to go in touristic restaurants where they serve only “touristic food”, but where everyone turns right, turn left.



NEW MEMBERS MEN

MEMBERS NAME	SPONSOR	DATE JOINED
Dominick Bruni	Tony Guaglione	1-2-19
Mario LaValla	John Antonelli	2-6/-9
Joseph Conti	Mark Pohl	2-6/-9

NEW MEMBERS LADIES

MEMBERS NAME	SPONSOR	DATE JOINED
Maria Buono	Annamaria Malagisi	3-7-19
Fran Chalikis	Carolyn Shannahan	3-7-19
Barbara Chisholm	Christina Chisholm	3-7-19
Louis Daly	Diane Ezzo	3-7-19
Julia Franco	Jennifer Veno	12-6-18
Christina Garcia	Gina Arena	12-6-18
Ellen Garcia	Gina Arena	2-7-19

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

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 July 1, 2019

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. 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.