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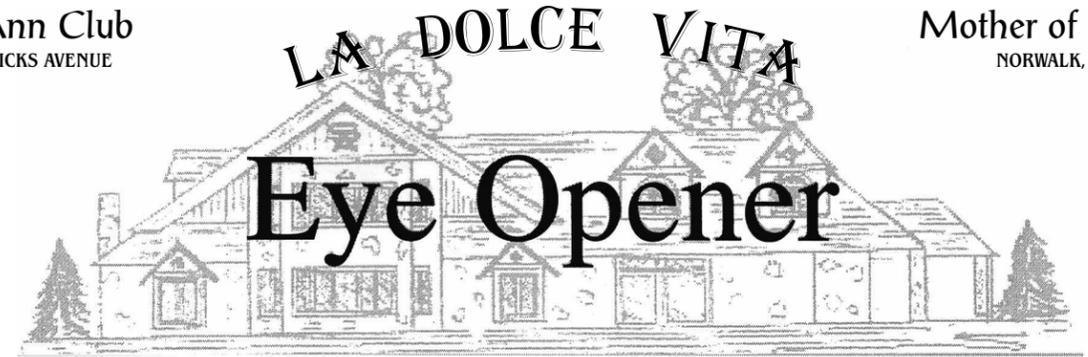
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 16 HENDRICKS AVENUE

Mother of Mary, Inc.  
 NORWALK, CT 06851



July - August - September - 2019

**DISPATCH NEWS**

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**COMING EVENTS**

**JULY**

**6** No Entertainment  
**10** Joint Meeting 8:00  
**13** Sucker Punch Band 7:30  
**20** Pizza on the Patio 5:30  
 \$10. Music by Steven Keith  
 Call Tony 203-515-7706  
**22-24** Feast Set Up 5:00 to 8:00  
**25-28** Feast

**AUGUST**

**4** Car Show 10:00 to 3:00  
**7** Mens Meeting 8:00  
**9** Pizza on the Patio \$10.00. 6:00 pm  
 Green Eyed Lady Band  
 Call Tony 203-515-7706  
**17** No Entertainment  
**25** Clam Bake \$40.00 1:00pm  
 Call Steve Sabol at 203-838-7325  
 or Tony at 203-515-7706  
**31** No Entertainment

**SEPTEMBER**

**4** Mens Meeting 8:00  
**5** Ladies Meeting 7:00  
 Self Defense Class  
**6** Pizza on the Patio \$10.00 6:00  
**7** Private Party  
**14** Private Party  
**19** Ladies Dinner 7:30  
**21** The Phenomenal D.J.DOM 7:30  
**25** Mens Dinner 7:30  
**28** St Ann Beer Fest  
 Details to be determined

**FROM THE PRESIDENT**

**Dear St. Ann Members**

Thank you for your help in the first six months of 2019. As a result of your efforts we had a very successful first half of this year. We just completed a very successful golf outing which was completely sold out. Thanks to Kenny Romano and the dozens of volunteers that worked so hard to make this a great event. I can't name everyone but you know who you are. Thanks.

In addition, we had very successful men's and women's dinners this year. We continue to attract 200 or more at every event. Our food is the best around thanks to the ace kitchen crews for every affair. Special thanks to the many men and women who work behind the scenes setting up, propping, serving and cleaning up. These affairs take a great deal of hard work. I would like to recognize our chefs that do most of the dinners, Walter Cerretani, Chris Iannacone, Tony Iacono and our kitchen manager and chef Kenny Prince who does almost all of the supply management and drives to Restaurant Depot at least twice a month. Without his attention to the operation of our kitchen we would be in big trouble. Thanks to the entire group.

And lastly there were several other affairs I would like to mention: The Animal Nation dinner where we raised over \$13,000 for the club and, we hosted a trade show event for an electrical wholesale company that raised over \$8,000.

Our Friday night pizza happy hour drew over 160 people and it was our best happy hour ever. Our annual Mother's Day brunch was as always, a beautiful affair. Thanks to the auxiliary for the effort to put this affair on. Lisa Prince and Carolyn Shannahan along with their staff outdid themselves.

I would also like to point out that our Vice President Tony Cappuccia books almost all of the special events held at the clubhouse and this takes a great deal of time. Tony thanks for your efforts.

Our club is one of if not the most successful organization in Connecticut. The reason is obvious. Our members work hard and always provide support for our great organization. Without this tremendous effort we would not be in the enviable position we are in.

Now that summer has arrived, we are planning for our annual feast in July. Patrick Mobilio has some new programs and I am confident this will be a fantastic event. Of course, we might pray for good weather.

I look forward to the coming six months. I hope I can spend time with each and every one of you during our feast.

~ Mike Gabriele

**ST. ANN CLAM BAKE ~ SUNDAY, AUGUST 25th 1:00 PM**

The Clambake will be held indoors so no worries about the weather. Tickets for this event must be purchased before August 1st. Members and their families will have first preference and then tickets will be offered to the general public. Music by: Anthony Masi & SUMMERTIME. Tickets are \$40.00 Please contact Steve Sabol at 203 858 7325 or Tony Cappuccia at 203 515 7706 to purchase tickets.

The menu: Surf & Turf; Clam Chowder; Mussels; Raw Clams; Corn on the Cob; Red potato; Cole Slaw; Beer, Soda, Ice Tea; Coffee; & Cannoli. See you at the Clambake. ~ Steve Sabol, Chairman.

**JULY JOINT MEETING**

The July Joint Meeting will be held on July 10th instead of July 3rd because of the July 4th Holiday. Please plan to attend and have a voice in your club. Snacks will be served for those who attend.

**FROM THE LADIES AUXILIARY**

The Women's Auxiliary has had a great first half of 2019. We have tried some new ideas- Game Day, Beautification Day as well as one of our favorites, The Mother's Day Brunch. Our dinners have been full. All of these things are only possible because of our many faithful volunteers. Without them none of these events would be the success that they are. Remember there are no dinners or meetings in July and August with the exception of the joint meeting which will be on Wednesday July 10th at 8:00. Have a great summer and see you at the Feast. ~ Toni Wallace

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## ST. ANN FEAST

As many of you already know, we will not be participating in this year’s Oyster Festival. One of the biggest reasons for this decision is the uncertainty of making a profit worthy of our efforts. Escalating costs as well as the sometimes-ambiguous weather forecast are other considerations. Since we only have one affair to contend with, we should have plenty of volunteers to make The St. Ann feast a resounding success. Please do not take this to mean that you are not needed at our Feast. My point is, “The more the merrier” If you can stand another adage, “Many hands make light work”. So please get involved and come to volunteer at the Feast. Don’t forget that we always need lots of help with set-up and teardown. Also be sure to tell all your friends and family that St Ann’s is the only place they will be able to get our world-famous Pizza Fritta. The Chairman this year is Pat Mobilo and if you want to help and don’t know when you’re needed or what you can do, contact Pat. The preferred method to contact Pat is texting to 203-395-4568. If you’re unable to text then call to the same number. ~ The Editor.

## RAFFLE TICKETS AT CLUB BAR

This is a gentle reminder to every member. Please go to the club and pick up your Raffle Tickets and either sell or purchase them. Janet Pucci is the Chairperson for this very important part of fundraising at the Feast. Once you have sold all your tickets please mail or drop them off at the Club. Checks should be made out to St. Ann Society. It is not recommended to mail cash. The top prize this year is a \$3500.00 gift card and you could be the winner. It is extremely important that you come to the club to get your tickets as they cannot be mailed to you. All unsold tickets must be returned to the club as per state law. If you need more tickets please contact Janet Pucci at 203-952-3528 or Margaret Sandstrom at 203-966-8837, We hope that everyone will sell all their tickets and make this years’ Feast a great success.

## LADIES AUXILIARY FACEBOOK PAGE

In order to share important dates and more timely information with our members, the ladies’ auxiliary has created a Facebook page. Please feel free to “Like” and “Follow” the page. You can find it by searching when on Facebook for - St. Ann Club Ladies Auxiliary. If you have questions, please email: StAnnLadiesAuxiliary@gmail.com

## IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT FACEBOOK PHOTOS

Facebook does not have album links anymore. The links found on the St Ann website (<http://www.stannclub.org/event-photos.html>) Each photo from this point on will now take you to my Facebook page: Anna Mastrolillo-Photo, and not to a specific album, you need to friend the Facebook page and be accepted in order to see the photos. Sorry these are Facebook’s rules and not mine! Anna Mastrolillo-Photo

## OUTDOOR PIZZA OVEN COMING TO CLUB

An outdoor wood fired pizza oven was approved by the membership at the April meeting. It will be installed adjacent to our patio and will have a structure to protect it from the weather.

## ITALIAN PROVERBS: *PROVERBI ITALIANI*

Italian is a language as fertile as the vineyards that dot the peninsula’s countryside from north to south, and as a result, it’s also rich in short, pithy sayings. Didactic or advisory in nature, Italian proverbs are generalizations couched in specific, often metaphorical expressions, like *niente di nuovo sotto il sole*, meaning there’s nothing new under the sun or *troppi cuochi guastano la cucina*, which means that too many cooks spoil the cooking.

***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 out of something so small! In Italian, the proverb is a bit more creative: “To make an elephant out of a fly.”

***La famiglia é 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.

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

***La gatta 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.

***At povero mancano tante cose, all’avaro 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’ é domani.*** When a friend asks, there is no tomorrow.

***Chi non va non vede, chi non vede non sa e chi non sa se to prende sempre in culo.*** If you don’t go you won’t see, if you don’t see you won’t know, if you don’t know you’ll take it in the ass every time.

## FOUR THINGS YOU DID NOT KNOW 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! In fact, countless of 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. 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 people have crossed it for multiple reasons: commerce, conquering, political reasons, to get to Rome the center of Christianity, and continuing on to other places.

## NOT ONLY ROME, PISA, FLORENCE, AND VENICE

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 costa del trabocchi*, this coast is characterized by the diffusion of the trabocchi, which are ancient fishing machines which became a 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 axles. 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.

## BOCCE COURTS REDONE

The bocce courts have been spruced up with new clay and new planking on the court boundaries as well as paving stones between the courts. It looks very nice and your balls will roll much better. A big THANK YOU! to Tony Iacono.

## NEW MEN’S MEMBERS

Jamie Ahern sponsored by Al Ricci sworn in at the men’s April meeting

James Booth sponsored by Tony Cappuccia sworn in at the men’s May meeting

Matt Condon sponsored by Frank Felicissimo sworn in at the men’s June meeting

David Cocchia sponsored by Mark Pohl to be sworn in at the July meeting

Nicholas Spanos sponsored by Christopher Weldon sworn in at the men’s June’s meeting

## 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 October 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](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.