**SAINT ANN NEWSLETTER OCTOBER NOVEMBER DECEMBER 2020**

**FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Dear Members, I am pleased to be writing today from our newsletter. Thanks to Eric Fleisch for restarting our club publication. This month we held our 1st men’s meeting and we had an excellent turnout. Chris Iannacone has volunteered to chair our first men’s dinner since the club shutdown in March. It is time for us to open our club for whatever functions which are permitted. **Please understand we are doing this in a safe manner compiling with all state recommendations**.

At the meetings we are requiring members to wear face masks unless there is a legitimate health exemption. The bar is limited to one customer per bar tender at a time. No sitting or congregating within the bar area. The bar is not open except for dinners. Dinners are limited to 50 percent of the clubs’ capacity. Following these guidelines the board believes we can bring the club back to life safely.

While we have had a disruption of our revenue over the last six months, fortunately the club was in a strong financial position so we were able to weather this catastrophe. Thanks to our members for your cooperation and patience during these trying times.  We were able to have two takeout dinner events and a few parking lot affairs. Thanks to all the club volunteers who as always stepped up to the challenge.

**We intend to hold a Columbus celebration at the club on October 11 at 11:00 am.** (look for details to follow). At that time we will be dedicating the Columbus statue which was formerly located at heritage park. The statue was donated to our club from the members of the College Society. The statue was initially presented to Norwalk in 1940 at Columbus School and was subsequently moved to Heritage Park when it opened. It is now the exclusive property of the St. Ann Club. Please join us for this momentous occasion. Thanks to Tony Cappuccia for all the work he did in making this transaction happen. I would also like to thank the Columbus Society for entrusting us with the statue.

I sincerely wish you good health and happiness in the coming months. I hope to see you in the coming months.

Respectfully, Michael Gabriele

**THE HOLIDAY SEASON IS FAST APPROACHING**

***THE OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS WOULD LIKE TO WISH EVERYONE A HAPPY HEALTHY AND JOYOUS HOLIDAY SEASON. MAY THE GRACE OF OUR GOOD LORD BE WITH ALL OF US.***

**FROM THE LADIES AUXILIARY**

I hope this letter finds you all healthy and well. It has been so long since we have been able to enjoy each others company. Since Connecticut is still in Phase 2 of reopening and we cannot have more than 25 people inside for events it looks like it will be awhile longer before we can get back to doing so. However, the Women's Auxiliary is planning a few events . We are having a pick-up dinner on Friday October 23rd. pick- up times and order info will be sent out soon via email). The dinner will be your choice of sausage & pepper or meatball grinder, a salad and a homemade dessert. The cost will be $18.00 a meal.  Please place an order and help support our club.

We are also planning a trunk or treat for member's children, grandchildren and great grandchildren aged 14 and under. That will be on Halloween, Saturday October 31st (Rain date will be Sunday November 1st). children can come anytime between 11:00- 1:00 and collect candy from each car.  Members who would like to participate and give out their candy should be at club by 10:30. Bring enough candy for appx. 75 children. (you can always go in with a friend and put your candy together).  If you are not comfortable passing out your candy, we will always accept candy donations.  Call me (203) 984-2930 and I can pick it up. **MASKS** are a **MUST** and we will provide gloves for anyone passing out their candy.  You can get in the spirit by dressing in costume and/or decorating your car. Please bring your own chairs, candy and candy bowl. Let's try to make it a fun time for the kids as it is hard enough for them already.

On behalf of the officers and board of the auxiliary, we wish you a Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year. I don't know about the rest of you but I am ready to end 2020 and hopefully 2021 will be a better year for us all. Toni Wallace

**OCTOBER 23rd Pick-up Dinner…..$18.00**

**OCTOBER 31st Children’s Trunk or Treat Halloween 11:00 A.M. Rain Date November 1st.**

**A NOTE IN PASSING**

At the September Mens Meeting it was deemed appropriate to note of the passing of any member of the club in this Newsletter. We will of course will abide by the wishes of family members in terms of what they would or would not like to be published.

**I AM AN ITALIAN AMERICAN**

My roots are deep in an ancient soil drenched by the Mediterranean sun, and watered by pure streams from snowcapped mountains.

I am enriched by thousands of years of culture.

My hands are those of the mason, the artist and the man of the soil.

My thoughts have been recorded in the annals of Rome, the poetry of Virgil, the creations of Dante and the philosophy of Benedetto Croce.

I am an Italian and from my ancient world, I first spanned the seas to the new world. I am Cristoforo Colombo.

I am Giovanni Caboto known in American history as John Cabot, discoverer of the mainland of North America.

I am Amerigo Vespucci, who gave my name to the new world, America.

First to set sail on the Great Lakes in 1679, founder of the territory that became the State of Illinois, colonizer of Louisiana and Arkansas, I am Enrico Tonti.

I am Filippo Mazzei, friend of Thomas Jefferson, and my thesis on the equality of man was written into the Bill of Rights.

I am William Paca, signer of the Declaration of Independence.

I am an Italian American, I financed the Northwest Expedition of George Rodgers Clark and accompanied him through the lands that would become Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, and Michigan. I am Colonel Francesco Vigo.

I mapped the Pacific from Mexico to Alaska and to the Philippines. I am Alessandro Malaspina.

I am Giacomo Beltrami, discoverer of the Mississippi River in 1823.

I created the Dome of the United States Capitol. They call me the Michelangelo of America. I am Constanlino Brumidi.

In 1904, I founded, in San Francisco, the Bank of Italy now known as the Bank of America, the largest financial institution in the world. I am A. P. Giannini.

I am Enrico Fermi, father of nuclear science in America.

First enlisted man to win the Medal of Honor in World War II. I’m John Basilone of New Jersey.

I am an Italian American. I am the million strong who served in America’s armies and the tens of thousands whose names are enshrined in military cemeteries from Guadalcanal to the Rhine.

I am the steel maker in Pittsburgh, the grower in the Imperial Valley of California, the textile designer in Manhattan, the movie maker in Hollywood, the homemaker and breadwinner in 10,000 communities.

I am an American without any reservation, loving this land as only one who understands history, it’s agonies and its triumphs can love it and serve it.

I will not be told that my contribution is any less nor my role not as worthy as that of any American.

I will stand in support of this nation’s freedom and promise against all foes. My heritage has dedicated me to this nation. I am proud of my full heritage, and I shall remain worthy of it.

“I am an Italian American”

**ITALIAN EXPRESSION OF THE DAY: 'NON VEDO L'ORA'**

**We bet you can't wait to start using this Italian phrase.**

If you were to ask an Italian out on a date, they might respond with today's expression: ***non vedo l’ora*** But, since this literally translates as "I can’t see the time", you might understandably think you’d just been turned down with an excuse about a busy schedule.But this is when it really pays to know your Italian idioms, since this phrase actually means “I can’t wait” or “I’m looking forward to it.”As in, you’re just so excited about this future event that you can’t even "see", or imagine, the time coming.Isn’t that a bit more romantic than the impatient English "I can’t wait"?And it’s definitely one phrase you’ll hear from a romantic Italian lover. The amorous Italian you met on your last trip to Italy, now separated from you by thousands of miles of ocean, is likely to send messages along the lines of:*- non vedo l'ora di rivederti amore mio*- I can’t wait to see you again my loveThey don’t call it the language of love for nothing.But, obviously, the phrase is also used all the time in all sorts of situations; some of them markedly less romantic.

Some other useful phrases might be: *- non vedo l'ora di finire il lavoro* - I can’t wait to finish work - Non vedo l'ora di incontrare i miei nuovi colleghi - I’m looking forward to meeting my new colleagues. While there's a slight different between "I can't wait" and "I'm looking forward to it" (the former would imply more yearning or excitement) Italians just use the same phrase for both. So for English speakers, using *non vedo l'ora*when you want to politely express that you're "quite looking forward to" your colleague's birthday lunch might feel a bit much. But really, it's fine. To use it, you can simply add on verbs in the infinitive, just like in English. Not too difficult! In Italian, *ora*can be used to mean  both ‘hour and ‘time’, as well as "now" Some examples: *- che ora è?* - what time is it? *- è ora di andare* - It’s time to go *- Stiamo mangiando proprio ora* - We're eating right now And now you know how to tell people how excited you are about your next visit to Italy: *Non vedo l'ora di tornare in Italia!*

**ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL DID NOT INVENT THE TELEPHONE**

In 1860, a Florentine immigrant in New York named Antonio Meucci demonstrated a remarkable invention he called teletofono. Sadly, Meucci could not find a sponsor for his product, and after several mishaps, he could not afford the fee for even a temporary patent. Enter Alexander Graham Bell, who just so happened to share a laboratory with Meucci. Bell did not get a patent for “his” telephone until 1876, 16 years after Meucci had unveiled his prototype. Bell soon struck a deal with Western Union to sell his device. Meucci sued Bell for fraud, and the case was nearing the Supreme Court when Meucci died, in 1889. It took until 2002 for the Italian inventor to be vindicated. That was when the U.S. House of Representatives passed a resolution declaring that “his work in the invention of the telephone should be acknowledged”.

**ITALIAN LANGUAGE LESSONS**

Due to the pandemic caused by the “**CHINA VIRUS”**, the Italian Language Lessons have been postponed to possibly resume sometime in January 2021. This of course is contingent on oppressive government mandates being lifted to one degree or the other. Questions may be directed to Andrew Troetti at 646 523 1110

**NEW MEMBERS**

Thomas Marucci sponsored by Tony Guaglione sworn in at the Men's February meeting

 1st reading September Men's meeting Tim Coda sponsored by Mark Pohl

1st reading September Men's meeting Bud Boucher sponsored by Lou Imperato

1st reading September Men's meeting Michael Andreoli sponsored by Tom Buono

**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 Louis G. Imperato. His e-mail address is bigalou@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. The next edition will be sent on or about January 1, 2021

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.

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