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EVENTS

JULY
 6 Joint Meeting 8pm till done
 21 Feast 6pm till 10pm
 22 Feast 6 till 11pm
 23 Feast 4 till 11pm
 24 Feast 3 till 8pm
 27 Blood Drive 1 till 6pm

AUGUST
 3 Mens Meeting 8pm till done
 4 Ladies Meeting 7:30 till done
 12 Blood Drive 12pm till 5pm
 13 Private Party 7pm till 11pm
 14 Car Show 10am till 3pm
 20 Private Party 1pm till 5pm
 22 Blood Drive 12pm till 5pm

SEPTEMBER
 1 Ladies Meeting 7:30 till done
 7 Mens Meeting 8pm till done
 15 Ladies Dinner 7:30 till done \$25
 18 Car Show for Pancreatic Cancer 8am till 4pm
 24 Children's Cancer Dinner 3pm till 8pm \$55.
 28 Mens Dinner 7:30 till done \$30.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Summer Greetings!
 I hope this newsletter finds everyone in the St. Ann's family happy, healthy and maybe a little tan. Wow, I can't believe half of 2022 is in the rearview mirror. The club is doing great and I am happy to report that we are fully back to pre-covid financial footing. Of course, this is due to all the hard work done by volunteers and club members that make it happen.
 Crunch Time! Our biggest event, the St. Ann Feast, is upon us. Calling all volunteers and members that can get involved. A fun weekend to be had with great people. Please feel free to contact Pat Mobilio, myself or any of the men's or ladies board members if you can get involved. The club needs you!

Summer time is a great time at St. Ann's – bocce, boating, food, the fest and many other fun activities.
 I would like to take this opportunity to ask everyone to bring a friend or family member that might like to join. A membership drive is a great way to keep the club moving forward. New, fresh ideas and energy comes from new members. So, bring them down to enjoy the club.
ENJOY THE SUMMER AND COME ON DOWN TO THE CLUB!
Don't forget...Joint Meeting July 6th 8pm till it's over.

President Vinny Scicchitano

**ASK NOT WHAT YOUR CLUB CAN DO FOR YOU, ASK RATHER
 WHAT YOU CAN DO FOR OUR CLUB AND THEN DO IT!**
CARPE DIEM, The management.

FROM THE LADIES AUXILLARY PRESIDENT

Hi, Ladies! I Hope this letter finds everyone well. Our Spring Fling was a great time. Thanks to Steve Sabol for putting it all together. Thank you to April Yoder and her scholarship committee for all their hard work and time spent in choosing our recipients Mia Piacenza, Adam Kahn, Kaitlyn Tran, and Matteo Ruffo. Congratulations and good luck in your future endeavors.
 Our feast this year is July 21,22,23,24. I hope to see everyone volunteering. Don't forget your support is what keeps our club going. We'll also enjoy the good food, good entertainment, and lots of fun. Thanks to our chair people for getting everything together and working so hard. Also, we now have our very own page at the St. Ann website (www.stannclub.org) where you can find all of the dates and activities for the Ladies Auxillary. Thank you, Trisha Massucco, for doing this. Good luck to Mary Capello our bartender in her new move to Florida. Best of luck.

Have a healthy, happy summer! JoAnne Guaglione

HEAR YE- HEAR YE ALL GLORIOUS MEMBERS HEAR YE ONE AND ALL!!
There is an urgent need for help with the setting up and tearing down of all equipment for our feast. If you can possibly help in any way, please do not hesitate to text (preferred method of contact) or call Pat Mobilio at 203-395 4568.

CLUB LEADERSHIP CHANGES

Vinny Scicchitano installed as President. Mike Veno is the new Vice President and Nicandro Cappuccia is appointed to the Board of directors. Nick is a particularly valuable asset to the board and club because of his years of experience and devotion to this club and without a doubt we are quite fortunate to have someone like him.

GENEROUS DONATION TO OUR CLUB

The Cappuccia family has made a generous donation to the club in honor of their sons. This act of generosity shows that even in a time great sorrow and loss Nick and Mary Ann continue to think of others.

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ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

Saint Ann Club Charity Golf Classic 2022 has once again been sold out. Over the past 11 years Saint Ann Club has donated over \$250,000 to local charities which came from the proceeds from our golf outing.

I would like to thanks the sponsors, golf committee members and all the volunteers that helped to make this once again a great success.

Ken Romano, Golf Chairman

MOTHER’S DAY FOR MALTA HOUSE

On Thursday, May 5th, a small contingent of members from St. Ann’s Club presented Malta House residents with baskets of gifts in honor of Mother’s Day. The men’s board approved a donation to be used for the purchase of items that would be useful to the women and children of Malta House and to help them feel special on Mother’s Day. Giving back to the community and those in need is what St. Ann’s is all about.

IT'S A TEA PARTY! SAVE THE DATE

Get your fascinators (hats), tea cups and tea pots ready for the second annual St. Ann Tea Party, taking place on Sunday, October 16th, at 1:00 p.m. Come join us for an elegant and relaxing afternoon with friends. Special raffles and activities for adults and children. Tea sandwiches, salads, and themed desserts are on the menu. \$20 for adults; \$10 for children. More information to follow at the end of the summer. For questions, contact Lisa Prince at 203-803-7453.

ATTENTION*** ALL AUXILLARY MEMBERS (LADIES) *****ATTENTION**

PLEASE DO NOT CALL Camille Andreozzi for reservations to Ladies dinners.

Instead call Mary Sue at 203-984-7568. Also, there will be no dinner for July or August.

BLOOD DRIVE DATES AND TIMES (*We want your blood !!*)

Wednesday, July 27 from 1:00pm-6:00pm

Friday, August 12 from 12:00pm-5:00pm

Monday, August 22 from 12:00pm-5:00pm

Monday, October 24 from 11:00am-4:00pm

Friday, November 4 from 8:00am-1:00pm

Monday, December 5 from 12:00pm-5:00pm

Tuesday, December 27 from 12:00pm-6:00pm

Questions; Call Christina Kantzas 203 838 5702

MENS NEW MEMBER LIST

Anthony Carrano sworn in at the men's April meeting sponsored by Joe G. Valiante

Jay Wahlberg sworn in at the men's April meeting sponsored by Shawn Murphy

Nicholas Troilo sworn in at the men's May meeting sponsored by Ken Romano

Nicholas Chiappetta sworn in at the men's June meeting sponsored by Al Latte

FIRST READING:

Konstantinos Bistolas 1st reading at the men's June meeting sponsored by Walter Cerretani

LADIES AUXILLARY NEW MEMBERS

Editors note; Normally, I am not provided with such a copious amount of information on new members but, because Marian Barbieri has taken the time to provide it to me, I have decided to include it. Additionally, going forward, I think it’s a good way to more quickly get acquainted with new members and welcome them into our club. (Ken Romano, please note the above in regards to the new men members for the next newsletter. Thank you Ken).

Susan and Jean joined the Ladies Auxiliary on 4/7/2022. Susan is a professional organizer, CPA, speaker and author originally from Portchester, NY and now living in Fairfield. She was recommended by Maria Chuhta. Meanwhile, Jean was born in Norwalk but is now retired and living in Milford. She was recommended by Lois Buchanan.

Lisa Pisano Henderson born in New Rochelle, NY but a lifelong resident of Norwalk. Lisa is married to John. They are local business owners of Tuff Lawn and Fairfield County Tick Control which they started over 32 years ago. They have 4 children, Richie, 27 and triplets James, Thomas, and Sarah, 25. They are recent empty-nesters now sharing their home with their 2 rescue dogs, Abner and Shiloh, and 2 rescue cats, Luna and Max.

ITALIAN NATIONAL FLAG

The national flag of Italy is popularly known as “Tricolore”, it is a symbol that represents this country and forms part of the identity of its inhabitants.

It is said that the famous poet of the nineteenth century Francesco Dall’Ongaro noted that the colors of the national flag of Italy visually describe the Italian territory. The green symbolizes the plains of Lombardy and it is the hope of a united and free Italy, the snow white of the Alps and the red color represents the volcanoes in the country and the blood of the dead who defended their nation.

As for an interpretation of religious character the green color of the national flag of Italy represents the hope, the white the faith and the red color the charity.

ITALY FLAG HISTORY

In 1796, it was Napoleon Bonaparte who delivered a banner with the colors white (to the center), red (right) and green (left), to a volunteer corps of the Lombardo Legion, 3,500 soldiers who would later join the Navy French. The place that waved the national flag of Italy for the first time was Milan.

The flag of Italy was changing with the time; one of these changes occurred the 24th of March of 1848 when the king Carlos Alberto of Savoy gave the tricolor flag to the Piedmontese troops that were in Lombardy to support the insurgents. This was done to demonstrate the union of its inhabitants during the Italian Revolution. In time the king asked that the shield of the House of Savoy be added in the center of the flag. The Roman Republic adopted the tricolor flag and wrote in the white strip “God and People”.

The most important change that to the Italian flag was the 17th of March of 1861 during the proclamation of the Kingdom of Italy. The tricolor flag that has the Saboyano shield superimposed by the real crown continued intact by 80 years until the 2nd of June of 1946 with the fall of the monarchy. Since that time the flag of Italy changed again, the above mentioned shield was suppressed and it conformed without any insignia. Only the three original colors, the green, white and red, were preserved.

The flag reflects Italy by the meaning of its colors (green, white and red), its stripes are vertical, the left side where the pole is placed is green, the central is white and the right side is red.

OTHER INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT ITALY

Known as the “Three Fountains,” Dante Alighieri (1265-1321), Francesco Petrararch (1304-1374), and Giovanni Boccaccio (1313-1375) are arguably the three most famous Italian authors of all time. Dante’s Divine Comedy (Divina Commedia) had tremendous influence on Italian literature, and he is considered the father of the Italian language.

Italy’s birthrate is the second lowest in the Western world. Both political and church leaders have expressed concern and have offered rewards to couples who have more than one child.

The biggest holiday in Italy is **Christmas**. Many people celebrate Christmas Eve with a huge feast, often featuring seafood. The Christmas season lasts until Epiphany, January 6, the date when the Three Wise Men are said to have reached Jesus’ manger.

Italy is among the world’s leaders of the fashion industry. In the 1950s, Italian designers such as Nino Cerruti and Valentino led the world in creating stylish fashions. Additionally, Armani, Versace, Gucci, and Prada have become internationally recognized. Italy is also known for fine sports cars, such as the Ferrari and Lamborghini.

The first violin appeared in Italy in the 1500s, probably from the workshop of Andrea Amati (1505-1578) in Cremona. The city later became the home of Antonio Stradivari (1644-1737), the most famous of violin-makers.

Influenced in part by the French flag, the Italian flag has evolved over several hundred years. The flag is vertically divided into three equal sections of green, white, and red, representing hope, faith, and charity. Another interpretation is that the green represents the Italian landscape, white represents the snow-capped Alps, and red represents the bloodshed that brought about the independence of Italy.

In 2008, Italian experts proposed insulating Michelangelo’s David from the vibrations of tourist footsteps to prevent the marble from cracking.

Italy was one of the founders of the EU and is a member of the Group of Eight (G8), a forum for eight of the world’s most powerful nations.

The Sardinian islands are famous for their “witches” who make health potions for local people. The “witches” are usually women and they use a secret language that they pass on to their daughters.

A part of northern Italy called Val Camonica contains about 350,000 petroglyphs that were created nearly 10,000 years ago.

Galileo Galilei (1564-1642) was an Italian-born scientist. When he argued that the Earth revolved around the Sun, the Catholic Church imprisoned Galileo in his own house. The Church issued a formal apology in 1992.

Italian citizens who are at least 18 years old can vote for the lower house in the parliament, the Chamber of Deputies. Citizens who are at least 25 years old can vote for the 315 members of the upper house, the Senate.

Italy’s long coastline and developed economy draws many illegal immigrants from southeastern Europe and Africa. Additionally, Latin American cocaine, Southwest Asian heroin, and organized crime have all found an active market in Italy the Leaning Tower of Pisa was built in 1173 and began to lean soon after, probably due to a poorly laid foundation. During WWII, the Nazi’s used it as a watch tower. After reconstruction efforts in 2008, engineers declared the tower would be stable for at least another 200 years.

The world’s first operas were composed in Italy at the end of the sixteenth century. **Opera** reached the height of popularity in the nineteenth century, when the works of Gioacchino Rossini (1792-1868), Giacomo Puccini (1858-1924), and Giuseppe Verdi (1813-1901) became hugely popular. The late tenor Luciano Pavarotti (1935-2007) is a national celebrity, and Claudio Monteverdi (c. 1567-1643) is regarded as the father of the modern opera.

Many single Italian children live at home until their 30s, even if they have a job. The Italian family stands at the heart of Italian society.

The Arabs brought dried pasta to Italy in the thirteenth century (though fresh pasta was made before then). It was commonly eaten with honey and sugar tomato sauce was not added until the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. The old-fashioned way of eating pasta was with the fingers, arm held high and head tilted back. Pasta traditionally was made by the mother of the household, who passed the precious technique to her daughters. There are currently more than 500 different types of pasta eaten in Italy today.

The language of music is Italian. The word “scale” comes from scala, meaning “step.” And andante, allegro, presto, and vivace are just a few of the many Italian musical notations.

Galileo’s tooth, thumb, and finger are on display in Florence, Italy. They were cut from Galileo’s corpse during a burial ceremony 95 years after his death in 1642.

The fork gain popularity in Italy before any other European country because it allowed Italians to better spear and twirl their beloved spaghetti. In central Italy, there is a fountain that flows red wine 24-hours a day. It is free to everyone, except for “drunkards and louts.”

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 October 1, 2022

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.