

EYE OPENER

DISPATCH NEWS

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Happy Easter to all. First of my priorities is thanking all of you for a job well done, for all the events that you participated in or worked on. The hard challenges for completing this centenario year is yet to come. The June 23rd Golf Tournament needs special attention in finding sponsors and ads for the book.

The St Ann Feast will be particularly special this year with our raffle (all members will receive tickets by mail). Please try to sell all of them. Remember, it is very important to return unsold tickets in time for them to be sold during the four days of our Feast (July 24-27).

ATTENTION!!! ATTENTION!!!! ATTENTION!!!!!!

To top it all off The Centennial Dinner Dance will be held August 23rd at Continental Manor. Important guests include local dignitaries, and traditional Italian Folk Dancers from Canada. This is an event of a lifetime that requires a further financial sacrifice of \$100.00 per person. We are committed to 400 people, so planning ahead is imperative. To offset the cost of this celebration we need help to sell ads for the book that will be passed out that night. Please be part of this, pledge your help, achieve the common goal. Let us all perpetuate the heritage that our ancestors so proudly achieved. Involve your children in our legacy and keep our dreams and hope alive.

Remember: Unity is strength...Strength is certainty...Certainty is our goal.

Sincerely, Nicandro Cappuccia

CARISSIMI MEMBRI (BUONA PASQUA)

Uniamoci con entusiasmo a queste celebrazioni legittimando le tradizioni ed il retaggio dei nostri avi. Sproniamo i nostril figli a continuare con interesse ed orgoglio, sul nostro cammino. Solo cosi` saremo certi, che tutto, non e` stato invano
Affettuosissimi saluti ed abbracci.

Nicandro

HE WAS KNOWN AS BIG MIKE

On behalf of the St Ann Club Members I offer condolences and prayers to his wife Rita and all his family.

Big Mike was a very special person – a man you meet once in a lifetime and you are thankful for the experience. I did not know Mike as long as so many other club members but I feel I knew him as well as any other member.

Big Mike was as much a member of our marina as any of the boat owners. He frequently helped out at work parties and was always ready and willing to make repairs to the plumbing and decking and electricity at the marina. If he couldn't do the work himself he was quick to say to me –“ Fondu, this is how you do it”!

I will always remember the hours we spent on my boat fishing (not always catching) and searching for the next “best spot” to wet a line. One time in particular was during the first St Ann Club fishing tournament. After a day of fishing (we caught a few) we headed in and as we turned the corner of Peck's Ledge lighthouse the skies darkened and the rain came down as hard as even Mike could ever remember (Joe Valiant is quoted as saying he thought the entire Sound was about to fill up and overflow). Mike was standing next to me while I tried to see where we were going and keep from going aground. We were both drenched from head to toe and I turned to Mike and said “Mike, you don't need to stay here with me, why don't you go down below.” Mike looked down at me and said “Fondu. You don't think I am going to leave you out here by yourself, do you”?

I will always remember the twinkle in his eye and his smiles and smirks whenever we talked about fishing and clamming and crabbing (we did catch crabs) and cooking and boating and fixing stuff and just about anything under the sun.

Morning coffee at the Knights will never be the same.

God Bless you, Big Mike ---- you are always missed but never forgotten.

HAPPY EASTER TO EVERYONE

In past newsletters I've told the story of Easter and all its traditions, so this Easter season it's a bit of a different theme, although in a way still related to Easter. I hope you enjoy it and find it informative.

The Editor

WHAT ARE ANGELS?

An angel is a pure spirit created by God. The Old Testament theology included the belief in angels: the name applied to certain spiritual beings or intelligences of heavenly residence, employed by God as the ministers of His will.

The English word "angel" comes from the Greek angelos, which means 'messenger'. In the Old Testament, with two exceptions, the Hebrew word for "angel" is malak, also meaning 'messenger'. The prophet Malachi took his name from this word. He was himself a messenger, and he prophesied about the coming of "the messenger of the covenant", Jesus Christ (Malachi 3:1).

Although the word "angel" in the Bible, meaning a messenger, nearly always applies to heavenly beings, it can occasionally apply to human messengers. Malachi himself said a priest was a messenger (malak) of the LORD of hosts (Malachi 2:7), and in the Book of Revelation the elders of the seven churches of Asia were called angels (1:20; 2:1 etc.). But when we meet messengers doing supernatural things, there is no doubt they are heavenly beings - God's messengers, working for Him and for the ultimate benefit of mankind.

HOW DO WE KNOW ANGELS EXIST?

The Scriptures give us no indication of the precise time of the creation of angels; their existence is assumed at the earliest times. Our Lord often spoke of angels; in the New Testament they are numerous and seven orders are mentioned: Angels, Powers, Principalities, Dominions (ations), Thrones and Archangels the Old Testament specifically mentions two others Seraph (im) and Cherub(im).

God bestowed upon angels great wisdom, freedom, and power, and their many appearances in the New Testament are indication of the lead role assigned to them. Both the New Testament and Old Testament refer also to the fallen angels. The Temptation of Adam and Eve presupposes the existence of bad spirits or demons who were cast into hell from which they have no hope of redemption. Angels are purely spiritual or bodiless persons (Mt 11:30), some of whom behold the face of God and thus are in bliss (Mt 18:10).

These spiritual beings comprise the celestial court and are called angels (from the Greek for "messenger") because, according to the Bible, they carry out missions at God's command. In order to complete these missions, they can at times assume bodily form. According to the Bible, their missions are sometimes of great importance - eg, the Annunciation (Lk 1:26; 2:9-14).

Like us, the angels are the objects of God's grace and love. But because, unlike us they are non-bodily creatures, their response to God's love did not require time and reflection to grow and mature. As soon as they were created and received grace, they had the opportunity to respond to God's love and thus be welcomed into bliss. While many did so, some did not. Perhaps the most significant continuing activity of the good angels is to be the agents of God's particular providence for mankind. Thus, the Church teaches that everyone has a guardian angel, based on references to them throughout the Bible.

WHY DID GOD CREATE ANGELS?

The Creator Himself is so powerful and glorious that He cannot be approached in person by human beings. He alone "hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto: whom no man hath seen, nor can see (1 Timothy 6:16). Angels do not have man's shortcomings, and can therefore act for God and represent Him when communicating with men and women. They bridge the huge gap between the holiness and perfection of God in heaven and the shortcomings of dying people on this planet.

Angels were made immortal (that is, never to die). Their eternal quality was spoken of by Jesus when he said:

"They which shall be accounted worthy to obtain that world, and the resurrection from the dead, neither marry, nor are given in marriage: neither can they die any more: for they are equal unto the angels; and are the children of God. being the children of the resurrection." (Luke 20:35.36)

Jesus was saying that, in the same way as the angels (the children or "sons" of God) live for ever and are of one gender, so those who will be called the "sons" and "daughters" of God when Jesus returns will also live for ever and will not marry.

WHO ARE OUR GUARDIAN ANGELS?

No evil shall befall you, nor shall affliction come near your tent, for to His Angels God has given command about you, that they guard you in all your ways. Upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.

Psalm 91: 10-12 A heavenly spirit assigned by God to watch over each of us during our lives. The doctrine of angels is part of the Church's tradition. The role of the guardian angel is both to guide us to good thoughts, works and words, and to preserve us from evil. Since the 17th century the Church has celebrated a feast honoring them in October throughout the Universal Church. Since the last calendar revision this feast is Oct 2.

He has charged His angels with the ministry of watching and safeguarding every one of His creatures that behold not His face. Kingdoms have their angels assigned to them, and men have their angels; these latter it is to whom religion designates the Holy Guardian Angels. Our Lord says in the Gospel, "Beware lest ye scandalize any of these little ones, for their angels in heaven see the face of My Father." The existence of Guardian Angels, is, hence a dogma of the Christian faith: this being so, what ought not our respect be for that sure and holy intelligence that is ever present at our side; and how great our solicitude be, lest, by any act of ours, we offend those eyes which are ever bent upon us in all our ways!

Centenario – 1914 – 2014

We would like thank everyone involved for making our Centenario New Year's Gala a great success. It takes a lot of hard work and very generous, giving people to make it happen and we "rocked the night".

As everyone knows, we are celebrating our 100th year anniversary. We will be having a "Great Ball" on August 23 at Continental Manor. The price will be \$100 per person. This will include open bar, antipasto table, pasta station, salad, choice of prime rib, chicken francaise, or grilled salmon, vegetables, espresso bar and dessert. Music to be provided by Fantasy. Please mark your calendars. You will be getting further notice.

We will be marching to St. Thomas Church on East Avenue for Mass at 10 a.m. on August 23rd with a Continental Breakfast back at the club.

Hope everyone has received their pins and bags. See Arlene Petersen (for women) or Nick Allegretta or Jay Ruggiero (for men).

We are taking orders for our new "Centenario" shirts. The ladies and men's shirts will be \$16 and sizes 2X, 3X and 4X will be \$18 and See Arlene Petersen or Nick Allegretta or Jay Ruggiero.

We are still in the process of putting together our cookbook so please bring your recipes (men and women) to meetings or leave them at the bar.

If you would like to place an ad in our Centenario "Memento" Book, please call Joe Valiante 203-866-6141.

FOURTH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

On June 23, 2014 St. Ann's will be holding its fourth annual golf tournament at the Oak Hills Golf Course in Norwalk. In our first three years, the golf tournament has raised over \$65,000 and all been donated back to organizations in our community. This year, we will be playing for four worthy organizations. They are Bridge House, Bridgeport Rescue Mission, Keystone House and Notre Dame Convalescent Home.

Early indications are that the golf tournament will be a sellout so don't delay your request for a foursome! The fee per person is \$160 and includes golf, cart, lunch, on-course refreshments, prizes and buffet dinner with open bar at St. Ann Club following golf. If you're not playing golf, there are many ways to help in our efforts. We appreciate anyone who would like to be a sponsor that day. There are many levels of sponsorship and any help will go to a worthy cause. Lastly, if you would like to attend dinner only that evening the cost is \$45 and includes the open bar.

So don't delay. Contact Ken Romano, Ralph Allegretta, Sal Fratino, Patty Moisiso, Al Latte, Joe Valiante or Syd Gordon for details and sign-up. We thank you in advance for your continued support!

ST ANN TAG SALE

To be held May 3, 2014. Rain date May 10, 2014. (Saturdays) 9:00 AM till 3:00 PM. Please bring items that you would like to donate for the benefit of the Club the Thursday and Friday evening before the event. Please make sure that items are in good repair, clean and salable. Please donate all you can and help with the sale as well. If you would like to be your own vendor or know someone who would, the fee is \$20.00 per space. Food and beverages will be offered for sale. If you plan to donate goods or be a vendor please contact Vinny Scicchitano at 203- 515- 0365 and let him know, as we want to gauge the amount of space and tables we need. The sale will be advertised in local media as well as Craigs List.

NOTE FROM AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

I am proud to say that the Auxiliary has once again shown its strength and generosity with our "A Project from the Heart" Campaign. We wish to thank our Chairperson, Christy McWilliams, and all members and friends in the community who donated an overwhelming amount of supplies to be shipped to our troops serving overseas.

We have many activities planned for our upcoming Auxiliary meetings. April is membership Appreciation month and we will have a guest speaker from the Norwalk Fire Department who will discuss home safety. The May meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Crowning of our Blessed Mother & Rosary at 7:30 (all members & guests are invited) and the June meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. with our annual Pot Luck Dinner. Please plan to attend – it's a great way to meet others and have a great time.

As you know, this year marks the 100th Anniversary of the St. Ann Club. The Centennial Committee has been hard at work, giving selflessly of their time & commitment to make this a very special once in a life-time year of festivities. Please take part in the events they've been planning to show your support and CELEBRATE!!!

On behalf of the Auxiliary, I want to thank them and the many dedicated volunteers and supporters who have made this banner year a realization.

Betty Tavella Brink, Auxiliary President

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS DINNER DANCE

This year's Scholarship Awards Dinner Dance will be held on Saturday, May 17, 2014, at 7 p.m. Please come to show your support to these very bright, young, accomplished kids. Tickets are \$35 a piece. Music will be provided by M & M Music. Call Arlene Petersen (203 322-2575) or Nick Allegretta for tickets.

FISHING TOURNAMENT

The St Ann fishing tournament will take place July 12 2014.

Members wishing to fish in the tournament may contact Al Latte at alatte@optonline.net

MARINA NEWS

We are looking forward to getting our boats in the water - if this winter ever ends! The dredging is complete and the docks are back in place.

Marina slip contracts have been sent out and we anticipate a full house this year (almost). We do have a couple of slips available so if any members are interested, give me a call at (973)296-7003. Also, we will have a work party on April 12th (my birthday) and the 13th at 9:00 AM.

Weather permitting. An e-mail reminder will be sent out!

PLEASE READ

Any one 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 1st, 2014

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, for the men contact Ken Romano and for the ladies, contact Camille Andreozzi at 203-849-0199 or email her at candreozzi@aol.com.

SICK OR HOSPITALIZED MEMBERS

If you know any member that is sick or hospitalized contact J. Ruggiero at 866-1477, for men. 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

April		May		June	
2	Men's Meeting	1	Ladies Meeting	4	Men's Meeting
3	Ladies Meeting	3	Private Party til 6 club closed	5	Ladies Meeting
5	DJ Dom	3	DJ Dom	7	Private Party club closed
12	Jelsi Dinner	4	Private Party club closed	14	Private Party club closed
19	DJ Dom	7	Men's Meeting	19	Ladies Dinner
24	Ladies Dinner (note this is a changed date due to Holy Thursday)	8	Ladies Meeting	21	DJ Dom
26	Private Party club closed	9	Private Party club closed	23	Golf Outing
30	Men's Dinner	10	Tag Sale	25	Men's Dinner
		15	Ladies Dinner	28	Karaoke
		17	Scholarship Dinner		
		22	Altar Servers Dinner		
		24	DJ Dom		
		28	Men's Dinner		
		31	Private Party club closed		

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