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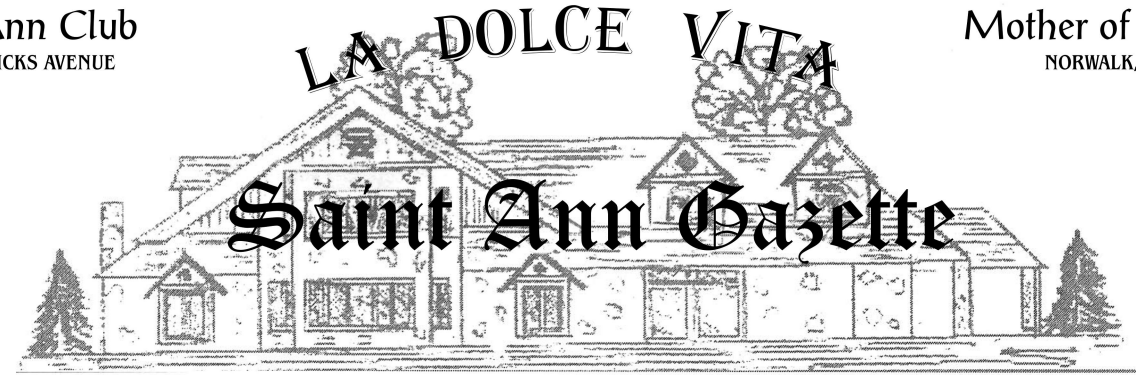
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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we welcome the New Year, I hope that everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving, a blessed Christmas, and happy New Year. We look forward to a New Year filled with peace on earth and a successful year for the Saint Ann Club, to continue all the good work that we do in the community.

As I complete my first year as president of the Saint Ann Club, I want to share that it has been my pleasure working with all the Saint Ann Club members and volunteers. I am looking forward to continuing to do so, as we embark on a new year.

Congratulations to the new board members on both Men's Board and the Ladies Auxiliary. This upcoming year my vision for the club is to continue the work we do for our members and the community, while keeping the traditions of our Italian heritage going. Also let's not forget our founding members and their roots that go back to Jelsi.

We have accomplished so much during 2023. The club has been so busy with numerous events which are only achieved because of the hard work of our dedicated members/volunteers. I have said this in the past, but one of the most humbling things is when I walk into the club before an event and see the tables set so beautifully with the great care of our volunteers.

During these chilly months of winter, remember to enjoy the warmth of good-company by coming down to club to help with, and/or enjoy the many upcoming events.
 - Your President, Guiseppe Tamburro

FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

Dear Fellows members of Saint Ann Club,

2023 has been a great year for our club, we have achieved and exceeded my expectations to maintain the standards and integrity of Saint Ann club. Unity is the main ingredient to our success, prosperity and survival. I wish you and your families a prosperous New Year. Let's make 2024 memorable for us and our club, volunteer as much as you can, be kind and respectful to all, Happy New Year.

- Walter Cerretani, Chairman of the board.

FROM THE AUXILIARY PRESIDENT

Greetings Members,

Hoping everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas.

As we look back to our 2023, let me just say it was a good year. Our club did very well. Our bingo was a great profit, our volunteers worked very hard to mak it all work. Our kitchen staff prepared great dinners, our workers on the floor were there every week, our supporters were great. At times we had over 100 players. We had a one-year anniversary party that everyone enjoyed. Our entertainment committee did a great job on all their functions. Our holiday craft fair was the BEST EVER and the committee worked hard. The vendors have already signed up for our next one. It was the most successful ever. The baked goods were unbelievable! So much club support from our members, it was amazing to see how many supported us. I cannot thank you all enough. This year has brought in so many new members who are all waiting to volunteer. They come to our functions and enjoy and want to join knowing we are the best.

I also need to thank my board for working together with the members. If there are issues or suggestions from our auxiliary, please let us know. Come to our board meetings and discuss it. We would like to know so we can make it work for all. As we move to 2024, let us all work together in sisterhood to keep our club the BEST it can be.

Happy Healthy New Year,
 - President JoAnne Guaglione

AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE V SECTION 7 ELECTION AND TERM OF OFFICERS

In the absence of finding a Regular Member ready and willing to accept a nomination for a vacant office, then an Associate Member in good standing may be nominated by the President, and then elected by ballot of the majority of the members present at the first General Meeting following the time of vacancy. The Board of Directors shall give any such member full voting rights at Board meetings while holding such a position.

OUTSTANDING WATER DOWSING AND \$\$\$\$\$ RECOVERY

Last summer, Nick Kantzas had noted a collection of water in the parking lot of St. Ann's. Upon further inspection, Nick located and repaired the water leak by rerouting the lines. Nick took it upon himself to inquire with the First District Water in Norwalk, and was able to initiate the process of St. Ann's being reimbursed for water not used. Nick also contacted the City of Norwalk DPW, and they provided Nick with the volume of water that was lost during the leak.

After numerous calls and meetings between the DPW & First District Water, Nick was able to arrange the amount loss of \$9,200.00 for sewer assessment, to be refunded to St. Ann's via the tax bill. Good job Nick!!

MARINA COMMITTEE

Chairman: Nick Kantzas
 Dock Master: Tom Donohue
 Assistant Dock Master: Tim Sargent
 Secretary and Treasurer: Frank Felicissimo

EVENTS

JANUARY

3 Joint Meeting 8:00
 11 Game Dinner
 18 Ladies Dinner
 31 Men's Dinner

FEBRUARY

1 Ladies Meeting
 7 Men's Meeting
 15 Ladies Dinner
 28 Men's Dinner

MARCH

5 Men's Meeting
 6 Ladies Meeting
 21 Ladies Dinner
 27 Men's Dinner

Please go to stannclub.org for more current, up to date information on dates and events. We try very hard to be up to date and accurate. It is very difficult to plan three months in advance. Come to the meetings and be more involved in our club. Special events are posted at the club. Dates for events are subject to change.

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BINGO ONE YEAR LATER

Bingo is going well, and there's just so many people to thank, but a special thanks to Mike Tolla, because of the help he provided with the checking account which was our biggest hurdle. He understood and was able to work thru the red tape. Also, a big thanks to Joanne Guagione. Without her I would have not even attempted to start a bingo. The Ladies Auxiliary were behind Bingo from the start and it was because of her and Camilla Andreoizzi that we are so successful. Mike Veno and Billy Forcier were so much help with the board setting up and so much more. Of course, Vinnie Scicchitano. It goes without saying if he said no when we first talked about it would not have happened. But he said go for it and he was behind it all the way. There were so many more people since then. A very special thanks to all the kitchen help. From the very start of the first meeting, we made it clear we needed food at every Bingo. A great crew stepped up and it could not have been better. Many players look forward to a nice meal before Bingo. And of course, coffee and dessert. Sometimes homemade apple strudel.

We are looking forward to the future and hope the startup committee can have a Bingo committee in the coming year. We do have other things we need to work on, and we will.My son Justin, who is a Bingo caller, has been more than helpful. Jacqueline a new member just started and is and will be a great caller and a lot of fun. Anyone interested in calling Please call or text me Jack 203-952-8516. Thank you all, Jack Zakha.

THE MOST POPULAR NEW YEARS TRADITION IN ITALY IS WEARING RED UNDERWEAR

One of the most popular Italian new year traditions is to wear red underwear on the night between New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. In addition, the underwear should only be new and thrown away the day after.

To find out the reason for this bizarre habit we must go back to ancient Roman times when fighters wore red tunics to evoke feelings of fear and strength in the eyes of their enemies. In addition, red is often associated with life and fertility and is, therefore, the perfect color to welcome a prosperous New Year.

HERE ARE THE MOST COMMON NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS IN THE U.S.

As the new year approaches, it is time to start thinking about goals for 2024. From losing weight to saving money, Americans make a wide variety of resolutions each year, some of which they stick to and some of which they don't.

To help you drum up ideas for your 2024 resolutions, we rounded up the most common New Year's resolutions made in 2023.

According to studies of 1,500 Americans, the top three resolutions for 2023 were exercising more, losing weight and saving more money. Fifty percent of respondents said they were focused on exercising more, 48% said they wanted to lose weight and 44% said they wanted to save more money.

"While some might say that they do not need New Year's Eve to finally turn their life around, making resolutions on December 31 is a common, well-liked tradition, especially in the Western world. They are usually meant to contain some kind of improvement or betterment of one's conduct or life choices," the study said.

Other popular resolutions included:

- Improving diet: 39% of respondents

- Pursuing a career ambition: 21% of respondents

- Spending more time with family: 18% of respondents

- Taking up a new hobby: 14% of respondents

- Spending less time on social media: 13% of respondents

- Quitting smoking: 10% of respondents

- Decorating or renovating a home: 10% of respondents

- Volunteering more or doing charity work: 10% of respondents

- Raising money for a charity: 5% of respondents

- Cutting down on drinking: 4% of respondents

- Quitting drinking entirely: 2% of respondents

- Something else: 14% of respondents

"These resolutions are not compulsive; only a small share of people who make them actually keep them. ...They are more like a signal for a new start than an actual catalyst for change," the study read.

According to another study in 2018, only 4% of survey respondents stuck to all of their new year's resolutions and only 8% stuck to most of their goals. Thirteen percent of people didn't stick to any of their resolutions.

What will your resolutions be heading into 2024, and will you stick to them?

NEW MEMBERS FOR THE MEN

Paul Bauts, is a self-employed carpenter of South Salem New York. He is an associate member and is sponsored by Nick Kantzes.

Luigi Casatelli of Stamford is the owner and manager of Castelli Marble in Norwalk. He is a regular member and is sponsored by Ralph Castelli.

Jonathon Salvato resides in Norwalk and is an electrician with Salvato Electric. He has become a regular member and is sponsored by Steve Sabol.

Fernando Lupinacci of Norwalk is now retired was born in the eternal City of Rome, which qualifies him to be a regular member (for sure). He is sponsored by Nicandro Cappucci.

NEW AUXILLARY MEMBERS

Gladys M. DiDia, born and raised in Norwalk, moved to Fairfield 3 1/2 years ago. Gladys is married to John and they share their home with a 14-year-old rescue Dachshund/ Italian gray hound mix named Gus. Gus rules the house! Gladys is retired and is a very active member of the American Legion Auxiliary in Norwalk where she is Secretary of her unit. She is also Vice President of the Third District American Legion Auxiliary which covers ten towns in our area.

Amy Getner, married to Aaron for 21 years, was born and raised in Norwalk. She has two teenage boys, a sophomore in High School and a sophomore in college. Amy worked for her parents print shop for over 27 years, Silvermine Press, and currently works at Piro Paving and Petroleum. She has been coming to the lady's dinner for over 20 years and can't wait to join Bocce.

Stayci Jayne Mallozzi, lifelong resident of Norwalk, CT, is married to Tony and has two children. She was a network engineer for trading commodity companies and is currently the Facilities Manager for Best Friends Pet Care. She is also the author and illustrator of a children's book called "Iggy Biggy Buggy: One Sunny Day."

Marie Spremulli was born in Norwalk and is a lifelong resident. Marie has been married to Michael for 57 years. They owned and operated Norwalk Music for 35 years and their son and daughter are also musicians with Michael owning and operating AAA Band Rentals in East Norwalk and Keri is a music teacher at Stepney Elementary in Monroe. Marie is looking forward to joining my many friends at St. Ann's.

Lisa Valiante Pesce, lifelong resident of Norwalk is daughter to Joseph and Antonietta Valiante, lifetime members of the Club. She is married to Giovan (a/k/a Joe) and has two children, son Giovan Jr. (a/k/a Johnny), 24 and daughter Cristina, 21. Johnny is a graduate and Cristina is a current student at University of Connecticut.

Cristina A. Pesce, born and raised in Norwalk, is joining as a new member with her mother Lisa, to continue the family traditions she was raised with, and to stay connected to her Italian heritage from Jelsi, Campobasso. Cristina is attending the University of Connecticut in Storrs, studying Exercise Science, with a trajectory graduation date for May, 2024.

Diane DeLallo has lived in Norwalk for more than 40 years. She and her husband Richard DeLallo (deceased) raised two children here and have three grandchil-dren. Before retiring 10 years ago, Diane worked as a teaching assistant for children in special ed at Kings Highway Elementary School in Westport. She enjoys spending time with family and friends, a good Hallmark movie and chocolate.

Bonnie Russo has been a resident of Norwalk for over 40 years. She is married to Bob who is a member of St. Ann's and a lifelong Norwalk resident. They have one son, born and raised in Norwalk, who is recently engaged with plans to be married in the Spring of 2025. For the last seven years she has worked as a Comptroller for a non-profit organization in Stamford, CT.

Patricia Testa Czelada lives in Stamford with her husband Steve. They have been married 37 years and have five grown children and nine grandchildren. She owns her own print marketing business and works part-time for a local builder/remodeling contractor as an office manager. She volunteers as a bookkeeper at her church in Darien and helps in the office and with fundraising at Adaptive Sports at Mt. Snow. Patty enjoys spending time with her children and grandchildren, travel-ing, and especially going to bingo every Monday night at St. Ann's.

Andrea Doria-Casatelli born in Bronx, NY and residing in Fairfield County for over two decades. Mother to twin 17 year old girls who are going off to college next fall. Currently working as a Commercial Real Estate Agent for a National firm called CARR. Recently married Luigi Casatelli the owner of Casatelli Marble & Stone Imports celebrating their 35th year in Norwalk. Luigi has a high school daughter named Gabriella & he is being sworn in this December as well.

Cheryl Siciliano is a lifelong resident of Norwalk. Cheryl is married to Thomas Siciliano and they have two children. Cheryl loves to spend time in her garden. **Kathy Tavella** lives in Norwalk and I have 2 daughters and one beautiful granddaughter that turned 2 in Sept. She is such a blessing to us. I have my own swim school and I have been teaching for 30 years this year. Love working with children and it is such a rewarding job. My husband Rick, owner of Rick's Main Roofing, is also a member of Saint Anns.

THIS IS IMPORTANT

If you have an E-mail address and have not provided it to St Anns, please do so by contacting Louis Imperato by phone at 203-984-2094 or bigalou@aol.com. This will help us to keep you informed about various happenings at the club on a timely basis.

PLEASE READ

Anyone wishing to contribute to this newsletter is encouraged to do so. Please contact Eric Fleisch at 203 847-7669 or by e-mail at bige101@optonline.net. The next edition will be sent on or about April 1, 2024

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 203 847-7669 or by e-mail at bige101@ optonline.net. For the Ladies Auxiliary contact Ellen Marucci at (203) 847-5536. 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.