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LETTER FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Great news! Final accounting has been done on the Applebee's Breakfast and we make a profit of \$1023! This includes tips, raffles, ticket sales, etc. What a fabulous event! Thank you to all our "wait staff" who made it happen, as well as members who attended and brought in guests.

Our "Pumpkinfest" at the November meeting was also a huge success. So many unusual recipes came in. Thank you to all our bakers and chefs who continue to combine excellent culinary skills with creativity, all'italiana!

Our first Bingo / Social Night was such a fun event. Thank you to Angela, our caller, and her assistant, Janis M. And a BIG thank you to everyone who brought in donations for our Thanksgiving food drive, both that night and at our regular meeting. And a REALLY BIG thank you to Dottie who will organize and deliver all these items.

"Hope for the Warriors" on November 19 was a wonderful experience. We were well represented with 37 people and had a terrific time. A buffet dinner, wine and beer, chocolate egg creams, raffles, a comedian, "Elvis", Theresa with her musical tribute to the military – no one could pack anything else into that party! And our own veterans were with us: Skip Fielden, Lenny Maddalena, and Rob Rizzo. Thousands of dollars were raised to help our returning soldiers and their families and so I thank you for joining us.

Anyone who wishes to run for an office must contact Carlo, the Chairperson of our Nominating Committee, and officially have your name entered. The Committee meets December 12. If you are a candidate, please make sure you are home that evening, if possible, so the committee can call you. Thank you to all our committee members, both Nominating and Electoral, for taking on this important job which insures the continued stability of our lodge.

As you can see, there are a lot of people I thanked in this letter. In this busy holiday season, I don't want to forget all the help and guidance you all have given me since I became President. Your support, ideas, donations of time and energy (as well as prizes for our many events), caring and devotion to our lodge have just overwhelmed me. We are so strong because of all of you and I thank you for making my job a little bit easier.

Most of all, I appreciate all the work that our Officers and IPP do all year round. We spend countless hours in meetings, keeping the books, writing the newsletter, typing the minutes, collecting donations, putting presentations together, reaching out to the community and organizing activities for the lodge. We are such a solid team and I thank each and every one of you for all you do.

I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving and look forward to seeing you at our December meeting. As we decided, we will have hors d'oeuvres after the meeting instead of our usual dessert buffet. Please feel free to try a new recipe or bring an old favorite to share. The camaraderie and sharing are what sets our lodge apart.

See you on December 5!

Fraternally,

Patricia



NEXT MEETING



MONDAY, DECEMBER 5TH, 2011
("HORS D'OEUVRES" NIGHT)

DOORS OPEN 6:30 PM
MEETING STARTS 7:15 PM
SOCIAL TIME 8:30 – 10 PM

ACAMPORA RECREATION CENTER
39 MONTAUK HIGHWAY
BLUE POINT, NY



CULTURE PRESENTATION:

PATRICIA SUMMERS, CHAIRPERSON

Christmas In Italy

*Panettone, pesce, panforte, Perugia –
all signs that Christmas is almost here!*

*As we prepare for our favorite holiday,
let's take a tour of Italy city by city and see their
decorations, traditions and markets.*



ALBEROBELLO



MILANO



VERONA



ALTO ADIGE

OUR PANCAKE BREAKFAST AT



(BOHEMIA - NOVEMBER 5, 2011)



APPLEBEE'S MANAGER TONY JENSEN BRIEFS US ON ARRIVAL



A TOUR OF THE KITCHEN FOLLOWED BEFORE CUSTOMERS ARRIVED



OUR MEMBERS WORKED VERY HARD TO SATISFY CUSTOMERS



SERVING OUR GUESTS



A LOT OF HAPPY CUSTOMERS



OUR 50/50 COMMITTEE – AND THE WINNERS



WE DID IT! ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL **FUN**DRAISER





“PROVERB OF THE MONTH”

(FROM OUR CULTURE CHAIR, PATRICIA SUMMERS)

"Il lupo perde il pelo ma non il vizio."



(The wolf loses his skin but not his vice.)

In other words... A leopard can't change his spots.



PRESERVING OUR CULTURE & LANGUAGE

(SAYVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY)



OUR PRESIDENT TEACHES ITALIAN LANGUAGE CLASS TO ADULT STUDENTS AT SAYVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY



BUON COMPLEANNO !

(HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO OUR MEMBERS WHO BECOME ONE YEAR "BETTER" THIS MONTH !)

James Kiefer (December 5th)
Richard Armenio (December 13th)
Carlo Matteucci (December 16th)
Rob Rizzo (December 17th)
Nicole Basilone (December 18th)
Rita Pia Burke (December 20th)
Rosemarie Coniglione (December 21st)
Lois Kowaleski (December 24th)
Kim Fontaine (December 25th)
Madeline Matteucci (December 27th)
Nat Ierardi (December 28th)
Anna Bonventre (December 30th)
Michelle Cavaleri (December 31st)
Jack Abruzzo (December 31st)



OUR NEW PARADE FLAG POLES



OUR IPP DISCUSSES FINIALS FOR NEW PARADE FLAG POLES WITH GETTYSBURG FLAG MANAGER ANDY KINERSON DURING VISIT TO THEIR UPSTATE SHOWROOM

OUR NOVEMBER MEETING

(NOVEMBER 7, 2011)



A FULL HOUSE – AS USUAL – ENJOYING CULTURE PRESENTATION



OUR NEWEST MEMBERS ARE PINNED



ANOTHER HAPPY 50/50 WINNER



ITALIAN TRIVIA TIME! **TRIVIA CHALLENGE: THE ARTS**

***“If people only knew how hard I work to gain my mastery,
it wouldn’t seem so wonderful at all.”***

- Michelangelo Buonarroti (Renaissance painter and sculptor)

- 1. Born in Florence in 1377, I am known for completing what was considered near impossible work of designing and building the huge dome for Santa Maria del Fiore, the Duomo of my city. Who am I?**
- 2. During his conquest of Italy, Napoleon stole and shipped famous paintings and rare manuscripts back to France. Where did he find almost all of these works of art?**
- 3. Where did the first opera house open in 1637?**
- 4. Who was the famous 16th century architect from Vicenza who greatly influenced American colonial architecture?**
- 5. Which Renaissance sculptor carved the Medici tombs of Florence?**

(Answers on page 13 of this newsletter.)



DO YOU KNOW THIS COUPLE?



(The answer is somewhere in this newsletter!)

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LET'S VISIT . . .



SALERNO!

It was just south of Salerno that the Allies began their assault of Italy on September 9, 1943. Today Salerno is known for having one of the loveliest cathedrals in southern Italy. Restoration of medieval frescoes is continuing as curators remove the 18th century plaster that has covered them for so long. The crypt contains the body of St. Matthew. Take time to enjoy the wonderful beaches here along the Gulf of Naples.



“MEMBER’S CORNER”

FEEL FREE TO SUBMIT AN ARTICLE, STORY, PHOTO, RECIPE, JOKE, ETC. FOR THIS FEATURE.

This month’s recipe was submitted by Sister Luisa Potenza

LUISA’S STUFFED PEPPERS

Ingredients:

**6 to 8 red (only) peppers
1 heaping teaspoon capers
1 small onion, chopped
3 garlic cloves, chopped
4 to 5 medium-size zucchini, washed and diced
pecorino-romano cheese
1/8 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
mozzarella cheese
olive oil, preferably extra-virgin
3 tablespoons Italian parsley, chopped
toasted bread crumbs, preferably Italian-style**

Heat oven to 350 degrees

- 1. Wash, dry peppers, cut in half lengthwise. Remove seeds and pith. Place in a low roasting pan or large cookie sheet.**
- 2. Heat a large fry pan, add oil, onions and sauté until transparent, add garlic cloves and sauté until soft (do not burn them as they will impart a bitter taste.). Add zucchini, capers, pecorino-romano and sauté until soft. (Zucchini will release some water, sauté until water has dissipated)**
- 3. Remove ingredients and place in a bowl, mix well. Place peppers in a roasting pan or large cookie sheet.**
- 4. Stuff each pepper-half with ingredients.**
- 5. In a small amount of olive oil, toast approx. 2 cups of bread crumbs. Top each pepper half with crumbs. Place peppers in a roasting pan or large cookie sheet. Add water to the pan in order to avoid burning the peppers. Bake for approx. one hour or until peppers are soft. Test with a fork or sharp knife.**



BUON APPETITO!!

GAME NIGHT (and "SUPERMARKET BINGO") (NOVEMBER 16, 2011)



AND THE NEXT NUMBER IS . . .



MEMBERS TRADED GROCERY ITEMS FOR BINGO CARDS . . .



WAITED FOR THEIR WINNING NUMBER . . .



AND DONATED THE FOOD TO HELP OTHERS



GAME TIME FOLLOWED



CONTEMPLATING THE BEST MOVE

NOMINATING COMMITTEE - 2011

At our November meeting, Carlo Matteucci was appointed the Chairperson of the Nominating Committee. Working with him will be Skip and Rosemary Fielden, Madeline Matteucci and Cliff Miller.

If you have a question or a nomination, please contact Brother Carlo at 654 - 2578.

ELECTORAL COMMITTEE - 2012

Our Electoral Committee, chaired by Gloria Cummings, is now in place in case an election is required in our lodge.

Serving with Gloria are Regina Allen, Madeline Brewster, Nancy Felice and Cindy Flynn. They will be in charge of tabulating the votes and announcing the results at our February meeting, if necessary.

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“MYSTERY” COUPLE IDENTIFIED!



MADELINE & CARLO MATTEUCCI



“ITALIAN TRIVIA” ANSWERS

- (1) Filippo Brunelleschi (1377-1446)
- (2) Vatican Library
- (3) Venezia
- (4) Andrea Palladio (1518-1580)
- (5) Michelangelo



B E N V E N U T I !

A Warm Welcome to Our Newest Sisters & Brothers ...

***Claudia Caporaso
Joseph Caporaso
Patricia D'Agostino
Natalie Fasano
Maureen Romeo-Gallagher
Joseph Sciacca***



ANOTHER FUTURE MEMBER ARRIVES !



ALEXANDRA LYNN MINAFO

NOVEMBER 23, 2011

7:38 AM

8 POUNDS / 19 INCHES

***PROUD GREAT GRANDPARENTS:
REGINA & BOB ALLEN***

OUR CHRISTMAS STOCKING PROJECT

WHERE DID ALL THAT CANDY GO ???

ALL OF THE CANDY DONATED BY OUR LODGE MEMBERS HAS BEEN SENT OFF TO "BOATSIE'S BOXES" IN WHEELING, WEST VIRGINIA. VOLUNTEERS THERE ARE FILLING CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS, BOXING THEM AND SHIPPING THEM OUT TO OUR TROOPS IN IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN. THE CANDY FILLED STOCKINGS WILL THEN BE DISTRIBUTED TO OUR TROOPS ON ACTIVE DUTY, JUST AS LAST YEAR.



STOCKINGS ARE MADE UP



ARE LABELLED AND BOXED



LEAVE WEST VIRGINIA BY MILITARY TRANSPORT



ARRIVE IN IRAQ OR AFGHANISTAN



MAKE THEIR WAY TO THE BATTLEFIELD



AND ARE DISTRIBUTED TO OUR TROOPS ON DUTY THERE





BENEFIT DINNER

(NOVEMBER 19, 2011 @ BRUMIDI LODGE)



To remember those who answered the call, but for whatever reason failed to return. Your attention is called to this table.

The table set for one is small, symbolizing the frailty of one prisoner alone against his oppressors.

The tablecloth is white, symbolizing the purity of their intentions to respond to their country's call to arms.

The single rose displayed in a vase reminds us of the families and loved ones of our comrades-in-arms who keep the faith awaiting their return.

The red ribbon on the vase is reminiscent of the red ribbon worn upon the breast of thousands who bear witness to their determination to demand proper accounting of our missing.

A slice of lemon is on the plate to remind us of their bitter fate and salt to represent the families tears as they wait.

The glass is inverted, they cannot toast with us, their chairs empty, that are not here. Remember all of you who call them comrades, who depend upon their might and aid and relied upon them, for surely, they have not forsaken you.

Please raise a toast with water to those who are absent as prisoners of war or missing in action.

To those who served so honorably, who were lost or are still as yet accounted for.

To our Comrades, who gave their tomorrows for our today.



MEMBER'S MARKETPLACE

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PEARL GREY - EXCELLENT CONDITION - 58,000 MILES
ONE OWNER – FULLY LOADED – MUST SEE
2.4 LITER 4 CYCLE TWIN CAM 16 VALVE VVT-I ENGINE
FRONT WHEEL DRIVE 4-SPEED AUTOMATIC ECT-I TRANSMISSION
A/C – HEATED SEATS – HEATED MIRRORS - WOOD GRAIN INTERIOR
ALUMINUM WHEELS – SLIDING MOON ROOF
AM/FM 6 CD IN DASH SPEAKERS
\$11,300

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This completes our December Newsletter. Hope you enjoyed it!

Fraternally Yours,

Cliff Miller

(Newsletter Editor)

God Bless & Protect Our Troops . . . Wherever They May Be!

