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President's Message



Sisters and Brothers,

We had another wonderful turnout for the April meeting of 93 members and guests. Ann Foulz introduced our guest speaker Ron Krisulevicz from WBOC. He has been an Assistant News Director at the station since 2010. He gave us a very informative and entertaining presentation on WBOC news operations. Thank you to Anna for arranging his visit.

A highlight of the meeting (in addition to Sal's half price sale on leftover packaged goods) was the report on another very successful St. Joseph's Day Festival. A huge thank you to Sal Castorina and Tom Pergola, our Festival chairs, and to all who volunteered to work and supported our major fund-raising effort. The Festival's financial success allows us to fund our scholarship program (\$4,500) and our charity program(\$3,500). As many know, this year, Bonnie Oliverio set up an appearance on DELMARVA Life for our "chief meatball maker," Barb Graziosi, on the Friday before the Festival. Barb was great at instructing the hosts on the "art" of meatball making, promoting the Festival AND emphasizing the charitable works of our Lodge. Thank you to both Barb and Bonnie. Several visitors to the Festival said they learned of the Festival through the show. Al DiOrio also arranged a radio appearance with the "Bulldog" on FM 98.1 to promote the Festival. Vinnie Mollicone and I had the pleasure of representing the Lodge and promoting the Festival on the radio.

About 50 people attended the April 10 social dinner at Just Hooked in Fenwick. Food, drink, and service were excellent, and our Lodge camaraderie was on full display. As we were leaving, the manager said, "What a fun group." Thank you to Carol Coyle and Lucille Kurtz for co-chairing this event.

Each year the Lodge hosts a social event to welcome the Italian students who will be arriving in Ocean City in mid to late June. The

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Executive Council, in consultation with Bonnie Oliverio who is our liaison to Carrie Linch and students, would like to arrange a social event near the end of June. We have for the past few years moved our June meeting to late in the month to accommodate the arrival dates of our visitors but because we have our scholarship families and the potluck dinner, there is not much time to spend with the Italian students. We are looking to form a committee to plan the event. Please let me know if you are interested in helping as soon as possible. We hope to have the event at Columbus Hall.

Don't forget to check the Lodge's web site for details about future trips and other Lodge events. Hope to see you at the May 3 meeting at 7 p.m.

God bless you and keep you safe.

Ciao, **Vito**

Club Birthdays  Those celebrating May birthdays are: 5/4 Mary Lou Ray; 5/5 Rita Tindall, Terry Twardesky; 5/6 Michael Jacobs; 5/8 Richard Nippes, JoAnn Steward; 5/15 Jean Delcher; 5/17 Patricia Burello; 5/18 Paul Mazzei; 5/19 Rosemarie Pomilla; Edward Delilo; 5/21 Carol Sellers; 5/22 Kathy Aquilla; 5/24 Boomer Maiorano; 5/27 Geraldine Rainey; 5/29 Ann Hauser. Happy birthday!!

Membership: Six new members joined in April and five joined at the Festival. They are Nicholas Colicigno, Carol Sellers, Marian Cicero, Louis Barracato, Joseph Anthony Lotito, Pat Joseph Amato, Paul Mazzei, Jr., Paul Mazzei, Sr., John Cangiano, Ann Poggioli, and Charles Poggioli. Welcome !!! For information, contact Rita Tindall, (410) 208-9698.

Sick and Distressed: If you know of anyone who is sick, had surgery, or recently has lost a loved one, please call Jane Bartolomeo (302) 436-8208. Card(s) will be sent.

Nametags: We would really like everyone to buy a nametag so we can learn each other's names. Lodge nametags are \$11. Call Nick Bartolomeo (302) 436-8208 or Jim Reda (443) 664-5522 to order. Please note: We have nine name badges that have not been claimed. The names are: Tish Wright, Jim Wright, Paula Corso, Mary

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Next Meeting: KofC Hall

Thursday, May 3, 2018

5:30 p.m.--Board Mtg.

7:00 p.m.--General Mtg.

Newsletter Editor:

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God bless America!



October/November
(Date TBD)

Social Dinner

Event will be chaired by Joann Steward and Mary Loeloff. Details to follow.

November 7
(tentative date)

Harrington Trip

December 9

Christmas Dinner
Clarion Hotel, O.C., MD

Details to follow.

December 11-13

New York City Trip

Trip includes 3 days/2 night at the Crown Plaza/Times Square, 1 Broadway show (TBD), 2 full breakfasts, 2 dinners, motor coach transportation. Taxes/Gratuities/Permits and other venues not finalized. Cost also not final—but in the range of approximately \$800 per person. Sign-up sheet for reservations with a deposit of \$100. Contact Mary Ellen Arena, (410) 250-0048.

Spring Trip 2019

Nashville & the Biltmore
(possibly Memphis & Graceland)

Getting information for this 9-day trip. Sign-up sheets available.

50/50 Winner: Skip Derick--\$81

 **Editor's Note:**  ***Please pray for our troops and for our country.***

Happy Spring!!!