

Dear Sisters, Brothers and Guests,

It is with great excitement that I welcome you to our 10th Annual St. Joseph's Day Festival. The celebration of this feast day dates to Medieval Sicily when it is said that St. Joseph answered the people's prayers by ending one of the Island's legendary droughts. Ever since, St Joseph's Day has been celebrated with special prayers of adoration to the Saint and large celebratory feasts. The custom was likely brought to the United States in the great Italian migration (1880-1923).

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Its missions include encouraging the study of Italian language and culture in American schools and universities; preserving Italian American traditions, culture, history and heritage; and promoting closer cultural relations between the United States and Italy. A group of Italian American business people organized the Ocean City Lodge in May, 1980, with a Charter Membership of 247 which is one of the largest ever to be installed in the United States. By its official initiation as a lodge on November 15, 1980, it had over 300 members. This year our Lodge celebrates its 42nd anniversary.

The Lodge donates to local charities, awards scholarships to high school seniors of Italian descent, promotes Italian traditions and offers its members an exciting variety of social activities.

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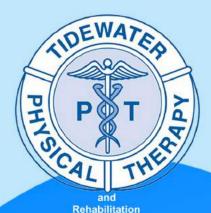


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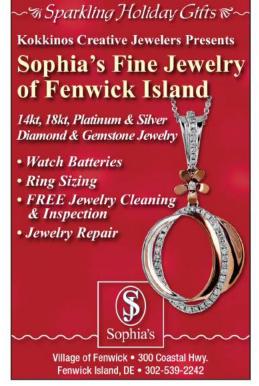
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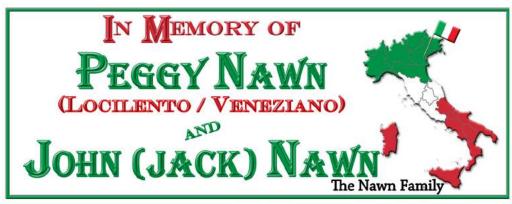
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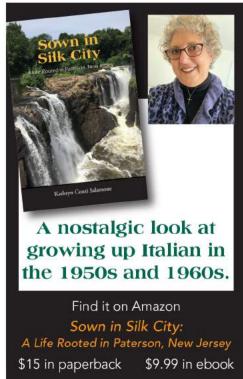
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by Angelo Bianchi, Esq., 1982

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I am enriched by thousands of years of culture. My hands are those of the mason, the artist, the man of soil.

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