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Buon

Natale

e Felice Anno Nuovo



Merry

Christmas

and Happy New Year

Christmas Tree Lighting

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4TH,
IACC PARKING LOT AT 5:30PM





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SOCIAL CALENDAR

December



12/4/22 ~ IACC Tree Lighting - 5:30 pm

12/7/22 ~ Board Meeting IACC Foundation and IACC - 6:30 pm

12/10/22 ~ Experience Little Italy Christmas: Arthur Ave Bus Trip 8:45 am

12/11/22 ~ Sunday Brunch 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

12/14/22 ~ I.A.C.C. Women's League Meeting - Special Time - 6:00 pm

12/25/22 ~ Merry Christmas - I.A.C.C. Membership Office Closed

12/26/22 ~ I.A.C.C. Membership Office Closed

12/26/22 ~ MERRY CHRISTMAS - NO GRAND ITALIAN BUFFET

Upcoming Events

01/1/23 ~ Happy New Year - I.A.C.C. Membership Office Closed

01/2/23 ~ I.A.C.C. Membership Office Closed

01/11/23 ~ I.A.C.C. Women's League Meeting - Winter Break

01/18/23 ~ IACC Board Meeting 6:30 pm

02/12/23 ~ Super Bowl 57 Party 4:00 pm- 10:00 pm

02/23/23 ~ Intermediate Italian Lessons

HAPPY NEW YEAR

2023



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I would like to start by thanking you for the honor of representing the Italian American Community Center as your President for the past two years. I would also like to thank the board for allowing me to continue on for another term.

It has always been my mission to make sure this, almost 50-year-old, club continues to thrive and be a place where strangers become friends and friends become family. I take great pride in the fact that our club means so much to so many people and I am excited to be a part of that legacy now and in the future.

If you missed our annual meeting in review on November 20th, we highlighted all that 2022 had to offer and the state of our club being strong. If you are interested, a report will be available in the membership office.

It has been a great year, but it isn't over yet. We still have plenty of fun to have. On December 4th, we will host our annual Christmas Tree Lighting at 5:30pm. This event is always great because it gives us an opportunity to come together as a family and celebrate the beginning of the Christmas season. In addition, we also have our annual bus trip to Arthur Avenue in the Bronx on December 10th. Everyone enjoys this one because it is a great opportunity to get all of your Italian delicacies for Christmas.

Finally, I would like to wish you and your family Buon Natale e Felice Anno Nuovo (Merry Christmas & Happy New Year).

Ciao,



FRANK ZEOLI
ITALIAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY CENTER - PRESIDENT



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CHRISTMAS

AT THE

ITALIAN AMERICAN
COMMUNITY CENTER

Christmas Tree Lighting

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4TH, IACC PARKING LOT AT 5:30PM

Join us as we kick off
the Christmas season,
light the tree and
sing Italian
Christmas carols!

Refreshments will be served
after the tree lighting.
Free to members and
guests are welcome.



Islands of Venice

-Part Three -

By JIM SANO



Lido Island

The **Lazzaretti** are the oldest quarantine stations designed to protect Venice from plague and disease. The Lazzaretto Vecchio, a small island just off the Lido on the eastern edge of the lagoon, was the first, established in 1423. In 1468, a second one was opened, the Lazzaretto Nuovo, located behind the Island of Sant' Erasmo. The lazaretto would take in the suspected plague victims for 40 days (*Quaranta Giorni* – hence the term "quarantine") before they could return to the city. (Just in case you wondered) When the Black Plague hit the lagoon in the 15th century, Lazzaretto Nuovo became a quarantine for ships arriving from different Mediterranean ports. It is likely to be the world's first quarantine colony to prevent the spreading of infectious diseases. Recently, mass graves have been found on the nearby islands of Lazzaretto Nuovo and Lazzaretto Vecchio, containing thousands of plague victims' remains. Under Napoleonic rule centuries later, the island served as an entryway to access Venice proper, and fortifications can still be visited today. The main building on the island is called *Tezon Grande*. All merchant ships had to dock here before entering Venice, and tons of merchandise (mainly spices and fabrics from the East) were stored in *Tezon Grande* (a massive brick building) to be taken out and ventilated. The largest public building is distinctive for the drawings and script on the walls that tell ancient merchants' and guards' tales.

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Sant' Erasmo is the largest island in the Venetian lagoon and is mainly an agricultural island, sometimes called the Garden of Venice. Sant' Erasmo is sparsely populated. The land is primarily used to grow produce like peas, asparagus, figs, and the island's famous violet artichokes. These mineral-rich fruits and vegetables are then sold at the buzzing Rialto market in Venice. Sant' Erasmo is a great place to get away from the hustle of Venice and enjoy a picnic or bike ride through the island's picturesque roads.

San Francesco del Deserto is surrounded by cypress trees and pines and is dominated by a 13th-century Franciscan monastery. San Francesco del Deserto is an idyllic refuge in the Venice Lagoon. It is named for San Francesco d'Assisi, who spent time on the island in the year 1220, where St. Francis of Assisi is said to have performed "the miracle of the birds". Today it is home to friars who reside in the monastery and offer tours of the grounds and two cloisters. The island is accessible only by private transport.



**San Francesco
del Deserto**



The Lazzaretti



Sant'Erasmus Island



San Clemente Island

San Clemente was a hermitage, military depot, mental health facility, and now luxurious health spa. Mussolini sent his first wife Ida Dalser here when it was an asylum. Although records say she was sane, she died there in 1937. Access to the island is restricted to the very upscale health resort clients, which occupy the entire island.

San Servolo is home to the International University of Venice. In addition, it has hosted one of the oldest monasteries in Venice, a hospital, and a mental asylum. The island's renovation began in 1980 and is now a destination for thousands of students, teachers, and visitors.



San Clemente Palazzo Kempinski



Sant Servolo





San Lazzaro Island



Le Vignole Island

San Lazzaro degli Armeni is a little island between Venice and the Lido and takes its name from its original function as a leper colony (lazzaretto). For nearly three centuries, the island belonged to the Mekhitarist Order's Armenian monks (degli Armeni means 'of the Armenians'). Once a leper colony, this small island was given to the order's founder, Mekhitar, in 1717 as he fled with his monks from the Turks. A statue of Mekhitar stands outside. San Lazzaro became a center for Armenian culture, printing literature in Armenian. When Napoleon closed the monasteries of Venice and the lagoon, he made an exception for this one. On San Lazzaro, the monks quietly worked away with their printing presses. One of their most glamorous brushes with the outside world was when Lord Byron took an interest in them. Between his Venetian dissipations, the poet felt the need for some intellectual exercise, so he would row out to the island to study Armenian with the monks and produce an Armenian - English dictionary. The Mekhitarists are still proud of his interest and display the poet's portrait in the room where he studied. The monks conduct tours daily of their monastery, complete with a library and beautifully preserved gardens. San Lazzaro also houses a collection of art and a museum with the sarcophagus and mummy of Prince Nehmekhet, dating back over 3000 years.

Le Vignole is a small agricultural island that got its name from its vineyards. It was previously called Isola delle sette Vigne, the island of seven vineyards. Le Vignole was once a holiday spot for inhabitants of mainland Venice. Later it acquired a more military function; the islands in this part of the lagoon had considerable strategic importance since they faced Venice's principal entrance from the Adriatic Sea. Le Vignole is not an easy island to explore. The residents live in isolated farmstead-type buildings and are not keen on outsiders wandering through their land.

San Giorgio in Alga is located between Giudecca and Fusina, with an area of 1.5 hectares. In 1144, a Benedictine monastery dedicated to St. George was founded. The specification "in The Algae" is due to the many algae that grew in the surrounding waters.



Poveglia was constructed on a permanent fortification built by the Venetian government and from 1793-1814 was used as a plague quarantine station, one of many in the Venetian lagoon. The tiny island is said to have hosted over 160,000 infected souls living out their final days. In 1922, a mental hospital was opened in Poveglia. Local legend says that one doctor at the hospital tortured and killed many of his patients, butchering them horribly, only to later die by falling from or possibly being thrown from its bell tower. It is not surprising that Poveglia is believed to be haunted by a past like this, attracting ghost hunters and paranormal investigators' attention. As a result, the Italian government put the uninhabited island up for sale in 2014. This was the impetus for the movement of Poveglia per Tutti, whose goal was to preserve and develop the island for the use of Venetians rather than see it turned into yet another expensive hotel. Five years on, the initiative has stalled, and the fate of Poveglia remains uncertain. Poveglia remains, for now, strictly off-limits to visitors.

Mangia Bene, Viva Bene

By FRANK ZEOLI



Lemon Chicken

As I have said before, my grandmother had a million ways to make chicken. I think she had a recipe that would use every part of the chicken. One of my favorites was her Lemon Chicken. It was a cross between Chicken Milanese and Chicken Francese. She simply called it "Lemon Chicken" and it was delicious. It was one of those dishes that could be made at anytime of the year and didn't take too long.



Prep Time: 10 - 15 minutes

Cook Time: 35 - 40 minutes

Ingredients

- 6 pieces of boneless breast of chicken
- 2 cups of Italian breadcrumbs
- 1 cup of all purpose flour
- 2 eggs
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup of frying oil (My grandmother used Canola oil or a blended oil.)
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon of salt
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon of granulated garlic
- 1 teaspoon of fresh garlic (minced)
- 1 teaspoon of parsley (dried or fresh)
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup of white wine
- $\frac{1}{2}$ stick of butter (4 tablespoons)
- 4 fresh lemons - 3 for juicing ($\frac{1}{4}$ cup of juice) and 1 for slicing (If you are not using fresh lemons, you need a total of $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of lemon juice.)

Instructions

1. Cut 3 lemons in half and squeeze them for fresh lemon juice. If you don't have fresh lemons, you can use bottled juice but fresh is always better. Slice the 4th lemon into circles.
2. Clean and pound the chicken. In 2 separate bowls, add the flour and breadcrumbs. In a 3rd bowl, beat the eggs and add salt and granulated garlic. Dredge the chicken in the flour, add it to the eggs and then into the breadcrumbs until completely covered.
3. In a frying pan on medium high heat, add the oil. When the oil is hot, add the breaded chicken and fry on both sides until they are golden brown. This should take approximately 15-20 minutes depending on the thickness of the chicken. Remove the chicken from the pan and place on a platter.
4. Reduce the heat to medium-low and pour the wine in the pan; with a whisk deglaze the pan getting all of those chicken bits from the bottom. Add the garlic, lemon juice, butter, and parsley. Stir it and let it simmer for about 10 minutes. Add the sliced lemons and return the chicken to the pan. Let the chicken simmer in the sauce for about 15-20 minutes until all of the flavors meld together.



Serve with a side of pasta or even some risotto.



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Time: Between 4:00pm to 6:00pm

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December 1st

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Over Penne Pasta

Pork Loin
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Chef's Choice of Starch & Vegetable

December 8th

Tossed Salad & Dinner Rolls

Chicken or Eggplant Parmesan
Accompanied by Penne Pasta

Chicken Marsala
Smothered With Sun-Dried Tomatoes, Portobello
Mushrooms, Marsala Wine Sauce
Chef's Choice of Vegetable & Starch

Spinach Gnocchi
Spinach Pesto Parmesan Cream Sauce



December 15th

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Chicken or Eggplant Parmesan
Accompanied by Penne Pasta

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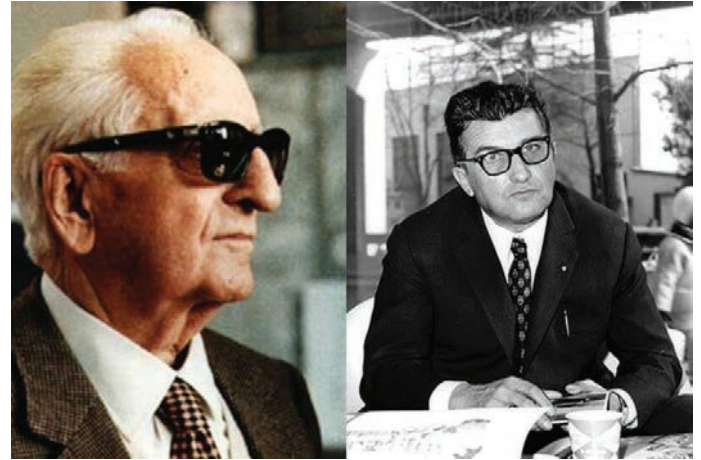
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(FOR YOUR INFORMATION)

A Tinker and His Toys

By JOE SANO



Ferruccio Lamborghini (shown above) was an expert mechanic. He loved to tinker. Few of us get the chance to take what we loved as a child and turn it into a billion-dollar enterprise. He did.

During the Second World War, Ferruccio served as a mechanic in the Air Force. He became well known for his ability to use whatever he could find to get machines functioning. With this native ability, he sought new adventures in post-war Italy. Peacetime called the Italian farmers back to their fields. Lamborghini saw a fantastic opportunity. He started cautiously to expand his small motorcycle and car repair shop into a manufacturing behemoth. He knew that farmers needed good reliable equipment to revitalize the Italian agri-business. Utilizing a vast surplus of military machines that were left in post-war Italy, he used his expertise to convert them into tractors and other farm machines. His success was immediate.

Dependable inexpensive farm machinery helped the Italian farmers rebound into a growing post war economy. Lamborghini helped make that happen. Turning out one tractor a month, he witnessed a growing demand and his production increased accordingly. By the early 1960s, he expanded his business interests into commercial oil burners and air conditioning units. Once again, he was successful.

He was so successful as a businessperson that he indulged one of his simple, yet expensive pleasures - Italian sports cars. His then favorite indulgence was his Ferrari 250 GT. Yet Ferruccio was not happy.

His Ferrari constantly needed adjustments to the

clutch. Why was this happening? He thought, "I would never produce and sell anything with my name on it that constantly failed." So, a determined Ferruccio journeyed to Ferrari's home in Maranello and confronted Enzo Ferrari about the problem while also suggesting a means of correcting the issue. As two of Italy's most successful entrepreneurs, such a simple discussion over a failing clutch could have led to a personal friendship and possibly some business collaborations. That did not happen!

Enzo Ferrari (in sunglasses) did not suffer fools. He considered Ferruccio Lamborghini (right of picture) to be a simple mechanic who got financially lucky rebuilding war machines into tractors. When Lamborghini met with Ferrari, it is reported that he inquired about his continuously failing 250 GT clutch. It is said that Ferrari replied, "il problema non è con l'auto ma con l'autista. Forse dovresti dedicare più tempo alla cura dei tuoi trattori e non dei miei veicoli (The problem is not with the car but with the driver. Perhaps you should take more time looking after your tractors and not my vehicles)." Lamborghini stormed out of their meeting.

Ferruccio Lamborghini was insulted. For a brilliant mechanic and businessman to be told such things was unacceptable. It was then that he became determined to make a sports car that was mechanically and stylishly perfect. He loved the Ferrari engine but thought that modifications would improve its overall function. Investing some of his millions and within four months after his clash with Ferrari, he built a factory in Sant'Agata and hired Ferrari's engineers and designers, Carlo Chiti, Giotto Bizzarrini, Franco Scaglione and Gian



Lamborghini 350 GT



Lamborghini-Countach

Paolo Dallara who quit Ferrari over continuing interference in production matters by Ferrari’s wife.

While Ferrari fumed, the Lamborghini quest was simply to make a more luxurious and powerful car than anything named Ferrari. Ever the tinkerer, his team redesigned the 12 cylinder Ferrari engine with a twin camshaft like the 4 cylinder Alfa Romeo used. Just like his first tractors, he often admitted that he never really designed anything. He took what was available and made it better and, in this case, more beautiful.

Using the bull, the symbol of his birth sign, Taurus, as his company’s logo, the Lamborghini 350 GT was born. Lamborghini then utilized bull fighting terms for his car models. The Muira - a famous bull breeder, Islero - the bull that killed matador, Manolete and Espada- the matador’s sword became the hallmark of vehicles called Lamborghini. 120 350 GT cars were built.

Fast forward to 1965 and Ferrari is worried. The new Lamborghini Miura copies the F1 race car by putting the engine behind the driver. It becomes the first production car with the engine in the center. Ferruccio now has the car to shove in Enzo Ferrari’s face. From 1967 to 1973, 764 cars were built.

Alas, the oil crisis of the 1970s killed the market for super cars. Not frightened by the economy, the Lamborghini Countach (Wow in Italian) with upwards opening

doors is born. Nevertheless, the aging Lamborghini decides it’s time to do something new. He sells his company and retires to a mansion on Lake Trasimeno in Perugia. Here he starts a small winery, a hotel, restaurant and a golf course. The place is called Tenuta Lamborghini and exists today.

After 1973, we see the company being sold, becoming insolvent, sold again and finally resold to Chrysler in 1987. In 1990, the replacement for the Countach was launched, the Lamborghini Diablo. It was then the fastest car in the world. Three thousand units were produced over a ten - year period which also saw company ownership again changing three times.

Since 1998, the current owner remains the German auto maker AUDI AG. Improved financing meant improved engineering and new models were born. The mass-produced Gallardo (baby Lambo) had a production run of 14,000 units along with the larger Murcielago’s 4,000 units.

The Murcielago was replaced in 2011 with the Aventador (silver below). In 2014, the Gallardo was replaced with the Huracan (below green). Today it is these two cars and the Lamborghini SUV-Urus (below gold), that roll off the assembly line at the factory complex in Sant’Agata.

If you want one, you can still find a Lamborghini for under \$30,000. Of course, it will be a tractor, but it is a “Lambo.” □



GIORGIA MELONI

Give Her A Chance



Given the term's current, and sometimes erroneous, use. I think it's important to distinguish what Italian fascism is and is not.

Fascism, now a century old, got its start with Benito Mussolini and his Italian allies. They named their movement after an ancient Roman emblem, the fasces, an ax whose handle had been tightly reinforced with many rods, symbolizing the power of unity around one guiding or directing head, as of an army, movement, or political group. Ironically these symbols can be seen in many monuments throughout the world, including here in the United States. The fasces were, and some will argue that even today are, a symbol of strength.

However, sociologists will tell you that we see the world through "Exceptions" and not the "Rule". People, especially here in the United States, tend to associate fascism with totalitarian, white supremacist ideology, as aforementioned the exception rather than the rule statute. The exceptions are German fascism, which evolved into Nazism. All of the German fascist decisions, actions and movement surrounded on race superiority, hence the corrected term Nazism was born.

In the United States, prevalence of the word "fascism" in common vernacular also causes definitional problems. In recent years, the term "is used more often as a political insult than as a historically-informed analytical term," according to The Lowy Institute, an Australian think tank in Sydney. The use of fascism as a generic term for authoritarianism is a terrible problem. Fascism is one specific kind of authoritarianism, Nationalism. Fascists hold the idea that the nation should be congruent with the state and, as a movement, Fascists tend to promote the interests of a particular nation (as in a group of people), especially with the aim of gaining and maintaining the nation's sovereignty (self-governance) over its homeland to create a nation state.

Stanley said, "Fascism is a very specific thing – it's not a name for whenever an authority figure acts incorrectly."

After WWII, fascism was outlawed in Italy. Legislative reforms and the separations of powers in government, make it almost impossible (apart from a military "Coup d'état") for anyone like Mussolini to do a sequel. Remember during the famous Mussolini led march to

Rome, it was two powers, the ruling class protected by King Emmanuel I, (Have) vs. the non-ruling peasant social class (Have nots). The victor would "Take all" control of government.

Today, Italy is a true republic. A nation in which supreme power is held by the people and their elected representatives, and which has an elected president rather than a monarch.

Nevertheless, as most of the past fascists are gone, modern fascists have grown and re-branded as "Modern Italian fascists", which is a political ideology that's actually pretty easy to define. Modern Italian fascists define themselves as Christian, averse to change, favoring free enterprise, private ownership, and socially traditional ideas. They parallel their ideology to the British Conservative party, the American equivalent to a conservative republican or to the Vox party, a national conservative political party in Spain.

No alarms here.

However, because of the aforementioned vernacular interpretation of the American term, "Fascism", the importance of Giorgia Meloni (including six women ministers, in a country that has not really been at the forefront of woman rights) being the first woman ever overwhelmingly elected prime minister in the history of the country is overshadowed by the term "Fascist".

Women, when asked about the accomplishment, shrug and say, "Yeah, but she is a fascist." as to say she is not "Feminist" enough for us. As to indicate that if you do not follow their extremism, you are not good to them, regardless of how old and thick the ceiling is that you just broke.

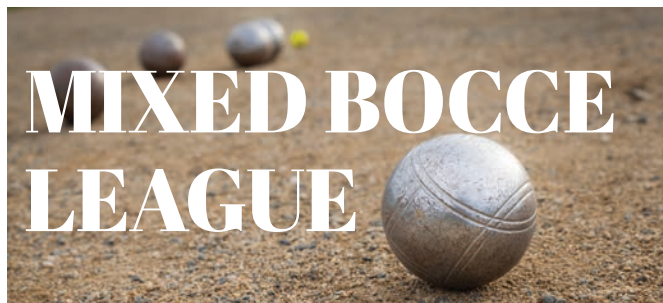


So far, all the appointments to the cabinets have been evenly assigned to the coalition of the parties that form the majority of the government, a non-fascist move of diversity. She has committed to keeping until next year the economic reforms left to her by her predecessor, Mario Draghi, which have been applauded from economists around the world as the solution to Italy's economic challenges. She has also committed to the Paris Environmental agreement and to support Ukraine and NATO. I ask you to hold your opinion of our prime

minister, as she has the potential of comparing with the likes of Margaret Thatcher or Angela Merkel, as strong women who have led governments in difficult times and came out winners.

Finally, it is our duty to dismiss the erroneous concept that the Meloni government is a Nazi-like state, that the "Modern Italian Fascist" government is a government led by a racist political movement, which Italy, even in its darkest moment was not and, will never be.

VIVA L'ITALIA. □



Another year of our Mixed Bocce League has come to an end and a great time was had by all! Congratulations to everyone and a big "thank you" for coming out and making this a fun evening.

For the first time since beginning this league 7 years ago, the winners for first, second and third place were all tied with another team! Congratulations to the two teams in **1st place**: Angelo Tarantino, captain, and his teammates, Linda Hoffman, Anthony Gaspari, Teresa Swanson and Gerri Kraushaar who were tied with team captain, Bob Vine, and his teammates, Darlene Carino, Bob Krushaar and Gretchen VanValkenburg.

YEAR END RESULTS

The tie for **2nd place** was with Tony Fazio, captain, and his teammates, Mary Lou Marando, Gail Tarantino, Carmella DeCarlo and Tony Vine and Jim Sano, captain, and his teammates, Mike Swanson, Georgeann Green, Maria Quattrocchi and Theresa Kaplan.

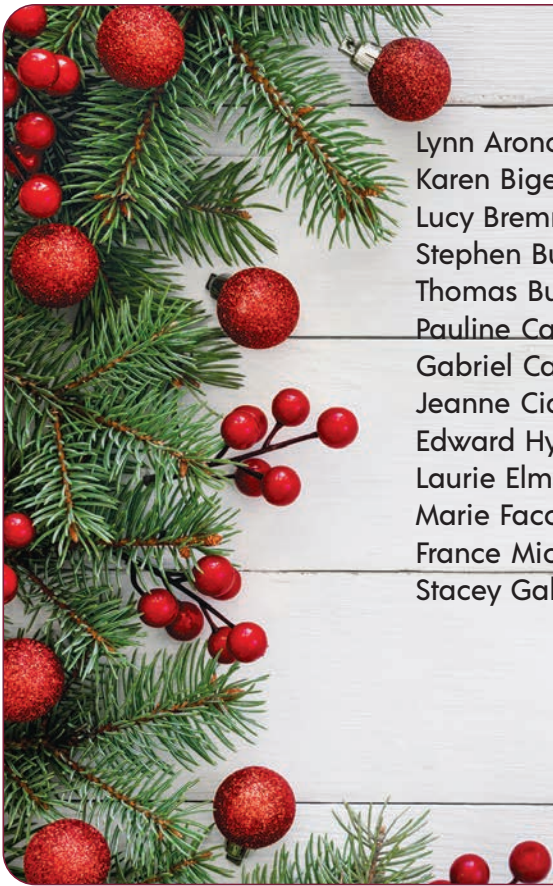
The **3rd place** tie was between Armand Marando, captain, and his teammates, Terry Fazio, Grace Simeone, Terry Andriano, and Guido Quattrocchi and Chris Hoffman, captain, and his teammates, Nancy Sano, Diane Biernacki, Rose Barbato and Jack Liberis.

Congratulations to these teams and to everyone because we are all winners!!

Mixed Bocce will resume next August. If you would like to give it a try, please call me at the number listed below or call the club. We always need subs. Remember no special talent is necessary and we always have a great time!

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December Birthdays



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WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Hello ladies,



I can't believe that the holiday season is already upon us. Soon the sounds of snow crunching beneath our feet and Christmas songs will be heard. The aroma of freshly cut Christmas trees and cookies baking will be filling the air and sightings of beautiful decorations and the making of gingerbread houses will begin. Of course, there will be the hustle and bustle of shopping: trying to find the perfect present.

For our November meeting, 25 ladies gathered to enjoy the Monday Night Buffet. We were able to celebrate Thanksgiving a little early with turkey and fixings along with all the Italian dishes. Maria DeNitto won the 50/50 drawing.

After dinner, Jim Sano and Frank Zeoli joined the meeting as we discussed that the Women's League will be moving from under the IACC to the Foundation. This will save the Women's League a considerable amount of money and we will be able to enjoy the tax-exempt status of the Foundation, which we did not have before.

After the meeting adjourned, we moved upstairs to the Caruso Room for a fun-filled remainder of the evening making holiday wreaths. What a great time and a fun activity!!

The December meeting on Wednesday, December 14, 2022 at 6:00 pm will be our annual Christmas party. Dinner choices are Pork Osso Bucco or Crab Stuffed Haddock. The cost will be \$27 per person. Reservations can be made by contacting Jackie Brillling at (518) 339-9290 or brillingj@gmail.com by no later than Monday, December 12, 2022. The cancellation policy remains in effect. We will be having a grab bag with a spending limit of \$25. If you choose to participate, please bring a gift to the party. Also, the election of new officers for the upcoming year will take place.

Just as a reminder, as the holidays approach, we continue to have our 2 charities that we collect for, Ronald McDonald House and St. Anne's Institute. In addition to our collecting our usual items, we will be collecting Christmas gifts for the children (gift cards, hats, mittens, gloves, toys). Thank you to everyone who has donated throughout the year. Your kindness and generosity are greatly appreciated by the children, families and staff members.

Before you go dashing through the busy holiday season, please take the time to enjoy and appreciate the true blessings of Christmas: the moments spent with family and the companionship of friends.

Remember there are only 24 days till Christmas!!
Buon Natale a tutti

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