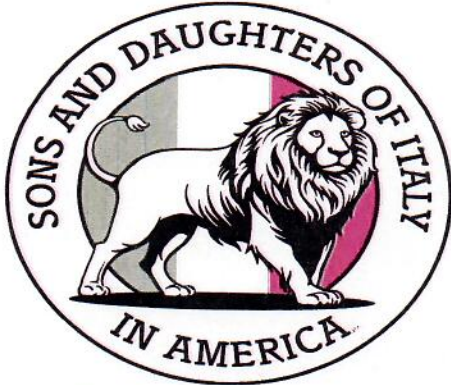


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Notes from the President:

Felice Anno Nuovo

As I reflect on the events of the past year, I am proud of our accomplishments. We had a very good Reverse Raffle, a nice lunch for our Initiation/Scholarship; a very successful both at the Italian American Festival; a pleasant afternoon for our family picnic; many gifts donated for Project RISE and ended the year with a great Christmas Party.

Upcoming Events

*January 19-Regular meeting 1:30 pm.
Anthony Funeral Home, 1990 Main St*

*February 16-Regular meeting 1:30 pm.
Anthony Funeral Home, 1990 S Main St*

*March 16-Regular meeting 1:30 pm.
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*April 12-Reverse Raffle, St George
Community Center, Ridgewood Rd Fairlawn*

Hospitality Chairperson

*Our Hospitality Chairperson is Kay Metzler.
If you know someone who is in the hospital
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Our annual Toy Wrapping Party to benefit Project Rise went very well. New chairperson Jo Dusi made sure we had enough supplies to get the job done. Almost 250 gifts were prepared as this year the gifts were put into gift bags rather than being wrapped. Afterwards everyone enjoyed pizza and desserts

Christmas Party

This year the Christmas Party was moved back to Saturday evening. Close to 80 members and guests attended and enjoyed a delicious buffet prepared by Joe Catalano and TLC Catering. A DJ provided some great music and many members were on the dance floor. Among the many tunes was YMCA as well as some memorable dance songs.

We were pleased that State President David Corsi was able to attend; he even booked a room at the Hilton. We were pleased that he was able to present the Anniversary Clock on the occasion of celebrating 50 years of marriage to Don and Donna Ferrante.

The Peter Silletti Award was presented by Debi Rauckhorst who prepared great bios on each of the recipients. Cheryl Koshar and Judi Willgues were tonight's honorees. Cheryl is responsible for many printing projects that you see at many of our events, from place cards to tags for raffle prizes to taking on the task of organizing the seating charts. She also set up the SuperBowl squares which enabled our Lodge to donate \$500 to Cooley's Anemia this past year. Judi is in charge of our kitchen; she makes sure we have enough plates and napkins for our meetings and has handled this job for many years. We are indebted to Cheryl and Judi for their fine work.

We also gave donations of \$1000.00 each to 5 charities as part of our requirement being a non-profit organization. The Charities were the Humane Society of Summit County, The Ryal Charitable Organization, Grace House, The Peter Maurin Center and Craine's Cholangiocarcinoma Crew. I was pleased to present the checks to each group because they in their own way help either people or companion animals. Since they are small non-profits a \$1000 donation really helps them to accomplish their mission.

I wish to express thanks for the Christmas Party committee led by John and Michelle Hujar along with Cheryl Koshar, Che Che Cannizzaro, John Mancinelli, Jenna and Montgomery Hujar and Debi and Ed Rauckhorst. I think everyone had a great time and we had many gift baskets that were raffled. In previous years, the Christmas Party usually broke even or cost the Lodge a small amount, but the way that is organized we show a handsome profit each year and everyone enjoys winning a gift basket.

buon compleanno

january

ANGIE AGNONI
CHERYL KOSHAR
CHARLES MAGGIO
VITA MOORE
THOMAS TEODOSIO
JOHN VALLILO
ANNA ZAMPELLI

february

JENNIFER BOLEN
JOHN DEPTUCH
TOMASINA ELAVSKY
JACKIE GERMANO CASSANO
JOSEPH PALLOTTA
TARA PIZER
LENORA RINELLA
JACK SCHIFANO
ROSS SIGNORINO
DAVE TERSIGNI
DANIEL ZAMPELLI

march

CHARLOTTTE BUZZELLI
JEFF GLIHA
JOHN HUJAR
DOROTHY MARKLULIS
KAY METZLER
DIANA METZLER
JOSEPHINE MURDOCCO
VINCENT MURDOCCO
DONNA PALLOTTA
JANE WEBB