



GIORNALE PICCOLO

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A Note from the President...

The holiday season is upon us. We would like to wish all our members, your families and friends a happy and healthy holiday. Things get very hectic at this time of year, but we would like to remind you to try to slow down and enjoy the times you share with your loved ones and to remember the reason for the season.

Our spaghetti dinners are continuing this month. They will be held December 6 and 13. There will be no spaghetti dinners on Thursday, December 20 or 27, so that our staff can enjoy the time off at the holidays as well. The dinners will resume in January on Thursday, January 10. Thanks again to our dedicated cooks, kitchen staff, servers, and runners for all their hard work. Please come by and support your club and enjoy a delicious homemade dinner.

The club is always looking for ideas for fun activities that can be held at our club. Whether it's just to gather and socialize or to raise funds for a particular organization, we are always open to suggestions. We are also welcoming members to volunteer to chair activities such as our meat raffle. Past chairpersons will gladly work with anyone interested to pass on their knowledge of that activity. Send us your ideas or bring it up to a board member. Merry Christmas!!!

Thank You and Merry Christmas,

Dan Dell'Isola

Sunshine Committee:

All of our condolences go out to the family Joseph Nicpon who recently passed away. Please **help us** with keeping up with members that are ill or have passed away by contacting Vince Dell'Isola at 695-2447 or Kevin Canali at 614-330-5252.

This will help in keeping our members informed, so they could contact them if help is needed when they are sick and express their condolences. We are a **big family** who wants to help each other when needed. Thanks

Program Committee Report:

The following events are planned for this year. We are looking for help from members as either a chairman of the event or to help volunteer. Contact Dan at Pres@RenClub.org.

Children's Xmas Party	December	8th
Directors Meeting (6:30pm)	December	12th
Membership Meeting (8pm)	December	12th
Ugly Sweater Holiday Party (8-11pm)	December	15th
Trivia Night	December	22nd
Learn to make Prosciutto	January	DTBD
Shuffle Board Tournament	January	DTBD

"Breakfast with Santa"

Our annual Children's Christmas Party will be held on Saturday December 8th from 10am-12 noon. Members' who have signed up their children and grandchildren ages 8 and under are invited to attend. Santa's helpers have been busy preparing for their guests and are looking forward to his arrival at the club.

Ugly Sweater Holiday Party

We will be hosting our annual Ugly Sweater Christmas Party on Saturday December 15th. From 8pm to 11pm. Prizes will be awarded for ugliest sweater. Pizza and wings, shot girls, all and you can drink for \$25. Additional dish to pass is optional. Hope to see you there!!!!

Scholarship Report:

We will be awarding one scholarship to a graduating local high school senior this year. The applicants must be a relative of a current member (child, grandchild) in good standing. The scholarship will be for \$750. Applications will be available at the bar soon.

Bar hours:

*****The Club will be closed on December 24th and 25th as well as December 31st and January 1st. Happy Holidays to all our Renaissance Club family*****
 Monday thru Friday 5pm till 11pm
 Saturday 1pm till 11pm
 Sunday open for the remainder of the season

Bills Sunday –

The club will remain open on Sundays for the remainder of the Bills season. The club will open 1 hour prior to the start of the game and will close 1 hour after the game is over. Thanks for your continued support!!!!!!

Trivia Night

Trivia night will be held on Saturday December 22nd. Come and show your talents one last time before the end of the year! Trivia as always will start at 7pm

Spaghetti Night:

Pasta night will be **CLOSED ON THURSDAY DECEMBER 20th, and 27th** **We will also be closed on January 3rd.** Come join us in December on the 6th and 13th. **We will resume our spaghetti night service on January 10th** after the holiday season. Please join us for our Delicious spaghetti, ravioli, sausage, and deserts every Thursday. HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE CLUB.

Lotto:

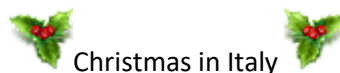
Vince Dell 'Isola is selling the 2019 Lotto books. The new lotto begins on March 1, 2019 to February 28, 2019. Captains can pick up their books at the club or call 695-6129 and leave a message for Vince and he will contact you. Calendars are available at the bar. Lotto books are \$30.00. The three digit New York State EVENING DRAW number is the number that is used to determine the winner. Lotto is one of our major fund-raisers for the club. Your support is greatly appreciated

Christmas Decorations

A big thanks to Dan and Susie Kwiatkowski for putting up the Christmas decorations around the club! Nice job guys!!

Food Pantry

You may have seen in the front entrance to the club a donation barrel for non-perishable food items which we collected and donated to the local food pantry for the holiday season. There is also an envelope behind the bar for cash donations. Thank you to everyone who donated, there are many needed families this time of year who are very grateful. Also thank you to Dave and Margie Stimpson for picking up and delivering the items.



Christmas in Italy

For many Italian-American families a big Christmas Eve meal of different fish dishes is now a very popular tradition! It's known as The Feast of the Seven Fishes ('Esa dei Sette Pesci' in Italian). The feast seems to have its root in southern Italy and was brought over to the USA by Italian immigrants in the 1800s. It now seems more popular in American than it is in Italy.

Common types of fish eaten in the feast include Baccala (salted Cod), Clams, Calamari, Sardines and Eel.

There are different theories as to why there are seven fish dishes eaten. Some think that seven represent the seven days of creation in the Bible, other say it represents the seven holy sacraments of the Catholic Church. But some families have more than seven dishes! You might have nine (to represent the Christian trinity times three), 13 (to represent Jesus and his 12 disciples) or 11 (for the 11 disciples without Jesus or Judas!)

The Christmas celebrations start eight days before Christmas with special 'Novenas' or a series of prayers and church services. Some families have a 'Creppo' or [Yule Log](#) which is burnt through the Christmas season.

In Italian Happy/Merry Christmas is 'Buon Natale' and in Sicilian it's 'Bon Natali'.

[Epiphany](#) is also important in Italy. On Epiphany night, children believe that an old lady called 'Befana' brings presents for them. The story about Befana bringing presents is very similar to the story of [Babushka](#). Children put stockings up by the fireplace for Befana to fill. On Christmas day 'Babbo Natale' (Santa Claus) might bring them some small gifts, but the main day for present giving is on Epiphany.

