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A Note from the President...

With January gone we are looking forward to an exciting 2017 and wishing for the sunshine of spring to begin! Boy, how time flies when you're having fun. We have had a pretty good year with your help and support....and we're not done yet!

I want to take the time this month to dispel some rumors and discuss the facts of our finances here at the club. Our expenses over the last few months have been steadily increasing. This has occurred most directly from basic day-to-day services we now have contracted out (and have to pay for) that previously were done by time volunteered by our members. This includes everything from laundering, to basic cleaning, and club maintenance. However please know this has not currently placed the club in financial jeopardy. Our current situation highlighted the need to be more proactive to help plan for these new expenses.

The board continues to review our annual finances to help explore the most efficient and effective ways to utilize our resources to ensure good financial stability of the club for years to come. Our goal is to leave the club for future generations to enjoy and come together to create lasting memories. The board is working hard to put forward viable, sustainable budgets and goals that meet the needs of our members. It is your club and your support that keeps the Renaissance Club thriving. We are looking to our members, new and old, to help provide direction. So please remember, our purpose as board members is to listen to your voices to make the club succeed. Over the last two months I have asked the board members, officers, and chairmen to focus on reviewing our finances and help brainstorm budgets for the future. To help expedite our financial planning we are moving our March meeting up by one week. If you have any concerns, comments, or suggestions please contact me so I can organize them for review at the meeting. So again, I urge you to not focus on the gossip, the naysayers, the comments from those without the detailed knowledge of the facts...instead please contact me, the board, the committee members so we can address your concerns directly.

I want to remind you all that Lotto Calendar books are ready to be sold. Vince Dell 'Isola is selling the 2017 Lotto books. The new lotto begins on March 1, 2017 to February 28, 2018. 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 still 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.

There are many events planned for the upcoming months. Please check the calendar and our website

(Renclub.org) for dates and times. Also feel free to send me your ideas for future events at Pres@RenClub.org.
-Mack

Sunshine Committee:

We would like to extend our most sincere condolences to Ralph MacVittie and his family as his wife Jane McVittie has passed; and we would like to extend our most sincere condolences to Scott Bajorex and his family as his father recently passed.

We would also like to extend our condolences to all our members who have lost loved ones / family members. They will be in our prayers.

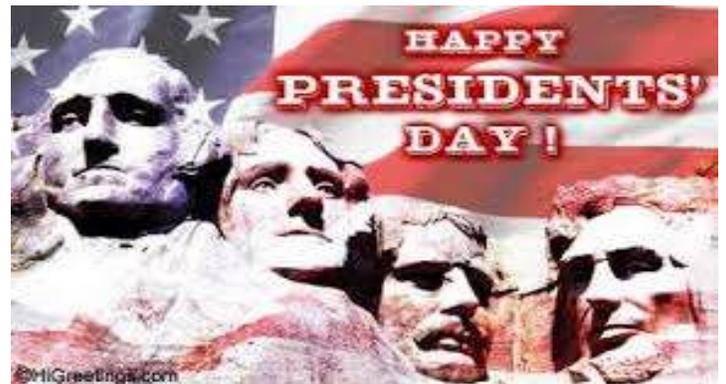
Additionally we would like to wish Dennis Merrell and Bob Kolata well as they are both out of the hospital and home on the road to recovery.

Please help us keep up with members that are ill or have passed away by contacting Vince Dell'Isola at 695-2447 or Mack at 693-0334.

This will help in keeping our members informed, so they are able to 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

CHANGE OF DATE FOR MARCH BOARD AND MEMBER MEETING

Due to the questions concerning expenditures and finances, the March member and board meeting has been moved up to the Wednesday March 1, 2017 (not March 8th) so that the President Mack Argentieri can be an attendance.



Program Committee Report:

The following events are planned for this year. We are looking for help from members as either a chairmen of the event or to help volunteer. Contact me at Pres@RenClub.org or call 693-0334

Super Bowl Party	February	5 th
Directors Meeting (6:30pm)	February	8 th
Membership Meeting	February	8 th
Prosciutto	February	6 th

Trivia Night (8pm)
Scotch Tasting
St. Joseph Table
Polish Platter Night
Dandelion (Cicoria) Festal:
German Plater Night

February 18th
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St. Joseph's Table

Once again the club will be celebrating the Feast of St. Joseph (St. Joseph's Table) on Sunday March 19, 2017 from 2-4pm, run by Carolyn DiFrancesco and Loretta Colaiacovo. For a small donation, family and friends can come enjoy the classic Sicilian Feast. Stay tuned for more details.

Scholarship Report:

Scholarship applications are now available at the bar. The club offers two scholarships, \$250.00 each, to our members' children or grandchildren that are graduating from an area high school in June. Applications are due March 20, 2017.

Cooking Class:

Stayed tuned for upcoming dates for cooking classes as we plan to schedule some in the spring.

Pickle Ball:

Come learn to play pickle ball, the fastest growing sport in America. The club has equipment for everyone to play, pick-up games Wednesday evenings 5pm-9pm

Successful Earthquake Relief Fund Dinner

The Renaissance Club hosted a dinner on December 12th that raised funds to assist the Italian Red Cross in their relief efforts for the people who suffered from the earthquake that occurred in Amatrice, Italy on August 24, 2016. We are happy to report that it was a rousing success and fun was had by ay all. Entertainment was provided by Jack Civileto and food was generously donated by various companies, such as Pellicano's Marketplace, Latina Foods, Rich Products, Rosina Foods and Romano's Bakery. Mineo and Sapio sausage was donated by the Club and it was all prepared by Ayoub and his kitchen staff and served by Barbara Ryan and her serving crew. Special thanks to the chairman of this event, Tom Davide and his wife Linda, and his co-chairman Vince Dell'Isola. Significant contributions were also made by Mike and Carol Woomer, Paula Dell'Isola, Linda Volmrich, and John Annoni. Many thanks for generous donations of raffle items that helped raise additional funds. Raffle items included gifts from Russels's Steakhouse, Jeff Laze Photography, artist Sheree Canfield, Como Restaurant, Pellicano's Marketplace, Galassi's Restaurant, Jann MacDonald/Tastefully Simple, North Tonawanda History Museum and many others that are too numerous to all name here. We thank them very much for their generosity. Finally, thank you to the 120 people who purchased tickets and attended this event. You all helped us raise \$3330 for earthquake relief.

Trivia Night TIME CHANGE – START AT 8PM

The club had another successful trivia night on January 14th. Next trivia night is February 18th **BUT WILL NOT BEGIN UNTIL 8PM.** I would like to again thank Kathy Miller for a job well done as our moderator.

Spaghetti Night:

Spaghetti night still going strong, please join us for our Delicious specials, spaghetti, ravioli, sausage, homemade soups and desserts every **Thursday at 5-8pm**. Get it while you still can, as it's scheduled to end in March. HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE CLUB

Learn to make Prosciutto:

You heard everyone talking about it, and may have even tasted some, but it's back, come make your own prosciutto. The club will again be making prosciutto on February 6th. Come learn from the best. Only \$50 for the meat and all the supplies. There is a sign-up sheet at the club, or speak with Mike Argentieri or Lee DiFrancesco. Class size is limited so fist come first serve.

Lotto:

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Karaoke Night

Thanks to everyone for coming out for the Club's Karaoke night on January 21st. It was a great event, the entire meeting hall was filled. Next time we will have an even better sound system. Thanks to Johnny and Craig for helping set up the system. We will hold another Karaoke night in roughly 6-8 weeks, so keep an eye out for the next date.

Membership Dues for 2017

Dues are due March 1st; you have to the end of the month to pay up before your memberships laps and have to pay to rejoin. Retired members (62 and older) \$25, regular membership is \$35. Please make checks payable to the Renaissance Club and forward to our membership chairmen or club treasure.

SHUFFLE BOARD TOURNAMENT

Shuffle board tournament this Friday February 3rd, 7pm-11pm, 2 person teams, cost is \$50 per team, includes open bar, pizza and wings, and shot girls serving Kraken Rum. Cash prizes for the top teams, raffles, and 50/50. Sign up in the bar or contact Kevin or Lindsay Canali



Bar hours:

Monday thru Friday 5pm till 11pm
Saturday 1pm till 11pm
Sunday (Super Bowl) last Sunday for the season