

COLUMBUS CLUB NEWSLETTER

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PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

SATURDAY NIGHT BUFFETS @ 6:00
MAY 13TH, 20 & 27TH. JUNE 3RD, 10, 17 & 24TH.

Entrees may include two of the following entrées, Roast Beef, Ham, Turkey, Shrimp Scampi, Baked Stuffed Haddock, Veal or Chicken Parm. Includes Pasta, Potatoes, Vegetables, Soup, Salad, bread & butter & Desert. All this for **\$10.95**.

Reservations required.
Open to members and non-members

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND COUNTRY DANCE - May 19th @7:00. Tickets are \$8.00 each.

Dance To The Goat Ropers Band – Don't be left out, as the last one was a major success and we had to turn away several people.

ANNUAL OUTING – New Date, July 30th at the Laborers Camp. We **guarantee** good food and a great time because the Club is putting it on. **Our expert chefs will be doing the COOKING!!!!**

BOCCE LEAGUE – First half will begin 4/25. Second half 7/11 to 9/10.

GOLF LEAGUE - BEGINS APRIL 27TH

PORCHETTA – Last one for the season on April 27th and is sold out.

Your suggestions for any activities or functions are welcomed.

For instance, way back when, Donna Dodge suggested line dancing and several said it would not work, but some of us disagreed and we pursued it. Well, it blossomed into Line Dancing lessons (which were renewed) and a Dance featuring The Goat Ropers Band with another to come in May by popular demand. This not only brought a lot of fun and some exercise, but substantial revenue to Our Club.

Please submit your e-mail address to carl6@att.net with cc member under subject. This will save the club money and keep you better informed as I regularly send out broadcast messages. We already have about thirty addresses.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – The club **NEEDS** volunteers for the House Committee and to do small repairs to the Club. Please contact any officer or me if you are willing to help. As past volunteers agree, we work a little and eat well afterwards.

MONTHLY MEETINGS - 2ND TUES. @ 7:00.
Please join us and pitch in with any suggestions or concerns you may have.

THE CLUB WILL BE CLOSED SUNDAYS UNTIL SEPTEMBER.

FOR CLUB & HALL RENTALS SEE THE MANAGER

2008 MARKS OUR 100-YEAR ANNIVERSARY. PLANNING HAS BEGUN. STAY TUNED

2006 DUES ARE OVERDUE!! NON-PAID MEMBERS WILL LOSE THEIR MEMBERSHIPS.

REPORT ON PAST ACTIVITIES AND THE GOOD OF OUR CLUB

We had the passing of three members since our last newsletter. They were Joseph M. Canali, Hugo Giargiari, and Dr. Dominic Merloni. We offer their families our sincerest condolences. May they rest in peace.

- Our lobster raffles were a big success in bringing revenue to the Club. The meat shoots did not fair as well, possibly because of the late time on Friday night. Next time it was suggested we have them Saturday and/or Sunday mid afternoon. Please give us feed back on this idea. All are welcomed.
- We would like to thank Ken Garvey for replacing two parking lot lights as well as adding a third lamp on the front pole that illuminates the parking lot really well for all of our safety.
- Thanks to all of our sponsors, we are able to defray some of the expenses of this newsletter. The cost is just \$50.00 to send your advertisement out to our 700 members. Please join our growing list of sponsors.
- If you have not been at a function in our hall you would not have noticed how nice the refinished floor looks. Thanks to Joe Cerutti for doing it by himself at an extremely reasonable price.
- Going along with the above, we have to thank Dino Gentili and his son for cleaning and waxing the Club floor as well as the men's and ladies rooms again at an extremely reasonable price.
- Not to be redundant, but the Club is stressed financially and in dire need of some repairs. Since the last newsletter it has been determined that we need a new roof as well as a new roof air conditioner for the hall. The roof has the beginning of structural problems as well as serious leaks that infiltrated through the dance floor to the Club men's room downstairs. These repairs are desperately needed to keep our Club going. For many years we have needed these fixes, but we have always used the band-aid method. We are now in a position that we have to allocate the funds for these two major renovations. **If we do not get more support from our members, we will be forced to take more drastic steps.** For the last five years the Club has been down a substantial amount of money due to several reasons. The cost of everything has gone up and the amount taken in has decreased. Although we are now making some headway, we need a lot more. Hopefully functions will help, but only by your participation can we bring the Club back to its glory days. So, please give it a lot of thought and consideration and make it a point to contribute to the bottom line and we, as officers, will go the extra mile for the good of our Club.
- We have to thank Bob and Judy Simonetta for the fine job of putting together the very successful Country Dance.
- Thanks to all the volunteers for a very successful eight months of Pasta Nights. We all know who they are. I do not want to miss any, so I will not attempt to name them.

- Thanks to Richard Zaffino and Richard Sanchioni for volunteering to paint the ladies room upstairs. It looks great.
- The game feed was a success as well as a great time. Thanks to George Zanella and his crew for a job well done. We want to especially thank Alex Macoaldi and Dino Gentili for **donating** the game meat.
- Re: 100th Anniversary: We will need a lot of volunteers and committee chairs to make this celebration one to remember. We need to have our senior members be a large part of the equation. So far, Al Ferrante, Lou Merloni and Lou Turchi have thrown in their hats. We also need volunteers to Chair or Co-Chair all of the committees; preferably a senior member would be one of them.
- **CONGRATULATIONS** to Jason Smith on being elected to the Board of Selectman and to Dennis Giombetti on being elected as Board Chairman.
- Richard Zaffino deserves a lot of credit for the hours he donates to the Club almost every day being an all around handyman and a seasoned kitchen guru on pasta nights. Thanks Richard.
- James Joseph Antonioli's family is donating his death benefit to the Club Improvement Fund. We thank Charlie and his sisters for this generous gift.
- The Club is asking members to donate baby high chairs for Pasta Nights as well as other family functions and daily lunches.
- Thanks to all the members working the Porchettas. Our revenues have doubled since Janet and Richard have been involved. Subsequently, our net profits have followed suit. These have proven to be our largest source of revenue.
- Russ Dodge has volunteered to repaint the Columbus Club sign out front. Thanks Russ, we can always count on you.
- **NOTE:** It has been determined by The Executive Board to increase our annual dues by \$10.00 beginning in 2007. This will bring the total dues to \$30.00.

Commentary - Activity around the Club has increased substantially because of the hard work by many of our members. There is a lot going on behind the scenes that doesn't have much or any exposure to the general body. We have to keep it going by getting more volunteers and suggestions to keep activities and functions fresh. My sincerest thanks go to all who are now, and have participated. KEEP IT GOING!!

PLEASE CHIP IN FOR THE GOOD OF OUR CLUB!!!!

TO KEEP THE CLUB GOING FOREVER –VOLUNTEER, VOLUNTEER!!!

For any questions or concerns, I (Carl D'Aveta) can be reached at 508-877-3572

DONATIONS to date are \$1,660.00. We are forever grateful to those listed below who have participated. Remember, we are not closing the book for donations so please help if you are able. So far donations came from the following:

Angelo Tofani, Anthony DeCenzo, Bob Lewis, Bob Roberti, Carl Bucci, Carl D'Aveta, Dino Gentili, Domenic Ranno, Eugene Zanella, Greg Montalbano, Henry Agostinelli, Janet Epstein, Jim Lomuscio, John Brovelli in memory of Bino Brovelli, John Fox, John Meloni, Louis Ablundi, Pasquale Tofani, Paul Galvani, Paul McGowan, Peter Barberi, Peter Fedolfi, Peter Ferro, Richard DeVito, Richard Palanzi in memory of Bruno & Albert, Tom Ferri, Umberto Fabri, Ralph Kelton, Jack & Dee Connolly and Charlie Antonioli in memory of James Joseph Antonioli.

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