

COLUMBUS CLUB NEWSLETTER

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PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR UPCOMING EVENTS

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PASTA NIGHTS TUESDAYS UNTIL 4/10

All you can eat ages 9 to 99 \$6.00.
Kids 5 to 12 \$5.00. Kids under 4 are FREE.
Take-outs \$7.00

PORKETTA DATES – 3/29 & 4/26

Tripe - Last Saturday was 3/31 and will return in September.

BOCCE LEAGUE – 1st half starts 4/26. 2nd half starts 7/10. New members and/or old members are welcome to join the league. Open time slots are; 1:00, 2:00, 3:00 & 4:00.

GOLF LEAGUE – Begins Thursday, April 26th. Applications are at the bar.

NOTICE – Beginning 6/1/07 Framingham Health Dept. has banned smoking in all private clubs and has imposed a fifteen-foot no smoking distance to the entrances.

MONTHLY MEETINGS - 2ND TUES. @ 7:30. Meetings will start at 7:00 from May to August. This is the platform to present compliments, suggestions or criticisms. Not at the bar after an issue was approved at a meeting.

CENTENIAL MEETING – April 25th @ 7:00 at the Club. Let's be proud of this Celebration and participate to make it a day to remember.

THE CLUB will be closed SUNDAYS in June, July and August and will re-open on Sept. 16th.

**FOR CLUB & HALL RENTALS SEE OR CALL
MANAGER JANET EPSTEIN**

OUR ANNUAL OUTING July 29th – Laborers Training Camp 11 to 6pm. Tickets are \$8.00. Remember, the Club will put it on again with all volunteers. Interested parties see Janet.

YOUR OFFICERS ARE: Carl D'Aveta, Pres., Bob Simonetta, VP, Greg Montalbano, Treas., Jim Lomuscio, Corresponding Secretary, Lou Turchi, Financial Secretary, Bill Villa, Sergeant at Arms, and the three Trustees are, George Zanella, Richie Zaffino and Bob Roberti.

E-MAIL - Please submit your e-mail address to carl62@verizon.net with CC MEMBER under the subject line. This will save the Club money and keep you better informed as I regularly send out broadcast messages. **Yes, even you members in Texas, California, Arizona and Florida.**

ATTENTION – Children are not allowed to sit at the bar, play scratch tickets or buy them from the lottery machine. We could lose our lottery license. Also, children should have an adult present while playing in the bocce court as well as in the function hall. We have had several complaints from many of our members.

DUES NOTICE: All members' dues are \$30.00 per year and many are overdue. See attached letter. Please make your payments on time. Social members were due in January. Society members are due by April 15th or they will be dropped from the rolls on May 1st. A tear off sheet is enclosed for your remittances.

Four of our members have passed recently and will be missed. Louis Ferri, Albert (Tonto) Bianco, Joseph Pascucci, Sr., and Alfred (Ally) Ferrante. May they rest in peace.

REPORT ON ACTIVITIES AND THE GOOD OF OUR CLUB

- Custom Alarms was awarded the contract to install our fire alarm system required by the Fire Marshall to be installed by the end of August. However, because of Custom's schedule, we have to install before the middle of June. This will run approximately \$22,000.00 less the \$7,000.00 down payment; of which \$5,000.00 was **from** the donations we received from a few of our 700 members. Remember, the by-laws mandate monies to cover the \$500.00 death benefit for our Society Members must be available. We are and will be dangerously close to being short due to three issues beyond our control. They are: the new roof, air conditioner for the function hall and the fire alarm system at a total cost of more than \$50,000.00. For the over 500 members who have not made a donation, please re-think the reasons why you haven't donated and have a change of heart. A tear off sheet is attached for your remittance.
- I would like to personally thank Jason Magri for installing a photocell light to shine on our flagpole so we can fly our country's flag 24 hours a day. This was not an easy task as it took most of the day to install.
- Another thanks goes to John (Hornpout) Antobenedetto for replacing the rope on the flagpole and raising the American and Italian flags.
- Thanks to Billy Villa for taking the reigns to start a dart league at The Club. We sponsor two teams and I might say it has been a very successful means of income for us.
- As always, we are always looking for ways to generate revenue for The Club. Please forward any suggestions to our officers or me. So far, our dances and buffets have proven very successful.
- A round of applause goes to George Zanella and his entire staff for the very successful Pasta Nights. The staff includes, Janet Epstein, Richard Zaffino, Lou Merloni, Alex Marcoaldi, Russ Dodge, Frank Peveri, Peter Kristo and Bob Roberti. Let's not forget the buffet servers, Mary Dirado, Angie Zontini, Rose Carchio, Dorothy, Dee Rogouski, Pauline Guigli and Rachel Pastore. Also, thanks to the men working the tables, silverware and cake. They are, Dominic Magrini, Dufo Rebecchi, Chet Obremski and Steve Sacchi. It takes a lot of work and planning to put on a successful Pasta Night. I'm sure we appreciate them for volunteering their time, hard work and expertise. Thanks again to all.
- Our Game feed was very successful again this year because of our volunteers. The volunteers were George Zanella, Janet Epstein, Richard Zaffino, Paul Sanchioni, Alex Marcoaldi & Joe Shepard. Alex and Joe also donated a lot of the game meat. Mickey Parente donated all the wine for the raffle and John Villa sold a substantial amount of tickets to top off an extremely successful evening.
- **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** – The club **NEEDS** volunteers for the House Committee and to do small repairs at the Club. Please contact the committee chairman, Paul McGowan or myself. As past volunteers agree, we work a little and eat well afterwards.
- 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.

- **OUR 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, Lou Merloni, Bob Simonetta, Lou Turchi, Judy Simonetta, Dee Connolly, Donna Dodge, Carol D'Aveta and myself have thrown in our hats. Lou Merloni has graciously agreed to chair the event and is looking for suggestions for this very important **EXTRAVAGANZA.** (The above was in our last two newsletters, but we received no suggestions. Members, please do you part in support of our Club.)

- **A FEW WORDS FROM OUR VP, BOB SIMONETTA.**
As many of you know, 2008 is our Centennial Year. We are now beginning to plan for the celebration. We have third and fourth generation members in our Club. I am asking for any pictures and/or memorabilia related to the Club, or any oral history you would like to submit. Keep in mind, any of the above submitted will be returned after the celebration. Please feel free to contact Lou Merloni at 774-217-8563, Carl D'Aveta at 508-877-3572 or me at 508-380-6815. I look forward to hearing from you.

- Attached are the sponsors to our newsletter. Their support certainly helps to defray the cost of producing it. For example, it costs approximately **\$520.00** in printing the letter, labels and postage, not to mention the time to write, type, fold, apply labels and seal them. (Graciously labeled and sealed by Bob & Judy Simonetta and Judy's Mom, Jenny Castellano) So, please take notice of our sponsors when any of their services are needed. We especially appreciate their help!!!

Commentary – Activities and betterments around the Club have 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 (Maybe it should). We have to keep this going by getting more volunteers and suggestions to keep activities and functions fresh. My sincerest thanks go to all who are now, or have participated with a special thanks going to many of our SOCIAL MEMBERS who have been giving there all for the good of our Club. KEEP IT GOING!!

TO KEEP THE CLUB GOING FOREVER –VOLUNTEER & DONATE!!!

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