

**Italian American Club of Maui
General Membership Meeting
Kaunoha Senior Citizens' Center
November 9, 2010**

We were all a-buzz about the December Holiday Party-Dinner-Extravaganza-Trattenimento:

WHERE? ... Class Act Restaurant at MCC
WHEN? ... December 12, 1-4 pm
HOW MUCH? \$25 [Give or take a Euro]

Our member-Rotarians [Doc, Frank, Mary] had raved about Class Act; they cited Chef Franco Prestopino's signature dish – *Tagliatelle al Ragu Bolognese* – as nothing less than exquisitely *delizioso*, a delicacy designed to titillate the most discriminating *Paisan* palates.

...yet, is the Tagliatelle as “ono” as Laura Moriarty's minestrone? I think not.

NEWS ITEMS:

- 1) Chuck and Gail [Chuck's sister] were welcomed as this evening's guests. Chuck's history with Doc is long and fruitful ... too fruitful, perhaps, because the latter is sworn to secrecy about Doc's past. However, Chuck did share an anecdote that afforded us some insight about our President's “salad” days as a youthful provocateur [read, “village hellraiser”]. The anecdote? ... something about “liming” an opponent's football field and tearing his pants in the process. Is it true – as a tribute to Doc's derring-do – that his appreciative classmates hoisted those pants up the school's flagpole, just before the big game?
- 2) Joe Avena is selling his Porsche. Though it was an offer he couldn't refuse, Joe welled up as he revealed the news. His next car? ... a refurbished Hudson Hornet coupe.
- 3) No recording of the minutes is complete without the latest in the Biros' “world.” John and Kathleen announced that another grandchild is on the way ... so, between applying a 17th coat of stain to the maple countertop in his den, John is knitting booties for the little-un.

Let's skip ahead to the DECEMBER 12TH HOLIDAY PARTY. First, it must be said that Fred saw Doc race across the MCC parking lot where, somewhat prematurely, he handed Maria the gavel – an act that clearly symbolized his eagerness to shift into the IACM's wings. A stunned Maria reminded Doc that this custom probably ought to wait until the official swearing-in ceremony, at the party. He reluctantly agreed.

Our dining was positively memorable in every way. From the well-aged chianti to the artichoke-laden antipasto to the incomparable *osso buco* to the delicately layered tiramisu, we supped ourselves into a culinary euphoria, punctuated by a collective ecstasy of “ooohs” and “ahhhs.”

Then we separated our bodies, every-so-slightly, from the respective table-edges and turned to Doc for the swearing-in of the 2011 Officers:

Presidente	Maria Rawe
Vicepresidente	Mary Pence
Segretario	Fred Rawe
Tesoriere	Laura Moriarty
Relazioni Ufficiale Pubblico	Frank Fiorentino
Sergente di Braccio	“Doc” James Vitale

Before we waddled away from the restaurant, we selected gifts offered in anonymity ... a daguerreotype of King Vittorio Emanuele astride his favorite stallion, “*Rapido*” ... a lifetime supply of Pollo al Mattone [an ancient Etruscan dish, though it’s hard to find ancient Etruscans to prepare it] ... an “all expenses paid” cruise along the Tiber River, provided that there is water in the Tiber at the point of embarkation. These and more we carried into the Kahului twilight.

So, 2010 came to a fitting, celebratory conclusion ... shortly before 2011 began with a fitting, celebratory inception ... at Whole Foods, no less.

THE NEW YEAR’S FIRST BOARD MEETING [and sundry decisions thereof]:

Under Maria Rawe’s expert guidance – and Doc’s keen sense of IACM history -- the Board Members dove into discussing salient issues, events, dates, etc. that will shape this year.

The details [commit them to memory, then chew and swallow them, lest they be discovered by non-members]:

- 1) Expect Tesoriere Laura to ask for the **\$25 dues payment** this evening [1/11/11] ... Hey, is there something significant about all of those 1’s?
- 2) Fred will try – emphasis on “TRY” – to update the **membership list** [no aliases, please].
- 3) We know that you’ve ached to learn about what happened to our **IACM pins**. Well, we found them. Check with Fred.
- 4) **Monthly Board Meetings**: Saturdays @ 9:30 @Whole Foods

- 5) **Monthly General Membership Meetings: 2nd Tuesday of the month @ 6 pm @ Kaunoa Center**

DETAILED SCHEDULE OF GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS:

- 1) **January 11th, Tuesday @ Kaunoa Cntr**
- 2) **February 13th, Sunday [Valentine's Event ... TBA]**
- 3) **March 8th, Tuesday @ Kaunoa Cntr**
- 4) **April 12th, Tuesday @ Kaunoa Cntr**
- 5) **May 10th, Tuesday @ Kaunoa Cntr**
- 6) **June 14th, Tuesday @ Kaunoa Cntr**
- 7) **July 17th, Sunday [Summer Picnic @ Doc's Estate]**
- 8) **August [Date ... TBA] [Flatbread Pizza Fundraiser]**
- 9) **September 13th, Tuesday @ Kaunoa Cntr**
- 10) **October 9th, Sunday [Beach Party @ Kamaole 2]**
- 11) **November 8th, Tuesday @ Kaunoa Cntr**
- 12) **December 11th, Sunday [Holiday Party @ Class Act Restaurant, MCC]**

Okay, now they we know how extensively the Board has prepared for the year -- and how extensively they will continue to sustain the IACM momentum -- it's important that some volunteers step forward to serve as **COMMITTEE CHAIRS** [here are the vacancies]:

- a) **Scholarship Chair**
- b) **Sunshine Chair**
- c) **Fundraising Chair**
- d) **Highway Cleanup Chair**
- e) **Historian**
- f) **Capo di Tutti Capi [... just to see if you're still reading!]**

For all of the gamblers in our midst – and we are all gamblers – it is important to announce that **MARY PENCE will be the 2011 “Raffle Mistress”** ... so open your wallets and purses, check under your sofa cushions, or have grandma float you a loan ... all to the end that you might win a t-shirt, hat, bumper-sticker, or free-trip to Benito Mussolini's hometown [Predappio, Italy] ... maybe not.

ENJOY THE EVENING!

I remain,
Fredo

