

IL PESCE PICCOLO

January, 2006

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday

January 11, 2005 – 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Roselani Place

88 South Papa Avenue, Kahului

POTLUCK

Members are asked to bring an entrée. Drinks, salad, and dessert will be provided

Day Change: Please note the change from Tuesday night to Wednesday night for the general membership meeting. The meeting will be held Wednesday, January 11.

Officers for 2006: The following officers have been officially elected and installed: presidente, Paul Corarito; vice presidente, Bebe Ferrari; segretario, Linda Costes; tesoriere, Natalie Stanfield; relazioni ufficiale pubblico, R. Sebastiano Taft; and ufficiale a braccio, Marco Stanfield.

Grazie: A hearty thank you to the organizers for the Italian-American Christmas party. Grazie goes to especially to party chair Paul Corarito and some helpful elves -- Kathy and Dan Holland, Bebe Ferrari, Natalie and Marco Stanfield, and Doc Vitale.

Party Highlight: A touching moment came when Bebe Ferrari sang "Ave Maria" a cappella. Her lovely rendition of that beautiful hymn brought tears to many eyes (mine included).

Capodanno: Throughout Italy, Capodanno (January 1), is celebrated with fireworks and volleys from hunters who fire into the air to scare off ghosts and spirits of the old year and welcome in the new. La Befana continues to visit children and bring gifts and treats, if good, or a lump of coal, if naughty, until the Epiphany. As tradition tells it, La Befana failed to follow the Magi when invited so to soften her disappointment, she makes it a point to give gifts to each child.