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AMERICAN CLUB

January 2012

SWIAC CELEBRATES CHRISTMAS

Children's Christmas Party

The Southwest Italian American Club Children's Christmas Party was held on Dec 4, 2011. What a wonderful way to start the Christmas Season!

The party was attended by 43 children and grandchildren of SWIAC members, ages one month to 10 years. I can only say that it was a great investment of time and money from the club as smiles from all were in abundance.

The party started with everyone feasting on the award winning pizza from P-Jays and cookies from a special bakery. Sparkles the Clown strolled in and immediately drew the attention of all of the children. Sparkles had a crowd throughout the party as she painted faces, hair, tattoos and whatever else the children wanted, and yes, she even made animals from the balloons.

La Befana then made her sweeping entrance into the room - the children quickly circled her as she began to tell her story. You could hear a pin drop as everyone

was enthralled with the story of La Befana. Before she left she made sure to give all of the children a small bag of goodies.

We were honored to be visited by none other than the man himself, Santa Claus. All the children were called up by name and given gifts by Santa. All in all, the excitement, the smiles on everyone's face and the general feeling of goodwill and the Christmas spirit made this an event to remember.

Submitted by:
Angelo Costa

The Other Christmas Party

On the following Sunday, December 11th, the adults had their chance to party at the annual SWIAC Shindig at Nido Italia. Angelo Sidari and his crew did a fantastic job with the food and made sure that everyone was well taken care of.

The evening began with appetizers of Master Pizza, Sausage, Peppers & Onions, Eggplant

Parm, Calamari and Arancini di Riso. The dinner began with a spring mix salad, pillow-like cheese ravioli and Pasta Broccolini. The main course of Beef Tenderloin and Chicken Piccata was outstanding. The meal was then finished off with creamy Tiramisu.

After dinner, outgoing President Mike LaMarca provided some off the cuff remarks about the year 2011 for SWIAC, then introduced the Officers for 2012 - President **Angelo Costa**, Vice President **George Mastrobuono**, Treasurer **Al Lippucci** and Secretary **Norm Cooney**. The Trustees were then presented - **Bruno Moreal, Rob Lippucci, Joe Magoch, Mike LaMarca** and **Geno Summa**.

Finally, I had the pleasure to present the SWIAC Man Of The Year award to **Law Marlette**. Lew has been a SWIAC member for 14 years, is a past President and is very involved in all club activities. Congratulations Lew, on this very deserving honor.



Santa with most of the children at the SWIAC Children's Christmas Party on Sunday December 4th.

The Hot Corner! Upcoming Events & Information

BY-LAWS ANNOUNCEMENT - Sam Calamia and Ralph Cosiano will be presenting the much discussed proposed By-Laws changes and addendums at the January 3rd General Meeting. The proposal will then be voted on by the body at the February General Meeting.

If you want your voice to be heard, please make sure to attend both meetings.

SWIAC Dues - Annual dues can be paid starting in January. The \$10 discount will be applied if dues are paid in full for the whole year by February 15th. Standard dues are \$96 per year.

SWIAC Budget 2012 - The Officers and Trustees have started working on the proposed budget for 2012. This fiscal plan

will consider costs for various events, charitable contributions, other expenses and all possible revenue sources.

SWIAC Apparel - George Mastrobuono is putting an order together to be placed in February. Check out the new button down, logo shirt in three color choices - blue, white and gray. The idea is to pull orders together and place them about every three months to minimize shipping expenses. Call George at 440-845-6594 for more info. Look for this information in the future on the website.

As always, drop me a line at: robertpooch@gmail.com or 440.725.8296 if you have any newsletter worthy info.

SWIAC CALENDAR

JANUARY 2012
3 - General Meeting

FEBRUARY 2012
7 - General Meeting

MARCH 2012
6 - General Meeting

APRIL 2012
3 - General Meeting

MAY 2012
1 - General Meeting

15 - Il Ballo da Primavera

JUNE 2012
5 - General Meeting

JULY 2012
1 - General Meeting
13 - Tentative Italian American Heritage Night Captians

AUGUST 2012
7 - General Meeting

Edited by Robert Lippucci



Above: La Befana at Children's Party.

Below: 2012 SWIAC Officers - George Mastrobuono, Al Lippucci, Angelo Costa, Mike LaMarca & Norm Cooney.



MEMBER CONNECTION SECTION

FELICE ANNO NUOVO!

Best wishes to all members and their families for a healthy and happy New Year in 2012!

Daily Lottery Raffle -

According to **Dave Buccieri**, about 40% of the raffle tickets were sold by December 1st. For the first 10 days of December there were four winners.

There is a potential \$50 winner every day and the Sunday prizes will be \$100.

Remember that all proceeds will go to the Ill Ballo Di Primavera fund to support Charitable Causes.

This raffle has the potential to be a very good fundraiser. Results should be available at the January meeting.