

VERDI VOICE

Giuseppe Verdi Lodge #315

Buon Compleanno

Cathy Pecci 6/1
Diana Pecci Wolfe 6/4
Chris Legnaioli 6/8
Jimmy Mason 6/12
Scott Wyatt 6/15
Dexter Oliver 6/15
Cecelia Peay 6/16
Lucie Martucci 6/21
Jack Boles 6/22
Julie Moroni McGurl 6/29

Happy Anniversary

Andrew & Jamie Lucchetti 6/4
Aldo & Carolyn Funai 6/6
Pete & Angela Poli 6/22
Joseph & Mary Betzala 6/27

In Our Prayers

✦ Gordon Grappone



President's Message

Hello to All,

As always, it was good to see so many members attend the May meeting and enjoying a wonderful meal. As we head into the summer months and hopefully the weather will stop flip flopping, many of you will have full agendas, myself included. But I do so appreciate all who give of their time to attend the meetings whenever possible. Wherever you go and whatever you do, "Let the Good Times Roll" but remember to "Stop and Smell the Roses" and be thankful for what you have.

It is also with much appreciation that time was given to the work day and sprucing up our little building and grounds. Also a big THANK YOU to all who helped make the Bake Auction a success. A variety of "goodies" were presented and we had a fair amount of bidding on each item.

God Bless,
Mary Louise

Upcoming Meetings

- June 2nd
- July 7th
- August 4th
- September 8th
- October 6th
- November 3rd
- December 8th

TRIVIA: May Answers

As a Mom or Daughter:

1) How would you most enjoy spending Mother's Day?

- Relaxing time alone (or with family)

2) Which of the following gifts would you enjoy most?

- Jewelry

Newsletter Submissions

Have an article, event, pictures or other information you'd like to share with your fellow GVL members? Please email Lisa Hall (hall547201@gmail.com) **by 15th of each month** so we can ensure your article is included in the next newsletter.

We Need Your Help!

Please review the list below as we have several months with openings for family and friends to join together and prepare your favorite dish.

June - OPEN

July - Cook-out

August - OPEN

September - OPEN

October - Rebecca Reynolds & Cathy Pecci

November - The Martucci's

December - GVL Officer's

Events

On May 17th, GVL's "Rosetta's" got together for lunch at Sunset Grill in Manakin-Sabot. It was a beautiful day to enjoy each others company and good food, too.

Ladies, please join us next month!

If you would like to be added to the invitation email, please let Mary Louise know.



Left to right - Jackie Lazzuri, Charlotte Powell (guest), Virginia Bowe, Betty Williams, Joann Moroni, Anne Marie Vaughan, Mary Louise Smith, and Norma Marrin.



Leadership

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Flag Day, June 14th

When the American Revolution broke out in 1775, the colonists weren't fighting united under a single flag. Instead, most regiments participating in the war for independence against the British fought under their own flags. In June of 1775, the Second Continental Congress met in Philadelphia to create the Continental Army—a unified colonial fighting force—with the hopes of a more organized battle against its colonial oppressors. This led to the creation of what was, essentially, the first “American” flag, the Continental Colors.

For some, this flag, which was comprised of 13 red and white alternating stripes and a Union Jack in the corner, was too similar to that of the British. George Washington soon realized that flying a flag that was even remotely close to the British flag was not a great confidence-builder for the revolutionary effort, so he turned his efforts towards creating a new symbol of freedom for the soon-to-be fledgling nation.

On June 14, 1777, the Second Continental Congress took a break from writing the Articles of Confederation and passed a resolution stating that “the flag of the United States be 13 stripes, alternate red and white,” and that “the union be 13 stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation.”

Over 100 years later, in 1916, President Woodrow Wilson marked the anniversary of that decree by officially establishing June 14 as Flag Day.

Source: History.com

