



NEWSLETTER

A note from the President

- *Frank Perrotti*

Dear Amity Brothers,

It has been my privilege to serve as President of this great organization for the past year. As my term draws to a close, I give thanks to so many that have contributed to the successes we've enjoyed. From a personal perspective I've been fortunate to have an excellent Board of Directors, fellow officers that have been fully supportive of the ideas and initiatives we've undertaken, and a number of committee chairpersons and members that have collaborated on the finer details of our efforts.

As I reflect on the accomplishments of the past 12 months, I'm also reminded of how much can be achieved when an organization collectively embraces its goals. Our objectives this year were focused on strengthening the Amity Charitable Trust, supporting the community, improving our value to members through social and networking activities, and maintaining a strong financial condition for our club. Toward those ends, I wanted to share a summary recap of achievements with you.

Financial:

- The club made significant contributions to the ACT, totaling more than \$54K. The main

sources were; Annual Golf Outing - \$27K+, Wine Tasting with Clifford Beers - \$6K+ (to ACT & CB); President's Project - \$15K+, Member Contributions - \$6K+

Community Service:

- The club participated in the annual Columbus Day activities, highlighted by the Wreath Ceremony at Wooster Square and the parade in Branford.
- East Haven Food Bank Drive - Collected and donated over 28 carts of items.
- Ronald McDonald House Drive - Over \$1,200 of goods and gift cards.
- Worthy Projects - \$17K awarded to 11 local area agencies - Very successful.
- Scholarship Night - \$63,500 awarded to 25 recipients - Outstanding.

Member Value:

- A total of six new members were inducted this year; John DiCarlo, Brian Valenti, Fred DelPercio, Ben Franco, Blaise Lombardi, and Phil Nizzardo.
- Two wine cruises were sponsored in July, both heavily attended and very enjoyable.

- Summer outing was held in July, and enjoyed by a number of members and their families.
- Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce - First year, membership renewed based on value (golf sponsorships, member interest, etc).
- Sons & Daughters Night - fun with the attendees in lieu of speaker.
- Guest Speakers (7); Ralph Durante (9/17), Dr. Raeleen D'Agostino Mautner (10/1), Laura Macaluso (10/15), Jeff Trombetta (2/18), Peter Burk (3/4), Don Trenner & Chris DePino (3/18), Dr. Raeleen D'Agostino Mautner (4/15).

**Amity Golf Classic
Monday August 4, 2014**

Wallingford Country Club
\$200.00 to golf
\$65.00 for just cocktails
and dinner
Registration at 10:00 AM
Shotgun start 12:30 PM

For additional information
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- Ladie's Night – Very successful and well attended.
- Bus Trip to Boston – Beautiful day and a great time was had by all.
- Website – Developed and delivered.

Best of all, I believe we've done all of this while staying true to the ideals of our founding fathers. I look forward to the coming year with much enthusiasm. Vin Pacelli and his officer team and Board of Directors are committed to the same principles that have guided us so effectively. I ask you to join me in wishing them success and to support them in the same incredible way you've done this past year. Our challenge moving forward is well known: continue to advance the club in all aspects that will build upon the credibility and impeccable standing that many great leaders of this organization have engendered before us, for the ultimate benefit of the communities we serve.

I wish all of you my personal best!

Yours In Amity,

Frank Perrotti

TRUST GRANTS REACH ALL - TIME HIGH

- Dom Twobill

During the Amity Club's fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, grants awarded by the Amity Charitable Trust reached an all time high of \$ 99,943.00. This represents a 12% increase over the amount awarded in the last fiscal year.

Amity Scholar Awards totaling \$ 63,450.00 were presented to twenty five college-bound students at the Club's annual Scholars Banquet. Scholars chairman Anthony Pinto cited the quality of students and their contributions to their communities and their leadership assets as well as their accomplishments in the classroom.

In May, the Worthy Projects Committee led by William Parisi III named eleven community based healthcare and human services organizations as recipients of a total of \$ 17,000.00 in grants. The grants are funded in total by the Amity Club Golf Classic.

An additional \$ 13,820.00 went to New Haven area human services organizations from donor -designated funds. The Wine Tasting last fall yielded a gift in the amount of \$ 5,673.00 for the Clifford Beers Clinic, the event's co-sponsor.

Over the past two decades the Amity Charitable Trust has distributed more than \$ 1.3 million in gifts and grants in the Greater New Haven community.

More than seventy funds established by Amity Club members, their families, and others comprise the Amity Charitable Trust.



Amity Club President Frank Perrotti



Congratulations to Wine Makers Tom Mannello and club member, Ray Ambrose for winning the Gold Medal for Chamard's 2012 Vin de Pays Merlot Reserve in the AMENTI DEL VINO International Wine Competition!

PIZZA & MORE

- Dom Twobill

The Enjoy Life Fund, which was established by long-time member Ed DellaValle prior to his death in 2011, benefited from a Pizza Party on June 19. The Fund provides support for medical expenses for under-insured or uninsured realtors.

Several of Ed's friends hosted a pizza truck event at the Hamden Elks Club in Hamden. Scores of realtors and friends attended and enjoyed the fare and raffle.

The Enjoy Life Fund, Ed's signature phrase, provided a total of \$ 1,850.00 to assist two realtors this year. His legacy is being fulfilled just as he wanted through the Amity Charitable Trust.

AMITY CLUB WINE TASTING CRUISE - JOIN US -

Come aboard the *Sea Mist* for a fun filled evening as we cruise the Thimble Islands and the beautiful coast while enjoying the a selection of wines, a buffet dinner and great friends.

Dates and Times:

Friday, July 9th departs at 6:30 PM

Wednesday, August 20th, departs at 6:00 PM

Stony Creek Marina

For More Information and Reservations Contact:

Tony Pinto: (203) 500-0426 email: tony@shorlinewine.com



NEW PRESIDENT CELEBRATED AT THE SEVENTY NINTH INAUGURAL BALL



Officers and Directors from left to right:

Top row: Pascal Panza, Anthony Rossley, and William Ianniello Jr.

Bottom row: Mark DiNello, Robert Piscitelli, William Parisi III, Frank Perrotti, Vincent Pacelli, Jr., Dennis Flanders, Arthur Abate, and Joseph Adinolfi

Brothers of Amity. I would like to say a few words about the 79th Inaugural Ball and the honor of becoming the 77th President of our great club. This year’s Ball was held at Anthony's Ocean View on Friday June 13th. 149 guests enjoyed an amazing cocktail hour in the garden, followed by a multi course dinner, a venetian table, and a nightcap by the fire pits in the garden. Although the weather looked like it might rain towards the end of cocktail hour, we got lucky and it held off until we were inside. A special invocation was given (in Italian and English) by Dr. Mark Perrotti MD.

Brothers, the oath was administered by my father, Vincent Pacelli Sr., a moment in my life that I will never forget. In my speech I spoke of what the Amity Club means to me, the value of community service and the brotherhood of our members. I thanked our outgoing President, Frank Perrotti, and recognized him for leaving no stone unturned during his presidency. I look forward to continuing in that tradition and adding to what our presidents before me have accomplished.

We also thanked our outgoing directors; Joseph Bozzuto, Neil Rapuano, and John Siclari for their

service to the club and welcomed in four new directors; Arthur Abate, Joseph Adinolfi, Mark DiNello, and Dennis Flanders.

I was joined that evening by my wife Samantha and my children Kaitlyn, Matthew, Noelle and my entire family from Connecticut and New York. Luca was home taking care of the babysitter. I would like to



thank all the members who reached out to me who couldn't attend and wished me well. All together it was a truly memorable evening.

In closing I would like to say that there is a song by Andrea Bocelli which I think stands for who we are; “Ama Credi E Vai” (Because We Believe).

Sincerely,
Vincent Pacelli Jr.

AMITY CLUB OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS FOR 2014 - 2015

Officers

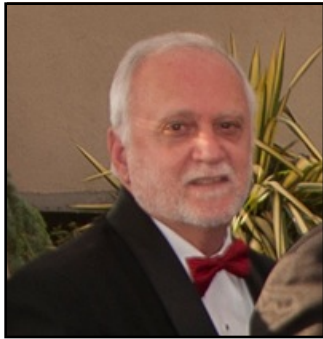
Vincent J. Pacelli, Jr. - President
 William J. Parisi, III - Vice President
 Pascal Panza - Secretary
 Aniello Marotta - Treasurer
 Frank P. Perrotti - Immediate Past President

Board of Directors

Arthur A. Abate	William Ianniello, Jr.
Joseph Adinolfi	Robert H. Piscitelli
Thomas Ciesco	Anthony S. Rossley
Mark D. DiNello	Jerry Ucci
Dennis Flanders	

MEMBER HIGHLIGHT - JOE BOZZUTO

- Tom Ciesco



Joe Bozzuto

As a follow up to the Cooking in the Community article in our December issue, the Amity Club member featured in this issue has had an immense effect on helping the community through working projects for providing food, clothing and support for a number of worthy organizations.

Joe Bozzuto has been an integral part of the Worthy Projects committee for the past several years. In addition he has conceived and established Amity Club projects for helping organizations in the New Haven Area. Joe led the Amity Club in providing nearly 200 winter coats to people, including families living in shelters or emergency housing in the New Haven area. Two years

ago Joe headed a drive to help provide hygiene products needed by IRIS, an organization that resettles approximately 200 refugees each year from counties around the world. In October 2013, he collected and delivered donations to the East Haven Food Pantry in East Haven. In 2014, he helped our team with support to the Ronald McDonald House.

Just out of Quinnipiac, Joe joined the Peace Corps and spent 3 years helping in Maharashtra, India. In Kolhapur, a small village in Maharashtra, Joe began teaching and soon afterwards found himself helping in a leper colony where he aided in constructing irrigation systems and teaching the people about agricultural marketing. The lepers of the colony had no access to water and were not allowed outside their colony, so Joe taught them how to produce food for themselves using the resources available to them and also how to produce food for market. After returning from Maharashtra, Joe became a returned volunteer for the Peace Corps, was on the board

of directors of the New Haven Jaycees, sat on the board of directors of Big Brothers Big Sisters and served as a big brother.

For 28 years, Joe worked for a liquor and wine distributor as a Fine Wine Manager. In his travels he met Tony Pinto, who eventually became Joe's sponsor in joining the Amity Club in 2008. Joe just completed his three year term on the Board of Directors. Having been privileged to sit beside Joe at the board meetings for the past two years, I was on the receiving end of his charismatic sense of humor. However, what was truly evident to me is that Joe's character is built upon his dedication to serve our community.

Joe continues his unselfish service to help those in need both independently and through the Club. According to Joe, he is proud to be a member of the Amity Club as it is one of the most rewarding organizations he has belonged to. We are fortunate to have Joe as an asset as he exemplifies what it means to be an Amity Club member.

ONE IF BY LAND, TWO IF BY BUS...THE AMITY CLUB INVADES BOSTON!

- *Michael Maddelena*

Forty four participants including 14 members, spouses and friends of the Amity Club enjoyed a beautiful day in Boston on Saturday, May 31st. Prior to boarding the bus, we enjoyed our Dunkin Donuts coffee, bagels, and muffins thanks to the D'Andrea's. It didn't take too long before the Bloody Mary's and homemade wine began to flow. As we entered the Bay State, we broke into the wonderful stuffed breads made by Cusano Catering by Maria. A special thanks is extended to the future first ladies Samantha Pacelli and Sheila Panza for serving us on the bus, without incident...not an easy feat!

The first stop was the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum where we enjoyed a private architectural tour and had enough time to quickly view the private collection. Then we boarded the bus for a short ride to the North End. We had enough time to devour the remainder of the stuffed breads and sip more wine. Upon arrival, the group split into two. One half headed for the Haymarket and Quincy Market and the other half headed to V. Cirace & Son Fine Wine & Spirit for a Limoncello Tasting. We enjoyed tasting the Cirace made Sogno di Sorrento Limoncello and their other flavors including Blood Orange, and, the group's favorite, Chocolate Limoncello.



James Ferraro

The group enjoyed exploring the North End and visiting the many shops including Bricco Panetteria, Modern Pastry, Café Vittoria, Salumeria Italiana, Mare Oyster Bar and Stanza die Sigari. We finally stopped for a meal Dolce Vita Ristorante where our President, Frank Perrotti, shared a few words about two deceased members Philip Votto and George Panza who were both avid bus trip supporters. The Boston Bus Trip was dedicated to both gentlemen and enjoyed by their families and friends.

We were met by George, our very reliable Bus Driver, of Connecticut Limousine. We continued the party home with our customary Limoncello and Sambucca shots and Lorretta Vastarelli's Anginetti cookies amongst the many goodies tucked into every seat on the bus!

We look forward to another wonderful bus trip on **September 13th to the Magnanini Winery!**
For details please contact **Michael Maddelena (203) 623-3655**

WELCOME CORNER –

Amity Club new members, May 6, 2014

The Amity Club would like to take the opportunity to welcome 4 new members inducted on May 6, 2014



New members from left to right: Benjamin Franco III, Phillip Nizzardo Jr., Fred DelPercio, and Blaise Lombardi.

Benjamin Franco III

Sponsors - Dante DeDominicis and Richard Simeone

Benjamin is a Sales Guide at Land Rover of Guilford. He is a graduate of East Haven H.S and Fairfield University. Also, Ben was a past recipient of an ACT Scholarship.

Philip Nizzardo Jr.

Sponsors - Vincent Pacelli Jr. and Frank Perrotti

Philip is the Comptroller of N & S Electric, Inc. of Stratford. He is a graduate of Stratford H.S. and Central Connecticut State University

Fred DelPercio

Sponsors - Frank Grazioso and Ralph Monaco

Fred is a retired attorney from Orange. He is a graduate of Warren Harding H.S., University of New Haven, and St. John's University School of Law.

Blaise Lombardi

Sponsors - Chris Sette and Joe Bozzuto

Blaise is a retired Statistician.

**- Calendar -
Up Coming Events**

July 9, 2014

Amity Club Wine Cruise
Stony Creek Town Dock
6:00 - 8:30

July 19, 2014

Amity Club Family Picnic
Clear Lake Beach,
North Branford
12:00 PM - 8:00 PM

August 20, 2014

Amity Club Wine Cruise
Stony Creek Town Dock
6:00 - 8:30

August 4, 2014

Amity Golf Classic
Wallingford Country Club
Registration 10:00 AM
Shotgun Start 12:30 PM



Happy Independence Day!

Do you have a story?

If you have a story or an idea to share with the Club,
please contact us at: newsletter@amityclub.org

The Newsletter Committee:

Thomas Ciesco, Dennis Flanders, Anthony Pinto, and Dom Twohill