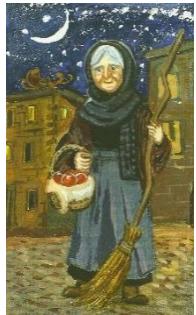




November 2025 Newsletter



Christmas Dinner, December 8, Montano's Italian Gourmet Restaurant



We will meet at Montano's Italian Gourmet Restaurant at 5 pm Monday December 8 for our Christmas Dinner and visit from La Befana! **If you have not yet made your reservation, use the attached reservation form and mail it to Nancy Canova.** Dinner cost is \$30 for club members and \$40 for guests. Cost to the club is \$54 per person with the differential subsidized by the club.

Dinner Meeting, Nov 9, Salem Senior Center

At the November dinner meeting, club officers presented proposed club Bylaws revisions for membership approval. The proposed bylaws include addition of Honorary Membership, Officer Elections and Duties, Committees, and Indemnification. The proposed bylaws were adopted by vote of the membership present.

The 2026 club budget was presented. It includes funds for continuation of the \$500 scholarship, participation in Local Colors, and additional meetings with catered meals at the Salem Senior Center. The budget requires no membership approval and is, thus, the basis for club activities in 2026 .

We enjoyed pizza from Pappa's Pizza, with sides provided by the membership. Michael Sollecito entertained us with a Frank Sinatra song.



Birthdays and Anniversaries

Pat Marraccini celebrated a birthday in November. No November anniversaries that we know of. Bob Canova, Joe Rossman, Joe Colosimo, Amy Conforti, and Beth Sollecito will celebrate a birthday in December. No December anniversaries that we know of.

Sunshine Committee

Continue to remember Lucy Burke and all our homebound members.

The Story of Befana

According to legend, many years ago there was a peasant woman, bent with age, who lived alone just out of sight of the camel road between Jerusalem and Bethlehem. Her small cottage was poor, but always clean and well-swept; for Befana worked all day long, scrubbing and cleaning. At the time of Christ's birth, the three wise men stopped by Befana's cottage to ask directions, as they sought the Christ child. They invited her to join them. Befana told them she was too busy sweeping and they went on their way. Afterward, she regretted her hasty decision and tried to follow. But she couldn't catch the three kings. Undiscouraged, she continued searching. Befana searches still.

Riding her broom, she searches every city, town and village. Whenever she comes to the dwelling of a child, she enters to leave a gift, just in case the child is the one she seeks. Her bag is never empty, for a soon as she gives a gift, a new one takes its place.

The legend of la Befana, the gift-giver of Italy, is a "Twelfth Night Tale", because in Italy, the traditional time of gift-giving is not Christmas, as in North America, but the Epiphany, or Twelfth Night, the Feast of the Three Kings.

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