



***Elenian Club  
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***Marita Romano  
Vice President***

Dear Ladies,

***Maria Villafranco  
Recording Secretary***

I hope that everyone enjoyed the holidays. By now, we should have caught up on our rest and are ready to tackle whatever the new year has in store for us. Hopefully God will bless us all with a year filled with love, good health and prosperity.

***Gina Pieri  
Corresponding Secretary***

The Ballo di Natale was held in December at the Hilton Riverside. Everyone in attendance had a great time. The room décor was beautiful. The food and music was great. The debutants were gorgeous. Caroline Elizabeth Barnes, Emily Suzanne Westenberger and Sophia Marie Villafranco were presented that evening. Congratulations go to our debutants along with a welcome to the Elenian Club. Our lovely ladies-in-waiting were Madison Callie Ambs, Marche' Marie Beals, Maggie Caroline Escher, Marley Grace Midgal and Arden Elizabeth Wisdom. My personal thanks go to my son, Mark Chifici, for stepping in as the Master of Ceremony for the event. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank my chairpersons for the Ballo. They were Virginia Eckholdt, Judith Miranti, Linda Colombo, Lee Ann Leopold Savoie and Faith Peperone. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for a job well done. I would also like to thank Santa for taking time out of his busy schedule to make an appearance at the Ballo di Natale.

***Paulette Burke  
Financial Secretary***

***Carol Schiro  
Treasurer***

***Faith Peperone  
Past President***

I realize that this newsletter should have been sent out a couple of weeks ago. Its delay is totally my fault. I will try to be timelier next month.

We will have a general membership meeting on Monday evening, January 13th, beginning at 7:00 PM. The meeting will be held at Deanie's Restaurant located at 1713 Lake Avenue in Metairie. This meeting is important as it will be the only time that we can meet before the Mardi Gras dance, which will be held on February 8th.

Regarding the dance, get your family and friends together to attend this event. It will be a fun night at a cheap price. The cost is \$15.00 per person or \$30.00 per couple. The dance is BYOL with setups provided. Bring your own snacks. Dress is Mardi Gras costume or casual. Jeans are not allowed. The dance is being held at the St. Jerome KC Hall located at 3310 Florida Avenue in Kenner at 7:00 PM and ending at 11:00 PM. Music and entertainment will be provided by Vince Vance & the Valiants. If you have not had the opportunity to attend one of Vince's shows, you will be in for a treat. This multi talented man will have everyone, if not already on the dance floor, dancing in their seats. He will take us down memory lane on a wonderful Rock "N" Roll tour. Get your dancing shoes ready, invite your family and friends to join you and come enjoy a fun evening. For more information, contact Dot Carroll (504-737-3117) or Carole Lama (504-421-6439).

The date for the Day at the Races has been changed to February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please bring any donations you have for the Parade of Prizes to the meeting being held this Monday. Linda Colombo (504-228-9339) in the chairperson for the Parade of Prizes. Marian Montalbano (504-344-7446) and Faith Peperone (504-874-5979) are the chairpersons for the event. Seating is limited. Make your reservations early.

Grazie,

Barbara A. Chifici  
President

Il silenzio di un bacio vale piu di mille parole.

Translation: The silence of a kiss is worth more than 1000 words.

#### THINGS TO DO IN JANUARY

1. Diet
2. Join WeightWatchers
3. Exercise
4. Join Jenny Craig
5. Order Nutrisystem
6. Join Curves
7. Order Medifast
8. Register for Zumba classes
9. Project Hope with Richard Simmons
10. Have my jaws wired together