

From the Mayor's Desk

Last Sunday Santa, Mrs. Claus and their helpers went around town dropping off stockings to the children in town. The weather was frigid but what a fun time mingling with our residents and seeing the joy on the faces of our littles ones. Thank you to all the residents who donated non-perishable food items for our holiday drive. Also, thank you to Clerk Unger, Councilmen Bloam, Centa, Contipelli and Schoeffler, Police Chief Sturgill and Service Director Sammons for helping us out that day.

Later that evening our judges went around town and chose the following winners for this year's Christmas decorating lighting contest. Congratulations to: **1st Place** - Mrs. Bea Duber, **2nd Place** - Rich & Linda Grabowski, and **3rd Place** - Ron & Beverly Trzeciak. Thank you to everyone who took the time and decorated their homes—you all deserve "honorable mention!"

Our senior citizens had their annual Christmas dinner party last Saturday evening in the auditorium of the village hall. Each guest was asked to bring a gift-wrapped toy which was donated to children who are less fortunate. The food was delicious and catered by Creekside in Brecksville; the tables and room were beautifully decorated, and it was so nice to socialize with our seniors. Several of the guests...Jean Dell'Anno, Sandy Fouts, Lois Henley, Irene Kloss, Delia Trevisani and Gina Trusso got into the spirit of the holidays and danced to music by *The Good Knights*. What an enjoyable evening and a great time was had by all.

Please note that we have included our village calendar with all important dates of meetings and events for 2020 with this newsletter. Hope to see you at some of our events around town in the New Year!



1st Place – Mrs. Bea Duber



2nd Place – Rich & Linda Grabowski



3rd Place – Ron & Beverly Trzeciak

From the Mayor's Desk (continued)

Earlier this month I held my annual Christmas party for our employees at the East 49th Street Tavern, located right here in town. I must say, what a great place! The food, the atmosphere, the staff and prices were incredible. I highly recommend our residents to stop by and grab a bite to eat; you won't be disappointed. Owners, John and Andrea Pappas are accommodating, hands-on and made our event memorable. The food is so good, I've been back several times—their burgers and gyros by far are the best! Pictured to the right are the Pappas'.



Birthday wishes

December birthday wishes to employees: (6) Jason Deal; (8) Jesse James; (14) Wendy Heinzman; (15) Diane Simmons; (16) Damon Schreiber; (19) Michael Petti; (21) Howard Selig; (28) Hank Lemiec; and (30) Frank Trusso.

Thoughts and prayers

I would like to convey our deepest sympathies to the Chase family. Former resident and clerk, Norbert B. Chase passed away on December 9; he was 92. Norbert served as our Clerk from 1953 to 1963 and then from 1965 to 1989 when he retired for a total of 34 years of service. He also served our country and was an army veteran during World War II. Norbert and his wife Gloria lived at 4941 East 71st Street from 1949 until 2006 when they moved to Medina to live with one of their daughters. Of their eight children, son Mark still resides in town today. Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers.



Please continue to keep several residents in your thoughts and prayers: Ms. Mary Jane Blue, Mrs. Barbara Combs, Mrs. Helen Krusinski, Ms. Marti Malek, John Traffis, Dennis Tritsarolis and Joe Vitanza.

As the year comes to an end, we should try and slow down and think about all the things we are grateful for. We should appreciate the things in life that we take for granted—our health, our family, our community. Faith makes all things possible; hope makes all things work, and love makes all things beautiful. Wishing you and your family a very Merry & Blessed Christmas and a Happy & Healthy New Year!

God Bless,

Mayor Jack M. Bacci

