

# CLUB MOLISANI DI CLEVELAND ~ EST. 2005



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April 2012

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## Letter From the President

Club Molsani Members,

Most of you are familiar with La Gazetta and have been receiving the publication for years. Now we are happy to finally be a part of it, and look forward to keeping all of the members informed. Please keep your eye out for the publication and be sure to turn to our page for updates on meeting schedules, bocce tournaments, special dinners and events, including the Ballo d'Autunno & the Marshal Superstore Cleveland International Challenge Cup of Bocce.

Your President Sergio DiFranco

## A Successful Open House!



Members of Club Molisani look on as retired Bishop Pilla throws out the ceremonial bocce roll.

On Sunday, October 30th 2011 Club Molisani opened its doors for the first time to a tremendous crowd waiting to see one of the first indoor synthetic bocce courts in Ohio. Congratulations members for a successful open house. An enormous effort was required to get the facility in shape for the opening and no one was disappointed.

Guests were entertained by Oro Puro, II Campagnoli, and Music DJ, and also had an opportunity to meet the retired Bishop Anthony Pilla. A lavished assortment of Italian foods were also available for free. We are grateful for the food donations by KFC (member Adelio Difranco), Giuseppe's Pizza (member Frank Catanese, Wickliffe), Miceli's Cheese and Tommy V's Pasteria (member Tommy Vlah). Members please keep them in mind the next time you decide to eat out. Thanks to all the members who participated in making this event a complete success!



President Aldino DiFrano and President Elect Sergio DiFranco pose with retired Bishop Anthony Pilla.

## Powerhouse Lights It Up at Club Molisani!

Motown music is usually not the first thing you here when you walk into an Italian social club, but at Club Molisani, that's exactly what we had on Friday, March 9th. Thanks to Pat Perrino for organizing this social event which featured the band Powerhouse. Pat had used Powerhouse for many of his events at his country club, as well as his company parties, and as Pat promised, they did not disappoint. Dinner was catered by LaVera Party Center in Willoughby Hills, and drinks were included in the entry fee. Special thanks also to Valerio Frabotta and Gianfranco Gentile for helping out with the event, and thank you to all members who supported the event.



Member and Event Coordinator Pat Perino (center) with friends John Christifer and Jack Arra.



Family and Friends enjoying Powerhouse





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## What's Happening

- Wednesday May 9th Start of the Summer Bocce League at Mayfield Hts. Park.
- Already Underway Monday and Thursday Night Summer Bocce League at Club Molisani. Refreshment Services will be available these evenings as well as Sunday & Tuesday.

#### 2012 Club Molisani Winter Bocce League Recap Gianfranco Gentile finished in 2nd Place. The league

This past winter Club Molisani opened their courts to the first ever Club Molisani Member's Winter Bocce League. With league play beginning in January and commencing in April, our members had the chance to play bocce and enjoy each other's company. The dinner banquet and Championship game were held on Thursday April 12th, with a wonderful meal grilled by Adelio DiFranco.

The final teams which play the best of three championship series were between Captains Bruno lannetta and Flavio DiFranco. Flavio's team took Game 1 convincingly but Bruno and his team fought back in Game 2 to tie the series up and send it to the deciding Game 3. But in the end Flavio DiFranco and his team, which consisted of, Amico DiFranco, Marco DiFranco, Gianmichele Bruno, and Art Montoni prevailed and took home 1st Place. Bruno lannetta, Mike Fatica, Dan Farinacci, Mario Ferritto, and

Gianfranco Gentile finished in 2nd Place. The league was a great success and Club Molisani would like to thank all the participants and members that helped with providing food each and every week.

With summer just around the corner, Club Molisani will be having a Summer "bring your own team" League at the Club. The league will be held on Monday and Thursday nights beginning on April 23rd and 26th.



2012 Winter League Champions. From left, Event Chairmen Michael Frabotta, Amico DiFranco, Flavio DiFanco, Marco DiFranco, Art Montoni, Gianmichele Bruno

#### 2012 Mauro Frate Memorial Bocce Tournament

On Sunday March 25th, Club Molisani hosted its annual bocce tournament in memory of the Mauro Frate. For years Mauro ran a tournament at the City of Mayfield Hts. Park that would bring all friends and families of the bocce community together. When Mauro passed, his friends at Club Molisani, felt they had to continue the tradition.

The tournament consisted of 14, 3-man teams playing in honor of Mauro Frate. When it came down to the end, it was the undefeated team that consisted of Anthony Melaragno, John Catalano, and Michael Frabotta playing against Adelio DiFranco, Mike Fatica, and Anthony Frabotta, who lost their first game of tournament and fought back all the way to the finals.

The championship game was a see-saw match-up but in the end, the team of Anthony M., John C. and Mike F. prevailed. Third place went to Sergio DiFranco, Mario Ferritto, and Dale Garris.



2012 Mauro Frate Tournament Champions. From left, Event Chairmen Sergio DiFranco, John Catalano, Michael Frabotta, Anthony Melaragno.





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- Members your participation with the MARSHALL SUPERSTORE Cleveland International Challenge Cup of Bocce can't be understated. Contact Wayne Farinacci for information regarding sponsorship, registration and/or advertising for the program booklet.
- The Summer Bocce League at Mayfield Hts. Park is underway every Wednesday night.
- Already Underway Monday and Thursday Night Summer Bocce League at Club Molisani. Refreshment Services will be available these evenings as well as Sunday & Tuesday.

## A Refurbished Kitchen Ready To Feed Hungry Bocce *Ballers*!

In May, Mario Ferritto completed the rehab of the Kitchen, which was made possible by a generous financial donation from paesano Umberto Fideli, and also through donations from tradesmen and businesses. Safety equipment were brought up to code with the installation of new fire suppressing equipment. Cabinets built by member Salvatore Santillo significantly increased the storage capacity of the kitchen and looks great. Thanks Sal for coming to the rescue and making the cabinets possible. A stainless steel backsplash donated by Jeff Haas of Cleveland Metal Exchange, lined counter space look fantastic and will make cleanup simple. The addition of a gas grill will help to increase the versatility of the kitchen and will surely make steaks a great option. New lights were made possible by Tony DeBacco of Gatto Electric, thank you Tony! A fresh coat of paint and a new drop ceiling rounds out the updates to the kitchen.

On be half of the club we would like to thank Mario Ferrito for heading the refurbishing of the kitchen. The time and commitment you've put forth is much appreciated. A special thanks to members Adelio DiFranco and Tommy Vlah are also due for their contribution and expertise in this field. Both also donated a Freezer/Refrigerator and meat slicer, respectively. We would like to also thank all the individuals who help with labor including the following; Dale Garris, Wayne Farinacci, Remo DiFranco, Bruno Frabotta, Aldino DiFranco, Cosmo Patriarca, John Calabrese, Daniele DiFranco, Tony Colicchia, all the women who contributed, and last but not least Dominic Pinto who we can always count on for cleaning up the scrap. If we've forgotten anyone we apologize and thanks for your help.







Aldo Calabreze and Lucy Patriarca prepare a meal for May's general meeting. Thanks for an outstanding dinner!



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## CLUB MOLISANI GOLF OUTING

- To: Golf enthusiasts and Friends of Club Molisani
- What: Club Molisani Annual Golf Outing & Fund Raiser
- When: Thursday August 30, 2012
- Where: Golf at Manikiki Golf Course 35501 Eddy Rd., Willoughby Hills.

The format will be a Shotgun four-person scramble beginning at 10:00am sharp. Please reserve your foursome by August 10, 2012. Reservations will accepted on a first come, first served basis.

- " 18 Holes with cart.
- " Refreshments on the course, (hot dog & chips at the turn).
- Dinner will be at Club Molisani following golf & cash bar.
- Team and individual prizes & door prizes.
- " Chance to win a new 2012 car.
  - All participants will receive a \$50.00 gift card from Callaway Golf.

Visit www.clubmolisani.com or Call John Clapacs at 216-372-0044 for more Information

## Club Molisani & Mayfield Heights Team Up on Bocce Court Improvement!

Club Molisani and the City of Mayfield Heights have had a long and positive relationship built around the sport of bocce. Club Molisani operates the Marshall Superstore Cleveland International Challenge Cup of Bocce every August, which is hosted by the City of Mayfield Heights as part of its Unity Days Celebration. Five years ago, the City added three courts to the existing five courts that have been in the city park since the early 1980's. The new courts were added partly to handle the growth of the bocce tournament, but mostly to handle the overwhelming amount of bocce that is played at the park courts. Every night until 11:00pm, the courts are full of men and women who enjoy the game and each others company. Every evening, the bocce venue actually resembles a piazza, which is located in the center of every city and small town in Italy.

The three courts have not been playing as fast as they should be. So, members of Club Molisani and the City partnered once again to create a Court Improvement Project. The City purchased Har Tru, a tennis court covering that also works very well as bocce court covering because it hardens well and can be leveled easily. Club Molisani purchased crushed limestone and new backboards and hardware to finish off the three courts. A collection was also taken by the Monday Night Ladies League and the Wednesday Night Mens League to help defray some of the costs. All were happy to contribute to this important project.

Last weekend, a total of 35 men completed a total renovation of the three courts as well as installing new backboards to all eight courts. The five existing courts also saw improvements made for leveling and speed. In fact, a father and his two young sons were the first to jump on court #1 to see how it played. Two years ago, the City constructed a huge pavilion over the five existing courts so bocce players can enjoy the game rain or shine.

Mayor Greg Costabile and City Council should be applauded for sparking the restoration of the city's bocce courts by purchasing the Har Tru material. Club Molisani members took over the project from there. Their expertise in building bocce courts is unsurpassed, whether outdoor limestone or indoor synthetic rubber. Service Director, Andy Fornaro and his right-hand man for the project, Roman Koscho, should be given much of the credit for the final outcome also.

Bocce leagues are present on the city's courts every night. From now on, the outside courts will receive the same respect given the inside courts. Thanks to all volunteers who contributed to the success of the Court Improvement Project. It was hard work, but absolutely worth it.



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## **Club Molisani Takes Top Honor!**

This year the Marshall Superstore Cleveland International Challenge Cup of Bocce is also proud to become the largest bocce tournament in the United States using USBF Bocce Rules. Gabe Quattrocchi, Vice President of the USBF Eastern Sector, informed Club Molisani of this honor. So if you are excited about playing bocce according to the preferred direction of the major bocce aficionados in the country, you won't want to miss this opportunity.

## **IT'S Here!** The MARSHALL SUPERSTORE **Cleveland International Challenge Cup of Bocce**

August 10th, 11th, 12th, 2012

This year there are several new additions to the Marshall Superstore Cleveland International Challenge Cup of Bocce tournament. The City of Mayfield Heights and Club Molisani have partnered to complete a Bocce Court Renovation Project. The City purchased over 11 tons of Har Tru and Club Molisani provided the manpower to completely renovate our eight bocce courts. The courts have been playing extremely well as the surface has become hard and fast. We couldn't be happier with the outcome. All the backboards and hardware have been replaced also, essentially creating eight new and fast courts. Many thanks to Mayor Greg Costabile and Service Director Andy Fornaro for their effort on this project.

Club Molisani and Perrino's Fine Interiors will also sponsor a Wine & Cheese Welcome Party for all out of state bocce teams as well as Team and Court Sponsors. Once you register, you will receive additional information about this by-invitation-only event.

Club Molisani is looking forward to your participation in the Marshall Superstore Cleveland International Challenge Cup of Bocce this year. Please contact Wayne Farinacci for all forms related to this tournament, which includes the tournament flier, participant applications, sponsorship, advertising and Holiday Inn info.

Please print and help distribute the forms. The Mayfield Holiday Inn is once again the host hotel and restaurant (Alfredo's at the Inn) for this year's tournament. You can print the Program Ad form if you are interested in advertising in our tournament program and the Sponsor form if you want to help get us sponsors. Please get your application mailed ASAP.

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## Congratulations Club Molisani On Another Successful Tournament

Club Molisani completed its Sixth Annual Marshall Superstore Cleveland International Challenge Cup of Bocce tournament on August 10-12, 2012. Our partnership with Marshall Superstore and the great City of Mayfield Heights continues to provide the very best in bocce tournament experience. We would like to express our gratitude to Mr. Larry Elk, owner of Marshall Superstore and our hosts Mayor Greg Costabile and City Council for their continued support.

This years tournament was won by the Pontelandolfo Club of Waterbury, CT who beat JJ's Litehouse of Sharon, PA for the championship. Following is the complete list of winners:

- 1st Pontelandolfo Club, Waterbury, CT \$4,500
- 2nd JJ's Litehouse, Sharon, PA \$2,500
- 3rd Max/Rainbow 24, North York, Canada \$1,500
- 4th Anelli Bocce Club, Peckville, PA \$750
- 5th Lock 1 Aura, Syracuse, NY \$500
- 7th Fioritto Funeral Service, Mayfield Hts., OH \$350 8th - New York Sash, Rome, NY - \$350
- 9th Cinque Amici, Parma Hts., OH \$240
- 10th Toccolana Club #3, Rome, NY \$240
- 11th Club Molisani #9, Chesterland, OH \$240
- 6th Vandra Brothers Const., Highland Hts., OH \$500 12th Adelio's Contracting, Willoughby Hills, OH \$240

A tournament of this size requires financial support from many companies. We would also like to extend our gratitude to our many friends for their assistance:

> **TEAM SPONSORS** A & J Cement ABC Piping **ABV** Contracting Adelio's Contracting DeJohn Funeral Homes & Crematory The Fedeli Group Fioritto Funeral Service Infiniti of Bedford Mayfield Alumni Association

#### **COURT SPONSORS**

Cuyahoga Supply & Tool **DiCillo Tavern** Key Bank, Willoughby LaVera Party Center Merrill Lynch, Costanzo-Mack Group Normandy Party Center Osborne, Inc.

This year a new Har Tru surface was applied to the bocce courts which significantly improved play according to the players. Our tournament also became the largest in the country using United States Bocce Federation Rules. While the rules of bocce are currently quite varied, many tournaments and leagues throughout the country are trying to work toward a unified system of rules, similar to professional sports.

Many thanks to our Bocce Committee who once again provided the leadership and much of the hard work:

Tournament Director - Wayne Farinacci Advertising - Aldino DiFranco & Valerio Frabotta Communications - Sergio DiFranco Concessions - Mario Ferritto & Anthony Ianiro Treasurer - Dave Melaragno Marketing - Mark Schneider, Mike Trivisonno, & Dennis Strnad Operations - Renato Patete & Mike Frabotta Venue Logistics - Victor Melaragno & Jason Melaragno



Left - Mayor Greg Costabile, Larry Elk - Owner of Marshall Ford Superstore, Tournament Winners Pontelandolfo Club of Waterbury, CT(4), President of Club Molisani Sergio DiFranco and Tournament Director Wayne Farinacci.

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# Nevon's Precious Moments

## **Fund Raiser and Appreciation Dinner** Saturday October 13th, 2012 1:00рт - 7:00рт

Advanced RSVP for the pasta dinner requested, or just come for the fun! Dinner: \$20.00 Adult, \$8.00 Kids 12 & younger, Children under 2 free (Dinner served from 2-5)

> Cash Bar \* 50/50 Raffle \* Children's Activities Chinese Auction \* Corn Hole \* Bocce Ball

\*Please wear appropriate non-scuff shoes if you plan to play bocce (i.e. tennis shoes, flip flops, boat shoes)

Hosted by: Exodus Integrity Services, Inc. and TraceBack Screening

## Call 440-918-0140 to reserve your dinner tickets today!

Check out http://devonspreciousmoments.weebly.com for more information.

Devon Nekic is an 11 year old boy who has lived a miraculous life. Not only is Devon living with Down's Syndrome, he has also been battling Leukemia since a very early age. Devon has a wild imagination, fun spirit and a smile that warms your heart. He is a huge fan of werewolves, whales and spiders. He is a brave and patient little boy who spends most of his days inside the four walls of the hospital. Devon has his good days and his bad days, but most importantly he is still here with us.

## 1st Annual Fall Classic Bocce Tournament

October 19-21, 2012

Entry Fee: \$150/team 4 or 5 player teams Max. 32 teams

FREE Pasta Lunch to all players on SUNDAY!

TOURNAMENT WILL BE PLAYED ON SYNTHETIC COURTS. PROPER FOOTWEAR WILL BE REQUIRED DURING PLAY

Deadline for Registration is October 12 To reserve a team contact: Mike Frabotta mvf3@att.net (440) 785-6158 Mike Trivisonno trivalta25@yahoo.com (216) 235-3572 Sergio DiFranco sergiodifranco@yahoo.com (440) 487-2295



\*Food, Drinks, and Music all weekend long\*

Money\* 1st: \$2,000.00 2nd: \$1,000.00 3rd: \$500.00 4th: \$300.00 5th: \$150.00 6th: \$150.00



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Up Coming Events

1st Annual Italian Clambake Classic November 11th at Club Molisani

Cash Bar, Appetizers, Pasta, Bocce! Clams & Chicken or Steak and Lobster Options

See Flier for Details Flier can be found on CM website!

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Devon Nekic &

Brittany Giomuso

## 1st Annual Fall Classic Bocce Tournament A Huge Success!

On the weekend of October 20th, Club Molisani hosted its first indoor bocce tournament in our new facility and the event couldn't be better scripted. The attendance far exceeded our expectations and the weekend ended with a victory by a team of our own. The audience was treated to days of food, drinks and comradery, and it wasn't spoiled by the cold rainy weather.

And for the winners of the 1st Annual Fall Classic, Scuderia Vandra #1 which includes Pete Melaragno, Bruno lanetta, Renato Patate, and Mike Lapovich. They were challenged by a foursome from Palazzo di Bocce out of Orion, Michigan. Thank you Scuderia Vandra for placing a Club Molisani team in the record books as the winner of our first open bocce tournament in our new facility. Way to go guys!

The Club would like to thank club member Frank Catanese for preparing food Friday evening and Saturday. For those who don't know Frank, his family has been serving delicious food from their Giuseppe's Pizza & Subs store in the Willowick neighborhood for many years. We would also like to thank Adelio & Anna DiFranco for preparing the steak dinner Saturday evening. Adelio is a founding member. They were delicious! And last but not least, Adlo Calabrese, who prepared Sundays pasta dinner. Aldo, known for his great pasta sauce, treats the members often to his great dinners, especially during meetings. We couldn't thank him enough. Aldo is also a founding member

Last but not least we would like to thank Sergio DiFranco, President of Club Molisani, and Michael Frabotta, Club Secretary, for organizing the tournament. If the success of this tournament is any indication of what's in store for Club Molisani, we all have much to look forward to. Another important note, Club Molisani added 25 new members during this weekend! A very positive sign that we are doing things right!



From Left - Michael Frabotta, Bruno Ianetta, Pete Melaragno, Renato Patate, Mike Lapovich and Sergio DiFranco



Frank and Joey Catanese preparing something delicious!



Bartenders Alexis DiFranco & Erica DiFranco (sister's in-law, club president Sergio Difranco's wife and sister Erica). The girls served fabulous refreshments and kept the crowd sociable.

### Brittany Giomuso Puts on Fundraiser for Devon

On October 13th, Exodus Integrity Services and TraceBack Screening organized a fundraiser for Devon Nekic, a strong young boy who lives with Down Syndrome and battles Leukemia. Club member Brittany Giomuso, owner of TraceBack Screening helped coordinate the event.

The organizers have collectively raise \$4,000 to assist the Nekic's with the financial hardships that come with caring for Devon's medical conditions. Club Molisani was proud to host the event. Great job Brittany! Devon was seen having fun playing Bocce and shuffleboard!







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#### Board of Directors

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- Aldino DiFranco
- Eugene DiFranco
- Wayne Farinacci
  - Valerio Frabotta

Anthony Ianiro

Joe Pilla

#### Up Coming Events

Super Bowl Party! Sunday February 3rd 2013

Watch the Game on 4 Large LCD TV's and a Large Projection Screen

**Details Will Be Provided Shortly** 

Book Your Event at Club Molisani!

Contact Wayne Farinacci For Details and Pricing

216 509-4353

#### **General Meeting Dates**

All Meetings Are Held at Club Molisani

No December Meeting

January 15th (Tentative)

February 19th (Tentative)

# Play Bocce!

## What's Happening

- It is with great sadness to announce the passing of Alberto Frabotta & Cristina Santillo. Alberto was the father of members Valerio, Bruno and Cesare Frabotta and grandfather to members Michael & Anthony Frabotta. Cristina Santillo, mother of member Sal Santillo and mother in law of Paola Santillo. Our sympathy and prayers go out to their entire families.
- Elections were held during the November meeting and 2 new board members were elected to duty. They include Roberto Campellone and Joe Pilla. The current list of the board of directors can be found on the left side of this page. We would like to thank John Calabrese and Lou laniro for their contribution to the board. While your duty on the board maybe over your importance to the club can not be understated.
- Congratulations Club Molisani! In the months of October and November we increased our membership by 42, bringing the total to approximately 180. Roughly one year ago we had only 60 members!

## An Elegant Evening at the Ballo

On November 17th Club Molisani held their annual dance at Normandy's Party Center in Wickliffe, Ohio. While not one of our biggest turnouts, the Ballo was nonetheless a great evening with fantastic food, music and dancing. Normandy's performed without a flaw, which is no surprise to us. They've catered our event for many years now. A thanks goes out to the Carmigiano Family and Pam King who is always accommodating.

The performing artists this year were Filippo Andaloro and Gli Italiani. As many of you know, Filippo Andaloro has been performing at our event since inception and has always been known for getting our audience on the floor dancing to the latest of Italian sounds, popular in Italy today. His portfolio of music doesn't stop there as he knows our guest, whom many like to dance to the traditional sounds that they remember from their childhoods, while growing up in Italy.

Our other entertainers for the evening, Gli Italiani are somewhat new to the scene. Heralding out of Canton, Ohio and consisting of members, some still in High School and a few just barely out, Gli Italiani brought there polka to Normandy's with great reception from our guests. Their polka spans modern to traditional sounds, surely satisfying the cravings of our polka dancing crowd.

A thanks goes out to Valerio Frabotta, Victor Melaragno, Mario Fioritto, Aldino DiFranco and Anthony Ianiro for organizing the event and ticket sales. The grand prize sponsor was The Fioritto Family of Fioritto Funeral Services and the general sponsors included; A&J Cement Contractors, ABC Piping Co., ABV Contractors, Adelio's Contracting, CEMEX Construction, Dino's Plumbing, Ianiro Landscape Development, Mayfield Alumni Association, TC Construction, and Vandra Brothers Construction. Without these sponsorships the event wouldn't be as successful. Thanks to all of you!



Aldino DiFranco and Victor Melaragno sharing a special moment together.

#### 1st Annual Clambake Exceeds Our Expectations!

Club Molisani's 1st Annual Clambake was held on Sunday November 11th and by all measures, was a complete success. We would like to thank Joe Pilla and Valerio Frabotta for organizing the event. The bake was cooked by Joe Pilla and friends at no cost to the club. We couldn't be more thankful for their kindness and support of our organization. The friends of Joe Pilla are Rob Sievers, George Coleman, Matt Starky, and Billy & Joe Bush. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts and thank you for a terrific job, it was delicious!

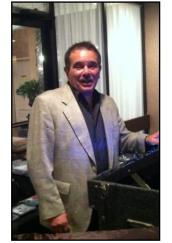
The event started at 12:30 PM and ended late in the evening. Our guests were entertained with several games of professional football and had access to our synthetic indoor bocce courts.



From left to right; Joe Pilla, Rob Sievers, vice president Mario Ferrito, and Gearge Coleman attending the steaks.



Joe Pilla with Friend Rob Sievers stiring a pot of Clam Chowder



Filippo Andaloro turning it up!



New to the Club Molisani scene, Carol Chuck Giomuso enjoying the evening.