

12:30 Table **August 2006**

Gentlemen:

Welcome to new members Joe Berman, Kevin Kelly and Brad Everman! Kevin and Brad happen to be both Iraqi War veterans, continuing our streak of including more vets to the Table. Matt Rosenberg proposed Joe, so he also has to be tough.

If you would like to submit a nominee for membership you can obtain an application from the Table Cup or by emailing myself. Once the application is completed it is submitted to the Membership Committee for consideration. Applicants will attend at least one, Fourth Monday luncheon where the general membership can meet them and at which time the Membership Committee members will also meet them. The Committee will then meet, discuss the applicant and any comments submitted by the Table Members and decide on acceptance.

A Sardinian Cheese wins “Cheese of the Month”. Our first monthly 12:30 Wine and Cheese event June 13th was a great success. We sampled 5 cheeses selected by DiBruno Brothers from around the world and enjoyed 5 wines matched to the cheese by the Union League’s sommelier, Russell. Votes were cast and the most popular cheese was Pantaleo from Sardinia which will be our “Cheese of the Month” at the 12:30 Table until our next Wine and cheese on Tuesday, July 11th.

Our first 2006 Table Outing to Waynesborough Country Club’s beautiful new clubhouse was a great success. What a beautiful course! We shared drinks, dinner and fellowship and met some spouses. How these guys got these great women to marry them, I will never know. Thanks to Harry Rosenberg for organizing the event!

Congratulations to the 12:30 Table for winning the Broadhead Cup, awarded to the Club Table that has the best participation in the Youth Work Program. Chairman of the Board of Trustees Gerry Rigby (and 12:30 Table member) will be awarding the Table our Cup at our June 26th Fourth Monday lunch. Please attend and receive your well-deserved pat on the back.

Each year for the past 4 years the 12:30 Table has given \$1,000.00 to the Youth Work Foundation. Our 4-year pledge is up this year and I would like to make a new pledge for \$1,500.00 a year for 4 years; about \$10.00 for each Table member. Please give me your thoughts on this idea.

Vice President Jim Mator is a Grandpa! Congratulations Jim!

Several 12:30 Table members are involved in the Union League Yacht Club. They sail the seven seas and then some. Next year, June 9 -16th 2007, the Club is cruising the waters of Spain. They will make landfall in Majorca, Minorca, Ibiza and Formentera. Fleet Captains are Donna Gould, Ed Toole and Alan Grossman having arranged the charter of sloops in the 40 to 49 foot range. They are now looking to Shanghai.... I mean, "obtain commitments" from interested people to join them. For more information call Alan Grossman at 609-932-9219 or email Captain Gould at dtgould@comcast.net.

Congratulations to the 12:30 Table for maintaining one of the best attendance rates of all Club Tables! Keep coming and we will win the Cup!

12:30 Table Joke Book: The first 12:30 Joke Book will be issued at our Christmas Party. Have a good joke? Send it to Our Secretary, Howard Baker at bakerfam@aol.com.

Birthday Drinks: Our Birthday Drink campaign is going well. The staff is now well versed in providing a small \$2.00 beer, wine or drink at lunch on the tab of the Birthday Boy of the day. The drink is small enough so you can toast the man of the day without falling asleep back at the office. It is inexpensive enough so that the Birthday Boy will not have a big tab. Come on your Birthday and receive the thanks of your fellow Table Members!

4th Monday Lunch: Noon social time, lunch/speaker to 1:30:

Monday, August 28th: Summer break, no lunch.

Monday, September 25th, Michael O'Brian, fresh from one of the most highly contested primaries in Philadelphia where he defeated the candidate supported by Vincent Fumo and Governor Rendell. He is now unopposed in the election. Why all the excitement? His district runs along the Delaware and includes 3 of the 5 proposed sites for gambling in Philadelphia and Mr. O'Brian is anti-gambling in the City. What is the news about gambling coming to the city and how will it affect the people living next to the casinos? Bring your questions!

Monday September 25th, Major Kevin "Grace" Kelly

Monday, November 27th, General Jerry Beck: General Beck is currently the Deputy Commanding General of the 28th Infantry Division (Brigadier General). Effective October 22, 2006 he will be the Commanding General of the 28th Infantry Division (Major General). That puts him in charge of the entire Pennsylvania National Guard. The General will be giving us a situation report on the Pennsylvania National Guard.

12:30 Table Events: For reservation contact **Laurenn Strabone** at 215-587-5565 or activities@unionleague.org

Second Monthly Wine and Cheese after Work, Tuesday July 11th, 5:00-6:30 (every second Tuesday): Five cheeses from DiBruno's matched to 5 wines by the Union League Sommelier, Russell. Vote on what will be the 12:30 Table cheese of the month. \$10.00 for members and spouses, free to children.

Friday, August 18th, Veteran's Appreciation Happy Hour: Every third Friday the 12:30 Table will co-host along with the Union League's Armed Services Committee Veteran's Appreciation Hour. The 12:30 Table is buying every Veteran their first drink to show our appreciation for their service. Veterans can gather for fellowship in the Old Café. The event will start at 5:30 p.m. and end when the last Navy/Army/Air Force/Marine/Coast Guard Vet or active duty person leaves. No reservation is required.

Friday, August 18th, Poker Night: The game starts around 6:30 p.m. and ends sometime between midnight and 1:00 a.m. Texas Hold'em, fairly low stakes. Have a drink with the Veterans and then stay for some cards. No cigars until 9:00 p.m. If you would like to attend, reserve a spot by emailing me at peterklenk@klenklaw.com

Thursday, December 14th: Christmas Party, Toys for Tots: Our party will be President Frank Giordano's first official event after the end of his Presidency! Come toast his two-year reign and bring in the New Year! This year's Christmas Party will include a gift for Toys for Tots. Thanks to the connections of Table Member John O'Toole we will have a representative of the United States Marines attending to pick up the toys. The 12:30 Christmas Party is a traditional event with song, fellowship and a drink or two. Put on your calendar Thursday December 14th.