

12:30 Table **September 2006**

Gentlemen:

Summer was great and now it is time to get back into the swing of things. We have a long list of Table events any number of which should tickle your fancy. I look forward to seeing you! Review the list and add to your calendar the events that you can attend.

When you sit at the 12:30 Table you should always find walnuts, pistachios, the Cheese-of-the-Month and the birthday drink list. If any of these items are missing just ask the server, they will bring them out! Don't let the service slip!

Table member Peter R. Engelhardt traveled over 1,400 miles and braved black flies thick enough to pick the bones of a moose clean in 2 hours to catch brook trout in Labrador bigger than most carp and catfish that I have caught. He will be traveling next to rivers on the Russian Atlantic Coast. Stay warm Peter!

The debate on smoking at the League is becoming heated. Given Philadelphia's new smoking restrictions, opinions on smoking at the League are waivering between a total ban and some middle ground that satisfies heating up. For the 12:30 Table.... The Smoking Lamp is lit at 9:00 p.m. on Poker night.

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: We are now assembling the 12:30 Table Joke Book. Each person at the Christmas Party will receive

a copy. Send those jokes in now to Our Secretary, Howard Baker at bakerfam@aol.com.

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

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 October 23rd, Iraqi War Vets (and 12:30 Table Members) Majors Kevin "Grace" Kelly and Brad "Francis" Everman talk about Iraq. They are getting some film declassified so they can show us a typical mission in Iraq. The film will accompany their talk about the types of missions they flew and the degree of interaction with other services, including some Special Operations. They will also share some thoughts about the media coverage of Iraqi operations and take questions from the audience.

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 and how it feels to be in charge of this storied Division.

December 14th: Christmas party.

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

September 15th, Friday, 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.

September 15th, Poker Night: The game starts around 6:30 p.m. and ends sometime between midnight and 1:00 a.m. Texas Hold'em. Have a drink with the Veterans and then stay for some cards. Smoking Lamp is lit 9:00 p.m. If you would like to attend, reserve a spot by emailing me at peterklenk@klenklaw.com

Tuesday October 3rd 11:30 a.m.: The 12:30 Table will sit together when the Union League will be awarding the prestigious Lincoln Award to William Donaldson, the 27th Chair of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. The event will occur on Tuesday, October 3, 2006 in Lincoln Hall. The reception will begin at 11:30 a.m. in the Lincoln Memorial Room, followed by the luncheon and the program at 12:15 p.m. in Lincoln Hall. When making your reservation, say you are sitting with the 12:30 Table.

Tuesday October 10th 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Wine and Cheese:

- Blue Del Moncenisio, Italy, Lombardy, Cow milk.
- Cabra Pimentao, Portugal, Goat milk.
- Pere Joseph, Belgium, Cow milk.
- Pleasant Ridge Reserve, USA, Wisconsin, Cow milk.

-Delice De Bourgogne, France, Burgandy, Cow milk.

Tuesday November 14th 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Wine and Cheese:

- Teleggio Vero Valsassina, Italy, Lombardy, Cow milk.
- Tomme De Savoie Raw Milk, France, Savoie, Cow milk.
- Midnight Moon, USA California, goat milk.
- Montgomery's Cheddar, England, Cow milk.
- Crozier, Ireland, Sheep milk.

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.

January 9th Tuesday, 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Wine and Cheese:

- Munster Haixare Gerome, A.O.C., France, Alsace, cow milk.
- Chimay Grand Cru, Belgium, cow milk.
- Arina Goat Gouda, Holland, goat milk.
- Fiore Sardo, Italy, Sardinia, sheep milk.
- Jasper Hill Bayley Hazen Blue, USA Vermont, cow milk.

February 13th Tuesday, 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Wine and Cheese:

- Coach Farm Peppercorn Brick, USA New York, Goat milk.
- Oka Traditional, Canada, Cow milk.
- Moliterno, Italy, Sardinia, Sheep milk.
- Mimolette Aged, France Normandy, Cow milk.
- Monje Blue, Spain, Austurias, Cow milk.