

### UPCOMING EVENTS

August 3, 2019 ~ Famous Family Picnic – Woodside Lake Park

October, 2019 ~ Sportsman Raffle

### A Special Tribute to Spennato's Ristorante — Our Place. Our Home.

Spennato's Ristorante is considered one of the finest restaurants in Summit County, and The North Summit Lions Club is proud to call it *OUR HOME*. Our bi-monthly meetings and many of our fundraisers are held here. Spennato's was opened in 2005 by N.S.L.C. member Egidio DiPaola (affectionately called "G") and his wife, Mary Lynn Randall.



G was born in Sant Apollinare, Italy, one of 12 children in the family. He served in the Italian Navy for 6 years before coming to the U.S. in 1978. Before Spennato's, G made a name for himself with his popular Scotto's Pizza Shops. In fact, Spennato's front sign is inspired by the familiar Scotto's



Pizza logo. G also ran the kitchens in Thistledown and Northfield Park racetracks.



Spennato's is named after G's mother, Maria Spennato, and many of the recipes that are prepared daily are inspired by Maria's and his sisters' dishes they made in Italy. All of the



restaurant's approximately 31 sauces are made from scratch, and all with fresh ingredients. Favorite dishes, like the fresh veal and chicken, are pounded daily.



G's wife, Mary Lynn Randall, is the co-owner of Spennato's and is our beloved "Queen Puma" of the N.S.L.C. Her business and management skills contribute to the restaurant's popular catering service and attractions such as wine tastings and entertainment. She also decorated Spennato's interior, which includes authentic items from Italy. She commissioned the mural painting of Porto Fino, Italy by a local artist.

Outside of Mary's busy Spennato's schedule, she is quite the author. Her book, *Mardi Gras In Kodachrome*, features never-before-published photos of New Orleans, which were taken by her grandmother, Ruth I. Ketcham, in the 1940's and 1950's.



The third member of the Spennato's management triumvirate is G's son, Anthony. He has been instrumental in bringing new and modern menu items and sauces that the "old folks would never think of." And let's not forget the importance of what Anthony also "brings" to many of us—and on many occasions. Well, as Spennato's bartender, the man pours a great drink! G's daughter, Angela, also fills in on various occasions when her time permits.



From all of us, thank you G, Mary, Anthony, and your entire staff for being such generous hosts and good friends to the N.S.L.C.



**Happy Birthday, G!!**

### MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

#### Chuck Lewis



Chuck has been a very active member of the N.S.L.C. for 8 years. It is no coincidence that two of our most prolific fundraisers—Golf Outing and Night at the Races—have been chaired or co-chaired by Chuck. His excellent planning and keen organizational skills spearheaded many successful events. Between the Golf Outing and Night at the Races, we contributed around \$18,000 towards our annual charitable fund. Chuck never hesitates to always give credit to the many people who support the fundraisers he chairs. And, as the saying goes, "Behind every great man is a great woman". That woman is his girlfriend and a special friend to the N.S.L.C., Lisa Roberts. Chuck gave Lisa his Lion Pin in boundless appreciation "for all her help and support and to help make me look good." Chuck would like to see continual persistence in getting new members and not get too complacent with the fundraisers that are already successful, "but to open our eyes to new horizons that will further benefit our club." Chuck has a daughter, Samantha, who is 18 years old. His father, Bob—our fellow member of the N.S.L.C.—and mother, Linda, live in Macedonia. He also has 3 brothers, Rob, Mike, and Tom. Chuck is the owner of Final Touch Landscaping. His interests and hobbies include traveling for weekend get-a-ways, bowling in local leagues and national events, and golfing locally, as well as in an annual Myrtle Beach golf trip. Chuck's advice to anyone wanting to join the N.S.L.C.? "There are many ways to participate in the group and you will find your niche to help make our club better serve our community."

Our **2019 Golf Outing** was, again, a huge success. Co-chaired by Lions Chuck Lewis and Kerry Hardin, the event drew a record number of golfers. It didn't hurt having ideal weather, a great steak dinner catered by Spennato's, plenty of refreshments, generous sponsors, and spectacular prizes. Can you say **WINNER?!!** See photos on our website.

Congratulations to Mike Pemberton on becoming the new President of our North Summit Lions Club! And thanks to past President Gary Police for a job well-done!

### OUR MISSION



**NORTH SUMMIT  
LIONS CLUB  
WE SERVE**

To help people in our community with services and fundraising activities. We will continue to support our community's needs.

**Where There's a NEED, There's a LION**