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The staff of INTERCOM wish to extend a special greeting to all the members of the IEEE staff and their families for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We hope that you have found INTERCOM interesting and informative. The best encouragement we have received from our readers has been, "When is the next issue due?" It is with this sign that we are spurred on, despite the special efforts required from each member, to keep the issues coming.

This month we are happy to welcome Mr. Dominic Bonafede to the INTERCOM Hall of Fame. It is a great pleasure to acknowledge in print the fact that he, as the others who preceded him, and those who will come afterward, have each contributed in his own way to make IEEE one of the largest and greatest professional organizations in the world today. Add to that the fact that our association with these people, and with all the others whom we may never be able to mention here, has enriched all our lives in some way.

BE SURE TO READ THE CHRISTMAS ANNOUNCEMENTS IN THIS ISSUE.

CHRISTMAS – THE HAPPY SEASON

With the onset of Thanksgiving each year, there is, it seems, an open door into which Americans step. Beyond this door is a world where we have been before, possibly many times. It is a make-believe world into which we allow ourselves to be ushered. Entering in like children being led through a candy land, believing that it belongs to us and that somehow all the sweetness in life was withheld and accumulated and given to us at this time as payment for enduring the past year's problems, frustrations and toil. It is a world where a spirit of giving becomes most important.

We are swept with this tide in a way much like the way a surfer rides the crest of a wave. Sometimes our balance in this season becomes precarious, but notice how quickly we recover, how we adjust and regain our balance. It takes quite a dramatic turn to throw us completely, but sometimes we are thrown, and when we are, the happy season becomes the most unbearable season of the year.

It is the busiest business season of the year. Department stores and shopping centers stay open for more hours, and do more sustained selling throughout the day and evening. People are most anxious to spend money in this season, and bargains that were overlooked for so long are thrust suddenly into focus. There is no end to what the shoppers will endure; crushing crowds in subways and stores, heavy immovable traffic on the streets, long waiting lines everywhere. The crowd is sometimes abusive, sometimes smiling—especially if there is a small snowfall, which seems particularly fitting during the happy season.

It is the friendliest season. Notice the special cordiality of people meeting on the avenue, or in the office, or anywhere. The smiles are warmer, the handshakes firmer, the kisses less mechanical.

Activity seems to rise slowly at first but steadily, until the last few hours before the big holiday when it progresses from busy to hectic. Work is rushed more than usual to beat deadlines, or is deliberately set aside for handling at a less hectic time. Everything demands speed, but somehow, nothing seems to move forward fast enough. Nerves are taut, and tempers begin to flare. Last minute purchases or travel arrangements cannot seem to be made on time. The last knot defies the tying.

At last somehow, we resign ourselves to our failures to meet deadlines, and find that there is much to be postponed until after the holidays. We arrive home in one or another state of anxiety and emotion, and allow ourselves to flow with the tide, having given up the fight. We look for comfort and relaxation, then resume our old pace and routine, sometimes feeling let down.

It is strange that THE HAPPY SEASON is allowed to capture us and plunge us into this abnormal activity. It drains us of our financial resources and peace of mind. We would feel unfulfilled without it.

Yet through all of this activity, the significance of the happy season had become obscured, as does much else when commercialization of a good thing takes place.

Thanksgiving is simply a day set aside to contemplate the great gifts given to us by our creator.

Christmas is the commemoration of the birth of Jesus Christ, it is simply a day set aside to glorify God for becoming flesh for man's sake, or for love of man as it were. It is the day to remind us that a humble birth in a stable was a birth of tremendous importance.

It is the day when the words "peace on earth to men of good will" or its derivative "good will to men" resound for a while, but are soon, like Christmas decorations and ornaments, packed away to be reused in the next happy season.

Rudy Spatarella

JUST A REMINDER

HOLIDAY NOTE:

The IEEE offices will be closed on Friday, December 24 in observance of Christmas and Friday, December 31 to celebrate the New Year.

Profile



DOMINIC BONAFEDE

Mr. Dominic Bonafede was born in N.Y.C. on November 14, 1905. Before he was a year old, his parents returned with him to the place of their birth, Palermo, Sicily. Apparently, being an American citizen made him uncomfortable in a foreign land, because at the age of 17 he sailed back to his birth place to live the life of his choice.

It took Dom exactly 2 days to find employment and he worked at various jobs. Dom had no knowledge of the English language, but knew how to apply himself usefully to whatever task was at hand; he has always carried his full share of the load. Through association only, he has learned the English language, and there is no misunderstanding of what he has to say.

Dominic Bonafede applied for and was accepted for employment in the Mail Department of the Institute. In January 1966 he will celebrate his 7th year with us.

Dom currently resides in Brentwood, Long Island, with his wife Minnie, near enough to his two daughters and their children to allow him to see his grandchildren regularly, and he says, far enough away to see them irregularly if he chooses.

Dom is an opera enthusiast, and, having spent his youth in the country where singers abound, is no exception to the rule. One can now and then hear him singing some aria in a full melodious basso voice while he works.

His eldest daughter Jean sang professionally before she married, but gave it up in favor of family life.

NEW IEEE PEOPLE

We would like to welcome to the IEEE staff:

Maryann Masciarelli	Editorial
Camille Policastro	Editorial
Maryann Salvo	Editorial
Irene Koshak	Editorial
Anita Schleider	Educational Services
Arlene Ritter	TAB
Athena Coles	TAB
Jo-Ann Biley	TAB
Bertram Bradshaw	Educational Services

A HOY MAUREEN

Maureen Hoy, Awards Dept., arrived at the office on December 10, with a sparkler on the fourth finger of her left hand. She became engaged to John Zimmermann who is presently stationed in Nebraska as an "MP" in the Army.

WILL KAREN PRINGLE BEAT KRIS KRINGLE

Karen Pringle, the tall, willowy blonde from Editorial, left on November 12 to await the arrival of her firstborn. Although the baby is expected just before December 25, it is expected that a competent doctor, and not Santa Claus, will herald its arrival! It will not be our wish, eager as it is, that makes Karen and husband Dennis' Christmas especially happy this year.

WILD WEST

Tillie Gross, Editorial, has returned from a four-week vacation to the West Coast. Although the main part of her stay was in San Francisco and Los Angeles, she managed to visit three cities in other states including Las Vegas, and the Grand Canyon. It must have been a wild time!

SOUTHBOUND

Joan Wissing, Editorial, and her husband visited Florida and Nassau for two weeks vacation.

FLOOR LIFTING

Walls are coming down; walls are going up; lots of noise is being made . . . all in the hope of giving the Editorial Department a New Look.

NO OUTLAWS THEY

Both Winnie Marks and Sylvia Kulchin of Servicing General will be mothers-in-law again. Winnie's daughter Elizabeth will be married in June while Sylvia's son Martin David will be a bridegroom in January . . .

Great Grandmother Esther Shapiro, our most permanent temporary, is with us again, this time in Servicing General. Welcome back, Aunt Esther!

LARRY LEONARD SHIFTS

We wish to announce the arrival of Larry Leonard, Staff Secretary of the Student Branches and Education Committees, and his staff, Onsie Gesell and Judy O'Dell, to the 10th floor. This department was formerly located on the 15th floor and the 10th floor employees wish to extend our heartiest welcome.

WEDDING WISH

Best wishes to Larry Pomatto, Accounting, who will marry Carmela Linfante on Saturday December 18, at 3:30 P.M. The ceremony will be held at the R.C. Church of St. Paul in Jersey City, N.J.

PROMOTION

Migue Roffe, Editorial, moved into a new position of handling traffic for all IEEE TRANSACTIONS publications.

Marcie McMurrer, former Senior assistant Editor for several IEEE Transactions, has joined the staff of Spectrum as News Editor.

TRANSFER

Onsie Gessel has transferred from the office of Larry Leonard, Staff Secretary of the Student Branches and Education Committees, to the office of Emily L. Sirjane, Membership Services. She will be replaced by Anita Schleider.

FAREWELL

We hereby extend our best wishes to the following people who have recently left or are leaving IEEE.

John Peterson	Printing
Myma Rivera	TAB
Eve Otto Jewell	Educational Services
Barrie Samuels	Editorial
Elaine Reiner	Editorial

WANTED

LOST

Eva Kazazian of Service Groups lost her overcoat near the phonebooths of the dining room. Any information will be appreciated.

DOES ANYONE WANT A KITTEN?

Betty Stillman, Administrative Assistant to Mr. Fink, celebrated a marvelous event this past November 8. Her cat, Baby, became the proud mama of twins. One lucky little kitten already has found a home, and Betty is now trying to place the remaining one. If you think you would love to have a soft, grey, furry little kitten with enormous eyes and a sweet disposition, please do not hesitate to call X335.

Wishing Well

Noemi Toranzo, one of our recent brides, has been admitted to Knickerbocker Hospital for an undetermined stay. We all send her our prayers and good wishes for a quick recovery.

CREDITS TO THE INTERCOM STAFF

Barbara Brenner	Office Services
Elizabeth Escala	Sections
Arlene Ferrero	Accounting
Joan Funk	Administration
Nelson Hibshman	Executive Consultant
Margot Houston	Editorial
Kathy Jennings	General Servicing
Madeline Kane	Education/Information
Esther Kelmenson	TAB
Jack Kinn	Education/Information
Vicki Neira	EDP
John Peterson	Printing
Richard Moeller	Printing
Rudy Spatarella	Printing
Arthur Spatarella	Printing
Frank Svec	Treasury
Herb Taylor	Art
Agnes Watson	Executive
Joan Wissing	Editorial

MEMORANDUM

To The Editor of INTERCOM Date 11-15-65

From Larry Cumming and Gene Bond

SUBJECT: "Thank You."

We, Gene Bond and Larry Cumming, have gone into several huddles since our wonderful "surprise" retirement party on October 14th. Larry finally, by devious means, obtained a list of the more than 200 contributors to the party. Then we were puzzled as to how to thank all you grand people for your magnificent gesture of friendship — the most important thing in the world today.

It appears well-nigh impossible to thank each of you individually, so we take the liberty of thanking all IEEE staff members through INTERCOM.

To those who contributed so generously to our party (and to Larry's lovely silver bowl and Gene's beautiful book of "testimonials" and her typewriter), thank you for your contribution to the best party ever.

To the Officers, Board Members, Committee and Group Chairmen, Members, the IEEE Staff and all our fellow employees, please believe that we shall never forget the satisfactions which came from our association with you. Your cooperation, your interest and patience all have added up to a full life for both of us over the years.

Happy Birthday

BELATEDLY

Pauline Quinn (Coding)	November 1
Elinore Brandt (Membership)	November 2
Barbara Brenner (Office Services)	November 2
Ralph Cerrullo (Mail Dept.)	November 6
Esther Kelmenson (TAB)	November 10
D. Bonafede Mail Dept.)	November 14
Dee Weitz (Servicing General)	November 16
Mary Infante (Research)	November 17
Elaine Donwito (Membership)	November 17
Peggy Sullivan (Research)	November 22
Frances Capuano (TAB)	November 24
Cathy Gonzalez (Servicing Groups)	November 27
Betty Barber, (Membership)	November 30
Andera Navarro (Research)	November 30

DECEMBER

Doris Unger (TAB)	December 13
Diana Shapiro (Membership)	December 14
Elizabeth Clark (Office Services)	December 25
Edward Spatarella (EDP)	December 25
Edwin MacDonald (TAB)	December 29
Dorothy Montana (Membership)	December 31

REMEMBER CHRISTMAS 1964 AT 79TH STREET?

Here are some of the highlights of last years party to refresh your memory.

A good time was had by all. . . .



Party Chairman

Bill Layton

Committee Members

- Tony Canarozzi
- Marian Klima
- Charles Breslin
- Warren Braun
- Arthur Spatarella
- Millie Smith

- Dolores Wright
- Pat Penick
- Mary Horan
- Rudy Spatarella
- Barbara Brenner

The members of the IEEE Christmas Party Committee welcome you to attend the Third Annual IEEE Employees Christmas Party to be held on Wednesday, December 22, from 3 PM to 6PM in the large exhibition hall, 1st floor U.E.C.