

Rehearsal Party for Julia and David

June 3. 2016

Good evening everyone. For those of you that we have not met yet, I am Mario Turco and this is my wife Susan and we are the Parents of David, the Groom. On behalf of our family and the family of Kristos and Ipakoi Paridis family, we welcome everyone and thank everyone for joining us on the eve of David and Julia Wedding. We had a wonderful rehearsal and I know that we are all excited for the real ceremony tomorrow, Thank you to all of you for the effort you have made to be here.

When I think to just a short few years back at Christmas time when David brought Julia to our home in Ontario, we fell in love with her immediately. One of Julia first introduction to the whole Turco family was the yearly tradition we have where all our families about 25-30 people get together at my brother Frank and sister-in-law Lina's home for Christmas Eve dinner. It is a very loud and noisy affair where it seems like everyone is talking at the same time and where the kids and Frank's two dogs are running around trying to get their share of the attention.

When Dave brought Julia to the dinner and introduced her to everyone, I noticed how quickly she joined in the conversations and how well she fit in this organized confusion. We knew then that Dave had himself a real find. I wasn't sure she'd last with a rowdy family like ours but once we got to know her, we could see why David fell in love with her and why they fit so well together. She informed me later that she came from a big family too and not much different than ours and that she felt very comfortable with everyone. It's hard to imagine our family without her now. And I am sure that her family feels the same about Dave.

So we are here the day before their wedding day and we are here to start the celebration.

Susan and I want to thank Julia and David, mostly Julia, for helping us organize this reception because it was organized over the phone and they did most of the arranging. So if it goes well tell us but if it doesn't blame Dave.

Congratulations to the soon to be newlyweds. Thank you to everyone. Eat, Drink and Enjoy yourself. Tomorrow we do it all again.