

SURGEON SPOTLIGHT

Editor's note: The bulk of PSN's pages are devoted to specific elements of our mission statement – to keep members informed of the social, political and economic trends and educational opportunities that affect the specialty of plastic surgery.

PSN is pleased to take liberties with the "social" aspect of its mission statement by presenting a good-natured look at the lives of notable members who we believe are making significant contributions to the specialty.



Domenico De Fazio, MD

IN THIS ISSUE, we present to you ASPS International Member **Domenico De Fazio, MD, Milan, Italy**. Dr. De Fazio earned his medical degree at the University of Modena, Italy, and trained in reconstructive and microsurgery at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi. Dr. De Fazio is a member of the Italian Society of Plastic, Reconstructive and Aesthetic Surgery – which signed a Memorandum of Understanding with ASPS in 2013 – and he currently holds the position of assistant in the Department of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery at St. Pio X Clinic, Milan. Dr. De Fazio found the time "in *Italia*" to answer the following questions for PSN:

If I had to start my career over, I would... Restart it again exactly as I had, but this time I would be more engaged in fellowships abroad.

The greatest influence on my decision to become a Plastic Surgeon was... Assisting my first instructor in the O.R. during my first year of medical school. I fell immediately and deeply in love with this art.

The best thing about being a Plastic Surgeon is... The ability to create and contribute beauty.

The best thing I ever purchased for my office is... My writing desk for one of my consultation rooms... and, of course, my team – though they are not purchased, of course; rather, they have chosen to stay with me.

An operation I no longer perform is... Post-bariatric surgery on massive weight-loss patients.

The greatest single contribution to Plastic Surgery is... Lipoplasty.

Younger surgeons today... Are lucky because they have a whole life to create their art.

My all-time favorite movies are... "I Vitelloni" (director Federico Fellini); "Mediterraneo" (director Gabriele Salvatores) and "The Big Lebowski" (Coen Brothers).

The best dish I cook is... Risotto alla Battagliola, which is a Lambrusco wine-based plate.

The best vacation I ever took was... Climbing Mount Rosa, Italy – a difficult mountain with an elevation of 4,000 meters.

The best thing a grateful patient ever gave me was... After a breast reconstructive surgery, a patient wrote the following to me: "You gave me back my femininity, you made me feel like a woman again."



Dr. De Fazio and his companion, Rosy, enjoy a night out.



Dr. De Fazio scales the 3,181-meter Sassalungo mountain in Val Gardena, Italy.

The best part of next weekend will be... Skiing.

The funniest tattoo I have ever seen was... Two eyes, one on each buttock.

I seriously collect... Antique books.

The words I try to live by are... Eighteen, until I die.

The biggest surprise I have had in the O.R. was... My surprise birthday party.

The first website I check in the morning is... Mine, then I get the weather forecast.

The last book I've read is... *The Bad Girl: A Novel* by Mario Vargas Llosa.

I couldn't operate without... My surgical team. 