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Pre-Game Buffet: 5:30 pm

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

2019



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SOCIAL CALENDAR

January



- 01 ~ HAPPY NEW YEAR-I.A.C.C MEMBERSHIP OFFICE CLOSED**
- 02 ~ Member Exclusive: Weekly Co-Ed Poker Game Noon**
- 02 ~ Member Exclusive: Weekly Men's Poker Game 5:00 pm**
- 06 ~ Lunch With La Befana Noon**
- 09 ~ Member Exclusive: Weekly Co-Ed Poker Game Noon**
- 09 ~ Member Exclusive: Weekly Men's Poker Game 5:00 pm**
- 09 ~ No Women's League Meeting ~ Winter Break**
- 16 ~ Member Exclusive: Weekly Co-Ed Poker Game Noon**
- 16 ~ Member Exclusive: Weekly Men's Poker Game 5:00 pm**
- 16 ~ No I.A.C.C. Board Meeting**
- 23 ~ Member Exclusive: Weekly Co-Ed Poker Game Noon**
- 23 ~ Member Exclusive: Weekly Men's Poker Game 5:00 pm**
- 30 ~ Member Exclusive: Weekly Co-Ed Poker Game Noon**
- 30 ~ Member Exclusive: Weekly Men's Poker Game 5:00**



Upcoming Events:

- 02/03 Super Bowl 53 Party 4:00 pm-10:00 pm**
- 03/02 Carnevale 6:30 pm - 11:30 pm**
- 03/17 Saint Patrick - Saint Joseph Mass and Brunch**
- 04/13 Arthur Avenue "Little Italy in the Bronx" Bus Trip**



President's Message

Happy New Year to all!

I am excited, humbled and honored to have been elected by the Board of Directors to serve as President of the I.A.C.C. once again. The last few years have seen many positive changes take place here at our club. These positive changes begin and are made possible by you, the members. It is January, which means you should have received your annual dues invoices in the mail. The prompt payment of your dues allows for the uninterrupted operation of this fine organization. The second part of being a member and helping the club grow is by participation. If you are a regular attendee to our many social events, thank you, and we hope you continue to support our activities by your attendance. If you have a suggestion for an activity that we currently do not offer, please contact the office and share that idea with us. The third and best way you can help the club grow and function better is through your involvement and sharing your talents. You can volunteer as much as you care to offer and time allows, please share your talents with us, your talents are often worth much more than your dues. I would like to especially direct the women of the club to attend the Women's League meetings. All the female members of the Italian American Community Center are automatically members of the Women's League. The Women's League meets, in the good weather months, on the second Wednesday of every month. They bring in entertaining and informative guests every month to highlight an event, activity or cause in our community. The Women's League has been and continues to be the lifeline for almost all of our charitable giving and contributions to the community, but we need more women to step up, attend and get involved. If you know of an activity, a speaker of interest or a charitable organization please contact our Women's League representatives.

Some of the upcoming activities here at the club will be Lunch with La Befana on Sunday, January 6, please bring the family for a fun-filled afternoon and the close of the Christmas Season functions at the club. February will bring our usual huge Super Bowl Party, make your reservations early, last year we sold out. March we will hold our annual Carnevale celebration which has truly grown to a premiere event in the short time Frank Zeoli and the social committee have nurtured this event. In March we will also hold the annual Saint Patrick's/Saint Joseph Day Mass and Brunch as well. April will bring forth our bus trip to Arthur Ave. which already has many people signed up (call and reserve your spot) and May everything returns to full swing with the pavilion, bocce courts and pool all reopening along with the Women's League Fashion Show and Luncheon and we will all wonder where the time went. In closing, I want to wish all once again, the happiest and healthiest 2019. Cheers! Here is to another great year at the I.A.C.C.

JIM SANO
ITALIAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY CENTER
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Family Christmas Party

BY: DONNA ZUMBO

Once again on Sunday, December 9th, the Women's League of the IACC sponsored the Family Christmas Party. The ballroom was filled to capacity and it was a huge success! Almost 50 children were treated to a great story by our favorite storyteller, Barbara Palumbo. After a delicious meal by Mallozzi's, DJ Ernie, a favorite at all our family parties for many years, provided the music and games. This year he got the children and adults involved in some interesting gift wrapping games. After the raffles prizes for both children and adults were given out, the only thing left was, of course, SANTA! And this year MRS. CLAUS arrived with Santa! All of the children were given a gift from Santa and there were many treasured photos taken.

Once again, this event was made possible with the help of many. A special thank you to Jeanette Anziano, Angela Pauley, Carmela DiCarlo, Gail Tarantino, Marilyn Quadrini, Mary Lou Marando, Maria DeNitto and Gretchen VanValkenburg. Without all this help, the party would not be possible. Thank you to all.



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Over the past few years, several of my columns have dealt with the importance of our ancestors' names, when researching their important records to extend our family trees. Because I continually receive questions about Sicilian and Italian given names, surnames, nicknames, 'maiden' names and so on, I'll recap, with some details I've more recently learned about each of those types.

I'll begin with the earliest presentation of names, those in sacramental church records, made before the time that 'civil' record-keeping began in Sicily and the northern duchies and civil states of the Apennine peninsula (that is before the early 1800's). The sacraments involved were baptism, chrismation (confirmation), marriage and extreme unction. Because extreme unction is the sacrament administered just preceding death, these latter records are termed 'death records.' The earliest church records (as early as the 15th century), and in many cases those to this day, were written in the official church language, Latin. Here are points to remember about names in Latin records:

'Given', or 'first' names are usually different than they are in the Italian language. The Latin for *Giovanni* is *Joannes*; for *Felice* it's *Felix*; for *Vincenza* it's *Vincenia*, and so on. This is more the case for masculine names, where virtually all have differences between Latin and Italian. Many feminine names are the same in Latin and Italian: *Maria*, *Angela*, *Rosa*, etc.;

Once civil records were kept for births, marriages and deaths, they were written in the official language of the region. Even though there was no nation known as 'Italy' prior to 1861, the official language was Italian. Many descendants of immigrants knew their *nannu* or *nanna* only by the short family-used versions of their Sicilian/Italian given names. A brief list of these follows.

<i>Calò</i>	Calogero	<i>Lilla</i>	Calogera	<i>Peppi</i>	Giuseppe	<i>Sara</i>	Rosaria
<i>Ciccio</i>	Francesco	<i>Lillo</i>	Calogero	<i>Pina</i>	Giuseppa	<i>Saro</i>	Rosario
<i>Gero</i>	Calogero	<i>Mela</i>	Carmela	<i>Pippina</i>	Giuseppa	<i>Tanuzzu</i>	Gaetano
<i>Giro</i>	Girolamo	<i>Mina</i>	Filomena	<i>Rina</i>	Catarina	<i>Toto</i>	Antonio
<i>Lena</i>	Leonarda	<i>Nina</i>	Antonina	<i>Rita</i>	Margherita	<i>Turidda</i>	Salvatrice
<i>Lina</i>	Angela	<i>Nino</i>	Antonino	<i>Sabina</i>	Isabella	<i>Turiddu</i>	Salvatore

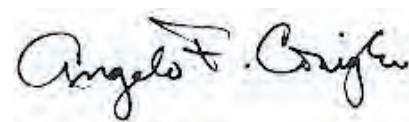
NAMES, NAMES, NAMES

Surnames or family names are usually the same in Latin as in Italian.

Given names vary with the usage of the name in the record. A marriage record for Antonio Russo, son of Angelo, e. g., would list *Antonius* and *Angelus* in the margin, but the actual record would say the groom was 'filius *Angeli*', where 'filius' means 'son' and '*Angeli*' means 'of *Angelus*'. The 'i' ending on a masculine name that normally ends in 'us' is the 'genitive' form, carrying the meaning 'of' or 'from'. For feminine names ending in 'a', the genitive ending is 'e', usually handwritten to look like an uppercase 'E'. So '*filius Mariae*' means 'son of *Maria*'; '*filius Rosae*' means 'son of *Rosa*', etc.

A potentially confusing aspect of Latin names is that in many cases, they are different from the corresponding Italian names, but the same as the eventual 'Americanized' name. The Italian name '*Giuseppe*' is '*Joseph*' in church Latin; '*Michele*' is '*Michael*' in Latin; '*Felice*' is '*Felix*' in Latin; and '*Elisabetta*' is '*Elisabeth*' in Latin. See my web page at <http://bit.ly/LatinGivenNames>

It's important to search original records using the correct 'proper' name, as shortened names were never 'official'. Also, often the diminutive forms of many feminine names were used by families. *Angelina*, *Rosina*, *Concettina* (little *Angela*, little *Rosa*, etc.) were *Angela*, *Rosa* and so on in official records. Be open-minded. Don't say "That *Angela* can't be my grandmother, her name was *Angeline*."



Coniglio is the author of the book *The Lady of the Wheel*, inspired by his Sicilian research. Order the paperback or the Kindle version at <http://bit.ly/SicilianStory>. *Coniglio's* web page at <http://bit.ly/AFCGen> has helpful hints on genealogic research. If you have genealogy questions, or would like him to lecture to your club or group, e-mail him at genealogytips@aol.com

Fennel SALAD



In addition to being super delicious, fennel has so many health benefits. It helps with digestion, contains vitamin C, fiber, potassium, calcium, iron, and tons of other nutrients and vitamins. And at only 73 calories for an entire raw bulb, you can put it on your list of things to eat while watching your weight after the holidays!



The bulb (white part), stalks, and fronds (green leaves) are all edible, but we will only be using the bulb for this salad and some fronds for garnish. Cut the stalks off from the top of the bulb, and remove the root on the bottom of the bulb (like when you cut the bottom of an onion off). Halve the bulb in two and then slice. Rinse the sliced fennel with water.

Instructions:

In a bowl, toss fennel with the juice of one lemon, 1 tablespoon of extra virgin olive oil, sea salt and cracked black pepper to taste. Chop some of the fronds from the top of the fennel and rinse. Garnish on top of the salad.

That's it! So easy, but so tasty! This would make a great salad for lunch, as a side dish for dinner, or an after-meal refreshment to help digest!



WOMEN'S LEAGUE



*H*appy New Year To All! As is our practice , the Women's League will not meet in January and February.

At our December meeting we had our Christmas Party. Our theme was "A Pajama Party". We enjoyed great food, games, a grab bag, and most of all, one another.

The Women's League elected the officers for 2019.

Gretchen VanValkenburg -President

Lynn Indelicato- Vice-President

Joan Wallis -Treasurer

Marilyn Quadrini- Secretary.

Congratulations to all and we look forward to a great 2019!

During the winter hiatus our officers will busy themselves with plans for 2019. Committee members for our biggest event , our "Mother -Daughter Luncheon and Fashion show " will also get to work. This year the date will be a little later, scheduled for Sunday ,May 19th. Please "Save the Date".

As I end my term as President, I want to say thank you to everyone for supporting the Women's League activities and community projects.

Remember our next meeting will be Wednesday, March 13, 2019.

Linda C. Hoffman
Out-going President



The I.A.C.C. Foundation in conjunction with SEFCU and Roma Intangible Lodge #215 are pleased to announce the following scholarship program



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Here's To An Amazing 2019 At The Club!



ARTHUR AVENUE



Little Italy



On Saturday, December 1st, a group of Italian food lovers made our first pre-Christmas trip to Arthur Avenue in the Bronx. Some of us, myself included, took a quick side trip to Manhattan to see the tree and skaters at Rockefeller Center, and the windows in Macy's. We did the roundtrip in under two hours. This still left plenty of time to gather up all the Italian products for the holidays and, of course, eat a late lunch, have some pastry and a cup of espresso. Don't miss this new experience next year and certainly do not miss our regular pre-Easter trip to Arthur Ave on Saturday, April 13th

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Christmas Tree Lighting



Holidays at the IACC are a special time filled with love, laughter and fun. On December 2nd, to start the Christmas season, we held a tree lighting ceremony. Nearly 100 men, women and children attended the event to watch with anticipation as we lit the tree in celebration of the most wonderful time of the year.



Paul and Louise Giuliano and her dance troupe danced the Tarantella in the shadows of our lit tree and Sherri Bellucci and the Christmas Ramblers led us in several Christmas carols. We finished it all off with homemade hot chocolate and Christmas cookies in the Caruso room. It was a great way to kick off the season and celebrate all that is offered to us in our lives





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January Birthdays



- Anna Acconi
- Eugene Aiuppa
- Sandra Arneault
- Helen Articolo
- Janice Batchelor
- Joseph Bertasso
- John Bremm
- Alison Burnside
- Luciana Caranfa
- Jessica Carrow
- Michael Celona
- John Coppola
- Nadine Cunningham
- Susan Daniels
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- Gail Dillon
- Pam Drzewiecki
- Judy Eckler

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- Stephen Franke
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- Stephen Giles
- Bryan Goldberger
- Gretchen Graydon
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- Vera Hall
- Sally Hart
- Camille Hoheb
- Steve Iarossi
- Cara Joyce
- Laura Konopka
- Mary Ann Macri
- Sheelah Malagrida
- Christine Marando
- Julie Massaroni
- Marcella Michel

- Frank Padula
- Barbara Palumbo
- Debra Placito
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- John Riley
- Robert Saddlemire
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