



## ST. PATRICK AND ST. JOSEPH MASS AND BRUNCH

By Jim Sano



On Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, we were so honored to have Bishop Edward Scharfenberger as the celebrant for our annual St. Patrick's and St. Joseph's Mass and Brunch. This truly was a blessed day and a marvelous event. Our large banquet room was bursting at the seams with

the Foundation, for helping to plan and organize the day's events. Thank you to Santa Pasquini, Linda Sciocchetti, and Victor Consiglio for creating our printed program. I want to



nearly 200 people in attendance. There were representatives from all the local Italian American organizations, to pay respect and welcome Bishop Edward Scharfenberger to the Capital District Italian American community. I want to personally thank each and every one who attended to make this day so special. In my almost 40 years of being associated as a member, this day will be fondly remembered as one of my favorite events.



make a special mention about Santa Pasquini for her tireless planning and organizing of this event since its inception, well over 25 years ago. Santa, you are to be admired for your dedication to this event.

In addition I wish to extend my special gratitude to the following: Laborers' Local 190, Knights of Columbus #173, CSEA, Anthony

Sabatino (Realty USA), and Bricklayers Allied Craftworkers Local #2. I would like to add a very special thank you to the Mallozzi family for their support and donations for this event, in addition to the usual great food and service.

Thank you to Frank Zeoli, President of the IACC

Foundation, Maria LaMorte, President of the Women's League, and Donna Zumbo, Vice President of



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I want to offer my sincere thanks and gratitude to all our volunteers for the many marvelous events that occurred in March, as well as to all those who came out and supported those events. We set out as a Board of Directors with a most ambitious slate of activities for March and accomplished our goal: to shake off the blahs of a miserable winter. I want to continue this momentum and encourage all our members to please get

involved. This enthusiasm can be contagious and we want to keep building on that throughout the year. Please get involved in whatever way best fits your talents, interests, and schedule. Our volunteer members and friends of the IACC step up and keep this organization a vibrant organization.

If you have a particular talent and would like to volunteer please send me an email at [jsano15@aol.com](mailto:jsano15@aol.com) and tell me what talents you want to share with us. We will put them to good use.

April 22<sup>nd</sup> is Administrative Professionals' Day and I want to extend a special thank you to our office staff of Nancy Furnia and Linda Sciocchetti for the wonderful job they do throughout the year. I want them to know how much we all appreciate them.

In closing, I want to wish all a fun-filled, blessed and Happy Easter, surrounded by the love of your families.

*Jim Sano, President*

## April Calendar

View our complete online Calendar at [italianamerican.com](http://italianamerican.com)

Every Monday	Italian Grand Buffet Intermediate Language Class Open Bowling
Every Thursday	Chair Yoga
April 1, Wednesday	Foundation Board Meeting, 6:30 P.M.
April 15, Wednesday	Board Meeting, 6:30 P.M.
April 16, Thursday	Book Club

### Save the Date

May 11, Monday	Men's Pre-Season Bocce begins
May 12, Tuesday	Women's Bocce League begins
May 13, Wednesday	55+ Club Meeting
May 17, Sunday	Mother/Daughter Luncheon and Fashion Show
June 8, Monday	Men's Bocce League begins
June 24, Wednesday	Bus Trip to Yankees Game

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## 55+ Club *By Sharon Patrei*

Our 55+ luncheon activities will commence on Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at noon in the Lounge of the restaurant. This year we will have some finely-planned bus trips for you and your friends and family. At our first meeting, we will distribute tour schedules from Wade and Yankee Trails. We will ask each of you to mark your preferences of their scheduled trips. Please know that when we schedule trips with either of these two companies, they will seat us together as a group, much the same as if we hired our own bus. Signing up with them helps to insure that our trip is secure. Please join us on the 13<sup>th</sup> to make new friends and learn about our upcoming activities. Our lunch choices are steak sandwich or pesto turkey club, accompanied by a house salad, dessert, and coffee or tea. The price is \$20 per person. Please mail a check to Carole Mann, P.O. Box 463, Waterford NY 12188 and be sure to note your lunch choice.

## CHAIR YOGA

Yoga instructor, Tracy Swanson is teaching a yoga class called Chair Yoga. Everyone can do this. The class continues on Thursday evenings through April 30<sup>th</sup>. The class is held upstairs in the IACC Boardroom and begins at 6:30 P.M. for one hour. Classes are open to men and women.



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# IACC Foundation Book Club

By Richard Ognibene

## Falling In Love With Italy---Twice

On Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup> the book club will discuss *Head Over Heel: Seduced By Southern Italy*, a light-hearted contemporary memoir in which the author, Chris Harrison, tells the story of meeting a beautiful Italian woman, Daniela, falling in love with her, and then with her village in Puglia. Harrison shares tales from his two years of courtship with Daniela, whom he met in Ireland and then followed home to the heel of the boot. Daniela, of course, comes from one of those small Italian towns with gorgeous scenery, peculiar characters, and memorable encounters. Harrison, an Australian



who does an excellent job of vividly painting each scene from ridiculous meetings with the carabinieri to the over-the-top religious festivals so prevalent in Italian communities. Harrison is a keen observer and brilliant writer. As he repeatedly acknowledges, his portrayal of southern Italians is never condescending though his reality and frames of references are simply different from theirs. They will be different from ours as well. We will discuss *Head Over Heel* on Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 P.M., and no doubt enjoy Harrison's amusing take on the charming Southern Italian peculiarities we know well.

The Book Club meets at 7:00 P.M. at the IACC and is free and open to the public. For further information contact Dick Ognibene at [rtognibene@nycap.rr.com](mailto:rtognibene@nycap.rr.com) or at 372-4919.

## Yankees vs Phillies Baseball Game



**Wednesday, June 24**

8:00 A.M. Meet in parking lot

8:15 A.M. Bus will leave IACC Parking Lot

1:05 P.M. Yankees vs. Philadelphia Phillies

Dinner stop on Arthur Avenue, Bronx

9:00 P.M. Estimated time bus will return to IACC

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Reservations: IACC Office 456-4222

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## Women's Bocce League

IT'S ALMOST BOCCE TIME!

The Women's Bocce League will begin on Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> and play until Tuesday, August 11<sup>th</sup>. All games begin at 6:30 P.M., except the 1<sup>st</sup> week, when we begin at 6:00 P.M. Team Captains from last year should contact their teammates to make sure they are still available. Anyone with a vacancy should let me know as soon as possible so we can fill them. Ideally, each team should have 5 players, but 4 players are still acceptable.

Any and all ladies of the IACC are encouraged to join. Anyone who has played in the past can tell you how much fun we have. If you haven't played in the past, please give us a try--no experience needed!!

Please call me, 424-7463, to join our Women's Bocce League.

*Donna Zumbo, President WBL*

## A Bronx Tale

Was at Proctor's on March 22<sup>nd</sup>



*Our group from the IACC, backstage with the star of the show, Chazz Palminteri*

## Community Events

The American Italian Heritage Museum is hosting a couple of events in April:

- Wednesday, April 1 at 11:00 A.M. Prof./Cav. Philip J. DiNovo will give a presentation about Italian Easter Traditions with a slide show. Free.
- Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 A.M. *Sing Along with Sarah* – American and Italian songs to be sung with Sarah Wellen. Free.

Reservations are required for all the events. They are open to the public. The events are held in the Italian Cultural Center on the second floor of the museum. For details call the museum at 435-1979.



### Italian Language Class continues

**Intermediate Level**

**Monday Nights, 7 P.M.**

**April 6, 13, 20, 27, May 4**

### Men's Bocce League



Beginning May 11, the men will play pre-season bocce at 6:30 P.M. Games will be open to members and non-members. No official teams will be formed. Even if you have no experience, come join the fun. Members will be available to teach the fine points of the game. Call Jim Sano with any questions, 577-6158.

Regular season starts on June 8 and ends on August 31.

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# IACC Foundation News

The Foundation has had an exciting month. On March 15<sup>th</sup> our annual St. Patrick's and St. Joseph's Mass welcomed Bishop Scharfenberger with a crowd of almost 200 people. It was a tremendously successful event and fundraiser for the Foundation. Our next event, on March 29<sup>th</sup> is a film screening and panel discussion of the documentary *The Neighborhood that Disappeared*. The author and producer, as well as several IACC members who were featured in the documentary, will be on hand to discuss the making of the film and answer questions from the audience.

I am happy to announce two new great events that are being planned. The first will be our annual St. Anthony's Mass on Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. This year we will follow up the Mass with an authentic Sunday Dinner in the Pavilion. Ferragosto 2015, the second event, will be held on the Pavilion Grounds on August 15<sup>th</sup>. This traditional Italian holiday, held on

the Feast of the Assumption, will feature food, music, games, and a bonfire to end the evening. More information on both of these events will follow in the next issue of the *Siamo Qui*. Stay tuned.

In addition, I have appointed a new Pavilion Committee to oversee the Pavilion's numerous events. I have divided the committee into three very important parts. I am very grateful to Sandrina (Maria) DeNitto and her committee of Gail Tarantino, Mary Lou Marando, Dino Barbato, and Pina Tirino for handling the food and kitchen responsibilities. Nick Mancini and his committee of Al Sacca, John Ritz, Angelo Culmo, and Carlo Recupero will be handling the maintenance and grounds of our Pavilion. Finally, Donna Zumbo and Sharon Patrei will be overseeing all Pavilion rentals. I wish to thank them all for their commitment and dedication to the Pavilion and to the Foundation.

*Frank Zeoli, Foundation President*

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# Finding Our Immigrant Ancestry by Angelo F. Coniglio

## PRIMARY RECORDS

Passports, death certificates, headstones, or military records may give a birth date for your ancestor. However, all of these are *secondary* records. That is, they were made on documents or items created well after a child's birth, sometimes decades later. Censuses and passenger manifests often give a person's age, from which a birth year can be calculated. These, too, are *secondary* records of birth.

A primary record is one made at, or shortly after, the event it documents. The Italian and Sicilian church and civil records I have discussed are *primary* records. A person's birth record, made in the town's permanent register, when his father reported the particulars of birth, is a *primary record*. The birth date on the person's tombstone is a "secondary record": the date was told to someone and inscribed it on the stone. There is no absolute proof on the stone that the date is correct. A marriage record made at the time of the marriage is a primary record of the marriage. However, if it gives birth dates, the marriage record is a *secondary* record of birth.

One source of primary records is the Mormon Church, which has made micro-film copies of original records from hundreds of towns and parishes. These are photocopies of original records, and, as such, carry the same weight for genealogy purposes. (Unless specifically noted, I am referring to records used for genealogical research. Records that are needed for legal purposes usually require some type of certification from the original issuing authority.) Micro-films must be rented for viewing at a local *Mormon FamilySearch Center (FSC)*. Covered towns usually have civil records from 1820 through 1920. The free site <https://familysearch.org> has on-line records for many towns, as does the subscription site *Ancestry.com*, but generally only for the years between 1866 and 1910. If the information you want is not available on micro-film or on-line, you may have to contact the towns or churches by phone, mail, e-mail, by personal visits, or by having a friend or paid representative initiate the contact.

Most Italian and Sicilian *comuni*, or towns, have an *Anagrafe* (Registry Office) in the *Municipio* (Town Hall) or nearby. There the *Registri* (Registers) of civil records, dating back to the early 1800s, are kept, and are available for perusal by the public. Accessibility varies by town.

Some will provide photocopies of the records or allow you to take photos with your own camera. Others do not and you may have to hand-copy the desired information. For certified proof of a birth (for a fee), the town clerk will provide a stamped *estratto certificate* (certified extract). If you are interested in records for genealogical purposes, it is important to recognize that, while it is a legal document, an extract is a *derivative* record that gives minimum detail: name and birth date of the child and the names of parents. The actual document, bound in the register, usually gives much more information about the child and family. This should be copied, even if by hand.

It could be argued that church baptism records are *not* primary records of birth. Their purpose was obviously religious, recording an important sacrament. However, before civil records were kept, the church was often the closest thing to a civil authority and the only record indicating the existence of a new life was the baptismal record. As with civil records, no "certificate" was given out. The administration of the sacrament was recorded in a register. This gave the date of the baptism and often noted when the child had been born. Besides naming the child, parents and godparents, and the presiding priest, no other information was given. When the baptism record gave the date of birth, especially before civil records were kept, I consider it to be a primary record of birth. Before the early 1800s, since infant mortality was great, it was church policy to baptize newborns as soon as possible. A baptism record may not prove your ancestor's *exact* date of birth, but it does prove that he or she was born, probably within a week of the baptism date.

Repositories of church records are more variable than those of civil documents. For some towns, they are on Mormon micro-film, often starting in the 1500s or 1600s. In most cases they are kept in individual churches, parish centers, or diocesan headquarters, and must be accessed by phone, mail, or personal visits.

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



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# Women's League

Ciao Ladies,

**H**appy Spring!! It's the first day of spring and the weatherman is predicting SNOW!! I really hope it will stay to the south and give us a break.

We had a wonderful event in March, the St. Joseph/St. Patrick Mass and Brunch. Bishop Edward Scharfenberger was a charming and inspirational speaker at Mass and a delightful guest at the brunch. His parting message was a request to simply ask someone to consider a vocation of service to the church. We were all so grateful to have shared the morning with the Bishop and to have introduced him to our site, so that he will feel comfortable to join us at other future events. Many thanks to Santa Pasquini whose dedication to this event is widely known.

I was unable to attend last month's WL meeting, but Carolina and Donna played Bingo with the attendees and awarded Lottery tickets to the winners.

Next month's meeting will be April 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 P.M. Our dinner choices are as follows: Bistro Steak, Chicken Francese, or Rigatoni with Alfredo and Broccoli. Salad will come first and dessert will be a Fruit Tart. The cost remains \$20. Please contact Donna Zumbo at dzumbo13@hotmail.com or 424-7463 to reserve (or cancel) considerately.

The theme of our April meeting is *Primavera - Spring Makeover*. We will offer professional makeup and hair ideas to refresh our looks for the warm weather to come. We will also offer an array of methods to use a scarf to accent or highlight a look or even hide a problem.

Let's get the gardening tools out and hope to soon be back outside in the sun.

Ci vediamo... see you soon,

Maria La Morte, Women's League President

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### Condolences

It is with great sadness that we report the loss of Lou Acconi, husband of Anna Acconi. Lou was a long-time involved member. He worked side-by-side with Anna in managing our Farmers' Market. Lou was such a wonderful presence in our club and will be deeply missed. Our condolences to Anna and her sons John and Louis and the entire Acconi family.

**Prayers Needed** All are asked to pray for Theresa Lomonoco during her illness.

*Please contact Christine DiIonna at  
cdiionna@gmail.com or 357-8711.*



## IACC Bowling

*By Maria Marchio*

Please come and join us for a night of bowling fun at Westlawn Lanes on Monday nights at 6:30 P.M. We bowl two games. The cost is \$3.50 per game and shoe rental is \$2.00. If you have any questions please call Maria Marchio at 438-9067. Open to members and non-members. Our last night of bowling will be Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup>.

## Red Lentil Soup

*Submitted by Sharon Patrei*

### Ingredients:

1 cup red lentils  
2 cartons no sodium vegetable stock  
2 cups water  
2 onions, chopped  
4 carrots, chopped thin  
3 cloves garlic, chopped  
1 tsp ground ginger  
2 tsp chili powder  
1 tsp salt  
2 tsp pepper



### Directions:

Rinse and sort lentils. Sauté vegetables until tender, about 15 minutes. Transfer to 6 qt. saucepan. Add lentils, stock, and spices. Cover and simmer one hour. Puree in a food processor. To serve, add herbed croutons to each serving. If soup is thin, remove cover and simmer until soup is thick.

## New Members

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## Happy Easter!





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## FACILITIES

Area's Best Italian Restaurant and Banquet Facilities  
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