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2017 Women's League
MOTHER DAUGHTER LUNCHEON

Sunday, April 30, 2017 at 12:30 p.m.
Cost \$25 ~ Children under 12 Free

Luncheon includes mimosa, choice of chicken parmesan, eggplant parmesan or steak Amalfi, salad, pasta, Villa Italia mocha cream cake and coffee/tea.

Children's menu includes fruit cup, chicken fingers, french fries, mixed vegetables and vanilla gelato with chocolate syrup for dessert.

Reservations are required.

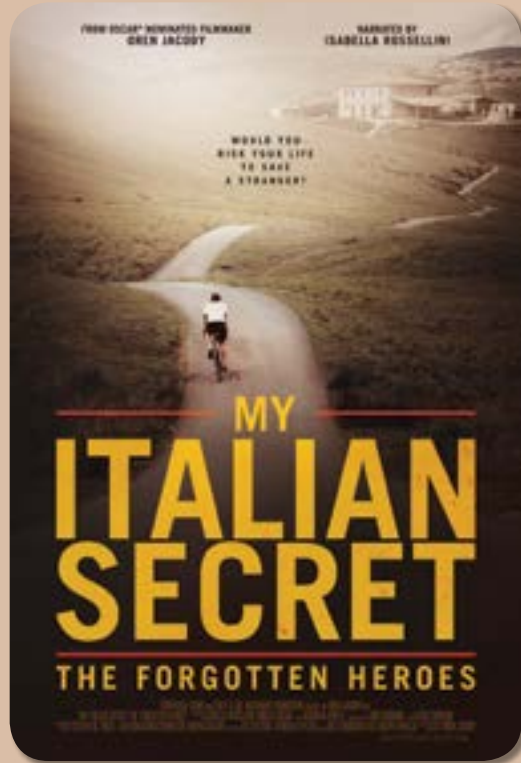
Reserve your spot today by calling the I.A.C.C Membership Office at (518) 456- 4222.

In addition to the fashion show we have a number of fantastic prizes that will be raffled!

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ONE-TIME SCREENING
Thursday, April 20, 2017 at 7:00 PM



My Italian Secret: The Forgotten Heroes reveals a clandestine Italian resistance movement that helped save many Jews during the Shoah. Among the figures spotlighted is Tour de France cycling champion Gino Bartali (voiced by Oscar nominee Robert Loggia). The film tells the story of brave Italians who defied the Nazis and Fascists to hide, rescue, and protect thousands of innocents during the Holocaust. Also featured is Dr. Giovanni Borromeo, who invented a fictitious disease to defend the Rome hospital where he was hiding Jews as well as other courageous Italians who carried out ingenious schemes to rescue Jews, artisans and refugees from Nazi-occupied Italy. These inspiring acts are recounted by descendants of rescuers and survivors, as well as those who escaped the concentration camps as children.

La Rabinessa Liora Kelman of Congregation Beth Isrsel will share her family history of survival. The Saranos of Milan were saved in the small Italian village of Mobaroccio during the Holocaust.

Sponsored by the Jewish-Catholic Dialogue Committee, The Roman Catholic Dioceses of Albany, The Jewish Federation of Northeastern NY and the American Italian Heritage Museum.

To reserve your seat, visit
www.proctors.org
or call the Proctors box office at
(518) 346-6204

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Social Calendar

April 2017

- 01 ~ **Family Easter Party 1:00 pm**
- 03 ~ Intermediate Italian Lessons 7:00 pm
- 05 ~ Member Exclusive: Weekly Co-Ed Poker Game Noon
- 05 ~ Member Exclusive: Weekly Men's Poker Game 5:00 pm
- 06 ~ Member Exclusive: Weekly Co-Ed Pinochle Game 6:30 pm
- 06 ~ Chair Yoga 6:30 pm
- 07 ~ Mixed Bowling at Westlawn Lanes 6:00 pm
- 08 ~ **Arthur Ave. Bronx Shopping Trip**
- 10 ~ Intermediate Italian Lessons 7:00 pm
- 12 ~ Member Exclusive: Weekly Co-Ed Poker Game Noon
- 12 ~ Member Exclusive: Weekly Men's Poker Game 5:00 pm
- 13 ~ Member Exclusive: Weekly Co-Ed Pinochle Game 6:30 pm
- 13 ~ Chair Yoga 6:30 pm
- 14 ~ Mixed Bowling at Westlawn Lanes 6:00 pm-Season End
- 17 ~ Mixed Bowling League End of Season Banquet- 6:00 pm
- 17 ~ Intermediate Italian Lessons 7:00 pm
- 19 ~ Member Exclusive: Weekly Co-Ed Poker Game Noon
- 19 ~ Member Exclusive: Weekly Men's Poker Game 5:00 pm
- 20 ~ Member Exclusive: Weekly Co-Ed Pinochle Game 6:30 pm
- 20 ~ Chair Yoga 6:30 pm
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- 24 ~ Intermediate Italian Lessons 7:00 pm
- 26 ~ Member Exclusive: Weekly Co-Ed Poker Game Noon
- 26 ~ Member Exclusive: Weekly Men's Poker Game 5:00 pm
- 27 ~ Member Exclusive: Weekly Co-Ed Pinochle Game 6:30 pm
- 27 ~ Chair Yoga 6:30 pm
- 30 ~ **Mother Daughter Luncheon/Fashion Show 12:30 p.m.**
- 31 ~ Intermediate Italian Lessons 7:00 pm

Upcoming Events:

- 05/09 **55+ Proctors Trip-Cabaret**
- 05/11 **55+ Trip to Turning Stone**
- 05/19 **Friday Nights at the Pavilion-Opening Night**
- 05/20 **Pre-Opening Pool Party**
- 05/25 **Yankee Game & Arthur Ave. Best of the Bronx Trip**
- 08/30 **55+ Trip to Saratoga- Italian Day at the Track**





President's Message

They say "April showers bring May flowers" or is it April snow? I know it's hard to think of summer with the storm we just had, however, the Pavilion Committee is hard at work organizing this year's pavilion activities. Included in this is our annual St. Anthony's Mass and Luncheon, Ferragosto and, of course, our Friday Nights in the Pavilion.

There will be a Pavilion Committee meeting on Monday, April 10th at 6:30 in the second floor board room. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss pavilion events and solicit volunteers. I personally invite everyone to attend the meeting and to get involved in these great family events.

Renovations are under way on our second floor president's room. The Renovations Committee has chosen a great remodel design for the room including new wall coverings, carpet and furnishings. Included in the renovation are state of the art audio and video conferencing capabilities. I would like to thank Dave Quadrini and his house committee for overseeing the renovation. I can't wait to see the finished product.

Ciao,

FRANK ZEOLI
ITALIAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY CENTER
PRESIDENT

Volunteers Wanted!

Volunteers are need to plan and work events. Volunteer a little or a lot. We are looking for all typets of volunteers. A large time commitment is not expected.

Pavilion Committee Meeting
Monday, April 10th 2017 at 6:30 pm
Second Floor Board Room
Refreshments will be served

Everyone is welcome. Need not be a member to attend.



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CLUB
NEWS &
EVENTS

St. Patrick and St. Joseph Mass & Brunch

*O*n Sunday, March 19th, we were honored to have Father Peter Young as the celebrant for our annual St. Patrick and St. Joseph Mass and Brunch. This truly was a blessed day and a marvelous event.

Our large banquet room was bursting at the seams with over 100 people in attendance. I want to personally thank each and every one who attended this event and helped make it so special. A special thank you to Frank Zeoli, President of the IACC, Maria Marchio, Santa Pasquini, and Theresa LaJoy, for planning and organizing this event once again this year.



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55+ CLUB

GREAT EVENTS

The 55+ Club is scheduling some exciting events for this coming year. For our first event, we will be traveling on **Tuesday, May 9th** to Proctors for the opening night performance of the award-winning play, **Cabaret**. The show is at **7:30 p.m.** We only have ten tickets at the special rate of **\$20**. Anyone who is interested in going to this show, please contact Maria Marchio to reserve and pay for your spot before these tickets are gone.



at PROCTORS

The next event will be two days later on **Thursday, May 11th**, when we will travel with Yankee Trails to **Turning Stone Casino**. The price for this trip is **\$19.00**. Please contact Maria Marchio for further information.



Turning Stone Casino

I would also like to note that bowling will end on April 14th. We will have our end of season banquet at the **Monday Night Buffet on April 17, 2017**. Please contact Maria Marchio to attend.

Come and join us for all of our events. These events are not just for 55+ members, they are open to all members. If you are interested, please contact Maria Marchio at 438-9067.

PAVILION CLEAN UP DAY - Earth Day



The Pavilion Clean Up Day will be April 22 starting at 10 AM. Volunteers are needed to help us clean and prepare the pavilion for the upcoming season. We need to clean inside the building as well as the surrounding grounds outside. We will be opening the pavilion for Friday Nights starting on May 19th. Hope you can join us! Many hands make light work.

Start Spreading The News...

BEST OF THE BRONX

5/25/17

Cost: \$45 I.A.C.C. Members / \$55 Non-Members

Location: The Italian American Community Center

Time: 8:00am (Depart From Albany) / 1:05pm (Game)

Call (518) 456-4222 To Reserve Your Spot Today!

NY Yankees vs. Kansas City Royals - 1:05pm
* Post Game Dinner Stop At Little Italy On Arthur Ave. *

Women's League

Hi Ladies,

Happy Spring! We are looking forward to warmer weather, especially after that March snowstorm. Last month we were treated to a very informative talk about St. Patrick from our guest speaker from the *Irish-American Heritage Museum*, **Ryan Mahoney**. He also mentioned some events happening at their foundation, and I urge everyone to check out their website at Irish-US.org. I think it is a really nice gesture to support their organization and, in return, I hope they support us too.

Mark your calendar for some upcoming events. Saturday, **April 1st** is the *Family Easter Party*. Saturday **April 8th** is the

annual *Arthur Avenue Bus Trip*. I hear this trip is so much fun. Sunday, **April 30th** is the *Annual Mother/Daughter Luncheon and*



Fashion Show – "Spring-time at the Trevi Fountain." This is the Women's League premier event and this year will be no exception. Details are in this month's Siamo Qui. I urge everyone to support these events so they are successful and we can continue to offer more events in the future.

This month our meeting is on Wednesday, April 12th, at 6:30 p.m. Our dinner selections this month are Salmon Picatta, Baked Ham served with potatoes and vegetables or Penne with Broccoli in garlic and oil. All

meals are served with salad and dessert will be Carrot Cake. After dinner we will enjoy a few games of "Easter Bingo." Please call or email your reservation and dinner choice to Joan Wallis at 389-6090 or jwallis@nycap.rr.com by Sunday April 9th. Cancellations should be made by Monday, April 10th. Our price remains at \$20.00 and the cancellation policy remains in effect. As always, if you cannot make the dinner portion, you can always come to the meeting at about 7:15 P.M.

See you there,

Donna Zumbo
Women's League President



CHAIR YOGA



Time:

~ 6:30pm

Cost:

~ \$50 /Full 8-Week Session - OR - \$8 /drop-in fee per single session

Dates:

~ Every Thursday From 2/23/17 - 4/13/17

Location:

~ The I.A.C.C. (257 Washington Ave Ext.)
Sala Di Nozze Room (2nd Floor)

RSVP:

~ Please Call The Office (518-456-4222) To Reserve Your Spot Today!

Additional Details:

~ This Event Is Open To The Public!

Please Note: Payments Are Not Processed By The Office. Please Be Sure To Bring Your Payment With You.

What Is Chair Yoga?

Chair yoga is a gentle form of yoga, that is practiced sitting in a chair or standing using the chair for support. This is a great physical activity for individuals who are seeking light workouts due to physical limitations and for individuals who are currently recovering from a recent injury or surgery.

Remember to wear loose comfortable clothing!

More Sources for *Genealogic Records*

Search



When I started writing columns about genealogy, there were two possible sources for original Italian and Sicilian records: the actual repositories of the records in the old country; or, the photocopies of many of those records made by the Mormon church. These photocopies were made by hundreds of Mormon volunteers in the late 1990's. They were filmed, generally, at provincial archives for civil records of birth, marriage and death; and at diocesan centers for sacramental records of baptisms, marriages and deaths. In both the civil and church instances, for

privacy reasons, records after about 1910 were not filmed. Also, in some cases, local authorities, for their own reasons, did not authorize filming. The records that were filmed are now viewable on microfilm at **Mormon FamilySearch Centers (FSCs)** around the world. The microfilms can be rented at <https://www.familysearch.org> by on-line payment, after which they are sent to the patron's desired FSC. Local FSCs can be found by going to <http://bit.ly/LocateFSCs>



But now, several on-line sources for viewing these records have developed, and I'll present their features, advantages, and disadvantages. It should be understood that the on-line sources, for the most part, are representations of the above-mentioned microfilms, new images of the records, nor necessarily images of records from additional years. Recognizing that, let's review the types of records.

Civil records were instituted in the separate city-states of the Apennine Peninsula in about 1805; and in the Kingdom of Sicily, which extended from Naples and Abruzzo south to Messina and Palermo, in 1820.

Finding Our Immigrant Ancestry

These records include: **Atto di Nascita** (Record of Birth), early 1800's through 1910; **Atto della Solenne Promessa di Celebrare il Matrimonio** (Record of the Solemn Promise to Celebrate Marriage, or the 'Marriage Contract'), early 1800's through 1865; **Atto di Matrimonio** (Record of Marriage), 1866 through 1910, and **Atto di Morte** (Record of Death), early 1800's through 1910. Civil records may also include **Riveli** (Censuses) which list real property and goods but not much genealogical information; **Cittadinanze** (Citizenships) which show changes of address; **Pubblicazione or Notificazioni** (Marriage Banns); and **Allegati** (Attachments) which accompany marriage records and may contain birth and/or death records of the betrothed and their parents. All these types of civil records are usually kept chronologically, with an index

of the year's records immediately following each year. When searching a microfilm, the index at the end of a year will give the record number of a particular birth, marriage or death, so the image of the record itself may be accessed. The records are in "Napoleonic format", in the Italian language, and were quite consistent from town to town in the Kingdom of the Two Sicilies, while those of the northern city-states were more variable.

Church records are more prone to differences between dioceses, and even between parishes in the same town, but are still rather consistent. The range of church records can be much greater than for civil records, with some as early as the 1300's through 1910, but they have significantly less detail. They are in Latin, with the exception of some of the

later records, which may be in Italian. Church records include: **Battesimi** (Baptisms); **Cresime** (Confirmations); **Matrimoni** (Marriages); and **Morte** (Deaths). Most civil records were on pre-printed forms, but except for some later records, church records were completely handwritten, often using Latin abbreviations. Church indexes were not yearly, but covered several years, and were usually placed before the first year that was included in the index. Individual records often were not numbered; rather, the pages were numbered, and indexes refer to the page where a given record may be found.

So where are these on-line records and how do we find them?

They are on three main venues: <http://www.Ancestry.com>; <https://www.familysearch.com>; and the Italian '**Portale Antenati**' (Ancestors Portal). <http://www.antenati.san.beniculturali.it/>. My upcoming columns will review each of these sources in detail.

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Angelo F. Coniglio
By ANGELO F. CONIGLIO

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



Skillet Cod with Tomatoes & Capers

Ingredients:

- 1 pound of wild caught cod filets
- 2 tablespoons of capers
- 1 can of stewed tomatoes
- Handful of spinach
- Juice of 1 lemon
- 2 cloves of garlic, minced
- Extra virgin olive oil
- Handful of fresh basil leaves
- Sea salt and cracked black pepper



Instructions:

Pat cod filets down with a paper towel to absorb moisture, then season with sea salt and cracked black pepper on both sides.

In a skillet, heat EVOO over med-high heat and simmer the minced garlic for a minute. Add the stewed tomatoes, capers, spinach, and basil and bring it to a boil.

Add the cod filets to the skillet, cover, and simmer on low heat for 10 minutes or until the fish is flaky (turning the filets over once half way through). Remove skillet from heat and squeeze lemon juice over the cod. Serve over rice or pasta.

Enjoy!

For other great recipes by Nata Pagialonga go to: TheMangiaMom.com



Baseball is as American as Apple Pie, but is it as Italian as Pasta?

By ANNA ACCONI & JIM SANO

“There is nothing to compare to the roar of the crowd.” says **Robby Hisert**, local baseball player and coach who also played a season overseas in the Italian Baseball League. Robby has a passion for baseball that he first demonstrated as a one year old, picking up a bat as soon as he was capable of doing so. Born into a family of sports enthusiasts and coaches, Robby always followed his dream to become a professional baseball player, later realizing that coaching baseball presented a realistic, exciting career alternative.

Early in his career, Robby was a standout catcher for Amsterdam High School, winning the prestigious title of High School Player of the Year, as a senior, in 2003, and also making the All-Big 10 first team. At Schenectady County Community College, Robby played two seasons of collegiate baseball, transferring from catcher to outfielder during his second year. As a sophomore, Robby batted .418 and was selected as SCCC Male Athlete of the Year.

After college, Robby pursued his baseball career by applying for a position in the Italian Baseball League after being referred by professional scouts. Aided by Peter Farina, president of Italy Mondo!, Robby was able to obtain Italian citizenship based on the fact that his maternal grandfather, Pasquale (Patrick) Liverio, was born in the Catanzaro area of Calabria. The citizenship helped Robby secure a position on the Oltretorrente baseball team in Parma. Robby loved the time he spent in Italy, citing special fondness for the cities of Parma, Rome and Assisi.

The Italian Baseball League is governed by the FIBS, the Italian Baseball and Softball Federation, headquartered in Rome. The league consists of eight teams, completing a schedule of 42 games that leads to an Italian Baseball Series, based on the best of seven games, known as the scudetto.



The popularity of baseball in Italy, a sport introduced by American soldiers during World War II, is increasing, according to Robby, thanks to the World Baseball Classic, a worldwide event that is played every three years. Italian baseball is considered to be the best in Europe.

Following his stay in Italy, Robby joined the U.S. Military All Stars, batting .533 for the season and participating in the annual Cooperstown Hall of Fame Classic at Doubleday Field. Robby's most memorable day in baseball occurred when, as a participant in Cooperstown as a player on Team Feller, he homered in his first time at bat, an act leading to national coverage by the Associated Press and a fist bump from legendary baseball pitcher, Bob Feller.

Robby's more recent career highlights, include his being inducted into the Amsterdam Baseball Hall of Fame in 2011 and his service as assistant coach of the Amsterdam Mohawks. Since 2013, Robby has been the hitting coach at Southern Vermont College and the first base coach for the Bridgeport Bluefish.

In 2016, Robby joined the coaching staff of the Memphis Redbirds, a triple-A affiliate of the St. Louis Cardinals, where he scouted opponents, coached first base, served as an assistant hitting coach during batting practice and caught bullpen sessions. Robby enjoyed his affiliation with the Cardinal system, which he refers to as “a first-class organization.

Robby continues to coach in Amsterdam and continues to pursue a coaching career. His work with the Cardinal organization has resulted in his daughter's obsession with baseball, the Redbirds and the Cardinals. Emilia Domani, 2 1/2 years old and named after the Emilia Romano region where Parma resides, is the “smallest and yet biggest Cardinal fan.” Robby resides in Amsterdam with his wife, Sara (née Puglisi), herself a talented softball pitcher, Emilia Domani and his newborn son, Cristoforo Cole. Robby Hisert continues to inspire as he pursues a lifelong dream with diligence, patience, practicality and hard work. He embodies the qualities that make baseball an All-American sport.



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Grab your balls...
it's Bocce time!

Any new members interested in playing bocce this upcoming season please call the office at 518-456-4222 and sign up. Men's league plays Monday's at 6:30 pm and the women play on Tuesday's at 6:30 pm.



Caring & Sharing

April Birthdays



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Spring 2017

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Location: The Italian American Community Center ~ 2nd Floor

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