



December 2015–January 2016

Issue 504

# SUPER WEEKEND

SATURDAY ~ FEBRUARY 6TH

## The Venetian Carnevale Celebration

2/6/16

**Time:**

~ 6:30pm – 11:00pm

**Cost:**

~ \$55 (I.A.C.C. Members)

~ \$60 (Non-Members)

**Location:**

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**Details:**

~ Gourmet Venetian Buffet & Music

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2/7/16

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The Carnevale of Venice was started from a victory of the "Serenissima Repubblica" in the year 1162. In the honor of this victory, the people started to dance and celebrate in San Marco Square. The tradition of wearing masks and costumes began as a way to provide anonymity and encouraged participants to engage in license and pleasure! This was a uniquely Venetian response to one of the most rigid class hierarchies in European history. One of the most important Carnevale events was the contest for *la maschera più bella* ("the most beautiful mask")

Sound intriguing and mysterious? Join us for an evening of fun, food and friendship as we celebrate our own version of Carnevale.

Who could have imagined that this championship football game, created 50 years ago as part of a merger between the NFL and rival league AFL, would have turned into the worldwide spectacle known as Super Bowl Sunday?

Our tradition of gathering to watch the Super Bowl has gone on almost as long as the game itself. Please join us for the best Super Bowl Party in the Capital District. We will feature the game on our 12-foot HD screen (biggest in the area), great pre-game and half-time buffets, tap beer, wine, and soda, games of chance, raffles, and indoor bocce. This is a family-friendly event that is open to the public. Last year this event sold out, so make your reservations early and come and root for your favorite team.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



It is difficult to believe that my year as President has almost come to an end! What a busy year it was. If you were unable to attend our annual year-in-review brunch, I will attempt to sum up my presentation: Our membership is growing. Our finances have improved. In concert with the Mallozzi Group, we have invested money into many physical plan improvements. This past year we had many more member events. It was a very good year and we very much appreciate your continued support.

The election of a new Board member, Peter Scavullo, took place at the General Membership meeting on November 15<sup>th</sup>. The officers for next year are as follows: Cain Scalzo, President, Jim Sano, Vice President, Joan Wallis, Treasurer, and Sharon Patrei, Secretary. I feel very strongly that it was time to hand the reigns to newer, younger members to allow our membership to grow and move forward. Cain will bring a fresh approach and good ideas as our next President. For the last year, he has worked tirelessly with me. I am certain that he will do an outstanding job.

This is our *Siamo Qui* editor Rachel Cameron's last issue. Rachel and her husband, Roy, would like to devote more time to their travels. I personally want to thank Rachel for her tireless dedication and efforts as our editor for many years. Her language arts skills are unrivaled. She is a true master of her craft. It was always a pleasure to work with her. We wish her good health, safe travels, and nothing but the best!

In closing, it has absolutely been my pleasure to serve as your President. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

*President Jim Sano*

## November Calendar

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

Wed. Dec. 2:	Foundation Board Meeting 6:30 PM
Thurs. Dec. 10:	Christmas in Italy 7:00 PM
Sun. Dec. 13:	Family Christmas Party
Thurs. Dec. 17:	Christmas in Italy 7:00 PM
Wed. Jan. 6:	Foundation Board Meeting 6:30 PM
Wed. Jan. 20:	IACC Board Meeting 6:30 PM
Fri. Jan. 22:	Kitchen Grand Opening Party 5:00 PM

### Save the Date

Wed. Feb. 3:	Foundation Board Meeting 6:30 PM
Sat. Feb. 6:	Venetian Carnevale 6:30 PM
Sun. Feb 7:	Super Bowl Party 4 PM
Wed. Feb. 17:	IACC Board Meeting 6:30 PM

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Rachel Cameron, Editor, [rcamero@nycap.rr.com](mailto:rcamero@nycap.rr.com)

## IACC Foundation Presents

# NATALE CHRISTMAS IN ITALY



Thursday, December 10  
Thursday, December 17

7 – 9 PM

2nd Floor, IACC  
257 Washington Ave Ext, Albany

**December 10** We will reveal and discuss the **HISTORY** and **ANCIENT TRADITIONS** leading to present day festivities all over Italy. Italian language will be woven throughout our discoveries. From music, religion, art and perhaps a visit from “**La Befana**”, we should have a great time.

**December 17** We will explore the many traditions related to the **FOODS** of Christmas in Italy. We will offer a beautiful *tasting* buffet of some of the many famous Italian Christmas foods, both savory and sweet. We hope to rekindle lots of childhood memories, the way only special tastes can do. Although this will be a light buffet, many will appreciate the varied flavors of our most treasured season.

**Come awaken the Christmas Spirit – *la Gioia di Natale***

**Cost: \$45 for IACC Members • \$50 for Non-Members**

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Class size will be limited



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## *IACC Family Christmas Party*

Please join us for a festive and fun family Christmas party with food, music, our Italian dancers, games and Santa!

**When:** Sunday, December 13, 2015  
12:00 p.m.—4:00 p.m

**Menu:** Adults: Chicken or Eggplant Parmesan  
Includes: Mixed Green Salad, Family-Style Pasta and Vegetable, Rolls and Butter, Cassata Cake, Soda, Coffee and Tea

Children: Chicken Fingers and French fries ,  
ice cream with chocolate syrup, juice boxes

**Cost:** **Adults: \$25.00**  
**Children (age 12 & under): Free**

**RSVP no later than 12/10/15** to the office at 456-4222 along with credit card information.

Include number attending (# children, age and gender, # adults) ,  
dinner selections, and contact phone number

Write checks payable to IACC Women's League.

*Buon Natale!*

### **Parents:**

**Help fill Santa's sleigh! Please bring a wrapped Santa Claus gift (valued at no more than \$15) for each child in your party labeled with child's first and last name. Thank you.**



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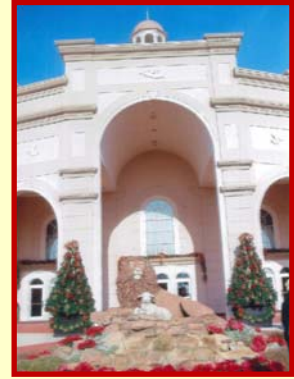
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## 55+ Club

by Maria Marchio

The 55+ Club recently took a trip to Lancaster, PA sponsored by Wade Tours to see *The Miracle of Christmas* at the Sight & Sound Theatre. IACC Members Sharon Patrei, Carole Mann, Angela Groelz-Sislowksi, and Maria Marchio were joined by several friends and family members. The group enjoyed a great dinner at Plain and Fancy Restaurant. The hotel, the Amish Inn and Suites, was surrounded by Amish farms. In addition to seeing the show, they shopped at Suzy's Quilts and Kettle's Kitchen.



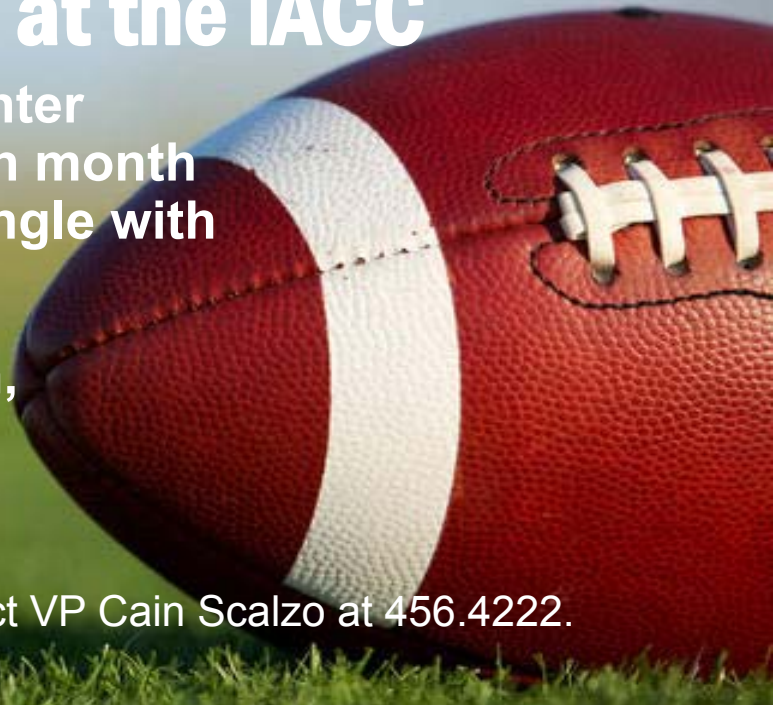
*Merry*  
CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY  
*New Year*

## Football Sundays at the IACC

Come join us this fall/winter on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month to watch football and mingle with other members.

On December 6th at 1pm, we will be watching the Giants/Jets game in the Membership Room.

Don't miss out on the fun. Contact VP Cain Scalzo at 456.4222.





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Thanks to the efforts of our House Committee Chair, David Quadrini, things are much brighter around the IACC! We have repaired all non-working light fixtures around the facility and replaced all lights with LED bulbs. We have put our lights on day-night sensors and switched 11 HID lights to LED lighting. The total cost for this project, with NYSERDA incentives, will be under \$6,000. These lights will return our investment in 8 months. Over the course of 5 years, a savings of almost \$20,000 will be realized. These lights will save energy, be brighter, and cast more light, making it safer for our members and patrons.



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## NEW MEMBERS

Renato Friello & Amy Harrington  
Roger & Eleanor Ferri  
Arlene & Ronald Deperto  
Christopher Thorncroft & Belinda Mex Moreno  
Linda Yetto  
Mario Chiarello & Sally Hart  
Andrew & Martha Pallotta

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# Kitchen Grand Opening

January 22, 5 - 9 PM

We have finished the transformation on the second floor of under-utilized space that was formerly a men's locker area to a new modern kitchenette. The kitchenette will be for the convenience of members using gathering space on our second floor. It is too cold in the wintertime to have our famous *Friday Nights in the Pavilion*. However, with the installation of our new kitchen area, we will now be able to offer a modified version of those fun-filled Friday evenings.



Members are cordially invited to the Grand Opening on Friday evening, January 22 from 5 - 9 PM.

In an effort to set up a working kitchen, we want to collect dishes, bowls, cooking pans, serving utensils, and any other donations



of kitchen items. If you are interested in attending the Grand Opening, please bring a covered dish to share. Please call Theresa at 456-4222 to reply.

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## IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

Current I.A.C.C. Memberships expire Thursday, December 31st. 2016 Membership Renewal Starts December 15. New enrollment begins January 1st at The I.A.C.C. Membership office.

**REMEMBER TO SPREAD THE WORD TO YOUR FRIENDS**

You may enroll by sending your invoice (with payment) in or by calling the I.A.C.C. Membership Office at (518) 456-4222.

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Thank You For Being A Member.  
Here's To An Amazing 2016 At The Club!



A note from

# Rachel

I made the decision to leave the editor's position for two time-related reasons: The first is "time". Since we have retired, my husband and I have been traveling quite a bit and plan to continue. We especially enjoy adventures with our daughter, son-in-law, and two grandsons. The second reason is "It's time". I feel that it's time for some "new blood" at *Siamo Qui*. I have met with Lynda Scalzo and am confident that she will be a terrific new editor.

I have had the pleasure of working with five IACC Presidents: Rosanna Aiuppa, Linda Dillon, George Urciuoli, Angelo Tarantino, and Jim Sano. They each submitted a President's Message each month, sent in pertinent information about upcoming events, and supported editorial decisions regarding *Siamo Qui*. They were all wonderful to me and I truly appreciated their help. However, I must mention two past Presidents who have gone "above and beyond". During his term as President and also for the last three months, George Urciuoli spent many hours utilizing his fantastic graphic arts skills to serve as art director for the newsletter. During Jim Sano's term, Jim has submitted several extremely well-written articles and great photos for *Siamo Qui*.

Even though the majority of our members receive the newsletter online, the *Siamo Qui* Mail Prep Team was created to meet once a month, in order to help prepare several paper copies for mailing. After the work is done, one of the members of the team provides a scrumptious lunch. The current members of the team are: Mary Lou Marando, Rosanna Aiuppa, Maria La Morte, Maria Marchio, Sharon Patrei, Mary Lou Ritz, and Gail Tarantino. I have been so grateful for this hard-working, dependable group, particularly leader, Mary Lou Marando!

The editor is responsible for completely editing all materials submitted: proofreading for spelling, grammar, and punctuation errors, adding in missing information, and improving awkward phrases or sentences. In addition, the editor must also contact all potential contributors in order to establish a deadline to submit an article and, if necessary, contact them a second time when a contributor has missed the deadline. I will not identify those contributors who seem to be "allergic" to deadlines. (They know who they are!) However, I simply must mention two of the contributors: Dick Ognibene and Rosanna Aiuppa. Dick often submitted his Book Club articles well ahead of the deadline with only a very few corrections needed. Even though Rosanna is admittedly one of those "allergic" to deadlines, her beautifully written articles about life in Italy were informative and fascinating.

Over the past 8 years, serving as editor has been both challenging and enjoyable. In addition, I had fun adding new features such as poetry, ancestry research, and member profiles. (I fondly remember interviewing Tess Bonanni and Ben Sano.) I am proud to be a member of IACC and to have had the opportunity to help put together our monthly newsletter, *Siamo Qui*.

*Rachel Cameron*





## SUNDAY BRUNCH AT TREVISO



Sundays in Albany are a little bit more delicious! The Italian American Community Center of Albany and the talented chefs at Treviso offer a Sunday brunch extravaganza. Executive Chef Ryan Huneau's menu features a chef's carving station, fresh Belgian Waffles, warm doughnuts, continental breakfast pastries, warm muffins, omelet station, and much, much more. Brunch runs from 10:30 A.M. — 1:30 P.M.



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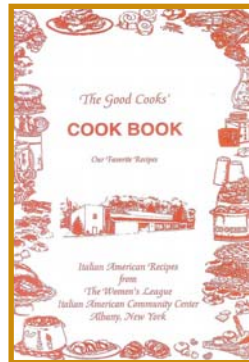
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**Friday & Saturday, December 4 & 5**  
**10 AM to 6 PM**

**Sunday, December 6, 12 Noon to 4 PM**

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# Women's League

## *Hello Ladies,*

First, I want to thank Gail Tarantino and Maria De Nitto for taking over the November meeting for me. I also want to thank all of my IACC Women's League family for the heartfelt condolences on the passing of my Dad. I will miss him.

I understand that last month lots of stuffed animals were wrapped and delivered to Catholic Charities. They have so many children that they want to provide a Christmas gift for and we have begun to help this year with the wrapped stuffed



animals. Also at the meeting, Catholic Charities' "Parent's Day" program was discussed. This is where parents come to the Catholic Charities facility to pick out gifts for their children. We would like everyone to purchase a gift and bring it to the next Women's League meeting on Wednesday, December 9. We will then deliver all the gifts from Women's League members to Catholic Charities. The gift can be anything, clothes or toys, for a boy or girl up to the age of 16. Please do not wrap the gift. If you can't come to the meeting, please drop off your gift at the IACC Office.

Remember, the Women's League is hosting the Family Christmas Party on Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. I hope many will come.

December 9<sup>th</sup> is our Women's League Christmas Party. We will be having an "Ugly Sweater" contest, so come with your best ugly sweater. We will also have a grab bag. Please bring a wrapped grab bag gift that is valued at no less than \$10 and no more than \$15. We will also have a quartet to serenade us during our dinner. Our meeting this month is on **Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**. We will be starting at **6:00 PM** with an appetizer buffet that includes Fried Calamari, Tortellini Alfredo, Boneless Chicken Wings and much more. Our dinner choices will be Garlic Rosemary NY Sirloin Steak or Zuppa di Pesce. Please call **Maria DeNitto** at **456-2216** with your reservation by **Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>**. **Cancellations** will need to be in by **Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup>**. The cancellation policy remains in effect and the price remains at \$20.00.

*Hope to see many of you then,  
Donna Zumbo, Women's League President*

*One more reminder: The Women's League will not meet during the months of January and February.*

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Peter Scavullo  
Connie Seeley  
Nancy Smith  
Kandi Terry  
Hannah Venduro  
Joseph Venduro  
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### January Birthdays

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John Bremm  
Jeanne Bucci  
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### Condolences

We regret to inform you of the death of **Betty Ann Prindle** who passed away on September 2. Condolences are sent to her husband, **Arnold Prindle**, her daughter, daughter-in-law, two stepsons, and four grandsons.

**Nancy Peters**, wife of **Fritz Peters**, passed away on September 25. We send our deepest sympathy to Fritz, their seven children, and ten grandchildren.

It is with great sorrow that we notify you of the recent passing of **Jack (Joachim) Zumbo**, a founding charter member. Our condolences are sent to **Anna Zumbo**, his wife of 60 years, his children, Donna, Regina, Joseph, Steven, and Christopher, and his four grandchildren.

*Please contact Anna Acconi at [aacconi111@aol.com](mailto:aacconi111@aol.com) or 966-8664 if you would like to share any special announcements in the *Siamo Qui*.*

## Christmas Biscotti

Submitted by Rachel Cameron  
My Aunt Pat's favorite  
recipe



### Ingredients:

½ cup vegetable oil  
1 cup white sugar  
3 ¼ cups sifted flour  
3 eggs  
1 Tablespoon baking powder  
2 Tablespoons anise or 3 drops anise oil  
1 cup pistachios (crushed)  
1 cup dried cranberries

### Method:

1. Beat eggs
2. Mix in sugar, oil, baking powder, and anise
3. Add flour one cup at a time – first with mixer and then with hands
4. Add pistachios and cranberries
5. Divide dough in half
6. Line cookie sheet with parchment paper
7. With floured hands, form each into a roll as long as cookie sheet
8. Place both rolls on cookie sheet
9. Press down to ½ inch thick
10. Bake at 375° 25 minutes
11. Cool a bit
12. Slice on diagonal into ½ inch slices
13. Return to oven 6 minutes
14. Turn over and toast other side 6 minutes



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