



IACC FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY

By Lynn Indelicato

Christmas! Aside from the mad rush to get everything done, the shopping, the cooking and baking, decorating, and myriad other tasks that it brings, the very thought of Christmas also brings much more! It brings joy to our hearts and a smile to our faces as families and friends get together to not only share many happy



memories of Christmases past, but to also create new ones to add to the fabric of our lives. On Sunday, December 14th, the Women's League hosted our annual Family Christmas Party, which I'm sure helped to add to a few more smiles and memories for all who attended... From the kids' crafts, fantastic family style meal, music, dancing and games by DJ Ernie, raffles, and a visit from Santa, a great time was had by all! Two of the highlights of the afternoon were watching the performance by our own children's Italian dance troupe—all dressed in traditional Italian folk dance costumes and each child meeting with Santa! This year



we were also joined by three members of our Armed Forces, in full



dress blues, for our Toys for Tots drive. They spent the afternoon as extended members of our Italian family! Thank you to the families who donated to Toys for Tots. You certainly helped to put a smile on a child's face for Christmas!

Many thanks to all who helped in ensuring the afternoon was a



success: my party committee—Jeanette Anziano, Maria DeNitto, Marylou Marando, Gail Tarantino, and Donna Zumbo, along with help from Sharon Patrei, as well as Christine Marando and Louise Guiliano, for organizing and instructing the dance troupe. Thanks also to the Mallozzi's awesome staff for helping us put on another great event! Last, but not least, a very special thank you to Al Sacca for his help. The afternoon would not have been the same without him! Mark your calendars... Our 2015

Family Christmas Party will be Sunday, December 13.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I want to wish all a happy and joyous New Year. When a new year begins, changes occur. I want to thank Angelo Tarantino for the wonderful job he did the last two years as our President. According to our by-laws, Angelo's term concluded on December 31. He will remain on the Board as Past President.

I am honored by our Board of Directors for putting their faith and confidence in me to once again serve as your President. Every year we face challenges. My number one priority this year

will be to sign our tenants, the Mallozzi Group, to a new long-term lease. I am hopeful that a mutually beneficial accord can be reached very soon. They have been excellent tenants for the last ten years, and it is my desire to continue this great relationship well into the future.

I want to invite all members to not only attend our February Super Bowl Party and Beach Party-themed dinner dance, but also to invite friends to join in the fun. We will be honored to have the Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany, Edward Scharfenberger, as our celebrant for our St. Patrick's and St. Joseph's Mass and Brunch on Sunday, March 15. I would love to have our banquet hall bursting at the seams, as a sign of respect and support from the Italian community for our new Bishop.

In closing, let me extend a call to all members to support our club, not only by attending these great events, but by coming forward with suggestions for possible future events. Our club is as vibrant and exciting as we all make it!

Jim Sano, President

February Calendar

View our complete online Calendar at italianamerican.com

Every Monday	Italian Grand Buffet
February 1, Sunday	Open Bowling
February 4, Wednesday	Super Bowl Game and Buffet
February 18, Wednesday	Foundation Board Meeting, 6:30 P.M.
	Board Meeting, 6:00 P.M.
	General Membership Meeting, 7 P.M.
February 21, Saturday	Beach Party, 6:30 P.M.
February 26, Thursday	Chair Yoga begins

Save the Date

March 15, Sunday	St. Patrick/St. Joseph Mass and Brunch
March 16, Monday	Intermediate Language Classes begin
	Book Club
March 20, Friday	Wine Tasting Event
March 29, Sunday	Film Screening and Q&A
May 3, Sunday	Mother/Daughter Luncheon and Fashion Show

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St. Patrick and St. Joseph Mass and Brunch

Sunday, March 15

Doors open at 10:00 A.M.

Mass Celebrant: Bishop Edward Scharfenberger

Mass at 10:30 A.M.

Brunch served after Mass

Cost: \$25



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Additional details on our website and the next issue of the Siamo Qui

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Reservation Deadline: March 10, Cancellation Deadline: March 12

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CHAIR YOGA is coming to the IACC!

This class will be the perfect opportunity to relax after a long, hectic, stressful holiday season. Yoga instructor, Tracy Swanson will teach a yoga class called "Chair Yoga". Chair Yoga is a gentle form of yoga that is practiced sitting in a chair or standing using the chair for support. Everyone can do this.



The class will be a ten week program on Thursday evenings beginning on Thursday, February 26th through April 30th. The class will be held upstairs in the IACC Boardroom and begin at 6:30 P.M. for one hour. Classes are open to men and women. Please call the membership office at 456-IACC (4222) to sign up.

Remember to wear loose, comfortable clothing!

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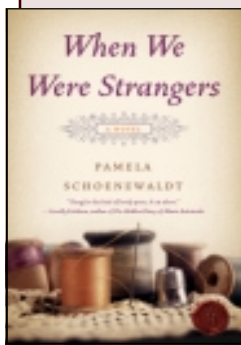
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IACC Foundation Book Club

By Richard Ognibene

The Book Club of the Foundation at the IACC has been in existence since fall 2009. Between then and November 2014, we have read and discussed twenty-seven books that represent a variety of genres: nonfiction; memoirs; novels; and mysteries. Through these books, we learn more about Italians and specific places in Italy, and about the experiences of Italians in America. In general, the books are not overly complex, are often humorous, and always provoke memories that generate lively discussions. The book club is free and open to the public.

The first selection is Pamela Schoenewaldt's novel, *When We Were Strangers*, a late 19th century immigrant coming-of-age



story. When Irma Vitale's mother dies, she warns her 16-year-old daughter that leaving their little Italian village in Abruzzo dooms her to die among strangers. A few years later, Irma, frightened of her increasingly abusive father, leaves her village and, armed only with her sewing skills and a small dowry, secures passage on a ship to America. There she meets the first in a series of helpful strangers who will color, shape, and add increased risk to her

journey. In America, her friendships with a few determined women—Lula, an African-American cook, Molly, an Irish maid, and Sofia, an Italian nurse—help keep her afloat and moving from a Cleveland sweatshop, through misery and rejuvenation in Chicago, and, finally, to the lush hills in San Francisco.

The discussion of *When We Were Strangers* will take place on Monday, March 16th, at 7:00 P.M. Pamela Schoenewaldt, the author, lived in Naples for ten years, near the commune of Opi, the Italian setting for this novel. She is a storyteller who can help you appreciate how the kindness of strangers helped a strong Italian immigrant woman overcome the serious hardships fate placed in her way.

For our next selection, we will shift our attention to a light-hearted contemporary memoir, *Head Over Heel: Seduced By*



Southern Italy, a love story in which the author, Chris Harrison, tells the story of his love for Daniela, 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, especially for 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. His portrayal of southern Italians is never condescending though, as he repeatedly acknowledges, his reality and frames of references are simply different from theirs. And they will be different from ours as well. We will discuss *Head Over Heel* on Thursday, April 16th, at 7:00 P.M., and no doubt enjoy Harrison's amusing take on the charming Southern Italian peculiarities we know well.

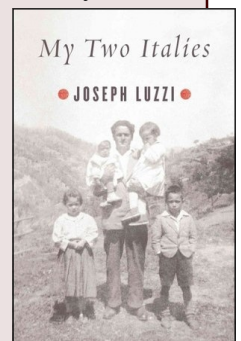
Our third book is a recent and well-reviewed non-fiction account by an American born child of Calabrian parents who has studied the perennial differences between the more modern north and the peasant south, between the cultures that produced both the artistic genius of Michaelangelo and rampant political corruption. The child of Italian immigrants and an award-winning scholar of Italian literature, in *My Two*

Italies by Joseph Luzzi straddles these two perspectives to link his family's dramatic story to Italy's north-south divide, its quest for a unifying language, and its passion for art, food, and family. Luzzi creates a deeply personal portrait of Italy that leaps past facile clichés about Mafia madness and Tuscan sun therapy. He delves instead into why Italian Americans have such a complicated relationship with the "old country," and how Italy produces some of the world's most astonishing art while suffering from corruption, political fragmentation, and an enfeebled civil society.

With topics ranging from the pervasive force of Dante's poetry to the meteoric rise of Silvio Berlusconi, Luzzi's *My Two Italies* presents the Italians in all their glory and squalor, relating the problems that plague Italy today to the country's ancient roots. He shares how his "two Italies"—the earthy southern Italian world of his immigrant childhood and the refined "northern" Italian realm of his professional life—join and clash in unexpected ways that continue to enchant the many millions who are either connected to Italy by ancestry or bound to it by love. Come on Wednesday, May 13th at 7:00 P.M. to discuss what one critic called "a delightful, poignant, moving, entertaining but above all an illuminating book."

By way of summary, we will discuss:

1. *When We Were Strangers* on Monday, March 16th
2. *Head Over Heel* on Thursday, April 16th
3. *My Two Italies* on Wednesday, May 13th



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 or at 372-4919.

IACC Foundation News

Happy New Year! I am proud to have been unanimously elected president of the Italian American Community Center Foundation. As I begin my journey this year, I am happy to be joined by Vice President Donna Zumbo and Treasurer Dominic Indelicato. I know with these two officers and the entire board of talented men and women we can take the Foundation to new heights.

Our goal this year is to expand our culture activities, make some much-needed repairs to the pavilion, and continue to provide programs and activities that promote our beautiful and rich culture.

I am very excited to announce some upcoming events: The first of which is our annual St. Patrick's/St Joseph's Mass and Brunch on March 15th at 10:30 A.M. This year we are excited to have our new Bishop Edward Scharfenberger celebrating the Mass. This event will serve as an official introduction of the great Italian people of the IACC to our new Bishop. This will afford us the opportunity to shine upon him the culture, traditions and sense of family and heritage that the IACC is always known for. It is important that we have as many people as possible at this event and the seats will go quick so please contact the office and make a reservation today.

On March 29th at 2 P.M. we will have a private screening of the "Neighborhood that Disappeared" a documentary about the building of the South Mall and the displacement of a neighborhood of Italian Americans, many of whom are club members. The filmmakers will be on hand for a Q&A after the film.

These are only a couple of events the Foundation has planned. As the year progresses, you will hear more about new and exciting programs and events. Stay Tuned!

Frank Zeoli, IACC Foundation President

By-Law Change

presented by Jeanne Wilson

A change is being proposed to the By-Laws (last revised and adopted in November 2014). All board members approve of this change to the By-Laws. This change must also be approved by a majority vote of the members present at our next General Membership meeting on **Wednesday, February 18 at 7:00 P.M.** Members are asked to attend to show support of this change. Note: deletions are represented with ~~strikethrough~~ while additions are underlined.

Proposed Change

Article VI, A. Number of Directors

The Board of Directors shall consist of thirteen (13) directors elected by the membership, the immediate Past President of the Corporation, ~~and the then presiding President of the Women's League of the Corporation,~~ the President of the IACC Foundation, and one designee of the President of the IACC Foundation. The IACC Foundation representatives must be IACC members.



Italian Language Class Intermediate Level — Monday Nights, 7 P.M.

March 16, 23, 30, April 6, 13, 20, 27, May 4

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vocabulary, which can develop a more skilled speaker who is also able to understand the spoken word. As always, cultural lessons will provide a sense of life in Italy and the mind of contemporary Italians.

\$75 Members • \$85 Non-Members

Additional fee will be collected on the first night for textbook and other necessary materials

Call the IACC Office at 456-4222 to register • Class size will be limited

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Saturday, February 21 6:30 P.M. – 11:00 P.M.

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Finding Our Immigrant Ancestry by Angelo F. Coniglio

BEYOND ELLIS ISLAND

There are several common misconceptions about the immigrant experience at Ellis Island. One is that the handwritten names on early ships' passenger manifests were actually the signatures of the immigrants themselves. That's not true. The forms were filled out by a ticket agent or ship's officer at the point of departure and reflect the handwriting of that official. Besides, a great many immigrants were illiterate and could not write their own names.

Another mistaken belief is that "names were changed at Ellis Island". For the reason given above, this isn't true.

The names were written at the embarkation port. They may have been misspelled there, but they were not changed to "American versions". If names were changed, it was generally done after the immigrant was in the U. S., either by himself, to "fit in", or by an American employer, teacher, or official who could not or would not pronounce or spell the name correctly. Also, if a line was drawn through a manifest entry, crossing out a potential émigré's name and other information, that too was done before sailing. It does not mean that "the person was rejected at Ellis Island", but rather that the individual had either cancelled the trip or had not shown up in time for departure.

However, as I have previously mentioned, not every immigrant came to America through Ellis Island. In addition to links to Ellis Island arrivals, the Steven Morse site at <http://stevemorse.org/ellis2/ellisgold.html> has links to sites that access passenger information for Castle Garden, Baltimore, Boston, Galveston, New Orleans, Philadelphia, and San Francisco, as well as records of outbound passenger lists from Hamburg, Germany and Canadian border crossings. Not surprisingly, in the late 1800s and early 1900s, many Sicilians and Italians settled in or near the communities that had ports accepting immigrants: Boston, New York, and Philadelphia funneled *contadini* and sulfur miners to the farm fields and the coal and salt mines of the Northeast. New Orleans brought them to the cotton fields and the sulfur fields of Louisiana, and so on.

Castle Garden was located near "The Battery" on New York City's Manhattan Island. It was also known as Castle Clinton, originally a fort in the War of 1812. In 1855, operated by the City of New York, it became America's first immigrant receiving center, welcoming more than 8 million immigrants. It closed in 1890 and was succeeded by Ellis Island in 1892. From April 19, 1890 through the end of 1891, immigrants were processed

at a nearby temporary site called the Barge Office.

Records of immigrants to Castle Garden/Barge Office have been transcribed onto standardized forms that can be accessed from the Steven Morse site, or by using the Search button at the free site <http://www.castlegarden.org>. Enter as many of the following that are known: ship, departure port, first name, last name, occupation, country, place of last residence, and date. The site will return a list of possibilities. Selecting one from



Ellis Island Immigration Center, 1905

the list will give details about that individual, and may include a name of a relative left behind, a destination, and other information.

Remember, this is *transcribed* information. Any of the personal or place names may have been misspelled by the

indexer. You must be flexible in your search. Images of the original records

are available on *Ancestry.com* and *familysearch.org*.

For manifests covering the other ports listed in the Steven Morse site, that site transfers you to the particular website that accesses information for those ports, primarily *www.Ancestry.com*. Note that *Ancestry.com* is a subscription site, so when you're transferred there, you must log in if you're a paid subscriber, or agree to the trial terms, or sign up for a monthly or yearly subscription before viewing the information.

Because they conformed to American immigration policies, the manifests for the U.S. cities listed above generally have the

same format and details as described for Ellis Island manifests, for the years that it was open. Even when you know your ancestors arrived at a



Ships arriving at Castle Garden

specific port, if you can search at more

than one venue (say, at both *ellisland.org* and *Ancestry.com*), you should do so. A name that may be indexed incorrectly on one may be listed properly (and therefore be easier to find) on another. Earlier records generally are not as detailed as those after 1900.

Above all, if an image of the original handwritten or typed manifest is available, you should download or order a copy of that image, so that you can read and interpret all of the details for yourself, rather than depending on an indexer's possibly incorrect interpretation.

Coniglio is the author of the book The Lady of the Wheel, inspired by his Sicilian research. You may order the paperback at amzn.to/racalmuto.

The e-book version is now also available at bit.ly/LadyOfTheWheelKindle. Coniglio's web page at 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.

Christmas in Italy

By Maria La Morte

Christmas in Italy was a two-night event, December 4 and 11, held to explore both the historical and regional variations of the Christmas feast all over Italy, and then to sample some of the traditional foods related to the winter holidays. Nearly 30 students enjoyed the affair. When the Befana came to visit, we had a wonderful example of an important aspect of Italian Christmas.



On December 11th there were salads, breads, cheeses, calamari, clams, zuppa di pesce, and more... followed by a large and beautiful dessert buffet complete with struffoli, rum cake, and fried ribbons and bows swimming in Prosecco... What a delight!!



This was yet another excellent program sharing a very important Christmas cultural lesson!



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Women's League

Ciao Ladies,

I hope that this winter has been an easy one for all of you so far. The cold seems to be really serious this winter, or is it just me getting older? Hopefully we can look forward to the end and an early spring. What can I say, I keep hoping...

While still in winter, our Christmas party was a success with lots of sparkling laughter while exchanging gifts and we all went home with new ornaments.

The Women's League has been planning during this quiet winter time. We have been working with the IACC Foundation on plans for the St Joseph/St. Patrick event (Sunday, March 18th at 10:30 A.M.). It has become very exciting now that Bishop Scharfenberger has agreed to come and celebrate mass with us. Please see the flier on page 3 and call your reservations in early, since we expect a large turn-out for this Mass and Brunch.

We also look forward to the Mother-Daughter Brunch coming in May, more to come on that one!

In March, we will resume our meetings on Wednesday, March 11th at 6:30 P.M. I want you all to know that I tried to find an interesting speaker for this night but was disappointed each time so I'm defaulting to that old standby, Bingo!! Donna has some nice gifts left over so we'll give those out to the winners. We can also start our plans for the election coming up in May/June.

Dinner sounds like a good choice no matter what you order. Our choices are Corned Beef and Cabbage, Tagliatelle with White Clam Sauce, or Vegetable Risotto. Salad first and Tiramisu' for dessert and we still pay \$20.

Please make your reservations with Donna Zumbo at 424-7463 or dzumbo13@hotmail.com. Please remember to be considerate both in reserving and cancelling.

Looking forward to the return of warmth and to seeing all of you again. It's been very quiet and I've missed you guys!!

Ci vediamo... see you soon,

Maria La Morte, Women's League President

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Condolences:

Our sympathy goes out to William and Virginia Pezzula for the recent passing of William's mother, Bessie Pezzula in January.

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

Community Events by Santa Pasquini

The American Italian Heritage Association and Museum is currently hosting two exhibits: *Family Heirloom - Fond Memories* and *Unique Italian Artifacts*. Also, on February 19th there will be a showing of the PBS DVD *Italian Americans-Passion for Life*.

Schenectady County Historical Society is offering the program *Finding Your Ancestors in Immigration and Naturalization Records* on Saturday, February 7th at 2 P.M. Admission is \$5.

In February, WMHT will be presenting a documentary on Italian Americans in a 3-part series: Parts 1 and 2 will be shown at 9 P.M. on February 17th. Part 3 will be shown on February 24th at 9 P.M.

Albany Sons of Italy is hosting a Meet & Greet on February 9 from 6:30 to 8:30 P.M. at Mio Vino Wine Bar & Bistro in Altamont.

Ham and Cheddar Broccoli Quiche



Submitted by Rachel Cameron

Ingredients:

- 1 15 oz. package Pillsbury Refrigerated Pie Crusts
- 1 cup milk (or half & half)
- 4 eggs – slightly beaten
- ½ teaspoon dry mustard
- ½ teaspoon freshly ground pepper
- 1 ½ cups cubed, cooked ham
- 1 ½ cups shredded cheddar cheese (or mixture of 3 or 4 cheeses)
- 1 cup frozen broccoli cuts (or crowns) – thawed and well drained
- 2 Tablespoons chopped onion

Directions:

1. Heat oven to 350° F.
2. Prepare pie crust according to package directions for filled, one-crust pie, using 9 inch pie pan.
3. Layer ham, cheese, broccoli, and onion in pie crust-lined pan.
4. Pour egg mixture over ham, cheese, broccoli, and onion.
5. Bake at 350° F for 40 to 50 minutes, or until knife inserted in center comes out clean.
6. Cool 5 minutes. Cut into wedges.
7. Refrigerate any remaining quiche.

Serves 6 – 8

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By Maria Marchio

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