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Social Calendar



FEBRUARY 2017

- 01** ~ Member Exclusive: Weekly Co-Ed Poker Game Noon
- 01** ~ Member Exclusive: Weekly Men's Poker Game 5:00 pm
- 02** ~ Member Exclusive: Weekly Co-Ed Pinochle Game 6:30 pm
- 03** ~ Mixed Bowling at Westlawn Lanes 6:00 pm
- 05** ~ Super Bowl 51 Party 4:00 pm-10:00 pm
- 08** ~ Member Exclusive: Weekly Co-Ed Poker Game Noon
- 08** ~ Member Exclusive: Weekly Men's Poker Game 5:00 pm
- 09** ~ Member Exclusive: Weekly Co-Ed Pinochle Game 6:30pm
- 10** ~ Mixed Bowling at Westlawn Lanes 6:00 pm
- 15** ~ Member Exclusive: Weekly Co-Ed Poker Game Noon
- 15** ~ Member Exclusive: Weekly Men's Poker Game 5:00 pm
- 16** ~ Member Exclusive: Weekly Co-Ed Pinochle Game 6:30 pm
- 17** ~ Mixed Bowling at Westlawn Lanes 6:00 pm
- 22** ~ Member Exclusive: Weekly Co-Ed Poker Game Noon
- 22** ~ Member Exclusive: Weekly Men's Poker Game 5:00 pm
- 23** ~ Member Exclusive: Weekly Co-Ed Pinochle Game 6:30 pm
- 24** ~ Mixed Bowling at Westlawn Lanes 6:00 pm
- 25** ~ Carnevale 2017 6:30 pm-11:30 pm

Upcoming Events:

- 03/19** Saint Patrick's/Saint Joseph's Day Mass and Brunch 10:30 am
- 04/01** Children's Easter Party
- 04/08** Arthur Avenue Bus Trip
- 04/30** Mother-Daughter Luncheon and Fashion Show





President's Message

February is shaping up to be a very busy month. The IACC celebrates two annual Italian and American celebrations. First on February 5th we host the best Superbowl Party around complete with indoor bocce, gaming, a pre-game and halftime buffet, beer and soda; all for the low price of \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members. The second event is our Venetian Carnevale scheduled for February 25th. Carnevale is celebrated in Venice, Italy each year and is known for its elaborate masks and costumes. Each year we celebrate by recreating an "Evening in Venice" with food, wine, live music, dancing and of course great costumes. I invite everyone, members and non-members alike, to join us for these memorable events.

I have appointed a steering committee to create a renovation plan for the second floor of our club. In January we held the first of many planning meetings where we shared ideas, design concepts and many dreams of what we want our club to look like in the future. I would like to thank all who volunteered to serve and lend their vision, commitment and passion to this important project.

Finally our club has been on a positive course over the past few years with membership at an all-time high. I would like to personally extend an invitation to all members to join a committee and get involved with the many great events and programs that the IACC offers. If you are interested please feel free to contact the membership office leave your contact information and someone will get back to you. Thank You.

FRANK ZEOLI
ITALIAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY CENTER
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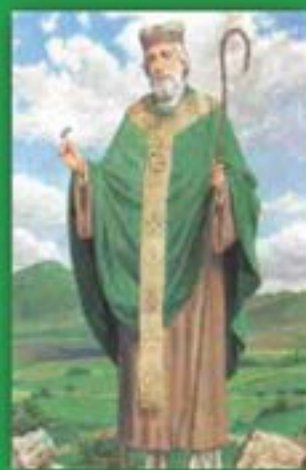
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CLUB NEWS & EVENTS

Bowling

Please join us for weekly Bowling at Westlawn Lanes. The price is \$2.00 for shoes and \$3.50 per game. Anyone that is interested in joining us for a fun time of socializing please call Maria Marchio at 438-9067.

The Italian American Community Center Foundation
invites you to our annual



*St. Patrick
and St. Joseph*

Mass & Brunch
Sunday, March 19
Mass at 10:30 am



Brunch Served After Mass



Menu

Scrambled Eggs • Bacon and Sausage
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Corned Beef and Cabbage w/Carrots and Potatoes
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Women's League



Hi Ladies,

The Women's League continues to be on its winter hiatus, but the officers are busy planning the menu and activities for the coming year. I encourage all women in our club to take part in the Women's League. If anyone has any ideas that we could do during our coming year, including a speaker, or a subject you would like more information on or any activity, please let me know. My phone number is in this newsletter and, of course, the office will always give me a message.

As you all are aware, our membership has increased greatly this past year, so it is my hope that many more women become involved in the Women's League.

I extend my personal invitation to all members to come to our meetings. As always, if you cannot make the dinner, you can always come after dinner at 7:30 p.m. for the meeting.

We will resume our monthly meetings on Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. In the meantime, stay warm.

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:

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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.

ITALIAN PERFORMERS

On Tour



SEBASTIAN MANISCALCO

Friday, March 24, 2017 at 7:00 pm
Proctors Theatre - Schenectady, NY

Sebastian Maniscalco is an Italian-American stand-up comedian. He has done 3 specials that were aired on Show- time, with What's Wrong With People released on 5 January 2012, Aren't You Embarrassed?, taped in Chicago, released on 14 November 2014, and Why Would You Do That?, released in 2016.

IL VOLO:

Saturday, March 11, 2017 at 8:00 pm
Foxwoods Casino, Mashantucket, CT

In just a few years IL VOLO have performed worldwide, released top-selling albums, toured with legendary songstress Barbra Streisand, and taken the stage for three acclaimed PBS specials. The powerhouse trio is now returning to the States, following a prestigious win at the Sanremo Music Festival in Italy, which garnered them 3x Platinum in Italy for their latest EP and harnessed their sold-out summer tour.



ZUCCHERO

Sunday, April 2, 2017 at 6pm
Foxwoods Casino, Mashantucket, CT

Zucchero is an Italian singer-songwriter and musician. His music is largely inspired by gospel, soul, blues and rock music, and alternates between Italian ballads and more rhythmic R&B-boogie-like pieces. He is credited as the "father of the Italian blues". In his career, spanning more than three decades, Zucchero has sold over 50 million records around the world.



Finding Our Immigrant Ancestry



ORIGINAL RECORDS VS. EXTRACTS

More and more, descendants of Sicilian and Italian immigrants who came to the United States in the Great Migration of the late 19th – early 20th century are researching their roots. In addition to the standard subscription websites like www.ancestry.com, and free websites like www.rootsweb.com and www.familysearch.org, amateur researchers are reaching out to social media sites like www.linkedin.com and www.facebook.com (facebook). These venues have a variety of specialized ‘groups’ which cater to virtually every interest, including genealogical research.

Facebook, for example, has groups for ‘*Sicilian and Aeolian Islands Genealogy*’, ‘*Italian Genealogical Records*’, ‘*Genealogy! Just ask!*’, ‘*RootsWeb Genealogists*’, and more, even some Sicilian or Italian-language groups like ‘*Amici della genealogia*’. The groups can be ‘open’ for all facebook users, or ‘closed’, requiring you to request admission. The usual use of these groups is for a member to post virtually any question about his or her family, from general ones listing family surnames and asking to contact others researching the same names; to specific questions about a named

ancestor, born on a specific date, etc.; to posting of original records in the Italian language or in Latin, and asking for help in translating the documents.

The responses are varied, but unlike many ‘social media’ conversations, are usually respectful, helpful and to the point. Others who have had the same problem may respond; experienced amateur and professional genealogists may answer with valuable information or suggestions; other users may send you private messages that only you and they may see, or make arrangements to contact you by email.

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Professionals may offer their paid services, but these are usually restrained by the group administrators, not generally ‘pushy’, and there is no obligation to use them.

A common type of post in these groups starts with “I have my ancestor’s birth certificate, but . . .” or, “I want to get my grandfather’s birth certificate.” In Sicilian or Italian towns in the 1800s or early 1900s, ‘certificates’ were not issued to the citizens involved in civil registrations. Records of birth, marriage, and death were written in permanent ledgers kept in the towns’ ‘*Anagrafe*’ (registry offices), with copies sent to the provincial archives. Many of these records still exist and have been microfilmed by the Mormon church and made available for rental, or in on-line searches. Otherwise, the original records may still be on a dusty shelf in the town offices. I’ve previously described the wealth of detail contained in these records: names, birth dates, occupations and addresses of the principals and/or their parents and spouses; witnesses to the registrations; the officials involved; and signatures of literate ancestors.

When a person needed (or needs today) proof of a birth, marriage or death, he/she would request it from the

town and might receive not a photocopy of the detailed original records, but an ‘*Estratto Certificato*’ (certified extract) of the original. In the case of birth records, for example, the extract would give only the name and birth date of the child, the town where it was born, and the names of the parents. It would leave out the age, occupation and address of the father (and possibly his father) and the names of any witnesses (often family members) that were listed on the original. If the father had signed the original, the extract obviously could not include that signature; and so on. Because of the word ‘*certificato*’ used in the extracts, many folks quite *erroneously* call them ‘birth certificates’, ‘marriage certificates’, and so on.

However, if you’re looking for the most information available, your search should be for the image of the original *Atto di Nascita, Matrimonio or Morte* (record of birth, marriage or death). And if you’re paying a genealogist to obtain the record for you, be sure you know whether you’ll be getting (and paying for) the original record, or just an extract. If you want all the facts that are contained in the original, ask for a ‘*copia integrale*’ (verbatim copy).



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 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

Vegetable PASTINA



Pastina is a big staple kids meal in Italian households. My kids have been eating this since they've been able to eat solids as babies, and so have I! Even though they aren't babies anymore, it's still one of my quick meals for them. My husband and I also love it on a cold day, or as a primo piatto (first dish).

It's a one-pot meal, so simple cleanup! Add a little olive oil to the bottom of a soup pot, about 1 turn of the pan. Heat oil and add about 1.5 cups each of chopped carrots, celery, and potatoes. Add a pinch of salt, black pepper, and nutmeg. Let the vegetables simmer on med-high heat for approximately 2 minutes. Add 1 tablespoon of tomato paste and 4 cups of chicken or vegetable broth. Cover and bring to a boil, then lower the heat and simmer until the vegetables are tender.

When the vegetables are tender, add your pastina. My kids like the Acini di Pepe, which are tiny and round. You can use whatever kind your kids like, such as the stelline (stars) or alphabet pasta. You can eyeball how much you'll need, but I'll estimate approximately 2 cups.

When the pastina is cooked, check your broth (add more if needed) for salt and adjust if you need to.



Buon appetito!

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

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