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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Iwould like to take this opportunity to thank the FESTA committee and all of the volunteers who worked so many hours to make this year's FESTA such a success. So much support from members for the FESTA demonstrated how our club can work together and accomplish such a

wonderful feat. One of the outcomes of the FESTA was that we had 13 new membership applications submitted. They were all approved at the June Board of Directors' meeting. Great work everyone!

We have begun our 55+ Club luncheons and have discussed many activities to be held at future meetings. Check this issue for the date of the next meeting and try to attend. It is a great time to relax and enjoy lunch with your friends.

The popular *Family Nights at the Pavilion* will begin on July 11th. As always, we will have a select menu. Come and have dinner, enjoy a game of bocce, or just sit and relax in our pavilion.

What a great start to the summer season we have had! Please continue to support our activities. I look forward to seeing you often around the club.

Angelo Tarantino, President

July Calendar

View our complete online Calendar at italianamerican.com

Every Monday	Italian Grand Buffet
Every Tuesday	Men's Bocce
July 2, Wednesday	Women's Bocce
July 9, Wednesday	Bus Trip to Yankees Game
July 11, 18, 25, Friday	Women's League Meeting
July 15, Tuesday	Family Night at the Pavilion
July 17, Thursday	Board Meeting
	55+ Club Luncheon
	New Member Orientation

Save the Date

August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	Friday Night at the Pavilion
August 4, Monday	Fun Time Camp, week 1
August 11, Monday	Fun Time Camp, week 2
August 14, Thursday	55+ Club, Saratoga Race Track
September 8, Monday	Foundation Cigar Night
October 13, 14	Sight and Sound Theater Excursion

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55+ CLUB By Sharon Patrei

Our next luncheon is scheduled for July 17th at noon in the Lounge (or the restaurant depending on availability). We hope you will join us for a good time of sharing. Our meal choices are a Black and Bleu sandwich or a Tuscan Chicken sandwich, both accompanied by house salad and chef's choice dessert. Please call Sharon Patrei at 765-3283 for your reservation, then mail a check to her at 27 Ridgefield Drive, Voorheesville NY 12186.

Our August 14th luncheon will be held at the Saratoga Race Track for a day of betting and....winning?? Please save the date and join us at the track.



SIGHT & SOUND THEATRES' Excursion

Women's League is sponsoring a trip to the Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, Pennsylvania October 13 – 14. The production is *The Story of Moses*. Please call Sharon Patrei at 765-3283 if you have an interest in joining us for the unforgettable experience of seeing the show in this magnificent theater. The package prices per person for this overnight stay (which includes Wade Tours bus transportation, lodging, two meals, and ticket to the show) are as follows: \$250/double, \$305/single, \$240/triple, \$230/quad. Please let Sharon know as soon as possible, as tickets tend to sell out several months in advance. Women's League hopes you can join us. The Wade Tours number is 355-4500. The trip is co-ed and open to the public.

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Marijuana growing at the IACC??
By Jim Sano

Of course not! However, because of a "joint" venture between the pool (Jim Sano) and the kitchen (Chef Ryan), our small areas by the bocce courts are now full of vegetable and herb plantings. Hopefully the weather will cooperate and we will harvest hot and sweet peppers, eggplant, tomatoes, and basil. Jim is going to hold Chef Ryan to his promise of chocolate hot pepper ice cream for all to enjoy some *Family Night in the Pavilion*.



Many thanks to Sal and Mafalda Fazio for the considerable time and effort to weed the Garden of St. Anthony. Also, thanks to Jim Sano for the donation of mulch for the garden.



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Luncheon for Veterans

By Maria Lamorte

On Thursday June 19th, a group of past and present members took part in one of our luncheons delivered to the Stratton V.A. Hospital. The Women's League was proud to sponsor the luncheon. Joe Guastamacchia and his loyal crew transported, set up, and served lunch to many of the vets who reside in the hospital. As always, the old warriors loved the change of menu and raved about "Real Eytalian Food".

Thanks to Joe and Rose Guastamacchia, Anna and Lou Acconi, Regina



Sacca, Gail Tarantino, and Donna and Ron Soper, (who continue to support this event from far away Amsterdam). It is our privilege to be able to perform this most worthy community project.



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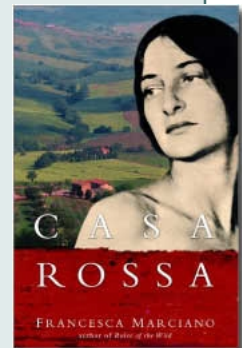
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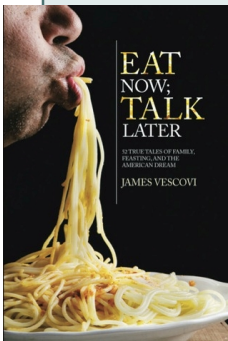
Foundation Book Club by Richard Ognibene

Announces Its Fall 2014 Selections

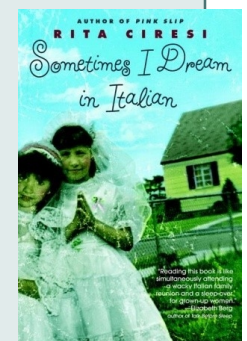
On Wednesday, September 10th, the book club will discuss Francesca Marciano's *Cassa Rossa*, a novel set in a crumbling farmhouse in Puglia. Casa Rossa was bought by Alina Strada's grandfather at a time when no one else wanted it. Now busy preparing it for sale, Alina endeavors to recover the memories it still harbors—in particular of three women whose passions indelibly shaped her family's dark past. There's grandmother Renee, whose love of novelty won over everything else. Alina's mother, Alba, whose marriage to a screenwriter inspired both great art and unbearable sadness. Finally Isabella, Alina's sister, whose fervent politics drove her to ever-escalating betrayals. Moving from Jazz Age Paris to 1950s Rome to modern-day New York, but always returning to the uncompromising beauty of Italy's south, *Cassa Rossa* is a spellbinding story of how loves and losses, secrets and lies, resonate across the generations.



Prepare yourself for a feast consumed in delicious bites on Wednesday, October 8th when the book club we will discuss James Vescovi's memoir, *Eat Now; Talk Later: 52 True Tales of Family, Feasting, and the Italian Experience*. This collection of stories can be read before bed, on a lunch hour, or waiting in line since they are short, sharply written, and humorous. Together they ask the question, "How do you make modern life run smoothly for parents or grandparents who grew up in an era when oxen were used for plowing, children left school after third grade to tend chickens, and meat was eaten only twice a year? When Tony and Desolina Vescovi arrived in America, they collided with the 20th century. Born around 1900, they were stumped by telephones, banks, fast food, TV wrestling, and supermarkets. It was up to their only child, a son, to serve as their shepherd, and it wasn't easy. For example, how to explain that his job was taking him and his family 700 miles away when, in their day, sons stayed put to work the family farm? Or that it wasn't wise to hide \$10,000 in the bedroom? This collection of stories offers a twist on the American immigrant tale and is a testament to love, loyalty, and frequent half-truths. *This will be a special event: The author, James Vescovi, will be present to lead the discussion of his book.*



On Thursday, November 13th, we will discuss Rita Ciresi's *Sometimes I Dream in Italian*, a collection of linked short stories, about two modern American girls – Angel and Lina Lupo – who are trapped in a traditional Italian family. Both their father and their forceful, exasperating Mama came to the United States as children, and neither has any intention of truly assimilating. The Lupo family lives in an Italian enclave in New Haven, and the prospect of what the girls perceive as a normal American life seems somewhat unattainable. "Our goal," Angel says, "was to educate the common, unenlightened folk – our family, friends and neighbors – that we lived in the United States now." Mama's love for her daughters is fierce and almost adversarial. She's so vital that when she's felled by a stroke, it's as if the light dims. Later in the book, Angel and Lina each grapple with adult disappointments, but they remain linked and shadowed by their "old-fashioned, dressed-in-black mother," even after her death. Ciresi creates crisp dialogue with an ability to describe details that are both funny and painfully accurate. The result is a book that manages to be simultaneously blunt and artful.



The Book Club meets at 7:00 P.M. at the IACC and is free and open to the public. For further information about the series contact Dick Ognibene at rtognibene@nycap.rr.com or at 518-372-4919.

Election of Board Members

According to our By-Laws, election to the Board of Directors will be held in November. Five seats will be available for a 3-year term and 1 seat for a 1-year term.

If you are interested in applying for one of these vacancies and can satisfy all of the following requisites, please submit your brief resumé to Anna Acconi or the IACC Office.

IACC By-Laws state that “each candidate for director shall satisfy the following requisites:

- Be at least 21 years of age
- Be a United States Citizen
- Be a voting member of the corporation in good standing

- Have at least one year as a member immediately preceding the election
- Never have been convicted of a felony
- Not be a full-time employee of the IACC

No director, including the past president, may be elected to serve two consecutive terms.

Directors shall not be eligible for re-election or appointment to the board for one year after they complete their term on the board.

Husbands and wives may not serve on the Board of Directors simultaneously.”

The election will be held at the General Membership Meeting on Tuesday, November 18 at 7 P.M.

TOYS AND GAMES WANTED



We will again be offering a summer camp for children which will be held on Monday through Friday from August 4 through August 15. We are in need of donations of books, games, videos, and puzzles that are new or lightly used. These items should be appropriate for children aged 6 through 10. Please bring any items to the office at the IACC whenever it is convenient for you. Thank you for any help you can provide.

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Finding Our Immigrant Ancestry *by Angelo F. Coniglio*

ON-LINE CENSUS SEARCHES

If your immigrant ancestors settled in or around Albany, your local public library should have hard copies of the US Census covering the region. However, if your ancestors lived elsewhere, you must search on-line censuses. I find that even for local information, using on-line searches is easier than using hard copies, which must be searched by town, enumeration district, ward, etc. On-line venues permit searching by name of the individual, so knowing the street address, or even the city, is not required to do a broad search over many years of censuses.

Many public libraries allow free access to subscription sites which have these records, and Mormon *FamilySearch Centers* (or *Family History Centers*) allow patrons free access to subscription genealogy sites. There are dozens, if not hundreds, of sites. Here are the most popular ones dealing with censuses.

<https://www.familysearch.org/> is the site maintained by the Mormon church. It's free and allows users to order microfilms containing US Federal Census records, as well as a host of other federal, State, local and foreign records. Many records are now also available there on-line, as images of original documents. The site offers many free on-line lectures and tutorials. Henceforth, I'll refer to this site as *familysearch.org*.

Free sites that include information about federal censuses and/or access to records include the US National Archives site at <http://www.archives.gov/> which features pages for each decennial census and lists the questions asked on each; and <http://stevemorse.org/census/> which allows searching of the latest census available, that of 1940, in several different ways.

<http://www.Ancestry.com> is a subscription site which has all the released US Federal Censuses, from 1790 through 1940. They can be searched by inputting a person's name. It offers free two-week trial subscriptions and a variety of monthly or annual subscriptions, depending on the region of interest (US, world, etc.). In my columns I'll refer to this site as *Ancestry.com*. Many public libraries, as well as Mormon FSCs, allow free access. There are two FSCs in the area, one in

Guilderland (518-456-2400); and one in Loudonville (518-463-2566).

While searching on-line, many new researchers are frustrated when they can't find information using an ancestor's name they 'know' to be correct. Let's consider the problem:

Misspelling on original records: Many of the members of the 'Great Migration' to America were illiterate. That, plus the fact that often American census takers, clerks, and other officials did not speak the immigrants' language resulted in errors even on official documents. This can include

misspelling by sound: 'Gelia' instead of Giglia, etc.

Misspelling by computer transcribers: Even if the name is correct on the original record, indexers unfamiliar with the name may record it in the data base incorrectly. This can include misspelling by looks: ('u' instead of n; 'j' for i; 'i' for e, and so on.

Switching given names with surnames: Immigrants often gave their surnames first. A clerk or transcriber might not know if the name should be 'Alessi Rosa' or Rosa Alessi.



Be prepared to look for ancestors using wide variations from the presently accepted names. If you have no luck on one site, try a different one; the name may be misspelled and indexed incorrectly on one site, but correctly recorded on another. If you know that a neighbor of your ancestor had a simpler name, try searching for the neighbor. Your ancestor may be recorded on the same census sheet as the more easily found neighbor.

New York State took separate, official censuses every ten years on the "fives" from 1825 through 1925, although Albany County was not included until 1855. These records, too, are available on the online venues mentioned above.

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.

Giving to Italian American Community Center Foundation

Italian American Community Center Foundation (IACCF) is a 501 (c)(3) public charity that raises money for the support of all of the IACCF's efforts to advance, celebrate and preserve Italian culture and heritage and to help families rediscover strength found in Italian traditions.

Italian American Community Center Foundation accepts gifts in memory of friends and loved ones, as well as gifts that honor living individuals. One popular form of giving, the bequest, designates a gift to the IACC Foundation in the donor's will. Gifts of real property such as real estate, art, and jewelry are also welcomed. We would be happy to talk with you about how you can help the IACC Foundation with a contribution that is meaningful to you. Since the IACC Foundation is a 501 (c)(3), your contributions are tax deductible.

Charitable gifts to the IACC Foundation are designated to help provide funding to support activities and programs, building upgrades and other needs.

One of the foundation's responsibilities is the Fun Time Camp, Italian classes, musical programs, Italian Book Club, educational lectures and other presentations of interest to our community. Many of these special events are held in the Pavilion or the Italian American Community Center building.

For information about The IACC Foundation, please contact our office at 518-456-4222 or foundation@italianamerican.com. Additional information can also be found on IACC Foundation website, www.iahfi.org.

Pool News

Something old returns, something new begins

On a trial basis, for the month of July, we are returning to a 7:30 A.M. opening Monday through Friday for two hours of lap swimming. Saturday and Sunday in July, we will try opening two hours earlier at 10 A.M.

Pool Schedule

Summer Schedule: June 16 – August 31

Daily, Noon – 8:00 P.M.

Labor Day/ Closing Day: September 1

Noon – 5:00 P.M.

Please Join Our Next New Members' Social and Orientation

We hope you will join us on Thursday, July 17th from 6:30 P.M. – 8:30 P.M. in the Foundation Pavilion. Our get-together is an informal event with the goal of helping new members get to know fellow IACC club members, committee chairs, and board members. We will also present an overview of the Club, its facilities, activities and member benefits.

The social will include dinner provided by Treviso Restaurant. All new members who joined the Club since October 2013 and have not yet attended a new members' social and orientation are invited to join us for the evening as our guest.

Please call the office at 456-4222 or email IACCOffice@ItalianAmerican.com by July 11th, to register and indicate the number attending.

We look forward to meeting you at the social!

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Women's League

Buon giorno ladies!!

First, a huge thank you to all the women who came out to tie blankets for 'Uncle Shawn's Hugs'. We finished 40 blankets and made Dawn Martin very happy to visit us for the second time in a year.

The Festa just took place this weekend blessed with good weather (mostly) and great turnout. Sunday's mass was a beautiful and emotional tribute to the memory of Mario Ferrarese. Many thanks to Ben Sano for his lovely eulogy. *Grazie.*

On June 17th, the Women's League took part in our annual luncheon for the Veterans at Stratton V.A. Hospital. We provide the food that is delivered and served by a group of members. This is the right thing to do, fulfilling our basic mission to do good in our community.

Planning continues on our October trip to the Sight and Sound Theatre. Please check page 3 for details.

Our July meeting will attempt once again to take advantage of our beautiful pool with a summer theme of South of the Border. Mariachi music will be our background as we first enjoy a water aerobics session. We may work up an appetite for a Mexican themed buffet which will enable each of us to customize our entrees as plain or spicy as we like. Summer fruit and cinnamon pastry will end the feast. It should be a fun night and I look forward to laughing in the pool with my friends. The cost will remain \$20. Lynn Indelicato will take reservations at 469-1284 or email at domlynn@yahoo.com. by July 3rd.

We will also vote at the July meeting for a new slate of officers for the coming year. The lineup is as follows: President: Maria LaMorte, Vice President: Carolina Mancino, Secretary: Donna Zumbo, Treasurer: Joan Wallis.

Looking forward to seeing all of you,

Maria La Morte, Women's League, President

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Edward Ryan
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Joan Wallis

Condolences:

Our sympathy is sent to Tess Bonanni, Linda Dillon and their family on the recent and sudden passing of Tess' brother and Linda's uncle, Anthony Sgambelluri.

Recuperating:

Clara Ferrarese and Betty Richards were both recently hospitalized and are now at home. We send thoughts of speedy and steady recovery to them.

Please contact Anna Acconi at 966-8664 or aaconi111@aol.com



Women's Bocce League

Women's Bocce is usually played on Tuesday nights at 6:30 P.M. On nights when the IACC board meeting is in session, Bocce will be on Wednesday of that week.

Bocce is open to all female club members. If you would like to give it a try, please call me at 424-7463. We are in need of players! Remember no special talent is necessary. We always have a great time!

Donna Zumbo, Women's Bocce President

NEW YORK CHEESECAKE

Submitted by Mary Lou Ritz



INGREDIENTS (for one 9-inch cheesecake)

Four 8-ounce pkgs cream cheese at room temperature
1 ½ cups sugar
½ cup cornstarch
2 sticks butter at room temperature
6 eggs
2 cups heavy cream

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 350 F. Grease a 9-inch springform pan.
2. Beat 1 package of cream cheese, the butter, 1 cup of sugar and the cornstarch together on low speed until creamy, about 3 minutes.
3. Increase speed to medium and blend in the remaining cream cheese one package at time.
4. Beat in the remaining sugar.
5. Blend in the eggs, one at a time, beating well after each.
6. Add the heavy cream and beat until completely blended.
7. Gently spoon the batter into the pan.
8. Place the springform pan in a large shallow pan containing hot water that comes about halfway up the side of the springform. Bake until the edge is light golden brown and the center barely jiggles, about 1 ¼ hours. Turn oven off but let cake cool in oven for about 5 hours.
9. Remove cake from water bath. Refrigerate until ready to serve
10. Top with your favorite fruit topping. Enjoy!!!

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