



NEW LEASE SIGNING

We are pleased to announce that we have secured a new five-year lease commitment from our current tenant, The Mallozzi Group, LLC (D.B.A. Treviso by Mallozzi's) better known as The Mallozzi Family. The House Committee has worked tirelessly over the last two years to structure the most mutually beneficial agreement possible. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the following members of the House Committee for lending their time and expertise in securing this commitment: Chair-David Quadrini and



Left to right (back row) Jeanette Bowers VP of Mallozzi Group, Vic Consiglio, Dom Indelicato, David Quadrini - House Committee Chair, Dan Wall, Cain M. Scalzo -VP of IACC, Frank Zeoli - President of Foundation, (second row) Maria DeNitto, Joan Wallis - Treasurer of IACC, Donna Zumbo - President of Women's League and VP of Foundation, (front row) John Mallozzi and Jim Sano

Members: Vic Consiglio, Dom Indelicato, Dan Wall, Mike Squillace, and Past President Angelo Tarantino. This new lease guarantees and codifies virtually all of the current member benefits and offers various enhancements as well.

This new five year lease ensures almost all of the current benefits and many benefit enhancements.

Such as:

- 10% off of all banquet meals for events held at Treviso

- 50% off Treviso's Sunday Brunch Extravaganza up to 12 diners
- 50 % off Treviso's Monday Grand Italian Buffet up to 30 diners (previously buy one get one free)
- Free annual cocktail party at the Treviso bar for member and 10 guests
- 10% off of orders totaling \$25 or more at Fiorello Imports - Luigi's Deli
- 10% off of all purchases at Hoosick Wine & Liquor
- Complimentary use of the private dining room (previously \$75 charge)
- Free use of the Sala Di Nozze Room (45 person capacity)
- Free use of the Presidents' Room (20 person capacity)
- Exclusive use of The Membership Room (which includes a pool table, card tables, and a 40 inch LED TV with full cable access including the Italian channel RAI, and DVD player)
- Rental discount for the Italian American Heritage Foundation Pavilion
- Ability to attend Italian American Community Center and Foundation event at a discounted rate
- Monthly subscription to our print or digital monthly newsletter *The Siamo Qui*
- Italian Language Classes, Yoga, Group Bowling, Film Screenings, and Children's Italian Dance Lessons
- Men's and Women's Bocce Leagues, Women's League, 55+ Club, Poker Club, Pinochle Club, Book Club
- Ability to utilize the Italian American Community Center Pool from Memorial Day to Labor Day



John Mallozzi and Jim Sano shake hands after signing the new five-year lease agreement.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new office manager, Theresa La Joy. Theresa was born and raised in Albany. We welcome her to the IACC family. I want to especially thank my daughter, Kathryn, for putting her business interests aside for the last eight weeks during this transition period and serving as interim office manager. Kate did this not because I am her father, but because she loves this organization that she grew up in

which is still so dear to her heart. My heartfelt gratitude for a job well done!

In this issue there is an article concerning the annual luncheon we have sponsored for many years at the VA Hospital. I want to thank Joe Guastamacchia for chairing this worthwhile event. Thank you to all those involved with our annual St. Anthony's Mass and dinner, particularly Maria DeNitto, Gail Tarantino, Mary Lou Marando, and Frank Zeoli. In order for us to continue offering events like these, we need additional volunteers. We do need your help in whatever capacity you can offer. Please consider volunteering to help at an upcoming event.

Our Friday Nights in the Pavilion have started. We offer great food at an even better price. Join us for dinner, enjoy a game of bocce, or just sit and relax in the pavilion.

Enjoy the summer! It certainly took its time getting here!

Jim Sano, President

July Calendar

View our complete online Calendar at italianamerican.com

Every Monday	Italian Grand Buffet Men's Bocce League
Every Tuesday	Women's Bocce League
Wednesday, July 1,	Foundation Board Meeting, 6:30 P.M.
Wednesday, July 8	Women's League Meeting, 6:15 P.M.
Wednesday, July 15	Board Meeting, 6:00 P.M.
Wednesday, July 22	55+ Club Trip to Turning Stone
Every Friday	Friday Night in the Pavilion

Save the Date

Monday, August 10	55+ Club Meeting
Saturday, August 15,	Ferragosto Celebration

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FINDING OUR IMMIGRANT ANCESTRY *by Angelo F. Coniglio*

CHURCH BAPTISM RECORDS

Early baptism records of Italian and Sicilian churches are not as detailed as civil birth records. Before the early 1800's civil birth records were not kept. Even afterwards, civil records may have been lost due to natural or man-caused disasters like earthquakes and war. In these cases, baptism records may provide valuable information. Even when civil birth records exist, I like to augment them with other corroboration, and baptism records can provide this "back-up".

"The church" meant the Roman Catholic Church, and the overwhelming majority of Italians were of that faith. The language of the church was Latin. Though later records were kept on pre-printed forms with fill-in blanks, earlier records were completely handwritten. The quality of the records depended on locality and the education and ability of the cleric who recorded them. Sometimes priests were not well-educated. Their handwriting can be excruciatingly difficult to read, and their "Latin" may be classic and correct or a mixture of Latin and Italian with contractions and abbreviations. Furthermore, since paper and ink were scarce, records were generally in small script, jammed together to conserve those valuable commodities.

What we call "baptismal certificates" were not used in those days in Italy and Sicily. The baptisms in each year were recorded sequentially in a permanent register or ledger. Use of indices was not as common nor as organized as for civil records. Every few years (as many as ten or more), the clerical scribe, usually the parish priest, might go over the records, number the pages sequentially, and make a rough alphabetical list of names with corresponding pages where the records appeared. Because of the age of these records, often the edges and corners are now worn and ragged, so that the numbering is hard to read at best, and at worst, eroded away. In some cases the records must be searched page by page. Records for some towns are

available on Mormon microfilms that can be rented for viewing at a local *Family Search Center*. In most cases they are kept in individual churches, parish centers, or diocesan headquarters, and must be accessed by mail or personal visits.

Early baptism records were more "free-form" than Napoleonic civil records, but they were similar across Italy and Sicily. The following information was given: the date of the baptism, the name of the priest, the parents of the child, the child's gender and given name, and the names of the godparents and their relationship to each other. Sometimes, only one was named, usually of the same gender as the child. Godparents might be relatives of the infant. If a birth date was given, it normally wasn't as an actual date, but in reference to a child born "today" or "yesterday". Abbreviations included "f" for *filius* or *filia* (son or daughter), "Sac" for *Sacerdote* (Priest), and "Pp" for *Patrini* (Godparents). Given names were in Latin: "Phillipus" for *Filippo*, "Vincentius" for *Vincenzo*, etc. Possessive forms of names were used: "Domenici" means "of *Domenico*"; "Rosae" means "of *Rosa*". The surname of the father is not given, as it is the same as the child's.

Below is a transcription of a typical baptism record, that of my father, Gaetano Coniglio. The original was completely handwritten. The baptism was recorded in Latin, while the margin note on the right is in Italian. "Sp." is the Italian abbreviation for "Sposò" (Married), and "912" is the Italian abbreviation for the year 1912. An English translation follows. The original record is at <http://bit.ly/1889BaptismRecord>. The civil marriage date given on my father's birth record (from my *Siamo Qui* December 2013 column) is different than the date indicated below, because, according to local law and custom, a marriage performed only in church was considered illegitimate, as were any

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Pinochle Players Wanted



Looking for more players for four handed pinochle games or six handed partnership game (two teams of three players).

We meet on Thursday evenings at 7 P.M. in the Card Room

Please call Sharon Patrei at 518-810-4746 if you are coming.



Men's Bocce League

Mondays at 6:30 P.M.

The regular season will end on August 31st.

Official teams have now been formed.

Call Jim Sano with any questions at 577-6158.

ST. ANTHONY MASS

Was held on Sunday, June 14th, 10:30 A.M. in the Garden. Mass celebrant was Father Anthony Chiaramonte. Following Mass there was a procession in the IACC parking lot. A Sunday lunch was available for \$10.00 per person consisting of salad, pasta, meatballs and bracciole, bread and butter, dessert and coffee.



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Luncheon for Veterans By Jim Sano

On Monday June 15th, a group of our members and volunteers served lunch to forty of our veterans at the Stratton V.A. Hospital. This annual event, sponsored by the Women's League, was started many years ago by our dear, departed member, Betty Mauro, when she was President of the Women's League. Joe Guastamacchia and his loyal crew transported, set up, and served lunch to many of our real American heroes who reside in the hospital. My heartfelt appreciation to Joe and Rose Guastamacchia, Anna Acconi, Ron Lippiello, and Donna and Ron Soper. I am pleased to announce that the Mallozzi Group has offered to donate the food to allow us to expand this most worthy community project for a date in the fall. I know my good friend, Betty, would be proud that this good deed continues. Projects like this help to make us what we are: proud Italian Americans. Thank you, Women's League!



2015 IACC Swimming Pool Schedule

POOL PHONE 690-7258 (to check conditions)

Members **MUST** have their membership card available while at the pool

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
May						23	July continued						
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
31							26	27	28	29	30	31	
June	1	2	3	4	8	6	August						1
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
28	29	30					23	24	25	26	27	28	29
July			1	2	3	4	30	31					
5	6	7	8	9	10	11	September	1	2	3	4	5	
12	13	14	15	16	17	18	6	7					

Noon - 8:00 P.M.

3:30 P.M. - 6:30 P.M.

10:00 A.M. - 8:00 P.M.

Noon - 5:00 P.M.

New Members

Michael and Christine Antonio
Sponsor Dominick Scovello / Joseph Ingemie

Donna Dolan
Sponsor John Schumacher

Marisa Franchini and Michael Szydlo
Sponsor Michael Franchini

Kristen and Michael Joyce
Sponsor Lynda Scalzo

A Blanket of Love

By Lynn Indelicato

This year as you celebrate the Fourth of July, I would ask that you take a moment to truly reflect on what Independence Day represents, especially in this day and age when there are so many who don't know the true meaning of freedom and independence. Also, take a moment to say a prayer of thanks to those who fought so hard, and continue to fight, to bring freedom to so many of the oppressed, and who may have made the ultimate sacrifice in doing so. The Women's League has had the honor of helping to keep the memory alive of one such hero and bringing warmth and "hugs" to those who need it most.

A family man, Shawn Martin was known for his warm hugs. A member of the U.S. Marines, he disassembled explosives. He died June 20, 2007 at age 30, while trying to



clear a roadside bomb in Iraq. "Uncle Shawn's Hugs" is a tribute to him started by his mother, Dawn Martin and her daughter. In 2008 the Marines invited Dawn to join them on the Toys for Tots Train to help distribute toys to underprivileged children. Unbeknownst to her, the train that year was dedicated in Shawn's honor. The blankets

were created as a symbol of the wonderful hugs Shawn would give to family and friends. With the help of friends, 250 blankets were made that first year to hand out along with the toys from the train. Dawn and her daughter were overwhelmed by the need for the blankets. She initially thought this would be a one-time event. When a little boy approached her and offered to trade in his new toy for a blanket, she knew that she needed to continue this effort. Thus, the non-profit organization, Uncle Shawn's Hugs was formed.



Dawn was a guest speaker at one of the Women's League meeting a few years ago and all present members of the Women's League also helped to make blankets for the organization. Dawn Martin is a wonderful, inspiring woman, filled with so much compassion for all the children she helps with this labor of love. To date, they have distributed 5,000 fleece blankets to children in need around the Capital Region. Not only are the blankets distributed through the Toys for Tots Train, but blankets have been distributed to children in other locations including local women's shelters and community centers in Schoharie County after the devastating hurricane. The Martin family's journey in creating such a loving legacy out of such a tragic loss is a true reflection of the power of love. To learn more, not only about Shawn,



her mission of meeting the growing need for the blankets. This year we have committed to sponsoring her mission two times: at our June meeting, where we were able to donate funds and complete 45 blankets, and again in the fall. We hope that many more people will be able to join us in the fall to help give several more blankets of love and the warmth of a "hug".



but the mission and goals of Uncle Shawn's Hugs please go to <http://uncleshawnshugs.org/2015/>.

The Women's League members were so moved by her efforts that we ask Dawn to join us every year as one of our service projects. We are dedicated to help



WOMEN'S BOCCE LEAGUE



The Women's Bocce League will play until Tuesday, August 11th. All games begin at 6:30 P.M. Ideally, each team should have five players, but four players are still acceptable. Any and all ladies of the IACC are encouraged to join. Anyone who has played in the past can tell you how much fun we have.

If you haven't played in the past, please give us a try—no experience needed!!

Please call me, 424-7463, to join our Women's Bocce League. Donna Zumbo, President *WBL*

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offspring, by civil authorities. The couple also had to be married in a civil ceremony, usually within a day of the church wedding.

	<i>Die 27 Aprilis 1889</i>	<i>Sp. il 30</i>
<i>Coniglio</i>	<i>Caetanus Coniglio filius Caetani et Carmelae</i>	<i>Novembre</i>
<i>Caetanus</i>	<i>Calabrese, baptizatus est a me Sacerdote Carmelo</i>	<i>912 con</i>
<i>164</i>	<i>Cutrona. Patrini fuere Paulus Damico, et</i>	<i>Alessi Rosa</i>
	<i>Rosa Milazzo, Conjuges</i>	<i>di Leonardo</i>

	<i>Day 27 of April 1889</i>	<i>Married the 30th</i>
<i>Gaetano</i>	<i>Gaetano Coniglio son of Gaetano and Carmela</i>	<i>of November</i>
<i>Coniglio</i>	<i>Calabrese, is baptized by me Priest Carmelo</i>	<i>1912 with</i>
<i>164</i>	<i>Cutrona. Godparents were Paolo Damico, and</i>	<i>Rosa Alessi</i>
	<i>Rosa Milazzo, man and wife</i>	<i>daughter of Leonardo</i>

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 at one of your club or group events email him at:

COMMUNITY NEWS

Santa Pasquini

The American Italian Heritage Museum



Will Host

An Italian Meal on the Lawn

Wednesday, July 15th 5:00 – 8:00P.M. Cost: \$8.00

Take-out available Music Tour the Museum Open to all

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
THE BRUNCH IS COMING
SUNDAYS BEGINNING AUGUST 2



Sundays in Albany are about to get a little bit more delicious! The Italian American Community Center of Albany and the talented chefs at Treviso have announced the creation of a Sunday brunch extravaganza. Executive Chef Ryan Huneau reveals the menu will feature a chefs curving station, fresh Belgian Waffles, warm doughnuts, continental breakfast pastries, warm muffins, omelet station, and much, much more. The brunch will run from 10:30 A.M. — 2:30 P.M.

Treviso is located at 257 Washington Avenue Extension. For more information on the brunch call the Treviso office at 456-0292.



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Women's League

Hello Ladies!

As I begin my term as Women's League President, I wish to thank Maria La Morte and her officers, Caroline Mancini, Vice President, and Joan Wallis, Treasurer, for all their wonderful work and extreme dedication to help preserve our Women's League! The new officers going forward are: Maria DeNitto as Vice President, Gail Tarantino as Secretary, and Joan Wallis will be continuing as Treasurer. We plan to have a wonderful year with all of you. We hope to have many more women from our club join us for our meetings. Our meetings are more of a "social" gathering, as we love to get together for dinner and some sort of activity. Give us a try if you haven't so far. You can never have too many friends!!!

This month we are going to give another try to offer Water Aerobics at our pool. Our meeting is on **Wednesday, July 8th**. We will begin with a short water aerobics class at **6:15 sharp**. Arrive a little earlier and enjoy the pool. We will then be treated to our "American Picnic" by the pool at 7:00 PM. Our dinner-buffet will include: grilled chicken, ribs, and hamburgers, as well as pasta and potato salad with fruit and brownies for dessert. We will also have a short meeting poolside.

Please call Gail Tarantino at 355-1316 with your reservation by Sunday, July 5th. The price remains at \$20.00. Cancellations must be made by Monday, July 6th. Please remember the cancellation policy remains in effect.

Remember all are welcome, even if you don't want to do the water aerobics class. You can cheer on our "water aerobics" participants! Hope to see many of you there.

Donna Zumbo, Women's League President

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Carlo Ricupero
Richard Rosetti
Sam Rossi
Edward Ryan
Pat Serafino
Lauren Sheffer
Grazia Simeone
Carlo Spano
Paula Vatalaro
Joan Wallis

Congratulations

Amanda Kollias, daughter of **Chris and Kathy Kollias**, graduated from the College of Saint Rose with a Masters' Degree in Education and an advanced certificate in Program Evaluation.

Well Wishes

Tony Mirable recently underwent surgery and is recuperating from his recent hospital visit. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Condolences

Our sympathy goes out to **George Urciuoli** and family for the recent passing of his mother, Haydee Urciuoli.

Please contact Anna Acconi at aacconi111@aol.com or 966-8664.

Rice and Broccoli Casserole

Submitted by Cathy Mesiti



1 onion - chopped
½ stick of butter
1 cup of rice (raw)
1 bag frozen chopped broccoli
1 can cream of mushroom soup - plus 2 cans water
6 oz. Velveeta cheese (cut in small pieces)

Saute onion in butter then stir in all ingredients
Pour into a greased casserole dish (7" x 11")
Bake for 1 hour at 350 degrees uncovered

55+ Club *By Sharon Patrei*

There will be no 55+ Club meeting in July, as we are going to Turning Stone Casino on July 22. If you are interested in joining us, please call Yankee Trails to reserve your seat. Our next meeting will be August 10th. Because Treviso Restaurant is closing, we will be meeting Monday nights in the Lounge for August, September, and October. We will purchase the buffet and eat together in the Lounge. I hope you will join us, as we will discuss upcoming trips for our last two sessions. If you plan to attend the August 10th meeting, please contact Sharon Patrei at 765-3283



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