



## Mother Daughter Luncheon

by Lynn Indelicato

**F**amily, fashion and food—what a wonderful combination to bring together mothers and daughters, sisters, aunts, grandmothers, nieces, godmothers, and all groups of favorite female friends! Sunday, May 17, 2015 marked the 25<sup>th</sup> annual Mother-Daughter luncheon and fashion show at the IACC hosted by the Women’s League. More than 175 women (young and younger) spent the afternoon together enjoying each other’s company set in a theme of “Breeze by the Sea”—the room and tables were decorated with the blues and tans of the beach—complete with beach balls, summer themed prizes for the adult raffles and even centerpieces with live goldfish and seashells! In addition to the varied children’s



raffle prizes, there were raffles for a spa gift basket that included a nail salon certificate to Lena’s Nail Spa, a one-year IACC family pool membership, a fantastic beach chair/beach bag/towel/cooler/sunglasses, a beach accessory gift set, and an Italian specialty gift basket donated by Luigi’s Deli/Fiorello Importing!

Following lunch, the group was treated to a fashion show that showcased a number of ensembles from Christopher & Banks/CJ Banks, The Children’s Place, and formal wear provided by Futia’s Formal Wear & Custom Tailoring modeled by members of the Italian American Community Center and their family members. Many thanks to them and our little ladies Kaleigh Brodowski, Jordan Malette, Antonia Marando,

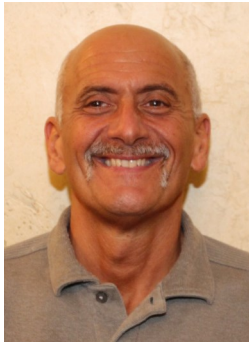
Guilianna Marando, Tessa Rizzo and Erika Tirino; adult fashions modeled by Andrea Indelicato, Maria LaMorte, Jennifer Marchetto, Debbie Pasquini, Gina Pasquini, Sharon Patrei, Tracy Swanson and Anna Tirino. A special addition to this year’s fashion show was the formal wear—as all the little ladies lined the runway to watch in awe as our real-life “princesses” floated down the runway resplendent in one stunning and magical gown after another with their debonair, tuxedo clad escorts. Many thanks to Brianna Edwards, Olivia Mallozzi, Francesca Volpe, Scott Bowers, Cole Traya and Tony Tirino.



Co-chaired by Maria DiNitto and Gail Tarantino, and assisted by committee members Lynn Indelicato, Marylou Marando, Santa Pasquini, Sharon Patrei, Theresa Swanson, Pina Tirino and Donna Zumbo, the afternoon afforded the opportunity to spend invaluable time together enjoying each other’s company as well as a fantastic lunch provided by Treviso by Mallozzi’s and their staff. Magnifico!



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I am sure by now many of you know I am a guy who hates to take vacations, let alone long vacations. Nancy and I just returned from 21 days of touring Europe and it was the trip of a lifetime. When people ask if I have been to Italy, I can finally say, "Yes and it only took 58 years." Like all members, I have always been so proud of my heritage. However, until you visit the country and experience the history, culture, and beauty of the land that our ancestors called

home, the appreciation of our culture is incomplete. Venice, Rome, and Florence are just marvels to behold and a testament to man's creativity and ingenuity. However, I think that places like Capri, Sorrento, and Positano are truly God's creations and undoubtedly some of the most breathtakingly beautiful places ever created. My only regret is that I did not take Maria La Morte's Italian language class before the trip!

This summer is the first time we will be offering Italian language classes during the summer. I encourage everyone to enroll in the Italian language classes we offer. The Pavilion will open soon for Friday night gatherings. I urge our members to plan a Friday evening to meet friends and enjoy a night out in the Pavilion with good, reasonably priced food and drink. If the early warm weather is any indication, it should be quite a busy season for the pool. Several members have been busy planning special activities for the summer and fall. Please support the efforts of our organization by attending these special events that are often fundraisers.

Happy Father's Day to all! *Jim Sano, President*

### June Calendar

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

Mondays June 1,8,15	Italian for Travelers
Every Monday	Italian Grand Buffet
	Men's Bocce
June 3, Wednesday	Foundation Board Meeting, 6:30 P.M.
June 10th Wednesday	Women's League meeting
Every Tuesday	Women's Bocce League
June 14 Sunday	St. Anthony Mass and Lunch
June 17, Wednesday	55+ Club Meeting
June 17, Wednesday	Board Meeting, 6:00 P.M.
June 20, Saturday	Full summer pool schedule
June 24, Wednesday	Bus Trip to Yankees Game

### Save the Date

August 15, Saturday Ferragosto Celebration

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## FINDING OUR IMMIGRANT ANCESTRY *by Angelo F. Coniglio*

### MULTIPLE RECORDS

**O**ften, I have had more luck finding facts in the Mormon microfilms than I've had by trying to contact Sicilian towns or churches by mail, e-mail, or even by personally visiting the town. However, after a recent trip to Sicily, I learned a lesson about primary records. The names below have been changed, but the story is factual.

I had long searched for the ancestry of a relative, **Paolina Bellanca**, born in *Belpaese* in 1883. Her birth record on the Mormon microfilms showed her father as **Salvatore Bellanca**, born in 1855, and her mother as **Giuseppa Spera**, born in 1861. I had also found the microfilmed 1855 birth record for Salvatore Bellanca. His mother's first name was *Paolina*, which supported the idea that he could be the father of *Paolina Bellanca*. However, I could find no record for *Giuseppa Spera*. In fact, I could find no record of anyone with the surname *Spera* in any of the records of the town for 100 years. Further delving into the films, I found an 1879 marriage record for **Salvatore Bellanca**, but it said that he had married *Giuseppa Sforza* (*not Spera*).

My search of films for a birth, baptism, marriage or death record for **Giuseppa Spera** were fruitless. Neither could I find **Salvatore Bellanca's** death record, which might have confirmed the name of his widow. Although I found ancestry for **Salvatore Bellanca** and *Giuseppa Sforza*, I didn't add the information to my

genealogy records, afraid I was 'barking up the wrong family tree.' Was my ancestor *Giuseppa Spera* or *Giuseppa Sforza*?

On a trip to Sicily, I resolved to unravel the mystery. I went to the *Belpaese Municipio*, the Town Hall, and asked to see **Salvatore Bellanca's** death record, hoping it would give the name of his wife. Unfortunately, no such record could be found. The records clerk suggested looking at **Salvatore Bellanca's** birth record. I agreed without much enthusiasm, since I had already seen the microfilmed copy. When the original record was retrieved, at the top I saw a 'margin note' that had not been on the microfilm image. It



was written many years after the birth, and said: "He (**Salvatore Bellanca**) married *Giuseppa Sforza* in 1879. He now lives in *Nantrabanna*. His wife is here (in *Belpaese*) and she wants to be called *Spera*." Eureka! *Giuseppa Sforza* and *Giuseppa Spera* were one and the same. One

mystery was solved (leaving another one, to be discussed later).

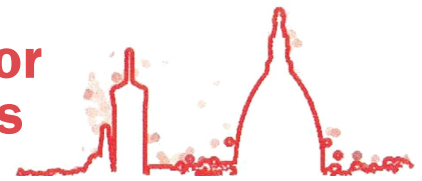
When I saw the revealing margin note, I asked whether I could have a photocopy of the birth record. The records clerk shook her head and said that for privacy reasons, it wasn't allowed. I started to copy the information by hand, when the clerk's assistant asked me if I had a camera. My face brightened, but again the clerk solemnly said "No!" Photographs were not allowed either. They must have seen my crestfallen

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## *St. Anthony Mass*

will be held on Sunday, June 14th, 10:30 A.M. in the Garden (weather permitting). If there's inclement weather the Mass will be held in the pavilion. Mass celebrant will be Father Anthony Chiamonte. Following Mass there will be a procession in the IACC parking lot. A Sunday lunch will be available for \$10.00 per person consisting of salad, pasta, meatballs and bracciole, bread and butter, dessert and coffee.

## Italian for Travelers



Monday evenings for three weeks

**June 1, 8, 15**

7:00 P.M. — 8:30 P.M.

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### **Cost of session:**

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**Buffet Dinner: Monday**

**Lunch: Wednesday – Friday**

**Dinner: Wednesday – Sunday**

## **55+ Club** *By Sharon Patrei*

Our next luncheon is scheduled for June 17<sup>th</sup> at noon in Treviso's Lounge Room. Our meal choices for June are veal and peppers and oven baked whitefish, accompanied by a tossed salad, rolls, and dessert. If you would like a cocktail or a glass of wine, feel free to order on your own tab. The price for lunch will be \$20. Please call Maria Marchio at 438-9067 with your reservation. You may pay Sharon Patrei the day of the luncheon.

We have planned a day trip to Turning Stone Casino on July 22nd. You may reserve by calling Yankee Trails and booking under IACC. The cost is \$19.00 per person.

We are also planning an autumn day trip to the Villa Roma Resort in the Catskills. We went to check it out and were very impressed with the offerings. More information will be provided next month.



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## WOMEN'S BOCCE LEAGUE

The Women's Bocce League began on Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup> and will play until Tuesday, August 11<sup>th</sup>. 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*

## Yankees vs Phillies Baseball Game



**Wednesday, June 24**

8:00 A.M. Meet in parking lot

8:15 A.M. Bus will leave IACC Parking Lot

1:05 P.M. Yankees vs. Philadelphia Phillies

Dinner stop on Arthur Avenue, Bronx

9:00 P.M. Estimated time bus will return to IACC

Transportation: Yankee Trails Video Coach

**\$40 Members**  
**\$50 Non-Members**

Reservations: IACC Office 456-4222

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Questions: Jim Sano 438-4631

## New Members

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**Below is a letter sent to me by a personal friend who I introduced to Melaleuca products.**

1/4/06

Hi Victor;

Just a little note to wish you the very best for the New Year and to share a story of "Melaleuca's Power" with you.

On New Years Eve I broke my tooth and the pain was terrible. I tried to get to a dentist, but because of the Holiday, none were available. By 8:00 p.m. I was crying with pain that I didn't know existed. By 12:00 (Happy New Year) my face was so swollen that I could not open my eye.

I was taking extra strength Excedrin, Alleve, Hydrocodone for pain, in between whiskey, you name it, I did it—still crying all the while, because none had given me any relief.

While looking through my closet, I came across Melaleuca Oil and said let me try this. I could not believe that Melaleuca Oil took away the pain and by the next day, the swelling was gone. It worked 10 times better than Orajel and Orajel Liquid, which I will never buy again.

If ever anyone you know has a toothache, be sure to tell them about it. My family and I always take care of our dental health, but no one knows when emergencies come up. Melaleuca Oil will always be in my medicine cabinet.

Love and Best Wishes

Rosemarie Buccellato

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**Thank you for your time. —Victor Consiglio, Art Director for our newsletter**

## Pinochle Players Wanted



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Art by Vic Consiglio



## Men's Bocce League

Pre-season bocce – Mondays at 6:30 P.M. Games will be open to members and non-members. No official teams will be formed. Even if you have no experience, come join the fun. Members will be available to teach the fine points of the game. Call Jim Sano with any questions, 577-6158.

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look, because the clerk suddenly lowered the window blind. Then her assistant locked the door and winked and they both whispered the classic Sicilian phrase, “We see nothing!” I acquired my photo of the elusive record.

The second mystery I alluded to was the fact that the record I found on microfilm (made only a few years ago) did not show the margin note about Giuseppa Sforza/Spera. How could that be? The answer is, back in 1855, the town clerk of *Belpaese* painstakingly, by hand, had filled out *two* birth records, both of them considered primary records. One copy went to the capital city of the province where *Belpaese* is located. That was ultimately photocopied by the Mormon church, and found by me in my research. The other copy was bound in the permanent register of the town of *Belpaese*. Years after the 1855 birth, a clerk in the town added the margin note, but didn’t send the addendum to the provincial capital. A century later, I found the note, during my personal voyage of discovery. When I continued my research of the Sforza family, I found that Giuseppa’s father had been a foundling, who, typically, was given a made-up name that clearly marked him as an abandoned child: *Giusto Sforza Spera*. This name translated means “the righteous one strives hopefully.” Evidently Giusto’s daughter, Giuseppa, sometimes went by the surname Spera and sometimes by Sforza.

The moral is: there are primary records, and sometimes there are *other* primary records. The Mormons’ lists of available microfilms indicate where the photocopies were made. If they were made from records in the provincial capital, it is possible that duplicate records exist in the town of origin. It is also possible that data for specific events or for whole years, listed in the provincial records as missing, could still exist in the town. Conversely, if films were made of a town’s records, and the town’s records were subsequently damaged or lost, more complete copies may exist in the provincial capital. The only way to tell for sure is to search for missing records in the ‘old country’ or have someone do it for you.

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: [genealogytips@aol.com](mailto:genealogytips@aol.com)

***A Special Thanks to Sharon Patrei for buying and planting the new flowers next to our Road Sign***





## 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.



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# Women's League

## Buon Giorno Ladies!!

Hooray for the warm weather! It was a bit chilly our first evening of the women's Bocce season, but it was wonderful to see everyone and get together again. We are all deeply saddened by the loss of one of our long time members, Theresa Lomonoco. She was such a presence at The Club and we all feel privileged to have known her.

Our 25th annual Mother-Daughter Luncheon (featured on the front page of this issue) was a smashing success and an absolutely wonderful event. Please be sure to check out the calendar to join in the festivities for our upcoming events!

As a reminder, we will be having elections at our next Women's League Board Meeting. Our June meeting is **Wednesday, June 10th at 6:00P.M.** Candidates are as follows: President: Donna Zumbo, Vice President: Maria DeNitto, Secretary: Gail Tarantino, Treasurer: Joan Wallis. I am hoping for a very crowded meeting in June, due to the election, but also because we will be joined by Dawn Martin of *Uncle Shawn's Hugs* for blanket making. Please join us for one of our most important contributions to her wonderful mission for upstate children. The earlier start time is to allow a good blanket production time. Our dinner choices (after salad) are Chicken Scarpariello, Grilled Salmon, or Grilled Vegetable Tower with Pasta. Dessert will be a Vanilla Custard topped with Berries. The cost remains \$20. Please reserve with Donna Zumbo at 424-7463 or dzumbo13@hotmail.com.

Enjoy the warmth and sunshine everyone!

*Maria LaMorte, President*

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Daniel Szesnat

Angelo Tarantino

Bob Valdino

Gretchen  
VanValkenburg

Joann Viglucci

Michael Zeoli

## White Bean Tuna Salad

*Submitted by Virginia Rest*

### Four Servings



2 (6-ounce) cans dark  
meat Italian tuna,  
packed in olive oil

2 (15-ounce) cans cannellini white beans,  
drained and rinsed

1/3 cup small capers, drained and rinsed

6 Tablespoons red wine vinegar

Sea salt and fresh ground black pepper

1 medium sweet onion (Vidalia or could use a  
mild red onion), thinly sliced

1 1/2 cups cherry tomatoes, halved

2 cups fresh arugula

6 fresh basil leaves

Drain the tuna and reserve the oil from it in a small bowl. In a large bowl, break tuna into bite-size pieces with a large fork. Add the beans and capers. Into the bowl of olive oil add the red wine vinegar. You should have 1 part vinegar to 2 parts oil - add more extra-virgin olive oil if necessary. Season with salt and pepper. Pour dressing on the tuna, bean, and caper mixture and allow the flavors to infuse while slicing the vegetables. Add the onion and tomatoes to tuna mixture and toss gently.



## Community Center

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## ORGANIZATIONS

55+ Club • Book Club • IACC Foundation  
Men's and Women's Bocce Leagues  
Women's League

## FACILITIES

Area's Best Italian Restaurant and Banquet Facilities  
In-ground 60 x 30 Heated Pool  
Children's Playground • Meeting Rooms  
Entertainment Room for Cards / Billiards / TV  
Four Covered Bocce Courts • Basketball Court  
Outdoor Pavilion for Gatherings • Horseshoe Pits

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