



Venetian Carnevale

By Frank Zeoli

On the night of February 23rd, the ballroom at the Italian American Community Center was transformed into a true Venetian Carnevale. The room was decorated with balloons, pictures of jesters, and Venetian masks. Shining gold candelabras and flower centerpieces adorned each table. All this, in combination with creative lighting, set the perfect ambiance and mood for the evening.

More than 120 people enjoyed the night, many sharing in the spirit of the evening by wearing unique masks and costumes. While some enjoyed the process of creating their own costumes, others took advantage of the many masks provided at the door. To reward these costumed attendees, a costume parade and contest were held. The King and Queen of the Night were crowned.



Tori Coleman & Adam Suda were crowned



Loreal Venturini shows off her costume

The dance floor was

certainly the place to be, as everyone enjoyed the opportunity to celebrate the spirit of Carnevale by dancing the night away to the sweet voice of Frank Giglio and the Good Times Band.

All attendees had the perfect opportunity to record the evening with Photos by Manny. Set to a backdrop of Carnevale mask cutouts and balloons, everyone was invited to have their picture taken. With Manny's attention to detail there were no doubt a great many wonderful pictures taken throughout the event.

A Venetian Carnevale is nothing without great food. That was certainly found in abundance thanks to Treviso by Mallozzi. The

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello Everyone,

Where has the month gone?

To quote John F. Kennedy, "Ask not what your country can do for you – ask what you can do for your country". You may apply

JFK's message to your participation at the IACC. Please don't stand by. Participate in the *Renaissance* of the IACC by becoming an active member in your club. There has been a recent increase in participation, as demonstrated in recent events and activities: In February, there were over 70 attendees at Super Bowl Sunday Party. Over 120 made reservations for the Carnevale Dinner Dance. If you were unable to attend the dinner dance, you missed a wonderful evening of great food and lots of dancing, not to mention great costumes. We are re-instituting the Over 55 Senior Group, so look for information in *Siamo Qui*. If you are interested in becoming more active at the club and feel that your education, work, or life experience would be beneficial to improving the club, please feel free to contact me. I look forward to seeing you at the IACC.

Angelo Tarantino, President

March Calendar

View our complete online Calendar at italianamerican.com

Every Monday	Italian Grand Buffet
Every Wednesday	IACC Bowling
March 11, Monday	Chair Yoga Classes begin
March 13, Wednesday	Women's League Meeting
March 14, Thursday	Intermediate Language Lessons begin
March 17, Sunday	St. Patrick/St. Joseph Mass & Brunch
March 18, Monday	Meet & Greet Member Social
March 19, Tuesday	Board Meeting
March 23, Saturday	Arthur Ave. Bus Trip

Save the Date

April 21, Sunday	Mother/Daughter Luncheon
May 15, Wednesday	55 & Over Luncheon
June 13, Thursday	Andrea Bocelli, Times Union Center

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buffet stations included everything from antipasto to mouthwatering- braised beef, tender salmon, and a variety of pasta choices, to list just a few of the many amazing culinary offerings. To top it all off was an amazing dessert display of Italian pastries, fruit, cakes, and Italian tortes. Certainly no one went away hungry! This first Annual Venetian Carnevale was a resounding



Lynn Indelicato struts her stuff



Mike Swanson accepts applause

success and would not have been possible without the hard work and creativity of the planning committee. Members include Rosanna Aiuppa, Sandrina DeNitto, MJ & Earl Knowles, Maria Marchio, Santa Pasquini, Teresa & Mike Swanson, and Gail Tarantino. Everyone had a great time. We eagerly anticipate an even bigger and better Venetian Carnevale next year.

Buona Pasqua by Sharon Patrei

While you won't see the Easter Bunny if you are in Italy at Easter, you will find some interesting celebrations.



Solemn religious processions are held on either Good Friday or Saturday before Easter Sunday. Many churches have special statues of the Virgin Mary and Jesus that play a significant role in these processions. The statues may be paraded through a city or in the main square. Enna, in Sicily, has a large procession on Good Friday with more



than 2,000 friars dressed in ancient costumes walking through the streets of the city. Trapani, also in Sicily, holds processions for several days during Holy Week. Their Good Friday procession, *Misteri di Trapani*, lasts 24 hours. What is believed to be the oldest Good Friday procession in Italy is in Chieti, in the Abruzzo region. The procession with Selecchi's *Miserere* played with 100 violins is quite moving.



On Good Friday the largest and most popular mass of Italy is, of course, held by the Pope. The Pope celebrates the *Via Crucis* (Stations of the Cross) in Rome near the Coliseum. A cross with burning torches lights the sky as the Stations of the Cross are described in several languages. At the end, the Pope offers a blessing.

There are many celebrations throughout Italy to mark this most sacred of events in Christianity too numerous to mention here. The Italian American Community Center extends to all members the hope of joy, peace, and love.

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**40th
Anniversary**

In 2013 the Italian American Community Center will celebrate our 40th anniversary. To commemorate this momentous occasion, we are planning a year-long celebration of events honoring the great Italian Americans who have made this club what it is.

We are calling for volunteers to serve on a 40th Anniversary Committee to help plan the celebrations. Anyone interested in serving on this committee please contact Frank Zeoli, Social Chairman, at fzeoli@nycap.rr.com or 935.5174.

Andrea Bocelli is Coming to Albany

Andrea Bocelli is coming to the Times Union Center on June 13th at 7:30 PM and the Italian American Community Center has discounted tickets available. Lower Level seats are available for \$223.00. Upper Level seats are available for \$70.00. Contact the Membership Office at 456.4222 to purchase tickets or for more information.



Membership Committee

Frank Zeoli, Membership Chairman

The Membership Committee is looking for volunteers to serve on the committee to plan activities for new members, as well as participate in a membership drive. If interested, please contact Frank Zeoli at 935.5174 or fzeoli@nycap.rr.com.

Help Wanted

Members To Work On Expanding Face Book and Twitter Utilization If interested, please contact Angelo Tarantino at 355.1316 or angelo7491@hotmail.com

Microsoft Publisher Savvy member to help with finalizing the monthly Siamo Qui publications George has transformed our newsletter into a wonderful publication. He now needs the time for his own business. Rachel Cameron collects and edits the articles and ads that will be in each issue. We need someone who has time at the end of each month to help 'put it all together'. Linda Sciocchetti is available to help. If interested, please contact Rachel Cameron at rcamero@nycap.rr.com.

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CHAIR YOGA IS COMING TO THE IACC

FOR A 2ND SESSION!

Everyone has enjoyed this class so much that we are offering a 2nd session for 8 more weeks. If you have even a little stress in your life, you should give this class a try. It is wonderful! Yoga instructor, Tracy Swanson teaches this 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 an 8-week program on Monday evenings from Monday, March 11th through Monday, April 29th. The one-hour class is held upstairs in the IACC Boardroom and begins at 6:30 PM. Classes are open to men and women. Please call the Membership Office at 456.IACC (4222) to sign up.

Prices: Members: \$48 for 8 weeks
Non-Members: \$56 for 8 weeks
\$10 per class to drop in

Remember to wear loose, comfortable clothing!

Attention Members 55 and Over

By Sharon Patrei

The IACC will be reinstating the social group previously led by our late friend, Paul Centi. It will be overseen by a committee of three: Sharon Patrei, Kathie Ryan, and Carole Mann. We are scheduling our first luncheon on May 15 at noon. Our new President, Angelo Tarantino, will speak to us about IACC activities and goals and answer any questions you may have about our organization. In addition, the luncheon will be a planning meeting, asking for suggestions of what attendees would like to do, what they see as the purpose of the group, and how often and when and where to meet. In next month's *Siamo Qui* we will schedule Treviso for our luncheon and ask for an RSVP. We are excited to be starting up again and look forward to meeting old friends and new. We hope to see you there. Call Kathie Ryan 852.7892 with any questions.



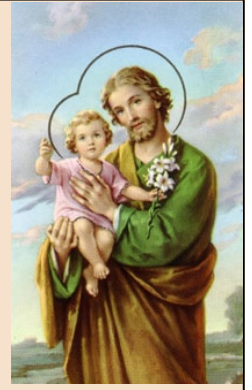
St. Patrick & St. Joseph's Mass and Brunch

March 17

Doors open at 10:00 AM

Mass at 10:30 AM

Brunch served after Mass



Adults: \$22 | Children (5-12 years): \$11 | Children (under 5): Free

Reservations: Santa Pasquini at 489.3949 or
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RESERVATION DEADLINE: March 12 | CANCELLATION DEADLINE: March 15

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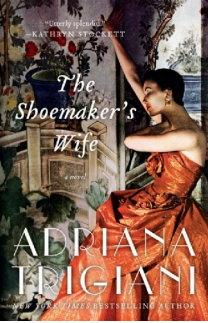
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The Shoemaker's Wife by Adriana Trigiani

March 5

Tuesday Evening 7 PM

FREE ADMISSION

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Our next book club is April 9th
Start reading

A Bell for Adano by John Hersey

Membership Benefit: Free Cocktail Party *By Angelo Tarantino*

The membership benefit of a *Free Cocktail Party* is for up to 10 guests at the bar only once each year with draft beer, house wine, soft drinks, and Chef's choice of hors d'oeuvres. This free cocktail party is only available Tuesday thru Sunday. Please call Treviso Restaurant to reserve your date. According to the Mallozzi Group, space is based on availability of the restaurant.

Membership Meet and Greet Social

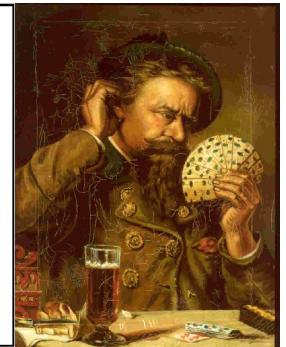
The socials provide an opportunity for members to meet other members (new & old), enjoy the camaraderie of fellow members, and be updated on planned activities at the club. We hope more members will attend these get-togethers in the months to come.

If you would like to attend, you will need to register with Linda in the Office, by the Wednesday before each social. This is necessary, because we need to make reservations with the restaurant. The only cost to you will be the cost of the buffet, but your membership benefit applies, so you buy one dinner and receive the second one free. (Drinks, tax, and gratuity are extra.)

The *Membership Meet and Greet Socials* are for ALL MEMBERS and are scheduled at 6:00 PM on the 3rd Monday of every month. The next scheduled dinners are: March 18 and April 15. We encourage you to attend. Please mark your calendar and contact the Office to make your reservations.

Card Player Needed

Wanted: Male card player for Tuesday night games. This small group of men meet in the Card Room most Tuesdays from 6 – 10 PM. Call Nick Mancini 286.3009 with any questions. IACC membership is required.



Several years ago, this crew was instrumental in making great improvements in the pavilion, in order to make it a more enjoyable place for summer functions. Many members have continued to make improvements over the years. Book your summer party in the pavilion while space is still available.

Women's League

Welcome Back Ladies,

Now that the "winter recess" is over, the Women's League is all set to get going again. Many of us have heard of the Ronald McDonald Houses. This month we will become better acquainted with the Ronald McDonald House of Albany. Debbie Ross, the Director of Ronald McDonald House Charities in Albany, will be our speaker at the March 13th dinner meeting. She will give us an in-depth view of this charity. She has also given us a "wish list" of items. I have included the list below. It would be greatly appreciated if everyone could pick out a few items to donate at this month's meeting.

I also want to remind everyone to make your plans to attend the St. Patrick/St. Joseph's Mass and Brunch on Sunday, March 17th and the Mother/Daughter Luncheon and Fashion Show on Sunday, April 21st. See the flier on page 6.

Our dinner choices this month are Stuffed Pork Roulade or Eggplant Rollatini, served with family-style vegetables and salad. We also are having Strawberry Shortcake for dessert.

Our meeting is on Wednesday, March 13th at 6:30 PM. Please email your reservation to Lynn Indelicato at domlynn@yahoo.com or call 469.1284 by Sunday, March 10th. Cancellations will need to be in by then also. Please remember the cancellation policy remains in effect.

Donna Zumbo, Women's League President

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Super Bowl Party By Jim Sano

This year's Super Bowl was great! Our team was even better! Our attendance was up almost 100%! The IACC team worked so hard for many weeks in advance preparing and planning the event! Many thanks to the following: all our sellers of contest tickets including Angelo Tarantino, Dom Indelicato, Frank Zeoli, and Pete Scavullo, Michael Blasl and Keith Mahler of Treviso, who helped in the transportation of products from Home Depot for the construction of our two indoor bocce courts, Joe and Andy Mirabile who acquired and installed our own new larger than



Indoor Bocce was a big hit



Jeanne Wilson watching the big screen

12 foot movie screen for a ridiculously low price, in addition to providing free of charge their High Definition projector and technical expertise throughout the day, Jeanette Bowers and the Mallozzi Group for donating five \$20 gift cards that were used as door prizes, Pete Scavullo for acquiring the needed licenses and organizing the games of chance and working with Nick Mancini on the games of chance from 3 until 10 PM, Jean Sacca and Joe Mirabile for running the pull tab concession, Linda Sciocchetti for taking advance reservations and handling copying and paperwork, Angelo Tarantino for organizing a very nice Super Bowl menu and buffet (and double-checking his own responsibilities as well as others to aid in preventing things from getting overlooked or forgotten), Maria Marchio and Ed Haddad for helping with contests, and George Urciuoli for promotions and good ideas. Last, but not least, a special thanks to our Social Activities Chair, Frank Zeoli, off of whom we bounced all our good and not-so-good ideas and who helped us come to a consensus and a great game plan. I have been chair of the Super Bowl Party for greater than 20 years. I would have to say this was one of the best parties we ever had! We just wanted to thank all involved. Next year make your plans to attend and bring all your friends! It is truly a SUPER fun time.



Greg Wilson shows off his box for the pool

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Frank Zeoli
Chris Zitzmann

Condolences

We regret to report the passing of long-time former member, Josephine (Josie) Torcoletti, who died in Arizona on January 9. Josie was an active member who volunteered on many committees and who, for many years, ran the annual craft fair. Our sympathy is sent to her entire family, including her sister, Theresa Lomomoco.

Congratulations

Congratulations and best wishes to Angie Groelz and Don Sislowski who tied the knot on January 19. Angie, Don, family and friends enjoyed a wonderful reception at Treviso's.

Congratulations are sent to Domenico (AKA Mimmo) and Samantha DeNitto who married on December 29. Mimmo is the son of Luigi and Maria DeNitto.

Community Service

A fundraiser to benefit research for the prevention and cure of esophageal cancer will be held at the Saratoga flat track on Sunday, August 18. If you would like to volunteer your services in this endeavor, please contact Sue Ferrara at 356.0816 or cferrara@nycap.rr.com.

All Saints Catholic Academy will be hosting a fundraiser at the IACC on Saturday, March 16 from 6 to 9 PM. The event, open to the public, is entitled "Stepping Out...An Evening of Old Hollywood" and plans to present an evening of food, music, and fun. For more details, please contact Christine Marando at 438.9186 or cmarando@nycap.rr.com.

Please contact Anna Acconi at 966.8664 or aacconi111@aol.com



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2 eggs
1 ½ ounces butter
½ cup milk
1 tablespoon Grappa
1 pinch salt
1 pinch baking soda
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
10 cups vegetable oil

Pour out the flour onto a flat work surface. Make a hole in the center and add the other ingredients into the center except for the milk. Gradually add the milk as you begin to knead the dough.

Using your hands or an electric mixer, knead the dough until it is smooth, then cover in plastic wrap and let rest for fifteen minutes.

Divide dough into pieces and roll out to one-tenth inch using a rolling pin or pasta machine. Use a knife or pasta cutter to cut out diamond shapes.

In a six-quart Dutch oven, heat vegetable oil to 350 degrees. Carefully drop a few pieces in hot oil without crowding. Fry for thirty seconds to one minute or until golden brown. Remove fritters with a slotted spoon and place on parchment paper. Dust with powdered sugar.

Bon appetito!!

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