

Mother Daughter Luncheon and Fashion Show

By Maria Marchio

The Mother/Daughter Luncheon and Fashion Show on Sunday, April 21 was a huge success.

There were over 140 in attendance. The fashions were by CJ Banks for the adults and The Children's Place for the little ladies. Everyone enjoyed having their pictures taken by Manny Ortiz with their mothers, grandmothers, daughters, and granddaughters. Their favor was a picture magnet. Everyone loved this idea. The delicious food was prepared by Mallozzi and was served by the excellent wait staff. One member of the wait staff escorted Sylvia Coleman on the runway. Sylvia is Mary Jean Knowles' mother. Thank you to the committee for their help: Mary Jean Knowles, Carolina Mancino, Jeanette Bowers, and Rosanna Aiuppa. A special thank you to Peri and Tori Coleman (Mary Jean's sister-in-law and niece), Teresa Swanson, Louise Giuliano, and Santa Pasquini.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I want to thank everyone for their commitment to the vitalization of the club through their hard work in the planning, coordination, and participation in club activities and events. There are many newer members who have joined the ranks of volunteers and are contributing their expertise. This once again demonstrates that the more members

participate the more they feel a part of the club. Check out the activities that are of interest to you during the month of May and participate in as many as you can.

Congratulations to the Woman's League for their very successful Mother/Daughter Luncheon and Fashion Show. I know that a great deal of hard work went into making this event such a terrific, memorable event. Our 40th Anniversary events will be starting soon, so plan on attending as many activities as possible.

As always, if you have any questions or comments about the club, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Angelo Tarantino, President

May Calendar

View our complete online Calendar at italianamerican.com

Every Monday	Italian Grand Buffet
May 2, Thursday	Foundation Board Meeting
	Dragons Circus, Times Union Center
May 8, Wednesday	Women's League Meeting
May 13, Monday	Meet & Greet Member Social
	<i>Mal'occhio</i> Documentary Presented
	Men's Bocce League begins
May 14, Tuesday	Book Club with Author Mark Rotella
	Women's Bocce League begins
May 15, Wednesday	55 & Over Luncheon
May 19, Sunday	New Member Social
May 21, Tuesday	Board Meeting
	General Membership Meeting
May 25, Saturday	Pool Opens for the season!
Save the Date	
June 6, Thursday	Foundation Board Meeting
June 9, Sunday	St. Anthony Mass in the garden
June 12, Wednesday	Women's League Meeting
June 13, Thursday	Veteran's Luncheon
	Andrea Bocelli, Times Union Center
June 16, Sunday	Farmers' Market opens
June 18, Tuesday	Board Meeting
June 27, Thursday	Bus trip to Yankee game
June 28, Friday	Friday Nights in Pavilion begins

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Member Profile Philip Sabatino

You Don't Work, You Don't Eat

When Philip Sabatino's parents emigrated from Roseto del Fortore, Foggia, in 1914, they settled in Albany. Having been raised in an agricultural area known as the granary of Italy, it was fitting that Anthony Sabatino became a vegetable peddler, crossing the streets of Albany, selling his wares. It was on the vegetable truck, driven by then 14 year old Philip, that the young boy developed his street knowledge and his deeply-rooted value system. "Treat people the way you want to be treated" and "You don't work, you don't eat" were mottos often stated by Philip's father. They also became core beliefs for Philip and ones that he has followed during his long and successful business career.

Philip, the only boy in a family of 7 children, worked with his father every Saturday and during summers and he attributes his business acumen to his years of "working the streets" of Albany supplemented by the great education he received at Christian Brothers Academy. Upon graduation from high school, Philip enlisted in the Navy to fight during the World War II and spent 3 and 1/2 years in the Pacific Arena. When he returned from the service, Philip married the woman who waited for his return, the young woman whom he had met at the roller skating rink while they were both still in high school.

Marion Hilton not only became Philip's wife, but also his partner, his bookkeeper, his aide, and his constant companion. Philip relates that people often commented on the fact that he and Marion were always seen together. His answer was always the same, "That's why we got married." They remained close for almost 50 years until Marion passed away in 1996, leaving a great void in Philip's life. Together, Philip and Marion became successful business people while raising three children, Sandra, Anthony and Pamela. Today, Philip enjoys spending time with his 8 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren.

Philip began his business career as a young man, founding Sabatino's Liquor Store on the corner of Quail Street and Western Avenue, a business he owned and operated for more than 40 years. Ultimately, Philip bought the Rice Building and owned and operated many businesses in Albany. He turned an existent bowling alley into a dance club, founded The Lamp Post, a college bar and restaurant, owned and operated The Bleeker Restaurant on Dove Street, and started a newsroom on Washington and Quail. In addition, Philip bought and sold property in various parts of the city.

Philip is a charter member of the IACC and a lifetime member of the YMCA in Albany. He volunteered his services for the festa whenever possible and is especially remembered for his dedication to the success of the Columbus Day Parade. He has been a long time supporter of the restaurant at the IACC. For many years he has habitually eaten at the club every Sunday, always with Marion, and, since her passing, with his son Anthony. Since retirement, Philip has maintained his busy schedule, visiting his many friends and acquaintances and "driving around the city." On occasion, he stops in to visit Mayor Jennings, a good friend and one for whom he did a great deal of fund raising.

Philip's success is due in large part to his generosity and his love of people. His dedication to hard work and his lifelong beliefs in fairness were engrained in the consciousness of the boy on the vegetable truck and remain today in the heart of this loveable man.





Pavilion Clean Up Day By Earl Knowles

The Pavilion Clean Up Day was held on April 20th. The time and effort of the members to come out on a cool and windy spring morning was truly appreciated. Without their efforts and those of others before them, we would not be able to maintain our wonderful Pavilion. The following members deserve grateful recognition: Mike and Teresa Swanson, Dino Barbato, Carlo Recupero, Al Sacca, Ron Richards, Maria Marchio, and George Urciuoli. Hopefully many of you will come out for our Friday Family Nights at the Pavilion this summer, as well as many other events and activities we have planned throughout the summer season.

Red Sox Bus Trip

by Angelo Tarantino



The IACC is planning a bus trip to a Red Sox baseball game on Saturday, July 20th. They are playing the Yankees at 4 PM. If you are interested in attending please call the IACC Office at 456.4222 with the number of tickets you need. Tickets cost \$129 and include transportation and the game. Seating is in the Right Field Grandstand - Sections 4 & 5. We will be buying tickets through Yankee Trails and exact travel times can be found on their website or in the next issue of the *Siamo Qui*. Please call before May 15.

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Poem for Mamma

GRAZIE DI ESISTERE

By Luciano Somma

Come sei bella mammina
nel tuo sorriso c'è il sole
vorrei trovare parole
per dirti quanto ti amo!
Come sei dolce la sera
quando carezzi il mio viso
io sfioro sai il Paradiso
e mi addormento felice.
Quanto sei cara al risveglio
quando mi baci la fronte
si apre un nuovo orizzonte
davanti agli occhi col giorno.
Grazie di esistere mamma
restami sempre vicino
guidami lungo il cammino
tu la mia luce sei vita.

THANK YOU FOR EXISTING

Translated by Pamela Allegretto

How beautiful you are Mamma
In your smile there is the sun
I would like to find words
To tell you how much I love you!
How gentle you are in the evening
When you caress my face
I glimpse heaven
And I sleep content.
How dear you are upon awakening
When you kiss my forehead
It opens a new horizon
In front of my eyes with daybreak.
Thank you for existing Mamma
Always stay near me
Guide me along the way
You my light, my life.

Farmers' Market

By Anna Acconi

Warm weather will soon arrive and, with it, the opening of the Farmers' Market which will operate every Sunday morning from June 16 until September 29. The market will feature food products and crafts of the highest quality. Your participation will secure the success of this venture.

On June 16, for the market's season opening, special promotionals will be available to members of the IACC and to the public. Plan your Sunday mornings to include breakfast at the market followed by a relaxing and unique shopping experience on the lawn. More details concerning the market will be available in the June edition of *Siamo Qui*.

The success of the farmers' market depends on the assistance of many people. We are in need of volunteers to help in many areas. If you are interested in helping in any capacity, please call Anna Acconi at 966-8664.

Children's Summer Camp 2013

By Jeanne Wilson

We are very pleased to be able to offer the summer camp experience to our youngsters again this year. Our two dedicated, certified teachers enjoy introducing the children to the Italian language and culture. They do this in a way that is exciting and fun for all of the youngsters, whether they are entering first grade or sixth grade. This year there will be some certified teacher volunteers who will add their expertise to the program either in crafts, music, or another specialty.

We will continue to have our soccer and bocce games, and of course our daily, supervised swimming in the IACC pool. Lunches and snacks, which are both healthy and child-friendly, are provided every day.

I have spoken to a number of members who have helped in the past but you can never have enough volunteers when dealing with elementary aged children. If you have an "Italian" skill that you would like to share with the children (dancing, singing, storytelling), we would love to hear from you.

We are looking forward to a fun, productive, and Italian culture-rich week, with the children. For more information, please see the flyer in *Siamo Qui* and/ or call the IACC Office at 456.4222.

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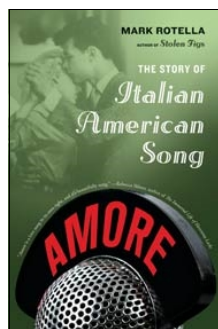
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Tuesday, May 14 at 7 PM

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Saint Anthony Mass



June 9th at 10:30 AM

celebrated by Father Chiaramonte

Donations collected during Mass are sent to Institute San Vincenzo in Palermo, Italy

Mass celebrated in the Garden

Coffee/Pastries will be served in the Foundation Pavilion after the Procession

All are Welcome

For information call 456.4222

Members 55 and Over

By Sharon Patrei

We will meet on Wednesday, May 15 at Noon in the small banquet room adjacent to the hostess desk. Lunch will be the Soup / Salad / Garlic Bread combo as listed on the Treviso menu with Italian cookies for dessert. There will also be coffee and tea. The price will be \$12 per person. Checks should be made payable to Sharon Patrei and sent to Sharon at 27 Ridgfield Drive, Voorheesville, NY 12186. Please call Sharon at 765.3283 to make your reservation no later than Sunday, May 12. We so look forward to seeing you.

Children's Summer Camp

at the Italian American Community Center

Children will have an exciting, fun filled, experience while also being introduced to the Italian language and culture. The program includes stories, games, soccer, bocce, craft projects, and daily supervised swimming in our pool.

Child pleasing, yet healthy, lunches and snacks are provided every day.



July 8 - 12, 2013
and/or

July 15 - 19, 2013

9 AM - 3 PM

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Yankee Baseball Game

Coordinated by Jim Sano

Thursday June 27

8:15 AM Juice, Coffee, & Donuts – Poolside

8:30 AM Bus will leave IACC Parking Lot

1:05 PM Yankees vs Texas Rangers

Seating: Section 434A

Dinner stop on Arthur Ave. Bronx

9:00 PM Estimated time bus will return to IACC

Transportation: Yankee Trails Video Coach

Cost: **\$59 – Members** | **\$65 – Non-Members**

Reservations: IACC 456.4222 First Come First Served

Questions: Jim Sano 438.4631



Cultural Corner

By Rosanna Aiuppa

The Italian Connection with the Red Cross



May 8 is World Red Cross Day. You may or may not know that the Red Cross is a charitable organization and not a government agency. It is supported by volunteers who operate in 187 countries and whose mission is to tend to the needs of soldiers and their families on the battlefield and on the home front and to help and give assistance to those in need during natural disasters.

The world has not always had this invaluable help. It took a Swiss businessman, Jean-Henri Dunant, to change all that and, by chance, enter the *Italian Connection*. The year was 1859. Cavour, the Italian diplomat, had procured the agreement of the French Emperor Napoleon III to come to the side of Italian King Vittorio Emmanuel II of Piedmont and Sardinia. This alliance against the mighty Austrian Army under King

Franz Josef was forged as Italy made its second attempt to rid itself of Austrian dominance and gain its independence.

Solferino, on the shore of Lake Garda, was the destination of the unsuspecting Mons. Dunant arrived to confer with Napoleon III on the difficulty he was having in conducting business in French-owned Algeria. He arrived in time to witness the clash of two armies each of about 130,000 men that bumped into each other literally as *people in the dark*. Neither side had realized how close they were to each other, nor that they were heading for the same level fields around Solferino to regroup. The battle of Solferino was the decisive episode in the struggle for Italian unification. When night fell, the battlefield was strewn with more than 40,000 either dead or horribly wounded. The medical services of the French and Sardinian armies were overwhelmed. The French army had fewer doctors than veterinarians, transportation was non-existent, and cases of bandages had been left behind. Those wounded who were able to do so, headed for the nearest village of Castiglione, in search of a little food and water. Only 9,000 reached it, pouring into houses, barns,



squares, and narrow streets. In the church of Castiglione, the Chiesa Maggiore, Henry Dunant, helped by local women, cared for the wounded and dying for three days and three nights. What he witnessed changed his life forever.

After his return to Geneva, the horror he had seen and the futile efforts to assist would not leave him. He abandoned his business and wrote a vivid account of the battle of Solferino, published it with his own money, and distributed it to military and political heads in Europe. Dunant advocated for a national volunteer relief organization, to help in the battlefield in case of war, and for international treaties to guarantee the safety of medics and

volunteers as they did their humanitarian work, regardless of the side of the conflict the wounded were fighting for. In 1863 a committee was formed named the *International Committee of Relief for the Wounded*. Only one year later, the Swiss government called an international conference in Geneva. The adopted resolutions came to be known as the Geneva Convention. For the first time, nations would be legally bound to the rules of neutrality and protection of wounded soldiers, regardless of political affiliation. There would be the utilization of volunteer forces for relief in the battlefields. The protection of field medical personnel was assured under the recognizable symbol of a white background with a center red cross. Thus, it became known as *The Red Crescent Movement*.

During the Civil War in America, Clarissa H. Barton, without regard to personal safety, brought donated supplies and assisted the medical corps in most of the major battles of that bloody war. During a trip to Europe for a well-deserved rest, Clara read the moving book, *A Memory of Solferino*, by J.H. Dunant, the founder of the *Global Red Network*. So moved and in complete sympathy through her own personal experiences in the Civil War, she worked tirelessly to pass a resolution to have the USA join with the international volunteer humanitarian effort under the auspices and protection of the Geneva Convention, working for the protection of the victims of war. In 1882, Chester Arthur signed the agreement and the American Association of the Red Cross was born. In 1884, at the 3rd International Red Cross Conference, the American Red Cross proposed an amendment to the Geneva treaty that now would include helping victims of natural disasters. Clara Barton's name will always be synonymous with the American Red Cross, as Jean-Henri Dunant's name is forever linked with The Red Crescent Movement. Both organizations were direct results of the blood bath that was the Battle of Solferino, the *Italian Connection*. Its outcome not only set the seal on the eventual independence of Italy, but also saw the formation of the Red Cross. The Red Cross would not only provide better care for the sick and wounded engaged in armed conflicts, but also for all who were involved in natural disasters around the world.

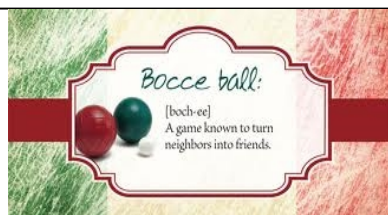


40th Anniversary

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.

Women's Bocce League



Players – Old and New

Please mark your calendars for the start of our first games of the Women's Bocce season on Tuesday, May 14 at 6:00 PM. Anyone interested in joining us may call Sharon Patrei at 765.3283. There is no need to know how to play. We are happy to teach you this very simple game. It is a good way to meet new people, enjoy the evening, and get a bit of exercise too. Our remaining games will start at 6:30 PM every Tuesday night through August 13.

IACC SWIMMING POOL SCHEDULE

Members MUST have their membership card available while at the pool

Opening Weekend: May 25 -May 27

Noon – 8:00 PM

Spring Schedule: May 28 -June16

Weekdays, 3:30 PM – 6:30 PM

Weekends, Noon – 8:00 PM

Summer Schedule: June 17 - September 1

Daily, Noon - 8:00 PM

Labor Day/ Closing Day: September 2

Noon - 5:00 PM

Guests must be accompanied by a member and must register with the lifeguard on duty.

Guest Fees:

\$8.00	Adults: 16 years of age and up
\$5.00	Children: 0 - 15 years of age
FREE	Parents or Grandparents (over 70 years)
FREE	Grandchildren under age 5

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 are extra. Tax and gratuity will be added to your bill.)

The *Membership Meet and Greet Socials* are for ALL MEMBERS and are scheduled at 6:00 PM. The next scheduled dinner is Monday, May 13. The socials will be held on the 2nd Monday of the month. Therefore, the June social will be held on Monday, June 10. We encourage you to attend. Please mark your calendar and contact the Office to make your reservations.

Italian Travel Class

Thursday Nights - May 23, 30 and June 6 7 PM-8:30 PM
Cost: \$45 Members | \$55 Non-Members

A three week session to prepare the lucky ones for upcoming travel to Italia and for the rest of us to fantasize a voyage! Week One will entertain with photos and videos of "la bella Italia". Week Two will provide the essential language and phrases needed for the traveler. Week Three will culminate with a "festa" of sorts to prepare for dining and shopping in Italia. Buon viaggio to all from airplane to armchair!

Call 456-4222 to register.

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. Upper Level seats are available for \$70. We only have a few tickets left at \$70. Call now! Contact the Office at 456.4222 to purchase tickets or for more information.



Women's League

Hello Ladies and Happy Mother's Day to all!

As many of you may know, the Women's League will hold their election of officers at the June meeting. Before that, we are required by our by-laws to announce the slate of candidates for the upcoming election:



President – Maria La Morte
Vice President – Caroline Mancino
Treasurer – Jeanne Sacca
Secretary – Lynn Indelicato

All women members of the IACC are eligible to hold one of these offices. If you are interested, please contact me. There will be no nominations from the floor on the night of the election.

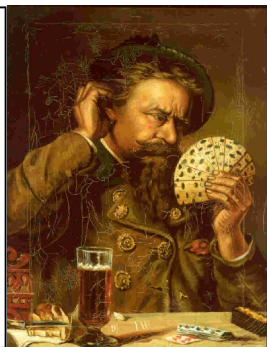
A few reminders of upcoming events: The Women's League is sponsoring the St. Anthony Mass in our garden on Sunday, June 9th and there will be coffee and pastries afterward in the Pavilion. The Women's Bocce League is to begin on Tuesday, May 14th. If you are looking for some fun evenings with your sisters at the IACC, please call Sharon Patrei at 765.3283 to sign up for bocce. You won't regret it. We will also be sponsoring a luncheon at the Veteran's Hospital in June. We have been organizing this event for a couple of years now and it is greatly appreciated by our vets. I don't have the exact date yet, but if you are interested in helping, please contact me at 452.2617.

Please join us on Wednesday, May 8th at 6:30 PM for our next meeting and a fun night of Bingo. Our dinner choices this month are Northern Style Lasagna, Grilled Salmon, or Vegetable Risotto with Pastries and Cookies for dessert. The price remains at \$20. Please email your reservation to Lynn Indelicato at domlynn@yahoo.com or call 469.1284 by Sunday, May 5th. Cancellations will need to be in by then also. Remember the cancellation policy remains in effect.

Donna Zumbo, Women's League President

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.



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Farmers' Market

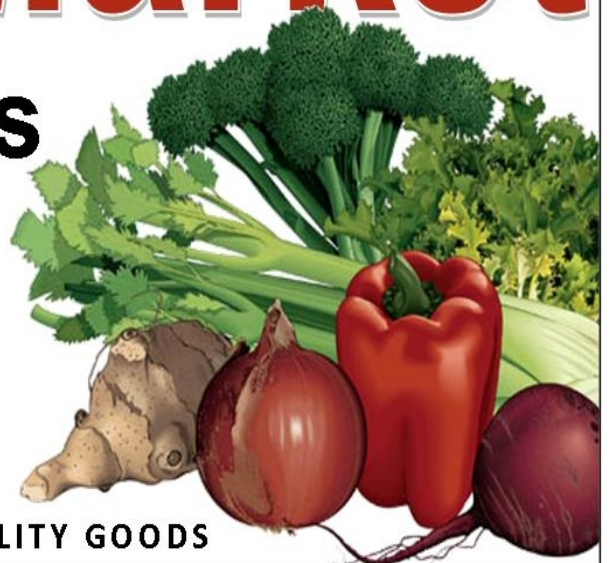
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By Anna Acconi



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Jean Sestito
Raphael Vitillo
Nancy Zeoli

Condolences

Dr. Frank Lizzi, father of member Ann Marie Lizzi Rizzo, passed away on March 26. Frank graduated from Siena and Albany Medical colleges and was board certified in hematology and internal medicine. Our sincere sympathies to his entire family.

Condolences are sent to the family of member Harry D'Agostino, who passed away on March 15. Harry graduated from Siena College and Albany Law School and was a senior partner at D'Agostino, Hoblock, Flannery, and Jeram. He also served as Town Justice and Republican Party Chairman for the Town of Colonie.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Gloria and Tom Yacono on the birth of their grandchild, Casey D. Yacono, who was born on April 5. Casey resides in San Diego with his parents, Melissa and Ty Yacono.

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

Men's Bocce League

By Jim Sano

Beginning May 13, the men will play pre-season bocce at 6 PM. 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 577-6158 with any questions.



Mother's Day

Lemon Tiramisu Trifle

From Food Network Kitchens



Creamy, lemony layers are brightened by berries in this no-bake cross between tiramisu and trifle. Kids can assemble this treat with very little help.

Ingredients

1/4 cup fresh lemon juice
1/4 cup granulated sugar
12-ounces cream cheese, softened
One 8-ounce jar prepared lemon curd
2 cups heavy cream
22 hard ladyfinger cookies
3 cups mixed raspberries and sliced strawberries
Powdered sugar, for garnish
Whipped cream, for serving

Directions

In a small measuring cup, mix the lemon juice with the sugar and 1/4 cup water until the sugar is dissolved. Set aside.

Place the cream cheese, lemon curd and heavy cream in a food processor and process until smooth and a bit fluffy.

To assemble the tiramisu, place half the ladyfingers in the bottom of an 8-inch square baking dish, breaking a few to fit, and drizzle with half of the lemon syrup. Top with half the lemon cream and 1 cup mixed berries. Repeat the layers, using the remaining ladyfingers, syrup and lemon cream.

Cover with plastic wrap and chill at least 8 hours or overnight. Before serving, top with the remaining 2 cups of berries and dust with powdered sugar. Serve with whipped cream on the side.

THE ITALIAN ELBOW

An Italian grandmother is giving directions to her grown grandson who is coming to visit with his wife.

"You comma to de front door of the apartmenta. I am inna apartmenta 301.

There issa bigga panel at the front door.

With you elbow, pusha button 301.

I will buzza you in. Come inside, the elevator is on the right.

Get in, and *with you elbow*, pusha 3.

When you get out, I'mma on the left.

With you elbow, hit my doorbell."

"Grandma, that sounds easy, but, why am I hitting all these buttons with my elbow?"

"What You coming empty handed?"



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