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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The FESTA Committee has been diligently working on plans for this year's FESTA. Your support of the FESTA, by volunteering to work and/or attending, will greatly enhance its success. Please tell your friends and relatives about the FESTA and encourage them to attend.

During the month of May there are many activities for you: Women's and Men's Bocce

Leagues, the annual Mother-Daughter Luncheon, the opening of the swimming pool, and a General Membership quarterly meeting. Mark your calendar and please attend as many functions as possible.

We are currently looking for members who have excellent writing skills and would be interested in working on various projects. Please contact the Membership Office if you would like to help us out.

A special Thank You to Robert Penna for his superb series of articles titled *Italians in America*.

I want to wish everyone a very "Happy Mother's Day". We all appreciate the love and support our mothers have given us throughout lives.

Until next month,

Angelo Tarantino, President

May Calendar

View our complete online Calendar at italianamerican.com

Every Monday	Italian Grand Buffet
Every Tuesday	Treviso closed for lunch & dinner
May 1, Thursday	Foundation Board Meeting
May 5, Monday	Men's Open Bocce begins
May 13, Tuesday	Women's Bocce Begins
May 13, Tuesday	Book Club
May 14, Wednesday	Women's League Meeting
May 18, Sunday	Mother-Daughter Luncheon
May 20, Tuesday	Board Meeting
	General Membership Meeting
May 22, Thursday	Fun Time Camp Open House
May 24, Saturday	Pool opens for the season
May 29, Thursday	Italian for Travelers Class begins

Save the Date

June 13-15	Festa Italiana
July 2, Wednesday	Bus Trip to Yankees Game
August 4, Monday	Italian Summer Camp, week 1
August 11, Monday	Italian Summer Camp, week 2
September 8, Monday	Foundation Cigar Night

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Spring Schedule: May 27 – June 12
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Weekends, Noon – 8:00 P.M.

CLOSED FOR FESTA: June 13, 14, 15

Summer Schedule: June 16 – August 31
Daily, Noon – 8:00 P.M.

Labor Day/Closing Day: September 1
Noon – 5:00 P.M.

Guest Rules

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

- \$8.00 Adults: 16 years of age and up
- \$5.00 Children: 0 — 15 years of age
- FREE Parents or Grandparents over 70 years of age
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Yankee Baseball Game

Coordinated by Jim Sano



Wednesday, July 2

8:15 A.M. Meet in parking lot
8:30 A.M. Bus will leave IACC Parking Lot
1:05 P.M. Yankees vs. Tampa Rays
Seating: Section 434A
Dinner stop on Arthur Avenue, Bronx
9:00 P.M. Estimated time bus will return to IACC
Transportation: Yankee Trails Video Coach

Cost: \$45 — Members • \$55 — Non-Members

Reservations: IACC Office 456-4222

First Come First Served

Questions: Jim Sano 438-4631

LAST CALL In the near future we will be renovating the Board Room. As part of the renovation, we will be removing the Trophy Case. So, if anyone is interested in the trophies, please call Linda in the Membership Office, 456-4222 by May 16. Once we have identified individuals who are interested in the trophies, we will schedule a day and time to distribute them.



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Italian American Community Center Foundation News

It's May! That means
SPRING IS FINALLY HERE!!!

Time to open the pavilion and enjoy the outdoors. You may have noticed we started some of the pavilion renovation work last fall. We removed the old screens and installed new screen/window combinations. This will allow us to easily open and close the windows as the weather warrants. In addition, the new windows will help in cutting down the noise from the Thruway. We hope to have the new siding on the pavilion by the end of summer.

Friday Night at the Pavilion will start July 11th and continue until Labor Day weekend. One of the reasons for starting a little later this year is our Festa Italiana in June, and the Fourth of July weekend.

We have a few fundraisers coming up. One is our Festa Italiana from June 13th to 15th. On Monday, September 8th in the pavilion, we will have a cigar night with food and games of chance. This event will probably be sold out quickly. When the tickets become available don't hesitate. We also have our ongoing Viridian Energy fundraising program. This program allows anyone to sign up through the Foundation to switch to Viridian Energy as their electric supplier at no cost and save money over time. The IACC Foundation will receive a minimum of \$2 for each customer every month. This program has already started to show a residual income for the Foundation. For more information please call the Foundation Office.

You will also see an article about the ways you can give to the IACC Foundation. All donations to the Foundation are tax deductible.

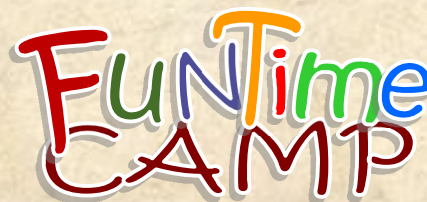
I'm thrilled to announce that we have a new Camp Director for our Fun Time Children camp this year. Anna Acconi has accepted this position. Anna and her committee members have some very exciting activities planned for our young campers. I don't want to say too much. I know Anna has written a camp article, but a little sneak preview can't hurt: How about field trips and talking to kids in Italy via Skype? There are more details in Anna's article.

We will be sharing more Foundation activities in the months ahead including how you can buy products you use every day that will benefit the Foundation.

Hope to see you at the Festa!

George Urcioli

IACC Foundation President



This year the IACC Foundation's summer camp will be held during the first two weeks in August, from August 4 to August 15. Emphasis will be on fun and activities for the children, grades 1 through 6, with an accent on Italian culture. Activities will include:

- Learning of basic Italian vocabulary and phrases
- Cooking classes - Italia Cucina
- Playing of soccer
- Playing of bocce
- Swimming
- Local field trips
- Learning Italian folk dances
- Art, music , crafts
- Connections with children in Italy

Qualified staff members will provide exciting experiences for the campers. The Italia Cucina will interest campers with hands-on activities as they make specialties such as, home made tomato sauce, pasta, meatballs and desserts, from Monday through Thursday, all of which they will enjoy on Friday during lunch. Field trips are planned to the American Italian Heritage Museum and to the Pine Bush Discovery Center. Art, music, dance, crafts and sports will fill out a busy schedule.

In addition, we are working on a project to connect our campers with children in Italy. Through Skype and email, we hope to have our campers "meet" and develop a connection to counterparts in Sicily. We know that this will provide more incentive for the learning of Italian words and phrases and may lead to continued communication as our campers reach out beyond their local communities.

We are excited about our summer camp this year and want to invite interested parents to attend an Open House at the IACC on May 22 at 7:00 P.M. to learn more about the program. Send your children to us for one or two weeks in August and we promise to fill their days with interest, activities and fun in a safe and caring environment.

Anna Acconi
Camp Director

By-Law Changes *presented by Jeanne Wilson*

Changes are being proposed to the By-Laws (last revised and adopted in August 2013). These changes are minor and only clean up some redundancy in the existing document. All board members approve these changes to the By-Laws. These changes must also be approved by a majority vote of the members present at our next General Membership meeting on Tuesday, May 20 at 7 P.M. Members are asked to attend to show support of these changes.

Proposed Changes

Article III - Membership

D. Terms of Membership

3. ~~e. Failure to pay required dues for a period longer than ninety (90) days after such payment was due shall also result in termination of membership.~~ (covered under Article IV C. 3)

Article VI - Board of Directors

C. Elections of the Directors and Term of Office

2. The members of the board shall, upon election, take the oath of office, and enter upon the performance of their duties at the beginning of the next calendar year.

E. Meetings of the Board of Directors

2. Board members shall be notified of the regular meetings at least ten (10) days before the time appointed for the meeting at the first meeting of the calendar year, when a schedule for such meetings shall be established. Reminder notices may be sent to members via e-mail no later than five (5) days prior to each meeting.

Article VII - Officers

A. Numbers and Elections

8. ~~All newly elected board members shall be sworn in by the outgoing president at the first board meeting following elections.~~ (moved to Article VI)

The Festa Italiana is quickly approaching! Our Italian dancers will be performing at the Festa on Saturday, June 14. Practices will be held on Friday evenings. New members are always welcome! Please contact Christine Marando at 438-9186 or cmarando@nycap.rr.com if you would like to join us.

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 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 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.

Italian for Travelers



Thursday evenings for three weeks

May 29, June 5, 12

7:00 P.M. — 8:30 P.M.

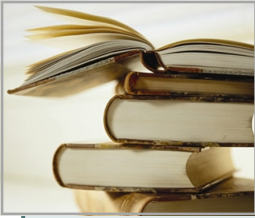
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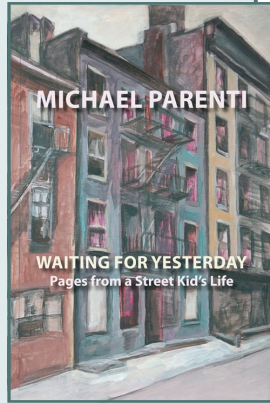
Foundation Book Club

by Richard Ognibene

East Harlem: New York's First Little Italy

The final book to be discussed this spring is Michael Parenti's *Waiting for Yesterday: Pages from a Street Kid's Life*. This discussion will occur on Tuesday, May 13th. The Book Club meets at 7:00 P.M. at the IACC (second floor) and is free and open to the public.

For further information, contact Dick Ognibene at 372-4919 or at rtognibene@nycap.rr.com.



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 the following items, new or lightly used that would be appropriate for children from the ages of 6 through 10. It would be wonderful if these items can be Italian themed:

- Books
- Games
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Finding Our Immigrant Ancestry *by Angelo F. Coniglio*

HOW DO YOU SPELL THAT?

I have reviewed factors that are important in determining an immigrant ancestor's name as it was used in Italy and Sicily. Once the name is known it can be used in searching for other information about the person, that is, the other genealogic 'keys': date of immigration, date of birth, and town of birth.

Such searches may be undertaken at local libraries, churches, civil offices, genealogic societies and other repositories of paper documents, or they may be done on line using free or subscription sites like the free Mormon Church site www.familysearch.org or the subscription site www.Ancestry.com. Whatever form the search takes, be forewarned that even though you may think you know the 'correct' spelling of an ancestor's name, it may be misspelled or mis-recorded in the documents you are searching.

Consider these errors to watch out for on records and indices:

- Misspelling on original documents: Often our ancestors were illiterate. This meant that a name on a record, even an original record, was spelled in whatever way the clerk making out the document thought it should be spelled. If the record was made by someone who spoke a different language than your ancestor, as in census documents, even more errors could be introduced.
- Misspelling by computer transcribers: When records are transcribed into on-line computer databases, the work is done by 'indexers' who read the original document and 'digitize' the information, so that it can be searched for by a person's name. An image of the record is placed on line, and some sort of search engine is used for you to enter the name. If the name you enter is in the data base, the proper image of your ancestor's document is displayed. However, the indexer may not be an Italian-speaker, and may not recognize archaic hand-

writing, so he may have transcribed the name incorrectly. If so, searching with the right name may not yield results!

- Misspelling by sound: If the record is one for which an ancestor (even if literate) pronounced his name, but it was written by another person, as in a census or license application, that person may have misheard the name: Andolino for Andolina, De Marco for Di Marco, etc.
- Misspelling by looks: An indexer unfamiliar with archaic handwriting and with Italian names may mistake one look-alike letter for another (u for n, j for i, i for e, etc.) A common error is to transpose i and u, spelling GUIDO as GIUDO, GIUSEPPE as GUISEPPE, and so on.
- Switching given and surnames: Italians often said their surnames first, as in *Alessi Rosa* or *Coniglio Gaetano*. An English-speaking clerk or indexer unfamiliar with this custom, and with the names themselves, might write the first name as the surname and vice versa.

The moral of all this is, when you search for an ancestor's record by name, don't give up if you don't get results for a name you "know" is right. Try spelling the name differently, as it would sound; or replace "i" by "e"; or try the person's first name as the surname in the search, etc. Be flexible. You may be surprised to learn how some of your ancestors' names were listed!

Coniglio is the author of the book *The Lady of the Wheel (La Ruotaia)*, based on his genealogical research of Sicilian foundlings. See www.bit.ly/ruotaia for more information, or order the book at www.bit.ly/racalmuto. Visit Angelo's website, www.bit.ly/AFCCgen. To schedule a lecture on Italian genealogy or for genealogical questions, write to him at genealogytips@aol.com.



Arthur Avenue Bus Trip

By Frank Zeoli

On Saturday, April 12, once again a group of our Italian food lovers made the annual pilgrimage to Arthur Avenue in the Bronx. For the past three years, the IACC has organized this bus trip on the Saturday before Palm Sunday. This is perfect timing to allow everyone involved to stock up on some amazing Italian food items for their Easter Sunday dinners. This year over 50 people participated in this great event.



We couldn't have asked for a better day. The weather was perfect, comfortable, and sunny from start to finish. On the trip down we had fun with good conversation, some delicious cookies, and the usual jokes and entertainment from Jim Sano. This year we tried something a bit different by stopping first in the Italian section of Brooklyn. While we had the opportunity to get a good slice of pizza and some Italian rice balls there, we all found that the remaining Italian spots were a bit too spread out to make this an annual side excursion. So after a brief stop we returned to the bus and headed to Arthur Avenue.

Once there we all eagerly left the bus and began our endeavors for the day. Some headed straight to Dominick's for a great meal. Others chose to shop first and save the meal for later. The fresh pasta from Borgatti's Ravioli & Egg Noodles is the best around. The Calabria Pork Store offers great sopressata and many other tasty meats with an interesting display hanging from the ceiling. The marketplace offers fresh fruits and vegetables and hand-rolled cigars. Let's not forget the chicola bread and delicious baked goods from the various Italian bakeries. At the cheese store you can find the perfect one to suit your palette.

We departed the Bronx about 7:00 P.M. and had an equally enjoyable ride home, although a bit more subdued from our tired legs and full stomachs. Conversation, just relaxing, napping, or even watching the Union

hockey game on an iPhone, easily passed the time on our return trip to Albany. It was a beautiful day and a good time was had by all. See you all next year! Abundanza!



Men's Bocce League



Beginning May 5, the men will play pre-season bocce 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 577-6158 with any questions.

Regular season starts on June 9 and ends on August 25. A second round of open bocce will begin September 3.



Members Needed

Many volunteers are needed to work numerous jobs during the Festa Weekend. Volunteers are also needed to serve on the FESTA planning committee.

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Women's League

Ciao Ladies!

As I write this, I am watching the snow melt again after the surprise snowfall of April 9 and really hoping that was the end of snow for this season.



In any case, Spring is on the way and not a minute too soon!

Women's League is working on details and preparations for the Mother - Daughter Luncheon and Fashion Show. Our models are lined up and we are working hard to provide the fun time we have always enjoyed at this event. So ladies, make your calls and gather friends and family to book your table and enjoy.

Our May meeting will take place on Wednesday, May 14th at 6:30 P.M. Our guest speaker is a financial planner in the Albany area. She will discuss all issues relating to money here and now and also in the future. Long term health care, retirement plans, and estate planning will be among the topics to be covered. These have traditionally been the domain of the men in our lives, but we all need to be prepared for eventualities in life.

After salad, our meal choices are Meat Lasagna, Grilled Salmon, or Eggplant Parmigiana. For dessert, we will have Tiramisu' cake. The price remains \$20. Please remember to reserve before May 9th. Lynn Indelicato will take reservations at domlynn@yahoo.com or call at 469-1284.

Looking forward to seeing you all,

Maria La Morte, Women's League, President

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Condolences:

Charter member and former president, Michael Nardolillo, passed away on April 2. We send our deepest condolences to his wife, Janet, and his family.

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



Women's Bocce League

Women's Bocce will begin its 2014 season on Tuesday, May 13th at 6 P.M. Team Captains from last year should call their team members to be ready for play on this night. Bocce will be every Tuesday night at 6:30 P.M., except for the first night. On nights when the IACC board meeting is in session, Bocce will be on Wednesday of that week. Schedules and handouts will be distributed on our first night.

Bocce is open to all female club members in the club. 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

Tuscan Cheese Potato Bake

Submitted by Sharon Patrei

Oven 400°. Yield :8-10 servings

Ingredients:

2 lbs red potatoes
3 large cloves garlic, minced
¼ c butter
1 c buttermilk
1 ½ tsp snipped, fresh thyme (or ½ tsp dried and crushed)
4 oz parmesan cheese finely shredded (1 cup)
4 oz fontina cheese shredded (1 cup)
1/3 c crumbled bleu cheese
½ c panko bread crumbs
¼ tsp dried Italian seasoning
1 Tbsp olive oil



Directions:

- 1.Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Lightly grease a 2 qt square baking dish. Set aside. Scrub potatoes and cut into 1" pieces. In large saucepan cook potatoes in lightly salted water 12-15 min. until tender. Drain.
- 2.In 12" skillet cook and stir garlic and thyme in butter over low heat for about 1 min. Add potatoes. Coarsely mash in pan, then stir in buttermilk, ½ tsp salt and ¼ tsp black pepper. Fold in fontina cheese, half the parmesan, and bleu cheese. Evenly spread in baking dish.
- 3.In small bowl combine remaining parmesan, panko bread crumbs, Italian seasoning and oil. Toss with fork to combine. Evenly sprinkle over potato mixture in dish. Bake 20 minutes or until bubbly and top is golden. Sprinkle with fresh parsley. Serve hot.

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