



COLUMBUS DAY GRAND GALA DINNER DANCE



Our Christopher Columbus Dinner Dance was held on October 18th and attended by over 100 guests. It was a lovely and lively evening where many non-members as well as members attended and seemed very impressed with our brand of hospitality. We hope to welcome new members from this event.



The restaurant kitchen outdid themselves with a truly exciting collection of appetizers followed by delicious Surf and Turf, Pork Osso Buco, and Vegetable Wellington. Our wonderful wait staff saw to our every need making the evening flow smoothly and

seamlessly. We enjoyed the music of *Harmony* who were amenable to all our requests and kept the dance floor full.

The committee continued their legacy of making this event not only delicious and fun but beautiful too. The tablescapes made for an elegant look to the room...from flowers to beaded scarves on the chairs to chocolate treats.



Mayor Kathy Sheehan

honored us with her presence at the cocktail hour and read a moving tribute in her proclamation naming the day as



"Italian American Community Center Day".

It was a good time and as always, if you missed it, there's always next year!



Social Committee Chairperson: Frank Zeoli, Mary Lou Marando, Gail Tarantino, Santa Pasquini, Dance Chairperson: Maria LaMorte, Maria DeNitto, Josephine Tirino, and Teresa Swanson



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The elections of new Board members will take place at the General Membership meeting on November 16th at 1:00 P.M. I strongly encourage you to attend the meeting and cast your vote to support your favorite candidates. A membership dinner will start at 12:30 P.M. (prior reservations required). Immediately following the General Membership meeting

the board members will meet to elect your 2015 Officers.

With my term as President of the Board ending in December, I want to take this opportunity to thank the many members who have contributed so much of their time in supporting the administration, events, and activities of the IACC. Your commitment to making the IACC a successful club has not gone unnoticed. On behalf of the officers of the Board, board members, and the general membership, I want to thank you.

If you did not attend the Columbus Day Dinner Dance, you missed a very enjoyable evening. The next dinner dance will be held in February. Please mark your calendar, plan on attending, and enjoy an evening out.

Angelo Tarantino, President

November Calendar

View our complete online Calendar at italianamerican.com

Every Monday	Italian Grand Buffet
November 6, Thursday	Open Bowling, 6:30 P.M.
November 11, Tuesday	Foundation Board Meeting, 6:30 P.M.
November 13, Thursday	Board Meeting, 6:30 P.M.
November 16, Sunday	Book Club, 7:00 P.M.
	General Membership Meeting
	Member Pasta Dinner, 12:30 P.M.
	Board Elections, after dinner

Save the Date

December 4, Thursday	Foundation Board Meeting, 6:30 P.M.
December 14, Sunday	Family Christmas Party, Noon
December 17, Wednesday	Board Meeting, 6:30 P.M.
February 1, Sunday	Super Bowl Game and Buffet

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Please submit articles, suggestions, or comments to:
Rachel Cameron, Editor, rcamero@nycap.rr.com

General Membership Meeting Board Elections

By Angelo Tarantino

The Board of Directors has approved hosting the meeting on Sunday afternoon, November 16th. A Pasta Dinner will be served at 12:30 P.M. After dinner, the meeting will come to order and the election process will begin. Dinner will consist of salad, pasta, meatballs, sausage, rolls with butter, dessert, and coffee for a cost of \$5 per member. **RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED.** Please make your reservations with Linda in the Membership Office by Tuesday, November 11.

I hope to see a wonderful turnout for this important election meeting. Come and meet your candidates and vote for the persons you feel will best represent your interests in the IACC.

New Members

Agatha Novak
Schenectady

Sponsor: Maria LaMorte

Kelley Keefe
Westerlo

Sponsor: Jim Sano

Ronald Milkins
Clifton Park

Sponsor: Frank Zeoli

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Troy

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JOKE OF THE MONTH!



Young Mario lived in Italy and bought a donkey from a farmer for \$100.

The farmer agreed to deliver the donkey the next day.

The next day he drove up saying, 'Sorry son, but I have some bad news, the donkey died.'

Mario replied, 'Well, then just give me my money back.'

The farmer said, 'Can't do that. I went and spent it already.'

Mario said, 'Ok, then, just bring me the dead donkey.'

The farmer asked, 'what ya gonna do with a dead donkey?'

Mario said, 'I'm going to raffle him off.'

The farmer said, 'you can't raffle off a dead donkey!'

Mario said, 'Sure I can, I just won't tell anybody he's dead.'

A month later, the farmer met up with Mario and asked, 'What happened with that dead donkey?'

Mario said, 'I raffled him off. I sold 500 tickets at \$2 each and I made a profit of \$898.'

The farmer said, 'Didn't anyone complain?'

Mario said, 'Just the guy who won, so I gave him his \$2 back.'

Mario now works for the government.

The American Italian Heritage Museum's annual **Italian Christmas Market** is the weekend of **December 5, 6 and 7** this year. View more details at AmericanItalianMuseum.org.

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Thursday, December 4
Thursday, December 11
7 – 9 P.M.

2nd Floor, IACC
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December 4 We will reveal and discuss the **HISTORY** and **ANCIENT TRADITIONS** leading to present day festivities all over Italia. Italian language will be woven throughout our discoveries. From music, religion, art and perhaps a visit from “La Befana”, we should have a great time.

December 11 We will explore the many traditions related to the **FOODS** of Christmas in Italy. We will offer a beautiful *tasting* buffet of some of the many famous Italian Christmas foods, both savory and sweet. We hope to rekindle lots of childhood memories, the way only special tastes can do. Although this will be a light buffet, many will appreciate the varied flavors of our most treasured season.

Come awaken the Christmas Spirit – *la Gioia di Natale*

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Author Visit

Author of *Eat Now; Talk Later*, James Vescovi spoke at the IACC on October 8th. The event was co-sponsored by Foundation Book Club and Women's League.



James Vescovi 'getting into' his story. Women's League members listening attentively.



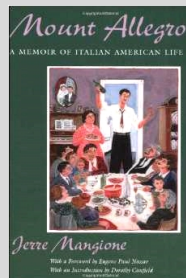
James Vescovi (seated), Maria LaMorte, Richard and Elaine Ognibene, Linda Sciocchetti (standing L to R)

For further information about the author and his book, visit his website www.eatnowtalklater.com.



Foundation Book Club

by Richard Ognibene



Thursday, November 13th
Mount Allegro
by Jerre Mangione

The Book Club meets at 7:00 P.M. at the IACC and is free and open to the public. For further information about the series contact Dick Ognibene at rtognibene@nycap.rr.com or at 372-4919.



Save the Date

It's right around the corner...

IACC Family Christmas Party!

DATE: Sunday, December 14

TIME: Noon — 4:00 P.M.

Additional details will be forthcoming – but plan on food, fun, prizes and our very special Italian dancers!



Let us take you on a mouthwatering journey through

Milan

For the month of November we are taking your taste buds to the North-western part of Italy. Milan embodies the Italian notion of *la bella figura* – behaving well and looking good doing it – better than any other Italian city. Stick-to-your-ribs dishes like risotto alla milanese, cassoeula and cotoletta alla milanese keep you warm in the winter. Due to the city's trendy reputation don't be surprised to see traditional dishes presented in new, innovative ways. Milan has even developed their own local culinary tradition, which, as it is typical for North Italian cuisines, uses more frequently rice than pasta, and butter than vegetable oil.

It is said that the only way to enjoy Italian food more, is to eat Italian food in Italy. So we figured, each month why not bring the flavors of a different region to you!

We truly hope you enjoy!

~ *Appetizer* ~
(select one)

Asparagus Insalata
Roasted Asparagus Spears, Pan Fried Egg, Shaved Romano Cheese, Crispy Prosciutto, Extra Virgin Olive Oil

Minestrone alla Milanese
Fresh Garden Vegetable Soup with Fresh Pasta & Cannellini Beans

~ *Entrée* ~
(select one)

Chicken Cutlet Milano
Breaded, Pan Fried Chicken Cutlet with a Lemon Butter Caper Sauce, Over Garlic Spinach

Ossobuco
Delicately Braised Pork Shank over Saffron Risotto, Autumn Vegetables with Gremolata

Shrimp Gorgonzola
Pan Seared Shrimp in Gorgonzola Cream Sauce with Leeks and Wild Mushrooms Over Polenta

~ *Dessert* ~
(select one)

Assorted Biscotti
Tiramisu Gelato

\$30 Per person, does not include tax or gratuity. No substitutions. Vegetarian Entrée Option Available Upon Request.

~WEDNESDAY-FRIDAY NOW THROUGH THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER~

Election of Board Members



According to our By-Laws, election to the Board of Directors will be held in November. Five seats will be available for a 3-year term and 1 seat for a 1-year term. As of this printing, only two candidates have come forward. We therefore need at least 5 more candidates. Please contact Christine DiIonna as soon as possible.

If you are interested in applying for one of these vacancies and can satisfy all of the following requisites, please submit your brief resume to Christine DiIonna or the IACC Office.

IACC By-Laws state that “each candidate for director shall satisfy the following requisites:

- Be at least 21 years of age
- Be a United States Citizen
- Be a voting member of the corporation in good standing
- Have at least one year as a member immediately preceding the election

- Never have been convicted of a felony
- Not be a full-time employee of the IACC

No director, including the past president, may be elected to serve two consecutive terms.

Directors shall not be eligible for re-election or appointment to the board for one year after they complete their term on the board.

Husbands and wives may not serve on the Board of Directors simultaneously.”

If you have questions about the duties of being a Board member, feel free to contact Christine DiIonna at 357-8711 or cdiionna@gmail.com.

The election will be held at the General Membership Meeting on Sunday, November 16 at 12:30 P.M.

Candidates

Victor Consiglio (3 year term) – Born and bred in Brooklyn NY, Victor studied art at NYU earning his degree in 1969. He has spent over 40 years in the commercial art field as a photographer, photo retoucher, illustrator, designer and as an art director for a national publication. He also taught graphic art as an adjunct professor at several Long Island area colleges. His work has appeared in various books, magazines, newspapers and billboards. He’s a transplant from Massapequa, Long Island where he headed the Massapequa Chapter of Operation SPLASH. Victor Moved up to Albany in 2012 to be near his kids and grandkids and joined the IACC in 2013. He currently serves on the House Committee and is the Chairman of the Buildings and Grounds Committee and the Art Director for the Siamo Qui.

Richard Ognibene (3 year term) – Richard was born in Rochester, NY and moved to the Capital District in 1972 with his wife Elaine and their three young children. He earned his undergraduate degree from St. John Fisher where he studied to become a social studies teacher, work he did for four years. Subsequently he received graduate degrees from the University of Rochester in history, and in 1969 began a career as a college professor and administrator that lasted until his retirement in 2008. He worked at Siena, The College of Saint Rose, and Seton Hall University. In addition to teaching, Richard served as an academic dean at all three institutions, and authored a book, several book chapters, and numerous articles.

The Ognibene’s joined the IACC in 2002. Richard has been on the Columbus Day Dinner Dance Committee in the past, and was on the IACC Board of Directors from 2008 until 2010, serving as Board Vice President in his second year. His most visible role at the IACC has been as founder and moderator of the Book Club which began in 2009 and continues to this day.

Joan Wallis (3 year term) - Joan received her BA in Economics and her MBA in Finance from the University at Albany. Joan is retired from the NYS Office of Mental Health where she worked for 30 years in Budget and Financial Management. She has been a member of the IACC for 2 years and has been involved in the Women's Bocce League, the Women's League and has volunteered for other activities including the Festa and the Friday Family Nights.

Cultural Corner: The Italian language? A Dialect Really...

Excerpt from *ItalianNotebook.com*

The Lyric poets of the Sicilian school were already writing in their vernacular at the time of Dante (1265-1321). St. Francis, too, wrote in vernacular (before that everything was in Latin). Then again St. Francis did quite a few things differently.

However, it was Dante's epic *Divina Commedia*, an all-encompassing statement of the world in his times, that was first read in an Italic dialect by (or read aloud for) so many. The invention of the printing press in the mid-15th century spread his (Tuscan) dialect further yet.

As it spread, the Tuscan vernacular slowly became a standard and began to take precedence over the other 15+ dialects that were in use in Italy at that time. The final push that made it THE Italian "language" was given by Lorenzo de' Medici (1449-

1492). His pivotal role of holding the fragmented powers of Italy in balance during the Renaissance, from Milan and Venice to Naples, ensured that the Tuscan dialect dominated so much of the diplomacy and commerce.

Fast forward a few years to 1861, when "Italian" was declared the official language of the newly established Kingdom of Italy. Mussolini added his two cents too, outlawing the public use of any dialect, so that the official language was taught in the schools, basically making all Italian children bilingual in Italian and their respective dialects. Finally, the spread of this now "most Italian of all Italic dialects" still continues to this day, with TV piping it into homes across the country, many folks hardly even aware of its Tuscan origins.

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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 mostly clean up some redundancy in the existing document. All board members have approved 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 Sunday, November 16 at 12:30 P.M. Members are asked to attend to show support of these changes.

Editing Notes: added information is underlined, removed information has a ~~line through it~~, information in parenthesis is just a (comment for your information).

Article III - Membership

D. Terms of Membership

~~3. c. 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)

Article IX—Committees

B. Committee Responsibilities

1. House Committee: There shall be a House Committee which will act as the sole liaison between the lessee of the restaurant located within the IACC building, their Manager, and the Italian American Community Center Board and membership. The House Committee will present a monthly report to the Board of Directors. All communications between the lessee, their Manager and the Italian American Community Center will be submitted through the House Committee. The House Committee will also be responsible for the care and maintenance of IACC property. The Chair of the House Committee together with the IACC president, or their designees, shall be the primary contact and shall represent the corporation and its membership. No other delegation, individual member, or officer shall meet, hold discussions or negotiate with, or otherwise interact in an official capacity with the lessee.

CHAIR YOGA



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\$75 for non-members or \$10 to "drop in"

Travel and Tours by Rosanna

Another one-of-a-kind, personally planned itinerary for a magnificent trip to Italy is being customized for early September 2015. We will discover the cultural and gastronomical marvels of the Veneto and Emilia Romagna Regions of Italy. Among the highlights of our trip will be the once-in-a-lifetime joy of attending a live opera performance in the Arena di Verona, exploring *la Serenissima*, visiting Venice and its islands, along with a famous vineyard of the Veneto Region. Discovering the art and food patrimony of Bologna, Modena (Ferrari Museum), and Parma (Prosciutto & Parmesan Cheese) are only some of the attractions of this trip. Through the years, unique experiences and truly first-class luxury travel and accommodations have become the hallmark of this one-of-a-kind series, Discover Italy Tours, personally created by this knowledgeable travel consultant. Since only 24 spaces will be available for this adventure, if interested, please inquire or reserve at your earliest convenience by contacting:

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Women's League

Hi Ladies!!

I can't believe it's almost Halloween; life seems like a 45 record on 78... how's that for dating myself?!!

Our October 8th meeting and combined program with the Book Club was a great success. The author James Vescovi was gracious, entertaining, and an accomplished story teller. The turnout made for a sizable audience which certainly had to be gratifying for our guest. We look forward to more interesting presentations in the future.

By print time, we will have completed another evening of blanket making with Dawn Martin and "Uncle Shawn's Hugs". I'm hoping that we will be looking back on an evening where many of our sisters attended and worked to make this most deserving charity a generous success. We will have had our November meeting early with **NO MEETING IN NOVEMBER** this year only.



Uncle Shawn's Hugs

Our next meeting will be our Christmas party on Wednesday, December 10th at 6:30 P.M. If you have really old Christmas photos, bring them

with you for a nostalgic look back at our favorite memories of *Natale*.

As in past years, let's all bring a wrapped gift (under \$15) for our raffle.

For our dinner, we will have a classic hot antipasto and then a choice of Zuppa di Pesce, Beef Roulade or Penne Vodka. Dessert will be Vanilla Gelato with Melba Sauce. The price remains at \$20 and please reserve (or cancel) considerately with Donna Zumbo at 424-7463 or dzumbo13@hotmail.com.

Have you begun your Christmas shopping? *Managgia l'america!!*

Maria La Morte, Women's League, President

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Buffet Dinner: Monday
Lunch: Wednesday – Friday
Dinner: Wednesday – Sunday

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Condolences

Our sympathy is sent to Byran Valenti and his family on the recent passing of his mother, Mary.

A BIG Thank You!

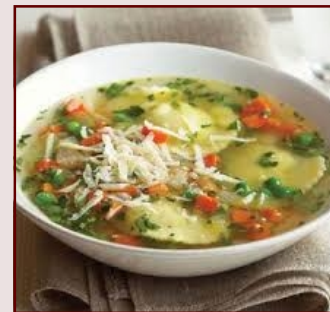
A gracious thank you to the crew who helped Victor Consiglio remove the dead branches from the row of trees in the front of the parking lot. The job would not have gotten done without the help of Jim Sano, Al Sacca, Carlo Ricupero, and especially Joe Guastamacchia. Joe was a lifesaver for also bringing his chain saw and trailer to cart the branches away.

Thank you also to Sante Di Carlo for fixing the broken tiles and replacing the broken marble threshold in the upstairs men's room.

Please contact Christine DiIonna at cdiionna@gmail.com or 357-8711.

Ravioli And Vegetable Soup

Submitted by
Sharon Patrei



Ingredients:

8 Tbsp olive oil
1 medium cooking onion, diced
3 medium carrots, chopped
3 stalks celery, chopped with tops
1/4 tsp dried thyme
1/2 tsp salt
1/2 tsp pepper
2 cup low sodium beef or vegetable broth
1 9 oz. pkg. cheese ravioli
1 bunch escarole or 5 cup spinach
Parmesan cheese for garnish

Directions:

Heat olive oil in a in a large soup pot over medium heat. Add vegetables and thyme, salt and pepper. Cover and cook until vegetables are tender, about 8 minutes. Add broth and 3 cups water and increase heat to high. Cover and bring to a boil. Add ravioli. Reduce heat to medium and simmer until ravioli are tender (see label on package for time). Add escarole or spinach to soup and simmer until wilted, about 5 minutes. Ladle the soup into bowls. Sprinkle with cheese and serve.



From Treviso as a Friendly Reminder...

The Mallozzi Family offers a very generous benefit on Monday evenings for all the members with the buy one get one free.

Most of the members know about this wonderful benefit, as I can see from all the reservations each week. I would just like to remind everyone though that the tip for your server that takes care of you for the evening should be based on the original amount of the check before the discount. Please remember this when you are paying your bill at the end of the night. Thank you.

—Jeanette Bowers.



IACC Bowling

By Maria Marchio

It is that time again when members and non-members mingle and socialize at bowling. Bowling night is held on Mondays at 6:30 P.M. at Westlawn Lanes on Western Avenue. We usually play 2 games at \$3 each. Please call Maria Marchio at 438-9067 or the Membership Office at 456-4222, if you would like to join us for this fun activity.



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ORGANIZATIONS

55+ Club • Book Club • IACC Foundation
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Women's League

FACILITIES

Area's Best Italian Restaurant and Banquet Facilities
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Entertainment Room for Cards / Billiards / TV
Four Covered Bocce Courts • Basketball Court
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