

A poster for an event. At the top left is a cartoon illustration of a man in a tuxedo with a red cape. To his right, the text "Opera Night:" is in a large, red, serif font. Below that, "PASTA" is in a smaller, red, serif font, followed by a treble clef and "Pavarotti" in a large, red, serif font. Below this, it says "Sponsored by the Italian American Community Center Foundation" in a smaller, italicized font. The date and time "FRIDAY NOVEMBER 6, 2015 6pm - 10pm" are in a bold, white, sans-serif font. The background features a glowing world map and musical notes. At the bottom, the title "Le Nozze di Figaro" is written in a large, white, cursive font. Below that, the text "An Evening of Food, Fun & Outstanding Opera!" is in a bold, white, sans-serif font, followed by "featuring a Sensational Silent Auction" in a smaller, italicized font. At the very bottom, there are two boxes with text: one on the left describing the pasta buffet and opera performance, and one on the right listing the ensemble cast and their roles. Below these boxes, the ticket prices "\$55 Members | \$65 Non-Members" are listed, followed by the contact information "For reservations call 518.456.4222 or go to www.italianamerican.com" and the address "Italian American Community Center, 257 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, NY".

Opera Night:
PASTA & Pavarotti

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**FRIDAY
NOVEMBER 6, 2015
6pm - 10pm**

Le Nozze di Figaro

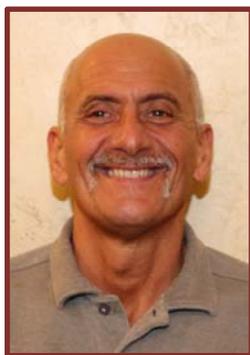
An Evening of Food, Fun & Outstanding Opera!
featuring a Sensational Silent Auction

Enjoy a gourmet 10-station pasta buffet, punctuated by arias from *Le Nozze di Figaro* (*The Marriage of Figaro*) and culminating with after-dinner ensemble performances from Act II and Act IV Grand Finales! The opera will be performed in Italian with interludes spoken in English.

The featured ensemble cast will perform with live piano accompaniment:
Nicholas A. Wiggins, Bass-Baritone
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Kevin Ruby, Baritone

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The elections of new Board members will take place at the General Membership meeting on Sunday, November 15 at 12:00 Noon. I strongly encourage you to attend the meeting and hear the year-in-review reports. A special price of \$5 for members for the regular Sunday Brunch has been negotiated and will begin at 12:30 P.M.

(Reservations are required. Sorry no children.)

Immediately following the General Membership meeting, the Board members will meet to elect

your 2016 officers.

I want to thank the Columbus Dinner Gala committee for a wonderful evening of celebrating Supervisor Paula Mahan's accomplishments, the IACC, and our Italian culture and heritage. I want to also thank the good people who were instrumental in staging our fun-filled Family Halloween Party.

Please come out and support our Foundation's next big event: *Pasta and Pavarotti* on November 6. Not only will it be a wonderfully entertaining evening, all profits will go to our continued efforts for Pavilion renovations.

Last, but not least, in November, let us not only give thanks on Thanksgiving Day, but let us also give thanks on Veterans' Day. We need to remember and thank all those who have served our great nation, especially to those who gave their lives in the name of freedom. God bless them and God bless America.

Happy Veterans' Day and Happy Thanksgiving!

President Jim Sano

November Calendar

View our complete online Calendar at italianamerican.com

Wednesday, November 4	Foundation Board Meeting 6:30 PM
Friday, November 6	Pasta & Pavarotti 6:00 PM
Wednesday, November 11	Women's League 6:30 PM
Sunday, November 15	IACC General Membership Brunch, Meeting, & Board Elections 12 Noon
Wednesday, November 18	IACC Board Meeting 6:30 PM

Save the Date

Sunday, December 13 Family Christmas Party

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

Our 42nd Annual Columbus Day Grand Gala

Was held on October 17th and was attended by over 100 guests. It was a great evening, filled with wine, music, and laughter.

The Mallozzi's outdid themselves yet again this year with a truly jaw-dropping collection of hors d'oeuvres, followed by salad, pasta, and a choice of Filet Mignon, Chicken Sorrento, or Stuffed Haddock.

We were proud to honor Paula Mahan, Colonie Town Supervisor, with our **Italian American of the Year Award**. The following IACC members received the **IACC Achievement Award** for dreaming about, planning, and actually building our Pavilion:



Rocky Andriano
Dominick DeTorto
Lawrence Franchini
Sal Garufi
Austin Giuffre
Henry Gullo
Ben Sano
Joseph Sano
Dan Marillo
Frank Mesiti
Carlo Ricupero
Frank Ricupero
Pasquale Tirino



After dinner and the awards ceremony, many of us danced the night away to the sounds of DJ Raphael. The evening was a complete success and would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of Maria DeNitto, Mary Lou Marando, Gail Tarantino, Maria LaMorte, Donna Zumbo, Gretchen VanWalkenburg, and Jim Sano. This group has already started planning our 43rd annual Columbus Day Grand Gala on October 15, 2016. Mark your calendars!



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Columbus Day Parade



We were so happy to receive a last-minute invitation to participate in The Columbus Citizens Foundation's Annual Columbus Day Parade in New York City with The Sons of Italy Roma Intangible Lodge #215. Thank you to all IACC members who participated and especially to Josie Tirino for gathering a group together on such short notice.

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Chair Yoga at IACC

This 10-week Thursday evening program began on Thursday, September 17th and will end on November 19th. The one-hour class begins at 6:30 PM and is held upstairs in the IACC Boardroom. Classes are open to men and women.

Please call the Membership Office at 456-IACC (4222) to sign up.

Cost: \$8 per class

Remember to wear loose, comfortable clothing!



IACC Member Exclusive Football Sundays at the IACC

Come join us this fall/winter on the 2nd Sunday of each month to watch football and mingle with other members.

On November 8th at 1pm, we will be watching the Jacksonville/Jets game in the Membership Room.

Don't miss out on the fun. Contact VP Cain Scalzo at 456.4222.



Christmas Shopping Bus Trip to Woodbury Commons

Sponsored by IACC Women's League
Monday, November 16

Bus will leave IACC parking lot at 8:30 AM
and will return at 5:30 PM

Cost for round trip bus ride: \$25

By November 12, please contact
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Holiday Shopping



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Stratton VA Hospital



October 8 was a great day for IACC members who honored veterans by serving those who have served our country! At the Stratton VA Hospital, over 60 of our armed services veterans were served a delicious lunch. Thanks to the Mallozzi Group for donating the food. This allowed us to expand this community service event to twice a year. A special thanks to Joe Guastamacchia who has organized this event for many years and to the loyal servers: Jim Sano, Nancy Sano, Rose Guastamacchia, Anna Acconi, Ron Lippiello, and Joe Guastamacchia.



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Finding Our Immigrant Ancestry

by Angelo F. Coniglio

The New Familysearch.org

Continuing the review of the LDS Church site <https://familysearch.org/> (*familysearch*), if you have not used the site recently, it may appear to be different. The above link will take you to a colorful, 'busy' page with a variety of options. My advice is that if you are not already registered, click "Sign in", then "Create Account". Follow the directions to register for free, then return to <https://familysearch.org/> and sign in. You'll see several choices, briefly explained below.



At the top of the page

In the top line, clicking "**Volunteer**": Will allow you to volunteer in the LDS indexing project, helping to transcribe information from original records into on-line indices that allow others to search records by name, or you can make monetary donations, or volunteer to evaluate features of the LDS site.

"**Get Help**" lets you contact the site in various ways.

In the second line, the "**Family Tree**" link leads you to a page that allows you to start with yourself, and then add family members to build a family tree (which I will hereafter call the *FamilySearch Family Tree*). Unless you have genealogy experience, *I strongly advise beginners against using this feature*. Your information will go into a data base that is available to and can be added to or changed by all users of this feature of the site, the majority of which are LDS church members who may the service in developing their trees for 'church ordinances' dealing with the LDS religion. Wait until you have developed more of your own 'tree' before searching here.

The "**Photos**" link will allow insertion of photos to your *FamilySearch Family Tree*. Again, I don't advise this until you are more experienced.

The site gives several advisories about the "ownership" of material you may enter in your tree, including "By submitting content to *FamilySearch*, you grant *FamilySearch* an unrestricted, fully paid-up, royalty-free, worldwide, and perpetual license to use any and all information, content, and other materials . . . that you submit or otherwise provide to this site (including, without limitation, genealogical data and discussions and data relating to deceased persons) for any and all purposes, in any and all manners, and in any and all forms of media that we, in our sole discretion, deem appropriate for the furtherance of our mission to promote family history and genealogical research. As part of this license, you give us permission to copy, publicly display, transmit, broadcast, and otherwise distribute your Contributed Data throughout the world, by any means we deem appropriate (electronic or otherwise, including the Internet). You also understand and agree that as part of this license, we have the right to create derivative works from your Contributed Data by combining all or a portion of it with that of other contributors or by otherwise modifying your Contributed Data."

I advise that you read and fully understand the consequences of uploading information to the *FamilySearch Family Tree*, so that you can make an informed decision as to whether you want to do so.

***familysearch* provides invaluable resources and information, for free**, for researchers of genealogy and family history. I must strongly point out that registering on and using *familysearch* in NO way obligates anyone to submit his/her family information or photos to the site. Regardless of the *FamilySearch Family Tree* feature, nothing I have said should discourage you from wisely using this very valuable site in your research.

The third link on the second line is "**Search**", the link I use the most, and will further discuss in coming issues.

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 to your club or group, e-mail him at genealogytips@aol.com.

Mixed Bocce League

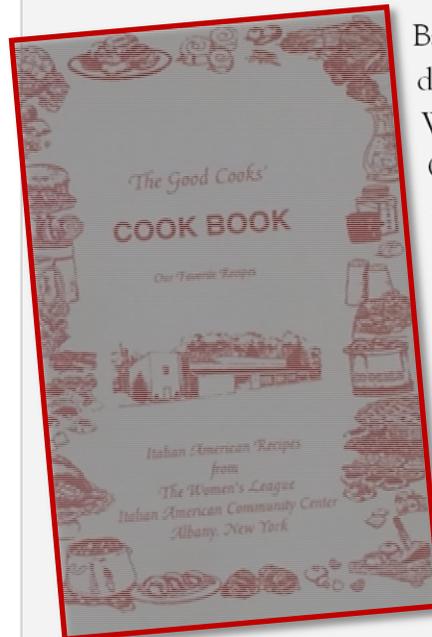


Congratulations to the champions of our first-ever Mixed Bocce League: Sally Simeone, Mary Lou Marando, Barbara Palumbo, John Simeone, and Charlie Ferrara. Thanks to Josie Tirino and Donna Zumbo for organizing seven fun-filled weeks of Mixed Bocce.



Save the Date
IACC Family Christmas Party
will be Sunday,
December 13th.
Additional details will be
forthcoming.

Women's League Cookbook...



Back by popular demand: our own Women's League Cookbook! This cookbook was first published in 1995. It has been brought back and updated for 2015. It is full of recipes from many of our dear departed members, recipes submitted by current members in past *Siamo Qui* issues, plus some extra surprises. We do not have many copies, so purchase yours soon, before we sell out. We kept the price the same as 1995: \$10 a copy. All proceeds will go to the Women's League's charitable projects that they support throughout the year.

SUNDAY BRUNCH AT TREVISO



Sundays in Albany are a little bit more delicious! The Italian American Community Center of Albany and the talented chefs at Treviso offer a Sunday brunch extravaganza. Executive Chef Ryan Huneau's menu features a chef's carving station, fresh Belgian Waffles, warm doughnuts, continental breakfast pastries, warm muffins, omelet station, and much, much more. Brunch runs from 10:30 A.M. — 1:30 P.M.

Treviso is located at 257 Washington Avenue Extension. For more information on the brunch call the Treviso office at 456-0292.



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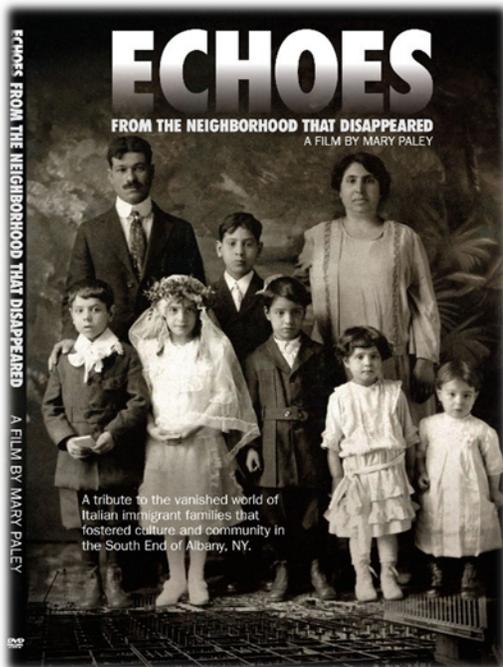
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WMHT-TV (PBS) will be airing the documentary, "Echoes from the Neighborhood that Disappeared" beginning Tuesday, December 1 at 7:30 PM. "Echoes" is the companion film to "The Neighborhood That Disappeared," an examination and celebration of Albany, New York's multi-ethnic South End enclave, which was demolished for the construction of the Empire State Plaza in the early 1960s. "The Neighborhood That Disappeared" broke pledge records for WMHT and was rebroadcast multiple times due to viewer demand. "Echoes" continues the story of the South End's vibrant Italian immigrant community by exploring the lives and culture of their children and grandchildren, many of whom were displaced by the demolition of 98 residential acres in the heart of the capital city. These engaging residents reminisce, sometimes sadly, often humorously, on the joys and cohesion of their close-knit Italian American upbringing, as well as the challenges of assimilation. "Echoes from the Neighborhood that Disappeared" speaks to the universal experiences of all Italian American communities, and was made in co-operation with WMHT-TV (PBS).



Hello Ladies,

As many of you know, one of the Women's League goals is to contribute to the community in various charitable fashions. Last month we hosted *Uncle Shawn's Hugs*, one of our favorite projects, and it was a great success! This month we will be wrapping gifts for some underprivileged children. We need your help to wrap about 30 stuffed animals and add a holiday candy to each package. The gifts will be distributed before the school holiday recess in December. If you have any cellophane or extra holiday ribbon, please bring it with you.

Also at the meeting, we will have the tags available for our *Giving Tree* project. As we go to press, I believe we will be supplying gifts for about 25 children from a local shelter and/or about 20 women from The Next Step Rehabilitation Center in Albany. At the November meeting, please take a tag, purchase the gift, wrap it and place the tag on top. Please then bring the wrapped and labeled gift to the December Women's League Meeting. If you are unable to attend the December meeting, please drop off the gift at the IACC Office.

The Women's League will be hosting its annual **Family Christmas Party** on **Sunday, December 13**. Details will be in next month's issue of *Siamo Qui*, but mark your calendars now for this event. It is always an exciting party for the whole family.

Our meeting this month is on **Wednesday, November 11 at 6:30 PM**. If you can arrive as early as 6:00 PM, we can start putting the stuffed animal gifts together before dinner. Our dinner selections this month are Traditional Roast Turkey with Stuffing, Mashed Potatoes and Veggies or Spaghetti with Mushroom and Olives in a Tomato-Basil Sauce. We will begin with Salad and end with Carrot Cake. By **Sunday, November 8**, please call **Gail Tarantino** at **355-1316** with your reservation. Cancellations need to be in by **Monday, November 9**. The cancellation policy remains in effect and the price remains at \$20.00.

Hope to see many of you then,

Donna Zumbo, Women's League President

Election of Board Members

By Jim Sano

The Board of Directors has approved hosting the General Membership meeting on **Sunday afternoon, November 15th**. The Treviso's Sunday Brunch will be served at 12:00 P.M. The cost of this special membership brunch is \$5 per member (no nonmembers or children, sorry). After brunch, the meeting will come to order and the election process will begin.

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED. Please make your reservations by calling the Membership Office by **Thursday, November 12**.

I hope to see a wonderful turnout for this year-in-review General Membership meeting and elections.



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Maria Schollenberger

*Please contact Anna Acconi at aacconi111@aol.com or 966-8664 if you would like to share any special announcements in the *Siamo Qui*.*

Our New Piano By Jim Sano

On behalf of our club, I would like to extend a special thank you to pool members, **Ruth and William Lehman**, for donating a beautiful spinet piano to the IACC Foundation. A piano was needed in order to accompany the opera singers in our upcoming *Pasta and Pavarotti Show* on Saturday, November 6. In addition, thank you to member **Wayne Tearno** for donating the moving truck (Capitaland Logistics) and driver to transport the piano to the IACC.



Involtini di Melanzane by Teresa Swanson (Rolled Eggplant)



Ingredients:

- 5 large eggplants
- Vegetable oil for frying
- 2-3 cups good quality, well-seasoned tomato sauce (not tomato puree)
- 1 lb. angel hair pasta
- Parmesan cheese – finely grated
- Fresh basil, mint, or oregano
- Olive oil

Method:

Slice eggplants about 1/2 inch thick.

Deep fry in a large pan of oil, flipping halfway through, until deep golden.

Drain on paper towels.

Cook angel hair in well-salted boiling water for 1 minute. (Pasta must be very *al dente*, because it will cook further in the oven.)

Toss with plenty of tomato sauce and grated Parmesan.

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Cover the bottom of a large, ceramic baking pan with more tomato sauce and some olive oil.

Take one eggplant slice, place a small bunch of pasta in the middle, and roll up.

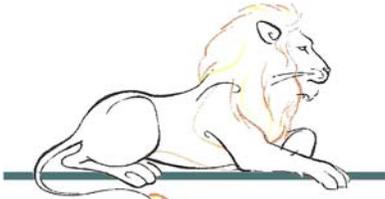
Place in pan seam side down. Repeat with remaining eggplants and pasta, packing rolls snugly into pan.

Cover with more tomato sauce and grated cheese.

Tuck leaves of fresh herbs between the rolls.

Bake for 20 to 25 minutes, until cheese is melted and everything is warm.

Serves 10



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