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Social Calendar



November 2017

- 01 ~ Member Exclusive: Weekly Co-Ed Poker Game Noon
- 01 ~ Member Exclusive: Weekly Men's Poker Game 5:00 pm
- 02 ~ Chair Yoga 6:30 pm
- 03 ~ Mixed Bowling at Westlawn Lanes 6:30 pm
- 06 ~ Beginner Italian Classes 7:00 to 9:00 pm
- 08 ~ Member Exclusive: Weekly Co-Ed Poker Game Noon
- 08 ~ Member Exclusive: Weekly Men's Poker Game 5:00 pm
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- 10 ~ **HAPPY VETERANS DAY-I.A.C.C MEMBERSHIP OFFICE CLOSED**
- 10 ~ Mixed Bowling at Westlawn Lanes 6:30 pm
- 12 ~ Annual General Membership Brunch/Elections Noon to 2:00 pm
- 13 ~ Beginner Italian Classes 7:00 to 9:00 pm
- 15 ~ Member Exclusive: Weekly Co-Ed Poker Game Noon
- 15 ~ Member Exclusive: Weekly Men's Poker Game 5:00 pm
- 17 ~ Mixed Bowling at Westlawn Lanes 6:30 pm
- 20 ~ Beginner Italian Classes 7:00 to 9:00 pm
- 22 ~ Member Exclusive: Weekly Co-Ed Poker Game Noon
- 22 ~ Member Exclusive: Weekly Men's Poker Game 5:00 pm
- 23 ~ **HAPPY THANKSGIVING-I.A.C.C MEMBERSHIP OFFICE CLOSED**
- 24 ~ **BLACK FRIDAY-I.A.C.C MEMBERSHIP OFFICE CLOSED**
- 24 ~ Mixed Bowling at Westlawn Lanes 6:30 pm
- 27 ~ Beginner Italian Classes 7:00 to 9:00 pm
- 29 ~ Member Exclusive: Weekly Co-Ed Poker Game Noon
- 29 ~ Member Exclusive: Weekly Men's Poker Game 5:00 pm

Upcoming Events:

- 12/03 **Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony 4:00 pm**
- 12/10 **Family Christmas Party Noon to 4:00 pm**





President's Message

When I became president, I said that we needed to do more to recognize the members of this club; whose devotion to the IACC makes this the special place that it is. I am happy to announce that this year we created three awards to be presented annually to members whose dedication to the club makes a significant impact. I was honored to present these inaugural awards at the Columbus Day Gala on October 14th. The first award was created in memory of **Charter Member Pasquale Tirino** whose dedication, and service to the club was paramount. This award was presented to his daughter, **Maria "Sandrina" DeNitto**, who works tirelessly to ensure our Friday Nights at the pavilion are successful. The time and energy she puts into the pavilion and all the event committees she chairs and serves on make her the perfect person to receive this award.

The second award is the **Cuore d'Oro (Heart of Gold) Award**. When I think of a member with a heart of gold, someone who is always there when asked, works endlessly without complaint and does it with a smile, I think of this year's recipient, **Gail Tarantino**. The third award is simply called the **President's Award** and it's given to someone who embodies the Italian Spirit. Someone who never gets discouraged when tensions are high, never complains, never asks for anything for themselves and inspires everyone to give their best in appreciation of the IACC and for the preservation of the Italian heritage that we all work so hard to achieve. The recipient of the 2017 President's Award is **Dino Barbato**.

I am very proud to know these fine individuals and, on behalf of the IACC, I thank them for all they do to further the success of our club.

While on the subject of new traditions, I would like to announce a new event coming to the IACC this December. You have heard of "Christmas at Rockefeller Center" well get ready for "**Christmas at the Italian American Community Center**". On December 3rd at 4PM, we will hold an official tree lighting ceremony. Over the next few weeks, a tree will be planted in front of the club. This tree will be lit each year to wish all members and guests who visit our club "Buona Natale". A reception will follow right after the tree lighting ceremony.

I would like to thank everyone who attended our 2017 Columbus Gala. A great time was had by all and I can't wait until next year's gala on October 13, 2018 with special musical guest Michael Amante. Mark your calendars now. You won't want to miss it!

Ciao,

FRANK ZEOLI
ITALIAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY CENTER
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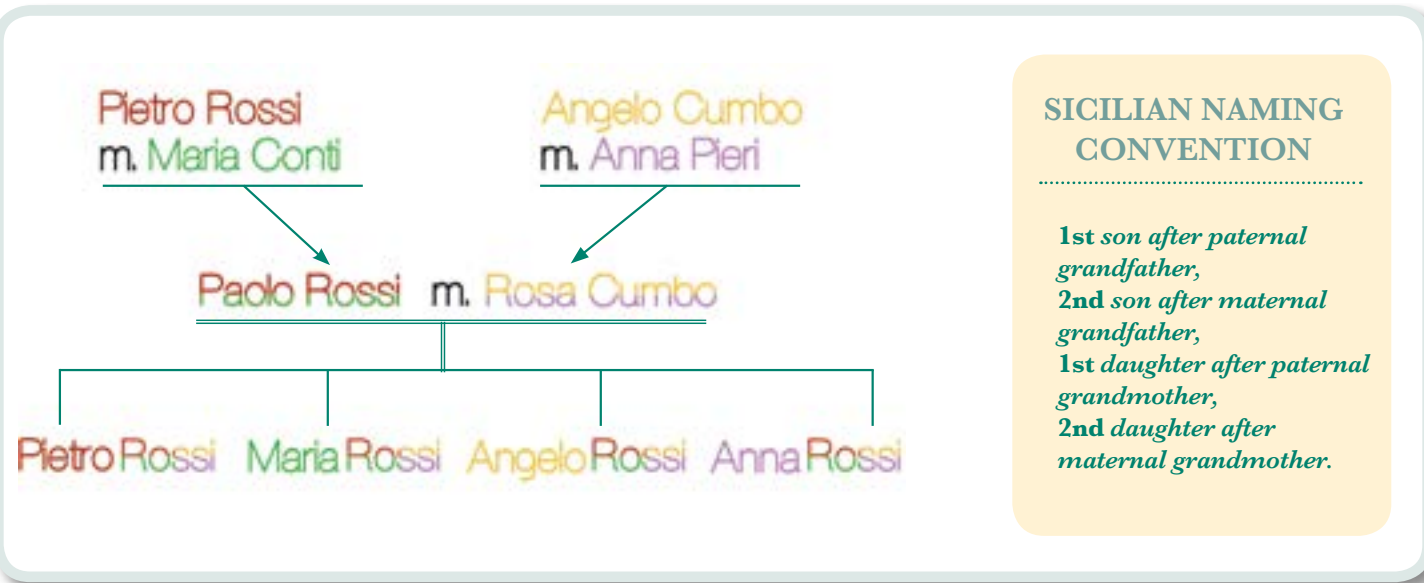
CHRISTMAS AT THE ITALIAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY CENTER

The Italian American Community Center is starting a new tradition. We will be lighting a newly planted tree. This tree will be a symbol that will wish the I.A.C.C. members and visitors alike, a Buona Natale.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3
IACC PARKING LOT
AT 4:00PM**

**Refreshments will
be served after the
tree lighting.**

COLLATERAL TRICKS



In genealogic terms, your ‘collateral lines’ are branches of your family tree that do not include your direct ancestors. For example: consider your great-great grandfather’s sister, who married and bore children with a different surname than his. This great-great grandaunt, her children and their descendants, all of them, are your relatives. They are a collateral line, as are all the descendants of every sibling of every one of your direct ancestors. As such, they share your ‘blood’, or to express it in modern terms, they share portions of your DNA.

Many researchers spend minimum time investigating their collateral lines. They are interested only in identifying ancestors in a direct line from themselves; or even more narrowly, only the direct ancestors that share their own surname, that is, only their paternal line. However, there are many reasons to do ‘sideways’ or collateral genealogy. Your collateral relatives (aunts, uncles or cousins of some degree: first cousins, third cousins twice removed, great-granduncles, etc.) share some of your DNA. If you are into having your DNA tested by venues such

as *FamilyTreeDNA*, *Geno*, *AncestryDNA* or *23andMe*, the ‘DNA matches’ that those vendors identify for you will most likely be from collateral lines, some as distant as five, six, or more generations. You may then find that when contacted, these relatives might have information about their ancestors who were also yours; that is, common ancestors between them and you.

So doing ‘collateral genealogy’ could help you to contact, correspond with, or even meet living distant relatives. These could be cousins still living in your little ancestral town in the hills of Sicily or Italy, or they could be old neighborhood friends who attended grammar school with you, but neither you nor they ever suspected that they were related to you. I have found relatives in both those categories, and part of the allure of collateral genealogy, to me, is finding relatives who inherited the same physical and behavioral family traits as I.

But there is another valuable application of collateral genealogy. I have previously pointed out that two important questions to resolve are “*What were the ancestor’s children’s names, in order of age?*” and “*What were the ancestor’s*

siblings’ names, in order of age?” In Sicily and southern Italy, it was almost universal that the names a couple gave to their children followed a pattern called the *Sicilian Naming Convention*. This tradition required that the couple’s first son be named after the boy’s paternal grandfather; the first daughter after her paternal grandmother; the second son after his maternal grandfather; and the second daughter after her maternal grandmother.

Here’s an example of how one can get around a ‘brick wall’ by combining collateral genealogy with the naming convention. I knew the name and approximate birth date (1831) of my great-grandfather, Raimondo Coniglio, but records are missing for the years 1830 – 1832, so I couldn’t find his birth record containing the names of his parents. However, I knew his children (my grandfather and his siblings) born from 1855 through 1865, were named in order of age; Giuseppa, Gaetano (my grandfather), Leonardo, Luciano, and Maria. From this information, I conjectured that my g-grandfather’s father was named *Gaetano* and his mother was named *Giuseppa*, the names he gave his firstborn of each gender.

I then began searching the records for Coniglio births, for the years before and after my great-grandfather’s presumed birth year of 1831.

I found numerous Coniglios born in my ancestral town in that time frame, but Pasquale, born in 1822; Felicia (b. 1824); Antonino (b. 1827; Angelo (b. 1833); and Concetta (b. 1834) were the only ones who were the children of *Gaetano* Coniglio and *Giuseppa* Montante. Their parents’ names matched my grandfather and his eldest sister; the other given names were common in my family; and there was a six-year gap between the births

of Antonino and Angelo, when the usual difference in age was two or three years. This led me to the conclusion that my great-grandfather Raimondo most likely also was the son of *Gaetano* Coniglio and *Giuseppa* Montalto, and that he had named his first son, my grandfather *Gaetano*, after his own father. Not iron-clad, but pretty good circumstantial evidence, which was later corroborated when I found Raimondo’s marriage record, which confirmed his birth year and his parents’ names. But while doing the ‘sideways’ search, I had found several great-grand uncles and aunts, whose offspring and descendants are part of my ‘collateral family’.

By ANGELO F. CONIGLIO

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

CLUB NEWS & EVENTS



Mixed Bocce Champs

Congratulations to Carlo Ricupero’s team. They were this year’s Mixed Bocce Champions. Pictured are Linda Hoffman, Nancy Sano, Capt. Carlo Ricupero, Bob Vine and Sue Ferrara.

Women's League

Now, here we are at the beginning of the holiday season! With our warm fall, it seems as if summer is still with us. Now that we are getting into the holiday spirit, it brings us to what the Women's League does best – helping our community. At our meeting this month, we will gather our stuffed animals and books and get them ready to be donated. If you haven't already, please bring a stuffed animal or two or a couple of books, suitable for children up to age 12 with you, and we will wrap them. If you are one of the ladies that has crocheted some book worms (markers), please bring them to put with the books. We will have cellophane and ribbon available for wrapping. If anyone has extra Christmas ribbon, we can use that too. With cooperation from all, we can have a sizable donation. We will donate these items to a local women's shelter and, if we have enough, to Catholic Charities.

Also this month, we would like to take time to thank our loyal Women's League members for all they do throughout the year. There will be additional raffle prizes and a few surprises.

As the year draws to a close, the Women's League is due to have its election of officers. All four offices are up for election – President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary. As you all know, being a member of the I.A.C.C. also means you are a member of the Women's League. You are eligible to run

for any of the positions up for election and, of course, you can nominate and vote for someone you would like to see as an officer of the Women's League. Since I cannot be re-elected as president, I urge everyone to think about who you would like to lead the Women's League. I can tell you that it does not take up that much of your time and I would certainly help whoever takes over. Please bring your suggestions to the meeting or email them to me at dzumbo13@hotmail.com.

Our meeting is on Wednesday, November 8th, at 6:30 p.m. Our dinner choices this month are a traditional Turkey dinner or

Eggplant Rollatini, served with salad, potatoes and vegetables. Dessert is Apple Crisp with Vanilla Gelato. Please call or email your reservation to Sharon Patrei at 765-3283 or slpatrei@aol.com by Sunday, November 5th. Cancellations must be made by Monday, November 6th. Our price remains at \$20.00 and the cancellation policy remains in effect.

Hope to see many of you there,

Donna Zumbo
Women's League President



NOTICE: WOMEN'S LEAGUE ELECTION

The Women's League will be holding an election for all four of its officers: President, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary. All women members of the IACC are also members of the Women's League and, therefore, are eligible to run for or nominate someone for any of the positions. Please consider volunteering for one of them or please bring your nomination(s) to the November Women's League Meeting on November 8th. If you are unable to attend that meeting, please call our office with your nomination or email your nomination to dzumbo13@hotmail.com.

Thank You!

Donna Zumbo
Women's League President



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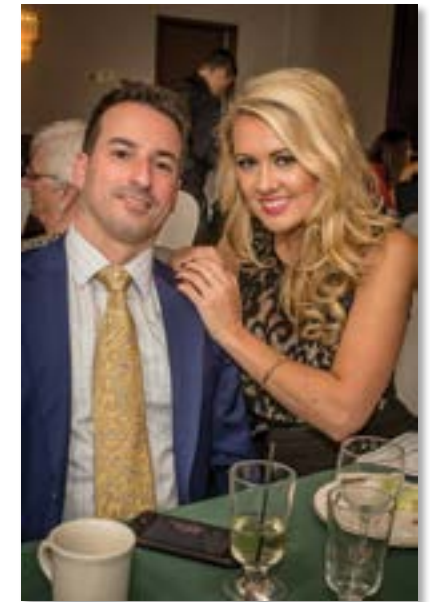
By: Frank Zeoli

Our 44th annual Columbus Day Grand Gala was held on October 14th and attended by over 180 guests. It was a magical evening filled with great food, exceptional music and a whole lot of laughter. The Mallozzi Family outdid themselves yet again with a truly jaw dropping collection of hors d'oeuvres, salad, pasta and a special Surf & Turf entree. All of this was followed up with an astonishing "Viennese" table complete with cordials and espresso.

We were proud to honor **Carm Basile**, CEO of CDTA, with our *Italian American of the Year Award* as well as Albany County Sheriff **Craig Apple** with our *Italian Spirit Award*. Both men spoke passionately from the heart about their life experiences and what brought them to this place in life. In addition, this year we honored the following with three inaugural awards: **Maria DeNitto**, **Pasquale Tirino** Service Award; **Gail Tarantino**, Cuore d'oro (Heart of Gold) Award; **Dino Barbato**, IACC President's Award.

The evening proceeded with a special musical concert by Teo Ricciardella, the Romantic Tenor. Born in Bari, Italy, this sensational singer wowed the audience with Italian love songs. Many people danced along to his voice. He certainly brought out the love in the air. We then danced the night away to the great sounds of TS Ensemble.

The event would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of Maria DeNitto, Mary Lou Marando, Gail Tarantino, Maria LaMorte, Sharon Patrei and Jim Sano. This group is already planning our 45th annual Columbus Day Grand Gala on October 13, 2018 with special musical guest Michael Amante so mark your calendars and see you next year.





ROSEMARY RINGS & Veggies

*T*his colorful dish is a sure way to get your kids to eat their veggies! It's as delicious as it is pretty, simple, and healthy!

In a small skillet, heat extra virgin olive oil (2 turns of a pan) on med-high heat and add approximately one teaspoon of dried minced rosemary. Let the rosemary simmer for about one minute to infuse the oil with its aroma and taste. Add frozen mixed vegetables to the rosemary oil (about 1.5 cups) and continue cooking the veggies until they are soft and tender. Add salt and pepper to taste.

In a separate pot, bring salted water to a boil and cook the ring pasta as directed (about 1/2 lb). Drain the pasta, but leave a little bit of water so that the pasta is not completely dry. Add the pasta to the skillet with veggies and let it all simmer for about one minute while mixing everything together.

Add Parmesan cheese if desired. This dish can be enjoyed by the whole family, not just the kids! Serve it with a salad or use it as a side dish.

Enjoy!



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Class Time: 7:00-9:00pm

Cost: \$75 I.A.C.C. Members / \$85 Non-Members (Plus \$15 For Materials)

Location: The Italian American Community Center ~ 2nd Floor
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Register: Call (518) 456-4222 -OR- Visit: www.IACCFoundationAlbany.org

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CONDOLENCES

* Gretchen Van Valkenburg's mother, **Jean Hoagland**, passed away on Oct. 14th. She was 91 yrs. old.

* Our condolences are sent to the Yacono family on the passing of a former board of director and long time member, **Thomas Yacono**.

WELCOME new members

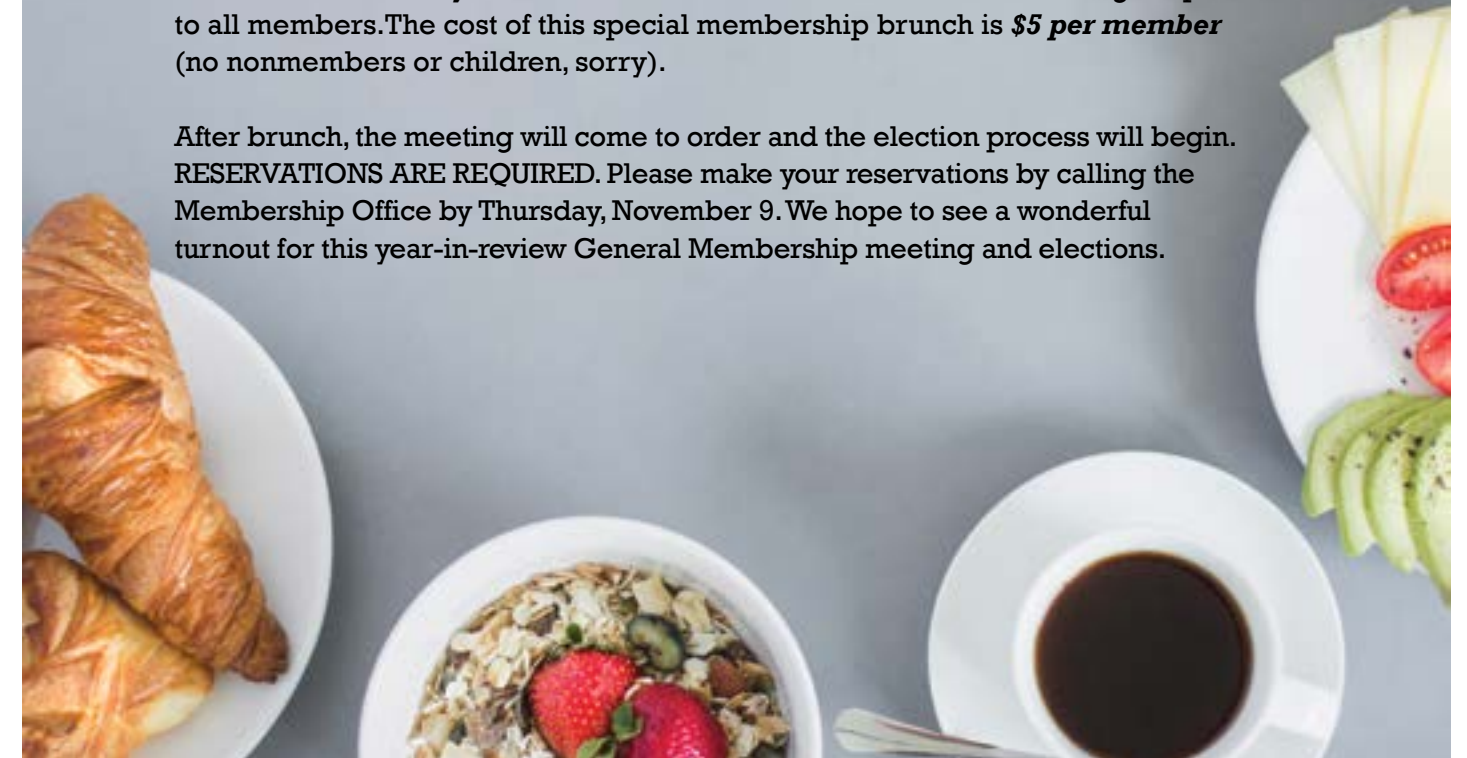
Paul Spadafora & Jayne Tinker
Carm & Sheila Basile



ANNUAL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP BRUNCH

The Treviso's Sunday Brunch will be served at 12:00 P.M. This meeting is open to all members. 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 9. We hope to see a wonderful turnout for this year-in-review General Membership meeting and elections.



ELECTION OF NEW 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. Please contact the Membership office 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 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**

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

If you have any questions about the duties of being a Board member, feel free to contact Jim Sano at 438-4631 or jsano15@aol.com

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.

Current Nominees For Board of Directors

1. **Maria DeNitto**
2. **Sharon Patrei**
3. **Jim Sano**



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RSVP:

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Additional Details:

~ This Event Is Open To The Public!

Please Note: Payments Are Not Processed By The Office. Please Be Sure To Bring Your Payment With You.

What Is Chair Yoga?

Chair yoga is a gentle form of yoga, that is practiced sitting in a chair or standing using the chair for support. This is a great physical activity for individuals who are seeking light workouts due to physical limitations and for individuals who are currently recovering from a recent injury or surgery.

Family Christmas Party
Sunday, December 10th
Noon to 4:00 pm

Children 12 years old and under are free
Children's Menu: Chicken Fingers and Fries. Ice Cream sundae for dessert.

Adults: \$25.00
Menu: Salad served family style, entrée choices of Chicken Parmigiana w/pasta or Manicotti w/veggies. Cream Horn for dessert.

Please bring a wrapped gift with your child's name on it for Santa to give out.

RAFFLES, GAMES AND OF COURSE, A VISIT FROM SANTA!
 Please call the office at 456-4222 with your reservations!

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