



CULTURAL CORNER

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT THIS COLUMBUS DAY

By Rosanna Aiuppa

Americans seemed to have lost sight of the fact that this holiday marks the EVENT, not the person. What Columbus gets criticized for nowadays are attitudes and actions that were typical of many European sailing captains and merchants who plied the Mediterranean and the Atlantic in the 15th century, known as the Age of Discovery. This is neither to sanction nor excuse the subsequent terrible consequences that befell the Native Americans and other indigenous people following those momentous discoveries. However, we cannot look at it without realizing that Columbus was unquestionably “a man of his time”, daring, unusually ambitious, with all the bad that sometimes comes with that drive. Conquest throughout history often meant atrocities and slavery. This was an unfortunate fact of life, dating all the way back to biblical times. We cannot judge the mores of 1492 with our present sense of justice that finally prevailed after centuries of ignorance. In this country, man finally rose to break those unjust practices that debased him, as much as those he debased. Brother fought brother in order to finally abolish slavery and all the evil it brought. Unfortunately, in 1492, mankind still did not recognize that all are created equal. Also remember, this was the time of the Spanish Inquisition, with all the atrocities that it perpetrated even against its own so-called “civilized” population.

What really matters is the watershed moment of having landed on San Salvador. Columbus, sailing for Spain, braved a great unknown ocean, leading three small wooden vessels, at a time when men believed the world was flat! This was a momentous, world-changing occasion such as has rarely happened in human history, much like man landing on the moon during our time. Unfortunately, this event happened during a point in history when men still behaved with the

mores and convictions and cruelty that had prevailed for eons.

When thinking about the Columbus Day holiday, it helps to look back at history, to remember the good intentions of the people who put together the first parade in New York. Curiosity led me to research who first proclaimed Columbus Day a national holiday and why. I found that it had been done by President Benjamin Harrison in 1892, 400 years after Columbus's first voyage. More interesting were his motivations behind this decree and how it had been reported and received. The idea, lost on present-day critics of the holiday, was that this would be a national holiday that would be special for recognizing both Native Americans, who were here before Columbus, and the many immigrants—including Italians—who were just then coming to this country in astounding numbers.



You won't find it in the rhetoric against Columbus Day celebrations today, but part of the reason President Harrison in 1892 declared the national holiday lay in two tragedies that had taken place only two years before. One involved Italians and the other Native Americans.

The first tragedy was the Wounded Knee, South Dakota massacre by U.S. troops of about 200 Lakota Sioux, on December 29, 1890. Shooting began after a misunderstanding involving an elderly, deaf Sioux warrior who hadn't heard and therefore did not understand that he was supposed to hand over his rifle to the U.S. Cavalry. The massacre at Wounded Knee marked the definitive end of Indian resistance in the Great Plains. The episode was immediately seen by the government as potentially troubling.

A second tragedy took place in New Orleans on March 14, 1891, only 10 weeks after the Wounded Knee Massacre. Eleven Italians were lynched in prison by a mob led by prominent Louisiana politicians. A trial for the murder of the

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



During my two years as president, I have encouraged members to be involved in club activities either in a role of planning an event or as a participant. If our club is going to thrive, we need you, so please continue to be involved. A strong and vibrant club has many active members who are continually asking, "What can I do to help?"

Over the past few months, there have been several wonderful events including Festa, Bocce, Family Nights in the Pavilion, Friday Night Social with members of Sons of Italy from Schenectady, Women's League Fall Craft Fair, 50+ Club Luncheons, Book Club, Italian Language Classes, and Chair Yoga. I strongly encourage you to help plan and participate in future club functions alongside your fellow members.

Angelo Tarantino, President

October Calendar

View our complete online Calendar at italianamerican.com

Every Monday	Italian Grand Buffet Open Bowling Elementary Language Classes
October 7, Tuesday	Foundation Board Meeting
October 8, Wednesday	Women's League Meeting Book Club, Meet the Author
October 18, Saturday	Columbus Dinner Dance
October 21, Tuesday	Board Meeting
October 29, Wednesday	Women's League Meeting

Save the Date

November 6, Thursday	Foundation Board Meeting
November 11, Tuesday	Board Meeting
November 16, Sunday	General Membership Meeting Member Pasta Dinner

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General Membership Meeting Date Changed

By Angelo Tarantino

In order to provide an opportunity to maximize the number of members participating in the next scheduled General Membership meeting, the Board of Directors has approved moving the meeting from Tuesday evening, November 18th to Sunday afternoon, November 16th. This General Membership meeting, which includes the election of new Board Members, will commence at 12:15 P.M. 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 \$5.00 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.

Joke of the Month!



Two Italian guys are driving through Texas when they get pulled over by a state trooper. The trooper walks up and taps on the window with his nightstick.

The driver rolls down the window, and the trooper smacks him in the head with the stick. The driver says, "Why'd you do that?"

The trooper says, "You're in Texas, son. When I pull you over, you'll have your license ready."

Driver says, "I'm sorry, officer, I'm not from around here."

The trooper runs a check on the guy's license, and he's clean. He gives the guy his license back and walks around to the passenger side and taps on the window. The passenger rolls his window down, and the trooper smacks him with the nightstick.

The passenger says, "What'd you do that for?"

The cop says, "Just making your wishes come true." The passenger says, "Huh?"

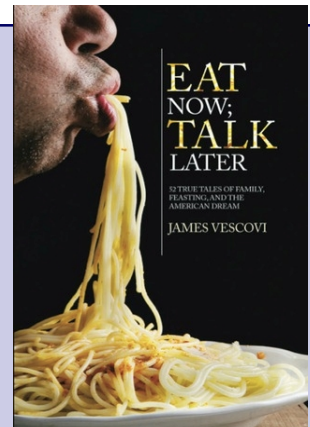
The cop says, "I know that two miles down the road you're gonna say, 'I wish that guy would've tried that crap with me!'"

Meet James Vescovi

He will be at the IACC on October 8th at 7:00 P.M. to discuss his book, "Eat Now; Talk Later."

James Vescovi's essays about his eccentric grandparents have been gathered into a book, *Eat Now; Talk Later*, a title derived from a rule at Nonna Desolina's house. Vescovi will share stories about experiences with his grandparents as he tried to help them cope with customs so unlike those in their homeland. He will share a story or two about some of those specific misadventures, and lead discussion about the process and problems connected with raising their own children and relating to their grandchildren.

After a long career as a professional editor and writing instructor, Vescovi currently teaches English at a private high school in New York City, where he lives with his wife and three children. Copies of the book will be on sale at the event, and along with those previously purchased, will be signed by the author.



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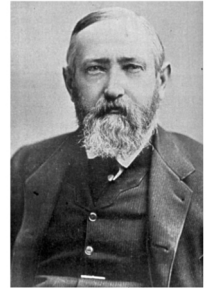
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New Orleans police chief had ended in mistrials for three of the Italians and the acquittal of the others who were brought to trial. Unhappy with the verdict, civic leaders organized an assault on the prison to put the Italians to death. This episode was also troubling to the U.S. Government since these men were innocent. A grand jury was summoned, but no one was charged with a crime. President Harrison, who would proclaim the Columbus holiday the following year, was genuinely saddened by the case. Over the objections of some members of congress, he paid reparations to the Italian government for the deaths of its citizens. President Harrison did not allude to either of these sad episodes in his proclamation of the holiday, but the idea for the holiday involved a vision of an America that would get beyond the prejudice that had led to these deaths. Columbus Day was supposed to recognize the greatness of all of America's people, but especially Italians and Native Americans who had suffered.

The reports of the first Columbus Day parade in New York was described in the newspapers as consisting mostly of about 12,000 public school students grouped into 20 regiments, each led by a principal. The boys marched in school uniforms or their Sunday best, while the girls, dressed in red, white, and blue, sat in bleachers. Alongside the public school students, there were military drill squads and 29 marching bands. They

were followed by 5,500 students from parochial schools. There were also several students from private schools wearing school uniforms. These included the Hebrew Orphan Asylum, the Barnard School Military Corps, and the Italian and American Colonial School. Students from the Dante Alighieri Italian College of Astoria were dressed entirely in sailor outfits. These were followed by the Native American marching band from the Carlisle Indian School in Pennsylvania. That the Native Americans came right after the students from the Dante Alighieri School speaks volumes about the spirit of the original Columbus Day Parade. Let us not lose sight that on Columbus Day we celebrate the DISCOVERY OF THE NEW WORLD, which changed the world forever. This was accomplished by the tenacity and drive of a not-so-perfect man.

Centuries from now our astronaut heroes might be condemned for landing on the Moon and littering space with so much of our discarded debris. How will we then be judged? As we continue to celebrate Columbus Day, we must recognize and celebrate the enormity of the discovery and how it eventually changed the world for the better. That was the intent and vision of President Harrison.



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Foundation Book Club

by Richard Ognibene

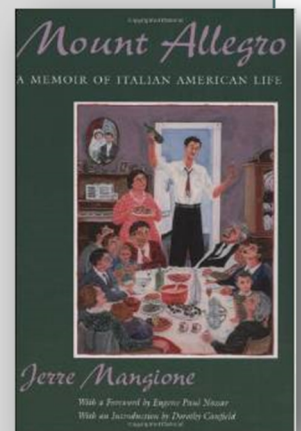
The Book Club Takes a Brisk Tour of a Sicilian Community in Rochester, New York

On Thursday, November 13th, the book club will discuss *Mount Allegro* by Jerre Mangione. The book is an extraordinary memoir, a celebration of Sicilian life, an engaging sociological portrait, and a moving reminiscence of a fledgling writer's escape from the restrictive culture in which he grew up. Mangione's autobiographical chronicle of his youth in a Sicilian Community in Rochester called "Mount Allegro" is one of the truly enduring books about the immigrant experience in this country. Family squabbles, soul-nourishing food, and the casting of evil eyes are only some of the ingredients of this richly textured book, although they must all take second place to its unforgettable characters.

Born and raised in Mount Allegro, Mangione recreates his youth in the boy, Gerlando, whose "relatives" number virtually the whole neighborhood and others back home in Sicily, where he visits. His Sicilian family stubbornly clings to native customs, manner and language, and the boy feels

at home in neither world until -- wholly Americanized -- he can look objectively and appreciatively on the very traits he had resented. The book in the final analysis is a thinly fictionalized study of the Italian in America. There are colorful figures in the story and many amusing and touching incidents. As one critic noted, *Mount Allegro* is "a charming book that does more than amuse. It provides an authentic picture, rich in understanding, of the family life of mid-twentieth century life of Italian Americans." Be forewarned, the book's wacky characters will make you laugh.

Please note: *Mount Allegro* replaces the book previously announced for discussion on November 13th.



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.

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.

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

If you would like to become a candidate, please contact Christine DiIonna at the number listed above.

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 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 Sunday, November 16 at 12:30 P.M. Members are asked to attend to show support of these changes.

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.

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Finding Our Immigrant Ancestry by Angelo F. Coniglio

PASSENGER MANIFESTS

Last time, I discussed how to find your ancestral town in Italy, using images of immigrants' Ellis Island passenger manifests on the free site www.ellisland.org. Manifest images can also be found in other ways, on other sites, and for other ports of entry, all of which I'll discuss later. First, I'll go over what *else* you may see on an Italian immigrant's ship passenger manifest for arrivals at Ellis Island from 1892 through 1924.

Once a manifest is found, a variety of information may be seen on it, depending on the year of immigration, the port of departure, and arrival point. In addition to the name of the ship, the port and date of departure, and the port and date of arrival, early manifests (1890's) may give only the person's name, gender, and age. Some manifests show information for passengers as well as crew members. Other lists may show names of passengers who have been "detained" for a variety of reasons.

Later manifests give more information. Starting in 1907, the following data columns are listed: Family Name, Given Name, Age (Yrs. and Mos.), Gender, Married or Single, Calling or Occupation, Nationality, Race or People, *Country and Town of last permanent residence* ("Name and complete address of closest relative or friend in country whence alien came"), Final Destination (State, City or Town), and "Whether going to join a relative or friend, and if so, what relative or friend, and his name and complete address." Remember that female immigrants from Italy and Sicily used their *birth* names, first *and* last, whether they were married or single. For example, my mother's manifest gave her name as Rosa Alessi, and her son's (my brother's) name as Gaetano Coniglio. Don't be thrown off if you see, on the same manifest, that a mother's surname and the surname of her child are not the same.

If the columns noted above are completely filled in, much can be learned. If you know the ancestor's occupation in America, finding the same occupation listed in the manifest strengthens the case that this is the same person. Under "*Name and complete address of closest relative or friend in country whence alien came*", the "address" that is given may be simply the town name, but usually under this heading the *relationship* of the person left behind is given. Much may be gleaned from this.

For example, if it said "*father*" you would therefore have found, if you didn't already know it, the name of the passenger's father. Remember, according to traditional

naming conventions, an Italian or Sicilian man's father's name would be given to his first son, so if you know the immigrant's oldest son's name, and it matches the name given on the manifest as his father's, you have a strong correlation. Similarly, if the immigrant is a woman, her *second* son's name would probably be the same as *her* father's.

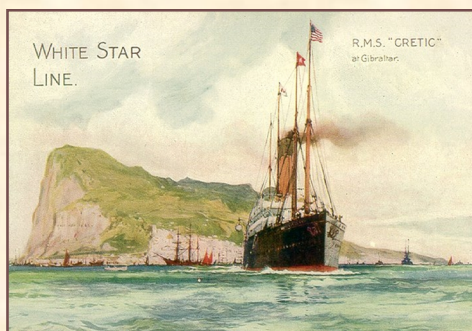
The "*closest relative*" named may be the immigrant's mother: If her surname is different than that of a male immigrant, it's her *maiden* name. This is another piece of information that might extend or corroborate existing knowledge. The names of a male ancestor's eldest daughter could also be reflected in the first name of his mother. The name of the "*closest relative*" left behind may be that of a brother or sister, an in-law, or a spouse. In any case, it provides additional information about the passenger. Note that if it was a spouse, unless a couple each happened to have the same surname at birth, the surnames of the couple would be different.

Obviously, the column headed "*Whether going to join a relative or friend . . .*" can also provide very valuable information. If the person was going to a spouse, and you already know the spouse's name, a match is pretty strong evidence that immigrant is the

person you're looking for. Additionally, if a destination address is given, that may also match information from a census, or give you a clue helpful in researching a particular locality for more information about the person. It also may add a "missing link" as to where an ancestor may have lived prior to any known places.

In addition to the columns detailed above, manifests after June 1907 also specifically give, in the last columns, the immigrant's "*Place of Birth – Country – Town*". This was usually, but not always, the same as the "last residence". Other information of interest about your ancestor can include whether literate, the amount of cash carried, whether ever in the US previously, condition of health, color of eyes, hair, and complexion, height, and identifying marks. There are even notations for "Whether a Polygamist" and "Whether an Anarchist". I'm sure all anarchists declared themselves!

Coniglio is the author of the book The Lady of the Wheel, inspired by his Sicilian research. You may order the paperback at amzn.to/racalmuto. The e-book version is now also available at bit.ly/LadyOfTheWheelKindle. Coniglio's web page at bit.ly/AFGen 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.



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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.

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

Ciao Girlfriends!

The slight chill in the air and the first scents of autumn have already appeared. It's hard to believe the year is winding down as 'the season' begins. We have so much to look forward to in October.

Our excursion planned for the 9th and 10th has been cancelled due to lack of interest. We will investigate other excursion possibilities and discuss them at future meetings. Please send me your ideas.

JUST THIS MONTH, our meeting schedule is different. Our regular meeting will take place on Wednesday, October 8th at 6:00 P.M. Our dinner choices are Chicken Parmigiana, Grilled Salmon or Fall Pasta Primavera along with salad and dessert, a pumpkin mousse. The cost remains \$20 and please reserve and cancel considerately to Donna Zumbo at 424-7463 or dzumbo13@hotmail.com.

After dinner, we will be joined by the Foundation Book Club to share a special visit by the author James Vescovi whose book will be discussed. *Eat Now, Talk Later* is a delightful collection of stories that tell the tale of a classic Italian immigrant family struggling to adapt to America. Mr. Vescovi is known as an entertaining story teller. He plans to read selected passages and join the discussion. If you do not already own *Eat Now, Talk Later* copies will be available for purchase. He will sign these books as well as copies that are brought to the meeting.

We will hold our November meeting early, on Wednesday, October 29th at 6:00 P.M., so that we will be able to help make blankets for 'Uncle Shawn's Hugs'. Our good friend Dawn Martin will be with us once again. This is always a well-attended event. I hope it will be again. Our dinner choices for October 29 are Classic Turkey Dinner, Baked Whitefish Putanesca, and Eggplant Rollatini along with salad and a surprise Fall dessert. The cost will be \$20 and you may reserve and cancel considerately to Donna Zumbo at 424-7463 or dzumbo13@hotmail.com.

I know it's a busy month, but all these events promise to be rewarding in their respective ways. I look forward to seeing you.

Ciao amiche.

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Condolences:

Our sympathy is sent to Patti and Rick Shmaruk and Frances and Bob Blendell and their family on the recent passing of Patti's mother and Frances' sister-in-law, Noreen Rosetti. Noreen and her husband Joe were married 64 years.

Our sympathy is sent to Karen Pollard-Park on the recent and sudden passing of her son Darryl Thomas Quirk.

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

Columbus Dinner Dance Note

The Columbus Dinner Dance will be on Saturday, October 18th at 6:30 P.M. Invitations have gone out and we look forward to a large turnout to our most 'gala' event of the year. This year, we will celebrate the club itself, our friendships and camaraderie in our shared appreciation for the opportunities the club offers us all.

Please consider placing an ad in the program perhaps to advertise a business or to commemorate a loved one who is no longer with us. You may also sponsor a centerpiece or join the list of patrons. It should be a glittering evening so make your reservations early. Contact Maria LaMorte, 456-4800, or the IACC office, 456-4222, for details about ads and sponsorships.

Sausage Egg Casserole

Contributed by Maria LaMorte



Ingredients

3/4 lb. ground pork sausage
1 tablespoon butter
4 green onions, chopped
1/2 pound fresh mushrooms, sliced
10 eggs, beaten
1 (16 ounce) container low-fat cottage cheese
1 pound Monterey Jack cheese, shredded
2 (4 ounce) cans diced green chile peppers, drained (or 2 finely chopped medium sized fresh Jalapena peppers, cored and seeded first)
1 cup all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/3 cup butter, melted

Directions

1. Place sausage in a large, deep skillet. Cook over medium-high heat until evenly brown. Drain, and set aside. Melt butter in skillet, and cook and stir the green onions and mushrooms until tender.
2. In a large bowl, mix the eggs, cottage cheese, Monterey Jack cheese, and chiles. Stir in the sausage, green onions, and mushrooms. Cover, and refrigerate overnight.
3. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Lightly grease a 9x13 inch baking dish.
4. In a bowl, sift together the flour, baking powder, and salt. Blend in the melted butter. Stir the flour mixture into the egg mixture. Pour into the prepared baking dish.
5. Bake 40 to 50 minutes in the preheated oven, or until lightly brown. Let stand 10 minutes before serving.



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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