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OCTOBER 2017

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**SATURDAY  
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On October 25th, 55 plus is going to Turning Stone.  
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# News & Events



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# Social Calendar



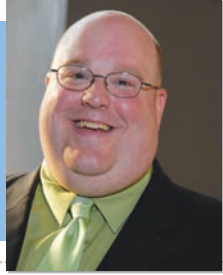
## October 2017

- 02 ~ Beginner Italian Classes 7:00–9:00pm
- 03 ~ Mixed Weekly Bocce 6:30–8:00pm
- 04 ~ Member Exclusive: Co-Ed Poker Game 12:00pm
- 04 ~ Member Exclusive: Weekly Men's Poker Game 5:00pm
- 05 ~ Chair Yoga 6:30pm
- 06 ~ Mixed Bowling 6:00 pm at Westlawn Lanes
- 09 ~ **Bus Trip NYC-Columbus Parade March 7:00am–8:30pm**
- 09 ~ Beginner Italian Classes 7:00–9:00pm
- 10 ~ Mixed Weekly Bocce 6:30–8:00pm
- 11 ~ Member Exclusive: Co-Ed Poker Game 12:00pm
- 11 ~ Member Exclusive: Weekly Men's Poker Game 5:00pm
- 11 ~ I.A.C.C. Women's League Meeting 6:30pm
- 12 ~ Chair Yoga 6:30pm
- 13 ~ Mixed Bowling 6:00 pm at Westlawn Lanes
- 14 ~ **Columbus Day Dinner Gala 6:00–11:00pm**
- 16 ~ Beginner Italian Classes 7:00–9:00pm
- 18 ~ Member Exclusive: Co-Ed Poker Game 12:00pm
- 18 ~ Member Exclusive: Weekly Men's Poker Game 5:00pm
- 18 ~ I.A.C.C. Board Meeting 6:30pm
- 19 ~ Chair Yoga 6:30pm
- 20 ~ Mixed Bowling 6:00 pm at Westlawn Lanes
- 23 ~ Beginner Italian Classes 7:00–9:00pm
- 25 ~ Member Exclusive: Co-Ed Poker Game 12:00pm
- 25 ~ Member Exclusive: Weekly Men's Poker Game 5:00pm
- 25 ~ **55 + Trip To Turning Stone Casino 8am-6pm**
- 26 ~ Chair Yoga 6:30pm
- 27 ~ Mixed Bowling 6:00 pm at Westlawn Lanes
- 28 ~ **Haloween Party 4:00-7:00 pm.**
- 30 ~ Beginner Italian Classes 7:00–9:00pm



### Upcoming Events:

- 11/12 ~ **Annual General Membership Brunch/Elections Noon-2PM**
- 12/10 ~ **Family Christmas Party Noon to 4:00 pm**



# President's Message

Saying goodbye to summer is always hard, especially at the IACC where there was always something exciting going on. Whether it was pool parties, bocce matches, barbecues, bonfires, delicious pizza, great music or gut wrenching laughter, we had plenty of fun at the club this summer. We will cherish the memories that we made in the summer of '17.

Now that autumn has arrived, we have some new memories to create. On October 14th, we are hosting our annual Columbus Day Grand Gala and it's going to be a great event. This year we are honoring Carm Basile, the CEO of CDTA, as our Italian American of the Year and Albany County Sheriff Craig Apple will be the recipient of the Italian Spirit Award. In addition to great food and desserts, we will welcome Italian tenor, Teo Ricciardella, as our special musical guest. You can register on our website or by calling the Membership Office. Hopefully, I will see you there.

In conjunction with our upstate Sons of Italy Lodges, we are offering our members and friends an opportunity to march in the New York City Columbus Day parade again this year. The cost is free to our members. After working up an appetite marching through Manhattan, the bus will head up to Arthur Ave, in the Bronx for a late-lunch, early-dinner stop. If interested you must call our office, 518-456-4222 to make a reservation.

Our annual family Halloween Costume Party will be held in the pavilion on Saturday, October 28th from 4:00pm to 7:00pm. Children under 12 are free and adults are only \$10. Don't forget your costume!

Finally I would like to thank the many committees and volunteers that made all of our summer events possible. I would especially like to thank Jim Sano for his tireless effort to make our pool the best place to be in the summer heat and Sandrina DeNitto and her pavilion committee that made our Friday nights so memorable.

Ciao,

**FRANK ZEOLI**  
**ITALIAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY CENTER**  
**PRESIDENT**

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# ON-LINE RECORDS

*Continued from our September edition*

**I** often receive inquiries asking for help in identifying a reader's ancestors. The requests often go like this: "I am trying to find information about the ancestors of my grandmother. She came to America from Sicily, I think from Mossena, at age 21 with her infant son. Can you help?"

**My response is along these lines:**

"Before I can help, or you yourself can find such information, you must answer the following, even if approximately. What was your grandmother's name as it was given in Sicily, including her 'maiden' name? About when was she born.? You 'think' she was from 'Mossena'; do you mean 'Messina'? If so are you referring to the province of Messina, or its capital city, which has the same name? You gave her age at immigration, but in what year did she immigrate, and where did she settle? What was her husband's name and occupation? What were the names of her children, in order of age; and the names of her siblings, in order of age?"

**Often, I never hear any more from some of these folks.** Evidently their desire for information about their ancestors isn't so urgent, or they believe that a researcher should find their ancestors without asking 'personal questions'. Some respond with just a partial answer; still not enough to undertake proper research, and some ask why such information is necessary. I'll try to answer that, point by point.

**What was the ancestor's name?** If searches are to be made in Sicilian or Italian records, the names as they were in the old country must be used. 'Carrie' in the US was probably *Calogera* in Sicily; 'Samuel' was probably *Salvatore*, 'James' might have been *Giacomo*, or *Vincenzo!* Sicilian and Italian records would not use anglicized names, nor would 'American' names appear in passenger manifests. And women would be identified by the surnames they had at birth (i.e., their 'maiden' names; their father's surnames), even though they were married.



# HELP!

**What were the ancestor's children's 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 child's paternal grandfather; the first daughter after the paternal grandmother; the second son after the maternal grandfather; and the second daughter after the maternal grandmother. That means, if you know the names of your grandparents' children, you can surmise the names of your great-grandparents. When searching, you may find records for several people with similar or identical names to your grandmother. Using the above convention helps to identify the ones that are pertinent.

**What were the ancestor's siblings' names, in order of age?** Using the same logic as above, if you know your grandmother's siblings' names, you can deduce her grandparents' (your great-great grandparents') names.

**Where did she settle, and in what year? What was her husband's name and occupation?** This information will allow you to search US Censuses (viewable on-line) and/or state censuses, which can give information on age, occupation, immigration, and citizenship status. If you don't know her children's names or ages, census information can help you fill those in. US Censuses, taken every ten years, are available through the 1940 version, and can give an understanding of the family's makeup.

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**NYS GRAND LODGE & DISTRICT VI LODGES  
4<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL BUS TRIP TO THE  
NEW YORK CITY  
COLUMBUS DAY PARADE**

**Date: Monday, October 09, 2017**  
**Pickup Location: Gabriele D'Annunzio Lodge #321**  
**Bus Departure Time: 6:30 AM**  
**Pickup Location: IACC Washington Avenue**  
**Bus Departure Time: 7:30 AM**  
**Pickup Location: CDTA Park & Ride - Catskill**  
**Bus Departure Time: 8:30 AM**

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first 20 members,  
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# ITALIAN AMERICAN DAY at the Track



## FINDING OUR *Immigrant Ancestry*

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Knowing her husband's occupation, the census can be checked against that knowledge, to assure that you're viewing the records of the right family. If a census indicates 'Na' under citizenship status, it means the person was naturalized sometime before the date of the census. Naturalization papers found in family records, or at the local county clerk, can give date and town of birth.

**In what year did she immigrate?** If no naturalization papers are found, use information from censuses, and search for your grandmother's ship's passenger manifest (on several on-line venues). Many manifests give the birthplace of the immigrant. Don't be confused if on one line you see her 'maiden' name, followed by her son on the next, with his father's surname. It doesn't mean she wasn't married; she was just giving her name as she had all her life.

**When these questions have been answered,** you know your grandmother's year of birth, have a fair idea of her parents' names, and you know in what town she was born. You can now search for records of her birth, baptism, and marriage in her ancestral town's registers, on microfilm or on line. When found, those records will give clues to the names, dates, etc. of previous ancestors, so that their records may be discovered.

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](mailto:genealogytips@aol.com)*





# Yankee Trip



On Monday September 25 we traveled to Yankee Stadium for our rescheduled game from May 25. We were rewarded for the rain delay by witnessing MLB history when New York Yankee Aaron Judge hit his 49th and 50th home runs to set a new MLB record for most home runs by a rookie. The Yankees won the game 11-3 and we went to Arthur Avenue (Little Italy in the Bronx) to celebrate with delicious food at the many fine places to eat.

Don't miss our next year's Best of the Bronx trip. We may need two buses!



## GREAT POOL SEASON

Thank you to everyone for a memorable 2017 pool season. This year our members made our pool BBQ's something special. Thank you to this year's lifeguards, Malcolm, Sam, Mark, Lexy, Maggie, Deanna, Skylar, and Michele for keeping everything running smoothly and safely.

*Stay warm, safe and sound this winter and see you all in May 2018.*

**Jim Sano - Pool Director**







# Beginner Italian

## Fall 2017

**Learn the world's most beautiful, romantic, and musical language this fall!**

An 8 week course for beginners and those who wish to refresh their skills. Learn the basics from numbers and telling time to simple greetings and conversation.

**Class Dates:** Mondays Starting 9/25/17 & Ending 11/13/17

**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

(257 Washington Avenue Ext, Albany, NY 12205)

**Register:** Call (518) 456-4222 -OR- Visit: [www.IACCFoundationAlbany.org](http://www.IACCFoundationAlbany.org)

**CLASS SIZE IS LIMITED REGISTER TODAY!**



This month our meeting brings us to **"Fire Prevention Week."** I'm sure in our younger years, we all had information on this topic, but a refresher presentation and on how it relates to our lives now, will be most welcome.

We will be having a guest speaker from the Albany Fire Department to show us invaluable safety tips. I encourage all to attend even if you can't make the dinner, the presentation should begin by 7:30pm.

Please call or email your reservation to Sharon Patrei at 765-3283 or slpatri@aol.com by Sunday, October 8th. Cancellations by Monday, October 9th. Our price remains at \$20.00 and the cancellation policy remains in effect.



Just a friendly reminder, we will be wrapping stuffed animals and books with the crocheted "bookworms" at our November meeting. Please consider buying a stuffed animal and/or a children's book for this donation. If you can't bring it to the November meeting, please drop off your donation at the office, Monday through Friday, 9:30 to 2:30 pm.



This month our meeting is on **Wednesday, October 11th, at 6:30 p.m.** Our dinner choices this month are White Fish Puttanesca or Roast Pork Loin, served with Butternut Squash soup and vegetables. Dessert is Cheesecake with Strawberry topping.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donna Zumbo".

Donna Zumbo  
*Women's League President*

## BOWLING NIGHTS

*same old fun*



IT IS THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN.  
BOWLING EVERY FRIDAY EVENING  
STARTING AT 6:00 PM  
AT WESTLAWN LANES.

***\$2.00 for shoes and \$3.50 per game. Anyone who is interested in joining us for a fun time of socializing, please call Maria Marchio at 438-9067.***

# Roasted Sweet Potato & Carrot Bisque



*This soup is great for a chilly October day.*  
First, you'll need to roast a sweet potato. Wash the outside of the skin and dry it, then poke some holes around the sweet potato with a fork. Place it on a foil lined baking sheet and bake it at 400 degrees for about 45-60 minutes, depending on how big it is. Insert a knife or fork in the middle to see if it is soft inside. Let the sweet potato cool, then peel off the skin and cut it into chunks.

In a large pot, heat approximately 1-2 tablespoons of coconut oil. Add 2 cloves of minced garlic and simmer for about a minute. Add the roasted sweet potato chunks and about 1.5 cups of chopped carrots. Add salt, pepper, a pinch of red pepper flakes, and nutmeg. Add just enough water to cover the ingredients, cover the pot and bring it to a boil. Turn the heat down to low and simmer until the carrots are tender (approximately 20 minutes).

Purée the soup until smooth with an immersion hand blender right in the pot itself. If you don't have one,



carefully ladle the soup in a blender and blend until smooth. If the soup is too thick, add more water and blend again. Taste for salt and add more if needed.

Serve this with a multigrain flatbread like I have pictured or a slice of crusty bread for dipping. My husband and kids like adding pastina to theirs. Just cook the pastina in a separate saucepan, drain, and add it to the soup.

*Enjoy!*







# Halloween Costume Party

Saturday October 28, 2017 • 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.  
Children under 12 free, Adults \$10

Italian American Community – Pavilion  
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Food, DJ, games, crafts, parade,  
trick or treating

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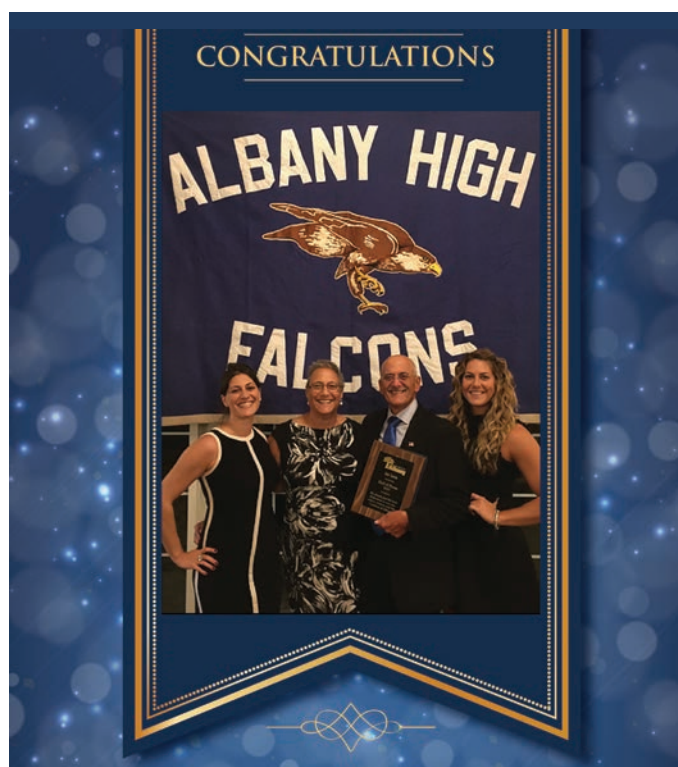
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CONGRATULATIONS TO JIM SANO ON HIS INDUCTION INTO THE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT HALL OF FAME FOR HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN HIS 34 YEAR CAREER AS A TEACHER, SUCCESSFUL FOOTBALL, WRESTLING, TRACK AND BOWLING COACH.

THIS IS IN ADDITION TO HIS COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND 13 YEARS OF SITTING ON THE COMMON COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF ALBANY(9TH WARD), 4 YEARS AS THE MAJORITY LEADER AND 12 YEARS AS FINANCE COMMITTEE CHAIR

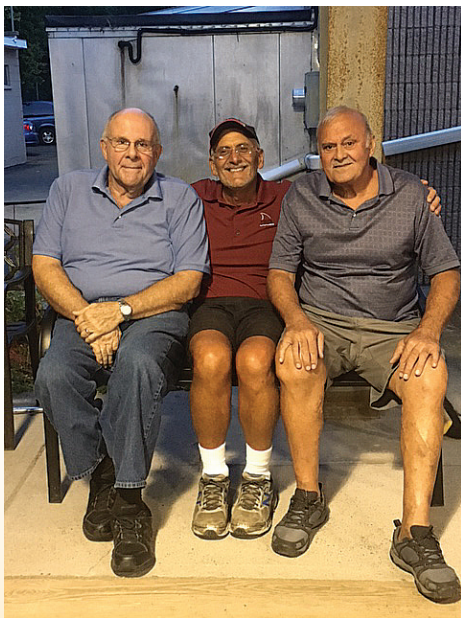


# Mixed Bocce



*Bocce has long been a time-honored tradition in Italy. Here at the IACC we are in our 3rd season of Mixed Bocce and it is fast becoming a tradition for us. We are in the middle of our season and it has become one of the favorite nights. Over 40 people come together every Tuesday night for a couple of exciting games of bocce.*

*It is so popular that we have many that come in hopes of playing as a substitute. The great sportsmanship and friendship is overwhelming. It's never too late to join us and of course, no experience is necessary. We could always use a few good cheerleaders too!*



*Men's Bocce League Championship Team of The Sharks: Dave Quadrini, Jim Sano and John Simeone.*



*Women's Bocce League Championship Team of Le Dolce Led by Captain Fran Franke and members Rose Barbato, Lena Cafaro, Josie Tirino, Donatella Rotoli and Nancy Sano.*

# Bocce Champs



# 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. 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**

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

**The election will be held at the General Membership Meeting on Sunday, November 12 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 pm.**

## CHAIR YOGA



### Time:

~ 6:30pm

### Cost:

~ \$8/Class - OR - \$50/Full 8 -Week Session

### Dates:

~ Every Thursday From 09/14/17 - 11/02/17

### Location:

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Sala Di Nozze Room (2nd Floor)



### RSVP:

~ Please Call The Office (518-456-4222) To Reserve Your Spot Today!

### Additional Details:

~ This Event Is Open To The Public!

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## What Is Chair Yoga?

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