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The Women's League
of the IACC
Presents our Annual



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The most important role of club members is to ensure that the most qualified and committed individuals serve on the Board of Directors. These individuals are responsible not only for the social aspects of the club, but to ensure fiscal stability. By attending the

General Membership meeting on Sunday, November 16th and voting for those you feel are the best candidates, you are demonstrating your commitment to having the most qualified individuals to make decisions in the best interests of the club. I encourage all members to attend the meeting and vote for the candidates of your choice.

Our social event at Family Night in the Pavilion on August 22nd with members of the Schenectady Sons of Italy was a wonderful success. Everyone enjoyed the delicious food and had great fun playing bocce.

I hope you all will support the annual Women's League Fall Festival on September 21st

Angelo Tarantino, President

September Calendar

View our complete online Calendar at italianamerican.com

Every Monday	Italian Grand Buffet
Every Wednesday	Men's Bocce
September 10, Wednesday	Women's League Meeting
	Book Club
September 15, Monday	Elementary Language Classes begin
September 16, Tuesday	Board Meeting
September 18, Thursday	55+ Club
September 21, Sunday	Fabulous Fall Festival

Save the Date

October 6, Monday	Foundation Cigar Night
October 9, 10	Sight and Sound Theater Excursion
October 18, Saturday	Columbus Dinner Dance
October 25, Saturday	Halloween Party
November 16, Sunday	General Membership Meeting and 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.

SIGHT & SOUND THEATRES' Excursion

Women's League is sponsoring a trip to the Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, Pennsylvania October 9 – 10. The production is *The Story of Moses*.

We have now contracted with an individual who arranges and leads the group throughout the excursion. He has made arrangements for us to stay at the *Country Inn of Lancaster* and eat dinner at *Good N' Plenty Restaurant* in Lancaster. The price will include the trip, show, hotel and two meals. The cost will be \$297-single, \$237-double, \$216-triple, or \$206-quad. If you are interested in going on this adventure, please contact Joanne Viglucci at 475-1639.

A

nother great season of Women's Bocce has come to an end. We all enjoyed a fun summer of great games and friendships this season and many new members are becoming a part of this long standing tradition. I hope to see more new faces next year. In the meantime here are the final standings:
First Place: Tie

Team #1: Captain, Mary Lou Marando, Members: Maria DeNitto, Cathy Mesiti, Joan Wallis,

Team #4: Captain, Gail Tarantino, Members: Donna Zumbo, Rachel Cameron, Virginia Rest

Women's Bocce League

By Donna Zumbo, Women's Bocce President



Second Place: Tie

Team #5: Captain, Sharon Patrei, Members: Charlotte Lombardo, Barbara Palumbo, Sue Ferrera

Team #7: Captain, Teresa Swanson, Members: Terri Nowicki, Regina Sacca, Maria Marchio

Third Place went to Team #6, headed by Maria LaMorte as Captain. Fourth Place went to Team #3, headed by Fran Franke as Captain.

See you all next year!

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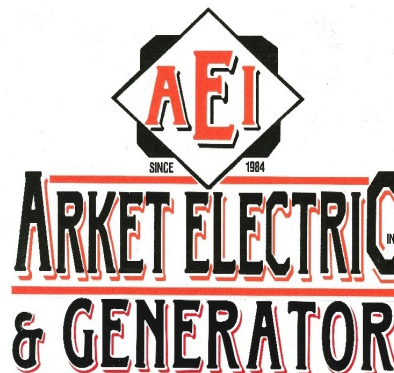
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55+ CLUB

By Kathie Ryan

The 55 + group will be meeting again for lunch on September 18th at 12 Noon at Treviso. Please join us for a nice gathering and bring a friend, too! Carole Mann is your reservation contact person for September. Please call her with your reservation (373-0375) and mail a check for \$15 to 43 Cooks Court, Waterford NY 12188. Our choices this month are Eggplant Parmesan and Veal & Peppers. Hope to see you there!

New Members

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CHAIR YOGA IS BACK!

Join us on Thursdays in the Boardroom for this wonderful, gentle yoga session. Classes begin on Thursday, September 11th at 6:30 P.M. It will meet for 10 weeks.

Call IACC office at 456-4222 or Donna Zumbo at 424-7463 for further information. Hope to see you all there.

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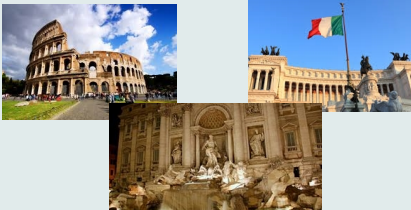
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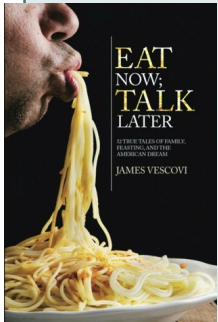
Foundation Book Club

by Richard Ognibene

Advice from Nonna to Book Club: *Eat Now; Talk Later*

In a world filled with memoirs, *Eat Now; Talk Later* by James Vescovi is truly different. This memoir that doesn't focus on a radically dysfunctional family, but instead celebrates the breadth of family life: loyalty, struggle, humor, misunderstanding, and love. The Book club will discuss this memoir on Wednesday, October 8th at 7: 00 P.M.

When the author's grandparents, Tony and Desolina



Vescovi, arrived in America, they collided with the 20th century. Born around 1900, in farming communities where little had changed for hundreds of years, the couple was stumped by telephones, banks, fast food, TV wrestling, and supermarkets. It was up to their only child, a son, to serve as their shepherd, and it wasn't easy. For example, how could he explain to them that his job was taking him and his family 700 miles away when, in their

day, sons stayed put to work the family farm? Or that it wasn't wise to hide \$10,000 in the bedroom? Or bring \$1,000 cash to the hospital to pay the bill?

"My book veers away from the commonly told 'immigrant made good' story," says Vescovi. "It's really about two people who are far out of their element." It is not only the topic that's

original, but the way Tony and Desolina's life is recounted: through fifty-two stories recalling incidents and ideas that reveal their character.

"I could never have written a traditional, birth-to-death memoir of my grandparents," says Vescovi. "They were not famous and did nothing that we might deem extraordinary, like invent a successful product or argue before the U.S. Supreme Court. Instead, like most of us, they lived quiet, anonymous lives. Yet, how do we tell others about remarkable family members—through stories."

According to Vescovi, the book's title, *Eat Now; Talk Later: 52 Tales of Family, Feasting, and the American Dream*, comes from his grandmother, who disliked conversation during meals. "To her, eating was sacred. Conversing while eating tortellini was like talking loudly during mass. You just didn't do it," says the author. He is quick to point out that you don't have to be Italian to appreciate these stories.

"They have a universal quality about them. We all have relatives like my grandparents—who are far behind the times," says Vescovi. "Part of my goal in writing *Eat Now; Talk Later* is to encourage people to collect their own precious family stories." *Eat Now; Talk Later* is a book that will stir memories among Italian Americans of every generation.

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.



Author James Vescovi will be present at the
IACC on October 8th
to discuss his book, *Eat Now; Talk Later*

James Vescovi's essays about his eccentric grandparents have appeared in *The New York Times*, *Alimentum Journal*, *The Literature of Food*, *Creative Nonfiction*, *Newsday*, *Gazetta Italiana*, the anthology *Our Roots Are Deep with Passion: New Essays by Italian-American Writers* (Other Press), and other venues. His fiction and essays have been published in *Midwestern Gothic*, *The New York Observer*, the *Georgetown Review*, *Calliope*, and *Natural Bridge*. 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.

Eat Now; Talk Later is available at www.amazon.com. Books will also be available for sale at the evening discussion (10/8/14) and will be signed by the author.



Finding Our Immigrant Ancestry *by Angelo F. Coniglio*

IDENTIFYING YOUR ANCESTRAL TOWN

Censuses give a person's "age at last birthday", from which an approximate birth year can be determined. In addition, the following information is often listed: date of arrival in the US; country of origin; whether naturalized; occupation; and address. Each of the family members living at the same address are shown with the same information as above. A man and wife's record may also include their 'age at first marriage' or 'year of marriage', but the wife's maiden name is not given. The children's names may be helpful, if you remember the naming convention previously discussed. The first name of a man's oldest son would probably be the same as the man's father; oldest daughter named after his mother, etc. Children's names may help to confirm the person's identity when other records are found. If you plan to research the wife named in a census, the younger children's names may reflect *her* parents' given names.

Having the census information, you can search on-line for the person by first and last name, at ellisland.org, castlegarden.org, or Ancestry.com. Use the census information to narrow the search to those who fit. The most commonly used of these sources is the free site ellisland.org which has over 25 million passenger records. The following discussion refers to that site.

When you log on to ellisland.org, if it is your first use, you'll be asked to join or contribute to the Ellis Island Foundation, but this is optional. You can register for free, with a *user name* and *password*. Future searches may ask for those, but there is no charge to do the searches. After registering, you'll see search boxes for first (optional) and last names, year of birth (approximate or exact), and gender. If your search is too *general* (last name only), you may get TOO MUCH information, with hundreds of names to sort through, or you may get a warning that there were too many passengers by that name and you should be more specific in your search.

If your search is too *specific* (searching first and last names, exact year of birth, and gender), you may get NO matches. This is not necessarily because the person's name is not in the database. It may be because the recorded data (whether correct or not) doesn't exactly match your search criteria. For example, obviously your grandfather Andrea Petix was a male, but whoever entered the information in the original manifest or in the database may have interpreted 'Andrea' as a female name and entered the gender as female. Therefore, your *nonno* wouldn't show up, if you searched for males only!



I usually start my search with my best guess for the first name and surname. That will produce either a message saying no one by that name was found (with options for alternative searches), or a list of folks with the requested first name and surname. It may contain as few as one, or as many as hundreds, of folks with the same name. Here's where the census information comes in. The manifest list gives first and last name; residence, usually nation of origin and TOWN (which is what we are seeking); year of arrival; and age on arrival. Study the list to see if there is anyone with your ancestor's name whose arrival year and age at arrival result in a birth year is close to the one calculated from the census information. For those that are close, check the nation of origin. If you suspect or already know the town of origin, that narrows it further. However, be careful because town names are often horribly misspelled. Again, there may be several people with the same name, approximate birth date, and town of origin as your ancestor.

In the display, each name listed is followed by three links. Clicking on 'View' for each will bring up more information as noted below, but you must be a registered user.

Viewing the 'Passenger Record' will give the ethnicity, origin, age, gender, date of arrival and ship name.

Viewing the 'Ship Manifest' will give a "thumbnail" of the original manifest with options

to a) enlarge it or b) look at a shortened 'text version'. Original manifests may have more than one page. Follow the instructions to see other pages. *Note:* later records are typewritten, but most are handwritten. The handwritten names are NOT the signatures of the passengers, but the name as written in by a ticket agent or ship's officer.

Viewing the 'Ship Image' can be skipped until you confirm you've found the right person.

Next time, I'll review the information available on typical passenger manifests.

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/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.

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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.

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.



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Here is a typed copy of the Passenger Manifest for 1911 which was originally handwritten. An image of the actual manifest shows Vincenzo Scavullo travelling to his father Domenico in Albany. This typed version shows his "Place of Residence" as Montemurro.

Manifest for Cretic
Sailing from Naples

Name	Gender	Age	Married	Ethnicity	Place of Residence
0001. Marrasso, Nicola	M	45y	M	Italy, Italian South	Casindrino, Italy
0011. Santolucia, Vittoria	F	32y	M	Italy, Italian South	Montemurro, Italy
0012. Scavullo, Maria	F	17y	S	Italy, Italian South	Montemurro, Italy
0013. Scavullo, Vincenzo	M	15y	S	Italy, Italian South	Montemurro, Italy
0014. Scavullo, Margherita	F	12y	S	Italy, Italian South	Montemurro, Italy
0015. Scavullo, Carmela	F	9y	S	Italy, Italian South	Montemurro, Italy

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Extended Pool Season!!

September 6 and 7 Noon to 6 P.M.
September 13 and 14 Noon to 6 P.M.

Men's Bocce League

By Jim Sano



Pictured below are the regular season champions, Team Dallas, who defeated tournament champion Team Sharks to win this years Men's Bocce Super Bowl. Team Dallas members are Angelo Tarantino, Pete Scavullo, Armand Marando, and Ron Richards.



The fall season will be played on Wednesday nights at 6:30 P.M. starting on September 3rd. All members are welcome to play. Call Jim Sano 577-6158 with any questions.

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:

Rosanna Aiuppa, *Travel and Tours by Rosanna*
253-4270 or raiuppa@nycap.rr.com
More details will be posted in future issues of *Siamo Qui*.

Members' Work Party



We will be setting up a work party to cut off the dead branches from the row of trees that border our parking lot along Washington Ave. Extension on Tuesday, September 23rd at 10:00 A.M. If you are interested in helping out, please call Vic Consiglio at 487-4769.

Giving to Italian American Community Center Foundation

Italian American Community Center Foundation (IACCF) is a 501 (c)(3) public charity that raises money for the support of all of the IACCF's efforts to advance, celebrate and preserve Italian culture and heritage and to help families rediscover strength found in Italian traditions.

Italian American Community Center Foundation accepts gifts in memory of friends and loved ones, as well as gifts that honor living individuals. One popular form of giving, the bequest, designates a gift to the IACC Foundation in the donor's will. Gifts of real property such as real estate, art, and jewelry are also welcomed. We would be happy to talk with you about how you can help the IACC Foundation with a contribution that is meaningful to you. Since the IACC Foundation is a 501 (c)(3), your contributions are tax deductible.

Charitable gifts to the IACC Foundation are designated to help provide funding to support activities and programs, building upgrades and other needs.

One of the foundation's responsibilities is the Fun Time Camp, Italian classes, musical programs, Italian Book Club, educational lectures and other presentations of interest to our community. Many of these special events are held in the Pavilion or the Italian American Community Center building.

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.



Monday Nights, 7 P.M.
September 15, 22, 29
October 6, 13, 20, 27
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Women's League

Hello Ladies...

As summer fades away into the colors of autumn, our plans for a 4th attempt at a pool party also faded into the background of another summer storm. Our 'Hawaiian Luau' had to be put off for another time when we will hopefully be able to enjoy the water and sun. A small group of members met for an (indoor) dinner and planning session for the coming year.

Our plans for the upcoming trip to Pennsylvania are now ready to begin. Our tour guide has planned an exciting itinerary as follows: John will be driving the "Green Mountain Line" luxury bus to Lancaster, PA on October 9th, stopping along the way at what looks to be an awesome Outlet center. We will attend the matinee of *Moses* and then dine at the *Good N' Plenty Restaurant*. Afterwards, we will be transported to the Country Inn of Lancaster for our overnight stay. After a hearty breakfast, we will depart, stopping at a popular Amish venue on the way home on October 10th. Please call Joanne Viglucci at 475-1639 or evgluucci@verizon.net to add your name to the list. Please see the article on page 3 for further details.

Our September meeting will take place on September 10th at 6:30 P.M. In preparation for our trip to Lancaster, we will view an informative video to familiarize ourselves with the destination.

Our dinner choices are as follows: Chicken Marsala, Bistro Steak, and Eggplant Parmesan. Salad and Apple Cobbler are included at the same price of \$20. Please call or email Donna Zumbo (424-7463 or dzumbo13@hotmail.com) with your reservation. Think about asking a fellow member who doesn't participate normally to come along with you for dinner. It would be fun to welcome new faces.

I'd like to give everyone a heads up about an upcoming change in schedule, so that you may mark your calendars. FOR ONE TIME ONLY we will hold our November meeting on Wednesday, October 29th when we will make our Christmas blankets with our friend Dawn Martin. In appreciation of The Women's League's loyalty, *Uncle Shawn's Hugs* will donate these blankets to be distributed to the children in Anna Rita DeNitto's (Maria DeNitto's daughter) kindergarten class at the Henry Johnson Charter School in Albany.

Our October meeting will take place on October 8th. This will be a special combined event of Women's League and the Foundation Book Club.

It's back to school time, which I remember to be a wonderful time for moms. Those of you with little ones, enjoy.

Ciao, *Maria La Morte*, Women's League, President

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BRACIOLE ALLA NAPOLITANA

by Maria DeNitto

“When I was a little girl in Italy I used to watch my mother, Elvira Tirino make this.”



Ingredients:

1 – 2 lbs Beef Top Sirloin Steak, ¼ in thick
2-3 slices prosciutto
2 cloves chopped garlic
¼ cup grated (Locatelli) cheese
2 T chopped Italian parsley
salt & pepper to taste

Directions:

Lay beef flat on board, sprinkle with garlic, salt & pepper, cheese & parsley. Lay prosciutto on top of seasonings. Roll from narrow end, tie with string or fasten with toothpicks. (String works best.)

In a Dutch oven add 4 T olive oil until hot. Place braciole in hot oil, turning on all sides until brown. After browning, add 1 small white onion (chopped). When onion is translucent, add tomato sauce and seasonings and cook slowly for 2-3 hours.

Don't forget: After meat is cooked to remove the string before serving. Slice and serve with sauce.

Enjoy!

Save the Date Columbus Day Dinner Dance

Saturday, October 18

\$50 Members • \$55 Non-Members

Music by *Harmony*

6 P.M. – 11 P.M.

Black Tie optional



IACC Bowling

By Maria Marchio

It is that time again when members and non-members mingle and socialize at bowling. Bowling will start on September 15th 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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