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

Mondays starting 9/25/17
7:00 - 9:00 pm
\$75 I.A.C.C. members
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It is that time of year again. Bowling will start on Friday, September 22, 2017 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.



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A gentle form of yoga, great for individuals who are seeking light workouts.

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at 6:30 pm
\$8 per class or \$50/ full 8-week session
This event is open to the public.

New Pavilion Sign
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Summer
IS NOT OVER YET!

Pool Extended Hours-After Labor Day
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Social Calendar



September 2017

- 01 ~ Friday Nights At The Pavilion 5:00-8:00pm
- 04 ~ **Labor Day BBQ-Pool 12:00-6:00pm**
- 05 ~ Mixed Weekly Bocce 6:30-8:00pm
- 06 ~ Member Exclusive: Weekly Co-Ed Poker Game 12:00pm
- 06 ~ Member Exclusive: Weekly Men's Poker Game 5:00pm
- 08 ~ Friday Nights At The Pavilion 5:00-8:00 pm
- 12 ~ Mixed Weekly Bocce 6:30-8:00pm
- 13 ~ Member Exclusive: Weekly Co-Ed Poker Game 12:00pm
- 13 ~ Member Exclusive: Weekly Men's Poker Game 5:00pm
- 13 ~ I.A.C.C. Women's League Meeting 6:30pm
- 14 ~ Chair Yoga Begins 6:30pm
- 15 ~ Friday Nights At The Pavilion End 5:00-8:00pm
- 17 ~ **Pool Closes For The Season and BBQ 12:00-5:00pm**
- 19 ~ Mixed Weekly Bocce 6:30-8:00pm
- 20 ~ Member Exclusive: Weekly Ladies' Poker Game 12:00pm
- 20 ~ Member Exclusive: Weekly Men's Poker Game 5:00pm
- 20 ~ I.A.C.C. Board Meeting 6:30pm
- 21 ~ Chair Yoga 6:30pm
- 22 ~ Mixed Bowling Starts 6:00 pm at Westlawn Lanes
- 25 ~ **Yankee Bus Trip Rescheduled from May 22 8:00am**
- 25 ~ Beginner Italian Classes Start 7:00-9:00pm
- 26 ~ Mixed Weekly Bocce 6:30-8:00pm
- 27 ~ Member Exclusive: Weekly Ladies' Poker Game 12:00pm
- 27 ~ Member Exclusive: Weekly Men's Poker Game 5:00pm
- 28 ~ Chair Yoga 6:30pm
- 29 ~ Mixed Bowling 6:00 pm at Westlawn Lanes

Upcoming Events:

- 10/14 ~ **Columbus Day Grand Gala 5:30-11:30pm**
- 10/28 ~ **Haloween Party 4:00-7:00 pm**





President's Message

We had a great summer here at the IACC. There were a lot of great activities and events to look back on. In August, we held our annual Ferragosto, which celebrates one of the most important holidays in Italy. This event also serves as our member picnic. The attendance was record breaking with over 175 people. The day was filled with food, drinks and music. We even had a special musical guest. In anticipation of his September 16th concert at The Egg, two-time Emmy nominated national PBS singer/songwriter Alfio joined us. He sang many Italian favorites we know and love. His music was so enjoyable that many people couldn't help dancing to the music.

Our 3rd annual Epicurean Cigar Night was held on August 17th in our Roman Garden. Under the stars, Chefs Rob Ryan and Pasquale D'Urzo from Treviso did a magnificent job with the food while Decrescente Distributors paired a different wine with each course. It was a great event and I am excited for next year's Epicurean Cigar Night on August 16, 2018.

I am proud to announce our honorees for this year's Columbus Gala on October 14, 2017. Our honorees will be Carm Basile, the CEO of CDTA, as our Italian American of the Year. Albany County Sheriff Craig Apple will receive our Italian Spirit Award. The commitment and dedication to the Italian community is fully evident in the lives of these two individuals and we look forward to a great event. There is a great deal of planning to be done for the Columbus Gala, so if you are interested in serving on a planning committee, please contact me and I will let you know the date of our next meeting.

Saying goodbye to summer is always hard, especially at the IACC. However, it is not over yet. Pools hours have been extended to September 17th and our Friday Nights in the Pavilion are ongoing through September 15th. I hope to see you at the pool or the pavilion.

Ciao,

FRANK ZEOLI
ITALIAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY CENTER
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ON-LINE RECORDS

Continued from our July edition

My last few columns have dealt with on-line sources of Sicilian and Italian records: **familysearch** (www.familysearch.org); the Italian **'Antenati'** site (<http://bitly/ItalianRecordsPortal>); and **Ancestry** (www.ancestry.com). These sites allow viewing (and often downloading and/or printing) images of original records of birth, marriage, death, and other personal ancestral records. Below is a brief summary of images that are ultimately attributable to their filming by the LDS church.



Familysearch – the free LDS site, with options to build family trees, view tutorials, and locate vital records from around the world. A fraction but important part of its offerings provides access to Sicilian and Italian civil and church records. These microfilms are available for rental and viewing at LDS **FamilySearch Centers**, but more and more are now available on-line, and it appears that the church's plan is to eventually phase out the physical microfilms and have all records on line.

Regions covered: virtually all of Sicily and Italy, but a concise comprehensive list is not presented. You must go to an on-line catalog and search by the town and province of interest.

Time span covered: essentially, whatever period for which records still exist; in some cases, civil records from the early 1800's through the early 1900's and church records from as early as the 1400's.

Access: many records are accessible on personal computers or devices, requiring only (free) registration on the site. Other records require that they be viewed on a FamilySearch Center computer, or by a member of the LDS.

Browsing: the site is in a state of flux. For some towns, the records may be accessed in a format resembling the actual microfilms. For others, that option is available, as well as the option to specifically view one year for one category. The latter sounds easier, but if you don't know the exact year, scrolling the whole film may be more desirable. In either case, the images are presented in an array of small 'thumbnail images' that can be browsed more quickly.

Antenati – the Italian site posts only civil records, in cooperation with LDS. Directions and links are in the Italian language.

Regions covered: currently, 50 provinces and regions, including 5 of the island of Sicily's 9 provinces, and 7 which were part of the Kingdom of the Two Sicilies.

Time span covered: Napoleonic (1800 – 1815); Kingdom of the Two Sicilies (1816 – 1865); and Kingdom of Italy (1866 – early 1900's). Each of the periods is accessed under separate headings.

Access: on personal computers or devices, requiring no registration.

Browsing: similar to the familysearch site, but directions are in Italian. A list of provinces provides easy selection at <http://bitly/ItalianRecordsPortal>. Categories can be separately selected.

Ancestry – civil records, in cooperation with the LDS.

Regions covered: indeterminate. Click 'Card Catalog' under the 'Search' menu and type in the name of the town, province, etc.

Time span covered: Kingdom of Italy (1866 – early 1900's).

Access: paid subscription on personal computers, or free at LDS FamilySearch Centers and some public libraries.

Browsing: In my opinion, the best of the three. The categories and indices to each category are listed separately. For example, you can have one web page open to the 'Indice Annuale Morte' (Annual Indices of Deaths), and another open to the 'Atti di Morte' (Records of Deaths) and go back and forth from the index to the records when searching.

By ANGELO F. CONIGLIO

Angelo F. Coniglio

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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://bitly/SicilianStory>. Coniglio's web page at <http://bitly/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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Women's League

Hi Ladies,

As we gently step into fall, our meetings will return inside. This month we will return with our favorite charitable activity – “**Uncle Shawn’s Hugs.**” I would like to extend an invitation to all of the women of the IACC to attend this meeting. You will find it so fulfilling to help “tie” the many fleece blankets we make that will be given out to children during the Christmas season. In so many cases, these blankets will be the only gift they will receive. It is my hope that we have a great turnout at the meeting, so we can “tie” many blankets for this charity.



A Special Request From The Women’s League

This month our meeting is on **Wednesday, September 13th, at 6:30 p.m.** Our dinner choices this month are Chicken Francaise or Manicotti, served with salad and vegetables. Dessert is Chocolate Mousse.

Please call or email your reservation to Sharon Patrei at 765-3283 or slpatrei@aol.com by Sunday, September 10th. Cancellations should be made by Monday, September 11th. Our price remains at \$20.00 and the cancellation policy remains in effect. As always, if you cannot make the dinner, you can always come to the meeting at about 7:00 P.M.

Hope to see many of you there.



The Women's League is looking for donations of new children's books and stuffed animals. We will be crocheting bookmarks to be packaged with a book and they will be donated to various charities that help children learn or continue to read. Books can be for any child up to age 14.

We will also be wrapping the stuffed animals with Christmas candy and they will be delivered to a charity for the holiday season.

If you can donate any of these items, please bring them to our September and October Women's League meetings or drop them off at the membership office, 9:30 to 2:30pm, Monday through Friday.

Thank You!



Donna Zumbo
Women's League President

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Buon Ferragosto



By: Frank Zeoli

On August 12th we held our annual Ferragosto celebration. This event serves as our member picnic while celebrating the important holiday observed in Italy each year on August 15th. Like many of the celebrations in Italy, the IACC celebrates this holiday with a feast including the traditional roast sucking pig. Our's also included eggplant, grilled sausage, grilled chicken, potatoes, pasta, hot dogs, burgers, salad, antipasto and dessert. This year we had a musical guest. Two-time Emmy nominated national PBS singer/songwriter Alfio joined us to sing a few Italian favorites. The singing and laughter was infectious and inspired several people to dance. The evening was topped off with a glorious bonfire at dusk.

This annual event would not be possible without the hard work and dedication of the kitchen staff. Planning and cooking a feast is no easy task so I would like to thank Maria DeNitto, Dino Barbato, Grace Simeone, Maria Lamorte, Mary Lou Marando, Joan Wallis, Joe Guastamacchia, Dave & Marilyn Quadrini, Theresa & Mike Swanson, Gretchen VanValkenburg, Rich Moscheo, Donatella Rotoli and Donna Zumbo, Sue & Charlie Ferrara, Nancy Sano and Sally Tirino. If you were not able to attend, don't worry, we hold this event every year so mark your calendars its August 11th 2018. You don't want to miss it.



**The Hudson Valley
Garlic Festival™**



Saugerties, N.Y.
September 30 - October 1, 2017
Presented by the Kiwanis Club of Saugerties

If you are a garlic lover and have never been to the Garlic Festival, you are in for a real treat. The number of garlic vendors is overwhelming. You get to see and taste (if you so choose) all kinds of garlic, as well as food items made with garlic.

If you're interested in cultivating your own garlic, you can use the garlic you buy as seed. You can plant these in the fall as you do any bulb plant. There are mini seminars on how to plant and care for garlic.

Food recipes with garlic are demonstrated throughout each day of the festival. If garlic is not your interest, there are many other vendors selling different craft items. If you have an interest, you can join the 40,000 to 50,000 people that the Kiwanis Club of Saugerties puts thru the gates for this event.

Advance tickets or more information can be found at <http://hvgf.org/>.

**Festival is held at Cantine Field,
Saugerties, NY 12477
Daily admission at the gate is \$10
(cash only)**

Slow Cooker ITALIAN CHICKEN



Football Sundays, busy weeknights of home-work and sports, and the crisp weather means it's crock pot season!

My slow cooker Italian chicken is almost like a stew. It's a hearty meal incorporating beans, vegetables, and pasta sauce.

In a slow cooker, drizzle the bottom with a little olive oil and place thawed boneless & skinless chicken breasts on top (about 1.5 lbs). Season the chicken with sea salt and ground black pepper. **Add 2 cloves of minced garlic, 1 cup of frozen peas, 1 cup of chopped carrots, 1/2 of a can of red kidney beans, 3 ladles of pasta sauce, and approximately 2 cups of chicken broth (or enough broth to cover the chicken). Season with salt, pepper, and basil.** Set the slow cooker on low for 6-8 hours or high for 4 hours. When the timer is done, simply break the chicken apart with 2 forks into large chunks right in the slow cooker. Serve over a bed of bow tie pasta like I did here, or over rice.



Buon appetito & mangia!

For other great recipes by Nata Paglialonga go to: MangiaMom.com



**Halloween
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Saturday October 28, 2017 • 4 pm. - 7 pm.
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WOMENS BOCCE LEAGUE			
TEAM	WON	LOST	PCT.
LE DOLCE	21	5	81%
L'ESPRESSO	18	8	69%
DIVAS	14	12	54%
BOCCE BELLAS	14	12	54%
PRINCIPESSA	12	14	46%
LEMONCELLE	12	14	46%
AMICHE	8	18	31%
PRIMADONNE	5	21	19%

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

MENS RESULTS

Super Bowl 20 was played on August 28. The results will be posted in next month's Siamo Qui. The match pitted the first half champion Angels team and second half champion Sharks team.



Caring & Sharing



September Birthdays

- Rosanna Aiuppa
- John Articolo
- Adrienne Bonilla
- Monica Buckley
- Mario Chiarello
- Andrew Chouffi
- Lea Collins
- Christine Di Ionna
- William Fluty
- Michael Franchini
- Terasa Genovese
- Rose Marie Guastamacchia
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- Arlene Tobia
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FINDING OUR Immigrant Ancestry



Once a record is found, you should download it to your computer (which I strongly advise) or print it out. The process is different for each venue. On **familysearch**, a 'Print' and 'Download' tab provide those options; however some records are restricted because of agreements with the individual source towns or parishes, or the Italian government. On the **Antenati** site, right-click on the image you want, to enlarge it, then right-click again and select 'Save image as'. Give the image a unique name, and save it on your flash drive, hard drive or other storage device. On **Ancestry**, click the 'SAVE' tab and you are given a choice to 'Save to person in your tree' (if you have a tree on **Ancestry**); 'Save to your computer' (which I recommend); or 'Save to shoebox', which simply gives you a quick way to get back to the same on-line record.

I recommend saving images to your computer because the other two options don't really 'save' the record, they simply save links to it. If **Ancestry** should be down for maintenance, go out of business, etc., those links could be unavailable or lost, but if the record is saved to your computer and backed up regularly, you will have it as long as you want it.

If your ancestral town's records are on all three of these sites, you're lucky, because records that are missing from one may well be on another. Be sure to check all three. Because of the vast amount of information available and the rapidity with which more is being added, it would be impossible for me to describe here every procedure for locating every record for every village in Sicily or Italy. You must embark on your own search, and sometimes learn by trial and error the idiosyncrasies of uncovering your own ancestors' records. But it's worth it!



Epicurean CIGAR NIGHT

On Thursday, August 17th, the Italian American Community Center Foundation hosted its third annual Epicurean Cigar Night in our Roman Garden. It was a starlit evening filled with food, cigars and great wine pairings courtesy of DeCrescente Distributing. The evening's menu included open bar, a six course tasting menu that included items such as Strip Steak, Lamb Chop, Black Peppercorn Ahi Tuna, Lamb and Goat Cheese Meatballs, Mediterranean Seared Halibut, Crumbled Chorizo and Chocolate Mocha Tiramisu. Chefs Bob Ryan and Pasquale D'Urzo assembled a menu that left many commenting on how it was some of the best food they have ever eaten in their lives.

This sold-out event was a complete success and would not have been possible without our sponsors, Habana Premium Cigar Shoppe and DeCrescente Distributing. A special thank you to Frank Pecoraro for his work on planning the cigar portion of the evening, our friends at Habana Cigars and, as always, John and Bobby Mallozzi from the Mallozzi Group for creating and nurturing this event into one of the most anticipated events of the year.

Mark your calendar for August 16, 2018 for next year's fabulous evening of gourmet food, drink and cigars.



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