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By Angie Groelz

That's Amore!



Our annual Mid-Winter Dinner dance was held on Saturday evening, February 11th at the Club. In tune with this year's theme, *That's Amore, An Evening of Family, Friends, Food, and Dancing*, guests enjoyed a delicious family-style dinner. They danced the night away to an array of oldies music as well as romantic Italian tunes, including our traditional *Tarantella*. Our DJ Raphel was, as always, superb. A special thanks to the Dance Committee: Maria De Nitto, Gail Tarantino, Mary Lou Marando, Santa Pasquini, Lynn Indelicato, Donna Zumbo, Maria La Morte, and Maria Marchio.

Thank you also to Dom Indelicato and Don Sislowski for taking photos of the dinner dance. As one may easily see from the photos, it was truly an evening enjoyed by all!



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello Everyone,

Our Women's League is planning a wonderful St. Patrick's & St. Joseph's Mass and Brunch for March 18. Father Anthony Chiamonte will celebrate Mass at 10:30 AM. Brunch will be served after Mass.

At our February meeting, I appointed Ron Richards to our Board of Directors to replace Steve Alger, who stepped down last month. Ron has served as a board member in the past. We welcome his insight. I also appointed Frank Zeoli as our Social Committee Chair. Frank will be working with all the IACC groups to help create a well-rounded social program.

We have re-scheduled our \$10,000 Sweepstakes Grand Prize Drawing to April 27 at the IAIFI Wine Tasting Event. Remember that we reserved the right to wait until we have sold a minimum of 150 tickets. The odds of winning are fantastic. What a great way to support the IACC. If you would like to buy a ticket, please contact the IACC Office.

Our Membership and our Social Committee chairs will be reaching out to the membership, in order to better understand the needs of the membership. If you have any suggestions, please contact Angelo Tarantino or Frank Zeoli.

G. George Urciuoli, President

March Calendar

View our complete online Calendar at calendarwiz.com/iacc

Every Monday	Italian Grand Buffet
Every Wednesday	IACC Bowling 6:30 PM
Friday, March 2	Comedy Night 6:00 PM
Tuesday, March 6	Jersey Boys 8:00 PM
Monday, March 12	Men's Club 6:30 PM
	Men's Bocce Meeting
Wednesday, March 14	Women's League 6:30 PM
Friday, March 16	Family Fun Night 5:30 PM
Sunday, March 18	St. Patrick/St. Joseph Mass & Brunch
Tuesday, March 20	Board Meeting 6:30 PM
Wednesday, March 21	Book Club 7:00 PM
Thursday, March 22	IAIFI Italian Language Lessons begin
Saturday, March 31	Arthur Avenue Trip
	Family Easter Mini-Party

Save the Date

Monday, April 9	Men's Bocce Meeting
Sunday, April 22	Mother / Daughter Luncheon and Fashion Show
Wednesday, April 25	Book Club 7:00 PM
Friday, April 27	IAIFI Wine Tasting Event
Friday, May 4	Poker Tournament in Pavilion
Sunday, October 21	Italian Concert at Palace Theatre

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\$10,000 Sweepstakes

Still Time to Enter!!

There have been 5 lucky winners of the \$250 prizes: Tess Bonanni and her daughter, Ginny Pezzula, were the first winners on January 9. On January 16, Jackie Palmer of Rotterdam won. Al and Jeanne Sacca were the winners on January 23. On January 30, Jim Sano's ticket was drawn. At the Super Bowl Party on February 5, Ron Richards was the lucky winner of the \$250 prize.

The grand prize of \$10,000 has yet to be awarded! It is not too late to buy your \$100 ticket for the \$10,000 Sweepstakes! We hope to hold the drawing at the IAIFI Wine Tasting Event on April 27th. Remember that we reserve the right to hold the \$10,000 drawing until a minimum of 150 tickets is sold. Call IACC Office at 456.4222 for details.



St. Patrick & St. Joseph's

Mass and Brunch

March 18, 2012

Doors open at 10:00 AM



Father Anthony Chiamonte will celebrate Mass at 10:30 AM
Brunch served after Mass

Menu

Scrambled Eggs ,Bacon & Sausage, Baked Ziti, Cauliflower & Broccoli Fritters, Corned Beef & Cabbage w/Carrots & Potatoes
Pasta Cece, Rolls & Italian Bread, Seasonal Fresh Fruit Royale, Cookies, Assorted Juices, Coffee, Tea, Milk

Adults: \$22 / Children (5-12 years): \$11 / Children (under 5): Free

Reservations: Santa Pasquini at 489-3949 or IACC Office at 456-IACC (4222)

RESERVATION DEADLINE: March 13, 2012

CANCELLATION DEADLINE: March 16, 2012

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Membership Committee

By Angelo Tarantino

The Membership Committee is looking for IACC members who would be interested in helping in the following areas: reviewing the current Microsoft Access reports and programming new reports, creating a Web/Social Media group to help with our Website, Facebook, Twitter, and other social media, initiating a Welcome Wagon for new members, or making electronic copies of previous Siamo Qui and other historical documents. If you are interested, please contact Angelo Tarantino, Membership Committee Chair, at 424.2668 or at atarant1@nycap.rr.com , or any member of the Membership Committee: Mark Audino, Jeanne Bucci, Carolina Mancino, and Dominic Indelicato.



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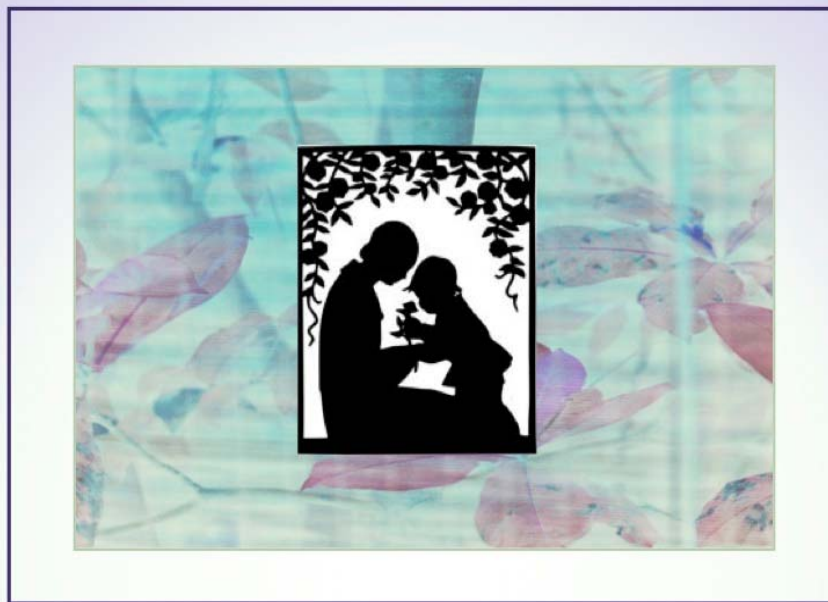
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6:30-7:30 PM: Pasta Station

Penne Pasta with Marinara and Tortellini Alfredo, Mixed Field Greens with House Dressing, Coffee & Tea Station

7:30-9:00 PM: Comedy Show Performance



Friday fun Night

By Maria Marchio

We will be having another **Family Friday Fun Night** on **March 16** from **5:30 to 8:00 PM**. All IACC members are cordially invited to attend this fun-filled night in order to socialize with other members, to enjoy games and billiards, as well as to feast on delicious, homemade potluck foods. If you would like to attend, please contact Maria Marchio at 438-9067 and let her know the dish you will be bringing to share and the number of people who will be joining you.

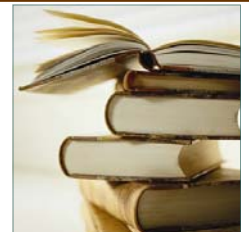
Book Club

By Dick Ognibene

The IACC Book Club will meet twice this spring: The first meeting will be on **Wednesday, March 21 at 7:00 PM** in the Board Room. The book we will discuss is *The Spaghetti Set: Family Served Italian Style* by Rose Marie Boyd. The book is set in Post-World War II and focuses on relationships within two families. The second meeting will be on **Wednesday, April 25 at 7:00 PM** in the Board Room. *Drawing Conclusions* by Donna Leon will be discussed. This book is part of a series featuring Commisario Brunetti, a police investigator in Venice.

Although *The Spaghetti Set* and *Drawing Conclusions* are new books, both are in paperback and are available at www.amazon.com and local bookstores.

For further information, contact Dick Ognibene at rtognibene@nycap.rr.com or at 372.4919.



"I Want to Marry You" Cookies

from The Cooking Channel

Submitted by Maria LaMorte

Ingredients:

1 cup butter
1 1/4 cups dark brown sugar
1/2 cup granulated sugar
1 egg
1 egg yolk
1 teaspoon pure vanilla extract
2 cups flour
1 cup uncooked rolled oats
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
Salt
1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1 cup white chocolate chips
1 cup chocolate chips



Directions:

- 1) In a medium saucepan, melt the butter over medium heat until melted. Remove from the heat.
- 2) Add the dark brown sugar and granulated sugar and stir until sugars are incorporated and smooth.
Chill the mixture for 10 minutes.
- 3) Remove from the refrigerator and stir in the egg, egg yolk, and vanilla.
- 4) Add the flour, oats, baking soda, 1/2 teaspoon salt, and cinnamon and mix together.
- 5) Stir in the white chocolate chips and chocolate chips.
- 6) Roll by hand into 24 medium-size balls or use a scoop, and place on a light-colored cookie sheet.
Chill for 30 minutes.

Preheat the oven to 325 degrees F. Remove the cookies from the refrigerator and bake for 12 to 14 minutes.

Cook's Note: About the name.

These cookies are the surefire way to get someone to fall in love with you...or at the very least gain a serious addiction to cookies. By giving these cookies away, you may need to be prepared for a marriage proposal on the spot. I have been baking since I was a little one. I was the only girl in a house full of brothers (5 to be exact), so I quickly found my spot in the kitchen. My love affair with baking started with cookies and it is how I won dates in high school by delivering them every Sunday night to my "friends." Love would usually ensue. Now I find joy in baking them for my own 4 little ones and they are my ultimate taste testers in the quest for the perfect cookie. They say we got it years ago so it is about time to share it.

Everyone can make chocolate chip cookies and it usually involves some type of creaming of the butter and sugars. This is what makes mine unique (and ridiculously sinful). Everything is done in one glorious pan - the saucepan. You melt the butter completely and then add the sugars. The aroma that comes from the sugars as they dissolve into the butter is heavenly. It adds a rich, toffee flavor to the cookies that you don't get from creaming and creates a smooth, melt-in-your-mouth texture.

Women's League

Hi Ladies,

It's wonderful to welcome everyone back to our monthly meetings after our winter hiatus. Please let me take a moment to invite any of our female members to try a meeting if you have never been. You won't be sorry and could very well end up making friends you'll have for a long time!

This month, Caroline Mancino, Women's League VP, will be hosting a "Spring Hair Make-Over" with a representative from Paul Mitchel. They will give you some tips on all the new styles for spring and summer.

Also - just want to remind everyone of our upcoming events:

- * March 18th is our St. Patrick / St. Joseph's Mass and Brunch. Details are in the *Siamo Qui*. We are looking for a great turnout to this popular event.
- * March 31st from 1-3 PM we will have our Family Easter Mini Party. We'll host it in the Boardroom and we'll decorate Easter Egg Cakes. Details are in *Siamo Qui*.
- * April 22nd will be our Annual Mother/Daughter Luncheon and Fashion Show. This is one of our most exciting events and many plans are already underway.

Our March meeting will be on Wednesday, March 14th at 6:30 PM. We will be having a "Parm Night" for dinner. Choices are either Chicken or Eggplant Parmigiana with potatoes and vegetable. Penne Pasta with tomato basil sauce and garlic bread will begin the meal. For dessert we'll have Tiramisu.

Please email your reservations to Lynn Indelicato at domlynn@yahoo.com or call 479.3714 by Monday, March 12th.

I will be away for the meeting this month, so see you all soon,

Donna Zumbo, Women's League President.

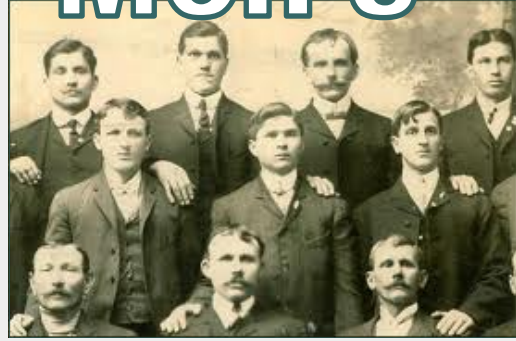


Women's Bocce League

By Sharon Patrei

Ladies, please join us for the 2012 Women's Bocce League. Our first game will be May 15 at 6 PM at the bocce courts. After our first night of bocce, our games will start at 6:30 PM. We would especially like to welcome new members and "old" members who have not yet joined in the fun. It is a simple game that needs no prior experience to play. We have a good social time together and every year we meet new people. There is no fee to be a team member. Please call me, Sharon Patrei, at 765-3283 to join. I truly look forward to seeing new members and...not old members. but old friends, as we play through the 2012 season.

IACC Men's Club



Men's Club will meet on **Monday, March 12** at 5:15 PM for dinner at the Monday night buffet, followed by our business meeting at 6:30 PM in the Membership Room. We will discuss the March 31 Arthur Avenue trip, the May 4 Poker Tournament, and the upcoming Men's Bocce League. To make reservations for dinner before the meeting, to sign up for the Arthur Avenue trip (\$35 Members, \$40 Non-Members), or to register for the Poker Tournament, please call

John Ritz at 434.0209 M - F 7:30 AM - 3:30 PM or Evenings and Weekends at 477.7477.

John Ritz, President

Men's Bocce League

By Angelo Tarantino



The IACC Men's Bocce League will be giving a presentation about the upcoming bocce season at the Men's Club meeting on the evening of March 12th at 6 PM. No special talent is needed to play. Even if you have never played bocce before, please consider joining us to have some laughs and fun. All male members of IACC are encouraged to attend this initial meeting.

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By Anna Acconi

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Recuperating

We wish a speedy recovery to **Ray Cardamone** who is recuperating from recent knee replacement surgery.

Condolences

Condolences to **Charles Cappellano** and family on the passing of his wife, **Joan**.
Our deepest sympathy to **Margaret Buongiorno** and her family on the recent passing of her husband, **Charles**, a long-time member.
We send our sympathy to **Jeanne Sacca** and her family on the recent death of Jeanne's sister, **Darlene Singley**.
Patrick Amodeo passed away on February 18 after a long illness. Patrick was a member of the Albany City School Board for more than 20 years and a member of the board of the IACC. Our sympathy is sent to his family.

Bragging Rights

Maran Stephanie Franke, daughter of **Stephen and Fran Franke** and granddaughter of **Marie Franke**, was married to **Edward Thomas Person** on November 12.

Please contact Anna Acconi at 966.8664 or aacconi111@aol.com

New Members

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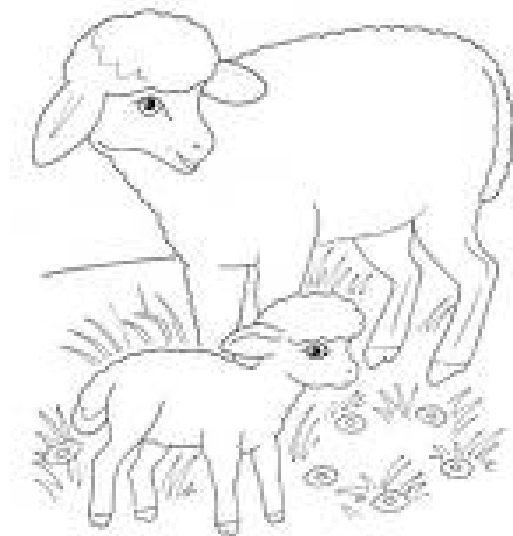
Saturday, March 31st from 1-3 PM
\$5.00 per child

The Women's League will be sponsoring this family event upstairs in the IACC Boardroom. We will be decorating Easter Egg Cakes and have an Easter Egg Hunt. Please make your reservation by calling the Membership Office at 456-IACC by Thursday, March 29th.



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