



MAY 19th



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#### SOCIAL CALENDAR





5/01 ~ Member Exclusive: Weekly Men's Poker Game 5:00 pm \*

5/08 ~ Women's League Meeting: Speakers from St. Anne's Institute -6:30 pm

5/13 ~ Mens Bocce League-6:30 pm

5/14 ~ Womens Bocce League-6:00 pm

5/17 ~ Friday Nights At The Pavilion (Opening Night) 5pm-8pm

5/18 ~ Member Exclusive: Pool Pre-Opening Party & BBQ-12 noon-5pm

 $5/19 \sim$  The Mother/Daughter Luncheon & Fashion Show-Fashion In Bloom 12 noon

5/20 ~ Mens Bocce League-6:30 pm

5/21~ Womens Bocce League-6:30 pm

5/23~ Spring V.A. Luncheon Sponsored by the Womens League-12 noon

5/24 ~ Friday Nights At The Pavilion 5pm-8pm

**5/25~** Pool Opening – Spring Modified Schedule-12 noon

5/27 ~ Memorial Day BBQ at The Pool - 12 noon

5/28 ~ Womens Bocce League-6:30 pm

5/31 ~ Friday Nights At The Pavilion 5pm-8pm

\* Co-Ed and Men's Poker are held every Wednesday

#### **Upcoming Events**

6/09 ~ St. Anthony's Mass/Lunch

6/19 ~ Best of The Bronx: Yankees Game & Arthur Ave Bus Trip

8/24 & 8/25 ~ Experience Little Italy - Boston: St. Anthony's Feast/North End Bus Trip (2 days & overnight)















#### President's Vlessage

This month, our club will be exploding with events! I will start with bocce. Both our Men's and Women's Leagues will begin right after Mother's Day. What follows is an absolute blockbuster weekend of activities. On Friday, May 17th, we will begin our ever-popular Friday Nights at The Pavilion. The food, friendship and fun will be nonstop right through to September 6th. On Saturday, May 18th, we will have our pre-opening pool party and BBQ. All members are encouraged to bring guests (free of charge) to show their family and friends the benefits of becoming members of the IACC while enjoying a hamburger or a hot dog as well as a dip in our heated pool. We will finish off the weekend on Sunday, May 19th, with our Women's League's premier event of the year, the Mother Daughter Fashion Show and Luncheon. I encourage all our female members to gather their friends and family to come out and support this wonderful event. The money raised from this event goes to support all the charitable works the Women's League does throughout the year, such as the VA Luncheon and Uncle Shawn Hugs to mention a few. This event has sold out the last three years so make your reservations today. Don't get shut out.

Also this month, we will start a new semi-monthly column in the Siamo Qui called Per Tua Informazione (For Your Information) as well as the return of our popular Member Spotlight column. One of our members, and my brother, Joe Sano, has graciously decided to share his writing talents with us. This month's article is about the massive construction project to install flood gates in Venice called MOSE.

Speaking of construction, our construction projects have been completed. The Roman Garden has been fully restored to its original splendor. The pavilion kitchen expansion is done and three new energy efficient fryers were purchased thanks to \$1000 rebates from National Grid. We installed new plantings in the wooded area between the bocce courts and the shrine. The rear staircase by the Membership Room has been painted, new carpeting installed and upgraded with new LED lighting. All these projects were completed on time and under budget.

I want to thank the Women's League, Gretchen Van Valkenburg, Donna Zumbo, Sharon Patrei and Joan Wallis for throwing a fabulous Family Easter Party and especially Miriam Sanchez and Belinda Mex Moreno for their usual outstanding job in chairing the event. Please see the photos of this event that demonstrate the countless hours Miriam and Belinda spent decorating and planning the fun activities for our children.

Frank Zeoli has finalized the plans for our first ever overnight trip, August 24-25, to the 100th Anniversary of the Saint Anthony's Feast in Boston. I do not want summer to go by that quickly, but I cannot wait for this trip. Tickets for ALL events sell out quickly (many of our most popular ones within hours). If you are interested in ANY upcoming events, please reserve your spots now as to not miss out!

Happy Mother's Day!

JIM SANO

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#### Member's Profile \_\_\_\_\_

# La vita e un dolce breve! (LIFE IS SHORT ... EAT DESSERT)

**By JOE SANO** 



Sharon's grandparents Marianno (29 years old) and Victoria (16 years old) Antonucci in 1919.

f that statement makes you smile, then you've probably met our "Dessert Lady" Sharon Patrei. Since returning to the Capital District in 2005, she has been a member of the Italian American Community Center. She is best known for her desserts, and especially her pies, prepared for Friday Nights at the Pavilion during the summer months.

She traces her Italian roots back to Caserta on her father's side and her mom's to St. Andrea, Reggio, Calabria. It's 1933 and we find two young girls, her mom aged 13 and her 11-year-old aunt, arm in arm with her grandmother ready for the trip to join her grandfather in Brooklyn/America. However, her grandmother is refused passage to the USA because she has an eye infection. The girls, grabbing each other's hands, run down the dock with their cousin, a young man in his 20's, determined to embark on this journey.

Once on board, they met a priest, Fr. Anthony. Realizing that the girls were alone, he took care of them throughout the trip. He made sure they ate and instructed them to be in their cabin by 7:00 because the sailors "do bad things to girls at night." They never saw their cousin again. He was busy gambling and showed no interest in taking care of them. While detained at Ellis Island, they asked the ship's captain to find the guiding priest so he could meet their father. The ship's captain told them there was no priest on the ship. As Sharon shared, the young girls were convinced that Fr. Anthony was an angel.

Living in Brooklyn was exciting and challenging for the young family that had now been joined by Mama. Mama was on the scene and she was in charge. Soon after Mama arrived, a new life-changing opportunity meant uprooting and moving to Dolgeville, NY. There her family rented an upstairs flat from an Italian family (from Caserta) that had four sons. Sharon's mom chose one of the sons to be her beau and they were married in 1940.



Sharon's mother's parents Catarina and Andrew Pileggi, married in 1920 in Calabria.



Sharon's sister Jean and her on their father's lap. (1947)

# Sharon Patrei



Her sister was born in 1941 and, with the start of World War II, her American born dad was off to the US Army. Peacetime brought Dad home in January 1946 and Sharon joined the ranks of the "baby-boomers" arriving that December. Five years later opportunity knocked again and the family was off to Albany where she and her sister were raised.

Graduating high school in 1964, Sharon became Secretary to the President of the State University of New York at Albany and remained there until her marriage in 1971. Her husband, Dr James G. Patrei, began his second year of medical school at the SUNY Health Science Center in Syracuse and Sharon secured a position as Administrative Assistant to the Administrator of the Health Science

Center. After medical school, her husband began a two-year General Surgery Program at Albany Medical Center. During that time, she worked for NY Senate Majority Leader Sen. Warren Anderson. In 1976 at the end of her husband's General Surgery rotation, it was back to SUNY Syracuse Health Science where he would complete his Otorhinolaryngology (Ear, Nose, and Throat) surgery program. Upon program comple-

tion, husband and wife worked together in their successful ENT and Allergy practice for 26 years until the management style of insurance companies forced them to join a group practice.

Sharon and her husband raised two sons, Matthew, 41 years old, and Jonathan, 39 years old. Jonathan, a school district Athletic Director, is married to Occupational Therapist, Emily Taddeo Patrei. They live near Hartford, CT, with their two sons, Noah, 11 years old, and Carson, 7 years old. Matthew, who has a Masters in Social Welfare, is a Providence, Rhode Island based Master Carpenter.



Sharon's husband Dr. James Patrei

In 2002 suddenly at the age of 54, Dr. James Patrei passed away. Loosing her husband at that young age, Sharon decided to move back to Albany to be near her sister and family. Joining, volunteering and meeting the wonderful people at the Italian American Community Center remains one of the highlights of her move back to the Capital District.





Sharon's sons Matthew and Jonathan Patrei













On Saturday, April 6, 2019, we hosted our annual Family Easter Party!!! This amazing event celebrates family, fun and community bringing everyone together to celebrate the Easter season.

Be sure to join us for our 2020 Family Easter Party!!!

This great event will be open to the public.



Some scenes from our annual Spring shopping trip to Arthur Avenue in the Bronx, The Real Little Italy! Catch our next trip to Arthur Ave. on November 30.



















#### "GRADUATE PACKAGE"

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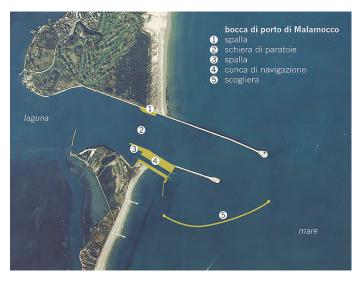
**Bv JOE SANO** 

'm not talking about Moses from the Old Testament. I am referring to the MOSE project MOdule Sperimentale Elettromeccanico (Experimental Electromechanical Module) designed to part the seas and save Venice. Let me explain.

Since Venice lies mostly at or below sea level, modest flooding is a historic and normal way of life. Since 1966 Adriatic Sea surges or swells sometimes as great as 9 feet have flooded the lagoon and Venice. It has become increasingly more difficult if not impossible to recover from these more frequently occurring drastic floods referred to as "aqua alta" events.

MOSE is a system of interconnected mobile gates that can be raised from huge concrete bases lying on the sea floor to stop the surging Adriatic Sea from flooding the Venetian Lagoon and Venice itself. Strategically placed at the three mouths (Boccas) of the lagoon these huge 12-16 feet thick gates vary in length from 61 to 97 feet long and rise 3 meters (9.8 ft.) above normal sea level are designed to "part the sea" and save Venice. Begun in 2003, completion is now on schedule for 2020.

As one of the largest public-private enterprises attempted in the world it has been cursed with cost overruns, design flaws and old-fashioned graft and theft. When the Mayor of Venice, the Governor of Veneto and numerous others were charged and convicted on corruption charges, the Consorzio Venezia Nuova (The Comitatone) was re-created, cleaned up the financial and political mess and advanced the project.





# PER TUA INFORMAZIONE



In total 1.6 kilometers (.99 mile) of barriers will be built along with shoreline reinforcement in many areas. Huge pumps will drive air into the water filled gates causing them to rise from their sea bed housings to protect the lagoon and city. The three gate systems can work together or independent of each other depending on the direction and size of the sea surges. The Bocca Lido has 41 gates split almost evenly by a man-made island that houses the pumping station. Bocca Malamocco inlet has 19 gates and a passageway for large ships to navigate as needed. The Bocca Chioggia opening has 18 gates and also a passageway (see picture) for smaller emergency craft.

Such an enormous undertaking is bound to have its critics and MOSE has them. Some claim that sea levels worldwide are rising and that these gates, while well intentioned, are under designed and will be inadequate by 2050. Others are concerned that the delicate environment of the lagoon will be disrupted by the gates hindering the cleansing effect the sea has on the lagoon. Then we have the issue of paying for the project's bonds and maintenance. Initial estimates of \$18 M per year will be needed for just maintenance. This is expected to increase to \$50M by 2040 as the project ages. Government bonds and revenue from the "Venice tourist's tax" on all non-residents will help offset some of the expenses with the remaining expense becoming a tax responsibility for all Italians. Obviously, the pending taxation required to pay for the venture is not popular and remains a political problem for the entire nation.

In 1987 Venice and the Venetian Lagoon were designated a World Heritage Site. The many artistic, architectural, archaeological contributions of the Venetian region throughout the ages were championed for the world to see and hopefully save. The Italian government through the Comitatone clearly stated that the \$6.5 Billion MOSE development was a gamble that must be taken. "...Saving Venice is a priority of national and worldwide importance...there is no choice but to try...there is no result but to succeed..."







Bring Your Membership Card! Note: All Guests MUST Be Accompanied By A Member

#### 2019 IACC Swimming Pool Schedule

POOL PHONE 690-7258 (to check conditions)

Members MUST have their membership card available while at the pool

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
May						18	July continued						
19	20	21	22	23	24	25	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
26	27	28	29	30	31		28	29	30	31			
June						1							
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	August				1	2	3
9	10	11	12	13	14	15	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
16	17	18	19	20	21	22	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
23	24	25	26	27	28	29	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
30							25	26	27	28	29	30	31
July	1	2	3	4	5	6							
7	8	9	10	11	12	13	September						
14	15	16	17	18	19	20	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

Noon - 8:00 P.M.

3:30 P.M. - 6:30 P.M.

10:00 A.M. - 8:00 P.M

Noon - 5:00 P.M.

#### Member Exclusive Pre-Opening Party May 18

Noon - 5:00 P.M

Opening Weekend: May 25 - May 27

Noon - 8:00 P.M.

#### Early Morning Lap Swimming-July 1-August 16

7:30 AM - 9:30 AM

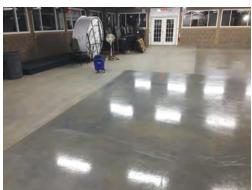
Labor Day/Closing Day: September 2

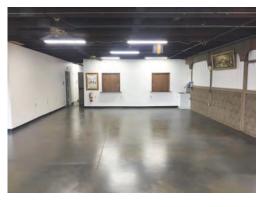
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- Proper bathing attire required. No cut-off jeans in the pool.
- Clothes and towels are not to be hung on or over the fence.
- IACC is not responsible for lost or stolen articles in pool area.
- NO running or jumping, profanity, horseplay, or pets permitted.
- NO glassware permitted in pool area.
- Children under age 12 MUST be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult at all times in pool area.
- ALL babies and small children not toilet trained MUST wear a swim diaper at all times.
- Children using flotation devices must be accompanied by an adult in the water.
- Children using flotation devices are allowed in the shallow end of the pool ONLY.
- No smoking in the Pool area.
- Guests must be accompanied by a member and must register with the lifeguard on duty.















The third and final phase of our pavilion renovation is now complete. This season members and visitors will find that the kitchen has been extended 6 feet, two new serving windows, cabinets, counters and LED lights have been installed.

In addition we installed three new energy efficient fryolators, new tile backsplashes in the prep area and a fresh re sealer to the floor. The pavilion has never looked better and were excited for our pavilion season to start.



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#### **Depart Boston:**

Sunday, 4:00 PM, August 25, 2019 Bus returns to the IACC parking lot by

approximately 8:00PM (257 Washington Avenue Ext. Albany)



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#### You will need:

- extra virgin olive oil
- 2 cloves of garlic, minced
- 5 plum tomatoes, chopped
- 1 eggplant, chopped
- 1 zucchini, chopped
- 1 green pepper, chopped
- 1 handful of chopped basil
- salt
- black pepper
- red pepper flakes
- 1 pound of penne pasta

In a large skillet, heat extra virgin olive oil (2 turns of the pan) over med-high heat. Simmer 2 cloves of minced garlic for approximately 1 minute and add some red pepper flakes (how much depends on how spicy you like things...I used about 1/2 teaspoon). Add all of the vegetables. Season with salt, black pepper, chopped fresh basil leaves and stir. Turn the heat down to med-low and cover the skillet. Simmer until all of the vegetables are tender and cooked through while stirring occasionally, about 20-30 mins. Taste and adjust salt/pepper if needed. Remove from heat.

In a separate pot, bring salted water to a boil. Cook penne pasta according to box instructions. Drain the pasta and add it to the skillet of vegetables. Toss together and serve.





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The women's bocce league plays Tuesday nights starting May 14th special time 6 pm, (if interested contact the Women's Bocce League President Maria LaMorte at 456-4800). Join one of our bocce leagues today. We always have a great time!

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WOMEN'S LEAGUE

For our May 8th meeting, our guests come to us from St. Anne's Institute, which has been in existence since 1888 and recently celebrated its 130th anniversary. Our speaker and St. Anne's staff members will talk to us about the many residential and day treatment programs that St. Anne's provides to young women ages 12-21 in middle school through high school.

One of our members, Jaclyn Brilling, is the President of the Board and she will be able to answer some of the questions you may have after the discussion. She will also have staff with her to answer any clinical questions you may have.

Your meal choices for our meeting will be Grilled Salmon with Tomato Relish or Pasta Primavera with a Garlic Sauce. This will be served with a Mixed Green Salad with House Dressing, Rolls and Butter and Coffee or Tea. Our dessert will be Chocolate Mousse with Whipped Cream. Please call Marilyn Quadrini at 518-438-7602 by May 3, 2019 with your meal choice. The cancellation policy remains in effect and any cancellations must be made by May 6, 2019. The cost for our dinner will be \$23.00.

Please remember to sign up to attend the Mother-Daughter Luncheon and Fashion Show on Sunday, May 19, 2019. There was a change in our store providing adult fashions. Our new store is Casual Set located in Newton Plaza in Latham. Thank you to the group of ladies that have graciously agreed to be our models for this event. The deadline to get your paid reservations in along with your meal choice is May 16, 2019. There will not be any reservations paid at the door. You will not want to miss out on this wonderful event, not only because this is the largest fundraiser for the Women's League, but also because we have many wonderful donations that we received for our Silent Auction. Here's hoping that you will go home after this event having had an enjoyable afternoon as well as having won an item from our Silent Auction. Thank you.

Thank you





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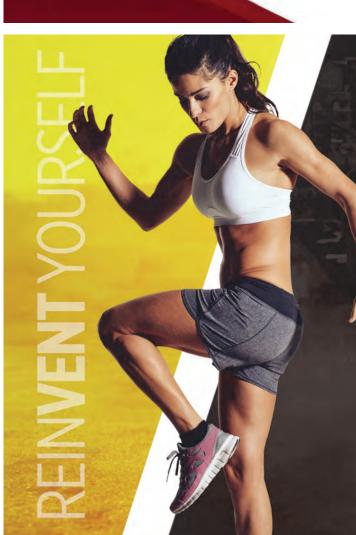








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