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& HAPPY NEW YEAR

Family Christmas Larty

Sunday December 11 Noon to 4:00 pm

CHILDREN 12 YEARS OLD AND UNDER ARE FREE

Children's Menu

CHICKEN FINGERS AND FRIES AND ICE CREAM SUNDAE FOR DESSERT.

Adults' Menu: \$25.00

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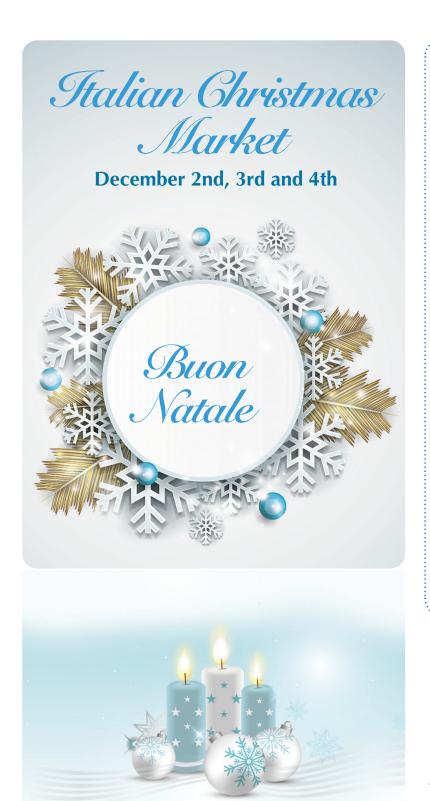
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SOCIAL CALENDAR

DECEMBER 2016

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- 02 Mixed Bowling at Westlawn Lanes 6:00 pm
- 07 Member Exclusive: Weekly Ladies' Poker Game Noon
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- Jan. 02 HAPPY NEW YEAR-I.A.C.C MEMBERSHIP OFFICE CLOSED

Upcoming Events:



1/20 - Kitchen Opening Anniversary Dinner 6:00 pm



2/05 - Super Bowl 51 Party 4:00 pm - 10:00 pm



2/25 - Carnevale





PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It is difficult to believe that my year as President has almost come to an end! What a busy year it was. If you were unable to attend our annual year in-review brunch, I will attempt to sum up my presentation: Our membership is growing. Our finances have improved. In concert with the Mallozzi Group, we have invested money into many building improvements and of course our successful transformation of the Pavilion. This past year we had many more member events. It was a very good year and we very much appreciate your continued support.

Most of all, I appreciate my Vice President, Jim Sano. Without him, the I.A.C.C. would not be as successful as it is today. He has worked tirelessly on increasing our membership and ensuring that each and every event is successful. He worked very closely with the contractors to complete the Pavilion timely and he personally saw to the installation of the kitchen in the Board room so that we can have functions upstairs. At numerous functions he was able to speak on my behalf while I was tending to personal family commitments. The I.A.C.C. is lucky to have such a man willing to give some much of himself!!

The elections took place at the General Membership meeting on November 13th. The officers for next year are as follows: Frank Zeoli as President, Anne Marie Lizzie as Vice President, Donna Zumbo as Secretary and Joan Wallis will remain Treasurer. Frank will bring good ideas as our next President. For the last year, he has worked tirelessly with me as the Foundation President. I am certain that he will do an outstanding job.

In closing, it has absolutely been my pleasure to serve as your President. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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PRESIDENT





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Holiday Get Together

The 55+ Group will host a holiday get together on December 12 at Treviso for the Monday night buffet at 6:00. If anyone is interested in attending please call Maria Marchio at 438-9067 or Carole Mann at 373-0375 by December 8.

SPECIAL HONOR OUR VETS **ITALIAN LUNCHEON** AT THE VA



November 28 we honored our veterans, by serving those who have served our country! We served a delicious lunch, to over 60 of our armed services veterans, at the Stratton VA Hospital.

Thanks to the Mallozzi Group for donating the food. This allowed us to expand this community service event to twice a year. A special thanks to Joe Guastamacchia who has organized this event for many years.

Dirty Dancing at Proctors

Part of our group that attended the matinee performance of Dirty Dancing at the Proctors.



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THE ITALIAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY CENTER AND I.A.C.C. FOUNDATION'S EARTHQUAKE RELIEF FUND



We launched this campaign initially because of the earthquake that occurred in August. Since that time, a series of earthquakes have more recently occurred. In October, a series of powerful earthquakes struck central Italy, the strongest to hit Italy since 1980, (6.5 magnitude) about 50 miles north of the site of the August quake that killed nearly 300 people. These earthquakes struck the center of the country severely damaging buildings and leaving thousands homeless in the area. The recent earthquakes also caused fresh damage to the towns destroyed by the quake in August.

As a show of solidarity, we are raising money to aid and support Italy and all those affected by this catastrophic event. If you have not donated yet to this relief fund please consider doing so today to help those that have lost everything.

If you would like to donate call the Membership office at 456-4222. Thank you to all that have donated to date.

Vince & Linda Colonno, Steve Woodard Prof. /Cav. Philip J. DiNovo & Domenica DiNovo



Sundays in Albany are a little bit more delicious! The Italian American Community Center of Albany and the talented chefs at Treviso offer a Sunday brunch extravaganza.

Executive Chef Ryan Huneau's menu features a chef's carving station, fresh Belgian Waffles, warm doughnuts, continental breakfast pastries, warm muffins, omelet station and much, much more.

Brunch runs from 10:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.
Treviso is located at 257 Washington Avenue Extension.
For more information please call the Treviso office at 518-456-0292

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Momen's League

Hi Ladies,

Christmas is upon us already and the Women's League is about to celebrate! My officers and I have been busy planning an evening of fun and games and a great meal. We are even doing the grab bags with a different twist. This year you are being asked to buy a pair of Christmas socks, fill one or both of the socks with gifts. Gifts can be new items like, sample size toiletries, makeup, nail polish, note pads, candy, even lottery tickets. Use your imagination! When you are done, take some ribbon and tie the socks together and we'll do a game for the distribution of the socks. The value of your Christmas Sock grab bag should be \$15.00, including the socks. We will also have our favorite "Ugly/Unique Sweater Contest," so dress your best!

We decided at the last meeting to come up with a Christmas donation from the Women's League. So I spoke with Catholic Charities and they told me about their parent's night to "shop" for gifts for their families. What they need the most are gifts for older teens, ages 12-16. Items in need are sports equipment – soccer balls, football, basketball, wallets, make-up, games, puzzles, books, older kid's clothing and pajamas and of course, gift cards. Please bring your unwrapped gift to the meeting or drop it off at the office and we'll get them to Catholic Charities. Don't forget to make your reservations for the "Family Christmas Party" on Sunday, December 11th from 12:00 noon till 4:00pm. Look for details in this issue of the Siamo Oui.



Also at our meeting on Wednesday, December 14th we will elect our officers for Women's League – 2017. The nominees are as follows:

President: Donna Zumbo

Vice President: Caroline Mancino

Secretary: Sue Ferrara Treasurer: Joan Wallis

Our dinner choices this month are White Fish Puttanesca or Chicken Parmesan. We will begin our evening with a grand appetizer bar. Dinners will served with penne and we will have Black Forest Cake for dessert. Please call you reservations in to Gail Tarantino at 355-1316 by Sunday, December 11th. Cancellations by Monday, December 12th. Our price remains at \$20.00. Please remember our cancellation policy remains in effect.

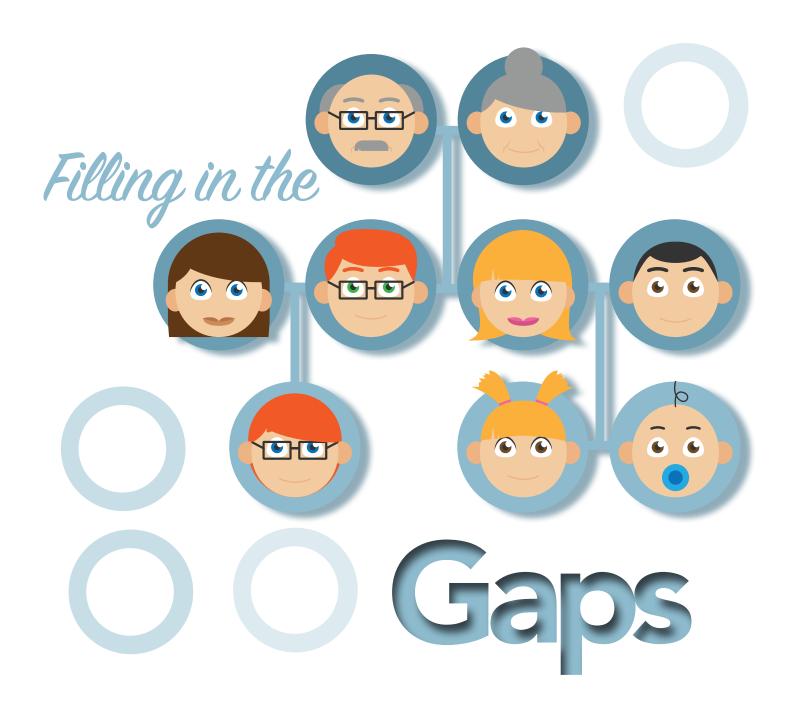
See you all on Wednesday, December 14th at 6:30 p.m.

Remember the Women's League will be on winter recess during the months of January and February.

Donna Zumbo

Women's League President





ften in our research of
Sicilian or Italian ancestors,
we find that although records
do generally exist for our ancestral
town and historical period of interest,
the specific record for a person or
date that we are most interested in, is
missing. Examples abound, some of
which are reviewed below.

Civil records that don't extend back far enough: In the northern city-states, duchies and principalities of the Apennine Peninsula, prior to the existence of 'Italy', civil records of birth, marriage and death (nati, matrimoni, and morti) were initiated in the Napoleonic era, some as early as circa 1805. In mainland Sicily, from Abruzzo and Naples to Calabria, civil records began around

1815, and on insular Sicily, they began uniformly in 1820. Before those dates, our recourse is to ecclesiastical, or church records, which were basically records of the administration of the sacraments: baptism, chrismation or confirmation, marriages, (battesimi, cresime, matrimoni) and extreme unction administered at death (morti).

Finding Our Immigrant Ancestry

Unfortunately, in some cases church records are missing for several years (or more) just prior to the start of civil record-keeping. A case study is in order. My grandfather Gaetano Coniglio was born in 1836 in Serradifalco in the Kingdom of Sicily, on the island of Sicily. On his civil birth record, his father Raimondo Coniglio's age was given as 30, meaning that his approximate birth year was 1805 – 1806; and his mother's name was given as Maria Messina, age 24 (born in about 1812), both births occurring before the advent of civil records. Church records exist for Serradifalco, but there is a gap in them, from 1790 to 1820. How could I extend my tree earlier than my greatgrandparents? Well, even though their birth or baptism records are missing, records of their marriage or death might give the names of their parents. My grandfather was born in 1836, so there was good reason to believe that his parents were married after the start of civil records in 1820.

So I started with 1836 and worked backwards until I found the 1830 record of the civil 'Promise to Marry' of Raimondo Coniglio and Maria Messina. Even though it is not strictly a marriage record, but a marriage contract, it gives the ages, occupations and birthplaces of the prospective bride and groom as well as the names of the parents of both. It also shows whether their parents were living or

deceased at the time of the marriage. Thus, I added a full generation of ancestors to my 'pedigree', or family tree. If the civil records had been missing, I could (and did) search for the church marriage record. It is not as detailed as the marriage contract, but it, too gives the names of the parents of my great-grandparents.

What if my ancestry had been such

that my great-grandparents had been married before the start of civil recordkeeping, or if both the civil and church marriage records were missing or unavailable? That's where morti (death records) come in. My great-grandparents both were living in 1836 at the time of my grandfather's birth. I could search civil and church death records starting with 1836 and moving forward, but they might have lived to be eighty or older, meaning I could have to go through fifty or more years of records. We can usually estimate someone's birth or marriage year, but folks die at random, making death dates more difficult. Here, we can use records of other people; specifically, the children of those we are researching. My grandfather was not the only child of Raimondo and Maria; some 'sideways genealogy' revealed at least nine other children, the youngest of whom, Mario, was born in July 1851. Another child, Antonio, was married in September 1857, and his marriage contract states

that his father Raimondo was deceased and his mother Maria was still living on that date.

That shortened the time span in which I had to search for Raimondo's death records: between July 1851 and September 1857, and I found his civil death record, dated 3 February, 1857. It states that his father was the late Gaetano Coniglio, his mother was the late Giuseppa Montalto, and that his wife was the living Maria Messina. These names had been given in previously discovered records, but if those records had been unavailable, this death record would have served to properly identify them. I followed the same process to find Maria Messina's death record, which similarly confirmed the names of her parents and spouse.

You can see the records discussed above, in original form and translated, by starting at my grandfather's page at http://bit.ly/Gaetano1836. To see his ancestors' records, click on the 'up arrow' in the upper left corner.

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 helpul 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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Current I.A.C.C. Membership expire Saturday, December 31st, 2016 Membership renewal starts December 15, 2016. New enrollment begins January 3rd at the I.A.C.C. Membership office.

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Thank You For Being A Member. Here's To An Amazing 2017 At The Club!





Nutella WONTONS



or a minute I actually thought about baking these and making them somewhat healthy. But then I thought about the fact that it's a dessert and it's stuffed with Nutella....so they're getting fried! There was just no getting around it. Besides, it's the holidays and the season to indulge!

These are super quick to make! Carefully peel the wonton sheets apart and lay each wrapper on a flat surface. Spoon 1-2 teaspoons of Nutella onto the center of the wrapper. Dab raw egg whites along the edges of the wrapper to "glue" them together so that the Nutella doesn't escape while cooking. Fold the wrapper over to form a triangle and seal the edges. Heat cooking oil in a frying pan over high heat. When the oil is hot, carefully drop in the wontons. They cook very fast and only take a minute or two, so keep on eye on them! Flip them over once and fry until they are golden and crispy. Remove them from the pan and place them on a paper towel to soak up the oil.



Sprinkle some confectioners sugar on top and you're done!



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