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SUPER BOWL 51 PARTY

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 5TH



12 FOOT HD SCREEN

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Doors open: 4:00 pm



Cheese, Crackers and Pepperoni

Vegetable Platter with Dip

Boneless Chicken Wings



Pre-Game Buffet

Sausage and Peppers Panini Rolls Italian Roasted Potatoes Penne Pasta Marinara Chicken Parmesan Tossed Salad Eggplant Rollatini

Italian Nachos Mozzarella Stix

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Halftime Buffet

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* Christmas Parties *

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 President of the Italian American

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Social Calendar







JANUARY 2017



- 02 ~ HAPPY NEW YEAR-I.A.C.C MEMBERSHIP OFFICE CLOSED
- 04 ~ Member Exclusive: Weekly Co-Ed Poker Game Noon
- 04 ~ Member Exclusive: Weekly Men's Poker Game 5:00 pm
- 05~ Member Exclusive: Weekly Co-Ed Pinochle Game 6:30 pm
- 06 ~ Mixed Bowling at Westlawn Lanes 6:00 pm
- 11 ~ Member Exclusive: Weekly Co-Ed Poker Game Noon
- 11 ~ Member Exclusive: Weekly Men's Poker Game 5:00 pm
- 12 ~ Member Exclusive: Weekly Co-Ed Pinochle Game 6:30pm
- 13 ~ Mixed Bowling at Westlawn Lanes 6:00 pm
- 18 ~ Member Exclusive: Weekly Co-Ed Poker Game Noon
- 18 ~ Member Exclusive: Weekly Men's Poker Game 5:00 pm
- 19 ~ Member Exclusive: Weekly Co-Ed Pinochle Game 6:30 pm
- 20 ~ Mixed Bowling at Westlawn Lanes 6:00 pm
- 20 ~ Kitchen Anniversary Party 6:00 pm
- 25 ~ Member Exclusive: Weekly Co-Ed Poker Game Noon
- 25 ~ Member Exclusive: Weekly Men's Poker Game 5:00 pm
- **26** ~ Member Exclusive: Weekly Co-Ed Pinochle Game 6:30 pm
- 27 ~ Mixed Bowling at Westlawn Lanes 6:00 pm









Upcoming Events:



02/05 Super Bowl 51 Party 4:00 pm-10:00 pm

02/25 Carnevale 6:00 pm - 11:00 pm

03/19 Saint Patricks - Saint Joseph Mass and Brunch

04/30 Mother-Daughter Luncheon and Fashion Show



President's Message

Happy New Year! I am proud to have been unanimously elected president of the Italian American Community Center. As I begin my journey this year, I am happy to be joined by Vice President Ann Marie Lizzi, Treasurer Joan Wallis and Secretary Donna Zumbo. I know with these officers and the entire board of talented men and women we can take the club to new heights.

Our goal this year is to continue on the positive path our club has been taking of late. I am proud of the many accomplishments we have seen over the past two years. Most notably the renovation of the Foundation Pavilion, the new front entrance, the upstairs kitchen and the upgrade of new energy efficient lights throughout the facility.

This year I would like to create a plan to renovate the second floor of our building. In the coming months I will be appointing a steering committee to look at these improvements. If you are interested in serving on the committee please contact me. As always, our paramount goal is to continue to provide programs and activities that promote our beautiful and rich Italian culture.

Finally I would like to thank Cain Scalzo for his leadership over the past year, and I look forward to working with him as past president.

FRANK ZEOLI

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On Sunday, December 11th, the IACC ballroom was transformed into a "Winter Wonderland," complete with all the raffle prizes any child could ask for. Barbara Palumbo started us off with a beautiful Nativity story as all the children sat before her absorbed in the story. After a delicious dinner, DJ Ernie, a favorite of all our family parties for many years, provided the music and games. This year he even had the parents involved in a "gift wrap dash" game that all seemed to enjoy. After the raffles prizes were given out, the only thing left was, of course, SANTA! All children were given a gift from Santa and there were many treasured photos taken.



A very heartfelt thank you to Maria DeNitto, Gail Tarantino and Joan Wallis, for all their help in making this party possible. Special thanks to all the women who donated raffle prizes and to those who helped wrap them. It takes many "hands" to put on this event and many others, and it is always appreciated when we have so many volunteers, so thank you to all.









Bowling





Please join us for weekly Bowling at Westlawn Lanes.

The price is \$2.00 for shoes and \$3.50 per game. Anyone that is interested in joining us for a fun time of socializing please call Maria Marchio at 438-9067.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Announcer/Scorekeeper Wanted at National Little League of Albany

National Little League is seeking an adult announcer/ scorekeeper for the 2017 season. Must know how to keep a baseball scorebook. Will train on use of scoreboard and public address systems. Games are weeknights and weekends from April until late June/early July. We can work with your schedule if you are interested in covering all or just some of our games.



This is a great opportunity to be part of a long-standing neighborhood organization focused on children, community, baseball and fun, all while making great memories and experiences for our families! Established in 1951, we are located at the corner of Partridge and Providence streets in Albany.

Interested?
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Thank You

The Sabatino Family would like to thank all of you for all the work that was put into the Italian American of the Year event.

Every one of your staff went above and beyond!!

Made us all feel right at home! It was a wonderful event!!

Tony was so honored to be chosen.

Again many thanks to all ... it was so appreciated!





Women's League

Hi Ladies,

First, I want to thank all the women for their generous donations that we were able to give to Catholic Charities. The presents were dropped off just in time for their "parent shopping night." As always, the Women's League has certainly played a significant part in making sure many children have a "Merry Christmas."

Last month at our Women's League Christmas party, we enjoyed a full evening of great food and games. Grace Simone took home this year's first place prize for our "Ugly Sweater Contest." Hopefully, next year, many more women will join in the fun!

The Women's League elected its officers for 2017 and they are:
Donna Zumbo – **President**, Caroline Mancini – **Vice President**,
Joan Wallis – **Treasurer** and Sharon Patrei – **Secretary**. On behalf of all the officers, we look forward to an exciting and fun-filled 2017!

Please note that the Women's League will go on a winter hiatus for a few months. There will be no meeting in January and February.

Also, one reminder, save the date for the Women's League annual "Mother-Daughter Luncheon and Fashion Show" for Sunday, April 30, 2017.

Stay warm,

Donna Zumbo

Women's League President













Finding Our Immigrant Ancestry

Interpreting DNA Results

Recently, a reader had questions about DNA testing.

Q: My father, brother and I each had our DNA tested by the same venue. My brother and I each were shown to match about 50% of our dad's DNA. But when my brother and I compared our results, there was only about a 40% match. Since we both have the same parents, shouldn't 100% of my DNA match my brother's? Also, my results were interpreted by the test to show my ancestry as 75% Irish/British, with the remaining significant portion as Southern European. My brother's also shows large portions of Irish/British and Southern European, however a percentage of his ancestry is shown as Middle Eastern. Again, we have the same parents. How can my brother have ancestry that I do not? ~ K. McConti, Amherst

A: Siblings' DNA will match 100% (or nearly so) only for IDENTICAL TWINS, who formed from one sperm and one egg, and therefore each have exactly the same half of each parent's DNA.

Picture it this way: your father has a basket of 100 buttons numbered 1 to 100. You randomly pick 50 from the basket, mark down the numbers, and put the buttons back. Then your brother picks fifty at random from the same basket. He may pick some of the buttons you did, but he won't pick exactly the same ones. Similarly, you got some DNA from your father that your brother didn't, and he got some that you didn't. The same is true of your shares of your mother's DNA. On average, non-identical siblings show

about a 50% match, but the percentage in individual cases may be somewhat higher or lower.

Regarding the ancestry part of your question: again, you each receive a different 'sample' of DNA from your parents. Your brother's sample may have simply included some DNA from a distant ancestor from the Middle East, while the DNA you inherited did not contain that particular ancestor's DNA.

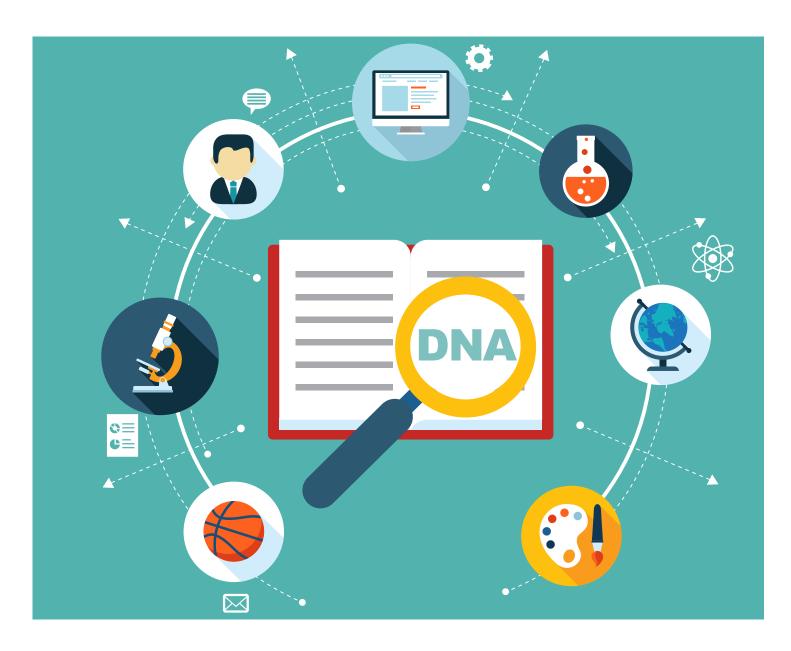
Check the DNA test results for your father. Do they show Middle Eastern ancestry? If so, that's where your brother's Middle Eastern DNA came from. If not, if your mother is living, consider having her DNA tested. Her test could show a Middle Eastern connection, but

if it doesn't, remember, as technical as it may be, genealogic DNA analysis is still somewhat prone to error when estimating ancestral ethnicity.

Another common question:

My DNA test results show a large number of individuals who are identified as "fifth to eighth cousins", and even more as "distant cousins". Other than identifying these folks as my "DNA relatives", how does that help my research?

A: You may actually learn more about your ancestry from the more "distant" relatives.



your siblings or first cousins might know about your ancestry, they probably have no more insight than you do, possibly less, if they're not as into genealogy as you are. But say you have identified all your ancestors, back to and including every one of your great-great-great grandparents, both males and females (that is, your "3rd-great-grandparents"). You then have a detailed "family tree" or "pedigree" showing all their names, birth dates, etc. Any one of the couples forming

For example, if you think about what

removed from you. A descendant of any set (e.g. one couple) of those 3rd great-grandparents who is also five generations removed from them is your fourth cousin.

Now, let's say you connect with a "DNA relative" who is in fact your <u>fifth</u> cousin, and he has compiled a family tree back to a common ancestral couple, who are his <u>4th-great</u> grandparents, and also yours. Those common ancestors would be the parents, previously unknown to you, of one of your known ancestors, so your "tree" would be

extended back in time. DNA testing would connect you to this fifth cousin. It would be his research that revealed further ancestors.

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that group would be five generations



am so excited to share this one with you all. It is pretty amazing! I love sweet potato anything. I also love risotto of all kinds...so why not combine the two? In this risotto I used Grana Padano cheese instead of my usual Parmesan. Grana Padano is very similar to Parmesan, but the flavor is a little more mild and so delicious!

You will need:

- 1 roasted sweet potato
- Arborio rice
- · Chicken or vegetable broth
- Onion
- Dry white wine
- Grana Padano cheese

First, bring a pot of chicken or vegetable broth to a boil. I fill a medium saucepan that equates to approximately 6 cups of broth.

In a skillet, heat extra virgin olive oil (one turn of the pan) on mediumhigh heat and add 1/2 of a chopped

high heat and add 1/2 of a chopped onion. Simmer the onion until it is soft and translucent. Add your roasted sweet potato to the skillet (to roast, wash the outside of the skin, poke a few holes and bake at 400 degrees on a baking sheet for 50 minutes. Peel the skin off and chop into chunks). Stir the onion and sweet potato together. Add approximately 1 cup of arborio rice. Toast the rice for about a minute while stirring continuously, then add a splash of dry white wine. Stir until the wine has evaporated.

Roasted Sweet Potato Risotto

WITH GRANA PADANO



Add one ladle of your hot chicken/vegetable broth to the skillet and stir continuously until the broth has evaporated. Add another ladle, stir, and repeat this process until the rice is cooked al dente. Your pot of broth should be almost if not completely gone by the time the rice is fully cooked.

Remove the risotto from heat and add two handfuls of grated Grana Padano cheese. Stir well. Top with shaved pieces of the cheese and serve.

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



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.
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For more information please call the Treviso office at 518-456-0292

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WFI COME new members

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- Students of Italian heritage planning to attend an accredited two-or four-year college* who are SEFCU members
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- Students pursuing their Master's Degree in Nursing or the Social Sciences who are SEFCU members

Timeline

Scholarship applications for 2017 are available now. To receive a scholarship application, e-mail *marketing@sefcu.com* with the name(s) of the scholarship(s) you are interested in. (All scholarship award winners must be the primary account holder on a SEFCU account.







* SEFCU members already enrolled in an accredited program for an advanced degree are eligible for the Dr. Carmen M. Cornute Memorial Scholarship and students returning to Rensselaer, Skidmore College, the University at Albany, the University at Buffalo, or the scholarship for his/her respective college or university.



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