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Italian Summer Camp 2012



Our 7th annual IAHFi Italian Summer Camp has just ended. Once again it was a great success! The summer program originated from the collaboration and realization of a long-held desire to establish just such a program by Rosanna Aiuppa of the IACC and Sandy Serafini of the Laziali Nel Mondo. From the outset, hiring the perfect teacher, Lisa Serafini Alonzi, and her assistant teacher, Jean Brew, was the perfect solution to guarantee a unique one-of-a-kind experience for our tri-city children. With Jean's help Lisa has developed a truly special learning experience. The facilities of IAHFi house the classroom and the lunch center. Delicious, varied, hot lunches were prepared by Chef Ryan and his talented staff. Volunteers worked with the teachers, so that the children could experience five aspects of Italian life: Language, Food, Sports, Culture, and Relaxation.

The children learned Italian phrases, numbers, days of the week, and many songs. Cultural information was made fun through the resourceful talents of these dedicated teachers. Professional, award-winning dance teacher, Louise Giuliano donated her time to introduce the campers to the exciting experience of dancing the *Tarantella*. Through the generous sponsorship of Anthony Malatino, as a special cultural treat, the children were taught how to make puppets and were

able to enjoy the performance of a live professional puppet show by The Puppet People. Cesare Maniccia (Soccer Coach from IACC, Laziali Nel Mondo, and the Schenectady Sons of Italy) taught them the basics of the popular game of soccer. The children also learned how to play bocce on our four regulation-size bocce courts. At the end of each day, the children enjoyed swimming in our refreshing pool. The children's safety was carefully monitored by Jim Sano's lifeguard staff. All was chronicled by the IACC's unofficial photographer, the talented, Roy Cameron and his able assistant, his wife, Rachel. A very special group of young volunteers, very much needed to assist in the activities and preparations was headed by Gianluca and Luciano Alonzi. The teenage volunteer team included Francesca



Volpe, Ella and Bianca Sciocchetti, Carly Dugan, Gabriella O'Neil, Antonino Fazio, Caroline Gardner, and Kristy Yaghy.

It was, however, *The Nonne Group* that took the program to out-of-the-ordinary. This special group of adult volunteers included Rosanna Aiuppa, Mafalda Fazio, Maria Marchio, Rosetta Barbato, Josephine Tirino, Nancy Pardi, Annette Serafini, Jeanette Caricari, and Barbara Labunski. Their old world culinary skills were patiently demonstrated to the children. Much to their wonder and delight, the campers, wrist high in eggs and flour, made the following traditional Italian foods from scratch: cavatelli, individual pizzas, cheese ravioli, and cookies! They proudly brought most of these creations home to share with their families. However, one day, when they made fettucini, they gobbled them up as an extra lunch treat! The last day of camp was marked by torrential rain. In order to protect their valuables from the rain, into their backpacks the children tucked their diplomas and their binders stuffed with the week's art projects. They bid friends and teachers good bye, happy with their special summer experience that not even the rain could dampen!



Flags Restored

The flags above the entrance to the Pavilion have been completely refurbished and restored to their rightful place. Thanks to Sara Penna for her artistry, to her cousin, Gianni Angiulo, for climbing up there back in April and taking them down, and a special note of appreciation to Tom Delaney of Passonno Paints on Western Avenue for donating the supplies.

SeptemberCalendar

View our complete online Calendar at italianamerican.com

Every Monday	Italian Grand Buffet Men's Bocce		
F C 1	Zumba		
Every Sunday	Farmers' Market		
September 10, Monday	Men's Club Meeting		
September 11, Tuesday	IAHFi Book Club		
September 12, Wednesday	Women's League		
September 16, Sunday	Breakfast Buffet in Pavilion		
September 18, Tuesday	Board Meeting		
September 19, Wednesday	Bowling begins		
September 23, Sunday	Fabulous Fall Festival		
September27, Thursday	Elementary Language begins		
Save the Date	ţ c c c		
October 6 & 7	CIAO Columbus Day Festival		
	Cook Park, Colonie		
October 20	Columbus Day Dinner Dance		
October 21	David Righeschi Concert		
	Troy Savings Bank Music Hall		
October 23	Bus Trip to NYC		
October 27	Halloween Party		

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Farmers' Market Ends!

Comedy Night

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Summer is coming to a close but not at the IACC. We are planning to keep the pool open for weekends in September. Of

course the weather could change that.

After six months of board meetings, vendor selection, permitting, electrical details, more permitting, new electric installation and so and so. Our new full color LED sign is alive. There are so many people to thank, Angelo Tarantino, Jim Sano, Joe DiIonna, Mike Arket, and our office manager Linda Sciocchetti for working through all the countless details to make this happen. We are already seeing some increases in attendance to our events and more activity in the restaurant.



George Urciuoli, President



Sign of the Times By Sharon Patrei

By now many of you have been welcomed onto the IACC property by our new LED sign. Like a new necklace or a new pair of gold cufflinks, this embellishment adds refinement to our property entrance. More importantly, it solves the financially-daunting cost of newspaper, radio, and television advertising. With the sign's programmed rotation, we are able to list multiple upcoming events, reaching approximately 50,000 cars per day travelling east and west on Washington Avenue Extension.

We are quite proud of our new sign and hope our members share this view. The Board has done an exemplary job working with the sign company in customizing our needs. We now have a more formidable presence on Washington Avenue Extension in our quest for greater exposure in the community.

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Sunday Breakfast in the Pavilion

By Christine DiIonna

This has been a very active summer in the IAHFi Pavilion. In conjunction with our Farmers' Market, we have been selling breakfast in the Pavilion all summer long. We have been so fortunate to have a strong crew of dedicated volunteers this summer, who have worked tirelessly each and every Sunday. I am so grateful to all who have given us time and support serving breakfast every Sunday in order to help us get the Farmers' Market up and running.

Each Sunday we are offering a variety of breakfast sandwiches and pancakes for a nominal price. We will be adding weekly specials such as homemade waffles and individual frittatas made to order. The proceeds from these breakfasts are going towards the much needed renovation of the Pavilion. Please come out and join us on Sunday mornings to have breakfast and shop at the Farmers' Market.

Due to high demand, we will again be offering the breakfast buffet.

We hope to see you there!

Breakfast Buffet

September 16th

In the Heritage Pavilion

<mark>9 AM - 11:</mark>30 AM

Members: \$6 adults \$3 children 12 & under Non-Members: \$8 adults \$5 children 12 & under under

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October
4, 11, 18, 25
November
1, 8, 15

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IACC Bowling

By Maria Marchio

IACC Bowling will begin on Wednesday, September 19th at 6:00 PM at Westlawn Lanes on Western Avenue. Members and non-members (male and female)

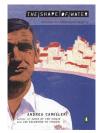


are welcome. We bowl on Wednesday evenings throughout fall and winter. This is not a league. It is simply a time for everyone to get together and have fun. For further information, please contact Maria Marchio at 438.9067.

IAHFi Book Club

By Dick Ognibene

September 11, 2012 Tuesday Evening 7:00 PM



The Shape of Water

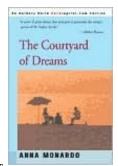
by Andrea Camilleri
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second floor



A Young Italian-American Woman Visits Calabria

To Discover Her Roots And Herself

The IAHFi Book Club will meet on Tuesday, October 23rd at 7:00 PM to discuss Anna Monardo's coming of age novel, *The Courtyard of Dreams.* "The Italian part of me has been at war with the American me as long as I can remember," says Guila di Cuore. She is



the 17 year old daughter of a successful Italian-American physician who tries too hard to keep her safe from normal adolescent desires following her mother's death several years earlier. The father, Nicola, thinks his daughter will understand him better if she spends a summer with their relatives in Calabria. This idea has no appeal to Guila, but she accepts.

To her surprise and delight, Guila finds that her Italian family no longer suffers the hardships that helped form her father's values. Instead, this family seeks and finds enjoyment in the sensual environment of their community and expresses affection in ways that enhance a more modern lifestyle. Guila also finds romance. Her experiences that summer help her reconcile the conflict between her father's love and the need to find her own way. Her story helps us learn more about generational conflict within an Italian-American family and about Italian families whose peasant roots are evolving.

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Cultural Corner By Virginia Rest

October is Italian Culture Month! Celebrate Your Heritage!



hat better way to honor and celebrate the rich, musical patrimony that is Italy's gift to the world! On Sunday, October 21 at 3:00 PM, the Italian American Heritage Foundation (IAHFi) will be presenting *An Afternoon with David Righeschi – a Tribute to Italian and American Tenors: Pavarotti, Bocelli and Lanza* at the Troy Savings Bank Music Hall. Coming from his home in Florence, Italy for his first visit to the United States, Mr. Righeschi will be accompanied by our area's own concert pianist virtuoso, Maestro Gioacchino Longobardi. The program will also include a special performance by the Saratoga Youth Orchestra under the direction of Maestro Longobardi.

The concert will showcase the beauty and power of David Righeschi's extraordinary voice. He will interpret the world's most beautiful lyric arias

and the haunting beauty of the Neapolitan classics. This gifted tenor gave his debut as the Duke of Mantova in Verdi's *Rigoletto* in 2001. Ever since, he has been the featured tenor in performances throughout Italy, the Middle East, and most of Europe. He has won acclaim for his performances, interpreting the lead roles as written by Italy's masters of the lyric world: Verdi, Puccini, and Rossini.

A Meet and Greet Food and Wine Reception will be held downstairs in the Troy Savings Bank Music Hall building immediately following the concert. Attendees will have an opportunity to meet Mr. Righeschi, obtain autographs and photographs, and enjoy the food and wine reception provided by Mallozzi Caterers. A limited number of Meet and Greet tickets (\$25 per person) may be purchased when ordering concert tickets.

Celebrate your heritage! Please join us for an exciting weekend of events. Concert tickets are \$50 premier seating, \$35 house seating, and \$15 students seating. IACC Members may purchase concert tickets now, during a special Members Only Pre-Sale for best seating choices. Also available for members only is a specially-priced package (\$110) which includes the Saturday, October 20th Columbus Dinner Dance, premier seating for the David Righeschi Concert, and the Meet and Greet Food and Wine Reception.

Please contact the Membership Office at 456.4222 for details.

Tuesday, October 23

Bus Trip to New York City

With Italian Tenor David Righeschi. Itinerary to be announced later.

Please call IACC Office 456.4222 for details.

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The second annual Fabulous Fall Festival will be held on Sunday, September 23 from 10 AM until 4 PM.

A combined farmer's market and craft fair, the festival will also include food demonstrations, great food, pumpkin painting, face painting, and fall fun.

Admission is free and the event is open to the public.

Columbus Italian Festival Cook Park

Once again, this Columbus Day weekend, the IACC, the Albany Sons of Italy Lodge, the Troy Italian Community Center, and the Columbia County Sons and Daughters of Italy Lodge #659 are sponsoring this year's Columbus Italian Festival at Cook Park in the Village of Colonie, on Saturday, October 6 and Sunday, October 7.

Your support is needed in order to make this event successful. Volunteers will be needed! We hope that many of you will consider helping out. The two-day event will be filled with lots of entertainment, delicious Italian food, cultural exhibits, vendor booths and fun for the entire family.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Maria DeNitto at 456-2216 or the IACC Office at 456-4222. We are proud of our Italian heritage. Your support is needed so that the Italian American community remains strong insuring that our heritage and customs will be passed on to future generations.

Please make it a point to attend and show your support!

Pool Season Extended

The pool season has been extended for weekends in September. After Labor Day, the hours will be 12 to 6 PM on Saturdays and Sundays. This is a trial and may or may not be continued, depending on the response.

The Goblins are haunting the monsters will mash, are you ready for the annual IACC Halloween Bash?



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Women's League

Hi Ladies.

Fall is quickly approaching and I, for one, am not ready to give up summer! Last month at our meeting we had a "Senior Yoga" experience that I truly loved. Yoga is a great way to release any tension and just relax. I have gotten some very positive feedback from some of the members who were there and it seems that everyone enjoyed it. Our instructor was a new member, Theresa Swanson's daughter, Tracy, and she teaches yoga a couple of nights a week. If anyone wants any information for classes, just let me know.

This month we will be viewing a movie called *Mal'occhio*, *The Evil Eye* by Agata De Santis. The movie looks at the evil eye belief within the Italian community. We were privileged to have Ms. De Santis at IACC several months ago. There was quite a lively discussion after the movie. *Mal'occhio*, *The Evil Eye* was filmed in Montreal, Vancouver, Italy, and New York. It should be fun to watch and discuss. There is a wide range of perceptions about this belief.

Since the movie is about 50 minutes long, we will start dinner at 6 PM sharp, and then watch the movie during dessert. We will have our meeting afterwards. Please plan on arriving early, so we can get started on time.

Our family holiday parties are beginning to take shape. The Halloween party will be on Saturday, October 27th and will be chaired by Christine DiIonna. The Family Christmas Party will be on Sunday, December 16th and will be chaired by Lynn Indelicato. If you want to help out with one or both of these events, please contact them.

Our meeting this month will be Wednesday, September 12th. Remember that dinner will begin at 6 PM. Our meal selections will be Chicken Marsala or Eggplant Parmesan, served with Salad and Vegetables. Dessert will be Villa Italia Pastries and Cookies with Coffee or Tea. The price remains at \$20.00. Please email your reservations to Lynn Indelicato at domlynn@yahoo.com or call 469-1284 by Sunday, September 9th. Cancellations must be received by Monday, September 10th. Please remember our cancellation policy remains in effect.

Donna Zumbo - Women's League President.

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Boston Red Sox Game By Angelo Tarantino

Club members attended a Boston Red Sox vs Kansas City Royals game on August 27^{th} and had such a wonderful time that they plan to return to Fenway Park again next year. So, all you Red Sox fans who missed out on this trip should plan ahead for next season and enjoy the experience.



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CARING & SHARING By Anna Acconi

September Birthdays:

Rosanna Aiuppa John Articolo Tina Barbato Virginia Barnes Susan Barranca Catherine Benedict Andrew Chouffi Angela Cortese Chris DeFruscio Christine Di Ionna Michael Franchini Rose Guastamacchia Sue Herlands

Ligia Luccese Michael Macri Anthony Mancini Nick Mancini Maria Marchio

Lisa Lenartz

Frank Mesiti Nancy Myers-Pardi Elaine Ognibene Jamie Peters Salvatore Ravida

Diane Ray Bianca Ricupero Jeanne Sacca Jim Sano Ralph Savage Lucy Scuderi Colleen Seyboth Manfred Simon **Dorothy Thornton**

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Recuperating

Tony Mirabile recently suffered from a stroke. He is recuperating nicely. We wish him a speedy recovery and a return to full good health.

Bragging Rights

Vincent Pasquini, grandson of Santa Pasquini, has earned a place on the Dean's List after his first year at the College of St. Rose. Vincent is majoring in Criminal Justice.

Condolences

Our deepest sympathy is sent to Liz Fiore and her family on the recent passing of her husband, Dr. John Fiore. John was a long-time member, an advocate of Italian culture, and a beloved physician.

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

New Members

Rita Donegan Cohoes Sponsor: Angelo Tarantino

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Grape and Arugula Salad

Ingredients

- 3 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
- 1/3 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper, ground
- 1 medium red onion, peeled, sliced into 1/2
- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 clove garlic, fresh minced
- 4 slices rustic bread
- 4 cups arugula, washed and dried
- 1 bulb fennel, cored and thinly sliced
- 1/2 cup roasted red bell pepper, 1/4 inch thick strips
- 1/4 cup pine nuts, toasted
- 1/4 cup Parmesan cheese, shaved or grated
- 1 1/2 cups California green or red seedless grapes, picked from stem and rinsed

Directions

In a small bowl whisk together dressing ingredients Place red onions in baking dish lined with foil. Drizzle with 2 Tbsp. of prepared dressing and toss well. Cover tightly with foil and bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Remove from oven and let cool.

Mix 1 Tbsp. olive oil with crushed garlic. Brush onto bread slices. Broil or grill bread for 1-2 minutes on each side until toasted. Cut bread into strips about 1/2 inch wide. Place bread, roasted onions, arugula, fennel, bell pepper, pine nuts, and grapes in large bowl and toss with remaining vinaigrette. Sprinkle with Parmesan and serve.

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