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OUR YEAR IN REVIEW



Amazing Events In 2015



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Happy New Year! My wish is that 2016 is a healthy, happy and exciting year for both your families and the IACC. I want to thank Jim Sano for the wonderful job he did as our President and the opportunity he and the board have given me to serve at President. I also want to thank Jim for continuing as Vice President and for his friendship and direction while we work together to grow and enrich the IACC in the future.

My family have been members of the IACC since 2012. Many of you know us from the pool or Friday Nights at the Pavilion or from meeting us at various club events. We instantly fell in love with this wonderful organization and wanted to get more involved. I have been on the Board since 2014 and last year I was Vice President. My wife Lynda chaired the Halloween party and is currently the new editor for the Siamo Qui. Our son Jacob danced with the Italian dancers at the Christmas party and loves to go to IACC events.

I hope to see many of you at our "Super Weekend" celebration starting with the Venetian Carnevale Celebration Saturday evening, followed by our fantastic Super Bowl Party on Sunday. Please invite your friends and family to join us.

We currently have vacant seats to fill on the IACC Board and encourage any interested members to please contact me.

In closing, our goals this year are the same as last year: to continue expanding our membership and offer quality events to our members. Our club is as vibrant and exciting as we all make it. Together we can make 2016 a great year for the IACC!

Cain Scalzo, President IACC

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*Noi non potemo avere perfetta vita senza amici*

## Event Calendar

|               |                                          |
|---------------|------------------------------------------|
| Wed. Feb. 3   | Foundation Board Meeting 6:30 PM         |
| Sat. Feb. 6   | Venetian Carnevale 6:30 PM               |
| Sun. Feb 7    | Super Bowl Party 4:00 PM                 |
| Wed. Feb. 17  | IACC Board Meeting 6:30 PM               |
| Wed. March 9  | Women League Mtg & Easter Bonnet Contest |
| Sun. March 13 | St. Patrick's/St. Joseph's Mass & Brunch |
| Sat. March 19 | Arthur Avenue Bus Trip                   |
| Sun. April 24 | Mother-Daughter Luncheon & Fashion Show  |

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Please submit articles, suggestions, or comments to:  
Lynda Scalzo, Editor, lyndascalzo2015@yahoo.com



## St. Patrick and St. Joseph Mass and Brunch

Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>

Doors open at 10:00 A.M.

Mass at 10:30 A.M.

Brunch served after Mass

**Cost: \$25**

**Open to the Public**



Additional details are on The I.A.C.C. Foundation website & will be included the next issue of the Siamo Qui

Reservations: Call Santa Pasquini at 489-3949 or the IACC Office at 456-4222

Reservation Deadline: March 10, Cancellation Deadline: March 11

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**The Venetian Carnevale Celebration**  
**2/6/16**

**Time:**  
~ 6:30pm – 11:00pm

**Cost:**  
~ \$55 (I.A.C.C. Members)  
~ \$60 (Non-Members)

**Location:**  
~ 257 Washington Ave Ext, Albany, NY

**Details:**  
~ Gourmet Venetian Buffet & Music  
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## Celebrating 100 Years!

Anna Acconi's mother-in-law, Ida, will be turning 100 on February 19th. She is mostly homebound but loves to receive greeting cards. She keeps and continuously reads them whenever she has free time. If you so desire, please send Ida a card to help her celebrate the milestone of her 100th birthday. If you are on Facebook feel free to ask your friends to also help her celebrate by sending her a card to the following address:

Ida Acconciamesa  
2015 East 55 Street  
Brooklyn, NY 11234

Let's inundate her with birthday cards to show how much we care. Due centi anni!

# Women's League

*Hello Ladies,*

Well, I guess winter has finally found us! I want to thank so many of our women for the many, many gifts that were brought to the December meeting. We provided Catholic Charities with at least 6 to 8 large bags filled with so many gifts! We have really come to the aid of so many who were in need this past Christmas. We also participated in a new program called, "Christmas Pajama Promise." This program is about collecting new pajamas and books for children and are given to organizations throughout the area, including Unity House, Parsons Child and Family Center, Children's Hospital at Albany Medical Center, and many more. Thanks to the very generous donation from member Mickey Zeoli to the Women's League we were able to buy several pairs of pajamas and books for this program and toys for the Catholic Charities. It was our hope that many children had a merry Christmas with our help.



A few events at the club during February are Carnevale on Saturday February 6<sup>th</sup>, and the Superbowl party on Sunday February 7<sup>th</sup>. Looking ahead, Sunday March 13<sup>th</sup> is the St. Patrick's/St. Joseph's Mass and Brunch. I urge all of you to come out and support these events. They are planned especially for our members.

Our next meeting will be in March. Since Easter is also in March, we will be having an "Easter Bonnet" contest. Start decorating your bonnets to bring them in and we will have our very own Easter Parade of Bonnets.

Also "save the date" for our annual Mother-Daughter Luncheon and Fashion Show on Sunday April 24, 2016.

That's it for now - keep warm,

*- Donna Zumbo, Women's League President.*

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# *The Family Christmas Party*

On Sunday December 13, 2015, The I.A.C.C. Women's League hosted the annual Family Christmas Party. A plethora of attendees joined us at this amazing event that featured Santa Claus, presents galore, prizes, gift basket raffles, our Italian Dancers, fun, food (catered by Treviso) and music.



Members and their families enjoyed a sumptuous dinner followed by the traditional Cassata cake for dessert, as well as ice cream for the younger set! We would like to thank all of our attendees and look forward to seeing you all at the 2016 Christmas Party!

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Here's To An Amazing 2016 At The Club!



# SUNDAY BRUNCH AT TREVISO



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



Treviso is located at 257 Washington Avenue Extension. For more information on the brunch call the Treviso office

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## REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS

Please be sure to carry your membership card with you at all times and present it when dining at Treviso. If you do not bring your membership card with you to either The Sunday Brunch Extravaganza or The Monday Night Grand Buffet, you will not receive your IACC membership discount.



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# Finding Our Immigrant Ancestry by Angelo F. Coniglio

## Searching on 'Familysearch.org'

The free Mormon site, <https://familysearch.org/> (hereafter called *FamilySearch*), has many options.

New users should click 'Create Account' and register for free, then return to the main page and sign in. The 'Search' option appears near the top of the page, and throughout the site. Unlike searches on *Yahoo!* or *Google*, this site does not necessarily



let you search "globally" by entering a surname, or a keyword or phrase, to find all references to it. You must have an orderly approach to your searches. Be forewarned that due to restrictions that may be placed on the LDS by certain towns or archives, some records may only be viewed after you sign in, and some may not be viewed unless you go to an LDS *FamilySearch Center* and use the computers there.

You should bypass options to start searching for ancestors by name, until you're more experienced. Some names are indexed and appropriate records may be found this way, but most are not. After you have become familiar with the site and the presentation of images, you may come back and try individual searches. But first, click on 'Search', select 'Records', and you'll get to the page [www.familysearch.org/search](http://www.familysearch.org/search), where you'll again be tempted to 'Search for a deceased ancestor'. Skip that, and instead click on the map on the right, headed 'Research by location'. Click on the drawing of Europe to see a list of countries, then click on 'Italy'.

Scroll down the resulting page to '*Italy Image Only Historical Records*' and find the town you want from the list that is alphabetized by province. Each list has a link to 'Browse Images', and then a list of towns. Clicking a town gives a list of types of record (in *Italian*). These include *Nati* (Births); *Pubblicazioni* (Marriage Banns); *Matrimoni* (Marriages); *Allegati* (Attachments to Marriage Records); *Morti* (Deaths) and *Cittadinanza* (records showing transfer of residency). Each type is followed by the range of years for which records are available.

The images that appear in these searches are versions of the Mormon microfilms that were photographed from the original records. As such, they are laid out like a microfilm, and paging through the images online is like rolling through on a film reader. The advantage is that you don't have to start at the beginning of the film. If the site indicates, for example, that there are 1,237 images for a town's civil marriage records for the years 1880 through 1891; to see records for the year 1886, you can estimate the location of that year's records, go immediately to an image you think is close to that year, say image 600, and begin your search from there. The disadvantage is that you must search image by image, and searching with a slow browser can be tedious.

Many original records include indices after each year, or after a ten-year period. Once you've found the year you want, page through it to the end. In most cases, you'll see an index (*indice*) of all the events in that category (births, or deaths, or marriages, etc.) Indices give the number of the record of the document for which you are searching, making it easier to find a specific record. The details of these indices may vary by town or era. Some are simply chronological lists giving only a name and a number, in the order in which the events occurred. If so, you must look at every name in the index to find the number of the record, and then go back to the records to find the one you want. In some cases, the indices are roughly alphabetized by the first letter of the surname, or even by the first letter of the *given* name.

In the best indices, the list is fully alphabetized by surname, and may actually have a brief summary of the record itself. For example, it may include the record number and date of a child's birth and the parents' names. Italian and Sicilian civil marriage records after 1875 are displayed on *FamilySearch* with two records per image; birth records are three to an image, and death records are four to an image. You can then count forward or backward by twos, threes or fours from any numbered record, to find the document you want. Follow the on-screen hints to enlarge, reduce or print the desired image. At least some knowledge of the Italian language is necessary. The indices use Arabic numbers, but the numbers on the actual records may be written out. Thus, for example, a number shown as '325' in an index may be written as '*trecentoventicinque*' (three hundred twenty-five) on the record itself.

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>. Visit Coniglio's web page at: <http://bit.ly/AFCGen> to gain insight into and obtain helpful hints about genealogic research. If you have any genealogy questions or would like him to lecture to your club or group, please email him at: [genealogytips@aol.com](mailto:genealogytips@aol.com).

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~ Every Thursday From 3/3/16 - 5/5/16

### Location:

~ The I.A.C.C. (257 Washington Ave Ext.)  
Sala Di Nozze Room (2nd Floor)

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 Joseph Ferracane  
 Paul Giuliano  
 Chris Hoffman  
 Lisa Hrimatopoulos  
 Judith Ingemie  
 Carol Johnson  
 Earl Knowles  
 Chris Kollias  
 Diana Kretschmer  
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 Armand Marando  
 Salvatore Marchese  
 Diane Micelli

Melissa Milos  
 Mary Nardiello  
 Richard Ognibene  
 Thomas Papa  
 Amalia Pawlak  
 Lisa Ricci  
 Joan Rosetti  
 Patricia Rumore  
 Albert Sacca  
 Ernest Sacco  
 Catherine Saglimbeni  
 Dorothy Schafer  
 Mary Scuderi  
 Patti Sheffer  
 Patricia Shmaruk  
 Gail Tarantino  
 Marie Vitillo  
 Jeanne Wilson

### Condolences

It is with great sadness that we report the loss of **John Lins**, husband of **Christine Lins** and a longtime member of the IACC.

### Well Wishes

Lifetime member, **Clara Ferrarese**, is recuperating from her recent hospital visit. We wish her a speedy recovery.

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Judith Ann Mysliborski  
 William & Kim Rucinski  
 Charles & Mariann Gallagher  
 Stephen & Meredith Giles  
 Michael Nelson & Catherine Duval

Please contact Anna Acconi at [aacconi111@aol.com](mailto:aacconi111@aol.com) if you would like to share any special announcements in the Siamo Qui.

## MARY LOU'S MONTREAL CAKE

By Mary Lou Marando



10 large eggs separated  
 16 oz sugar  
 5 oz water  
 2 heaping teaspoons baking powder  
 16 oz flour  
 Pinch of salt  
 6 oz vegetable oil  
 Grated lemon rind

In a separate bowl mix the dry ingredients together. Beat egg yolks until a creamy consistency. Slowly beat in sugar thoroughly. Then add the water and oil. Add to flour mixture, fold in lemon peel.

In separate bowl beat egg whites until almost stiff, fold into cake batter. Pour into an angel food cake pan.

BAKE @350 DEGREES FOR 50-60 MINUTES.

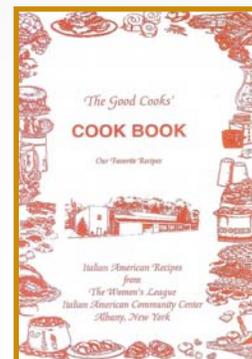
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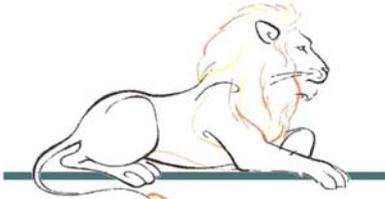
When cake is done, turn upside down until cool. When cool, run a knife along the inside of pan with a false bottom. I use a bottle with a long neck to set the cake pan on, so the neck of bottle sets in the hole of the pan.

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