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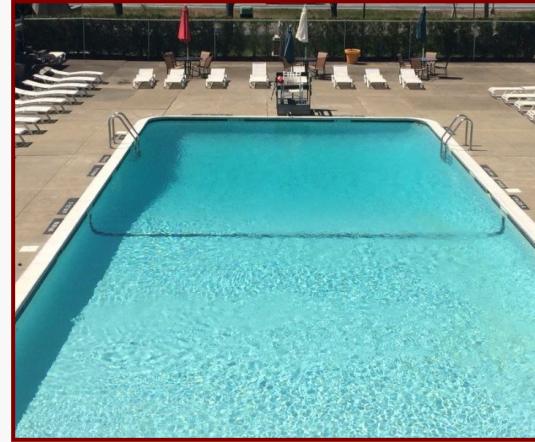
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40th Anniversary of the I.A.C.C. Pool

By: Jim Sano

The I.A.C.C. swimming pool is 40 years old this year. It was opened in 1976 after a few years of planning. The first pool chairman was Nick Mancini, and Nick hired me to be a lifeguard in 1979. This will be my 38th season of running the daily operations of the pool. In 1982, Nick asked Rocky Andriano to take over as Pool Chairman. For ten years Rocky and I worked closely as we expanded and improved the facilities. With Rocky's untimely death in 1992, I asked and received the distinction of being the Pool Director and Pool Chairman, positions I hold to this day.

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Our number one objective, after safety, has been to make our pool a fun place to be for all ages. Through the years, our pool has played host to free swimming lessons for all ages, water aerobics, early morning lap swimming, a swim-a-thon (fundraiser for MS in which \$1200 was raised, but was surpassed only by the Town of Colonie Pool), search and recovery training for the Albany Fire Department, and of course many family pool parties.

Over the years I have had many lifeguards that I taught to swim when they were small children. I have lifeguarded with my wife and both of my children. My girls, Kate and Michele Sano were only part of many siblings that lifeguarded together. Maria and Franca Ricupero, Melissa and Amy Kaplan, Maran and Krisitin Franke, Andrew and Amanda Kurlyck and many other members children wound up being employed at our pool. I always found it sound policy to hire children/grandchildren of members that grew up in the club because they already understood what we were trying to accomplish at the pool.

Some of these lifeguards, now adults with children of their own have become members because they know our pool is a safe, clean and fun environment. I cannot even begin to figure where all the years have gone, all I can say is there is no place I would ever have wanted to spend time in the summer than with all the great members. Everyone I have met over the years have become like family to me. We have had so much fun over the years and this, our 40th year, should be even bigger and better. We will have our annual Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day and our year end parties.

We are opening early for a special one day member exclusive event, in which this event will be open to all members and their friends. If you are not a member, join today to attend this member exclusive party and to enjoy all of the other amazing benefits the I.A.C.C. has to offer. Become a member today and come join the fun!

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The I.A.C.C. men's and women's bocce leagues are starting back up for the season. Check out this article for more information about joining and how to play.



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Location: The Italian American Community Center

Time: 8:00am (Depart From Albany) / 1:05pm (Game)

Call (518) 456-4222 To Reserve Your Spot Today!

NY Yankees vs. Colorado Rockies - 1:05pm

* Post Game Dinner Stop At Little Italy On Arthur Ave. *

President's Message



Ready or not, here comes summer! Even with our recent spring snowfall, all signs are pointing towards summer. The pool will soon be open, bocce leagues will be starting and The I.A.C.C. Foundation will soon be hosting their weekly, "Friday Nights At The Pavilion."

I am sure if you have been to the club recently you may have noticed the heavy equipment and dirt piles by the pavilion. We recently installed a sewer line for the pavilion to the city sewer system. This much needed improvement will allow for the addition of a handicapped accessible bathroom in the pavilion. In addition, the kitchen plumbing was also connected to the city's sanitary sewer system.

We anticipate that other renovations to the pavilion shall begin soon. These include the replacement of all rotted wood, installation of new enlarged storage area and bar, brick siding on the bottom, vinyl siding on the top and soffit, fascia and trim will be wrapped in white aluminum. These improvements should restore our pavilion to its original luster for a long time. Some other improvements that will occur this summer will be to repair peeling fascia on our main building, enhanced lighting along the roadway and improvements to our entranceway.

Please join us on May 21st for the special Member Exclusive: Pool Pre-Opening Party. On this special day the pool will be open to all members' families and friends and all guests are free of charge. Our hope is to introduce new people to the value of being a part of the I.A.C.C. community. Jim Sano informs me that this is the 40th anniversary of the pool's grand opening in 1976. I would like to thank Jim for his 38 years of service at the pool. Hopefully we will be blessed with great weather for a safe and happy swimming season.

In closing, I would like to wish all mothers an enjoyable and happy Mother's Day!

A handwritten signature in red ink that reads "Cain Scalzo".

CAIN SCALZO

ITALIAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY CENTER PRESIDENT



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Social Calendar



MAY 2016

- 02** ~ Intermediate Italian Language Class (Session #6) 7:00–9:00pm
04 ~ Member Exclusive: Weekly Ladies' Poker Game 12:00pm
04 ~ Member Exclusive: Weekly Men's Poker Game 5:00pm
05 ~ Chair Yoga 6:30pm
05 ~ Member Exclusive: Weekly Co-Ed Pinochle Game 6:30pm
09 ~ Men's Weekly Bocce Starts 6:30–8:30pm
09 ~ Intermediate Italian Language Class (Session #7) 7:00–9:00pm
10 ~ Women's Weekly Bocce Starts 6:30–8:00pm
11 ~ I.A.C.C. Women's League Meeting 6:30pm
16 ~ Intermediate Italian Language Class (Session #8) 7:00–9:00pm
18 ~ I.A.C.C. General Membership & Board Meeting 6:30pm
19 ~ 55+ Club Meeting & Luncheon 12:00pm
21 ~ Member Exclusive: Pool Pre-Opening Party 12:00–6:00pm
28 ~ Pool Season Starts / Opening Weekend 12:00pm



JUNE 2016

- 01** ~ I.A.C.C. Foundation Board Meeting 6:30pm
08 ~ I.A.C.C. Women's League Elections, Vote & Meeting 6:30pm
12 ~ Saint Anthony's Mass & Brunch 10:30am–1:30pm
16 ~ 55+ Club Meeting & Luncheon 12:00pm
22 ~ Best Of The Bronx: Yankees / Little Italy Bus Trip 8:00am–9:00pm
26 ~ **No Treviso Brunch Buffet**

Upcoming Events:

- 7/8** ~ Friday Nights At The Pavilion Starts 5:00–8:00pm
8/13 ~ Ferragosto Celebration 3:00–10:00pm

Bowling Nights With The I.A.C.C.

By: Maria Marchio



Thank you for making Bowling Nights a great success!

The I.A.C.C. has been hosting Bowling Nights at Westlawn Lanes on Western Ave. The last night of the 2016 Winter Bowling season was Monday, April 4th. On April 11th, we hosted a banquet for all of this season's participants at Treviso. The bowling banquet was a great success and everyone enjoyed themselves.



All of our Winter Bowling participants received a small token for coming every Monday night and contributing to the fun times we had. Michael Swanson received a special award for having the highest score.



Everyone who attended Bowling Nights With The I.A.C.C. enjoyed themselves and had tons of fun socializing with each other throughout the season. We look forward to seeing everyone again in September as we will continue our Bowling Nights on Monday nights in the Fall.

Have a great summer and we hope everyone can join us for bocce!

55+ Club

By: Maria Marchio

You are cordially invited to attend the 55+ Club meeting on Thursday, May 19th at 12:00pm. We will be discussing upcoming 55+ Club events and trips. The 55+ Meeting is open to all members of the I.A.C.C. and we would love for more members to join us. As always, lunch will be served and we will be meeting in the upstairs Board Room. Our next meeting will be held on June 16th at 12:00pm.

Please call Maria Marchio at 438-9067 to make reservations.

I.A.C.C. In The Community

By: Jim Sano

The Eagle Point Elementary School Annual Multi-Cultural Celebration



As part of their annual Multi-Cultural Celebration and their study about Italy, Eagle Point Elementary School teacher Michele Sano invited the ladies from the I.A.C.C to teach the students how to make pasta. For the last three years, the ladies from the I.A.C.C have been going into the classroom to demonstrate pasta making to Ms. Sano's fifth grade class. The ladies explained the cultural significance behind why and how pasta became such a staple of the Italian diet.



The ladies assisted the students in mixing and preparing the ingredients to make pasta. Once the ingredients were prepared, the students were allowed to roll the pasta into sheets. Then they passed the sheets through the pasta machine and were able to choose the desired width of pasta noodles.



All the students were very excited to have participated and bring home for dinner the product of their labor. Thank you, Josie Tirino, Rose Barbato, Mafalda Fazio, Grace Simeone, Maria DiNitto and Annamarie Logrippo for helping spread our good name throughout the community.



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Mother's Day

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OVEN ROASTED MUSHROOMS ~ ARTICHOKE SALSA ~

SMOKED SALMON WITH RED ONION, CHOPPED EGGS & CAPERS

SPRING PANZANELLA SALAD

FRESH BAKED ROLLS & BREADS WITH WHIPPED BUTTERS,

MORNING BAKED DANISH & COFFEE CAKES

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RICE PILAF WITH A RIESLING BUTTER SAUCE CHICKEN
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WITH A WILD MUSRHOOM VELOUTE ; SLICED ROAST
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Chipotle Lime Shrimp with Black Beans & Brown Rice

With Cinco de Mayo coming up, I thought it would be fun to do one of my Mexican dishes this month!

You will need:

- * Cleaned and deveined shrimp (I use the frozen bags)
- * Extra virgin olive oil
- * Chipotle pepper seasoning
- * 5 pepper seasoning (black pepper, red pepper flakes, cayenne pepper, chili pepper, and paprika)
- * 1 lime
- * 1 Garlic clove
- * 1 can of black beans
- * 1/2 can of diced tomatoes
- * 1 cup brown rice



Thaw the shrimp under cold, running water and remove the shells and tails. In a small skillet, heat a little extra virgin olive oil and sauté the shrimp. Season them with chipotle pepper seasoning and 5 pepper seasoning as well as the juice of one lime. Sauté until the shrimp are all pink and cooked through. They only take a few minutes!

To make the black beans and rice, heat some olive oil in a large skillet and simmer 1 clove of minced garlic for a minute. Add 1 can of black beans and 1/2 of a can of diced tomatoes. Season with salt, black pepper, chipotle pepper seasoning, and 5 pepper seasoning. Cover, turn the heat down to low, and simmer for about 10 minutes while stirring occasionally. Add about 1 cup of cooked brown rice to the skillet, mix well, and remove from heat.

Top the beans and rice with shrimp and squeeze some more lime juice on top. Enjoy!

For Other Great Recipes By Nata Paglialonga Visit: <http://www.TheMangiaMom.com>

Women's League

Hello Ladies,

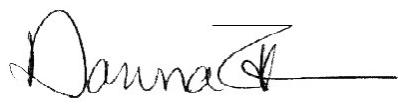
This month our Women's League meeting is going to be very special. We are honoring our ladies who have reached their 80th birthday. Congratulations to all of them!

As you read this, they will have received their personal birthday party invitation to be our guest. I hope many of them will come and share their happy memories with us. If any of them want a ride, we are going to make sure they get one. If you know of anyone who might need one, please extend the offer.

At last month's meeting, I brought up a by-law change. More details are listed on the following page. Please take a moment to read it and we will vote on it at our June meeting. In short, we propose to change the annual meeting from June to December and make our fiscal year run from January to December. Currently it is from July to June, with election of officers at the June meeting. The change would then have elections in December. This would help the new officers with their planning of the events and menu for the year, especially since we take off January and February.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, May 11, 2016 at 6:30pm. The entrée selections are Chicken Marsala, Sausage and Peppers or Manicotti Marinara with salad and vegetables. Our dessert will be a special Chocolate Raspberry cream cake. Please call Joan Wallis with your reservation by Sunday, May 8th, 2016 at 389-6090. Cancellations will need to be in by Monday, May 9th and the cancellation policy remains in effect. The price also remains at \$20.00.

Hope to see many of you then!



Donna Zumbo
Women's League President



Women's League

WOMEN'S LEAGUE PROPOSED BY-LAW CHANGES

The Women's League seeks to make two changes in their by-laws. According to ***ARTICLE V-ADMENDMENTS; Section A.*** All members shall be notified of the proposed changes in writing or by publication in the Siamo Qui at least 30 days in advance of such meeting.

ARTICLE II: MEETINGS, Section A currently reads:

There shall be at least nine (9) membership meetings a year, one of which shall be designated as the Annual Meeting for the purpose of electing officers. The June meeting shall be the Annual Meeting.

The proposed change to this article is in bold print and underlined as follows:

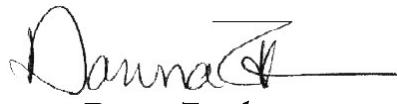
There shall be at least nine (9) meetings a year, one of which shall be designated at the Annual Meeting for the purposes of electing officers. **The December meeting shall be the Annual Meeting.**

The second change refers to changing the word "June" to "**December**" where it is mentioned in ***ARTICLE IV-COMMITTEES; NOMINATING COMMITTEE: B1, B2 AND B3.***

This change would effectively make the Women's League operate on a January to December calendar year instead of the previous July to June year. By electing our officers in December, and taking January and February off, the new officers will have time to prepare the events and menu for the coming year.

This publication notifies the Women's League membership and will be voted on in the June meeting, thus fulfilling the 30 day notification.

Thank you,


Donna Zumbo
Women's League President





The Mother/Daughter Luncheon & Fashion Show 2016

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FASHION & FLOWERS
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*By: Donna Zumbo*

The Women's League hosted a record breaking crowd of more than 180 women and children, who enjoyed a fabulous luncheon and fashion show. This event brought together a wonderful mix of mothers, daughters, sisters, aunts, grandmothers, nieces, godmothers and all of our female friends.

We would like to thank all of this year's sponsors who donated great gifts for our fashion show and raffle prizes. We kindly ask that you patronize the following companies for their generosity: Marshalls, The Mallozzi Group, Colonie Center, Casual Set, Cheesecake Factory, Design of Mine, Elegance by Designs, Exhale Hair Salon, Fiorello Importing & Luigi's Deli, G. Willikers, Krause's Candy, Maggie's Gift Shop, Mary Kay Cosmetics, NYS Women's Expo, Oliva Olive Oil, Origami Owl, Price Chopper, Roman Jewels, Rose Candles & Gifts, Stewart's Shops, Target, Tastefully Simple, The Body Shop, The Little Book House, The Silver Zoo and Vineyards Wine & Liquor.



The fashion show by Marshalls of Northway Mall followed the luncheon. The fashions were modeled by I.A.C.C. members and their families. I would like to extend my gratitude to all of our wonderful models.

The little ladies were represented by Francesca Castro, Claudia Consiglio, Olivia Consiglio and Tessa Rizzo.

The adult models were Katrina Consiglio, Nicole Consiglio, Alaynah Harlow, Annmarie Lizzi, Caroline Mancino, Amanda Pasquini, Lynda Scalzo, Angela Sano, Victoria Sano and Gretchen VanValkenburg.

The event this year was under the wonderful guidance of Chairperson, Linda Hoffman and her wonderful committee: Gloria Consiglio, Lynn Indelicato, Angela Groelz-Sislowski, Sharon Patrei, Pina Tirino, Gretchen VanValkenburg, Joanne Viglucci and Donna Zumbo. Many thanks to Linda and her committee for a job well done and to the staff of Treviso by The Mallozzi's for a wonderful afternoon.

# House of Cards

By: Jim Sano



The Wednesday afternoon Ladies Poker Club meets weekly at 12:00pm. If you're interested in playing contact Josie Paolucci at: 489-4553.



The Wednesday evening Men's Poker Club meets weekly at 5:00pm. If you're interested in playing contact Nick Mancini at: 286-3009.



The Thursday evening Pinochle Club meets weekly at 6:30pm. If you are interested in playing please contact Rich Moscheo at: 469-8982 or via email at: (rambenz745@aol.com).

*Get On Deck For Fun ~ Join One Of Our Card Leagues*



# The Game Of Throws Is Back!

*Come Join In The Fun Of Playing In An I.A.C.C. Bocce League*

By: Jim Sano

## What Is Bocce?

Throwing balls toward a target is the oldest game known to mankind. The Romans learned the game from the Greeks and then introduced it throughout the Empire. The Roman influence in bocce is preserved in the game's name. Bocce derives from the Vulgate Latin *bottia*, meaning boss. Giuseppe Garibaldi, while unifying and nationalizing Italy, popularized the sport as it is known today. This is why Bocce is considered an Italian game.

## Bocce at the I.A.C.C.

We have had Bocce courts at the I.A.C.C. almost since our inception in 1973. There have been both male and female leagues since 1974, it was not until 2015 we added a co-ed mixed bocce league in the fall. In our early years we had only 2 courts. In the late 1970's, we added the grape arbors and two additional courts. Ice storms in 1988 and again in 1996 destroyed the grape arbors and damaged the courts. The courts were rebuilt to their present form in 1997 and the metal roof enclosure was added in 2002.

## How To Get Involved

If you are a novice or experienced player please consider joining one of our leagues. They are free, fun and will allow you to meet many of your fellow members. If you cannot commit to playing every week, walk-ons are welcomed. The men's bocce league plays Monday nights at 6:30, starting May 9<sup>th</sup>, (if interested contact the Men's Bocce League President Jim Sano at 438-4631). The women's bocce league plays Tuesday nights at 6:30 starting May 10<sup>th</sup>, (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!



# SUMMER AT THE I.A.C.C.

## 2016 IACC Swimming Pool Schedule

**POOL PHONE 690-7258 (to check conditions)**

**Members MUST have their membership card available while at the pool**

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| 12:00pm – 8:00pm |
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You're Invited to  
The Member Exclusive Pre-Opening

# Poi Party

Saturday May 21

12:00 - 6:00pm

Free Guests Day!

Show Your Friends & Family  
The Value & Fun of an  
I.A.C.C. membership!

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

# Caring & Sharing

# WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Sharon Gale  
Lisa Snyder  
Diane Baldwin  
Deborah Lombardi  
Craig & Patricia Cahill  
Joseph Frasca & Kerri Tily  
Nicole & Niko Ladopoulos



# *Happy Mother's Day*

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

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|--------------------|--------------------|
| Joseph Allegretti  | Joseph Lapetina    |
| Liz Asadourian     | Arthur Lucarelli   |
| Mark Audino        | Rosemary McHugh    |
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| Catherine Kollias  | Nancy Zeoli        |

# CONDOLENCES

Our deepest sympathy is sent to member Michele Doodian on the recent passing of her beloved father, Louis Doodian. Condolences to Nick and Lisa Hrimatopoulos and their family on the passing of Nick's father, Panagiotis Hrimatopoulos. We regret to inform our members of the passing of Dr. Anthony Tartaglia, prominent blood disease specialist and dean of Albany Medical College from 1990-1995 and recipient of the Italian of the Year Award in 2012 Our condolences to his family.

## WELL WISHES

We would like to extend our best wishes to Rebecca Tearno for good health and a speedy recovery.

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.



## ABOUT THE I.A.C.C. FOUNDATION

### WHAT IS THE I.A.C.C. FOUNDATION?

The I.A.C.C Foundation is a 501c3, nonprofit organization that works closely with the Italian American Community Center (I.A.C.C). We focus on advancing, celebrating and preserving the Italian culture and heritage while helping families rediscover the great strength to be found in these traditions.

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### WHAT DOES THE FOUNDATION DO?

The Foundation's fundraising efforts have aided us in sponsoring numerous events and programs, such as Italian language classes, Venetian Carnevale, The Saint Patrick's and Saint Joseph's Mass, Ferragosto, and other traditional Italian celebrations and festivities. Through our many annual cultural programs and events, we are connecting a new generation of Italian Americans with traditions and an ethnicity which has been all but lost in today's world.

With your ongoing support, the Foundation can continue to do this good work for generations to come.

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# Finding Our Immigrant Ancestry

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## DNA & DNA Testing

**Over a year ago I sent a sample of my DNA to *AncestryDNA*, an offshoot of the subscription genealogy site [www.Ancestry.com](http://www.Ancestry.com). My hope was that I could use my experience to inform readers about the use of DNA analysis in genealogical research.**

**Alas, after sending three separate saliva samples**, all were rejected for, “insufficient genetic material.” That had me wondering if I was really a robot with no DNA, but I asked for and received a refund of the charges (then at about \$100). A few months later, I decided to try again, with another vendor, *23andMe*, also at a cost of about \$100. This was not without its obstacles, since when I received my test kit, it came with a warning that due to New York State law, my sample could not be accepted if it was taken and/or mailed back from New York State. This was because *23andMe* not only analyzes genealogical connections but also addresses medical and health conditions of its participants, and New York State requires such laboratories to involve a physician in the sample-taking. Note, *23andMe* now charges about \$200 for an autosomal DNA test, while *AncestryDNA*’s charge is still about \$100. Both venues occasionally have ‘sale prices’.

**Luckily, I had a planned trip to Philadelphia at the time**, so I prepared the sample while there and mailed it from Pennsylvania, which had no such restrictions. But that wasn’t the end of the problems, because shortly after I got acknowledgement of receipt of my sample by *23andMe*, stories began circulating that the firm was at odds with the US Federal Drug Administration (FDA), over the same concerns expressed by New York State. Those concerns still exist to some extent, but *23andMe* has reached agreement with the FDA and users who so desire can see and share medical results. Since I was never interested in the medical or health aspects of DNA testing, I am satisfied with the genealogical information revealed. About three months after sending in my sample, I received an e-mail from *23andMe* stating that my genealogical results were available online.

**Before I get into the details** of the *23andMe* testing and what it can show in a genealogical sense, consider some reasons for having a DNA test:

- ♦ To determine a close familial relationship between two specific individuals (for example, a paternity test).
  - ◊ This requires DNA from BOTH individuals.
- ♦ To determine whether a person is susceptible to a certain disease, a potential carrier of a disease, etc.
  - ◊ This can be determined by comparing one’s DNA with a databases of persons with DNA that shows similar tendencies.

**Neither of the above reasons are typically genealogical** in nature, and while they may be of great interest to some. Neither are appropriate for this column.

The genealogical reasons for DNA testing include:

- ♦ The desire to know one's broad ethnic or national origins. Tests can determine the regions (approximately) where our ancestors lived from 5,000 to 25,000 years ago, again by comparison to databases collected from thousands of donors, and to the genetic characteristics of various races, etc. This is what I call 'cute' DNA analysis: it gives broad answers to questions like "*Am I of Jewish descent?*"; "*Do I have American Indian blood?*"; "*Were any of my ancestors Black?*" and so on. Answers to such questions may be interesting, but they do little to help define the details of our 'family tree'.
- ♦ Determination of 'pedigrees', or family trees of direct ancestors, from one's self to several generations back. DNA testing in and of itself can NOT do this. However, used in conjunction with family trees developed by conventional 'paper' research methods, DNA analysis can 'fill in' information, help confirm assumed relationships, or help find living relatives.

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