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# IAHFi Summer Activities

by Christine DiIonna

Many of you have been seeing the acronym I.A.H.F.i. and wondering exactly what it means and what it does. **IAHFi** stands for **I**talian **A**merican **H**eritage **F**oundation, **I**nc, and is the cultural arm of the IACC. IAHFi is also a Not-for-Profit 501(c)(3) organization, which means you can make donations, either monetarily or goods and services, and receive tax credit for these donations. To this date, IAHFi has supported and developed a successful Children's Summer Camp, Adult Italian Language Course, Book Club, a youth group of Italian dancers, and Family Friday Night at the Pavilion.

IAHFi has been active in planning fundraisers with the intention of using some of the proceeds to

rebuild, refurbish, and revitalize our pavilion, which houses our Children's Summer Camp and where many other IAHFi activities are held. The process has already begun with the highly successful Wine and Food Tasting event that was held on April 27th to enhance our children's Summer Camp. For its next fundraiser IAHFI will present an exciting musical concert on Sunday October, 21<sup>st</sup> to be held at the TROY MUSIC HALL featuring direct from Italy the magnificent voice of tenor, David Righeschi. Many more cultural and informative presentations are being planned



for the future.

Beginning in July, IAHFi will be sponsoring a Farmers' Market on our grounds from July 1st through October 28<sup>th</sup> every Sunday morning from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM. Local producers and craftsmen will rent space to sell an array of locally grown fresh produce and handmade foods and products. In addition, in conjunction with the Farmer's Market, we plan to host several Pancake Breakfasts in our pavilion during the summer. In order to ensure the success of these ventures, volunteers are needed



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello Everyone,

This is usually the time we start talking about our annual Festa. As you may have heard, the decision was made to take a year off and focus on a number of other events. The good news is that we are planning on bringing our Festa back sometime next year, in hopes to make it bigger and better. In the meantime, if you are looking for something to do, there are many club events planned over the summer including Tri-City Valley Cats' Italian Night, Family Night at the Pavilion, Sunday Farmers' Market and Pancake Breakfast, Zumba classes, Bocce leagues and our new Co-Ed Bocce Program on Thursday afternoons. For details see Membership Committee article on page 4.

Don't forget that July 17th is our General Membership meeting. It will be held in the IAHF Pavilion. Pizza and soda will be served. Hope to see everyone there.

*George Urciuoli, President*

### July Calendar

View our complete online Calendar at [italianamerican.com](http://italianamerican.com)

Every Monday	Italian Grand Buffet
	Men's Bocce
Every Tuesday	Women's Bocce
Every Wednesday	Zumba 6:30 PM
Every Friday	Family Night at the Pavilion
Every Sunday	IAHF Farmers' Market
July 12, Thursday	Women's League
July 17, Tuesday	Board Meeting & General Membership Meeting
July 30 - August 3	IAHF Camp 1 <sup>st</sup> Session
<b>Save the Date</b>	
August 6 - August 10	IAHF Camp 2 <sup>nd</sup> Session
October 21, Sunday	David Righeschi Concert

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# Member Profile Jeanette Bowers By Anna Acconi



When Jeanette was 16 years old, she worked in a local bakery and learned the fundamentals of baking and cake decorating. At that time, she enjoyed the experience and the creativity that baking provided and decided to pursue a career in the culinary arts. Born in Niskayuna, Jeanette grew up in Loudonville and graduated from Shaker High School. She then attended Paul Smith's College in Lake Placid where she graduated with a degree in culinary arts. Upon graduation, she moved to New Hampshire for a year where she worked as a pastry chef. Returning to the Capital District, Jeanette obtained a position at Cowan and Lobel where she worked for 6 years, beginning as a cake decorator and advancing to the position of general manager. This move to manager marked the beginning of Jeanette's career from the "back of the house" of restaurant and catering work to the "front of the house" of the business.

Jeanette left the work force for a year to give birth to and raise her first child, her son Scott, now 12 years old. Scott is looking forward to attending eighth grade in the fall. When Jeanette returned to work, she obtained a position at Panza's Restaurant in Saratoga, where she served as sales director. Again, Jeanette left a position to have her second child, her daughter Taylor, who is now 10 years old. Taylor has just completed fourth grade.

When Jeanette returned to the work force, she became sales director at The Sign of the Tree, a restaurant in the Empire State Plaza. It was in 2005 when Jeanette was recruited to join the Mallozzi Family and help them as they prepared to move into the space at the Italian American Community Center. She began working in sales and quickly moved into the position of general manager. In time, she became general manager of both the restaurant at the IACC and the newly acquired Brown Derby restaurant. Proceeding with her successes, Jeanette moved into a position as director of human resources for the entire Mallozzi Family and then as director of sales and marketing.

In June of 2012, Jeanette was placed into a position to oversee the entire operation of the acquisition of food and beverage facilities at the Colonie Golf and Country Club in Voorheesville by the Mallozzi Family. Jeanette's current responsibilities include the hiring of staff, the development and redesign of menus and the general operation of all the food and beverage facilities at the club.

As can be imagined, Jeanette's work schedule is a grueling one. She needs to meet the responsibilities demanded by her job and still manage the work load associated with home and family. Jeanette's former husband shares the responsibility for the raising of Scott and Taylor. That, plus the closeness of her parents who live 18 doors away, make a successful family life possible. Jeanette is also grateful to the Mallozzi Family that places emphasis on the importance of family and allows her to attend all of her children's school events, field trips and recitals.

Jeanette was one of the first members of the IACC to be admitted after non Italian Americans were allowed to apply. She has been an active member ever since. She has served as a board member, has worked on several committees and has chaired the Italian Festa. Her daughter, Taylor, has attended Italian summer camp every summer and is looking forward to participating this year as well. As a family, they enjoy spending time at the pool.

When Jeanette first entered Paul Smith's College and started a career as a pastry chef, she never envisioned herself ending up in a managerial position, using her creativity in a different capacity. As she often says to young culinary graduates, "Keep dreaming and keep options open. You never know where you'll end up." Jeanette Bowers is not through "ending up". She is still progressing and developing. It will be a pleasure to follow the future adventures of this creative, talented, hard-working woman.



Taylor and Scott

## Membership Committee

By Angelo Tarantino

The Introduction to Bocce Program, conducted on the four Thursdays in the month of June, has been very successful. Starting July 5<sup>th</sup>, we will initiate an open Co-Ed Bocce Program on Thursday afternoons from 1:00 to 3:00 PM, during the months of July and August. If you enjoy playing bocce or would like to learn the sport, please come and enjoy the afternoon with old and new friends. There is no commitment to attend every week. For further information, please contact Linda in the Office at 456-4222.

The Membership Committee would like to thank the members who have taken the time to fill out and returned the membership survey to identify the town/village/city and province where they or family members are from. To date, the survey has been distributed at Men's Bocce, Women's Bocce, and Friday Family Night at the pavilion. If you have not yet received a survey to complete, please provide us with the following information: Your name, membership number, and the name of the city or town and province in Italy where you (or a member of your immediate family) were born. If your spouse also has Italian lineage, please provide the same information. You may send the information by e-mail to Mark Audino at [jaudino2@nycap.rr.com](mailto:jaudino2@nycap.rr.com) or by USPS mail to the IACC Office. Upon project completion, the results will be shared in *Siamo Qui* and will be considered when planning social events.

The IACC has received free one day passes to the Guilderland YMCA for conducting an Introduction to Bocce Program at the IACC. If you are interested in receiving a free one day pass, please contact the Office. I would like to thank all of the IACC members who assisted in making this venture with the YMCA such a success.

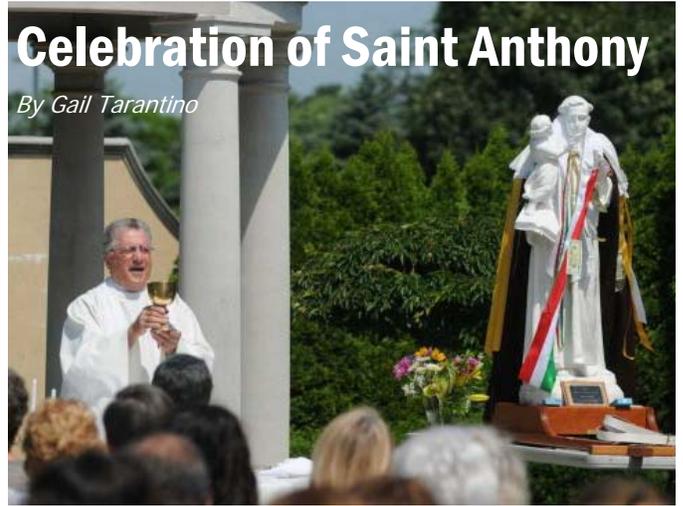
## Colonie Golf & Country Club

By Jeanette Bowers

The Mallozzis are pleased to announce their newest arrival to the Mallozzi family, Colonie Golf & Country Club. As of June 1<sup>st</sup>, the Mallozzi Family is the new caterer at the Voorheesville venue. The Country Club boasts a beautiful spacious ballroom that overlooks the entire course, as well as two other smaller rooms ideal for showers, rehearsals, and other family gatherings. All banquets are open to the public. The 19th Hole Restaurant and Golf Course are reserved to Country Club members only. We are very excited about our newest member and look forward to upcoming events. The Mallozzi Family invites all of the IACC members to add the Country Club to their list of possible venues when hosting events. Both Chef AJ and Jeanette Bowers are now calling the Colonie Country Club their new home.

## Celebration of Saint Anthony

By Gail Tarantino



The setting was the gardens at the Italian American Community Center. The occasion was the Feast of Saint Anthony. Over 100 were in attendance on Sunday, June 17, to celebrate the mass with Father Chiamonte. It was a beautiful, sunny morning, with all the flowers in bloom. The garden was filled to capacity with those attending mass and the celebration of St. Anthony. After mass, a procession around the grounds was held, culminating in the pavilion where the statue of St. Anthony held a place of honor for the remainder of the celebration.

Once inside the pavilion, everyone enjoyed a delicious pancake breakfast. All of the food was prepared in the kitchen and served by our great group of volunteers. Maria De Nitto, Chair of the event, said, "It was fantastic! Thank you so much to everyone who gave his or her time to such a wonderful event."

As in years past, all of the proceeds from this celebration will be sent to the orphanage, Institute San Vincenzo, in Palermo, Italy. Again, thank you to everyone who attended and supported our Saint Anthony Mass and breakfast and made it such a great success.





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volunteers who work tirelessly to keep our heritage and alive.

These fundraisers are necessary at this time. Many volunteers will allow all of us to have fun while working together to achieve our goal to revitalize our pavilion. Please help us make this happen!

**Volunteers are needed in the following areas:**

1. Farmers' Market - Sundays 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM - July 1st thru October 28th
2. Pancake Breakfasts - several Sunday mornings during the summer - dates TBA
3. Family Friday Fun Nights at the Pavilion - every Friday night during the months of July, & August

Members may volunteer for as few as or for as many hours as they can. In order to volunteer, please make one of the following contacts:

1. Call the Office at **456-4222**. Leave your name and number and the dates and activity you are interested in helping with and somebody will call you back.
2. Send an e-mail to [iahfivolunteer@gmail.com](mailto:iahfivolunteer@gmail.com), with your contact information and somebody will contact you.
3. If you are specifically interested in helping with the Friday Family Fun Nights, please call Maria DeNitto directly at **456-2216**. Please leave a message and Maria will call you back.

Thank you for your interest and for any level of support that you can provide..... *Millie Grazie!*



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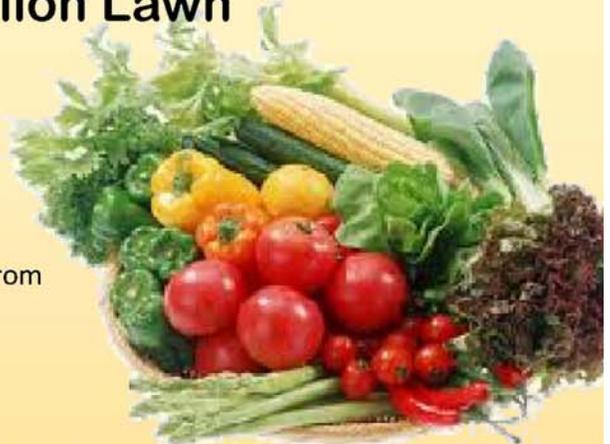
**July 1<sup>st</sup>**

On the IAHFi Pavilion Lawn

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# Veterans' Hospital Luncheon

By Anna Acconi



We all appreciate the sacrifices made by our military forces, but often take for

granted the consequences of their service. Here in Albany, the Veterans' Administration Hospital serves the needs of our veterans and provides services for them. Some veterans spend days of their week at the center to receive day care services, some attend for health care and some are full time residents. For many years, the Women's League has sponsored a luncheon at the Veterans' Hospital in order to give some of our disabled veterans a special treat and to show them that we have not forgotten them. It is satisfying to note how a meal of salad, pasta and meatballs prepared by the restaurant can lift the spirits of our veterans who appreciate both the meal and our concern.

On June 12, several of our members delivered and served a meal to more than 70 area veterans, all of whom suffered disabilities. The staff members and volunteers who accompanied and assisted them shared in the day's events. The event was chaired by Christine DiIonna and Joe Guastamacchia.

Volunteers are needed at the Veterans' Hospital. Anyone interested should contact Jim Keller at 626.5506.



## Tri-City Valley Cats

We have arranged for discounted tickets for our IACC members, family, and friends to attend any of

the Valley Cats games this season listed below (affiliates are noted in parentheses):

Wed, July 18 Future Night & Fireworks vs Lowell Spinners (Boston Red Sox)

Tues, July 24 Camp/Senior Day vs Connecticut Tigers (Detroit Tigers)

Fri, August 3 Italian Night & Fireworks vs. Batavia Muckdogs (St Louis Cardinals)

Wed, August 15 Halfway to Valentine's Day & Fireworks vs. Brooklyn Cyclones (NY Mets)

Sat, August 18 Star Wars Night & Firework vs. Staten Island Yankees (NY Yankees)

Tickets are available at the discounted rate by going to the Tri-City Valley Cats website and following these steps:

Go to: [www.milb.com](http://www.milb.com), go to Group Tickets\Picnics in the page menu, select Group Ticket Portal, follow the directions given, Password is: **IACC**.

Games start at 7 PM except the game on Tuesday, July 24 at 11 AM.



## C.I.A.O. Picnic

By Jim Sano

C.I.A.O. group includes members of the IACC, the Sons of Italy

Albany Lodge, and Hudson and Troy ICC. **C.I.A.O.** will be having a picnic on **Sunday, July 15** at Jim and Nancy Sano's house at 551 Batter Street, Pattersonville, NY 12137 (25 minutes from the IACC) as a kickoff for the upcoming Columbus Festival. There is no charge for the event. Please make reservations with Linda in the Office at 456-4222. Please bring your bathing suit in order to go swimming, kayaking, or for a boat ride. Please bring a dessert to share. The party will start at 1 PM.

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# Women's League



Hi Ladies,

Summer is finally here, so grab your bathing suit and meet me poolside this month! That's right, it's time for our annual water aerobics class. Michele Sano has graciously accepted our invitation to teach us a class before our dinner. We will start our half-hour class at 6:00 PM sharp. The class will be followed by a buffet dinner poolside. Even if you don't want to participate in the water aerobics class, join us for our dinner by the pool. It's so much fun to be outdoors and take advantage of one of our long summer days.

For those who were not at our June meeting, we elected our officers for the next year. As luck would have it, the same officers from last year have been elected to serve another year: Jeanne Sacca - Treasurer, Lynn Indelicato - Secretary, Caroline Mancino - Vice President. I will serve as President for another year. We thank everyone for supporting the IACC Women's League and look forward to seeing many more of you at our meetings for another rewarding and fulfilling year.

A very special "thank you" to Anna and Lou Acconi for hosting the Veterans' Luncheon on June 12<sup>th</sup>. The Women's League sponsors this luncheon each year. Once again it was received with great joy and appreciation by these wonderful people who served our country.

Please note that Women's League meetings for **July** and **August** will be on **Thursday**. Mark your calendar for **Thursday, July 12<sup>th</sup>** at 6:00 PM by the pool. Our dinner will be buffet style. Please call your reservation in to **Jeanne Sacca** at 869-8440 by Monday, July 9<sup>th</sup>. Cancellations will be accepted until Tuesday, July 10<sup>th</sup>. The cost remains \$20.

See you all poolside,

*Donna Zumbo - Women's League President.*

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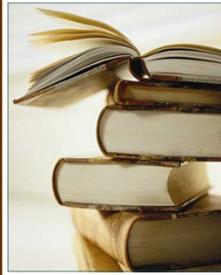
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## IAHFi Book Club

By Dick Ognibene

In the fall of 2012, the IAHFi Book Club will launch its fourth year of activities with discussion of three books:

### Tuesday, September 27:

*The Shape of Water*

by Andrea Camilleri

This book is the first of Camilleri's Inspector Montalbano mysteries series, all of which are set in Sicily.

### Tuesday, October 23:

*The Courtyard of Dreams*

by Anna Monardo

This novel tells the story of an American-born Italian young woman who travels to her family's ancestral home in Calabria. She discovers the passion and values her physician father practicing in America sought to suppress in her.

### Tuesday, November 27:

*Beastly Things*

by Donna Leon

This is the twenty-first and most recent book in the Commissario Brunetti mystery series, all of which are set in Venice.

All meetings are free and open to the public and held in the Boardroom beginning at 7:00 PM.

Save the dates and tell others! For further information, contact Dick Ognibene at 372-4919 or at [rtognibene@nycap.rr.com](mailto:rtognibene@nycap.rr.com)



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### Condolences

Our deepest sympathy is sent to **Carol Criscione** and her family on the sudden passing of **Nick Criscione**, former long-time attorney for the IACC.

Our sympathy is sent to **Salvatore** and **Theresa Aiezza**. Salvatore's sister, Jennie Stumpf, and Theresa's sister, Mary Casatelli, both recently passed away.

Our thoughts are sent to **Arthur Lucarelli** and his family as they mourn the loss of Arthur's brother, Frank Lucarelli.

### Congratulations

Congratulations are sent to **Dan** and **Jeanne Ciampino** on the birth of their grandson, Vincenzo Emilio Ciampino, son of Daniel and Danielle Ciampino, who was born on May 31.

### Thank You

Thank you to Nick Mancini and Al Sacca for repairing the ropes and clasps so our Italian Flag can fly.

### Bragging Rights

**Joe** and **Ann Farinacci** are justly proud of their granddaughter, Kayli Ann McTague, who has returned from her travels in Europe and has written so eloquently about her experiences. Her essay won the Gold Passport Award in the Travel for Teens International Friendship Contest. This award is an all expense paid community service trip to Cinque Terre, Italy. If you would like to read her essay go to: <http://www.travelforteens.com/kayli-mctague-essay>

Please contact Anna Acconi at 966.8664 or [aaconni111@aol.com](mailto:aaconni111@aol.com)



## Watermelon Granita-Filled Lime Cups

These mini melon look-alikes will delight your guests!

### Ingredients

12 halves limes (reserve 2 tablespoons juice)  
1 cup sugar  
2 cups water  
4 cups watermelon cubes  
1/2 cup currants or raisins  
1 piece crushed ice (optional)

### Instructions

To make lime cups: Cut limes in half lengthwise; cut around pulp of each half with sharp knife, leaving peel intact. Scoop out pulp, using spoon to loosen pulp from peel and reserve 2 tablespoons lime juice for granita. Set lime cups aside. Stir together sugar and water in small saucepan; heat to boiling. Cool slightly. Place watermelon in container of food processor; pulse to puree watermelon. Place colander over bowl; pour pureed watermelon into colander to strain out seeds, forcing watermelon through with back of spoon, if needed. Stir reserved lime juice and cooled sugar mixture into pureed watermelon. Pour into 13x9x2-inch pan; freeze until firm, about 4 hours. To serve, scrape frozen watermelon mixture with spoon to make granita. Stir in currants for seeds. Mound granita in lime cup. Serve on bed of crushed ice.

### Servings

Makes 12 servings

*Recipe courtesy of the National Watermelon Promotion Board*



By Donna Zumbo

IAHFi has scheduled a 6-week Zumba program, starting Wednesday, July 11, at 6:45 PM in the pavilion. Class days will be July 11, 18, 25 and August 1, 8, 15. The cost of the program will be \$30. If you are interested please send a check payable to Paula Harrington to IAHFi, 257 Washington Ave. Extension, Albany, NY 12205. Payment is required in advance. This program is a first come first served with priority to IACC members.



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