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In honor of our 40th Anniversary, we are introducing a new section of *Siamo Qui* entitled *Italians in America*.

Italians in America: *Early Years* By Robert Penna

If one was to ask most Italian-Americans (or any Americans for that matter) about the part Italians played in our nation's history, most would immediately mention Columbus, even though Columbus never actually set foot on the North American continent. A few, particularly those living in Brooklyn or Staten Island area, mindful of the bridge named after him, might think to mention Verrazano. However, most probably could not tell you that in 1524 Verrazano explored the Atlantic Coast of North America between the Carolinas and Newfoundland.

After that, the collective memory goes blank. Italians seemingly disappeared from the American scene until the great migrations of the late 1800s and early 1900s. Part of this can easily be explained by the overwhelming numbers of English, Scots Irish, and German settlers who originally came to these lands. Almost any other group was lost in history's shuffle. By way of example, who today remembers the Swedish colony in Delaware?

Another reason for the *Lost Italians* is that a great number of our cultural forefathers simply changed their names upon leaving the land of their birth. By the 16th and 17th centuries many Italians had dispersed throughout Europe. They were to be found, among other places, in England, Germany, Flanders, France, and Spain. By way of illustration records of the Huguenot Society of London reveal the names of numerous *English* subjects who were, in actuality, Italians with anglicized names. One such example is the famous John Cabot, known as the man who first claimed Newfoundland for the English Crown and thereby began England's colonization of the continent. Few today realize that John Cabot's actual name was Zuan Chabotto and that he was a Venetian.



Finally, the early Italian settlers in the New World did not come in waves, but rather as individuals and sometimes families. Names of Italian immigrants were easily misplaced in the historical record, their names and actual ancestry became buried in old bibles, church records, and crumbling official documents. Probably the first Italians to actually land on the shores of America arrived as part of explorations the French and Spanish governments conducted in the Mississippi River Valley in the 1500s. Records show that Italians were part of Hernando DeSoto's expedition in the 1540s. Italian Berardo Peloso is credited as being the first European to see Pascagoula Bay in 1558.

Back on the East Coast, the new colony of Virginia, in need of artisans, invited and welcomed several Italian craftsmen as early as 1610. In 1622 Venetian glassmakers working in England were brought to Jamestown to teach and to promote their trade. By 1632 a few Italians had settled in Catholic Maryland and soon created there a haven for Italian refugees. Testimony to their success was a declaration of the Lords Proprietaries of Maryland in 1649, that encouraged Italians to migrate to the colony and authorized the governor "from time to time to grant lands unto...persons of...Italian descent....".

However, the first sizable Italian immigration to North America involved religious refugees who migrated from Holland in 1657. We might call them the *Italian Pilgrims*. Known as the *Waldensians*, they were members of a Christian movement which had started in Lyon, France in the late 1170s that was declared heretical by 1215 and was thereafter persecuted heavily by both church and civil officials. About 167 of these Italian Protestants were brought to the New World and settled in New Castle, Delaware and in Dutch New Amsterdam. Later in the 17th century, more displaced Italian Waldensians were enlisted in a plan to bolster the colonization of Virginia. Money for their transportation to the colony from their

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Summer is just around the corner and we have many activities planned: Pool opening, Men and Women's Bocce, Friday Nights in the Pavilion, Zumba, St Anthony Mass, Farmers' Market, Children's Summer Camp, Bus Trip - NY Yankee Game, not to mention the reconvening of the 55+ monthly luncheons. The IACC is your club: Participate in activities, serve on committees, and enjoy the camaraderie of your fellow members.

The strength of our club comes from current members, but our continued existence depends on recruiting new members and younger members. Currently, 65% of our members are over the age of 60. I encourage all members to speak with their relatives and friends to recruit them as new members.

Mark your calendars, so you don't miss out on the 40th anniversary celebrations to be held on October 18th, 19th, and 20th. A great deal of planning has gone into this weekend of activities. It promises to be a weekend of unforgettable fun.

Angelo Tarantino, President

June Calendar

View our complete online Calendar at italianamerican.com

Every Monday	Italian Grand Buffet Men's Bocce League
Every Tuesday	Women's Bocce League
June 6, Thursday	Foundation Board Meeting
June 9, Sunday	St. Anthony Mass in the garden
June 10, Monday	Meet & Greet Member Social Zumba in the Pavilion begins
June 12, Wednesday	Women's League Meeting
June 13, Thursday	Veteran's Luncheon Andrea Bocelli, Times Union Center
June 16, Sunday	Farmers' Market opens
June 18, Tuesday	Board Meeting
June 27, Thursday	Bus trip to Yankee game
June 28, Friday	Friday Nights in Pavilion begins
Save the Date	
July 8, Monday	Summer Camp begins
July 11, Thursday	Foundation Board Meeting
July 15, Monday	Summer Camp begins
August 17, Saturday	Ferragosta Family Picnic

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***Siamo Qui will be publishing a
July/August combined issue to
accommodate holiday and
vacation schedules.***

temporary location in Switzerland was actually furnished by the English government.

The success of this effort, however, led the British government to try to replicate it with a horribly ill-conceived and misguided plan to settle its swampy and malarial colony of East Florida with transplanted Southern Europeans. Shipping thousands of Italians, Greeks, and Minoricans (residents of a Spanish-owned island in the Atlantic) to Florida, the British established the settlement of New Smyrna. However, unsanitary conditions, disease, and the harsh treatment they received at the hands of their overseers led the colonists to unite under Italian Carlo Forni and revolt. Captured and hung by the British after trying to steal a boat and escape, this unfortunate group was barely outlived by those who remained. While records show that a handful of Italians escaped to St. Augustine and the Bahamas, most of those who stayed died of scurvy or malaria.

By the eve of the Independence, the Italian presence in the colonies was fairly well-established. Although relatively small in number, perhaps only 2500, Italians were to be found in most colonies and took part in all aspects of what would become typical *American Life*. But first, there was a revolution to win. Although history has largely forgotten it, Italian Americans would play a part in that unfolding drama as well.

Saint Anthony Mass



June 9th at 10:30 AM

celebrated by Father Chiaramonte
Donations collected during Mass are sent to Institute San Vincenzo in Palermo, Italy

Mass celebrated in the Garden

Coffee/Pastries will be served in the Foundation Pavilion after the Procession

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Summer Camp Starts Next Month

By Jeanne Wilson

Registration has started for our camp which opens on July 8th this year. New books and videos have been chosen by our certified teachers to present the Italian language and culture to the children and we have added some art projects that they are sure to enjoy and be proud to bring home. The projects will be adapted to the grade level of the child, and introduced by a retired art teacher who has very kindly volunteered to work with us.

We expect to continue our soccer and bocce games, and, of course, the very popular daily supervised swimming in the pool. The lunch menus have been finalized and contain many healthy choices popular with the children.

We are fortunate to have several experienced volunteers helping us again this year. We could not possibly do without them and are very grateful for their assistance. We can always use a few more to help with lunches and general supervision. We especially need someone with a medical background such as a RN, LPN, or paramedic who is retired or not working during the summer.

For more information please see the flyer in the *Siamo Qui*. Speaking of the flyer, please use it to spread the word about the camp to anyone who might be interested such as parents, grandparents, PTAs, scout leaders, teachers, and church groups. To contact us or to register for the camp please call the IACC office at 456-4222.

IACC SWIMMING POOL SCHEDULE

Members MUST have their membership card available while at the pool

Opening Weekend: May 25 -May 27

Noon – 8:00 PM

Spring Schedule: May 28 -June16

Weekdays, 3:30 PM – 6:30 PM

Weekends, Noon – 8:00 PM

Summer Schedule: June 17 - September 1

Daily, Noon - 8:00 PM

Labor Day/ Closing Day: September 2

Noon - 5:00 PM

Guests must be accompanied by a member and must register with the lifeguard on duty.

Guest Fees:

\$8.00 Adults: 16 years of age and up

\$5.00 Children: 0 - 15 years of age

FREE Parents or Grandparents (over 70 years)

FREE Grandchildren under age 5

In Honor of Father's Day

Ciao Pa

Sogna ancora ad occhi aperti e non ama la tristezza.
Noi ci somigliamo tanto, ma io non sogno ad occhi aperti,
io appartengo ad un altro mondo dove lui vivrebbe male.
Caro, caro vecchio mio!
Ora corri insieme al tempo e non corri piu' nel vento.
Ho il tuo sangue nelle vene, e ti porto nel mio cuore.
I suoi occhi sono buoni, I capelli tutti bianchi...
sulle spalle porta il peso di una vita senza posa.
Gira il tempo la sua ruota: c'e' chi nasce, c'e' chi muore,
ma la storia di mio padre, e' di un uomo senza tempo.....
Caro, caro vecchio mio.....
ora corri insieme al tempo en non corri piu' nel vento.
Ho il tuo sangue nelle vene, e ti porto nel mio cuore,
non esiste un altro uomo cosi' caro come lui...
Sogna ancora ad occhi aperti e non ama la tristezza.
Noi ci somigliamo tanto, ma io non sogno ad occhi aperti.

"Ciao Pa".... Remo Bromuro, nato nel 32, in provincia di Benevento è poeta ,scrittore, saggista e attore di teatro.

Hey Dad

He still daydreams and doesn't like sadness.
We look so much alike, but I don't daydream,
I belong to another world where he would not fare well.
My dear, dear old man!
Now you run together with time and no longer in the wind.
Your blood runs in my veins and you're always in my heart.
His eyes are good, his hair all white.....
He carries the weight of a hard, simple life on his shoulders.
Life goes on: some are born, some die,
But my father's story is of a timeless man.....
My dear, darling old man.....
now you run together with time and no longer in the wind.
I have your blood in my veins and I carry you in my heart
There's no other man so dear as he...
he still daydreams and he doesn't like sadness.
We look so much alike, but I don't daydream.

"Hey Dad" by Remo Bromuro, born 1932 in Benevento province. He was a poet, writer, commentator and stage actor.

Translation by Maria LaMorte

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Yankee Baseball Game

Coordinated by Jim Sano



Thursday, June 27

8:15 AM Juice, Coffee, & Donuts – Poolside
8:30 AM Bus will leave IACC Parking Lot
1:05 PM Yankees vs Texas Rangers
Seating: Section 434A
Dinner stop on Arthur Ave. Bronx
9:00 PM Estimated time bus will return to IACC
Transportation: Yankee Trails Video Coach
Cost: **\$59 – Members** | **\$65 – Non-Members**
Reservations: IACC 456.4222 First Come First Served
Questions: Jim Sano 438.4631

Zumba @ The IACC

Monday Nights in the Pavilion

June 10 - July 29 | 6:45 PM (45-50 minute class)

Cost: \$40 Member | \$45 Non-members | \$7 Drop-in

Call the Office 456.4222 to register

55+ Club By Sharon Patrei

Our first luncheon meeting was held on May 15th. Fourteen people signed on to attend. Angelo Tarantino enlightened our group with upcoming activities and several attendees offered suggestions for things to do in the coming months. Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 19th at Noon in the Board Room on the second floor. Our speaker will be attorney, Timothy E. Casserly, Esq. CFP who will bring us up to date on elder care. Our choices for lunch are Eggplant Parmesan and Lasagna. The price will be \$15 per person. Please send your check payable to Sharon Patrei at 27 Ridgefield Drive, Voorheesville, New York 12186. If you have any questions, please call Sharon at 765.3283. We look forward to seeing you.

Men's Bocce League

By Jim Sano



Pre-season Men's Bocce continues until June 3 at 6 PM. Games will be open to members and non-members. No official teams will be formed. Even if you have no experience, come join the fun. Members will be available to teach the fine points of the game.

Beginning on June 10, league play will begin (Monday nights) with 8 teams. The season will be 10 weeks long.

Post-season open bocce will be available beginning August 21 (Wednesday nights) for 6 weeks.

Call Jim Sano 577.6158 with any questions.

Children's Summer Camp

at the Italian American Community Center

Children will have an exciting, fun filled, experience while also being introduced to the Italian language and culture. The program includes stories, games, soccer, bocce, craft projects, and daily supervised swimming in our pool. Child pleasing, yet healthy, lunches and snacks are provided every day.

July 8 - 12, 2013
and/or

July 15 - 19, 2013
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Women's Bocce League



Players – Old and New

Women's Bocce season has begun. We play on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 PM. Anyone interested in joining us may call Sharon Patrei at 765.3283. There is no need to know how to play. We are happy to teach you this very simple game. It is a good way to meet new people, enjoy the evening, and get a bit of exercise too. We play through August 13.

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Women's League

Hello Ladies:

As many of you know, this is my last meeting as your President. I want to let you all know how much I loved being your President and how proud I am of our Women's League. We have accomplished so much - from our continued support of "Uncle Shawn's Hugs" to the Ronald McDonald House, the luncheon at the VA Hospital, and all our donations to Adopt-A-Family, the Regional Food Bank and the battered women's shelters. We can all be happy in knowing we make a difference in our community. Of course, we also support our own club with various donations for the pool and to our club. None of this would be possible without the Women's League. I also wish to thank the three officers who worked with me and have graciously accepted their positions for one more year; Caroline Mancino, Jeanne Sacca and Lynn Indelicato. Their help and support was invaluable.



A few reminders of upcoming events: The Women's League is sponsoring the St. Anthony Mass in our garden on Sunday, June 9th and there will be coffee and pastries afterwards in the pavilion. Women's Bocce has begun on Tuesdays at 6:30 PM, but it's not too late if you want to try bocce or even be a substitute. If you are looking for a fun evening with your sisters at the IACC, please call Sharon Patrei at 765.3283. You won't regret it. We will also be sponsoring a luncheon at the Veteran's Hospital on Thursday, June 13th. We have been doing this event for a couple of years now and it is greatly appreciated by our Vet's.

Please join us on Wednesday, June 12th at 6:30 PM for our next meeting and to try your artistic hand at painting! Lynn's mom, Peggy, will be giving us a painting lesson. Our dinner choices this month are New York Strip Steak, Oven Baked White Fish or Vegetarian Wellington, with Vanilla Bean Gelato Cake for dessert. The price remains at \$20. Please email your reservation to Lynn Indelicato at domlynn@yahoo.com or call 469.1284 by Sunday, June 9th. Cancellations will need to be in by then also and remember the cancellation policy remains in effect.

Donna Zumbo, Women's League President

Card Players Needed

Wanted: Male card player for Tuesday night games. This small group of men meet in the Card Room most Tuesdays from 6 - 10 PM. Call Nick Mancini 286.3009 with any questions. IACC membership is required.



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By Anna Acconi

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Condolences

Our deepest sympathy is sent to Carolina Mancino and her family on the recent passing of her mother, Maria Concetta Audi.

Condolences are sent to Doris Oliver and her family on the recent death of Doris' husband, Raymond Oliver Jr. Raymond served as a treasurer and a member of the board of directors. He was very involved in the success of the Columbus Day Parade and the Italian Festival.

Please contact Anna Acconi at 966.8664 or aacon111@aol.com



ALMOND BISCOTTI

By Mary Finley

½ cup butter or margarine, softened
1 ¼ cups sugar, divided
3 eggs
1 teaspoon anise or vanilla extract
2 cups flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
Dash of salt
1 cup almonds
2 teaspoons milk

In a mixing bowl, cream butter and 1 cup sugar. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Stir in anise or vanilla. Combine dry ingredients; add to creamed mixture. Stir in almonds. Line a baking sheet with foil and grease foil. Divide dough in half, spread into two 12 inch by 3 inch rectangles on foil. Brush with milk and sprinkle with remaining sugar.

Bake at 375 degrees for 15 - 20 minutes or until golden brown and firm to touch. Remove from oven and reduce heat to 300 degrees. Lift rectangles with foil onto wire rack, cool for 15 minutes. Place on cutting board; slice diagonally ½ inch thick. Place slices with cut side down on ungreased baking sheet. Bake for 10 minutes. Turn cookies over; bake 10 minutes more.

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Family Night at the Pavilion

By Earl Knowles

Family Friday Fun Nights at the Pavilion will return beginning June 28th and will continue until August 30th. Each Friday night, from 5 to 8 PM, Family Night will offer good food, drink, music, bocce, and good old-fashioned fun. The menu will include fried calamari, sausage and pepper subs, pizza, meatball subs, salads, ribbon fries, and weekly specials.

We need several members to volunteer to help with food, beverages, and clean up. Members may volunteer for as many hours as suits their schedule. In order to volunteer, please make one of the following contacts and leave your name, phone number, and the dates you are available to help:

1. Call the Office at 456.4222.
2. Send an e-mail to iahfivolunteer@gmail.com
3. Call Earl Knowles directly at 437.9158

**WASHINGTON
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Farmers'
Market**
Fresh & Healthy

By Anna Acconi

Preparations are being made for the opening of the second year of the Farmers' Market at the IACC. This year the market will be open every Sunday morning from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM, beginning on June 16 and ending on September 29. We anticipate a wonderful selection of fresh, local produce, organically raised meat and meat products, freshly baked bread and cakes, local honey and maple products, jams and jellies, hand-produced crafts, and so much more.

Come to the market on Sundays and enjoy an interesting shopping experience with the opportunity to eat breakfast or lunch, rest and listen to live music, and purchase the freshest and most healthful food products for you and your family. At the same time, you will be supporting local farmers and craftsmen and your own club.

Following are some of the vendors who will be participating in the Farmers' Market at the IACC:

George's Farm - This family owned farm provides fresh, locally grown produce and beautiful, healthy plants.

BP Farm - Terry Kochem and his family produce the finest vegetables and many other products on their Herkimer farm.

Hidden Hollow Maple Farm - The Wallace's present with pride their best maple products, including maple syrup, maple cream, maple candy, granulated maple sugar, and maple fudge. They also produce seasonal vegetables.



Gwenie's Breakfast Wagon - Gwenie's food truck provides the best in breakfast food. Fresh coffee and lunch sandwiches are also available. Gwenie's has been selected as one of the top food trucks in the region.



The Spud Shack - Elizabeth provides all things potato, but will also add dishes inspired by her private garden.

Capoccia Vineyards Winery - Also family owned, this winery produces the best of New York State wines. Sample their wines and enjoy the results of their passion for their trade.

Lippert Farm - Tim Lippert produces the finest, organically-raised beef, pork, and chicken. He also will provide fresh, beautiful blueberries.



Ronconi - Richard Ronconi, beekeeper, produces the finest and purest honey products in the area.

Jiff-e-Chips - These potato chips are all tasty and cooked in small batches.

Glen Glade Farm - Tim Lane's freshly baked breads, foccaccia and rolls are the best in the area. Also enjoy his fresh lettuce and vegetables.



Elderberry Mary - All of Mary's jams and jellies are delicious and prepared by her with love.

Bellaria Cakes - These delicious cakes are freshly baked with the finest of ingredients.

Annabella's Designs - Anna's jewelry are beautiful, unique and handcrafted.

Carole Hamill Designs - Necklaces, bracelets and earrings are all handcrafted and one of a kind.



Remember Them - Mary's decorative home items, teddy bears and pillows will add charm and beauty to any home.

Jacqueline Ravida - Jacque's handcrafted mosaics and decorative boxes make wonderful gifts and reflect the talents of this crafter.

Rolling Pin Bakery - The finest scones, breads and baked goods are prepared with love by Lisa.

Lakeside Craft - Crocheted and hand sewn home decorations are handcrafted by Rose.

B and B's Candle Kitchen - All triple-scented candles are handcrafted.

Sharon Farber Designs - These earrings are whimsical and one of a kind, produced by this talented crafter.

Luigi's Infused Olive Oils - this vendor provides infused olive oils, pasta, fresh bread crumbs and so much more.





SAVE THE DATE - AUGUST 17

Going back centuries, the Ferragosto tradition recognizes the end of the harvest season and is held to enjoy the fruits of those labors. It is a way for families to engage in part of the Italian culture and coming together in a solid bond of family and friendship. Save the date and join us at the first IACC Ferragosto celebration on August 17 with our family picnic! Additional details will be forthcoming!

Buon Ferragosto tutti!

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All members can help to make the Farmers' Market a success. Here is how you can help:

1. Pick up a lawn sign advertising the market at the office, at the pool, or after the St. Anthony's mass. Display the sign on your lawn, at your place of work and /or at the house of a friend or relative. Keep it during the market season and return it when the season ends so that we may use it next year. You may display more than one sign. We have 110 signs available and want them displayed throughout the area.
2. Pick up a market flyer or flyers at the office, at the pool, or after the St. Anthony's mass. Display the flyer or flyers at your place of work or anywhere in the area where they will get out the word about the market.
3. Remember that the success of the market will provide needed funds to renovate the pavilion. We think that we have every possibility of becoming a vibrant, successful market in the area, promoting local, seasonal produce, locally prepared food products and handcrafted goods. We need you to shop, shop, shop!



FREE MARKET BAG

Bring this coupon to the IACC Farmers' Market on June 16, June 23, or June 30 to receive your free market bag (while supplies last).





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