



LADIES IN LAVENDER

From the very young to the young at heart, *Ladies in Lavender* was a day of enjoyment, fun, and entertainment. On Sunday, April 22, there were 144 in attendance at the 22nd Annual Mother Daughter Luncheon and Fashion Show sponsored by the IACC Women’s League.

The event began with a delicious meal prepared by the Treviso chefs. Thank you once again for providing us with a meal that was second to none. The fashion show was the highlight of the afternoon. The models, ranging in age from 1½ to ageless, showed that no matter what your age, you can look and feel “in style”. From casual outfits to evening dresses, all models did a fantastic job showing their beautiful clothing provided by Sears. Tina Barbato assisted the models with makeup.



Maria LaMorte



Maria Ricupero-Bianca



Michele Sano



Theresa Lomonoco



Pina Tirino



Gabriella Crisorio

After the fashion show, raffle tickets were drawn. Wonderful raffle baskets were donated by the Women’s League. Other raffle items were donated by Café Italia, Fantastic Sam’s, Joli Hair Salon, DC’s Pizza, Mallozzi Family, and Louise Guiliano. Colorful flowers from Hewitt’s enhanced the runway and served as centerpieces.

Members of the committee did a terrific job! Chairperson - Maria De Nitto, Programs - Jeanette Bowers, Centerpieces - Christine, Di Ionna and Maria Marchio, Commentator - Maria La Morte, Reservations - Santa Pasquini, Favors - Mary Lou Marando, Donna Zumbo, Gail Tarantino, Christine Di Ionna, and Rosanna Aiuppa.



For more pictures go to our website: www.italianamerican.com

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello Everyone,

Our club has been very busy these past few months and there's no signs of slowing down. Our Membership Committee, led by Chair Angelo Tarantino, has been active in getting the IACC some much-needed visibility in the community. These efforts have been paying off with membership numbers increasing, attendance at events up, bocce leagues filled, and new member social well attended. Great job!

New Social Activities Chair Frank Zeoli has put together an outstanding social committee to act as clearinghouse for all IACC events, so we can better serve our membership. This requires a lot of time, countless emails, and phone calls in order to coordinate all our events.

As you may imagine, Pool Chair Jim Sano is busy getting the pool ready for our summer tanning events...Just kidding, Jim. There's so much more to do than simply taking off the cover. Jim has been attending to the pool since it closed, by checking the water level, adding chemicals, checking for leaks and damages. Talk about countless hours!

Our Women's League, did they hit the ball out of the park with their annual Mother Daughter Luncheon and Fashion Show? Over 140 ladies attended the event this year. As the front cover illustrates, the fashion show was second to none. A special thanks to Women's League President Donna Zumbo and Chair Maria DeNitto for a what has become premier event for our club!

As you will see in the following pages our club is very active. So many great activities and events are coming up!

A very special Thank You to our number one chairperson – MOM.

Buona Festa Della Mamma !!!

George Urciuoli, President

May Calendar

View our complete online Calendar at italianamerican.com

Every Monday	Italian Grand Buffet
Wednesday, May 9	Women's League
Monday, May 14	Men's Club
Tuesday, May 15	Board Meeting
	Women's Bocce 1st Night 6 PM
May 26 – May 28	Pool Opening Weekend 12 Noon - 8 PM
May 31—June 21	Italian Travelers' Conversation Classes
Saturday, June 9	IACC Golf Outing 8:30 AM
Sunday, June 17	St Anthony's Mass & Pancake Breakfast 10:30 AM
Wednesday, June 27	Yankee Trip
July 30 – August 3	IAHFI Summer Camp 1st Session
August 6 – August 10	IAHFI Summer Camp 2nd Session

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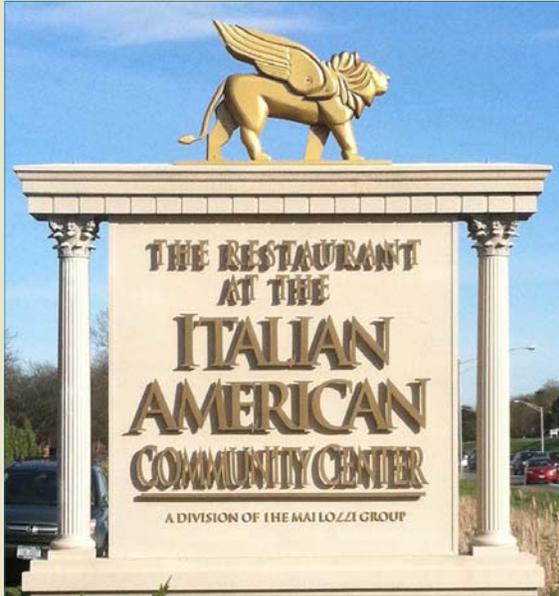
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interested : 456.4222

New Sign for the IACC



Current Sign



New Color LED Sign

In the past several years, like gas, the cost of advertising has continued to increase, making it virtually impossible to run effective advertising campaigns for membership or events. Competition has also increased. Where do people spend their time? How do they want to network and socialize? It is not the same as it was in 1973, when the club broke ground.

The IACC has taken a significant step in reaching out to more people in a most cost-effective way. At a special meeting on March 27th, the IACC Board approved the purchase of a full-color LED sign that will be inserted into the current IACC sign. (Please see photos.) The new sign will be attractive and informative and it will enable the IACC to communicate the value of our membership and our events more effectively. This will ultimately convert into additional revenue for the club. The daily traffic flow on Washington Avenue is over 25,000 vehicles per day (750,000 per month). LED signs are one of the most cost-effective advertising tools on the market today. There is no other media that will allow us to reach a market of 750,000 and give us such control. The LED sign will dramatically increase the visibility of the club, especially at night.

This is being accomplished at no additional cost to the club and will have no impact on any improvement projects we have scheduled for 2012 or beyond. The purchase was made possible through the work of our Treasurer, Finance Committee, and Contract Committee.

If you have any questions, please contact President, George Urciuoli or any member of our Board.

IACC Pool



Opening Weekend: May 26 -May 28

12:00 Noon – 8:00 PM

Spring Schedule: May 29 -June 17

Weekdays, 3:30 PM – 6:30 PM

Weekends, 12:00 Noon – 8:00 PM

Summer Schedule: June 18 - September 2

Daily, 12:00 Noon - 8:00 PM

Labor Day/Closing Day: September 3

12:00 Noon - 5:00 PM

Guest Fees:

\$8.00	Adults: 16 years of age & up
\$5.00	Children: 0 - 15 years of age
FREE	Parents or Grandparents of IACC Members over 70 years of age
FREE	Grandchildren of IACC Members under age 5

Members MUST have their membership cards at all times while at the pool. Guests must be accompanied by a member and must register with the lifeguard on duty.

Member Profile

By Anna Acconi



Who's Got Your Back?

Recently, when Mario Ferrarese visited his oncologist, he was told, "I never saw anyone like you. You have survived four bouts of cancer and are now fighting a fifth." Mario replied, "What can I say? St. Anthony doesn't want me yet. I'm a bricklayer and God doesn't need any more at this time."

Mario's faith in St. Anthony developed during his early childhood in the town of Pontinia Latina in Italy, between Rome and Naples, where he attended school and became apprenticed to a master bricklayer at the age of 11. Mario himself became a master bricklayer and, as a young man, began laying the foundation for a successful life in Italy when a diversion appeared in the person of a young, vibrant woman from

America. Clara DiCioccio had graduated from Philip Schuyler High School in Albany and was beginning a successful career as a stenographer in the Department of Labor when she went to Italy to visit her many family members in the town of Pontinia. Here she met Mario and they fell in love. Mario soon proposed, but Clara felt that she was too young and believed that they should keep in touch after she returned to Albany to see what the future would bring. Mario, ever the romantic, laid down the gauntlet, "Now or never!" Clara acquiesced, but insisted that they marry and live in Albany for a few years before returning to Italy and settling in Rome.

The power of love persisted. They married in 1958 and settled in Albany. Mario soon discovered that he could easily adapt to life in America. He was hired by the Bricklayer's Union, bought a car, had their first child, Rina, and decided to build his life here. He and Clara later added a son, Dino, to the family. He loved his new country, his growing number of friends, his wife's family, and his many relatives in Bridgeport, Connecticut. Mario worked with the union until 1984 when he started his own business, Mario Masonry Contractors, and worked until 2002 when he retired.

Mario returned to Italy only twice, once in 1971 to visit his grandparents and again in 1984 when his father died. His mother, 89, still resides in Pontinia.

Mario has been an active member of the IACC for 25 years and has donated many hours of his labor to improving the facility. He helped build the pavilion, worked to fix the bocce courts, and donated all of his labor to the building of the shrine to St. Anthony. Always modest, Mario insists that Ben Sano, Larry Franchini, and Al Sacca be given credit for their contributions to the building of the shrine. In addition to his contributions as a bricklayer, Mario also supervised the preparation and distribution of the food at the Festa for 10 years.

Mario's devotion to St. Anthony is deep. He expresses a trust in the saint and a belief that he is alive today because of him. Mario has survived cancer of the vocal chords, cancer of the stomach and esophagus, skin cancer, and lung cancer. Four years ago, he was declared cancer free. Recently, however, after undergoing surgery for the removal of his gall bladder and recovering from pneumonia and other complications, he was diagnosed with a cancerous tumor in his lung. On April 11 he began further chemotherapy treatments. His doctors believe that he will have a good chance for survival and are amazed at the way he keeps on fighting. His doctor has said, "You must have someone behind you, looking out for you." Mario replied, "I have two people behind me - God and St. Anthony. I thank them for helping me. I pray to them all the time. I'm a believer."

We also are believers - believers in the indomitable strength of the human spirit. Mario walks tall and thinks positively because of his faith in his beloved St. Anthony, the spirit behind his back.



Each year, Mario's devotion is manifested by the donation to a very needy orphanage run by nuns in Palermo. Mario coordinates the collection at a special mass for St. Anthony. Whenever possible, the donation is personally delivered, as you can see in this photo. The sisters always send blessings and prayers in gratitude.



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Social Activities Committee

The purpose of the Social Activities Committee is to be a clearinghouse for all events held at the Italian American Community Center. Our charge is to look at each event individually and weigh the benefits. A key factor will be determining which events are to be considered moneymakers and which are meant as social enjoyment activities for our members. We must also ensure that we have a good balance so that we continue our tradition of promoting the Italian culture as well.

To facilitate this mission the Social Activities Committee must consist of members from the Women's League, Men's Club, IAHLI and IACC. Each of these groups sponsors their own events. We must ensure that these events do not conflict with each and where possibly they should accent each other. With this goal in mind we want to be able to get the most positive participation in all IACC events.

At times the Social Activities Committee can also sponsor its own events. In this way we can fill in gaps in the calendar and help ensure an interesting and steady stream of activities for our members.

Members of the Social Activities Committee:

Frank Zeoli	Chairman
George Urciuoli	IACC - President
Angelo Tarantino	IACC - Membership Chair
Rosanna Aiuppa	IAHLI
Virginia Rest	IAHLI
Richard Ognibene	Book Club
Maria LaMorte	Columbus Dinner Dance
Dominic Indelicato	Comedy Night
John Ritz	Men's Club
Larry Lenartz	Men's Club
Jim Sano	Sporting Events
Donna Zumbo	Women's League
Christine DiIonna	Women's League
Nancy Scott-Horan	At Large
MJ Knowles	At Large

Local Events

The Social Activities Committee would like to offer information about local events that may be of interest to the IACC membership. For further information about any of these events, please call the contact phone number listed.

Dinner & Show

“Shut Up, Sit Down, and Eat”

AKA “Stai Zitto, Siediti, e Mangia”

(During a group therapy session, four Italian Americans invent a new type of therapy - Italian therapy)

Dates: May 12 & 13
 Location: The State Room
 142 State Street, Albany
 Cost: \$59.95 per person
 Contact: 432.7773

History Tour

“Roots and Wings”

Trolley Tour of Albany's South End - Italian/Jewish Culture

Date: June 7
 Location: Whitehall Court Apartments, Albany
 Cost: \$18 per person
 Contact: 514.2023

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. We need a minimum of 20 tickets purchased for each game in order to take advantage of the special discount. Make your reservations today. Invite your family, friends, neighbors, and even your favorite Little League team. If interested, please contact IACC Office at 456.4222.



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)

Notes: Games start at 7 PM except the game on Tuesday, July 24 at 11 AM. (Affiliates are noted in parentheses).

Calling All Golfers!

We will be holding our first golf outing on **June 9 at 8:30 AM** at Briar Creek Golf Course in Duaneburg. This event is open to members and non-members. The cost will be \$70. This includes golf, cart, food at the turn, and lunch at the end. We may repeat this event in the fall, depending on how well the June event is supported. The event is open to golfers (male and female) of all abilities. Gather your golf buddies and get your foursome together. Contact Jim Sano at 438.4631 for more information.



Arthur Avenue Trip

On Saturday, March 31st, the IACC Men's Club sponsored a day trip to Arthur Avenue in the Bronx. The bus was filled with enthusiastic members and guests, all eagerly awaiting the shops' offerings of the delicious Italian foods. In high anticipation of many purchases, the bottom, luggage section carried several ice-filled coolers. Cool weather and occasional showers did not dampen the spirits of the group. It was great fun shopping, dining, and spending time with family and friends. President of Men's Club, John Ritz, did a fantastic job organizing the Arthur Avenue trip!



Red Sox Trip *Jim Sano*

The IACC is considering sponsoring a weekday bus trip to a Red Sox baseball game (date yet to be determined). We are interested in determining how many would like to attend before we buy tickets. Please call the IACC Office at 456.4222 by May 10th with the number of tickets you would be interested in purchasing. You will then be contacted either by phone or e-mail with the details (date, final pricing, seat location, etc). Assume the cost including transportation & tickets would be approximately \$90 to \$110 per person depending upon the date. This trip would also be open to non-members.

Yankee Baseball Game

Coordinated by Jim Sano



Wednesday, June 27

7:30 - 8:00 AM Juice, Coffee, & Donuts - Poolside
8:00 AM Bus will leave IACC Parking Lot
1:00 PM Yankees vs Cleveland Indians
Seating: Section 405/406
9:00 PM Estimated time bus will return to IACC
Transportation: Yankee Trails Video Coach
Cost: \$50 - Members / \$55 - Non-Members
Reservations: IACC 456.4222 First Come First Served
Questions: Jim Sano 438.4631

Sinatra Night at Albany Symphony

The Albany Symphony is hosting Sinatra Night on May 5th. They would like to extend a special discounted rate for members of IACC. Spend a night on the town and hear the greatest Sinatra hits performed like you have never heard before - with full orchestra! You'll "get a kick" from acclaimed performer Steve Lippia, "the talk of Las Vegas" [Las Vegas Style], as he belts out the best of Sinatra with a show-stopping lineup of popular Big Band and classic American pop with the original Riddle arrangements. Don't miss this exciting night of swing with Sinatra and the Symphony!

Special offer of \$25.00 per ticket for members of Italian American Community Center. Call 465.4755 for more information and reservations.

Siamo Qui News

- Did you know that you can find Siamo Qui on the IACC website? Our website address is www.italianamerican.com
- Did you know that you can sign up to receive Siamo Qui by e-mail? On either the home or newsletter page, you may request to start receiving your monthly Siamo Qui by e-mail.
- One of the goals of the Membership Committee is to create an electronic library of all past issues of Siamo Qui. So far, copies of issues from 2002 through 2010 have been scanned and saved in PDF format. Copies of issues prior to 2002 will eventually be available. If you would like to obtain a copy of a specific issue, please e-mail the Office with your request. Our special thanks to **David Cesari** for his assistance on this project.

Membership Committee

By Angelo Tarantino

Introduction to Bocce



The Membership Committee will be hosting a four-week Introduction to Bocce program on Thursdays in June (June 7th, June 14th, June 21st, and June 28th). Each

Thursday in June there will be two 2-hour sessions from 1:00 to 3:00 PM and from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. This four-week bocce program will cover equipment, playing surface, players, rules, techniques, objective of the game, strategies, and scoring. After initial instructions, experienced players will work with you to develop your skills (ball grip, stance, delivery, release) by playing practice games on our official-size bocce courts. Courts are covered, so no rain outs. Learn and enjoy playing the world's fastest growing sport of bocce. Who knew exercise would be so much fun! Registration required, so please contact IACC Office at 456.4222.

New Member Socials



The Membership Committee hosted two New Member Socials on March 25th and April 15th. The complimentary meal included salad, pasta with meatballs, Italian potatoes, soft drinks, coffee, and homemade desserts. The

Social provided new members an opportunity to meet other new members, some current members, some members of the Board of Directors, and some committee chairs. New members were also invited to tour the facility and learn about current and future social activities.

The committee received feedback by e-mail from many new members including the following: "Thank you for making me feel welcomed!", "It was great meeting everyone.", "Thank you for organizing the event." "Please pass along our special thanks to the women who made those delicious desserts." The Membership Committee would like to thank those individuals from the Women's League who baked desserts for the Socials. There is nothing like homemade desserts. Everyone raved how good they were.

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Soup & Salad

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Fresh Garden Salad, Traditional Garnishes
Marinated Seafood Salad with Olive Oil & Lemon

Entrée

Eggplant Al' Italia, layered fresh eggplant with pesto cream, roasted red peppers, and shaved Asiago cheese, Broccoli Romano, seasoned breadcrumbs, sherry wine & butter

Chicken Florentine Roulade with Fine Herb Veloute, Gemelli Pasta with Shitake Mushroom Cream Sauce, Duo of Potatoes Au Gratin, Risotto Frutti di Mare, Manicotti Bolognese

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Women's League

Hi Ladies,

Here it is - already May! Even though we had a mild winter, I am still glad to have our warm, longer days upon us. Last month we had a fun time playing a few games of bingo. For the second month in a row, another new member gave us a try! I am happy for that! If you haven't been to one of our meetings yet, maybe it's your turn now.

In accordance with our by-laws, Maria La Morte, the nominating chairperson, has announced the slate of candidates for Officers of the Women's League 2012-2013:

President: Donna Zumbo

Vice President: Caroline Mancino

Treasurer: Jeanne Sacca

Secretary: Lynn Indelicato

At this month's meeting, we will have a Premier Jewelry party. Our Premier Jewelry party hostess, Karen Bishop, will set up her jewelry. Remember it's not too late to purchase something for Mother's Day.

Also, I just want to remind everyone of our upcoming events:

April 22nd will be our Annual Mother/Daughter Luncheon and Fashion Show. This is one of our most exciting events. Many plans are underway. Look for details in Siamo Qui. Call in your reservation now.

Women's Bocce begins in May. Please call Sharon Patrei at 765.3283 to register. Remember - no special talent is required!

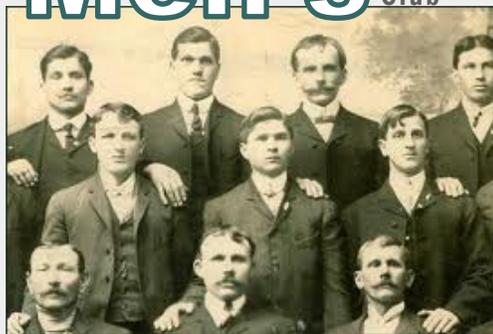
Our meeting this month will be on Wednesday, May 9th at 6:30 PM. Dinner choices are Stuffed Pork Roulade with Artichoke Stuffing, Stuffed Sole with Risotto and Vegetable and the Vegetarian Option will be Eggplant Parmesan. We will have a Caesar Salad to begin and Strawberry Shortcake for dessert.

Please email your reservations to Lynn Indelicato at domlynn@yahoo.com or call 479.3714 by Monday, May 7th.

See you all then. A very Happy Mother's Day to all our Moms!

Donna Zumbo *Women's League President*

IACC Men's Club



Men's Club will meet on **Monday, May 14 at 5:00 PM** for dinner at the Monday Night Buffet.

At **6:30 PM** our Business Meeting in the Membership Room will be followed by card playing. To make reservations for dinner before the meeting, please contact John Ritz at 434.0209 M - F 7:30 AM to 3:30 PM or johnritz@aritzinc.com.

House Committee

By Joe DiIonna

The IACC House Committee has created an email account for any members who have comments or concerns regarding the restaurant or building maintenance or safety. The email address is iacchouse@gmail.com. Please keep in mind that this email account is not only for complaints, but also praise.

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Family Night at the Pavilion



Since our Family Night in the Pavilion was so successful last summer, we would like to begin this wonderful Friday night event this June. (Please check Siamo Qui and the IACC website for the exact date.) Each Friday night from 5 to 8 PM, Family Night offers food, drink, music, bocce, and good old-fashioned networking. It is open to the public. The menu includes 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 and beverages. We would like to establish a few teams of ten people each, so that the same people are not working each Friday night throughout the summer. Please refer to the list of team members below.

Team Members

1 Group Captain, 2 at Grill / Fryer, 2 at Pizza Oven / Stove, 1 at Register, 2 at Beverage Stand, 1 Helper

Each team would have a captain to coordinate responsibilities of each team member and to work with the other captains to create a schedule for Fridays in June, July, and August. By May 25, please contact the IACC Office at 456.4222 to volunteer.



New Members

Alison Burnside

Albany
Sponsor: Richard Ognibene

Paul & Sandra Bonacquisti

West Sand Lake
Sponsor: Charlotte Lombardo

Andrew & Rebecca Di Liddo

Schenectady
Sponsor: Anthony DeGennaro

Pasquale & Kelly Reale

Schenectady
Sponsor: Tommasino & Tammy Conte

Harold & Ellen Redling

Waterford
Sponsor: Angelo Tarantino

Lynda Scalzo & Cain Marion

Albany
Sponsor: Angelo Tarantino

The Book Club ...to Return in the Fall



By Dick Ognibene

Our spring 2012 book club meetings discussed *The Spaghetti Set: Family Served Italian Style* by Rose Marie Boyd and *Drawing*

Conclusions, a Commissario Guido Brunetti mystery by Donna Leon. The book club will not meet over the summer and will resume in the fall. Reading selections have not yet been determined and suggestions about what books to read are most welcome. If you have suggestions, contact Dick Ognibene at 372.4919 or at rtognibene@nycap.rr.com. Please share information about Italian-themed books you have enjoyed, so that others may join you in discussing them.

CARING & SHARING

By Anna Acconi

May Birthdays:

Joseph Allegretti	Charles Ferrara	David Peralta
Mark Audino	Michelina Forte	Marilyn Quadrini
Jack Balzano	Frances Franke	Dave Riggi
Jeanette Bowers	Otis Hall	Terry Rinaldi
John Chiamonte	MaryJean Knowles	Mary Ryan
Patricia Corsi	Catherine Kollias	Regina Sacca
Tamara DeSanctis	Joseph Lapetina	Robin Sacco
Carmela DiCerbo	Arthur Lucarelli	Rachelle Salerno
Bernard DiTano	Sal Macaione	Josephine Sano
Michael Doyle	Mary Eileen Nolfo	Gino Sestito
James Ellerbrock	Josephine Paolucci	Jean Sestito



Recuperating

Long-time member, **Ray Cardamone**, is recovering from knee surgery.

Condolences

Our deepest sympathy is sent to **Donald Lawrence** and his family on the recent passing of his wife, **Dorine**.

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



2012 Season

Men's League *By Jim Sano*

For the past few years we have struggled to get 8 teams for our men's league. I'm very pleased to announce we have 10 teams this year and there is still room for a few more players. It was determined to play on both Monday and a few Wednesday nights to accommodate our schedule. We are planning a few social events around bocce, an end-of-year banquet, and participation in area bocce tournaments. Other bocce leagues will also be invited to play bocce and socialize. Please contact IACC Office at 456.4222 for any further information.

Women's League *By Sharon Patrei*

Ladies, please join us for the 2012 Women's Bocce League. Our first game will be May 15 at 6 PM at the bocce courts. After our first night of bocce, our games will start at 6:30 PM. We would especially like to welcome new members and "old" members who have not yet joined in the fun. It is a simple game that needs no prior experience to play. We have a good social time together and every year we meet new people. There is no fee to be a team member. Please call me, Sharon Patrei, at 765-3283 to join. I truly look forward to seeing new members and...not old members. but old friends, as we play through the 2012 season.

ROLLED COMPANY FLANK STEAK

by Rosanna Aiuppa



Notes: The hardest part of this recipe is to carefully butterfly the flank steak, creating a thin, continuous, flat piece. Your butcher can do this for you. After the steak has been butterflied, tenderize gently with a tenderizing tool. You will probably want to cook several, so adjust quantity of ingredients.

MARINADE

¼ cup olive oil, ¼ cup balsamic vinegar, ¼ tsp salt, ¼ tsp pepper
¼ tsp McCormick's Perfect Pinch – seasoned with roasted garlic and bell pepper, Italian parsley – large bunch chopped
2 cloves garlic – minced

STUFFING (For One Roll)

1 – 1 ½ lb Flank Steak – butterflied
4 oz Prosciutto – thinly sliced
4 oz Provolone Cheese – sliced
1/3 cup Pecorino Romano Cheese – freshly grated
6 or 7 Whole Fresh Basil Leaves – washed and dried
Kitchen String – precut to encircle roll – about 8 lengths

- 1 Combine the oil, vinegar, parsley, garlic, salt, pepper, and Perfect Pinch
- 2 Mix well in a large heavy disposable roasting pan, add steak so it is well bathed in marinade
- 3 Cover and leave overnight or prepare early in the day, turning a couple of times 6 to 12 hours later
- 4 Preheat oven to 350 F
- 5 Remove steaks from marinade, letting excess drip back into pan. Reserve the marinade in the pan
- 6 Pat the steaks dry with paper towels
- 7 Place the steak in front of you with the grain running vertically, on a piece of aluminum foil or large flat tray
- 8 Layer the thinly sliced prosciutto, then the provolone on the flat steak
- 9 Sprinkle with the pecorino cheese and arrange the basil leaves, overlapping down the length of the meat
- 10 Start at the long side of the steak and roll tightly, jelly roll style
- 11 Tie the roll every 2 inches to keep ingredients in and roll together during cooking
- 12 Place the prepared roll or rolls back into the marinade, roll in the liquid and place in preheated oven—uncovered.
- 13 Cook for about 1 hour – baste or turn several times, adjusting cooking time several minutes to compensate for loss
- 14 Let rest 5-10 minutes before cutting away string and slicing
- 15 In the meantime, take the pan juices that have settled, skim off all the oil that has risen, leaving all the savory bits for a delicious gravy
- 16 ENJOY!



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