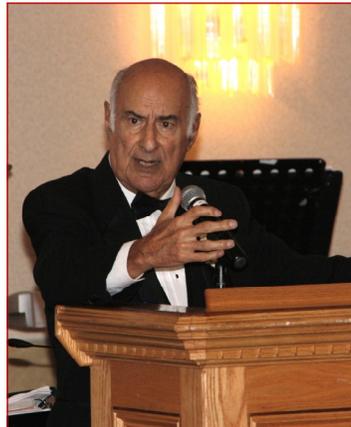


Columbus Gala Dinner Dance

By Maria La Morte



Dr. Anthony Tartaglia

The 39th annual Columbus Gala Dinner Dance took place on Saturday, October 20. Over 150 members and guests enjoyed a lovely evening. Our honoree, Dr. Anthony Tartaglia, along with his wife and all their children and grandchildren, were gracious and enthusiastic recipients. Tony spoke lovingly about his own father, a lover of knowledge who passed along his passions to his son and inspired his remarkable success.



David Righeschi

Ryan and the staff, along with Jeanette's special assistance produced another fabulous feast, from appetizers to dessert, served by our wonderful wait staff who, as always, worked with the committee to dress the room beautifully. Everyone loved the gracefully candlelit tablescapes. The Good



Times Band was great and had the chance to back up our special guest, David Righeschi in

the Italian National Anthem and then for a surprise beautiful rendition of "Ti Voglio Ben'Assai" later in the evening. It was truly a beautiful evening.

Hope you were there.....



Paul Tonko with Jean and Anthony Tartaglia



George Urciuoli, Dr. Anthony Tartaglia, Maria LaMorte



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello Everyone,
Once again October was filled with great events! At the Columbus Italian Festival in Cook Park, sponsored by C.I.A.O. of Upstate New York (Council of Italian American Organizations), the weather didn't cooperate and we had some very chilly days. Thanks to Maria DeNitto, and Jim Sano and their committee for planning this event.

Our Columbus Day Dinner Dance Committee, chaired by Maria La Morte, did an outstanding job honoring this year's Italian American of the Year, Dr. Anthony Tartaglia. As you can see by the photos on the front page, it was a memorable evening.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention the IAHF concert with David Righeschi. It was an afternoon to remember. Congratulations to Mary Jean Knowles, Virginia Rest, Rosanna Aiuppa and the entire committee for an outstanding production...*Bravo!!!*

Our Children's Halloween Party in the Pavilion simply gets better every year. Christine Di Ionna and her committee were extremely creative with decorations and activities that had all the children (and adults) spell-bound.

Our most important date coming up will be November 13th. At our General Membership Meeting we will be electing four new members to the Board of Directors. We are very fortunate to have six members running for four positions. Please see page 7. Please make every effort to attend this meeting to support our members running for the board, as it shapes the direction of our club for the next few years. Pizza and refreshments will be served.

I would like to wish everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving.

George Urciuoli, President

November Calendar

View our complete online Calendar at italianamerican.com

Every Monday	Italian Grand Buffet
November 2, Friday	Comedy Night
November 3, Saturday	Pavilion Clean Up
November 9, Friday	Family Pot Luck Dinner Night
November 12, Monday	Men's Club
November 13, Tuesday (special night)	Board Meeting
	General Membership Meeting
	Board Elections
November 14, Wednesday	Women's League
November 19, Monday	Meet & Greet Member Social
November 27, Tuesday	Book Club
Save the Date	
December 16, Sunday	Family Christmas Party

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

Member Profile Josephine Sano *by Anna Acconi*

A Local Treasure

When called a role model for women, Josephine Sano modestly declines the honor. As a revered teacher and an honored union leader, Josephine has lived an interesting life full of love for her family and for her profession. She describes herself instead as an independent woman who simply made decisions based on the ideals in which she passionately believed.



Born in Elmhurst, Queens in 1920, Josephine Autilio moved with her parents to Gloversville so that her mother could better cope with her emphysema. In her early years, Josephine was much influenced by her own role model, her father. A barber, John Autilio, came to America at the age of 16, determined to learn the language and become successful. He bought a copy of the *New York Times* and used it to teach himself to read and write English. His desire to learn was so strong that each day he concentrated on incorporating a new word into his vocabulary. At dinner each night, a dictionary was placed on the table, so that a new word could be looked up, understood, and used in an increasingly expanding vocabulary. It is clear that Josephine's love for education evolved from this family emphasis on learning.

Josephine was accepted into the very competitive New York State College for Teachers. Josephine used her state and local scholarships to buy her books and pay for her living expenses at Newman Hall. Totally self-supportive, she supplemented her income by waiting tables at various restaurants, serving as a photographer at John G. Myers Department Store, and working as a nanny during the summers. When it was pointed out to Josephine that she attended college at a time when most Italian American women were not encouraged to do so, her reply was, "To do anything else would not have made any sense to me."

Upon graduation, while she lived on Quail Street, she secured a job teaching seventh and eighth grade and high school social studies. Travel to the school was quite arduous in those days. She left that position to take a teaching job in Whitney Point near Binghamton, only to soon discover that Joe Sano had been discharged from the service and had returned to Albany.

Several years earlier, in 1941, as a college senior, Josephine had met Joe Sano at the Columbus Day Dinner Dance at the Sons of Italy. He had gone off to war. Josephine returned to Albany in 1945 to marry Joe and take a position in a school in Berne Knox, where she remained for 2 years. For many years following, Josephine and Joe raised their three boys: Joe, John, and Jim. Josephine substituted in schools in Albany and her husband worked as a letter carrier out of the Academy Station. When the children were older, Josephine returned to a full-time position teaching grade 8 social studies in School 19, a place she describes as "the best place to teach." After many years, she went to Hackett Junior High School where she taught grades 7 and 8.

Eventually Josephine's leadership skills were well-noted and she was selected as a delegate to the Albany Public Schools Teachers' Association. She served as President of APSTA for 10 years. During her tenure as President, she transformed the teachers' union from what she described as an "afternoon tea society" into a modern organization representing teachers. She also assisted greatly in helping the police and fire department unions get off the ground during the Corning years. Josephine was one of the founders of NYSUT and was later selected as a delegate to that organization. In 1980, she was elected as President of the Albany Central Federation of Labor (AFL-CIO) and served for 20 years. Josephine was the first woman in New York State to ever serve in that position.

At 92 Josephine is "doing amazingly well" and continues to read and keep up with current events. She is involved in the lives of her sons, her daughters-in-law, her 6 grandchildren, and her 3 great grandchildren. Her independent spirit and her love for education are imbued in all members of her family.

Dear Rosanna and the Board of IAHF*i*,



April-Joy Gutierrez, David Righeschi

I just wanted to say congratulations on the success of an *Afternoon with David Righeschi* concert. I don't know what the final attendance count was or the box office take which are important criteria, but to me the spectacular music performances said it all. Rosanna, you had a big idea, you took a chance, and involved us all in your vision of a lovely program showcasing Italian music and performers. You pulled together a competent and enthusiastic team and the end result was something special that I will remember for years to come.

Thank you so much for allowing the Saratoga Springs Youth Orchestra to be part of your vision. I can hardly express how proud I was of our musicians to be able to share the stage with such great, professional artists and talent as



David and April. The orchestra held their own with grace and poise and shared a remarkable

performance experience that would be unusual for many professional musicians. They very much enjoyed being involved in the program and have gained a lot of confidence as a result. We are grateful that you made that experience possible for them.

The entire program was a hit. The audience was blown away from beginning to end. Franco was an accomplished and entertaining Master of Ceremonies. His behind the scenes scheduling matrix and stage direction for the performers was invaluable. David and April were exceptional. And of course Maestro out did himself with his musical direction, artistic contribution to almost every aspect of the program, and his inspired piano accompaniment. Everybody did what they needed to do and the resulting concert was wonderful. You had the greatest challenge of course as you had to deal with very difficult family issues in the midst of everything. You held it together in spite of it all and have served as a role model of grace under fire.



Rosanna Aiuppa and Emcee Franco Spoto

I know there were thousands of other tasks and work that your staff handled that we were not involved in but everyone that we worked with was competent,

gracious, and supportive. Their hard work and dedication were also an important piece of the puzzle that led to a successful concert. The Troy Savings Bank Music Hall stage crew was phenomenal. We very much appreciate their help and I will send a letter thanking them for their work.

Thank you again for allowing SSYO to be a part of this exceptional concert event. I would look forward to future collaborations with you if you have any other "big ideas". It was a pleasure and a joy!

*With Warmest Regards,
Mary Cowans, Board President
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The Future of Thanksgiving



By Sharon Patrei

One would expect the November issue of *Siamo Qui* to have an article on Thanksgiving history and the reasons why we should give thanks. I would like to redirect one's thoughts on this commemoration to Thanksgiving's future.

How can one give thanks looking toward the future, one might wonder. I propose we promise ourselves that within the coming year we do tasks of kindness and generosity that will have lasting effects on this day of thanks. For example, I propose that we be good stewards of the people in our lives; guiding our children in as subtle a way as possible since subtlety is the only door that will maintain healthy relationships with them. I propose that we be good stewards to our grandchildren, teaching them what we have learned since raising their parents. We seniors have acquired much knowledge that needs to be passed on. No one younger than us knows what we know. When we are gone our families will celebrate Thanksgiving with memories of the knowledge we shared.

Another aspect of celebrating Thanksgiving's future is to meet the needs of others not just when we want to but at the moment of need. A need that is met gives a future to the recipient. As seniors age we often talk about getting rid of things that built our life. These possessions should have a future, also. Our storage is waiting for a rebirth into someone else's future. At Thanksgiving your giving will be remembered.

Our subtlety, our wisdom, and our generosity will live on into the future of Thanksgiving. May this new concept give us a more meaningful sense of what Thanksgiving represents. Contribute to the future of Thanksgiving.

FRIDAY FAMILY NIGHT CONTINUES!

If you enjoyed those warm Friday Family Night Pot Luck Dinners, with good food and lots of friendly conversation, then you're in luck. We plan to continue the spirit of Friday night throughout the winter. Our first *Pot Luck Dinner* will be on Friday, November 9th at 6:30 PM, upstairs in the Board Room. We can even spill over into the Membership Room. Just bring either an entrée or a dessert to share. We might even play some board games or cards. Hope to see you all there.

IACC Family Christmas Party

Hosted by the Women's League

Sunday, December 16, 2012

12:00 PM – 4:30 PM

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Election of Board Members

According to our new By-Laws passed in December 2010, election to the Board of Directors will be held in November. Four seats will be available.

If you are interested in applying for one of these vacancies and can satisfy all of the following requisites, please submit your brief resumé to the IACC Office.

IACC By-Laws state that "each candidate for director shall satisfy the following requisites:

- Be at least 21 years of age
- Be a United States Citizen
- Be a voting member of the corporation in good standing
- Have at least one year as a member immediately preceding the election
- Never have been convicted of a felony
- Not be a full-time employee of the IACC

No director, including the past president, may be elected to serve two consecutive terms.

Directors shall not be eligible for re-election or appointment to the board for one year after they complete their term on the board.

Husbands and wives may not serve on the Board of Directors simultaneously."

The election will be held at the General Membership Meeting on Tuesday, November 13 at 7:00 PM.

Current Nominees For Board of Directors

1. Joseph DeFronzo

Joseph holds a degree in Political Science and Romance Languages from Queens College and a master's degree in International Affairs from Columbia University. In 1995, Joe was appointed by Governor Pataki to the position of Director of the International Division of the New York State Economic Development Corporation. Again, in 1999, he was appointed as Director of Business Development for the NYS Thruway Authority. In addition, Joe owns a wine importing and distribution company. He has been involved in many community endeavors.

2. Mary Jean Knowles

Mary Jean (MJ) and her husband Earl joined IACC in 2011. Since then she has been very active

volunteering for the various functions held by IACC. She recently co-chaired the David Righeschi concert held at the Troy Music Hall. MJ has volunteered for other committees as well. MJ participates in the Women's Bocce League and Zumba lessons. Mary Jean currently volunteers her time on several different Not-for-Profit charitable events outside of IACC, most notably the Albany Wine & Dine for the Arts, where she serves as Secretary on the Board of Directors.

3. Maria Marchio

Maria Marchio has been a member of the IACC for seven years. During that time, she served as president of the Women's Bocce League for 2 years. She has supported many social events and has been responsible for the children's dancing and singing activities. She is a member of the Siamo Qui Mail Prep Team. In addition, Maria has previously served on the Board.

4. Sharon Patrei

Sharon Patrei, originally from Albany, moved to Syracuse with her husband as he studied to become an ear, nose and throat surgeon and allergist. She ran his office for many years while raising her two boys. During this time, Sharon volunteered at food pantries, the Ronald McDonald House, the middle and high schools, and the women's auxiliary at St. Joseph's Hospital. She is a member of the Siamo Qui Mail Prep Team. Sharon has previously served on the Board.

5. Robert Penna

Bob and his wife have been members of IACC since 2001 and have volunteered for the Festas. Bob served 13 years in the New York State Senate as staff member or chief of staff for 3 senators and recently published a book, *Nonprofit Outcomes Toolbox*. He is currently on the board of IAHF.

6. Ron Richards

Ron has been an active member of the IACC for many years. He has served on the Festa committee, the pool committee, the pavilion committee and the bocce league. In addition, Ron has worked for the Columbus Day parade events.

Continued from page 3 Josephine has earned many honors during her lifetime: In 2000 she was chosen by the Albany-Colonie Chamber of Commerce as one of 100 Women of Excellence for the Century. She received the Bread and Roses Award from Cornell. In 2006 she was presented with the Sandy Feldman Award for Outstanding Leadership from NYSUT. In 1998, at the dedication of the Mulaney House in Troy as a National Treasure, then Congressman Mike McNulty requested that Josephine introduce then First Lady Hillary Clinton. In October 2000, Josephine accepted a posthumous award for Kate Mulaney at the induction into the National Women's Hall of Fame in Seneca Falls. Josephine said it was a thrilling opportunity to stand with so many great women. In 2010, she was inducted into the Albany City Schools' Hall of Fame. She considers her greatest accomplishment the fact that she has helped teachers to be recognized and treated with dignity. "I gave them courage. I gave them direction." Josephine says any success she has had has been because she has no hidden agenda and is not hesitant about speaking her mind if there is a chance to do some good. Her indomitable spirit is best summed up by one of her favorite and frequently quoted phrases she credits to former Vice President Hubert Humphrey, "It is better to live one day as a lion, than to live a lifetime as a chicken" Josephine Sano continues to inspire. What a treasure!

Membership Social *By Angelo Tarantino*

The Membership Committee will be hosting a monthly *Meet and Greet Membership Social* at 6:00 PM on the 3rd Monday of every month for ALL MEMBERS. It will be held in conjunction with the Monday Night Grand Buffet. We will be making reservations with the restaurant for seating, so if you plan to attend the social, you will need to register with Linda in the IACC Office, 456.4222, by the Wednesday before the social. The only cost to you will be the cost of the buffet. However, since your membership benefit applies, when you buy one dinner you will receive the second one free. (Drinks, tax, and tip are extra.)

The purpose of this event is to provide an opportunity to meet other members. In addition to enjoying the Grand Buffet, you will be provided an update on current and planned activities of the club. The Membership Committee encourages you to attend as often as you can in order to meet other members, enjoy the camaraderie of your fellow members, and to keep updated on club events. This also provides the Membership Committee the opportunity to learn more about you, your suggestions for improving membership projects and social and cultural events, and to encourage you to be more involved in the club. Dates for the *Meet and Greet Membership Socials* for the next six months are as follows: 11/19, 12/17, 1/21, 2/18, 3/18, and 4/15. Please mark your calendar. We encourage you to attend when you are available.

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November 27, 2012

Tuesday Evening 7:00 PM



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IACC Dancers at CIAO Festival



Left to right front row: Antonia Marando, Jenna Barbato, Erica Rose Tirino, Olivia Lucarelli, Bella Lucarelli

Middle row: Sofia Lucarelli, Gabriella Barbato, Marcella Morrissey, Liliana DiCarlo, Giuliana Vivencio, Isabella Hrimatopoulos, and Dance Instructor Assistant, Francesca Volpe

Back row: Christopher Columbus played by Ed Konow

Women's League

Hi Ladies,

A very special "thank you" for all of the ladies who participated last month with our Uncle Shawn's Hug's blanket party. We were able to complete just over 30 blankets and Dawn was so very grateful for our contribution. She has extended her blanket contributions to many areas to include battered women's shelters and schools. Last year she was able to donate 900 blankets. It's so wonderful to have even a small part in this mission.

This month and next month we will be collecting toiletries and personal hygiene articles to be donated to area battered women shelters. If you have any small articles, like the "freebies" from hotels, bring them with you. I would also like to see about "Adopt a Family" for the holiday, so if anyone knows who to contact about that, let me know.

This month at the meeting, we will enjoy playing Bingo. Our meeting will be on Wednesday, November 14th at 6:30pm. Our meal selection this month will be "Parm Night", either Chicken or Eggplant Parmesan. Dessert will be Tiramisu Cake with Coffee or Tea. The price remains at \$20. 00. Please email your reservations to Lynn Indelicato at domlynn@yahoo.com or call 469-1284 by Sunday, November 11th, cancellations will also be by Sunday November 11th. Please remember our cancellation policy remains in effect.

Donna Zumbo - Women's League President

PAVILION CLEAN-UP CLOSE-DOWN DAY

If anyone can spare a few hours on SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd from 10:30 AM until about 12:30 PM, we would love to have some help in closing down the pavilion for the winter. As an added bonus, you'll even receive lunch! Remember "many hands make light work". Please stop by and lend a helping hand and enjoy lunch, too.



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Halloween Bash By Christine Di Ionna

The IACC Halloween Bash was held on Saturday, Oct 27th. It started off a little rocky due to a mix-up in the dates with the DJ. Once we realized the DJ wasn't coming, the committee kicked into gear coming up with games for the kids to play. The kids seemed thrilled with the games we came up with. They especially loved the toilet paper mummy wrap game as well as passing the hot pumpkin and the candy relay. Many of the attendees commented how much they thought the kids enjoyed playing the games more than having the DJ. All in all it was a big success. Thanks to Jim and Nancy Sano for generously donating the majority of the food. I also want to thank my committee that consisted of Maria DiNitto, Maria LaMorte, Dom and Lynn Indelicato, Gail and Angelo Tarantino, as well as my family, Joe and Marissa. One last thank you to Dave Cesari and Morgan Linens who donated the linens for the Halloween party. Not only has Dave always donated for this party, but he has always been extremely generous to the IACC membership for all of our parties, donating linens and whatever else is needed for all of our events. Because of members like Dave, our organization is able to sponsor these great events for our membership at a reasonable cost to members.



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Lynn Indelicato	Suzanne Wall
Joseph Marando	Karen Wilson
Mary Lou Marando	Thomas Yacono
Roseann Mele	

Condolences:

Mary Ann Micheri, who served as president of Women's League for two years, passed away on October 20. Our deepest sympathy to her entire family.

We mourn the untimely passing of Cheryl Evola, daughter of Diane Biernacki. Our condolences to the Biernacki family.

Patrick Cardinale, father of Nancy Sano, passed away after a long illness. Condolences to Nancy and Jim Sano and their family.

Condolences to Michael and Virginia Rest and family after the passing of Mike's aunt, Jane Pineo on October 24.

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



New Members

Ricky Paluck & Bridget Walsh
Loudonville
Sponsor: Jim Sano



Rosemary-Garlic Roast Turkey

Original Kaboose.com recipe by Stella Zedman

If Italians had invented roast turkey, it would turn out something like this. Wonderfully fragrant with garlic and rosemary, this savory roast turkey makes an impressive holiday feast that's sure to wow your guests.

Ingredients

8 cloves garlic, crushed
1/4 cup chopped fresh rosemary (or 2 tbsp./30 mL dried)
1/4 cup olive oil
1 Tbsp. coarse salt
1 tsp. black pepper
12 to 15 lb. whole turkey, fully defrosted if frozen

Cooking Instructions

Preheat oven to 325 degrees F.

In a small bowl or food processor, mash together garlic, rosemary, olive oil, salt and pepper so that it forms a thick paste.

By hand, gently pull the skin away from the turkey breast at the front of the breast (near the neck opening) to form a sort of pocket. Rub some of the rosemary garlic paste onto the breast meat under the skin, reaching in as far as you can without tearing the skin. Rub the remaining rosemary garlic paste all over the skin of the turkey and in the cavity. Add the stuffing, if you're using it, and place the turkey, breast side up, on a rack in a shallow roasting pan. Tuck the wings underneath the bird and tie the legs together with kitchen string.

Place the turkey into the preheated oven. Do not cover the pan. Roast, basting every 15 to 20 minutes with the pan juices, until a meat thermometer inserted into the inner thigh reaches 170 degrees F and the juices run clear when the thigh is pricked with a skewer. This will take anywhere from 3 to 4-1/4 hours (depending on the size of the turkey and whether it is stuffed or not). The only definite way to know if the turkey is cooked is by using a meat thermometer. Remove roasting pan from the oven and let the turkey rest at room temperature for about 15 minutes before carving.

Serve turkey with pan juices or use the juices to make gravy.

Rosemary-Garlic Gravy

1/4 cup fat from the roasting pan
1/4 cup flour
2 cups defatted turkey pan juices, turkey broth, water, or a combination

In a saucepan, combine the fat from the roasting pan and flour.

Cook, stirring to eliminate any lumps, for just a minute or two.

Whisk in turkey juices, broth or whatever liquid you're using and cook, stirring constantly, until the gravy thickens. Let simmer over low heat, whisking occasionally, for 6 to 8 minutes. Serve hot.

Servings: turkey: 12 to 18, gravy: 2-1/2 cups

How Kids Can Help

With clean hands, kids can help coat the turkey with the herb and garlic mixture. Older children (12 and up) can help stir the simmering gravy with adult supervision.



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