

# THE ITALIAN TIMES JR.

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We've had a great, positive response to our first junior version of The Italian Times! Thanks to those members who shared their thoughts, comments and suggestions. Keep them coming!

## What's Up and Coming?

Have you wondered how ricotta is made or what the Italian phrase for "glad you are doing well" is? The Culture Committee and Membership Committee have joined forces to put together virtual events each month to assist our members in their quest for knowledge of all things Italian and an escape from boredom! Watch for an email from The Culture Connection for details.

## Help!

As you know, our beloved ICC is in dire financial straits and President Joseph Emanuele's August 28th letter detailed our current financial situation. His request for \$1.00 per day donations is proving to be successful. Our **sincerest thanks** to those members who stepped up and made a donation. However, we are a long way off in raising the funds to pay for daily maintenance and repairs. A new roof being the biggest expense. Please consider making a donation. Every bit helps, but the more zeros before the decimal point, the better!

**Also, the CARES Act, allows taxpayers who take the standard deduction to claim up to \$300.00 in charitable deductions made to a 501(c)(3). So now's the time to make your donation (before the IRS rules change again!)**

## Movie Night!

If you are not comfortable sitting in theaters just yet, give the ICC Movie Night a whirl – provided by the Membership Committee and held on the 2nd Friday of each month. Packaged snacks and refreshments are available for purchase. However, since Fall is upon us and Winter right around the corner (remember you are in Wisconsin), the event will be moved from the Courtyard to the Bocce Room. President Joseph Emanuele wishes to thank Director Mary Anne Ceraso-Alioto and her Assistant Director John Alioto, for coordinating this event. If you are interested in sponsoring a Movie Night, please contact Mary Anne. The cost is \$100.00. Although we are unable to put your name up in lights for your sponsorship, we can provide our sincere thanks and publish your name on the flyer as a Movie Night Sponsor. August's Movie Night was sponsored by Tracy Balistreri of Nails by Tracy, and September was sponsored by Mike Palmisano of Diversified Capital Wealth Management. October's movie is Young Frankenstein and is sponsored by Sue Derby and Travis Derby of Shorewest Realtors.

## Back to Normal

At this time, we cannot predict when the events at the Center will return to normal or the "new normal". The Bartolotta staff is set to resume activities and events in October. We hope this is the start of the road to recovery. As you are well aware, the guidelines of the CDC must be complied with and adhered to when scheduling upcoming events.

## **October General Membership Meeting**

The Executive Officers and Board of Directors have discussed the return of the General Membership Meetings. An October 15th General Membership Meeting is scheduled and will be held in the ballroom. Tables will be set up to adhere to the social distancing rules. Wearing masks is required. At this time we are not sure if a dinner will be available for purchase, but you can be assured that some sweets will be on hand thanks to our resident baker, Joanne Czubek and her culinary staff. Please mark your calendars and attend the meeting. There is quite a bit of information that must be passed on to our members – more than this little newspaper can detail.

## **Stuffed Shells Pick-Up**

The sale of the stuffed shells that were made for The Taste of Italy was a tremendous success. The sale of the shells was announced via email blast around 9:00, and the shells were sold out by mid-afternoon. By the time you read this issue, those who ordered shells should have picked them up. Thanks to all those who purchased the shells. The Taste of Italy is considering holding a sale of another product. Stay tuned for further details!

## **In Memoriam**

A partial list of donations made to the ICC:

Tony T. Machi – Nicholas A. Machi  
Jimmy & Linda Spataro/Tony T. Machi –  
Frank Guiffre  
Bill & Rita Jennaro – Joseph Turecek  
Allen Salzstein – Josephine Crosariol  
Bill & Rita Jennaro – Robert Jennaro  
Bill & Rita Jennaro/Tony T. Machi –  
Joe D'Amato

Other donations will be listed in next month's issue.

## **New Members – Benvenuti!**

Jean Berens & Scott Dragan  
Alanna Porter (Jr. Member)  
Adam Hamdan  
Henry Perri  
Camille Deslongschamps (Jr. Member)

## **No Email – No Worries**

Thanks to Mary Anne Ceraso-Alioto, who obtained sponsorship to cover the costs of mailing out the next two issues of *The Italian Times, Jr.* and *Culture Connection* to those members who do not have email. *If you did NOT receive last month's issue but DO have an email address, please contact Constance Palmer to make sure she has your current email.* (Also check your "junk file" just in case the emails land there. It happens.) That list will be used to send the next two mailings via pony express (a/k/a postal service!). You can call Constance at the ICC Office from 9:00 - 3:30 at 414-223-2808.

## **Oops!**

In last month's issue, John Alioto's phone number was incorrectly listed. His number is: 414-745-7523. John coordinates the Bocce Leagues which we hope will resume in January.

## **Recent Survey**

A "Survey Planet" was sent a while back by the Fundraising Committee. Unfortunately, only 10% of our membership responded. Here are a few interesting facts generated by the survey. We'll publish more in upcoming issues.

## **Are you a first Generation Member (parents were not members) or Legacy Member (parents were members first)?**

122 answers were received: 82 responded that they were First Generation Members; 40 responded they were Legacy Members.

## ***Recent Survey – Continued***

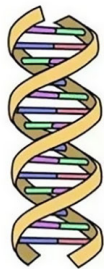
**Have you ever made a donation or financial contribution to any ICC Program?** 126 answers were received: 88 responded yes; 38 responded no.

**Have you attended Festa Italiana?** 127 answers were received: 78 attended last year; 17 attended within the last 2 years; 24 attended within the last 5 years; 7 attended at some time in the past; and one person never attended Festa Italiana.

## **Pictures, Etc.**

Some members requested we insert pictures and some fun stuff. We will try to do this each month, but here's the 1st one!!

### **NORMAL DNA    ITALIAN DNA**



What is an Italian with his hands in his pockets called? Quiet!

## **Sunday Drive-By Dinner**

Want a reprieve from making Sunday dinner? UNICO is holding a fundraiser on October 11th. The “Sunday Dinner in a Bag” will include, a jar of Glorioso’s sauce, 1 lb. of pasta from Glorioso’s, a package of sausage, a loaf of Sciortino’s bread, and pizzelles, along with some surprises! All for a mere \$25.00. You can place your order starting Monday, September 28, through Wednesday, October 7th, by calling or emailing Sophia Michalovitz: 414-476-0461; [sophianyckid38@aol.com](mailto:sophianyckid38@aol.com).

## **Halloween Family Movie Celebration**

The Culture Connection team and Membership Committee are holding a special movie day on Sunday, October 25th at 4:00pm. Hotel Transylvania, a PG Disney movie will be shown. Bring a carved pumpkin or two for display in the courtyard for the kids to enjoy along with a “special treat”. The pumpkins will be on display until November 1st. COVID-19 rules and regulations will be in effect. We will stay safe.

## **Ask the Board**

Do you have a question you’d like to direct to the Executive Officers and/or Board of Directors. Here’s your chance. Send an email with your question to [marie@tshglaw.com](mailto:marie@tshglaw.com) and she will attempt to get a satisfactory answer. We will post one or two questions with answers per month, so if yours doesn’t make a current issue, we’ll try to post it in the next one!

## **Contact Us**

If you have any questions, or comments, please don’t hesitate to contact any of the following individuals: Joseph Emanuele: [president@iccmilwaukee.com](mailto:president@iccmilwaukee.com); Rose Anne Ceraso Fritchie: [vp@iccmilwaukee.com](mailto:vp@iccmilwaukee.com); Marie Andaloro-Lieber: [marie@tshglaw.com](mailto:marie@tshglaw.com)  
We love to hear from you.

We hope each of you are staying safe and healthy. Our thoughts and prayers go out to our members who are experiencing health issues and in hopes for your quick recovery. It is our sincere hope that we can, in the very near future, resume our face-to-face meetings, events, etc. I am sure you all miss the camaraderie and socialization we all had in the “pre-COVID 19” days. We do too.

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