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General Membership Meeting

Unfortunately, until further notice, there will be no General Membership Meetings, due to safety concerns.

Approval of Proposed By-Laws

Because the “in person” general meetings are cancelled until further notice, the Executive Committee is working on preparing “by-law ballots by mail”. Watch your mail for something in the very near future. When the information is received, PLEASE take a moment to vote and return your ballot. Let your voice be heard!

Culture/Membership Committees, Upcoming Events

The Cultural, Membership and Carnevale Committees have created an ad hoc committee (CMC) for an upcoming event. See below.

WHAT? No Carnevale this year?? Wrong!!

The ad hoc CMC Committee is working on a virtual 2021 Carnevale to be held live at the ICC on February 13, 2020. You can learn how to prepare a specialty cocktail and prepare a delicious appetizer with one of our local Milwaukee chefs.

There will be musical performances and a silent auction. And, possibly special appearances by our past royalty. Details will be provided in the next issue of the Culture Connection.

Donations

The Executive Committee and the Board of Directors would like to thank all who have donated during the last few months to President Joe’s \$1.00-A-Day campaign. The list of donors was published in last month’s issue. The following persons have recently made a donation: Rosemary DeRubertis, Lawrence & Joan Balistreri, Doris A Evans, Gino Dentice, Christopher & Barbara White, J.F. & N.M. Puechner, and J.S. Manone Foundation.

However, donations are still needed, so please consider making a tax deductible donation this year. (Is your check in the mail?)

REMINDER: 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!)

P.S. As a clarification, you can donate whatever you can afford. The ICC is accepting and very appreciative of ALL donations.

Rice Balls

The rice ball fundraiser was a success. Thirty-six orders were placed for the 518 rice balls sold. The sale provided the ICC with a profit of approximately \$1,000.00. A special thanks to Christina Ziino, Val Schleicher and Marie Lieber for their time and talents in coordinating and selling the delicious rice balls. And thank you to Sciortino's for the delicious rice balls.

In Memoriam

Another of our long-time members, Rose Balistreri Witz has passed away. She is the sister of Aggie Collura. Rose was a volunteer at Festa Italiana, especially at the Cucina Showcase. Our sympathy goes out to her family.

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Our accountant, Peter Azzarello, at the last Board Meeting, presented a spreadsheet outlining the anticipated income and expenses of the ICC through the end of the year. As was previously reported, Bartolotta has not opened its ICC facility, but we are hoping this will change within the next several months. In the meantime, everything possible is being done to hold down expenses and to come up with creative ways to generate income.

Bringing a Smile to Your Face

An Italian businessman on his deathbed called his good friend and said, "Luigi, I want you to promise me that when I die you will have my remains cremated." "And what," his friend asked, "do you

want me to do with your ashes?" The businessman said, "Just put them in an envelope and mail them to the IRS...and write on the envelope, 'Now you have everything.'"

Annual Dues

You should have received your statement for payment of your 2021 ICC annual dues. If you have not already done so, please send in your renewal as soon as possible. Your dues are used to keep the lights on. Now with the cold weather, the heat (although set at a very, very low temperature, has to be put on.) Also, encourage your friends and relatives to become members. Your support is needed now more than ever.

Holiday Lights Celebration

The December 11, 2020 Holiday Lights Celebration was a fun event. Because of the unpleasant weather (rain, rain and more rain), the event was held in LaScala. While listening to Christmas carols old and new, participants enjoyed Minestrone Soup made by Christine Conley, Hot Chocolate prepared by Mary Anne Alioto (with marshmallows) and bartender, Susie Christiansen, served her Bicerin. There were "spirits" on hand to make the beverages "jolly". Cupcakes and candy canes were also provided.

New Members

The following persons are now members of the ICC: Ryan Lieber and Anthony Waite.

Memorials

The ICC received the following memorials during the month of November, 2020:

For Joseph Maro

Gene & Barbara Bunge

Fay & Grover Zwiag

Pam & Pau Menzloff

Gail Ulness

James & Terri Alioto

Joseph G. & Dawinia Alioto

Bill & Rita Jennaro

Sophia Michalovitz

For Mary Lou Romano

Bill & Rita Jennaro

For Rose L. Witz

Jimmy & Linda Spataro

Bill & Rita Jennaro

Sophia Michalovitz

For Pauline Catalano

Sophia Michalovitz

Bill & Rita Jennaro

Ron & Joanne Czubek

Joseph Gazzana

For Patricia Catalano

Sophie Michalovitz

Joseph Gazzana

Ron & Joanne Czubek

Bill & Rite Jennaro

For John J. Valenti

F. William Russ

For Domenic Frinzi

F. William Russ

Bocce Leagues

Sad to report that the Winter session bocce leagues have been cancelled. John Alioto and the league captains will discuss the possibility of having a Spring session. If you were on a league and wish to continue to play, please contact your league captain to let him/her know of your willingness to resume play.

Nominations

The Executive Committee and the Nominating Committee will be discussing the best and most efficient way to conduct the nominations for the Executive Committee and the Directors at Large. Watch your email for updated information.

Do you have a special TRADE or TALENT?

The ICC is looking for trades people and volunteers who would be able to do some much needed repairs at the ICC: Fountain repairs, pillar repairs, flower planting, etc. Volunteers are also needed to clean out the ICC "attic" which contains records from the year the ICC was built!! Your help will bring much needed improvement and organization to our ICC. We can get this done if we work together. Call President Joe (414-223-2180) to sign up.

It's 2021 – Finally!!!

The Executive Board and the Board of Directors, wish each and every one of you a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year. With the COVID-19 vaccine now in the distribution stage, we hope that we will be able to meet again in the not too distant future. In the meantime, stay safe!

Another Round of Masks

Since it looks like we will be donning masks for quite a while, our ambitious Vice-President, Rose Anne Ceraso Fritchie is at it again. She is making an additional 100 masks in **red**. The masks are \$15 each with \$10 going directly to the ICC. Contact Rose Anne (liz.ceraso@gmail.com) and order yours today.

Contact Us

If you have any questions, comments, wish to report an event, etc., please don't hesitate to contact any of the following individuals: Joseph Emanuele: president@iccmilwaukee.com; Rose Anne Ceraso Fritchie: vp@iccmilwaukee.com; Marie Andaloro-Lieber: marie@tshglaw.com

We love to hear from you.

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