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General Membership Meeting

A General Membership Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 15th at 6:00. This is an extremely important meeting and we urge all Members to attend. Due to the recently revised Bylaws, ICC elections will be held in the Spring instead of the Fall. This year, because of the pandemic, we are slightly behind the schedule, but as with everything this past year, we will move through as smoothly as we can.

Nominations – Here’s How They Will Work

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

President Emanuele has appointed Bill and Jessica Stocks as co-chairs of the Nominating Committee. At the April GM Meeting, nominations will be taken for those individuals who wish to serve on the Nominating Committee. A vote will then be taken.

NOMINATIONS: Between the April and May meetings, anyone who is interested in running for a position as an Executive Officer, or for a position on the Board of Directors, should submit their name to Bill and Jessica at billyd1988@yahoo.com.

At the May GM Meeting, a slate of candidates for the various positions will be presented, and nominations will also be taken from the floor. The positions that are coming up for election are: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Sergeant-At-Arms. In addition, there are (4) seats on the Board of Directors available. The Nominating Committee will contact each of the nominees to ensure they qualify, according to the By-Laws, to run for the Executive Board or Board of Directors.

BIOS: If a nominee would like to include a few sentences as to why they wish to serve either on the Executive Board or on the Board of Directors, you can submit the information to Marie at: marie@tshglaw.com.

Please keep your article short and sweet! (The editor of this newspaper will have the absolute authority to shorten any lengthy article! Just give the facts man!) The articles will appear in the June issue.

ELECTIONS: Shortly after the May Meeting, ballots will be mailed to all ICC Members. Those elected will be announced at the June (or July) Meeting and will take office on August 1, 2021.

Carnevale - an Absolute Success!

Even though the final figures are not completed, Carnevale 2021 brought in approximately a \$6,000 profit! The ad hoc Carnevale Committee deserves a round of applause and sincere thanks and appreciation for putting together this wonderful virtual event.

The Feast of St. Joseph’s Table

If you didn’t notice, the Culture Committee put together a beautiful display dedicated to Feast of St. Joseph. The display is in the Chicago Street window. The Culture Committee will try to display something new each month. Watch for it!

Bringing a Smile to Your Face

Gino was laying in his hospital bed when the doctor came in and told him that he probably would be entering the big Pizza Palace in the sky very soon. Gino then called his life-long friend Frank and asked him to come to the hospital right away. Frank, being Gino’s friend for over 50 years, dropped everything and went to see his friend Gino. Gino said to Frank: “I’m not long for this world. When I die, I want you to have my body cremated. I then want you to put my ashes in an envelope and address the envelope to the IRS with a note: *NOW YOU HAVE EVERYTHING!*”

Editor’s Note: The deadline for filing your 2020 federal income tax return has been extended to May 14, 2021. However, those who make estimated tax payments, the first one is still due April 15th. Although Wisconsin has yet to approve an extension, it is very likely the State will do so.

In Memoriam

Thanks to the following individuals who made memorials in late January to early March in honor of their loved ones:

Jimmy & Linda Spataro for Tony D'Acquisto
Jimmy & Linda Spataro for Evelyn MacAluso
Jimmy & Linda Spataro for Joe Baumont
Sandy & Phil Cianciola for Frances Behling
Pompeii Men's Club for Bill Jennaro

\$1.00 A Day Donation Continues

The following Members have recently made contributions:

Anthony & Margaret Balistreri
Edith V. Brown
Sandra A. Ivers
Abruzzese-Galileo Galilei Society

New Members

We welcome the following new Members:

Al & Joy Schanowski
Robert & Evan Metzger
Dan & Nina Balistreri O'Brien and their children

Calling All High School Seniors!

The local organizations of UNICO are again offering several \$1,000 scholarships to high school seniors of Italian ancestry. In addition, a \$1,500 scholarship will be awarded to a female student entering a STEM program and preferably attending Marquette University in the Fall. All of the information can be found at: <http://unicomilwaukee.com>. Applications must be postmarked no later than Saturday, May 8, 2021.

Also check UNICO.org for a variety of additional scholarships for high school as well as college students. The National deadline is April 15, 2021.

Movie Night

As the weather improves, we are hopeful that the Movie Night held on the 2nd Friday of each month will resume in our Courtyard. We'll keep you posted.

Roll Out the Bocce Balls

Not quite yet! The April session has been cancelled. However, bocce coordinator, John Alioto feels confident that the fall leagues will go forward, starting in September. Further information will be provided in the months to come. Joining a bocce league is fun and a nice way to mingle with your fellow ICC Members. If you did not participate in any of the past leagues, consider doing so now. We all need an escape from boredom!

Stimulus Payments

By the time this edition is published, those who qualified for the third stimulus payment should have received it. Here's a suggestion: Donate part (or all – we are not picky) of your stimulus check to STIMULATE the ICC.

Bartolotta Update

A meeting was recently had with Paul Bartolotta, Keith Trafton, Joe Vella and Joe Emanuele regarding the status of Bartolotta Events. Paul and Keith reported that there are some events trickling in that are scheduled in April and May. They are hopeful that as more people get vaccinated and gain confidence in going out, the events will increase. LET'S HOPE SO!

Changes in Estate Planning

Certain changes may be forthcoming as a result of President Biden's proposals. Although his newspaper is not in a position to comment on the changes, think about including the Italian Community Center in your Will or Trust.

Amazon

More and more people are ordering from Amazon. Name the Italian Community Center as your charity of choice at Amazon Smile. Every little bit helps.

Spring Has Sprung

And so have repairs that need to be made to the building. Consider donating your time and talents to help make repairs. Contact President Joe Emanuele – he has a list!!

Anything our membership can repair is one thing less the ICC has to contract out and pay for!

Hunger Task Force

The Hunger Task Force Drive, sponsored by the Italian Community Center, will run through Good Friday, April 2nd. For further information go to:

<https://www.hungertaskforce.org/give/italian-community-center/>. As we start planning our Easter Dinner consider those less fortunate.

Buona Pasqua – Happy Easter

From the entire Executive Board and the Board of Directors, we wish each and every one of you a blessed, safe and healthy Easter Season.

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; Rose Anne Ceraso Fritchie: vp@iccmilwaukee.com; Marie Andaloro-Lieber: marie@tshglaw.com
We would love to hear from you.

Marie Andaloro-Lieber (Editor)
Susie Christensen (Associate)

PASSED BY-LAW CHANGES

Article IV – Organization

Section 2 f That closed Board Meeting sessions will remain confidential, until such time that the President or Vice-President deems the information worthy to be brought to the attention of the General Membership.

Article V – Nominations and Elections

Section 1 b. Must have been a member of the Italian Community Center for at least 24 months prior to his/her nomination.

Section 1 c. Must have served on at least one Italian Community Center Committee or held the position of a Festa Italiana Manager within the past year or attended at least 50% of the regularly-scheduled general membership meetings in the preceding year as confirmed by record.

Section 3. A Nominating Committee consisting of two (2) members in good standing appointed by the President and three (3) members in good standing nominated and elected from the floor at the February General Membership Meeting shall develop a slate of candidates to run for the five (5) officer positions and four (4) Director-At-large positions on the Board of Directors.

Section 7. The Nominating Committee shall submit its slate of nominees at the April General Membership Meeting. Nominations from the floor will be accepted at that meeting.

Section 9. All ballots must be postmarked no later than the Thursday preceding the May general membership meeting.

Section 10 a. The tellers, whose chair and members shall be appointed by the President, *and* shall meet prior to the June general membership meeting to confirm validity of all returned ballots. All returned ballots must be postmarked no later than the Thursday preceding the June General Membership Meeting. Ballots postmarked after that date will be saved but shall not be opened or counted.

Section 10 b. The tellers shall meet on the day of the June General Membership Meeting and open all valid ballot envelopes received. The tellers shall tally all valid ballots and shall report the election results to the membership before the adjournment of the June General Membership Meeting.

Section 14. Terms of officers and directors-at-law shall be August 1st to July 31st.