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General Membership Meeting

Another great turnout for the May 20th General Membership Meeting. The main purpose of the meeting was to present the nominees for the various open positions on the Executive Board, as well as the Directors at Large. More of the election later! The next General Membership Meeting is June 17th.

We welcomed back Karen Dickinson and Tony Machi, both of whom experienced serious medical issues during the past several months. It was great to see them “back in the fold”!

Movie Night

On June 11, 2021 in the bocce room, *The Art of Racing in the Rain* will be shown. It’s a heartwarming movie narrated by Enzo, a two-year old Golden Retriever (whose real name is Parker), and stars Milo Ventimiglia and Amanda Seyfried. Refreshments will be available for purchase. Mary Anne Ceraso Alioto promises a few games and surprises. Social distancing will still be followed. However, if you have had both of your COVID 19 shots you may refrain from wearing a mask.

The Return of Bocce

Don’t forgot to contact your league coordinator if you wish to sign up or return for the 2021 Fall season. If you have any general questions, please contact John Alioto at 414-745-7523. The following individuals are the league coordinators:

Tuesday Afternoon:

Craig Lieber: 414-617-0620
or 414-354-2833

Wednesday Night:

Tony Tarantino 414-940-5847

Thursday Afternoon:

Jeannie Prindiville 414-520-7504

Friday Night:

Chuck Mozer: 262-389-0805

Culture Connection

On May 23, 2021, the Culture, Newspaper and Membership Committees gathered to host Cantine Aperte. Because Mother Nature chose not cooperate (again!!) the event was held in the galleria. The menu consisted of: freshly grilled Italian Sausage (made by Vince Carini) with green pepper and onions; Sciortino’s Italian Cookies by the bag; Italian Wines (donated by LoDuca Bros.) by the glass, and the day’s special cocktail – the Venetian Spritz (Limoncello and Prosecco). Peter Russo, Sal LoCoco, Frank Crivello and his wife, Maggie, stood in the rain grilling sausage! The event was well attended, and attendees had many positive things to say. More details in the June issue of “The Culture Connection”.



Sandy Winard uses Prosecco and Limoncello to make the Venetian Spritz which was a big success as there was none left at the conclusion of the event!



It Will Be Back

The Taste of Italy Committee has set May 1, 2022 for Taste of Italy. Mark our calendars. Details to be given as the event grows closer!

In Memoriam

Thanks to the following individuals who made memorials during March and April in honor of the following:

For Peter Frank Sorce
Peter T. & Kathy Sorce
Christina Sorce

For Marianna Aiello
Ron & Joanne Czubek

Rest in Peace

Members Marie Mirenda and Marianne Aiello recently passed. Marie Mirenda never failed to attend an ICC event and helped for many years with Festa Italiana. Marianne Aiello, sister of ICC member Christina Ziino, was a Festa volunteer for many years. Our thoughts, prayers and deepest sympathy go out to their families.

New Members

We welcome the following new Members:

Mr. & Mrs. Riamondo Albarelli
Stephen Cardassi

Bartolotta Update

Events are returning! There are quite a few events scheduled for June and July. As the CDC and local governments relax some of the mandates, we hope that will help the Bartolotta Group hold many more events at the Italian Community Center. As I'm sure you all know, Bartolotta is our partner and our main source of revenue!

Guests enjoyed good food, fine music and a performance by Tradizione Vivente.

We Can Keep the Doors Open!

Thanks to the diligent work of our accountant, CPA Peter Azzarello, many loans and grants have been applied for. Many of those loans/grants have been received and have helped keep the doors of the ICC open. Some of the loans have been forgiven or payment delayed. The final decision on the repayment of the loans is still forthcoming. Even though there has been little activity since March 2020, monthly expenses were still incurred (real estate taxes, heat, utilities, insurance, etc.). Many expenses have been trimmed down thanks to President Joe Emanuele.

With some of the ethnic festivals going forward, as well as Summerfest, parking revenue will hopefully be an additional source of income.

On A Personal Note

Hopefully, each month we can share with the membership some special event or occasion experienced by one of our members. If you have something to share, please contact Marie Andaloro-Lieber.

This month, congratulations go out to Jacob Fischer, grandson of long-time member, Gino Dentice. Jacob has been elected President of The Oshkosh Student Association. Jacob is majoring in political science and public relations. "As Student Body President, I plan to listen to UWO students. Often, student governments can get disconnected from the people they represent" says Fischer. Good luck Jacob!

A Tribute to Fathers

Father's Day is June 20th, and here are a just a few quips I'm sure most of your fathers can relate to!

"I would say the hardest thing about being a father is the kids."

"On a recent walk with my daughter, she asked where the moon goes each morning? I told her it's in heaven visiting daddy's freedom."

You can tell what was the best year of your father's life because he seemed to freeze that clothing style and ride it out."

"The older I get, the smarter my father becomes."

Happy Father's Day to all fathers. You are the salt of the earth, leader of the pack and ruler of your house (if your wife let's you!). Enjoy the day – you deserve it.

Bringing a Smile to Your Face

Two Italian men get on a bus. They sit down and engage in an animated conversation. The lady sitting next to them ignores them at first, but her attention is galvanized when she hears one of them say:

"Emma come first. Den I come. Den two asses come together. I come once-a-more. Two asses, they come together again. I come again and pee twice. Then I come one lasta time."

"You foul-mouthed sex obsessed swine," retorted the lady indignantly. In this country we don't speak aloud in public places about our sex lives."

"Hey, coola down lady," said the man.

"Who talkin' abouta sex? I'm a justa tellin' my friend how to spell 'Mississippi'."

Elections

Bill Stokes, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the slate of nominees at the May 20th General Membership Meeting. Here are the results:

Executive Board:

President: Rose Anne Ceraso Fritchie

Vice-President: Gina Spang

Treasurer: Ted Catalano

Secretary: Susie Christiansen

Sergeant-at-Arms: Joanne Czubek

Directors at Large:

Marie Andaloro-Lieber and Christine Catalano were elected to serve a 2nd term.

New members to the Board are:

Sal Purpora

Lisa DeSanctis

Sandy Winard

A picture and bio of each of the new Board Members will appear in next month's issue.

Because there were 5 positions to fill, 5 nominations were presented, and there were no nominations from the floor, a formal election was not needed (which saved the ICC more than a \$1,000.00!). The new members will take office on August 1, 2021.

Newly elected Board Member, Sal Purpora, bought Papa Luigi's pizza for the meeting attendees and a cake was served for dessert.



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@ishglaw.com (414-708-1607) We would love to hear from you.

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

Volunteers Still Needed

The attic contains boxes of old records and miscellaneous stuff that need to be cleaned out. Plans are to have a dumpster catch the "offerings" as it is pitched off the roof and then taken to be shredded. We also need volunteers to empty the 3 trailers that are currently parked in front of the warehouse and transfer the contents to the warehouse. The trailers contain many of the structures used at Festa.

On It Last Legs

Talking about the fountain in the courtyard, that is. Although valiant attempts have been made by President Joe, the structure still leaks. At Sunday's event, the fountain was filled in the morning and by the time the crowd gathered in the courtyard, the area around the fountain was so wet that two little boys wearing boots were playing in the puddles! In addition, the structure itself is crumbling. A decision must be made soon. The 3 apparent choices are: Replace the fountain with a new one; remove it completely and fill the space with something else; try to repair it (which at this point doesn't seem cost effective). Voice your opinion. What would you like to see happen to our long, devoted friend, the fountain?

