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This month's issue is being sponsored by **Nails by Tracy**. Tracy Balistreri is the owner and a Master Nail Artist & Skincare Specialist. She is also an Instructor of Nail Technology at MATC. Tracy has been a member of the Italian Community Center for many, many years and is currently on the Board of Directors and several ICC committees. She had her first taste of Festa (courtesy of her mother, Christine Conley) before she could walk and has been at every Festa since.

### Mortgage Burning Party

After a short General Membership Meeting on January 19<sup>th</sup>, attendees strolled to the courtyard where a portable firepit was lit (courtesy of John Alioto) and each member was able to throw pages of the mortgage into the fire! Following the historic event, everyone met in LaScala for some champagne, s'mores bar and pizza – all courtesy of Bartolotta. This was a major event as the mortgage has been in existence since the Community Center was built! A big Thank You to all those whose time and effort made this historic event possible, including Bill Quinlivan and Attorney Danielle Bergner!



### So What Now?

The Finance Committee is investigating ways to invest the remaining sales proceeds to ensure that the Italian Community Center can keep "its head above water" and to grow the monies that were received. The Finance Committee and the Long Range Planning Committee (see below) will work together to identify the needs of the Italian Community Center.

### Long-Range Planning Committee

Gina Spang has been appointed by President Rose Anne Ceraso Fritchie to chair the Long-Range Planning Committee. Gina will be selecting members to serve on the Committee. The purpose of the Committee is to provide input on where the Italian Community Center will be in the years to come.

### 2023 Dues

Membership dues will increase effective March 1, 2023. All fees will be on an INDIVIDUAL basis as follows:

- Under 21 – Free
- Ages 21 thru 74 - \$75.00
- Ages 75 thru 89 – \$50.00
- Ages 90 and above – Free

The Membership Committee will generate an invoice to be emailed to members for renewal which will contain payment information.



## Carnevale is Back!

Committee Chair Sandy Winard announces the return of Carnevale on Saturday, February 11. The format will be a little different. See the flyer below for all the details.



Here's the 2023 Royalty:

**Re and Regina:** Joe Emanuele and  
Christine Catalano

**Nonna:** Rose Spang

**Principessa:** Carolyn Giannattasio

**Piccolo Principe:** William Wolter

**Piccolo Principessa:** Annalise Wolter

Don your favorite costume. You may be the winner of a cash prize!

Register at: [bit.ly/ICC-Carnevale](https://bit.ly/ICC-Carnevale)

## February Movie Night

The February 10<sup>th</sup> movie night is "The Italian Job" and is sponsored by Gina Spang. The story: Charlie Croker and his team assemble for one last heist to steal \$35 million in gold bars from a heavily guarded safe in Venice, Italy. After successfully pulling off the heist, Steve, a member of the team, driven by greed and jealousy, arranges to take the gold for himself and eliminate the remaining members of the group. Thinking the team dead, he returns to Los Angeles with the gold. Charlie and the survivors follow Steve to L.A. to exact revenge against the traitor.

The doors will open at 6:30 p.m. The movie will start at 7:00 pm. Concessions available for purchase – featured item is Italian Sausage.

## La Befana Children's Party

The January 7<sup>th</sup> event was a huge success, says Committee Chair Sam Alioto. "Avanti Committee had our first event since January. We had a great turnout of families at the ICC. There were tons of smiles, and good memories made there. All the good children of ICC members walked away with some fantastic gifts! We are so excited to be back at the ICC and to continue to have events for our children and all young peoples in our community." Sam and his Avanti committee are working to have more events for the younger members of the ICC. Are you interested in becoming a member? Contact Sam at [samalioto04@gmail.com](mailto:samalioto04@gmail.com).





## **A Star Is Born??**

Zach Rolf, son of Board Member, Sandy Winard, appeared as Buddy in the musical production of Elf in December at the Sunset Playhouse. His acting, singing and dancing were spot on. Move over Will Farrell! Congrats Zach on a great performance. Zach is headed to New York to attend the American Musical and Dramatic Academy in Fall. Good Luck Buddy! We'll watch for you on Broadway!!



## **Unico Scholarships**

Is there a high school senior of Italian heritage who would love to get a scholarship to help defray college costs? Well, the Milwaukee Chapter of Unico National and the Milwaukee Ladies of Unico are once again providing approx. 6 scholarships. The deadline to apply is March 31<sup>st</sup>. The awards dinner is set for May 16, 2023. Contact Sophia Michalovitz at 414-731-7693 for additional information. Applications are now available on [www.unicomilwaukee.com](http://www.unicomilwaukee.com).

## **Italian Language Classes Are Back!**

Enrica Tarantino-Woytal will be teaching Italian at the Italian Community Center with a possible starting date in March. She is also considering the possibility of teaching a course virtually. You may contact Enrica at 414-736-8818 for further details. Watch for further information online in the "What's in the Week Ahead" email blast.

## **Oops**

In last month's issue, a big thank you was given to the individuals who helped clean out the warehouse. Inadvertently, Sal LoCoco's name was omitted from the list! So, thank's Sal!

## **Congratulations to Chris Bartolone**

Chris received the "Making a Difference" award from Marquette University. Chris is the Assistant Director of Facilities at Marquette. If you watch the video which can be accessed on the ICC Facebook page, his dedication to Marquette is apparent. Chris's dedication to the Italian Community Center is also very apparent. You will see him at Festa, Taste of Italy and any other event doing whatever is needed, giving 1000% Congratulations Chris. A well-deserved award!

## **By-Law Approved**

Article III, Section 4 of the By-Laws, which will allow ICC Members to attend meetings virtually, has been approved. The Membership Committee is exploring different software and procedures which will offer virtual meetings via Zoom.

## **Voting On By-Law Pending**

Voting on Section IV, Section 8 relating to the terms of office of the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary and Sergeant-At-Arms will be voted upon at the next meeting when there is a quorum (50 voting members in attendance).

## **Bringing a Smile to Your Face**



## **With Heavy Hearts**

On January 6, 2023 *Vincent (Jimmy) LoDuca* unexpectedly passed away. Jimmy was a long-time member of the Italian Community Center and a heavy supporter of many events and projects – Carnevale, Festa and Taste of Italy to name a few. Jimmy was also the star of a video on Cantine Aperte, an Italian event in the spring that celebrates wine. The video helped bring Italian culture to members who stayed home due to the pandemic. If you needed something, Jimmy always found a way to make it happen. He will truly be missed by all.

*Charlie Zingale*, also a long-time member of the Italian Community Center and the Pompeii Men's Club, passed away on January 4<sup>th</sup> at the age of 92. He is survived by wife, Kay, and is father to Anthony and Theresa, and grandfather to Vincent.

*Bob Trotalli*, another long-time member of the Italian Community Center, died on January 23, 2022 at the age of 90. Bob served two terms on the Board of Directors and Conference Center. His desire to help the disabled prompted him to establish the Robert J. Trotalli Scholarship Fund for undergraduate students with financial need and a permanent disability.

*Donato DiPronio* passed away in Francavilla al Mare, Abruzzi, Italy on October 12, 2022 the age of 97. Donato wrote many articles in Italian for The Italian Times. He also wrote and donated some of his books to the ICC for its archives.

## **In Memorial Donations**

The Peter T. Sorce Family in memory of:  
Peter Frank Sorce.

Our deepest sympathy and prayers go out to their families. They will forever remain in our thoughts.



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