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We again welcome CEA - The College Endowment Association as this month's sponsor. Our thanks to Amy Domagalski for selecting the Italian Times, Jr. to highlight the Association.

The Association's Spring Session starts March 13<sup>th</sup> with Tina Rivers Ryan and her program titled "The Four Paintings Every Art Lover Should See." The season will continue with (6) additional lectures by Deborah Cohen, Tom Santopietro and Briana Greer, to name just a few. All lectures are held on Wednesdays at 10:00 A.M. at the Women's Club of Wisconsin.

### Sponsorships through October 2024

Thanks to Milwaukee Public Market and James Alioto - Alioto Wealth Management Group of Raymond James, *The Italian Times, Jr.* will have sponsors through October, 2024! Watch for them in future issues. However, we still have November and December available!!

### Movie Night

The February 9<sup>th</sup> movie, sponsored by Ted Catalano, is *Romeo and Juliet*. Meatball sandwiches will be served. Doors open at 6:30 and the movie starts promptly at 7:00.

The movie centers around two feuding families. Two young members of the families meet and fallen love ensues.

## Message from the ICC President

Greetings!

We're off and running on a busy year at the ICC. Our new Italian Language Class started, and we already have a waiting list for the next class. We're planning to add additional classes, including a children's class, and information will be forthcoming. If you haven't already done so, please register and join us for Carnevale 2024 on February 10th. This is one of our fundraising events, and your support is appreciated. Any donations of liquor or wine for the Booze/Wine Pull or items for the Silent Auction are also welcome. Please remember your best source of information on all things ICC, and forum for your questions is our General Membership meeting the third Thursday of each month. Hope to see you there!



Sandy Winard  
President-ICC  
Executive Director-Festa Italiana

## Italian Language Classes

Under the leadership of language teacher Sabrina Lupoli, students enjoyed their beginning lessons. There is a waiting list for the next session. If you are interested, please contact the office. As reported by our President, consideration is being given to offering children's classes.

Who is Sabrina Lupoli? She has a Master's Degree in both education and teaching Italian language. She is currently employed as an Italian teacher at the Victory Italian Immersion School. Sabrina has received two awards while working at the Immersion School for excellence and innovation in Italian teaching. She was the first elementary school teacher to win the award. She is also an executive director with WisItalia, which fosters the study of Italian language and the promotion of Italian culture. Welcome aboard Sabrina!



## Benvenuti Bambini – Children’s Workshops

The first workshop held January 21 was a smashing success. The kids enjoyed making Cioccolata Calda and decorating masks. After their hard work, they let off steam in the Bocce Courts. The kids all agreed they had a great time and were anxious to come back for the February pizza making class!



The kids enjoyed making unique Carnevale masks, with the assistance of Joanne Czubek, Sophia Michalovitz, shown here, along with Gina Jorgensen and Marie Lieber.



Making the Cioccolata Calda – from measuring all the ingredients to stirring – the kids had a great lesson in making this delicious drink and about kitchen safety.



Chris Conley and Susie Christiansen pour anxious attendees the hot chocolate they made and, of course, it had to be topped off with homemade whipped cream.

Here’s the schedule for the next 3 months.

**Benvenuti Bambini!**

The ICC is thrilled to announce monthly funshops for children - Italian cooking, arts & crafts, baking, sports!

<p><b>January 21, 2024</b> Carnevale Mask Making and Cioccolata Calda from Scratch</p>	
<p><b>February 18, 2024</b> Make Fresh Pizza from Scratch (including dough) and Italian Arts &amp; Crafts</p>	
<p><b>March 17, 2024</b> Pupa con l'uova (Bubagalova) – Easter Egg Dyeing &amp; Italian Cookie Making</p>	
<p><b>April 21, 2023</b> Make from Scratch: Fresh Pasta &amp; Ravioli</p>	

All funshops to be held at the ICC on the THIRD Sunday of every month from 3:00 - 5:00 pm.

All children receive free ICC Membership - registration completed at Funshop.

**Italian Community Center**  
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\$12 Per Child Per Class  
\$ 8 Per Child Per Class (if Parent is Member of ICC)  
Pre-Registration Required  
Reg. Deadline: Prior Sunday

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The cost is \$12 per child per class; \$8 per child per class if a parent is an ICC Member. Pre-registration is required. Deadline is the Sunday prior to the date of the workshop.

Each of the workshops will be followed by free time in the Bocce Courts!

What a great way for our next generation to learn about their heritage.



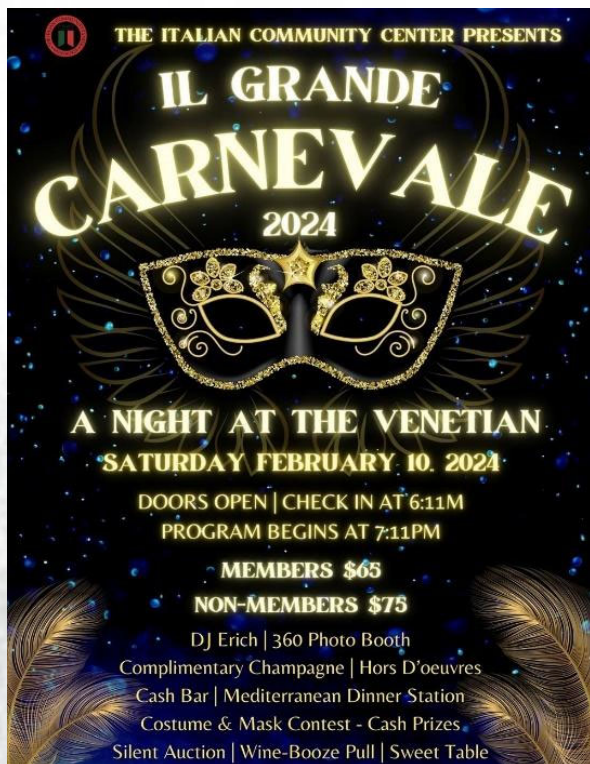
## Carnevale

Don't forget to sign up for the 2024 Carnevale to be held on February 10<sup>th</sup>.

## Meet the Royalty

The Carnevale Committee is pleased to announce that our Re and Regina are Bill and Jessica Stocks. Congratulations – the honor is well deserved!

Bill and Jessica Stocks have been happily married for 18 years. Bill is a salesman for the Hyquip Division of Applied Industrial Technologies. He is also a licensed minister. Jessica is a Client Services Consultant for Fiserv. Bill and Jessica have volunteered for and supported many other nonprofit organizations such as Hunger Task Force, Make-A-Wish, the Salvation Army, and United Way. They both have been a part of the Italian Community Center for the past 6-7 years. Bill is currently a director-at-large on the ICC Board. Both of them have served as co-chairs of the Nominating Committee. They have also been on the Membership Committee for the past 6 years. Bill and Jessica enjoy volunteering for many of the ICC events, including their favorite, Festa Italiana! They have a great love for the Italian culture and community.



## It's Official

Festa Italiana 2024 will return to the Summerfest Grounds. The festival will run May 31<sup>st</sup>, June 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Here's the official press release:

The Italian Community Center is excited to announce Festa Italiana 2024 will take place May 31<sup>st</sup> - June 2<sup>nd</sup> at Henry W. Maier Festival Park. As we did many years ago with the inaugural Festa Italiana, we will kickoff Milwaukee's ethnic festivals this Summer. Our "Little Italy on the Lakefront" will feature Festa favorites including the Cucina Showcase, Heritage/Cultural Exhibit, Italian Idol, Fireworks, Bocce Tournament, Mass, Entertainment, and of course, lots of Italian food and wine. We're looking forward to returning to Henry W. Maier Festival Park, and can't wait to have you join us in celebrating all things Italian.

Please direct all interview & media requests to:

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Executive Director - Festa Italiana  
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## Upcoming Events

If you haven't checked out "The Week Ahead" email blast, here's a reminder that;

**Moonlight Bocce Tournament:** March 2, 2024 – \$10.00 for members and \$15.00 for non-members.

**Italian Heritage Night:** at the Milwaukee Admirals will be Sunday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 3:00. The \$10.00 tickets can be purchased for the event at ICCMKE.com

**Clue, the Comedy:** at the Marcus Performing Arts Center – March 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 in Uihlein Hall. Members will receive a 48% discount on the tickets.

## Bucks Game Apron

Those who attended the December Bucks Game can pick up their one-of-a-kind apron at the ICC Office.



## **In Memory of:**

**Peter Picciurro** from:

Jimmy & Linda Spataro

**Jim Tarantino** from:

Christine Conley, Kathleen Mirenda,  
and Dean & Mary Cannestra  
Pompeii Men's Club

## **With Heavy Hearts**

**Marion Gaeth (nee Balistreri)**

Passed through the heavenly gates on December 19 at the young age of 97. Her family remembers of all the great pasta, pizza and Italian cookies she made for them over the years. She loved to travel and had been to Italy numerous times.

**Peter Picciurro**

Best known as "Peter Pitch" passed on January 6, 2024 at the age of 93 years. Peter was the proud owner of Pitch's Lounge & Restaurant and Miss Katie's Diner. He served his customers over a span of 80 years. Peter will be greatly missed by his children, John, Katherine, James, Peter, Gina, and Paul, as well as his grandchildren and other relatives.

**James Tarantino**

CEO and founder of the Capri Community welcomed home by the Lord on January 15th at the tender age of 65 years. He is survived by his children Salvatore, Michael and Ava.

His civic commitment and devoted faith were behind his decision to build and donate a new St. Rita's Catholic Church in Milwaukee's Lower East Side. Modeled after the old Blessed Virgin of Pompeii in the Third Ward, building a new St. Rita's Church was Jim's way of honoring his parents, saying at the time, the new "Little Pink Church" was a way to say thank you.

From his first project of a four-family rehab on the northwest side to his award-winning senior living communities in different Wisconsin cities, Jim was in the business of taking care of people. Today, thousands of Wisconsinites live happier, healthier, and better lives because of his work.

## **It's Scholarship Time Again!**

\$1,000 Scholarships will be available from Milwaukee Chapter of Unico National and Milwaukee Ladies of Unico for high school students of Italian descent graduating in 2024. Applications available online during early February. For more information go to: [www.unicomilwaukee.com](http://www.unicomilwaukee.com). Applications must be postmarked no later than Friday, March 29, 2024. Candidates, check out the Unico National website [www.unico.org](http://www.unico.org) – click on the "scholarship" tab, where complete information and submission are available .

## **Membership Update**

The Membership Team has been working diligently to update the membership software. If you are unsure whether you are a current, active member and/or when your annual dues are due, please contact the office on Monday or Wednesday between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm.

## **Bringing A Smile to Your Face**



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