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Italian Heritage Month

This month's sponsor is:



Glorioso's Italian Market is again graciously sponsoring this month's Italian Times, Jr. We are extremely appreciative of Glorioso's for their continued support. Be sure to stop in to have a sandwich, dessert or just shop. If it's Italian, Glorioso's will have it.

Scopa!

Scopa Night, hosted by the Avanti Committee, has been rescheduled for Wednesday, October 4th from 7:00 until 9:00. Learn how to play, or if you are an experienced player, join in the fun. There will be "teachers" on hand who will show participants how to play this fascinating game.

Scopa is a traditional Italian game that uses 40 special cards in four suits: coins, clubs, cups, and swords. The object of the game is to capture all the cards on the table. Scopa cards will also be available for purchase.

Since La Scala is open on Wednesdays for dinner, stop in for a bite to eat prior to playing.

ICC Movie Night

On Friday, October 13th, we will be showing *A Beautiful Life*, sponsored by Mary Girardi. Spaghetti and meatballs are the featured food item. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with the movie starting at 7:00 p.m.

A Beautiful Life is a Danish movie about Elliott, a young fisherman with an extraordinary voice who gets the opportunity of a lifetime when he is discovered by the successful and well-known music manager Suzanne.

Suzanne soon pairs Elliott with her divorced daughter and music producer, Lilly. On his way to stardom, the struggles of his past threaten not only his big break but also his budding love for Lilly.

The November movie will be Book Club 2, sponsored by Marie & Craig Lieber. The annual Christmas caroling potluck will be held in December.

Third Ward Gallery Night/Day

This year the Gallery Night/Day will be held on October 20 and 21st. The Culture Committee has put together an exhibit featuring the Sistine Chapel paintings done by Laura Easey-Jones.

New Members

At the General Membership Meeting, the ICC welcomed new members: Enzo Scarano and wife, Maria Megna-Scarano, Sara Kissinger-Carini and Arlene McLaurin-Mallett.

Moonlight Bocce

On October 21st starting at 6:00, attendees will take over the bocce courts. The room will have low lights. The rails will be lined with lights and lighted bocce balls will be used. The cost is \$10.00 for members and \$15.00 for non-members. Register your 4-man team! Go to ICCMKE.com and find the registration link in the Event Calendar.

Festa 2024

Now that Festa 2023 is in the books, President Sandy Winard said the FAC (Festa Advisory Committee) members will hit the ground running with its first meeting on October 2nd.

Festa 2023

With a bigger footprint, more vendors and great entertainment, Festa 2023 was enjoyed by many. Pictures of Festa 2023 appear on the last page.

A special thank-you to all of the volunteers (and there were many) who helped make this year's Festa a fun-filled event. A lot of hard work, sweat and muscle went into making this year's festival happen. There were over 400 volunteers, so they can't be listed individually, but you know who you are and we thank you!

Contest Winners:

Best Sauce:

Ann Bartolotta, Adam Pawlak and Jim Tarantino had the tough job of selecting the following winners:

People's Choice Award:

1st Place: Ryan Parnau
2nd Place: Sayantane Chosa
3rd Place: Joe Polrer

Judge's Award:

Ryan Parnau

Note: This is the 2nd year in a row that Ryan has taken 1st place with his sauce. Time to start bottling and selling it Ryan?

Italian Idol:

1st Place: Kailee Doherty
2nd Place: Sophia Tolfa
3rd Place: Aiden Reilly

Cannoli Eating Contest:

Winner, Daniel Durand, who ate 7 cannoli in the allotted time of 4 minutes

Kid's Pizza Making Contest:

Ages 5-9: Jaida Harrell
Ages 10-17: Carson Wilson

Not So Newly Game

Craig & Linda Settler
The Over 24 Category – married 40 years

Bocce Tournament

Paisanos: Frank Greco Sr., Bill Schroeder, Charles Kaehler and Geno Balistreri.

Raffle

1st Place: Robert B – \$5,762.50
2nd Place: Ramona F – \$500.00
3rd Place: Mary Kay – \$200.00

Bucks Italian Heritage Night

On December 17th you can cheer your Milwaukee Bucks toward their race for another championship. Get your tickets online, link available on our website Event Calendar. The first 100 people to register will receive a one-of-kind Heritage Night apron. Don't delay; tickets are going fast. We hope to once again provide bus transportation to and from the ICC.

Note: Tickets would make wonderful Christmas gifts for those "hard to buy for" people on your list!

Thank You

Joe Emanuele and Mary Anne Ceraso-Alioto have tendered their resignation as Community Center President and Membership Chair, respectively. Thank you Joe and Mary Anne for all of your hard work and dedication to the Italian Community and Conference Centers. You certainly made a difference!

We Want You!

The ICC Publicity Committee is looking for new members who can assist with website updates, content creation, photography and videography, proofreading and editing. Meeting will be in person and virtually. Contact Tracy Balistreri at 414-467-6042 for more information or to join!

Student Italian Immersion Day

On October 3rd, 90 students will visit the Italian Community Center and learn about our Italian Culture through the following activities:

A homemade pasta-making class led by Sophia Michalovitz.

Italian Folk Dancing and Music Appreciation, led by Susie Christiansen.

An expanded history class on the Italian immigrant experience, focusing on those who settled in Milwaukee, with a photo op and exhibit, led by Chris Conley.

A more authentic Ellis Island immigrant experience hosted by ICC Member volunteers in a reenactment of the experience of Italian immigrants arriving at Ellis Island for entry into the United States. Students will role play immigrants with props and use their completed passport to navigate the sessions. Volunteers will be acting as the Ellis Island medical staff and governmental officials. The loyalty oath that the government officials (volunteers) administer to the immigrants (students) will be on the passport.

A recreational lesson that teaches the students how to play bocce. Students will also have the opportunity to play this age-old Italian game.

The day will end with a spaghetti and meatball lunch served by Bartolotta. They will also leave with a pack of Sciortino's Italian cookies.

The Mandolin Orchestra will be playing throughout the luncheon.

Italian Times, Jr. Sponsorship

Editor Marie Lieber reports that the Italian Times, Jr. will be looking for new sponsorship starting with the April, 2024 issue. Glorioso's has graciously sponsored the newsletter for the past six months. You don't have to be a company – you can sponsor as an individual. The newsletter helps to inform Members who are unable to attend meetings, by reporting current happenings of the Italian Community Center. Let's keep this newsletter going. Sign up today!

If you have an announcement you would like to include in future issues, they must be submitted to Marie no later than the 24th of each month.

Any questions, contact Marie Lieber.

Bringing a Smile to Your Face

Three spies get captured one day – a French spy, a German spy and an Italian spy.

Their captors come into the cell where the spies were being held, grab the French spy, take him to the next room and tie his hands behind a chair.

They grill him for 2 hours before he finally cracks, answers all questions and gives up all of his secrets.

The captors then throw the French spy back into the cell and grab the German spy. They tie his hands behind the chair and grill him for 4 hours before he finally cracks and tells them what they want to know.

They throw him back into the cell and grab the Italian spy. Once again, they tie his hands behind the chair and begin grilling. Four hours go by then 8 hours, then 16. After 24 hours they give up and throw him back into the cell.

The German and French spies are impressed and ask him how he managed to not talk. The Italian spy says, "I wanted to, but I couldn't move my hands!"

In Memoriam:

In memory of Peter Frank Sorce.
Peter T. Sorce Family

In Memory of Rose Curro Bagin:
Sandy & Phil Cianciola

In Memory of Margaret Carini:
Jimmy & Linda Spataro

In Memory of Peter Russo:
Ron & Joanne Czubek
Jimmy & Linda Spataro

Our thoughts and prayers go out to their
friends and family.

With Heavy Hearts

We are saddened to learn of the deaths of
two of our long-time members, Margaret
Carini and Peter Russo.

Margaret Carini



Margaret passed on August 23rd. She was
the sister of Mario Carini and assisted him
for many years in setting up the religious
area at Festa. Margaret was also a long-time
member of the Christian Women of Three
Holy Women and Societa' Femminile Maria
S.S. Del Lume.

Peter Russo



Affectionately known as “Mr. Sausage”,
Peter passed on September 5th, the Tuesday
before the Festa Italiana opening. He was
set to chair the sausage booth at Festa, but
the “pearly gates” opened to call him to the
“big grill” in the sky. Peter was a long-time
ICC Member and served on the Board of
Directors and various committees. He was
always there to give a hand when needed. In
memory of Peter, the Russo Family
continued their tradition at Festa by manning
the Sausage Booth in his honor. Special
shirts were worn by the volunteers, and
pictures of Peter at his best adorned the tent.
We will truly miss you, Peter. You were
definitely one of a kind and will be hard to
forget.

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Cannoli Winner Dan Durand



Kid's Pizza Making 10 – 17 age group



Italian Idol Winners



Kid's Pizza Making 5-9 age group



