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Peter Russo is this month's sponsor!

Peter has been a long-time member of the Italian Community Center and we are happy to have him sponsor this month's issue of *The Italian Times, Jr.* Peter has been a volunteer extraordinaire. He's been involved in Festa and Taste of Italy, among other events, adding his expertise whenever he can. For many years he was on the "meatball making" committee for Taste of Italy. Festa 2022 had Peter grilling Italian Sausages. He is currently serving as Director at Large on the ICC Board and is a member of the Sons of Italy. Thank you Peter for supporting the Italian Community Center all these years. We expect you to continue into the future!! You are appreciated!

Italian Film Festival Returns

Canceled because of COVID, the Festival is returning with its traditional, in-person format and a full schedule of films from April 28-30 at the Union Cinema on the UWM campus. Admission is free. See the complete schedule of films at Italian Film Festival USA (italianfilmfests.org).

Gallery Night at the ICC

It's About Time: A celebration of friendship and lifelong creativity bringing together Richard Lazzaro, Andre Ferrella and Antonio Testolin. This impressive art exhibit will open in conjunction with Third Ward Gallery Night & Day (Friday, April 21st from 5:00 - 9:00; Saturday, April 22nd from 10:00 - 4:00), and will remain on display at the ICC in the Board Room through the end of May 2023.

Elections – IMPORTANT!

John Alioto and Jessica Stocks have been appointed by President Rose Anne Fritchie as co-chairs of the Nominating Committee. Christine Ziino, Christine Conley and Vivian Balistreri round out the Committee. They will be interviewing potential nominees and will present the slate at the April 20th General Membership Meeting. Nominations will also be taken from the floor. Four Directors at Large, as well as the Executive Officers, are all up for election. The election will be held at the May 2023 GM Meeting. The By-law regarding elections is found on the last page of this newsletter.

NOTE: General Membership Meetings, effective with the April Meeting, will be starting at 6:30 p.m. to give attendees a chance to dine at LaScala. (*See hours of operation below*)

Movie Night

The April 14th movie is Brooklyn, which will start at 7:00 to give you enough time to stop at LaScala for a fish fry! The movie centers around Ellis, a young immigrant from Ireland who leaves her homeland and her mother Rose, and heads to New York. There she meets Tony and things go well until Rose dies and Ellis must return to Ireland. However, before she does, she marries Tony, but leaves for Ireland alone. She must then choose where she wants to forge her future.

Taste of Italy

Plans for Taste of Italy – Sunday, April 23, 2023 – are well underway, according to Co-Chairs Christine Ziino and Marie Lieber.



Dedicated volunteers making the 969 meatballs for Taste of Italy. Next up: stuffed shells and eggplant spiedini!

... And the Winner Is:

Team Porticello which beat out Gang Bocce in the final match.



The winning team consisted of Nick Schneider, Antonio LoCoco, Sal Carini and Bob Schneider. Congrats.

LaScala is Now Open!!

After a long absence, LaScala Café is now open. The hours are Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 11:00 – 2:00 and again from 5:00 – 8:00. Please stop in and have a bite to eat so that we can keep the restaurant open and hopefully add additional days and times. *Patronizing the restaurant is extremely vital in keeping it open.*

Frankie Valle & The Four Seasons

Another great event is scheduled for Friday May 5, 2023 at 8:00 P.M. at the Riverside theater. Hear Frankie sing the songs we are all so familiar with! It will prove to be a “blast from the past” special night. To receive a 10% discount on tickets go to [BIT.LY/FVICC23](https://bit.ly/FVICC23).

Italian Language Classes

Instructor Enrica Tarantino-Woytal is once again teaching Beginners Italian at the Italian Community Center. The session starts on Tuesday, April 6th and runs through May 25th. The fee is \$150 per person, and each student will receive a free one-year membership to the ICC! Students are required to purchase “*Italian is Fun: Lively Lessons for Beginners*” by Concetta Giuliano & Heywood Wald. Space is limited, so don’t delay. If you are interested go to bit.ly/ICCLanguage

Little Michael Balistreri

Mikey pictured with his birthday cake then. And now proud parents, Barbara and Thomas Balistreri, announce their son, Lieutenant Commander Michael A.N. Balistreri, received the Naval Surface Force Atlantic 2022 Junior Office Award for Excellence in Tactics. He was selected from several outstanding candidates. The Commendation recited that his “outstanding performance and loyal devotion to duty reflected credit upon himself and the United States Naval Service”. Congrats Michael on this outstanding achievement.



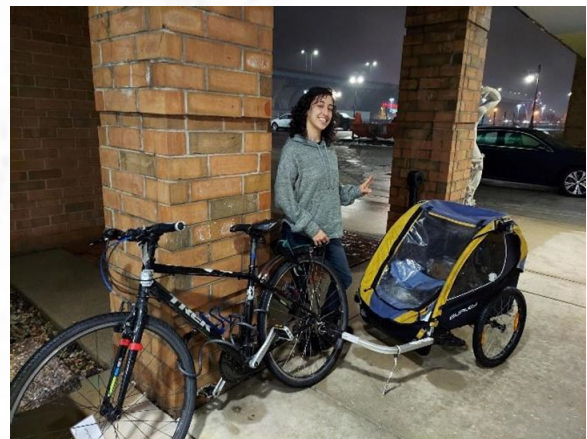
St. Joseph's Table



Susie Christiansen and Christine Conley put together a St. Joseph's Table for the March General Membership Meeting. Each attendee received a bag containing an orange, fresh roll and fava bean. Tradition has it that visitors to St. Joseph Altars are given small paper bags containing a few blessed items from the Altar. The bags usually contain a holy card and a small medal. Various cookies or small breads may also be in the bag. The most interesting item found in the goodie bag is the fava bean. In Sicily, the fava was fodder for cattle. During a great famine the people resorted to eating them to survive. They were considered lucky to have favas to eat, hence the fava bean is also known as a "lucky bean." Some believe that the pantry that contains a fava bean will never be bare. The fava, or lucky bean, serves as a token of the Altar – a reminder of God's provisions through the intercession of St. Joseph.

Bicycle Built for Food!

Gianni Vacarro was the guest at the March General Meeting. She is the founder of Sauce MKE, a non-profit organization. On her bike (rain, snow or shine), she delivers meals and fresh groceries to those experiencing food and nutrition scarcity. Gianni relies entirely on donations. If you are interested in donating, go online to Saucemilwaukee.org at the GoFundMe link. You can also donate non-perishable food items such as gluten-free pasta, raw nuts, non dairy milks, bread, rice and many more items. Check out more items www.Saucemilwaukee.org.



Bringing a Smile to Your Face

WHEN YOUR KIDS ARE TOO OLD, BUT THEY STILL WANT AN EASTER BASKET



Rest in Peace Tony



It was a sad day on March 27, 2023 when friends and family received the news of Anthony M. Zingale's passing. He was 87. Tony was the husband of Lena (nee Armenio-Proite) for 60 years and loving father to Gloria (Mark) Zingale-Knutson, MaryGrace (Larry) James, Salvatore (Eileen), Anthony (Patti) Zingale and "his adopted daughter" Suzanne Wypijewski. Tony left behind 16 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren. Tony was a long-time member of The Italian Community Center and served on its Board of Directors. He was also a frequent volunteer at Festa and Taste of Italy, and a tremendous bocce player. You could always count on Tony to give a helping hand. Funeral services were held on April 3 at Three Holy Women – St. Rita's Church. In lieu of flowers, memorials in Tony's name may be directed to the Sisters of Charity, Three Holy Women Parish or the Italian Community Center. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Tony's family. We will miss him.

In Memoriam:

Lynn DiUlio

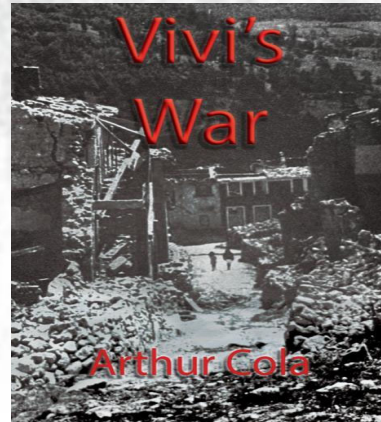
By Jimmy & Linda Spataro

Frances Spera

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Our deepest sympathy and continued prayers go out to their family.

Arthur Cola's New Book



It describes the tales of the Crown Prince Umberto and his wife, Crown Princess Marie-Jose' who along with loyal Italian leaders get rid of Mussolini and form a government in alliance with the Allies now coming up from Sicily. They seek peace with the allies and set out to communicate with the Commanders of the Allied troops. The Royal mission and that of two teenagers, Vivi and Amedeo, are destined to intersect in the summer of 1943 and change the course of the war for the Kingdom of Italy.

Arthur has been a participant in the Culture Area at Festa for many years.

Another Italian Author

Dana Alioto has written "Hey Nineteen!" – his memoir of growing up in Milwaukee. He touches on his love of the sports, teams, concerts and festivals he attended and some hilarious antics. Contact Dana at Brewers44@aol.com for more information.

From the ICC BYLAWS

ARTICLE IV

Section 8.

- a. The term of office for the President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and Sergeant-At-Arms shall be one year, except as otherwise provided in these By-Laws.
- b. The term of office for Directors-At-Large shall be two years, with four Directors elected each year. No Director-At-Large may serve more than two consecutive terms (four consecutive years). After two such consecutive terms, he/she must either run for a higher office or remain on a hiatus from the Board as a Director-At-Large for at least a one-year period prior to running for Director-At-Large again.
- c. A President shall be allowed to succeed himself/herself for one term and one term only. All other officers shall be eligible for re-election to said offices without limitations.



From the Executive Committee, the Board of Directors and Italian Times, Jr. staff have a Blessed and Happy Easter!

ARTICLE V

Nominations and Elections

Section 1. To be eligible as an officer or board member of the Italian Community Center, a potential candidate:

- a. Must be a member in good standing;
- b. Must have been a member of the Italian Community Center for at least 24 months prior to his/her nomination;
- 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;
- d. Nominations for an officer or board member to be made from the floor will be validated by the Nominating Committee prior to placing the names on the ballot.

Section 2. No member may run for more than one position on the board. No member may serve more than one position on the board. Should the Immediate Past President run for and win a position on the Board of Directors, he/she shall forfeit such Immediate Past President status and he/she shall then be succeeded by the ensuing Immediate Past President. This procedure of succession shall also be utilized in filling any subsequent vacancy in the Immediate Past President position.

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