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# Buon Anno



**Imigliori augari per il 2014...Ti auguro moltissima felicità', amore, salute e successo pieno digioia e serenità'.**

**Best wishes for 2014...wish you lot of happiness, love, health and success filled with joy and peace.**

## HUMOR

Una tragedia descritta da Pierino:  
Pierino fa un puntino rosso al centro del foglio,  
la maestra lo chiama per chiedere spiegazioni:

"Mia sorella ogni mese fa` un puntino rosso sul calendario "  
questo mese non l`ha fatto.

"Quando mio padre se ne accorge-  
ra`  
sara`una tragedia!"

A tragedia described by Pierino:  
Pierino makes a red dot in the cen-

ter of the page,  
the teacher calls him for an explanation:

"Every month my sister puts a red dot on the calendar.

This month she did not.  
when my father notices  
it's going to be a tragedy."

**Buone feste a tutti.**

**Happy holiday to all of you .**

**Lidia Draghicchio.**

## EVENTS

### **2013- ANOTHER ACTIVE YEAR**

Following is a review of our many activities this past year. If you haven't participated, we hope you will consider joining in the fun and camaraderie in 2014!

\* February 12 Carnevale at Luigi's Italian Bistro on Manitowoc Road

\* March 20 Dinner at Sammy's on Oneida & an Italian film at the Neville Museum

\* May 8 Luncheon at Wild Truffle in Appleton

\* June 9 Annual Bocce Pot Luck at Colburn Park

\* June 19 La Prima Passeggiata, dinner at Bilotti's

\* July 16 La Seconda Passeggiata, dinner at Titledown Brewery

\* August 22 La Terza Passeggiata, along the Fox River Downtown,

and 10th Annual Wislitalia Awards Banquet held at the Black and Tan

\* October 12 Columbus Day Spaghetti Dinner at Green Isle Park

\* October 22 Musicale V at Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Church

\* November 6 Dinner at Sammy's and an Italian film at the Neville

\* December 7 Cena di Natale at the Green Bay Yacht Club

## CENA DI NATALE

### CLUB ITALOAMERICANO 2013

#### NATALE by JoAnna Kloster

Here we are as in olden days, happy golden days of yore, faithful friends who are dear to us, gather near to us once more. So have yourself a merry little Christmas time.

On Saturday, December 7, 61 faithful club members gathered near - and had themselves a merry little Christmas time at the **Green Bay Yacht Club**. Decked out in holiday finery, members old and new mingled amidst the melodic sounds of **Chris (piano) and John (sax) Salerno**.

Scrumptious antipasti during the cocktail hour included a medley of imported olives, fragrant and alluring eggplant caponata and an assortment of hard cheeses and crackers.

As usual dinner was amazing. For what kind of Italian Club would we be if it were not so? Following the primo piatto (ribolitto), we had a choice of two lovely entrees: pork or chicken with sides of tasty veggies and orzo. Both selections were prepared to perfection. Carafes of red table wine and bottles of white wine complimented the selections. Next came the insalata and finally the dolce. Crusty bread and dipping oil rounded out the main meal. By dinners end, most of us gained access to the clean plate club: as servers cleared away the empty dishes.

Intermezzo provided comic relief as our fearless maestra **Marlene** led us through our annual 12 Days of Christmas, Italian style! As the song flowed down the tables for each rendition, quite a number of mistakes occurred- only adding to the fun. By songs end, all were belting out their lyrics with emphasis and gusto!

During intermezzo, we also had a special visitor. **Old Saint Nick (AKA Merlin)**

suddenly appeared and cameras flashed. Our Santa decked out in his finest red suit showered us with candy and kisses or was it the other way around? Gingerly he made his way among the group amidst much merriment and laughter.

By the way, our very own **Lisa** gave Santa a run for his money in the fancy attire department. Looking like a 50's matinee maven, Lisa wore an amazing hand-embroidered full skirt Dior style dress and period hat to match. Very classy!

All in all, **Cena di Natale 2013**, once again was a roaring success. You could tell by the number of smiles and embraces as folks bid farewell while attempting to exit. **Merlin** would agree. He and the hard-working committee had to deftly mingle between lingering members as they attempted to clean up.

**Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night.**

## CHRONOLOGY EVENTS FOR 2014

February . . . . . Carnevale

March . . . . . Dinner & an Italian Movie

April . . . . . Bocce Ball - session 1 begins

June . . . . . Bocce Pot Luck

mid June . . . . . Prima Passeggiata

mid July . . . . . Seconda Passeggiata

July. . . . . Bocce Ball - session 2 begins

mid August . . . . . Terza Passeggiata

October. . . . . Spaghetti Dinner

October . . . . . Musicale

November 6, Wednesday . . . Dinner & an Italian Movie

December 7, Saturday . . . . .Cena di Natale

## MEMBERSHIP

Our first new member for 2014 is **Michele Koehler, wife of club member Jim**. Michele's background is 100% Italian Libretti and Forte from Napoli; DeRosa and DeMarco from Calabria.

**Benventa Michele!**

## Membership Dues Reminder

**A gentle reminder** that the 2014 membership dues for **Club ItaloAmericano** are due. If you have already taken care of it, Grazie Mille. **The dues are \$15 per member. Please forward them to our treasurer Vicky Sobek, at 1810 Oakhill Drive, Green Bay, 54313.** If, for some reason, you no longer wish to belong to **Club ItaloAmericano**, please email or call **Vicky at 865-7229** and let her know. We sincerely hope that is not the case.

**Remember . . .this is your club. It would be nothing without you.**

**Felice Anno Nuovo !!**

## Congratulations

**Jackie (Gilardi) Kucera** has been nominated by the Press Gazette Media as an extraordinary community resident.

**Excerpts from her nomination letter:**

**Jackie (Gilardi) Kucera, Friends of Haiti-Green Bay: "She does all this with a smile, a hug and the energy of a person half her age."**

**Congratulations Jackie you truly are EXTRAORDINARY.**

## ECT.

**Grazie mille to Fosber America, Inc. for their generous donation to our annual Musicale. Each year they send us \$100 to help defray our expenses.**

## Green Bay Holiday Parade

Board member Lisa Lapalucci, her son Andrew Runyen and Rosemary Desisles represented Club ItaloAmericano of Green Bay as anchors for the 15 foot Bob the Builder Balloon in the in the Holiday Parade.

It was quite a challenge; there were 20mph winds, as an eight-person team typically mans the balloon on a calm day.

The Club received media coverage via the television broadcast.

## Schola D'Arezzo Choir Concert

On Sunday, January 5 club member Dr. Mark Falcone, will direct the Schola D'Arezzo Choir Concert.

It will begin at 2:30 p.m. at the St. Norbert Abbey, 1016 N. Broadway in De Pere. The concert includes Dr. Falcone's written works dedicated to the victims of the twin towers in New York on 9/11 and the massacre of the children at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Connecticut as well as the complete Gregorian Chant Mass from the Christmas Season.

Admission is free!

## Venite in Italia!...Buon Viaggio

The Italian Language students of Preble and East High Schools are raising funds in preparation for a **trip to Italy this June**. It will be a special ten day trip with accommodations far from typical of student travel and one that lends itself well to the grandparent or mentor type of club member that has wisdom to share and wants to experience Italia anew with the youthful vigor of a teenager. **Our club members are rich with wisdom and would be a great asset to us on this educational venture.** To this end **we have selected an all-inclusive trip with only 3 or 4 star-** cen-

trally located hotels, a private air conditioned motor coach with door to door service and a certified Italian tour guide. Also included is a buffet breakfast in the hotel before leaving and the late afternoon or early evening 4-5 course meals as well as any tickets or entry fees required.

After several years of trip shopping and checking into arrangements with and without trip companies we can confidently share the reason for our selection of the **Cultural Heritage Alliance or CHA Tours**. This is the first educational travel company in the US and is 45 years old. The company was started by two teachers in Italy and due to longstanding business associations there, they offer a value that I have not been able to match elsewhere. Many school groups travel with a company called EF Tours, **CHA is normally more expensive for a variety of reasons but this year they are celebrating their 45 anniversary and have not raised the prices from last year.**

**We are traveling to Roma, Pompeii, Sorrento, The Island of Capri and La Grotta Azzurra, Firenze, San Gimignano, Venezia and Milano. The trip is entitled *Gems of Italy* and can be seen in greater detail at [CHA-Tours.com](http://CHA-Tours.com).**

The price for folks over 21 years of age with accommodations of generally two to a room is **\$4,400.00**. It is truly worry free travel. There is a small up fee for single rooms or to change the return date on your ticket if interested.

The students have been working hard to raise funds at places like the Packer Stadium for stunt cards or Barnes and Nobles for gift wrapping. They are holding raffles and selling various items including the **Kwik Trip gas cards** that they receive ten percent of all sales for. **Please consider buying a gas card.** There are Kwik Trips in Green Bay on Lombardi Avenue near Tundra Lodge, Shawano Avenue near

Packerland, 399 Cardinal Lane in Howard, East Mason St. near Happy Joe's and on GV near 172. The cards come in \$10, \$20, \$25, \$50, and \$100 values. If a \$50 card is ordered then the students get \$5. And the buyer still gets the full fifty dollars in gas or grocery there.

**Support from club members in the way of any donations or gas card purchases is greatly appreciated and will help offset costs to ensure that more students are able to travel.**

Donations can be made out to the **Preble Italian Club, 2222 Deckner Avenue** which holds the fundraising account for both schools and cards may be ordered through Lisa Meli at (920)562-7327.

Feel free to leave a voicemail order.

***Thank you always for your support in helping to bring the Italian language and culture to Green Bay students.***

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING:

The next Board meeting will be on **Thursday 16 January** at Luigi's on Manitowoc Road at 5:30 pm.

Board meetings are open to all members. Please join us we would love to have you there. We have fun and get things done!

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS TEMPS:

**Four of our Directors, Pete & Marlene Feira and Bill & Peg Anderson, are or soon will be, Snow Birding in FL and AZ.** So we can have proper representation on the Board in their absence, **Ron Cattelin plus Ron & Barbara Bernard** have graciously agreed to fill in for them while they are gone. We're glad to have them aboard!

## CLUB MEMBERS IN BUSINESS

We have several club members that are in the restaurant business, Bilotti's in DePere, Luigi's Italian Bistro in Green Bay, Sammy's Pizza in Green Bay, Titledown Brewery in Green Bay, Caffè Cassandra in Green Bay, the Captains Walk Winery in Green Bay, the Black and Tan Restaurant in Green Bay, and Auten's Eatery in Green Bay.

Whenever you visit these businesses, please mention that you are a member of Club ItaloAmericano as a support of their business and membership.

## ARTICLES FOR OUR NEWSLETTER

Please feel free to submit articles or pictures for our newsletter. Information for each upcoming month needs to be submitted to me by the 25th. (think Christmas) of the month. You should email articles as an attachment in Microsoft Word and pictures in a jpeg format.

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## CENA DI NATALE PHOTOS



