

Founded 1994



Il Piccolo Giornale is the official newsletter of Club ItaloAmericano of Green Bay, Wi.

Board of Directors

Officers:

President

L. V. Teofilo

Vice President

Vladimir Wojnar

Treasurer

Vicky Sobeck

Secretary

Bill Anderson

Peggy Anderson

Past President

Richard Gollnick

Directors

Ron Bernard

Rosemary Des Isles

Marlene Feira

Pete Feira

Janice Galt

Lisa Iapalucci

Patrick Kloster

Lynn Thompson

Ambassador at Large

Riccardo Paterni

Editor

Paul Marino



BUNO
ANNO



Imigliori augari per il 2015...Ti auguro moltissima felicità', amore, salute e successo pieno digioia e serenità'.

Best wishes for 2015...wish you lot of happiness, love, health and success filled with joy and peace.

Cena di Natale 2014

by Jo Anna Kloster

From the moment you entered the foyer of the **Green Bay Yacht Club**, the festivities were obvious at this wonderful event. Upbeat and lively tunes wafted over the crowd provided by a very competent jazz trio (**complements of John Salerno's connection**) as members greeted each other with hugs, hung their coats, and checked in at the registration sta-

tion manned by **Vicky Sobeck and the Andersons**.

Surveying the gathering, the planning committee's hard work was obvious. Lovely red and white candle holders and floral arrangements adorned the dining tables and provided a bit of sparkle. Everywhere were bunches of smiling, laughing faces. Like grapes clusters heavy with sweetness, old friends and new clustered together around the room in the spirit of companionship - something that makes this annual event so special.

The appetizer hour was definitely a treat. Members longstanding and new, as well as guests, meandered through the clusters of friends while indulging on some fine antipasti. Centrally located, the appetizer table was a busy place. Like a tide rolling to and fro, everyone eventually made

their way over to garner a selection of tasty hard cheese, olives, and breads from the basket. Strolling among the crowd, servers offered a lovely selection of mozzarella wrapped with prosciutto and pesto appetizers. Members took their time visiting and tasting, tasting and visiting, while flowing around the spacious interior.

Next it was time to head to the tables. **Club president, Teofilo** got things going with a warm welcome and introduction of our board members and thanks to our hard working planning committee. He also recognized **Fatima and Merlin for securing the Yacht Club** for us each year for which we all are most grateful as it is a truly lovely establishment for this exceptional event. We were also treated to some very special musical entertainment **by Melanie**

Riley who sang two lovely operatic holiday sections. Then it was time to eat and our wonderful servers efficiently and conscientiously made sure everything was on time and in order.

Across the evening, **Darrel Sobeck and Lisa Iapalucci** made sure to capture the gaiety photographically. And finally, it was time for the big event. Our sing-a-long: The 12 Days of Christmas, Italian Style. And, as usual, the group got carried away and needed **Marlene's** firm hand to get us back "on course" **which is rather fitting since we WERE at the Yacht Club!** **Marlene** did this in a most effective manner as a pianist by pounding on the keys! Which worked quite well as we all got "ship shape," settled down, and proceeded to belt out another fine version of this wonderful classic. All the while laughing and singing and having a jolly old time!

Finally, members gathered to make work light with their many hands helping to clean up and break down tables and put away decorations.

Once again the Green Bay ItaloAmericano Cena Natale was a huge success and enjoyed by all.

Calendar of Events for 2015

Club ItaloAmericano of Green Bay

Our 21st year

OUR PREMIER EVENTS

Carnevale (think "Mardi Gras") - Tuesday February 17 @ Luigi's on Manitowoc Road

Lent starts tomorrow so we celebrate heartily tonight. Come see the **Carnevale Masks** the Italian language class students at Preble High and East High have made for this occasion.

Good food, good friends, lots of

"Italianismo" It couldn't be better.

Spaghetti Dinner/Columbus Day Celebration IX - Saturday October 10 @ Green Isle Park in Allouez

Come and see, smell and taste the great Italian spaghetti prepared by our own member chefs.

They really get into it. Bruschetta and garlic bread will be there. The Tarantella dance and the **"Italian Idol" show** will be fun. Saturday afternoon could not be any better.

Musicale VIII - Tuesday October 20 @ Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Church on Comanche Ave

Our very own Maestro Giovanni (John) Contratto will once again masterfully put together another great evening program of Italian music performed by local talent. You will be amazed at the talent that lives in our area. At this event we pay homage to the great Italian composers whose works still echo after centuries. Also, the great Neapolitan songs we know and even explore Pop culture.

Cena di Natale XIX - Saturday December 5 @ Green Bay Yacht Club

Once again we celebrate Christmas in Italian fashion (or as close as we can) with great food, good wine and fellowship. The gathering before dinner is a time to catch up with what's happening with other Club members. Come join us and make your holiday complete.

OUR SPECIAL EVENTS

Dinner & an Italian Movie - Spring Showing on March 18 and Fall Showing on November 18

The evening begins with dinner at **Sammy's Pizza on Oneida Street** where we eat and trade stories. Then we head to the **Neville Public Museum for an Italian movie**. This program, the International Film Series, was the creation of the **Green Bay**

Film Society and is free and open to the public. Our Club supplies an Italian movie to the program for both the spring series and the fall series.

Summer Bocce Ball League - April 27: Session 1 begins. July 27: Session 2 begins.

Put your team together and then get registered with the **Green Bay Parks Department**. There is a nominal fee for use and maintenance of the city's Bocce Ball courts. If you have never played it and are worried about learning it, cast your worries aside. By the time you are through the first game, you will feel like you have played it your whole life.

Summer Bocce Pot Luck - Sunday June 14

Halfway through the Bocce season we go to Colburn Park on a lovely Sunday afternoon and rehash the season so far. We celebrate with a few games of Bocce Ball and then gather around the table where the food and drink are waiting for us to enjoy. A perfect end to a mid-season break.

Passeggiate - mid June & mid July & mid August [exact dates TBD]

We find ourselves a nice trail or scenic urban location in the **Greater Green Bay area** where we take a leisurely stroll (**which is a Passeggiata**) and visit with other Club members and guests as we walk and talk. Then we find a nice place to eat and socialize, which is what Italians do so well.

32nd Annual Green Bay Holiday Parade - Saturday November 21

Last year was our first time participating in this great Green Bay tradition. Guiding a

giant helium or air inflated animated balloon, such as **Snoopy or Spider Man**, **down the street** is fun and entertains the kids watching the parade.

An Italian float???

PLUS . . . there are events and happenings that Club members put together on their own, such as a road trip, a cooking demo, working a grape harvest @ **Merl & Fatima Baenen's**, going to Italian Fest in Milwaukee, just to name a few. If you want to put one together, Vicky will help get the word out.

CHRONOLOGY of EVENTS

February 17, Tuesday Carnevale

March 18, Wednesday Dinner & an Italian Movie

April 27, Monday Bocce Ball League - session 1 begins

June 7, Sunday Bocce Pot Luck

mid June Prima Passeggiata

mid July Seconda Passeggiata

July 27, Monday Bocce Ball League - session 2 begins

mid August Terza Passeggiata

October 10, Saturday . . . Spaghetti Dinner

October 20, Tuesday Musicale

November 18, Wednesday . . . Dinner & an Italian Movie

November 21, Saturday Green Bay Holiday Parade

December 5, Saturday Cena di Natale

----- *Fine* -----

CARNEVALE IS COMING!

By Lynn Thompson

On **Tuesday, February 17th**, some Americans celebrate "**Fat Tuesday**" or (in areas of French influence, such as **New Orleans "Mardi Gras"**), while Italians will be celebrating "**Carnevale**", and our club looks forward to our own **Carnevale**, incorporating many authentic elements of the Italian celebration for our members to enjoy!

Luigi's Italian Bistro at 2733 Manitowoc Road in Green Bay will again be hosting this event. **Doors will open at 6:00 pm**, and a buffet of Italian delicacies will be served at 7:00, including bruschetta, mussels, sausage and peppers, a selection of pizzas, cheeses, and olives, dolci, and others.

This year we are so happy that club member, **Ardo Mariucci**, and his sons, **Mark and Dave**, will be joining **John Contratto** in providing us with a lively program of **Italian music!** Attendees will also enjoy wearing masks and beads, joining their tablemates in an upbeat game of **Tombola** played in Italian, as well as judging the

Venetian-style masks decorating the walls!

The cost for this years Carnevale is again **\$25 for members and guests and \$16 for students.**

Checks can be sent, payable to the Club Italo/Americano by February 10th, to Vicky (Piccione) Sobeck; 1810 Oakhill Dr.; Green Bay, WI 54313-4800.

This year we are offering the fun opportunity for club members and Italian language students to get together on the **Sunday before Carnevale (February 15th) at Luigi's at 2:00 pm to make masks together to be displayed at Carnevale.**

Materials will be provided at \$3. per mask. You are welcome to get creative and bring any additional materials to make a unique and funky or delightful mask. **After the masks have been created, we shall hang and label them to decorate for Carnevale.**

We will then enjoy a tasty meal together from **Luigi's** wonderful menu, after which we can position the tables for **Carnevale** itself, taking place that Tuesday.

If you can join us for this fun "prequel" to Carnevale, or, if you are interested in helping to set up or clean up for Carnevale, please call Vicky at 920-865-7229.

Remember to make your reservation by February 10th, since space is limited. We look forward to celebrating Carnevale with you!

DUES

Treasurer **Vicky (Piccione) Sobeck** reports that there are still about 25 people who have not sent in their dues for 2015.

Please remit promptly by sending your check (\$15.00 per person) made out to

Club ItaloAmericano to Vicky at 1810 Oakhill Drive, Green Bay, WI 54313.

If you're not planning to rejoin (we sincerely hope that isn't the case), please call Vicky at 865-7220 or email her at dvsobeck@gmail.com. We'd like to bring our club directory up to date ASAP.

Grazie mille

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

CONDOGLIANZE

We just learned that club member Ken (Lomagistro) Weinbauer passed away on Christmas Eve. Our sincere sympathies to his wife Carol and their family.

Thank You

Pete and Marlene report that their grandson Adam's back surgery was successful and that he is well on the road to recovery.

Thank you for your prayers and calls!

PASSEGGIATE 2015 -

UN GRANDE SUCCESSO!

We have been successful in filling the openings for the **summer 2015 passeggiate**.

Three couples have "stepped up to the plate." **They are: Bill and Nancy Fowle, Steve (Martini) and Shelley Bowe and Paul Marino and Collette Arkens.**

Each couple will plan and organize one of the passeggiatas.

Grazie mille!

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to the first new members for 2015. They are **Morey and Mary (Belmonte) Tabatabai**. Mary's grandparents came from Accettura and Rocca Impariale in Italy.

Benvenuti!

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The next Board meeting will be on **Thursday 15 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!

CLUB MEMBERS IN BUSINESS

We have several club members that are in the restaurant business, **Bilotti's in De-Pere, Luigi's Italian Bistro in Green Bay, Sammy's Pizza in Green Bay, Titledown Brewery in Green Bay, and the Captains Walk Winery 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

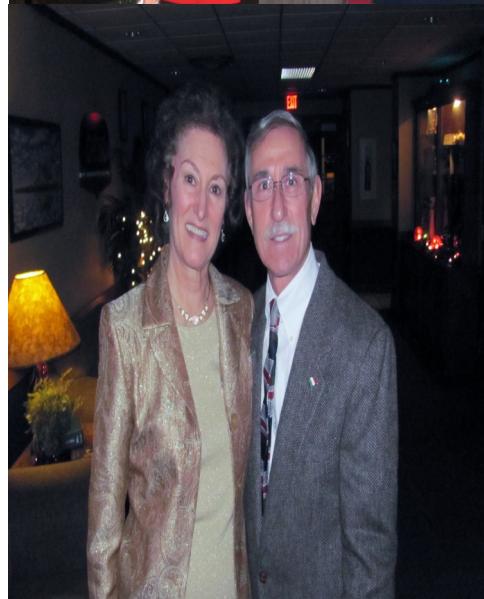
Please feel free to submit articles or pictures for our newsletter. Information for each upcoming month needs to be **submitted to me by the 25th. (think Christmas) of the month**. You should email articles as an attachment in **Microsoft Word** and pictures in a **jpeg** format.

My email address is:

paolomarino1@gmail.com

Questions— call me at 612-360-8246

Cena di Natale 2014







Wishing you a **New Year** that's...
sparkling with **fun**...
bursting with **joy**...
& crackling with **laughter!**

**Happy
New Year!**