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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Carnevale Is Coming!

By Lynn Thompson

It's Fat Tuesday on our calendars, and it is Mardi Gras in New Orleans, but, in Italy it's Carnevale! Our club is again celebrating Carnevale Italian style on **Fat Tuesday, March 4th, at Luigi's Italian Bistro, 2733 Maniwoc Road, Green Bay.**

We will begin at 6:00 pm with a social hour during which we can view and judge the artistic Venetian style Carnevale masks created by the Italian language students of **Lisa Melio's classes at Preble and East High Schools.**

At 7:00 we will enjoy a buffet of traditional Italian foods and dolci. Then the Italian language students will lead us in our tradition

al Tombola game, and prizes will be awarded.

The evening will be infused with the wonderful music of our own **John Contratto!**

We hope you have put the evening aside to join us.

20th Anniversary Year

Club ItaloAmericano of Green Bay

2014 Calendar of Events

OUR PREMIER EVENTS

Carnevale (think Mardi Gras) - Tuesday March 4 @ Luigi's on Maniwoc 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 couldn't be better.

20th Anniversary Celebration of Club ItaloAmericano of Green Bay

Saturday August 16, 2014 from 1:00 to 2:00pm

Hard to believe we are 20 years from our founding in 1994 and still going strong. Let's celebrate as we would in Italy - in the mid-autumn fashion of Ferragosto (Festivals of the Emperor August, aka Assumption Day). It is a major date for people to go home, be with their home base, family and friends.

Musicale VII - Tuesday October 21 @ 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 XVIII - Saturday December 13 @ 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 19 and Fall Showing on November 19

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 28: Session 1 begins. July 28: 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 8

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 September [exact date 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.

31st Annual Green Bay Holiday Parade - Saturday November 22

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. This year's theme is Toyland Christmas. **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

March 4, Tuesday Carnevale

March 19, Wednesday Dinner & an Italian Movie

April 28, Monday Bocce Ball - session 1 begins

June 8, Sunday Bocce Pot Luck

mid June Prima Passeggiata

mid July Seconda Passeggiata

July 28, Monday Bocce Ball - session 2 begins

August 16, Saturday 20th Anniversary Celebration

mid September Terza Passeggiata

October 21, Tuesday Musicale

November 19, Wednesday . . . Dinner & an Italian Movie

November 22, Saturday Green Bay Holiday Parade

December 13, Saturday Cena di Natale

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HELP WANTED

Twice a year we have "Dinner & an Italian Movie" night with dinner around 5:00 pm followed by an Italian movie shown at the **Neville Public Museum at 7:00 pm**, which is free and open to the public. **Club ItaloAmericano** is in its 7th year of supplying the Italian movie for this event.

We are looking for a Club member to chair this position. The job is simply to procure 2 Italian movies (DVDs) a year, one for the Spring session and one for the Fall session. The time commitment is about 5 hours a year.

If you have an interest and want to chat about it and get more detail, contact me and we'll get together.

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Dinner & an Italian Movie

The movie

"Caesar Must Die"

("Caesare deve Morire")

It is a 2011 production coming from the creativity of the brothers Paolo & Vittorio Taviani, born in Pisa 1931 & 1929 respectively. It is a blend of narrative and documentary presenting a drama-within-a-drama. The film was made in **Rome's Rebibbia Prison**, hardly a place where you would find Shakespeare let alone the actors being real maximum-security inmates. The play is **Shakespeare's Julius Caesar** and we are shown the process of picking the cast, letting us know what they are in prison for, rehearsals for the play and then it's presentation. We get to see how being in this play affects them personally.

The movie begins just as the play is ending and then we go back to how it all starts, the selection of the actors (maximum-security inmates), the rehearsals and then the play.

Don't miss it . . . it is unique.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING:

The next Board meeting will be on Thursday 20 March 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 DePere, Luigi's Italian Bistro in Green Bay, L Sammy's Pizza in Green Bay, Titletown Brewery in Green Bay, Cafe Cassandra's in Green Bay, the Captains Walk Winery 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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