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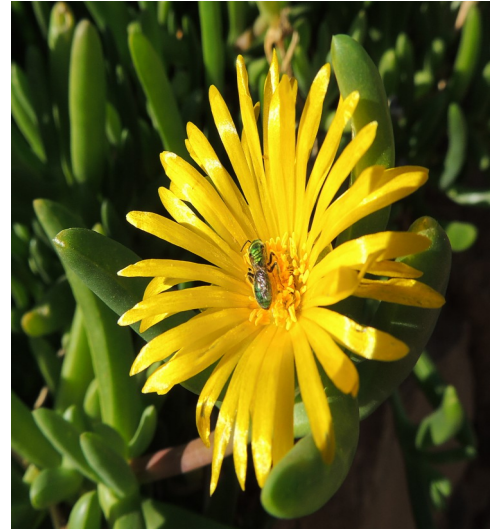
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WISITALIA Teacher of the Year Celebration

Five CIA members enjoyed the hospitality of the **Wisitalia Organization at the Milwaukee Italian Community Center Saturday, April 18th.** **Lynn Thompson and Teofilo** shared the driving for the car pool including **Pete and Marlene Feira and Janice Galt.**

The Milwaukee visit included a requisite stop at **Glorioso's on Brady Street**, where you can get "all things Italian." We brought home cheeses, olives, pasta, meatballs, wine, and more. Don't miss **Glorioso's** during your next **Milwaukee** trip!

The evening included news from **Victory School in Milwaukee**, which offers immersion teaching of Italian.

Steve Falsetti, from Victory School, was honored as 2015 Italian Teacher of the Year. An award was also given to **Tom Balistreri** for his many efforts to promote Italian culture. **Anna Pizzo** was honored with a special Italian Cultural Contribution award.

We had informal discussions with **Al Rolandi, Frank Alfano, and Tony Bruno of Wisitalia, and met Dr. Sandro Corso, Educational Consultant from the Chicago Consulate.**

The evening included dinner, and a great chocolate mousse cake for dessert!

WISITALIA REP

Board member, Lynn Thompson, has agreed to be the new Green Bay representative to Wisitalia. She will be replacing **Pete Feira** who is

stepping down after serving on the **Board of Wisitalia** since it's inception 15 years ago. **Lynn will be the point person (liaison) between Wisitalia, the Green Bay Public School Italian language program, the teacher, Laurie Stimpson, and Club ItaloAmericano.** She will manage the program, ie--guard it, protect it, nurture it and grow it!

Grazie mille, Lynn!

EVENTS

SUMMER - 2015 - additions and changes - PASSEGGIATE & OTHER CLUB ACTIVITIES

There will be some changes to the summer passeggiate this year.

Each of the 3 evening walks will be

organized by different people.

The first passeggiate is slated for Wednesday, May 20 and is being planned by Bill Fowle. This is the earliest date we've ever held a **passeggiata**, but in doing so, we'll have only one club event scheduled for June - **the annual bocce potluck on Sunday, June 7.**

The second passeggiata will be held in August and will be put together by Steve ((Martini) and Shelley Bowe. This will free up July for a new activity--a membership participation initiative called **"An Italian Theme Video Scavenger Hunt"**.

Paul Marino and Collette Arkens have chosen September for the third and final passeggiata of the season.

Watch for a separate invitation with pertinent info for the primo passeggiata to be held on May 20.

GREEN BAY HOLIDAY

PARADE

Support Club ItaloAmericano of Green Bay by participating in the 32nd Annual AT&T Green Bay Holiday Parade on Saturday, November 21, 2015. The 2015 Parade Theme is: "The Sounds of the Season."

Club ItaloAmericano of Green Bay has yet to select a specific theme, however we do have several ideas we are tossing around.



Maybe Le Befana or some other idea we can come up with.

Demonstrate your Italian pride. Pro-

mote the Italian heritage, culture and generate membership in our Club.

We are seeking family members, friends and neighbors to assist with float building and parade participation.

The first Holiday Parade Committee Meeting will be scheduled for late May early June 2015 where we will select our theme and begin design drafting for application submission to "On Broadway" in mid August 2015.

Please contact Lisa Iapalucci (920) 366-6995 or L.iapalucci87@gmail.com for further details.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Congratulazione, Sajida!

On April 11, Club Member Sajida Shariff was the recipient of the American Association of University Women's "Dreamers and Doers Award".

MEMBERSHIP

At the recent "Make a Wish Foundation" fundraiser, we offered 2 complimentary one-year memberships to **Club ItaloAmericano.**


The winners are Gary and Luane Raudabaugh and their son, Drew, all from Appleton. In the application, **Luane** states that she has always loved eating and cooking Italian and Italian "everything".

Benvenuti (welcome) and we hope to meet you soon!

HEY!! WHERE'S YOUR RSVP?

In the next 4 or 5 months, several of our activities involve a meal at a restaurant. Most of these restaurants set up a special menu for our club and, thus, need a headcount so they know how many to prepare for.

Please be considerate of the people who graciously volunteer to set up these activities and respond with a "Yes" or "NO" on or before the deadline. It will be greatly appreciated



SAJIDA SHARIFF
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN
2015 DREAMERS AND DOERS AWARD

The Dreamers and Doers Award recognizes contemporary women whose achievements, leadership, and unique talents effect change, inspire us and enrich life in our community. Exemplifying these qualities in her service to women and our community, it is with great pleasure and admiration that the American Association of University Women presents its 2015 Dreamers and Doers Award Recipient to Sajida Shariff.

Sajida and her husband, Ismail, moved from India more than 50 years ago and have been influential in creating understanding and caring among many diverse groups. Sajida does not preach or judge, but rather brings people together with food, dance, books and music. She is a beacon in our community as evidenced by her involvement with JOSHUA, the Richard Mauthe Center for Faith, Spirituality and Social Justice, the Fox Valley Islamic Society, Women's Interfaith group, Skylight Players, Aging & Disability Resource Center, Learning in Retirement, and Connecting Our Community from Many Directions.

Sajida's energy and skill, and her deep belief in any efforts in which she involves herself, results in immensely productive work and lasting impact. While working with the Multicultural Center she arranged a meeting place for Friday Muslim prayers at a church in Green Bay. Word spread and soon a new facility was needed and is now name the Islamic Society of Wisconsin. While sitting on the board of the Richard Mauthe Center, Sajida is breathing new life into the Center. Her work on Islamic Awareness Week, with an international book group, assisting students to cook meals, and skyping with a village in India all have had an impact on students and those who attend these functions.

With JOSHUA, an interfaith social justice organization, Sajida wanted to find a way to address the tensions and hostilities arising after 9-11 and the tensions between members of Judaism and Islam. As a result she was a founding member of the Women's Interfaith group which works to build an understanding of religious and cultural differences. Many faiths are involved in community projects.

The Aging Resource Center has been a source of enlightenment for Sajida. As a yoga instructor, teaching how to cook Indian food, or a discussion facilitator, Sajida has found love and passion in what she does. She was a production volunteer on the WPS "Cultural Horizons", which assists children in understanding their own and other diversities. She also volunteers, whether it's at St Philip's preschool, Danz Elementary School, or Bellin Hospital Cancer Ward she is passionate with what she does.

It has been said among her friends that if you meet her for the first time you are suddenly starting projects and volunteering in projects you'd never thought about before. Sajida Shariff has accomplished more than one person normally could in making our community a truly better place to live and grow and dream.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

The next Board meeting will be on Thursday 21 May 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.

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Questions— call me at 612-360-8246

CHRONOLOGY of EVENTS

FOR THE REST OF 2015

May 20 Prima Passeggiata

June 7, Sunday Bocce Pot Luck

August.. Seconda Passeggiata

July 27, Monday Bocce Ball League - session 2 begins

September.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* -----



Italian Flag gifted to Club from Patrick & Johanna Kloster from their recent trip to Italy; presented at the April 2015 Board Meeting