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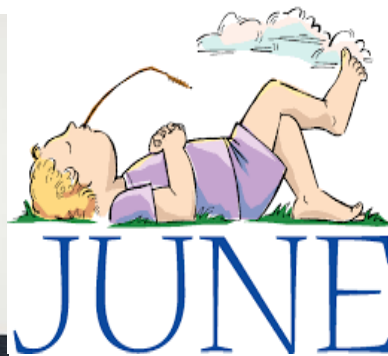
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## Festa della Repubblica

The “Festa della Repubblica” is the Italian national holiday celebrated on the second day of June. It commemorates the institutional referendum of 1946 when (by universal suffrage) the Italian population was called to decide what form of government (monarchy or republic) to give to the country after the Second World War and the fall of Fascism. After 85 years of monarchy, with 12,717,923 votes for and 10,719,284 votes against, Italy became a Republic, and the monarchs of the House of Savoy were deposed and exiled. This is one of the most important Italian national holidays which, like July 14th in France (Storming of the Bastille) and July 4th in the USA (Independence Day), celebrate the birth of the nation.

All over the world Italian embassies hold celebrations with Heads of State of the host country. Heads of

State from all over the world send congratulations to the President of the Republic. Special official ceremonies take place in Italy.

Before the foundation of the Republic, the national holiday was on the first Sunday of June, anniversary of the Statuto (constitution) granted by the King Carlo Alberto of Savoy.

## NEW MEMBER CELEBRATION UN GRANDE

### SUCCESSO!

By Marlene Feira, chairperson

Our first “Meet and Greet” party to welcome our new club members can be summed up as: “A Grand Success!” Over 40 people attended the celebration which was held in the beautiful Summit Room at New Perspective Senior Living. As people arrived, a lively chatter could be

heard throughout. Around 6:00 everyone was asked to find and join the group which had his/her name. Lynn (AKA Linanna) explained the ice breaker game in which each group had to list 6 things they all had in common. Many of the “answers” were hilarious.

After the game, President Teofilo introduced each new member, presented them with the club pin, had their picture taken and asked them to tell a little about themselves. And then it was time for pizza! Throughout the evening, the DVD of the club’s 20th anniversary was showing on the large screen TV and wine was available. We even had some unexpected dolci fudge from Vicky and biscotti from Peg.

If there was any doubt that a good time was had by all, we were still shuffling people out at 8:30 (the party was supposed end at 7:00)

Many thanks to those who helped in any way to make this idea happen especially **Darrell & Vicky (Piccione) Sobek, Bill & Peg (Ricci) Anderson, Linanna Thompson and Colleen Albers at New Perspective Senior Living.** Colleen allowed us use their facility free of charge and bring in our own food and wine.

**Grazie mille!**



## Reminder

Sunday Open Bocce has begun. Join us for friendly competition on Sunday afternoon's beginning at 4:00 PM.

**We meet at the Colburn Park Bocce courts off Highview street in Green Bay.**

The first Sunday we had 11 people, and the second Sunday 5 people enjoyed a game.

As this is a "make it if you can event," we don't know who or how many will show up to play. There was a concern mentioned that if someone drives a long distance, and no one else is there to play, it could be disappointing.

**Bill and Peg are encouraging participants to share phone numbers so that bocce players can call or text each other to ensure there will be a game. This will also be helpful with weather concerns.**

**Phone or text, Bill- 920.676.5377 or Peg- 920.676.5322 if you have suggestions.**



## **An Italian Tradition:**

### **La Passeggiata**

**By Dianne Hales**

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As day softens into dusk in Italy, something in the air seems to tug people from their homes and workplaces to participate in one of the enduring traditions of Italian life: **la passeggiata**. This evening promenade, generally between 5 and 8 PM, occurs in virtually every town, village, or big city in Italy. Here are my tips for joining in the tradition, and some favorite spots for strolling in Italian cities.

**Andiamo a fare qualche vasca! (Literally, let's go do some laps as in a pool),** Italians say to one another. However, this "cultural performance," as sociologists describe it, involves much more than strolling to and fro.

#### **THE MOST ITALIAN TIME OF DAY**

During the week, the **passeggiata** marks the end of the workday and offers a mo-

ment of sociability before the family dinner. On Saturday and Sunday, the **passeggiata** often becomes the main social event of the day, when entire families take to the streets.

The most important thing, it seems, is simply seeing and being seen (**vedere e farsi vedere**). In some cities, people clearly dress to impress or at least to show how well life has been treating them. Shirts are pressed; jeans, if worn, are stylish. Even babies in their prams are ready for proud display.

Attracting the most attention are young women of marriageable age, who, as **Giovanna Delnegro** observes in her book ***The Passeggiata***, take advantage of "a socially sanctioned" opportunity for flirting and courting. "Parents encourage such behavior, she notes, because the rhetorical skills learned in the piazza become useful in the marriage market, the work place and the complex politics of the town."

For townspeople of all ages, the **passeggiata** reinforces a sense of belonging. The greeting of friends and acquaintances, the swapping of gossip, and the sharing of the latest news weave everyone into the human fabric of the community.

#### **JOIN THE PASSEGGIATA**

If you're out and about in the early evening, you may become part of a **passeggiata** whether you intend to or not. You'll feel like less of an outsider if you dress up a little. Walk slowly. Stop for a gelato or an aperitivo. And don't be surprised if, after a while, you start feeling that you too belong.

In most villages, it's easy to find **la passeggiata**. Just head for the **corso or main street or the liveliest piazza**. Here are three of my favorite cities to **fare una passeggiata**:

#### **ROME**

Young travelers tend to mull about the **Piazza di Spagna** or find a perch on the

**Spanish Steps** to watch the parade. Window-shoppers gravitate to the **Via del Corso**, a pedestrian street lined with shops, cafes, and churches. The lively **Piazza Navona**, with its open-art art vendors, mimes, and musicians, may be the most entertaining place for your **passeggiata**.

The **Borghese Gardens**, where families pause to let their children ride the carousel or chase pigeons, offers a more tranquil setting. One of the best places to end a **Roman passeggiata** is the Pincio, poised above the **Piazza del Popolo** with a wonderful view over the **cupolas of Rome's churches (including St. Peter's) to the often-spectacular sunset**.

## FLORENCE

**Florence's** narrow streets provide welcome shade in the late afternoon. Many people weave their way to the **Piazza della Repubblica**, with its choice of cafes and bars for an espresso or aperitivo. I prefer a different route: a hike (or bus ride) to the **Piazzale Michelangelo** or, continuing upward, to the church of **San Miniato**, where locals sit in the shade and couples wrap their arms around each other as they watch the sun turn the **Arno** to gold.

## SIENA

The buses that bring many visitors to this medieval city leave by late afternoon. That's when the **Siene** reclaim their town by making their way up the steep, winding streets to **Il Campo**, the shell-shaped main piazza. You can circumnavigate the piazza, as many do, or venture into the tiny side streets and alleys.

For a bird's eye view, climb the 400 steps to the top of the **Torre del Mangia** (roughly translated, the **Tower of the Eater**, from its first guardian, nicknamed **Mangiaguadagni** for his tendency to spend all his money for food). As you gaze down at groups of townspeople walking and talking below, you'll feel—as Italians do at the end of a **passeggiata**—that all's

right with the world.

## PASSEGGIATA PLANS— CLUB ITALOAMERICANO

**Paolo Marino and Collette Arkens** have set **Tuesday July 11** as the date for the first of our three summer **passeggiata's**.

**Set the date aside for some summertime fun.** We will send out a flyer toward the end of June and repeat the information in the July Newsletter regarding the particulars for the **passeggiata**.

## CLUB ACTIVITIES 2017

June .....Every Sunday  
Club Bocce Activity 4:00  
pm, Colburn Park

June 11, Sunday.....Bocce Pot Luck,  
Colburn Park

July Tuesday 11th...La Prima Passeggiata  
Chair: **Paul Marino & Collette Arkens**

August Date TBD..La Seconda Passeggiata  
Chair: **Patrick & JoAnna Kloster**

September Date TBD- La Terza Passeggiata  
Chair: **Lee & Bev (Cavasin) Maigatter**

October 14, Saturday...Eleventh Spaghetti Dinner/Columbus Day Celebration (Italian Heritage Month) Green Isle Park Pavilion, Allouez

October 23, Tuesday.....Musicale X

November Date TBD..... Sammy's Dinner (4:45 pm) Neville Italian Movie (7:00 pm)

December 16, Saturday...Cena di Natale  
Chair: **Marlene Feira**

## OPEN FORUM Calling all Members

We extend an invitation for all club members to attend our monthly Board of Directors meetings. Our plan is to create an open forum at the beginning of each meeting where members can share their ideas, suggestions and/or concerns.

**If you have an item or topic that you feel needs extra time, please contact President Teofilo (LVTeofilo@aol.com or 432-6513) by the Monday before the board meeting so it can be added to the agenda.**

The meetings are held on the third Thursday of every month. They begin at 5:30 and are held at Luigi's Italian Bistro on Manitowoc Road.

**The next Board meeting will be on Thursday 15 June.**

## CLUB LIBRARY

**John Contratto** has started a club library, which he will bring to each event he participates in.

Books may be borrowed for a month.

Names of borrowers, phone numbers and email addresses are recorded.

Books are welcome from lenders. All books will remain under the ownership of the lender. The club will not assume liability for any lost books.

## 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 Cmas) 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**

## 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, Captains Walk Winery in Green Bay, Polito's Pizza in Green Bay, the Oilerie in Fish Creek**



and on Lineville Road 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.

**NEW MEMBER CELEBRATION**

