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# Il Piccolo Giornale

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## La Tavola di San Giuseppe (Table of St. Joseph)

Submitted by Lenora Rhyner

It's Religious, Cultural, Traditional, & Artistic!

The **Table of St. Joseph** is a centuries old tradition dating back to about the fourteenth century, a time of great poverty and famine in Sicily. During that time, people subsisted on fava beans, generally used to feed the cattle. People turned to St. Joseph to intercede with God for rain. Eventually the rains came and the fields yielded bountiful crops. In thanksgiving, the people made a table dedicated to **St. Joseph on his feast day, March 19**. The table was laden with bread, bread sculptures, fruits, vegetables, pasta, and wine. All who lived in the village were invited, especially the less fortunate. The custom of preparing a St. Jo-



seph table was introduced in America during the migration of Southern Italians and Sicilians in the latter part of the 19th century. Traditionally, after viewing the table, guests are given a fava bean to be carried in a pocket or purse yielding good luck and a guarantee that you will never go hungry. Any food that is leftover is donated to a homeless

shelter or any charitable organization designated by those creating **La Tavola de San Giuseppe**. In Italy today, **March 19** is celebrated as **Festa del Papa**.



## Dinner And Italian Movie

**Wednesday, March 23, 2016**

Every fall and spring our club selects and presents an Italian movie to be shown at the **Green Bay Film Society International Film Series at the Neville Museum.**

Our film for this spring is "Human Capital" [Il capitale umano] (2014). Based on **Stephen Amidon's** acclaimed novel, **Paolo Virzi's** film adaptation transports the story to Italy to present a modern-day morality tale. With a lavish home and beautiful wife, a hedge-fund manager seemingly has it all. Meanwhile, a real estate agent struggles to maintain his family's middle-class existence. As the destinies of both families become entwined, a fateful hit and run accident sets in motion a chain of events that will change their lives forever

**Dinner at Sammy's Pizza will be at 4:45pm and the movie will begin at the Neville Museum at 7:00pm.**

**Please call Vicky (Piccione) Sobeck at 865-7229 as soon as possible if you plan to have dinner at Sammy's. We need to give them a head count.**

## ADULT BOCCE BALL LEAGUES

### CAN SPRING BE FAR AWAY?

Registration for Session 1 of the Spring/Summer bocce (pronounced boh-chay) ball leagues begins on **March 16 for returning teams and on April 1 for new teams. Deadline is April 15. Attached is the informational flyer as well as the registration form. Please note that the correct fee is \$8.40 per resident and \$12.60 per non/resident.**

**We need to promote this program to keep it alive. We encourage our club members to form a team and also to spread the word among friends and invite them to join.**

Last year there were 9 teams (18 people) in the league with six of them (12 people) being club members.

## MEMBERSHIP

Please join us in welcoming seven new members this month.

**Mark Zittlow** has attended many of our events as a guest and enjoyed them so much, he decided to become a member!

Returning to the fold is **Laurie Stimpson** who is the Italian language teacher at Green Bay Preble and Green Bay East High Schools.

Next are **Robert and Sara (Peterson) Zizzo.** Robert's father and mother (nee **Balistreri**) are both full-blood Sicilian. Robert is the news director with the G.B.Press Gazette. They have 18 yr old twin daughters, **Alessandra** and **Olivia**, and a younger daughter, **Isabella.**

Then we have **Curt and Amy Jo Campbell.** The Campbell's own the "Oilerie" on Lineville Road as well as one in Fish Creek. All of the olive oil they sell is produced in Italy.

Finally, we welcome **Susanna Squellerio** who was born in Milano, Italia. Part of her family came from Parma. Susanna is a children's writer who just published a book entitled "**Lamponi Doriti - Golden Raspberries**" in Italian with English translation. She also writes for the American Herald. Italian

**BENVENUTI A TUTTI!**

## **CHRONOLOGY of EVENTS**

**2016**

**March 23 . . . . . Dinner & an Italian Movie**

**April TBD. . . . . Bocce Ball League - session 1 begins**

**June 22, Sunday . . . . . Bocce Pot Luck**

**mid July . . . . . Prima Passeggiata**

**July TBD. . . . . Bocce Ball League - session 2 begins**

**mid August . . . . . Seconda Passeggiata**

**mid September. . . . . Terza Passeggiata**

**October 8, Saturday . . . . . Spaghetti Dinner**

**October 18, Tuesday . . . . . Musicale**

**November TBD. . . . . Dinner & an Italian Movie**

**November 19, Saturday . . . . . Green Bay Holiday Parade**

**December 3, Saturday . . . . . Cena di Natale**

## 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.

## **THE CLUB LENDING LIBRARY:**

### **LANZA**

A biography of Mario Lanza

by Raymond Strait and Terry Robinson

### **SINATRA**

by Anthony Summers

### **WONDERS OF ITALY**

A Photographic Journey through Landscape, Art and Architecture

Oversize coffee table type book

### **PAGANINI**

A biography of Nicolo Paganini (violinist)

By Leslie Sheppard and Dr. Herbert Axelrod

### **VERDIE**

A biography of Giuseppe Verdi (composer)

By Francis Toyé

### **GREEN, WHITE, RED**

The Italian-American Success Story

By Dominic Pulera

### **THE COMPLETE OPERAS OF PUCCINI**

By Charles Osborne

### **VIVALDI**

By Marc Pincherle

### **VENICE: LION CITY**

By Garry Wills

### **VENICE**

Pictorial Travelogue

By Bonechi

### **FLORENCE**

Pictorial Travelogue

By Bonechi

### **THE MEDICI**

By Ferdinand Schevill

## **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**

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

The next Board meeting will be on **Thursday 17 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 De Pere, Luigi's Italian Bistro in Green Bay, Sammy's Pizza in Green Bay, Titletown 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.**

## **CARNEVALE PHOTOS**



