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Membership

Our members are made up of people from all over our community that share an interest in Italian culture and food. Many of us were introduced to the club through a family member or a friend. We think word-of-mouth is the very best way to introduce new people to our group and let them share in the fun we all have.

Please keep that in mind when you are introduced to someone you think would enjoy being part of our club. Perhaps you already have a friend that would enjoy being a part of our group. Why not invite them to one of our events coming up.



Festa Italiana's \$7 for 7 Days Spring Fever Ticket Deal Returns.

Back by popular demand **Festa Italiana** is bringing back its Spring ticket deal and encourages festivalgoers to purchase their discounted tickets to Italian food, entertainment, culture and fun from **May 15 - 21, 2017 and June 19 - 25, 2017** as part of its Spring Fever Ticket Deal promotion. **The \$7 for 7 Days Spring Fever Ticket Deal can be**

purchased online only at:

<http://festaitaliana.com/tickets>.

Attendees can also take advantage of the \$7 for 7 Days Spring Fever Ticket Deal Excluding other special promotions, \$10 individual advance tickets are now on sale online until July 20, or \$13 per person at the gate.

Celebrating 40 Years of Food. Family. Tradizione.

Celebrating its 40th anniversary in 2017, **Festa Italiana** continues to carry on time-honored traditions including the celebration of Sunday Mass and Procession, cultural exhibits, bocce, gondolas, photos of the old Third Ward and Italians in Milwaukee, as well as delicious food and entertainment true to the Italian culture including opera, dance, song and fireworks!

From its modest beginnings forty years ago, **Festa Italiana** has grown



into the largest Italian event of its kind in America.

2017 marks our 40th anniversary and we are very excited to celebrate this significant milestone with festivalgoers this summer. Many of our traditions involve volunteering and celebrating our Italian heritage and culture with friends and family at this annual event. We are proud to continue to share our Italian culture with the community and encourage everyone to take advantage of our special promotions as we head into the summer months, said **Dean Cannestra, Italian Community Center president and chairman of Festa Italiana.**

Advanced Tickets for Festa Italiana are on sale now. Purchase your advance online ticket for \$10 through July 20 at: <http://www.festaitaliana.com>

For ticket questions, please call 414-223-2808.

NEW MEMBER CELEBRATION

Mark your Calendars Wednesday, May 24.

Over the past year, we have welcomed over 20 new people to **Club ItaloAmericano**. Here is your opportunity to meet our new members and get to know them. We are organizing a **“Meet and Greet” pizza & wine party.** It will be held in the **Summit Room** on the **third floor of New Perspective Senior Housing.**

New Perspective is located at 2790 Elm Tree Lane in Howard. Please join us on Wednesday, May 24 from 5:30 to 7:00.

A special invitation will be sent to our newest members. **Reservations are required as space is limited.**

As our brochure states: “Non vediamo l’ora di fare la tua conoscenza” We can’t wait to meet you!



Reminder

Sunday Open Bocce: Sunday Open Bocce will begin on May 7th at 4:00 PM at the Bocce courts at Colburn Park.

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 going to encourage 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.

PASSEGGIATE PLANS

The first steps for our three **summer passeggiate** are in place. **Paolo Marino and Collette Arkens** will set up one in **July**, **Patrick and JoAnna Kloster** have volunteered to take care of **August** and **Lee and Beverly (Cavasin) Maigatter** will organize the third one in **September.**

Watch for dates and details in future newsletters. Grazie mille to these 3 couples!

We Need Your Input

What do you like best about being a member of **Club ItaloAmericano Green Bay**? What could the club do to increase membership? These are two of the questions on a survey being developed by **Membership Chairman Mark Mariucci and the club Board of Directors.**

Later this spring each club member will receive a copy of the survey by mail. The **Martec Group**, a full-service marketing research firm and member **Mary Prisco’s** employer, will be collecting and processing the survey data at no cost to the club. You will have the option of completing the survey online or mailing your completed paper survey to **Martec.**

We are counting on your input to help make our club the best it can be. Watch the mail for your copy of the survey!

CLUB ACTIVITIES 2017

- May Starting Every Sunday
Club Bocce Activity 4:00 pm, Colburn Park
- June 11, Sunday.....Bocce Pot Luck,
Colburn Park
- July Date TBD..... 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 18 May.

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.

ROME, ITALY



Porta Alchemica

An alchemist's "magic door" stands in the middle of a Roman park.

While this "magic door" is famous to Romans, it is barely noticed by tourists visiting Rome. But in the central district of **Piazza Vittorio**, inside the park, the remains of an old villa reveal a **Magic or Alchemist Door, a portal into the real and secretive world of 1600s alchemy.**

Full of symbols and inscriptions, it was built during the early 1600s by the Roman marquis **Massimiliano Palombara**, a member of a group of people known as "**The Alchemists of Palazzo Riario**" who congregated around the **Roman court of Christina of Sweden.**

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Queen Regent of Sweden Christina was an ardent supporter of alchemy and science, and thinkers and science luminaries like **Decarte and Athanasius Kircher** were often found in her Italian court along with alchemy enthusiasts like **Massimiliano Palombara.**

It is the only remaining of five gate doors to the **Marquis Palombara's** villa. According to legend, the Marquis met an alchemist at a dinner party who told him he could use a certain herb to turn metals to gold. In the morning the alchemist (said to be **Giuseppe Francesco Borri**, a sort of alchemical zelig) was gone but had left behind some gold flakes, evidence apparently of his successful transformations, and an indecipherable sheet, the "recipe" for the transformation. Because the Marquis was unable to read it he inscribed the recipe on his doors in the hope that someone who could understand it would see it and come knocking.

Mystery and occult beliefs still surround the door, and a mysterious symbol above the doorway fuels many of these theories. But of course, to most visitors to Rome, it's just another mysterious ruin.

