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Italian-American Heritage



National Italian American Heritage Month

Celebrate the many achievements and successes of Italian Americans

Every year the U.S. president signs an executive order designating the month of October as National Italian American Heritage Month. Coinciding with the festivities surrounding Columbus Day, the proclamation is recognition of the many achievements, contributions, and successes of Americans of Italian descent as well as Italians in America.

Over 5.4 million Italians immigrated to the United States between 1820 and 1992. Today there are over 26 million Americans of Italian descent in the United States, making them the fifth largest ethnic group. The country was even named after an Italian, the explorer and geographer Amerigo Vespucci. One way to celebrate Italian American heritage is with *The Complete Idiot's Guide to Italian History and Culture*, which

includes the accomplishments and successes of many Italian Americans.

Federico Fellini, the movie director, once said that "language is culture and culture is the language," and nowhere is this more true than in Italy. There was a time when speaking Italian was considered a crime, but nowadays many Italian Americans are learning Italian to discover more about their family heritage.

La Tersa Passeggiata

Our final passeggiata for 2015 was held on September sixteenth. We had a very nice turnout with over thirty members and guests.

The weather was wonderful as we enjoyed the passeggiata on the beautiful **St. Norbert College** campus. Our dinner was held at the **Abbey Bar and Grill**. It was a very enjoyable time being able to share with our club members and guests a wonderful evening. **We hope to see everyone next year when the pas-**

seggiata resumes.

NEW MEMBERSHIP

CHALLENGE

Club ItaloAmericano is looking for ways to grow our membership. What better way to introduce our friends, relatives, neighbors etc. to our wonderful club than to invite them to our spaghetti dinner. This way they can experience our friendliness and congeniality first hand.

There will be a prize for any current member who signs up a new member on the day of the dinner. In addition, anyone who becomes a member during the month of October will have his/her dues paid for 14 months— i.e. till the end of 2016.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

CLUB APPAREL

Samples of our new fall/winter club apparel will be on display at the spaghetti dinner on October 10.

See the attachment to this newsletter for illustrations and pertinent info. Please be prepared to place your order at the dinner. **Remember all orders must be pre-paid.** If you wish to order ahead of time, you can do so by calling **Vicky (Piccione) Sobeck at 865-7229** or email her at **dvsbeck@gmail.com**.

REMINDER: "SPAGHETTI DINNER"

Saturday, October 10th at Green Isle Park Pavilion Allouez from 4:00 to 7:30 PM, we will have our annual spaghetti dinner. The cost for adults \$10; children 10 to 6 years old \$5; free under 6 years old. We will have bruschetta, Italian quote contest, socializing and plated spaghetti with sausage & peppers, salad, bread sticks and dessert (**bring a beverage of your choice**). Extended family and friends are welcome.

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS THURSDAY, OCT. 8TH.

MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO: CLUB ITALOAMERICANO AND MAIL TO: VICKY SOBECK 1810 OAKHILL DRIVE GREEN BAY, WI 54313-4800.

NO RESERVATIONS ACCEPTED AT THE DOOR

Any questions, please call Vicky Sobeck at 865-7229.

GRAZIE E CIAO

MUSICALE "Numero Otto"

Mark your Calendars - Tuesday, October 20

The program for our 8th annual Musicale has been finalized! This year the theme centers around arias from the top 10 most produced Italian operas. **Returning vocalists include Jennifer Stevens, Mary Hall, Kent Paulsen, Melanie Riley and Genadi Maltinski** as well as our own **Giovanni Contratto**. New this year is **Jonathan Schweiger**.

The Mariucci family (Ardo, Mark and Da-

vid) will be playing background Italian music before the concert and **Marlene Feira will again play a piano solo.**

Watch for a special invitation for more information.

HOLIDAY PARADE

By Lisa Iapalucci

Well, it is that time of the year once again. As the chairperson of the 32d Annual Downtown Green Bay Holiday Parade, **I am desperately seeking volunteers to participate. I am in need of a minimum of 20-25 people.** They can be Club members, their families, friends, neighbors, co-workers, and/or people they know from other organizations.

The theme this year is Sounds of the Season. **Merlin & Fatima Baenen have generously volunteered to allow us to use their trailer for a float,** I have an abundance of Italian decorations. This will be just plain ole fun. I am in need of walkers to distribute the anise candies, a flag carrier for the American Flag and one for Italian/American Flag. It is my great hope that we will have a stellar show out this year as I believe we stand a wonderful chance at winning several awards. **I plan on doing LeBafanna the Italian Storyteller.**

(Jeanette has informed me that Pinocchio is being well represented and it behooves us to not repeat what is already being done). **You can get a glimpse by going to LeBafanna at Disney.com**

"Dream Come True" Costume Shop located on Allouez Avenue have been most generous in assisting with this momentous project.

Please contact Lisa Iapalucci at 920-366-6995 or email her at - **L.iapalucci87@gmail.com** to help with the parade.

CHRONOLOGY of EVENTS FOR THE REST OF 2015

October 10, Saturday . . . Spaghetti Dinner

October 20, Tuesday Musicale

November 18, Wednesday . . . Dinner & an Italian Movie

December 5, Saturday...Cena di Natale

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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

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

La Tera Passeggiata

