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La Terza Passeggiata

Date: Tuesday, September 5, 2017

Time: 5:30pm

Place: Kress Center, UWGB Campus - parking lot

Dinner: Rosati's, 745 Huron Road, Green Bay

The **September Passeggiata** will include a short stroll on the campus at **UWGB** with a brief stop at the bust of **Leonardo da Vinci**, located in the Winter Garden Courtyard. Following the Passeggiata you are cordially invited to dinner at **Rosati's**.

Dinner will be buffet style at 6:30 with "dolce speciale."

Please pay at Rosati's. There will be a cash bar available. In case of rain please meet at Rosati's at 6:00pm.

Buffet Menu:

Salad

Assorted pizzas

Italian Beef Sandwiches (make your own)

Baked Mostaccioli (marinara or meat sauce)

Bombolini

\$14.00 per person (tip not included)

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CONGRATULAZIONI

Congratulations to two club member couples who recently celebrated their **50th wedding anniversaries**. **April** was the date for **Bill and Nancy Fowle**. **Bill and Peg (Ricci) Anderson's** celebration was

just a few weeks ago in **August**.

May you have many more years together!

Racine Roma Lodge Italian Festival

By Lynn Thompson (aka: Linanna)

Racine Roma Lodge's weather committee provided another perfect summer day for their annual Italian Festival again this year! On **July 29th** several club members drove down in two cars. With such great company and conversation, the ride seemed short.

We were welcomed with open arms by **Rick Bonanno**, recent President of the **Roma Lodge in Racine**, who we joined in the lovely lakefront conference center and adjacent to the festival grounds for the monthly

Wisitalia meeting prior to the festival.

Wisitalia is our state-level Italian-American organization. It was great to participate in the meeting with our fellow Italianos from other parts of the state and hear about their efforts to further the Italian language and culture.

The main agenda item was the planning of Italian Day for spring 2018. This event, held at **UW Madison**, provides Wisconsin high school Italian students an opportunity to visit the campus of the top-rated Italian program in the country, visit the language-immersion dormitory (where students on one floor speak only Italian!), compete in Italian language and culture events, and socialize with each other over spaghetti and meatballs at the **Italian Workmen's Club**. Some funds for the transportation of participating schools will be provided by **Wisitalia**.

We then proceeded out onto the festival grounds with live music, Italian memorabilia vendors, and an array of Italian foods and drinks: generous meatball and sausage sandwiches with peppers, pasta dishes, fried bread, tiramisu, and even **Peroni beer**! We were each treated to a generous handful of food and beverage tickets by our most gracious host, **Rick**, and joined by Italianos from **Madison, Milwaukee, Racine, and Kenosha**, sharing our **Peroni**, dolci, and other foods with each other, and enjoying a truly upbeat and memorable day together!

La vita e bella!



BY Nancy Kohrman

August 12, 2017

Italy Iron Mountain Style

Okay, so I'm a newbie when it comes to the various "fests" that occur around Wisconsin each summer. I tend to figure those aren't my "people," so I don't belong there. I was wrong.

Saturday, August 12, I joined some other members of our Club and headed north to Iron Mountain, MI, for their Italian Fest, and am I glad I did! I'm sure I'm preaching to the choir and that many of you have been to this event, but these are my brief thoughts on the day in no particular order:

The food! Lots to choose from, and they all smelled great. I decided on a meatball sandwich from Crispigna's and I wasn't disappointed. (And since I had purchased a red t-shirt at the Fest, I could enjoy it with gusto.)

The drinks! First time for **Peroni beer** and **Fortissimo wine**; for medicinal purposes only, of course. I approve of them both.

The music! Can't go wrong with **Michael Walsh**, a **Dean Martin** sound-alike; **Anastasia Lee** with her beautiful voice; and **The Cadillacs** and their 60s music getting even the most reluctant folks out on the dance floor.

The activities! Everything from tossing pizza dough, stomping grapes, and throwing pans of Italian food, to wine bottle decorating. (If there had been an award for "best bottle," Collette Arkens would have won hands down.)



The atmosphere! A huge tent provided plenty of shade. Lots of tables and chairs so people could sit and visit to their heart's content. And an all-around, wholesome family feeling.

And friends!—Our group of five (**Paul Marino, Collette Arkens, Marlene Feira, Dan Brunmeier, and myself**) were warmly welcomed many times. I quickly learned that **Marlene** was related to half the crowd and had gone to high school with the other half.



The community of **Iron Mountain** should be very proud of the **Italian Fest** they put on. It had a very "community" feel to it whether you were from the community or not.

Well done!

Share Your Family Roots

By Lenora (Fiorenza) Rhyner

The results of the recent survey indicate that the majority of our members are interested in activities that include events to sample Italian food and opportunities to learn about and share all things Italian.

More than half of the members in **Club ItaloAmericano** are of Italian ancestry. If your heritage includes Italian surnames whether paternal, maternal or both we would like to include their name(s) in the club directory. We would also like to prepare a separate list of the regions from which your ancestors emigrated.

SAMPLE ENTRY:

**Lenora(Fiorenza/Pellegrino) Rhyner ----
-- Sambuca and Marsala Sicilia**

**Marlene(Sparapani/ Patacconi) Feira ---
Piemonte, Trentino, LeMarche Italia**

As we gather for Club Italo Americano activities, this information could be a source of conversation regarding common ancestry, stories, pictures, recipes, traditions and customs of your heritage.

Another idea would be to schedule mini - potlucks serving regional foods of specific categories such as l'antipasti, primi or secondi piatti, and dolci.

Please send the Italian surnames of your paternal and maternal ancestors and the regions from which they emigrated to Lenora (Fiorenza) Rhyner [crhyner @new.rr.com].

DUAL CITIZENSHIP—DO YOU QUALIFY?

The general framework governing Italian citizenship is Law 91 of 5 February 1992; particularly Article 1 of Law n.91/1992, reaffirms the principle of "jure sanguinis" (continuity of blood), by which any children born of an Italian father/mother

instantly inherit the Italian citizenship. However, the inheritance of the Italian citizenship through the maternal line is only possible for those born after January 1, 1948.

Determination and recognition of Italian citizenship is subject to the demonstration by the applicant that his or her direct ascendants uninterruptedly maintained their Italian citizenship. The power to make this determination is the Authority with jurisdiction over the place of residence of the applicant: outside Italy it is the Consular Authority for that jurisdiction; in Italy, it is the Ufficiale di Stato Civile of the Town Hall (Comune).

Fun Facts About Italy

Do you know how old Italy really is? Any idea what Italy actually means or who Alessandro Volta is? No? Then you'd better read these fun facts about "Italy."

* The name Italy comes from the word "italia," meaning "calf land," perhaps because the bull was a symbol of the Southern Italian tribes.

* Italy is approximately 116,400 square miles (including Sicily and Sardinia), which is slightly larger than Arizona.

* The official name of Italy is the Italian Republic (Repubblica Italiana).

- Italy is said to have more masterpieces per square mile than any other country in the world.



* Almost four-fifths of Italy is either mountainous or hilly.

* In 2007, a dog named Rocco discovered

a truffle in Tuscany that weighed 3.3 pounds. It sold at auction for **\$333,000 (USD)**, a world record for a truffle.

* Italians claim to have taught the rest of Europe how to cook. Italy is responsible for introducing the world to ice cream (via the Chinese), coffee, and fruit pies. In addition to Belgium and France, Italy also claims to have made the first French fries. The first Italian cookbook was written in 1474 by Bartolomeo Sizzi.



* The Italian wolf is Italy's unofficial national animal and plays a large role in the legend of the founding of Rome.

* When McDonald's opened in 1986 in Rome, food purists outside the restaurant gave away free spaghetti to remind people of their culinary heritage.

* Parmesan cheese originated in the area around Parma, Italy. Italians also created many other cheeses, including gorgonzola, mozzarella, provolone, and ricotta. No one knows when the pizza was invented, but the people of Naples made it popular.

* The University of Rome is one of the world's oldest universities and was founded by the Catholic Church in A.D. 1303. Often called "La Sapienza" ("knowledge"), the University of Rome is also Europe's largest university with 150,000 students.

* There are two independent states within Italy: the Republic of San Marino (25 square miles) and the Vatican City (just 108.7 acres).

* Italy's San Marino is the world's oldest republic (A.D. 301), has fewer than 30,000 citizens, and holds the world's oldest continuous constitution. Its citizens are called the Sammarinese.

* Vatican City is the only nation in the world that can lock its own gates at night. It has its own phone company, radio, T.V. stations, money, and stamps. It even has its own army, the historic Swiss Guard.

* Most of Italy's natural flora and fauna has disappeared due to centuries of cultivation. Most of its natural wildlife has also disappeared due to over-hunting.

CLUB ACTIVITIES 2017

September 6, Wednesday.....La Terza Passeggiata

Chair: Lee & Bev (Cavasin) Maigatter

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

Allouez

October 24, 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 21 September.

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 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

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, Politto's Pizza in Green Bay, Angelina Ristorante in Green Bay, Thumb Knuckle Brewing Co. brewery and taproom, just west of Luxemburg and east of the Brown County line on Hwy 54.

Whenever you visit these businesses, please mention that you are a member of Club ItaloAmericano as a support of their business and membership.

Passeggiata August 8,2017



