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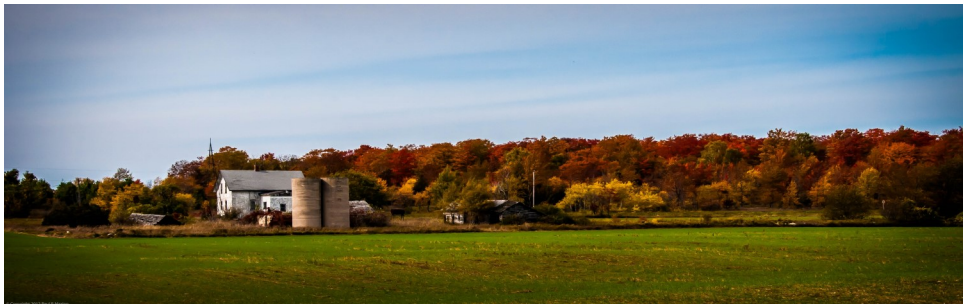
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**MUSICALE -MUSICALE**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2024**

Preparations for our 16th annual Musicale are in full swing! Co-directors Angela Landt and Marlene Feira are busy putting on the finishing touches. Returning vocalists Randi Fay and Melanie Riley will be joined by newcomers Whitney Meyers (vocal instructor at UWGB), Don Beck (tenor) and Lucas Jordan (vocal instructor at Denmark High and Middle School). Melanie will be accompanied on guitar by her fiancé Chris Rugowski.

**Watch for a separate email with the invitation and pertinent details.**

**ANNUAL DUES**

Yes, it's that time of year again! Early payment will save you \$5.00! There are two ways you can pay your 2025 dues this month:

\* Send a separate check @\$20.00 per person for your dues along with your \$8.00 prepaid reservation for the Musicale.

\* Pay your dues on the night of the Musicale along with your \$10.00 donation - again with separate checks.

**Club Activities**

\* Saturday, October 12 - Conversation Club from 10:00 to 11:30, Kress Family Library, De Pere

\* \*\*\*Wednesday, October 23 - 16th Annual Musicale\*\*\*

**2024 Founders Award**

The Feira family awarded the 2024 Founders Award posthumously to L.V. Teofilo at Club IA's 30th anniversary celebration. Here is the testimony given in the nominations:

\* He was Italian American to the core - loving good wine, good food, good conversation and Italian opera.

\* He was on the Board of Directors and served as our President for 7 years.

\* He rarely missed a club activity

\* He welcomed us into his home several times for cooking demos and showing Italian movies.

\* He advertised his Italian heritage by sporting a jaunty green, white and red newsboy cap and wearing his denim shirt with our club's logo.

\* He was very proud of his Italian heritage and of our club and was not shy to say so. When asked where he was from, he answered, I am from Fond du Lac, live in Green Bay but my parents were Italians.

\* He was compelled to correct people who mispronounced Italian words, especially in restaurants - for example: "It's bruchetta - not bruschetta"

\* He encouraged people to join our club- "you like bocce/olive oil/red wine/pasta? You should join our Italian club".

\* His big, gentle, kind heart always overshadowed the room as well as on the bocce court.

\* He shared his beautiful saxophone playing at our Musicale and again at our Cena di Natale just 18 days before his death.

- He manifested his love of Italian culture, Italian food and all things Italian. It would be difficult to imagine a person with more Italianismo.

## Free Concerts - FYI

\* Thursday, October 3 - Green Bay Jazz Orchestra at The Tarlton - doors open @ 5:00, concert starts @ 6:00

\* Monday, October 21 - AVB Community Band at the Ashwaubenon PAC - doors open @6:00, concert at 7:00

## ARTICLES FOR OUR

### NEWSLETTER

Please feel free to submit articles or pictures for our newsletter. Information for each upcoming month needs to be submitted by the 25th. (think Christmas) of the month. You should email articles as an attachment in Microsoft Word and pictures in a jpeg format.

Questions— call me. Contact information is in our club directory.

### CLUB BUSINESSES

We have several club members that are in

the restaurant business:

Luigi's Italian Bistro in Green Bay, Tarlton Theatre in Green Bay, Titledown Brewery in Green Bay Thumb Knuckle Brewing in Luxemburg. 2ASolve, which specializes in personal computer, network & data support and consulting, The Bakery.

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

### CLUB BUSINESS WEB SITES

2A Solve in De Pere, <https://www.2asolve.com/>

Luigi's Italian Bistro in Green Bay, <https://www.luigisitalianbistrogreenbay.com/>

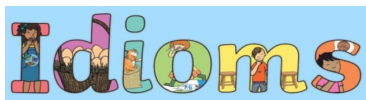
Tarlton Theatre in Green Bay, <https://thetarlton.com/>, <https://www.facebook.com/thetarlton/>

Titledown Brewery in Green Bay, <https://www.titledownbrewing.com/>

Thumb Knuckle Brewing in Luxemburg. <https://www.thumbknuckle.beer/>

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/ThumbKnuckleBrewingCo/events/>

<https://www.thebakerygb.com>



L'idioma per ottobre é

Sta parlando in punta di forchetta.

S/he sounds so pretentious.

(lit. S/he is speaking at the tip of the fork.)

L'idioma per settembre era

Né pesce, né carne

It's neither here, nor there.

(lit. Neither fish nor meat)

L'idioma per agosto era

Mi stai prendendo in giro?

Are you pulling my leg?

(lit. Are you taking me for a ride?)

L'idioma per luglio era

Sputa il rospo!

Out with it Speak up!

(lit. Spit out the toad!)

L'idioma per giugno era:

Me ha detto a quattr'occhi

S/he told me in private

(lit. S/he told me in four eyes.)

L'idioma per maggio era:

Sono rimasti di sasso!

They were dumbfounded!

(lit. They were left in stone!)

L'idioma per aprile era:

f il mio cavallo di battaglia

That's my strong point.

(lit. That's my battle horse.)

Il idioma per marzo era:

Diciamo pane al pane e vino al vino.

Let's call a spade a spade.

(lit. let's say bread for bread and wine for wine.)

Il idioma per gennaio e febrero era:

Sono andato a Roma e non ho visto il papa.

I didn't accomplish what I set out to do.

(lit. I went to Rome, and I didn't see the Pope.

## Dinner and Movie Wednesday, November 6, 2024

Dinner at Gallagher's Pizza, 1651 S. Webster will be at 4:45pm. The movie at the Neville Museum starts at 7:00pm. Please call Victoria (Piccione) Sobeck if you plan to have dinner at Gallagher's.

The movie is:

November 6: "The Orange Thief" (Italy 2007)

In this comedy, a man who lives by stealing and selling fruit is jailed. His cellmate, Turrido, is a convicted murderer. Realizing the young thief is soon to be released, Turrido asks a favor. In return for getting recordings of his ex-girlfriend, an aspiring singer, Turrido will give the thief land of his own.

Co-Sponsored by the Italo-American Club

## Buon Anniversario!!

By Lenora Fiorenza Rhyner

On September 21, 2024, fifty-five members of Club ItaloAmericano joined together to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the founding of the club in 1994! Village Grille Events Center provided the background while members and guests provided the joy and friendship of the occasion! Several TV screens of a DVD (compliments of DARRELL SOBECK) of the last five years of club events were continually running.

Following the cocktail hour, members and guests took their places at the tables covered with white linen tablecloths, green linen napkins, a green-stemmed wine glass and an Italian themed table decoration. **President MARY PRISCO** presented a brief history of the Club that included the four objectives: 1. To provide a social setting for those who have a passion for Italian heritage, 2. To provide information for those interested in Italian culture, language, food and music, 3. To enhance appreciation of Italian culture, and 4. To encourage ties between Green Bay and Italy.

The club originated with Riccardo Paterni, a graduate student at UWGB who was from Lucca, Italy!!!! Marlene Feira shared a note from Riccardo expressing his congratulations for our 30th anniversary celebration.

Along with the current Board Directors, four of the Charter members present were introduced and acknowledged for their dedication. Our thanks to Tom Aerts, Dick Daley, Janice Galt and Marlene Feira.

Following the Secondo Piatto, Marlene Feira, Becky and Adam McClure presented the Founders Award posthumously to Lawrence Teofilo. Mary Teofilo was not able to be with us, but two special friends Vladimir Wojnar and Morey Tabatabai accepted on her behalf.

Among our many talented members are Peg Anderson (Ricci), Mary Prisco, and Marlene Feira (Sparapani), who played their ukuleles for a Sing-A-Long of two popular Italian songs "That's Amore" and "Santa Lucia".

The 5 course menu chosen by the planning committee can be described as "fine dining" beginning with the Primo Piatto to the Dolce (dessert)!!

Moltissimo thanks to Mary Prisco, Vicky Sobeck, Patti Meyer, Darrell Sobeck, Janice Galt, Judy Sulzmann, Lynn Thompson, and Judy Berntsen for a memorable festa!!!

Commerative wine glasses are available @ \$5.00 each. To order: email Vicky (dvsobeck@gmail.com) or by phone (920-865-7229)

Also available at the same contact information as the wine glasses are CIA:VIDEOS

1. Club ItaloAmericano from 1994-2014
2. Club ItaloAmericano from 2015- 2019
3. Club ItaloAmericano from 2020-2024







# ITALIAN ANCESTRY OF CLUB MEMBERS

By Lenora Fiorenza Rhyner

Italy is divided into 20 regions. Each region is divided into provinces, and each province is divided into municipalities I have indicated the regions from which families of our club members have emigrated to America Seventeen of the twenty regions are represented The three regions not represented among our club membership are Valle d'Aosta, the Independent City-States of Vatican State and The Republic of San Marino

In the case of Sicily, there are nine provinces, not regions. Some websites include the Sicilian provinces with the Italian regions I have chosen to do the same but indicated those with an \* Six of the nine are represented.

The following is a list of regions and names of members who trace their ancestry to Italy.

If there are any corrections or additions to this compilation of ancestral Italian family names and/or places of origin, please call Lenora Rhyner @ 468-8922 or email crhyner@new.rr.com.

**WE ARE FAMILY..**, whether we are of Italian ancestry or from another heritage, we, as members of Club Italo Americano, share an interest in all things Italian!!! "Italianismo" has become our descriptive word ...all things Italian.! This includes culture, music, food, language, tradition, art and history. Through our monthly events we have an opportunity to come together to celebrate and preserve **OUR COMMON INTEREST!!!**

**Abruzzo:** Margene Marcantonio (D'Agustino), Judy Sulzmann (Di Julius), Lisa Schroeder (Marcantonio/D'Agustino), Santina Schintgen (Gazza), Mary Pink (Conversi)

**Basilicata:** Mary Tabatabai (Belmonte)

**Calabria:** Jackie Kucera (Papaterra), Margene Marcantonio (Parrotta/Elia), Sue Milewski (Baratta), Lisa Schroeder (Parrotta/Elia) Mary Eifler (Cerasoli), Mary Prisco, Lisa Meli (Costa), John Salerno (Bilotti), Pat Gattone (Coscarelli/Polifronio), Mary Tabatabai (Belmonte), Mary Rehberg (Gattone), Liz Rehberg (Gattone), David Steavpack (Baratta), Mark Falcone (Contino), Geri Pulera (Bilotti)

**Campania:** Jackie Kucera (Gilardi), Victoria Soback (Falcone/Rossi), Richard Daley (Farino/ Compestra), Mary Prisco, Maria Elena Vecchione

**Emilia Romagna:** Peg Anderson (Ricci), Maria Elena Vecchione (Parmeggiani)

**Friuli-Venezia Giulia:** Dominic DelBianco

**Lazio:** Rosanna Mazzola (Pirera), Eugene Nelson (Vincenzi) Mina Cook (Colonna)

**Le Marche:** Marlene Feira (Pataconi/Giovannotti), Becky McClure (Pataconi/Giovannotti), Adam McClure (Pataconi/Giovannotti), Nick Feira (Pataconi/Giovannotti), Geri Pulera (Zarletti/Ricci)

**Liguria:** Fatima Baenen (Traverso)

**Lombardia:** Ron Baldini, David Littig (Valente), Alberto Aresi (Ranzini/Cesati)

**Molise:** Judith Michaels (Pietrocatelli/Martini)

**Piemonte:** Marlene Feira (Giolitto), Madonna Shanley (Brusso/Vallero),

Mary Louise Damiano (Susa), Nick Feira (Giolitto), Cheryl Grosso, Adam McClure (Giolitto/Feira), Becky McClure (Giolitto/Feira), Santana Schintgen (Pancheri)

**Puglia/Apulia:** June McCotter (Martinelle/Bertane), Maureen Roup (Agriesti/Stefanelli/Boscia), Elisha Agen (Pagnana/ Molfetta), Mark Falcone



## Sicily

\***Agrigento:** Lenora Rhyner (Fiorenza/Giovinco)

\***Catania:** Victoria Sobeck (Coppolino/Piccione)

\***Enna:** Judy Sulzmann (Di Julius/Di Francesco)

\***Messina:** Felix Grillo

\***Palermo:** John Salerno, Paul Marino (Filippo/Gienaia/Marino), Mary Prisco,  
Fara Sollena (Badalamenti/Bommarito), Giovanni Sollena (Palazzolo)

\* **Trapani:** Lenora Rhyner (Pellegrino/Trapani)

**Toscana:** Fatima Baenen (Traverso), Nadia Grillo (Grigori), Louis Lucci(Adreini),  
Georgene Lindbeck (Peruzzi), Riccardo Paterni, Rosanna Mazzola

**Trentino Alto Adige:** Marlene Feira (Sparapani), Mary Eifler (Fascinelli). Patti Meyer (Costa/Possi/Sparapani), Adam McClure  
(Sparapani), Becky McClure (Sparapani), Nick Feira (Sparapani)

**Umbria:** Mark Mariucci, David Mariucci, Georgine Knack (Fonzi)

**Veneto:** Beverly Maigatter (Cavasin), Diane Sutton (Coradini), Mark Finco, Georgene Lindbeck (Peruzzi), Lidia Draghicchio (Patt),  
Gregorio Draghicchio



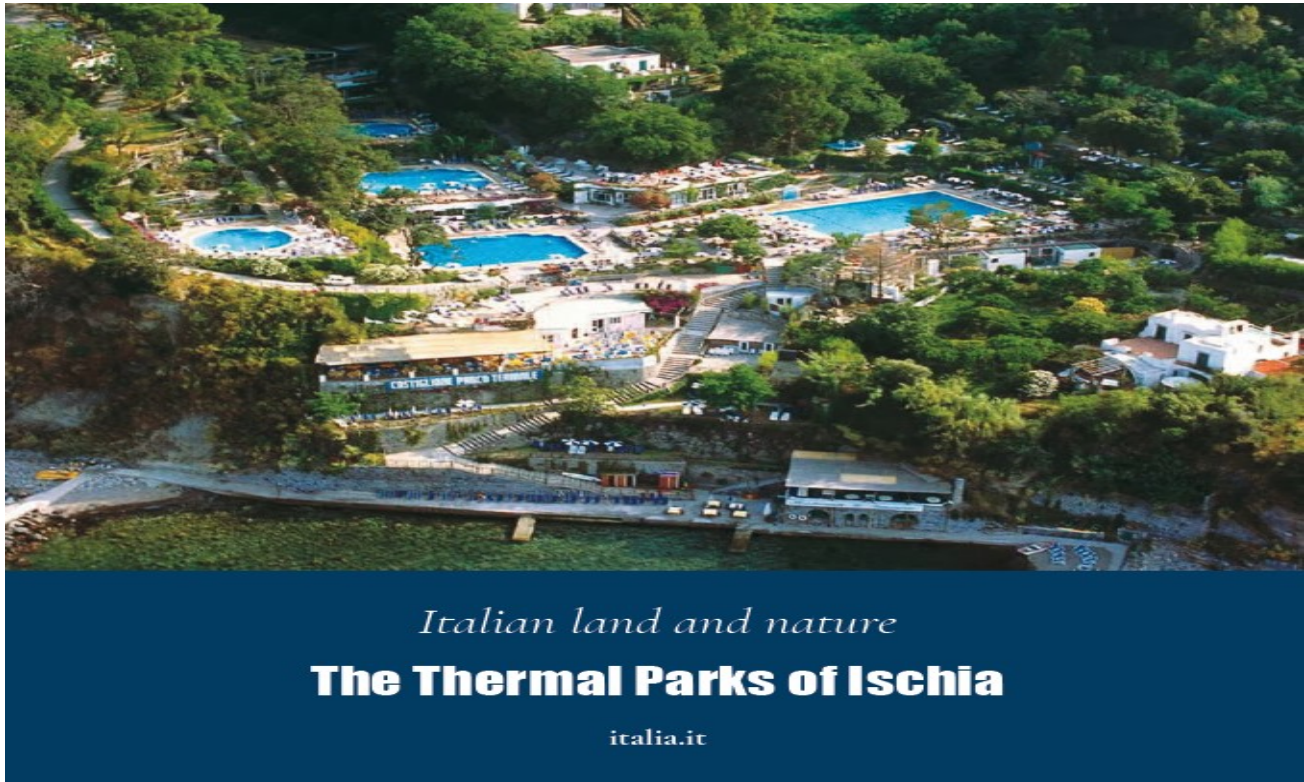
The dots indicate the areas from which club members ancestors emigrated.

## **Alphabetical list of club members with Italian Heritage**

- \* Agen, Elisha (Pagano/Molfetta)
- \* Anderson, Peg (Ricci)
- \* Aresi, Alberto
- \* Baenen, Fatima (Traverso)
- \* Baldini, Ron
- \* Cook, Mina (Colonna)
- \* Daley, Dick (Farino)
- \* Damiano, Mary Louise
- \* DelBianco, Dominic
- \* Draghicchio, Lidia and Gregorio
- \* Eifler, Mary (Cerasoli/Fascinelli)
- \* Falcone, Mark (Contino)
- \* Feira, Marlene (Sparapani/Patacconi/ Giovannotti/Giolitto)
- \* Feira, Nick (Sparapani)
- \* Finco, Mark
- \* Gattone, Pat (Coscarelli/ Polifronio)
- \* Grillo, Felix
- \* Grillo, Nadia (Gregori)
- \* Grosso, Cheryl
- \* Knack, Georgine (Fonzi)
- \* Kucera, Jackie (Gibaldi/Pappaterra)
- \* Lindbeck, Georgene (Peruzzi)
- \* Littig, David (Valente)
- \* Lucci, Louis (Adreini)
- \* Maigatter, Beverly (Cavasin)
- \* Marcantonio, Margene (D'Agustino/Parrota/Elia)
- \* Marino, Paul (Filippo/Gienaia)
- \* Mariucci, David
- \* Mariucci, Mark
- \* Mazzola, Rosanna (Piera)
- \* McClure, Adam (Feira/ Sparapani)
- \* McClure, Becky (Feira/ Sparapani)
- \* McCotter, June (Marinelle/Bertane)

- \* Meli, Lisa (Costa)
- \* Meyer, Patti (Costa)
- \* Michaels, Judith (Pietrocatelli/Martini)
- \* Milewski, Sue (Baratta/Lavoratore)
- \* Nelson, Eugene (Vincenzi)
- \* Paterni, Riccardo
- \* Pink, Mary (Conversi)
- \* Prisco, Mary
- \* Rehberg, Elizabeth (Gattone)
- † Rehberg, Mary (Gattone)
- \* Rhyner, Lenora (Fiorenza/Giovinco/ Pellegrino/Trapani)
- \* Pulara, Geri (Bilotti/Zarletti/Ricci)
- \* Roup, Maureen (Agriesti)/Stefanelli/ Boscia)
- \* Salerno, John (Bilotti)
- \* Schintgen, Santina (Gazza/Pancheri)
- \* Schroeder, Lisa (Marcantonio)
- \* Shanley, Donna (Brusso)
- \* Sobeck, Victoria (Piccione/Coppolino/ Falcone/Rossi)
- \* Sollena Giovanni (Palazzolo)
- \* Sollena, Fara (Badalamenti/ Bommarito)
- \* Steavpack, Dave (Baratta)
- \* Sulzmann, Judy Anne (Di Julius/Di Francesco)
- \* Sutton, Diane (Coradini)
- \* Tabatabai, Mary (Belmonte)
- \* Vecchione, Maria Elena (Parmeggiani)





Ischia, the largest of the Phlegrean Islands, has - as long as man can remember - been considered the European capital of wellbeing. Its springs and ancient natural baths offer intense pleasure and relaxation, in any season, to those looking to combine the best of wellness and spa treatments, Eno gastronomy, idyllic scenery and even sport activity, all within the setting of uncontaminated and pristine nature.

Its geographic location ensures that the entire Island is blessed with the climatic and environmental conditions ideal for restoring the mind, body and spirit.

The thermal baths on Ischia are the stuff of legend (literally), which narrates that the giant Tifeo (Typhon) was imprisoned by Zeus inside Mount Epomeo. After centuries of punishment the giant implored Venus to request his pardon from Zeus; when hot tears ran from the repenting rebel's eyes, the Father of the Gods was moved by pity. He thus pardoned Tifeo and transmuted his tears into natural thermal waters.

Ischia represents the capital of European thermal vacations: it holds 103 thermal springs, 69 fumarole aggregations, and more than 300 separate bath establishments.

The use of the springs for therapeutic purposes has continued throughout the millennia, and to this day is a *òmustó* attraction for those looking to relax and enjoy beauty and wellness treatments amidst some of the best nature landscapes that Mother Earth has to offer.

For visitors who wish to find re-invigoration via thermal cures, the hardest thing to do is choose from among the numerous types of Ischian springs: there is an incredible variety of waters, including hot, very hot, thermal and hyperthermal mineral waters.

Let's begin with the two most famous thermal spring parks of Ischia: the Poseidon Gardens and the Negombo Park.

The Poseidon Gardens, situated on the evocative Bay of Citara, represent the largest thermal park on the Island, with 22 thermal, curative pools; the temperatures of these spring waters range from 60.8-104 degrees Fahrenheit (16-40j C). A definitive characteristic of this park is its abundant waters, which continually churn to renew themselves.

Visiting Poseidon means jumping into a 60,000 sq. m. (14.8 acres) thermal paradise where one can regain psycho-physical wellbeing and equilibrium on the shores of the Tyrrhenian Sea.



The Negombo Hydrothermal Park, set in the splendid Bay of San Montano (in the village of Lacco Ameno), was built by request of Duke Luigi Silvestro Camerini, a great humanist and traveler, who sought out a locale where he could express his love for botanical life. The result is this thermal park, rich in tropical plants and lush vegetation. Negombo invites guests to enjoy its 15 thermal pools (in varying temperatures), hydro- and plantar massages, a private beach and a beauty and wellness center. During the month of August the park puts on musical and cabaret performances in the evenings, often featuring renowned Italian artists.

Moving on to the town of Barano d'Ischia, in the area of Buonopane, we can find the Ninfe Nitrodi Springs, reputed for the therapeutic qualities of the medium- mineral and hypothermal waters. The properties of these waters have been well-known since Antiquity (from the 3rd Century B.C.), when the Greeks first erected a Nymphaeum in the area, under the protection of the "Nitrodes" nymphs and the god Apollo. In 1759, several votive marbles were discovered near the springs; they were dated to the First Century B.C., and contained written inscriptions giving thanks to Apollo and the Nitrodes for the healing waters.



Leaving the Nife Nitrodi and heading to Casamicciola, one finds the Thermal Park of Castiglione, with ten large thermal pools at temperatures between 86 and 104j F (30 to 40jC), as well as an Olympic-sized pool filled with seawater. The Park is nested inside a thriving green space of flower beds and high-trunked pine trees, an ideal location for restoring the mind, body and soul. Even Pliny and the Greek philosopher Strabone preferred this spot, leaving behind writings that gave testament to the revitalizing power of its waters!

The Aphrodite Apollon thermal Park, near Sant'Angelo d'Ischia, other than containing 12 thermal pools, also boasts a relaxing sauna, inside a natural grotto. The Park holds 12 thermal pools (from temperatures of 20 to 40j C, or 68 to 104j F); one of these pools is covered and contains a whirlpool bath, while two others consist of water from the sea. Guests at Aphrodite Apollon can also make use of the private beach outfitted with a fitness center. Afterward a visit to the Fumarole Beach (also in the vicinity of Sant'Angelo) should definitely not be passed up. The fumaroles, geysers of water vapor, often mixed with other gaseous substances, can be seen both underwater and aboveground. The innumerable fumaroles run in temperatures from 30 to 100j (86 to 212j F!), and taking a "bath" in these therapeutic sands is - as a unique and rare experience - essential.

At Ischia Ponte, rather, framed gorgeously by the Bay of Cartaromana, guests can regenerate in one of four pools framed the suggestive and rich vegetation of Garden of Eden. And at Serrara Fontana lie the evocative Baths of Cavascura, dug into bare stone. Waterfalls and thermal water springs pour into tufo baths (with temperatures reaching as high as 90jC or 194j F), prompting sensations of extreme wellness for those who plunge into them.

