



marzo 2023 NEWSLETTER



Joanne Locke, Editor

Tony Marmo, President

COMMITTEES

Committees and volunteers are the backbones of our foundation.

If you are interested in being a part of any committee, contact the chairperson

Dinner- Marjorie Fucilo
Community Care- Mary Tuma
Festival- Anthony Tampone
Bylaws - Anthony Tampone
Calendar-Suzanne Sottile
Cultural- Linda Saccoman & Gina Sottile
Membership- Suzanne Sottile
Social- Al Scilla
Awards/Donations - Anna Brett
Sponsors - Tony Marmo & Nina Postupack



CURRENT EVENTS

UCIAF is looking for walkers for the St. Patrick's Day parade held on Sunday, March 12th. If interested, please contact Anthony Tampone by email - uciafinfo@gmail.com or cell phone 845-594-2077.

Sun. 3/19 – St. Joseph's Day table 9 am to 1 pm @ St. Mary's-St. Peters Church, 160 Broadway, Kingston

Tues. 3/21 – Membership dinner White Eagle Hall 6 pm. Sign up on Member Planet

March 12-19 Ravello, Italy trip, 4 spots available- ACT FAST! and March 19-26 Ravello, Italy trip, **SOLD OUT**

Plan ahead.....

4/1- Easter Bread making @ St. Joseph's Church, Kingston

4/13 – Membership dinner @ VFW 6pm



St. Patrick's Day Parade





ITALIAN FESTIVAL

Can you believe it! We just had our first committee meeting for our October 8th Italian Festival. Lots of new faces with lots of new ideas and energy. You would think it is a little early to start working on this, but we have to get out there first to secure things like the Kingston City Stage and the Hudson River Maritime Museum Barn. Both of which we have as of 2/24th. The excitement is in the air. We have our “Save the Date” cards printed and will be distributing them during the St. Patrick’s Day Parade. We have our sponsorship brochures printed and will be sending them out to all our previous sponsors. If you know of someone who would like to be a sponsor and needs a brochure, you can contact me or our President, Tony Marmo. Our emails and phone numbers are on our website: UCIAF.org.

We now begin our search for the musical talent which Frank Casciaro, our entertainment chair, is famous for. Stephanie Reginato will begin using her contacts to get us the very best vendors. Gina Sottile will be looking for a bunch of new volunteers. Both to work the booths and to walkaround as character actors. (Roman Soldiers, Empress, Gondolier and maybe even a walking Cannoli).

I’ll stop now but will publish an update in each newsletter.

Thank you everyone in this fabulous Foundation for reaching out in our community and for making our Italian Festival the best in the Hudson Valley

Pace e amore,
Anthony Tampone – Festival Chair

SKATE FOR A CAUSE

Al Scilla and Laura McKenna at the Skate for a Cause Charity Event held at Ole Savannah on Feb 19th. Spectators could scan a QR code and donate to their favorite charity. Also, at that same event our very own Giuseppe (Joe) Famiglietti and Nicolina (Nicole) Francis were guest bartenders and raised \$433 in tips to donate to charity in a half hour. Pretty impressive! Thanks to Al, Laura, Joe & Nicole for your dedication to our Foundation and to Charity.





Coming Attractions.....



<https://vqr.vc/AWGToEaNM>



Presented by the Cultural Committee

CANNOLI

"Traditions around the Table"
Followed by a discussion with Producers
Andrea & Francesco Cordaro

"Due Corti Italiani"

Two Italian Short Movies

Tuesday, April 25th

Doors Open 6:15pm

Movies @7pm

Intermission with complimentary Cannoli & Coffee by

La Deliziosa Italian Pastry Shoppe

50/50 Raffle to benefit the **Reher Center**

Umberto E

Followed by a discussion with

Anton Evangelista
about his heart warming documentary on
his 90 year old father



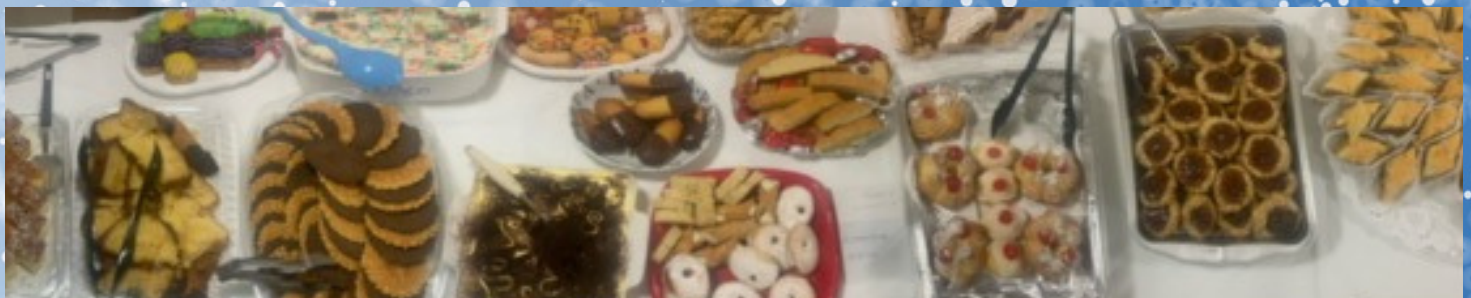
<https://comprehensivefilms.com/umberto-e/>

The cost of the movies are \$10 pre-sale or \$15 at the door. The price includes a cup of coffee and a small cannoli during intermission. Large cannoli and Espresso will be available for sale. Cannoli is a 25-minute film. Umberto E is a 45-minute film. Director and producers for both films will be present at the theatre for Q & A



WOW!!

CONGRATULATIONS to Sofia Reginato, daughter of Kevin and Stephanie Reginato, on her recent accomplishments in gymnastics! Way to go Sofia!!!



St. George's Church provided a delicious dinner and wide array of desserts at the February 2023 member dinner!



COMMUNITY GRANT PROGRAM



February 2023

The Ulster County Italian American Foundation (UCIAF) is dedicated to preserving and promoting our rich Italian Culture throughout Ulster County. For seven years, UCIAF has provided educational grants to graduating seniors from all our Ulster County high schools. Four years ago, we instituted a Community Grants Program to support other local organizations.

We have increased the grant amount to \$750 and are offering five individual grants this year. Complete information is on the application form and on our website www.uciaf.org. The application is due May 1, 2023, and the grants will be awarded at our Annual Educational and Awards Dinner scheduled for June.

Awards will be selected by our Grants Committee based upon how the grant award will support your program while promoting our UCIAF goals and how your program will directly benefit our local community. Our committee has decided not to award Grants to the same organization in consecutive years. This will allow us to spread our contributions to the many worthy organizations throughout Ulster County. Our 2022 recipients were: The Reher Center for Immigrant Culture and History, J.F.C. Breathe Free Foundation Inc., People's Place, Christmas Wishes Ulster County Inc, and Ulster County Community Action. Through the outstanding generosity of Bob Siracusano our grants were matched and each recipient received \$1000. To date our UCIAF Community Care Program has awarded \$12,500 in grants and approximately \$20,000 in donations for the needy.

We sincerely hope you will participate in our grant program to foster a true spirit of community. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at lombardiles@gmail.com or call 914-388-9652. We look forward to your application.

Sincerely,

Les Lombardi
Les Lombardi/C.C. Committee

RECIPE FOR A REAL GRANDMA

- by Jane Brown

Here is my recipe for a REAL Grandma. Here is a list of all the things needed. No substituting!

- She has to live really close (preferably in your building, so you don't ever need a coat and you could even go in your pajamas).
- She has to give you money for your lost tooth, even though the Tooth Fairy already did.
- 1. She has to hang your artwork on the wall with scotch tape, just under the sconce lamp near the kitchen table. This way EVERYONE can see it.
- She can't be too fat, and she can't be too skinny.
- She has to wear perfume.
- She has to wear dresses, and hats, and shoes with straps.
- She must wear small fur animals around her neck that have beady, little eyes that are not really theirs!
- She has to be quicker than your mom when it comes to throwing change out of the window when you call from the sidewalk cuz you need to buy chalk or ice cream.
- She always should have breadcrumbs to feed the pigeons in the square.
- She has to be really good at the television game show, "Jeopardy."
- She has to make delicious gravy.
- She has to throw her head back when she laughs hard.
- She should have light brown eyes.
- She has to always have flour, eggs, oil, and those tiny colored balls to sprinkle on top of what you made. NOBODY always has them! That's how you know if she's a REAL Grandma!
- She has to wear a pretty bracelet that has lots of cool charms.
- She has to tell you about the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.
- She has to sing nice songs. Italian ones are a plus.

But MOST IMPORTANTLY, she has to have a SPECIAL TEACUP. THIS IS THE REAL PROOF.

I remember times when I would be crying, and my grandmother would place me up on her lap. That is when the important teacup is needed. My grandma would gently place that pretty teacup lightly against my cheek. As tears fell out of my eyes and streamed down my face, she would collect them in her cup. When enough had accumulated, grandma would put the fine china to her lips and drink down the salty little tears! To my surprise, (and each time worked just like the first!), I would stop crying. "Awestruck," might be the word. Filled with awe and wonder. It was "Holy Water," Grandma would say. She would place her teacup with pink roses back on the saucer with the pink roses, and I would be all better.

My husband, Greg, and I have three children, Michael, Jillian, and Justin. They are young adults now. One day, when my children have children of their own, I am sure that I will keep a SPEICAL TEACUP just the right size for collecting salty tears.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO MY GRANDMA IN HEAVEN.
MARINA CARDINALI NOCETII
1903-1965



uno ~ one
due ~ two
tre ~ three

Spot the 5 differences!



la mela



la pera



le uva

