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Newsletter



Joanne Locke, Editor

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"Prometto di celebrare e promuovere la mia cultura Italiana"

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
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Cultural- Linda Saccoman & Gina Sottile
Membership- Suzanne Sottile
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Awards/Donations - Anna Brett
Sponsors - Tony Marmo & Nina Postupack

CURRENT EVENTS

8/6 - Bocce day @ Robert Post Park

8/17 – UCIAF Movie Night @ Reginato's Ristorante

8/20 - Soap Box Derby

COMING IN SEPTEMBER

9/14 – Membership dinner @ Ole Savannah 6pm

9/21 – UCIAF Movie Night

Visit our website UCIAF.org for more information.

ITALIAN PHRASE OF THE MONTH

"CHE"

Expressions using "CHE" (Pronounced kay)

Che bello! – How beautiful!

Che schifo! – How disgusting! (Pronunciation: kay skee-fo)

Che boccalone! – How gullible!

submitted by Celia Ecker

Ulster County ITALIAN AMERICAN FOUNDATION



We are still searching for your secret Italian Recipes (they don't have to be secret). Please honor your Nonna or mama or even yourself and send in a few of your favorite recipes for our cookbook.

**Send it to
UCIAFcookbook@gmail.com
DON'T WAIT, DO IT NOW! If you wait, you probably won't do it!**

DON'T FORGET....!!!

UCIAF Italian Bocce Picnic is Sunday August 6th. Bring your family and friends. Bring some new members. See our website UCIAF.org for more information



Bocce Day at Robert Post Park

**Sunday August 6th at Robert Post Park
in the Town of Ulster 12:00 to 5:00pm.**

**The park is located right on the Hudson River.
This is a family picnic event.**

**Members and friends & family of members are invited
to share in a fun and friendly Sunday afternoon.**

Bocce Day Picnic is a Family Day at Robert Post Park on Sunday, August 6th from noon on...with grills, playgrounds, bocce courts, a covered pavilion, good food to share, great company and beautiful views.



MEMBER DINNER AT CASA MILANESE

Casa Milanese never disappoints! As always, a delicious dinner was served and afterward, our guest speaker Lisa Berger, Director of Ulster County Tourism, informed us of all the interesting and fun activities Ulster County has to offer.



Lisa Berger



UCIAF member Paola Gagliardi encouraged Santino Milanese, owner to perform some of his beloved magic tricks for dinner guests! He was a BIG hit!!

A good time was definitely had by all!!





MEMBER NEWS

RCAL MARCH FOR AWARENESS

Come Join UCIAF on August 5th as we march with our own Anthony Mignone to raise awareness of people living with disabilities. Anthony is the CEO of the Resource Center for Accessible Living (RCAL). We would like to support this organization and all the good work they do in enhancing the lives of all those they serve. The parade steps off at 10:00 am from the parking lot at People's Place on Broadway and St James St. and continues .6 of a mile to Thomas St. parking lot. Please arrive 15 min early. You can learn more about RCAL at: www.rcal.org



Anthony Mignone, CEO



Les and Maryann Lombardi had the pleasure of spending some time in beautiful Tuscany. Here is one of the many sunsets they enjoyed from their porch!!

BOCCE BALL

Some of us are looking to create a Bocce team. We are also looking into building bocce courts within different towns in Ulster County. This will require volunteers to construct the courts, solicit funding and long meetings with parks department personnel, town boards and more to gain permission to construct them. If you are up to the challenge and feel you can contribute in any way, please email me @ uciafinfo@gmail.com. Thank you, Anthony Tampone, Vice President





CULTURAL COMMITTEE

MOVIE NIGHT

Thursday, August 17th is our Summer Dinner/Movie night at Reginato's. Dinner at 6pm, outdoor movie under the pavilion at dusk. Pre Fix dinner is \$35, tax and tip included. The movie is free! Join us for one or both but be sure to make dinner reservations ahead. The movie is "A Breath of Fresh Air" in Italian with subtitles.

SOAP BOX DERBY

Another great Family Event is the Soap Box Derby Downtown on the Rondout, Sunday August 20th @ 1:00 pm.

RAVELLO, ITALY
The week of Nov. 12th-19th in Ravello, Italy still has openings! Call Linda Saccoman at 845-339-5330 for more information.

ITALIAN FESTIVAL

Sponsors, Sponsors, Sponsors

We are looking for more sponsors to help defray the costs of our Festival. If you would like to make a family contribution, as many of our members do, send a check to UCIAF P.O. Box 4427, Kingston, NY 12402. We are looking for additional Business or Professionals to sponsor our Foundation and our Festival in particular. Please reach out to those you interact with and ask if they would like to support us. A Sponsorship brochure can be found on our website UCIAF.org under the Italian Festival tab or they can just hit the Donate button located on the bottom of each page. Thank you for your efforts to keeping a FREE Italian Festival for all.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
for the Italian Festival
Held on Sunday, October
8th from 12-8PM
Help make this year's
festival a success!
Contact Gina Sottile at
845-532-1706.



TRIP TO THE AMERICAN ITALIAN HERITAGE MUSEUM & CULTURAL CENTER

Many thanks to Professor Philip DiNovo and his amazing Volunteers for sharing this beautiful museum with us.
So much to see and learn!



COMMUNITY CARE VET2VET LUNCHEON



Thank you to all of our UCIAF Community Care Volunteers who set up, served, cleaned up provided desserts and salads! Another wonderful afternoon with our veterans. We are honored to be part of these events. Thanks to Joe and his staff at Safeshoot for providing a fantastic venue for these Luncheons



Submitted by Mary Tuma



COMMUNITY CARE



On July 25th, our very own Mary Tuma and Kevin Reginato were representing UCIAF up on the rooftop at People's Place raising money to bring joy and assistance to those in need. Thanks to all of you who donated to bring us down. Your generosity will make a child happy this Christmas. UCIAF members: L-R: Mary Tuma, Joe Famiglietti, Christine Hein, (People's Place executive director) and Kevin Reginato.

Staten Island Advance July 2nd

We made the news!!





MEMBER BOOK REVIEW

by Ceila Ecker

Cars, Castles, Cows and Chaos

Have you ever dreamed of retiring in Italy, enjoying la vita bella. For a New Jersey couple the dream became a reality when they sold everything and moved to Italy for half the year. In *Cars, Castles, Cows and Chaos*, Midge Guerrero recounts the arduous days of packing up, the emotional decisions of what to leave behind and the adventure of making the dream a six-month reality.

The plan is for Midge and her husband, Jack, to rent a home in her ancestral town of Pontelandolfo nella provincial di Campania, midway between Napoli and Campobasso. In her memoir, Midge highlights the challenges of not visiting, but rather living in Italy.

Midge and Jack's greatest challenge revolves around securing a car for their stay, navigating the roads, and understanding the codice della strada. Renting a car from a large company is out of the question because of the cost but Midge's cousin knows a guy. The soldi in nero (under the table) transaction requires no license, no insurance, and no credit card. In year three, Midge and Jack undergo the more stringent 30-day process of buying a car.

Affectionately named Fernando, their FIAT becomes the source of many adventures. On the road close to their town, Midge and Jack find themselves stuck in halted traffic as a giant clawed, bare teeth animal dashes between cars. Believed to be, by the shouting locals, a wolverine, it's not. There are none in Italy. It was probably a no less scary Marsican Bear.

We've all heard stories about aggressive drivers on the autostrade, but nonetheless, Midge and Jack are shocked to see drivers slam on their brakes and then race off again. Apparently, the autovelox, traffic cameras, are not discreetly hidden, everyone knows where they are and reacts accordingly. The GPS also announces controllo elettronico della velocita'. But Jack still manages to get a ticket and they spend an entire afternoon in the ufficio postale waiting to pay the fine.

Once again, on a road adventure, Midge and Jack travel to the North. Midge comments on the wind turbines that are such a fixture in the southern Italian landscape but are nonexistent in the North. As Midge surmises, this is a result of no wind in the North not a difference in politics.

Cars, Castles, Cows and Chaos is a quick read about being an American of Italian descent living on Italian soil. It's an adjustment in many ways but Midge lightens the challenges with her sense of humor and love for all that is Italian.



THE JOYS OF LEARNING ITALIAN

by John D. Calandra
Italian American Institute

The Joys of Learning Italian are many. There is the joy of discovering the nuances of the Italian language, learning its alphabet, vocabulary, grammar, and accent; the joy of learning Italian through discovering its literature; the joy of expressing oneself and communicating through the lyrical, spoken Italian with all its richness; the joy of travel to Italy with all its new experiences, including uncovering one's roots and lasting friendships; the joy of deciphering the diverse Italian dialects; and the joy of understanding the nonverbal Italian language through gestures and sound. It is used in one's daily life, in business and technology, in opera, art, architecture, sports, fashion, and food. Learning Italian brings all the joy of the Italian spirit.

Most importantly, the Italian language enfolds thousands of years of history, traditions, values, beliefs. It is a true bridge to Italian heritage, culture, and experience. In announcing the theme, Comm. Joseph Sciamè, president/chair of the IHCC-NY, Inc. stated: "This will be a banner 2023 year for us all, in that we are affording all a recognition of the importance of the study, learning, speaking and a fuller appreciation of the Italian language. All our efforts this year will be in promoting our language of heritage, for some by birth perhaps or through academic study, both in Italy and America.

FOOD PORN

From the Smithsonian Magazine

Archaeologists excavating the ancient city of Pompeii have uncovered a gorgeous still-life fresco depicting a platter covered in food and wine, including one food item that looks suspiciously like a pizza.



Reader: It's not a pizza. Traditional pizza has tomato and mozzarella on it, as the Pompeii Archaeological Park press office reminded us in a statement released today. Rather, the bready item on the left side of the 2,000-year-old fresco is mensa, a Roman flatbread which served as both a platter for food and food itself.

The food porn fresco was discovered in the Inula 10 of Pompeii's Regio IX, just east of the city's bustling center. Pompeii sits about 15 miles southeast of the modern city of Naples, Italy, which is generally considered the modern birthplace of pizza. Pompeii—now an archaeological site—was erased from maps in 79, when a violent eruption of Mount Vesuvius buried the city in ash.

Submitted by Joe Famiglietti



SCOPA

A TRADITIONAL ITALIAN CARD GAME

Nearly everyone in Italy has played it at least once in their life, and in small towns it is still common to see people gathered around a table where four elderly are exchanging swear words and bantering over a heated game of Scopa.

The game of Scopa may be easy to learn, but it is difficult to master. Traditionally it is played with a deck of Neapolitan cards.



There are four suits: Coppe (Cups), Ori or Denari (Golds or Coins), Spade (Swords) and Bastoni (Clubs), with face cards ranging from one (the ace) to seven and three figure cards: Knave (Fante in Italian, worth a value of 8), Knight (Cavallo in Italian, worth 9), and King (Re in Italian, worth 10).

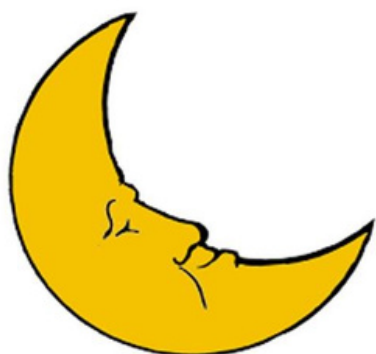
The rules are quite simple. Scopa is played with two to four players, or two teams of two players each. <https://lifeinitaly.com/scopa-italian-card-game/>

Interested in learning how to play? contact
Debbie at ucitalianevents@gmail.com



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myself

FIND 12 (dodici)
DIFFERENCES!!



la luna



il sole



la stella

