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"Prometto di celebrare e promuovere la mia cultura Italiana"

COMMITTEES

Committees and volunteers are the backbone of our foundation.

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

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Festival- Anthony Tampone
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CURRENT EVENTS

3/10 - St. Patrick's Day parade

3/17 - St. Joseph's Table @ St. Mary's-St. Peter's Church

3/21 - Dinner meeting @ Bruderhof Community at Maple Ridge

COMING IN APRIL

4/18 - Dinner Meeting @ Coppola's, Highland

4/19 - 2nd Annual Wrestling Event @ Andy Murphy Neighborhood Center

**Visit our website UCIAF.org
for more information.**



EASTER EXPRESSIONS

Lungo come la Quaresima – As long as Lent
Used to describe something that takes a very long time

Viene come la Pasqua in domenica – It happens like Easter on Sunday-
Used to describe something that happens at the right time.

A Message From UCIAF President Anthony Tampone

Buongiorno Tutti,

I am writing this on a beautiful, sunny February morning. This is the kind of day that reminds you to appreciate all the wonderful things in life. One of the wonderful pieces of my life is this fabulous Foundation that we are all a part of. I reminisce about nine years ago when Tony Marmo and Nina Postupack first founded it. I am so grateful that these two visionary Italian Americans took the steps to get it started. Let me tell you some of the things we are working on and have coming up in our future.

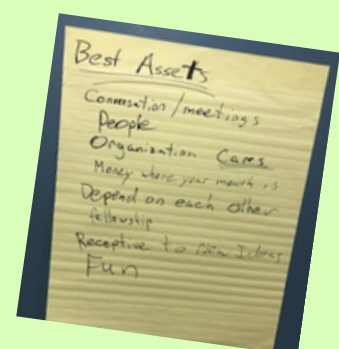
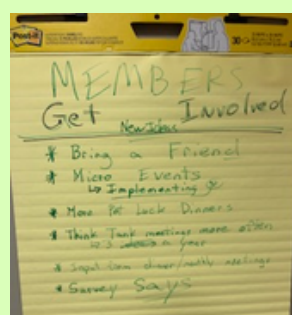
We will be participating in the Saint Patrick's Day Parade going down Broadway in Kingston on Sunday, March 10th. If you would like to march with us, please let me know at: uciafinfo@gmail.com. We would love to have you there. Wear something GREEN!

We have a committee working on securing funding and submitting proposals to various towns throughout Ulster County to install BOCCE COURTS. This will be a great way to unite our Italian Americans all over the county through the fun, relaxing or competitive sport of Bocce. Bocce Leagues to come later.

Do you have experience with Video Editing or Grant Writing?

UCIAF is looking for volunteers with specialized skills. We need Grant writers to help us secure National grants that are out there for the asking and we need video editors to help us put together footage of our member interviews, oral histories, and stories. If you could possibly volunteer your time, it would be greatly appreciated.

Jan 24th, we had our first member meeting for UCIAF business only. There was no dinner at this meeting. We had 26 members at this meeting where committee chairs gave reports, and we had an active discussion about our best attributes and things that require improvement. There will be three more of these meetings this year. Please attend! Your thoughts are welcome. Meetings will be published in our event calendar on the website and in our Newsletter.



Do you know how many ways you can get information about the Ulster County Italian American Foundation?

- 1) Our website at UCIAF.ORG
- 2) Our monthly Newsletter sent to you through member planet or available on our website
- 3) Our Facebook page and Facebook Group
- 4) Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/ulstercountyiaf/?hl=en>
- 5) Emails from various senders. Be careful about who you get emails from
- 6) Our Tutto Italiano radio show every Sunday at 1:00 p.m. on WKNY Radio 1490 AM, 107.9 FM, livestream at radiokingston.org

We want to keep you informed and also hear from you.

The following are safe emails to open: uciafinc@gmail.com, uciafinfo@gmail.com, uciafmember@gmail.com, and any email from member planet.net or memberplanet.com

If you are not receiving information from us or know of someone who is not receiving information, please send me their name and email at uciafinfo@gmail.com and I will have it corrected.

Where would you like to go?

We have plans for many trips with smaller groups this year. See below: UCIAF IS PLANNING SOME 2024 BUS TRIPS by Vice President, Joe Famiglietti. There are plenty of places to consider and we would love to hear your suggestions.

Italian Card Games at White Eagle

We will be starting Italian card games on March 1st at a room that our friends at the White Eagle, the local Polish Benevolent Society, generously gave us use of.

Tutto Italiano High School Club

Please get in contact with an Italian teacher in your school district to start a Tutto Italiano Italian club in your local high school. We have had one in the Kingston High School for two years and would like to see them throughout the county. You can contact Deb Tampone at debra.tampone@gmail.com for more info.

Call to Action

Save Columbus

Voice your opposition to S. 2970, a bill that would erase Columbus Day and designate the second Monday in October as Indigenous Peoples' Day. Please contact Senator Schumer and Senator Gillibrand today to stop this from happening. There are already 13 Senators on board to erase Columbus. We have to stop erasing history. Note: This would not be called Native American Day, but Indigenous Peoples' Day and should NOT in any case REPLACE Columbus Day.

In 1990, Congress passed and President George H. W. Bush signed into law a joint resolution designating the month of November as the first National American Indian Heritage Month (also known as Native American Indian Month). The state of California has been celebrating Native American Day for 56 years on the fourth Friday of September. It was made an official California state holiday in 1998. In 1997 Nevada named the 4th Friday of September Native American Day. Tennessee has declared the 4th Monday in September. The state of Washington has declared the Friday following the 4th Thursday in November as Native American Heritage Day. In 1916, Gov. Whitman of NY declared the 2nd Saturday of May American Indian Day. There is no problem with honoring our Native Americans with a special day. They even have a special month. We are all O.K. with that. S.2970 has nothing to do with creating a day to pay tribute to our Native Americans and everything to do with erasing a large part of Italian pride. This whole idea was started with a particular historian who misrepresented the writings from the journal of Columbus to propagate his own philosophy.

I urge you to act Now!

Pace e amore,
Anthony

Anthony Tampone - President
Ulster County Italian American Foundation
(845) 594-2077

Multicultural Dinner Meeting Pointe of Praise Church



Dr. Myra Armstead

An informative presentation by Dr. Myra Armstead of Bard College, Professor of Historical Studies focusing on the commonalities of the Black and Italian workforce in the early 1900's and forward. Pointe of Praise offered an authentic fried chicken and ribs dinner with an amazing appetizer table topped off with Italian desserts by UCIAF.



COMMUNITY CARE EVENTS



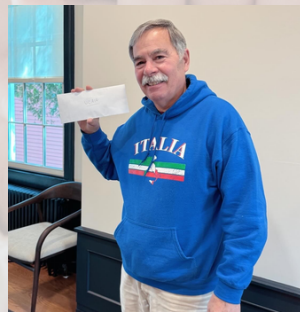
UCIAF volunteers at the Ulster County Sheriff's Dept. Wellness Safety Unit Luncheon for retired Sheriffs. Many thanks to Joe and Safeshoot.

Ulster County Sheriff's Department Retiree Luncheon



For more information on how to become involved in the Cultural/Community Care Committees, contact Mary Tuma at mtuma@hvc.rr.com

UCIAF members participated in Ole Savannah's Winterfest charity event to raise money for our organization.



The 11 o'clock hour at the Ole Savannah Winterfest had bartenders Derek Spada and Maureen Keegan who generously donated their tips to UCIAF - \$500 WoW! Thank you Mo and Derek. ❤️🇮🇹🇮🇹

The total received \$1,151 included an additional \$588 from bartenders Tony, Joe & Nicole, \$25 from our skaters and \$38 from the collection box.



UCIAF Guest Bartenders Tony Marmo, Nicole Francis & Joe Famiglietti



Nicole Francis entered the Chili Cook-Off with her vegetarian chili Italiano!



UCIAF Skaters Joann Arcadapane, Lee Ann Marmo, Al Scilla & Laura McKenna



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

YOUNG ITALIAN AMERICAN MEET UP

An exciting new development, that was recently passed by the UCIAF Board, is to establish a Young Italian American Meet Up group. This new initiative is targeted at attracting new members who are 45 and under, as well as engaging our existing members who are 45 and under. This group will plan their own events, both cultural and social, and continue to preserve, promote and celebrate their Italian heritage. Existing members interesting in joining should email uciafmembership@gmail.com or call Tony at 845-702-4778

LAPSED MEMBERS

We have approximately 40 paesani whose memberships have lapsed. If you are one of those people, please renew at our very affordable annual dues of \$20 (students and veterans), \$35 individual (under 65 years old), \$25 (65 and over), and \$60 (family). We need all of you back in UCIAF! Dues can be paid on our website (through PayPal), or by check to UCIAF, PO Box 4427, Kingston, NY, 12402.

NIAF

UCIAF has joined the National Italian American Foundation recently to stay abreast of broader scale issues affecting Italian Americans beyond Ulster County. Please check out www.niaf.org for the benefits of joining. There are multiple business discounts available through NIAF that will more than pay for their also nominal annual dues. In addition, we joined NIAF to provide opportunities to young Italian Americans to get a grant to travel to Italy for 2 weeks (The Voyage of Discovery) and the Young Italian Americans Leaders Conference in Orlando, Florida. Broaden your Italian horizons and check out NIAF!

UCIAF BUSINESS MEMBERSHIPS

We are exploring ways and incentives to get more businesses in Ulster County to join UCIAF. With over 600 individuals now in UCIAF, who shop locally, businesses can support our Foundation while our members support them! Stay tuned for more details!

Tony Marmo, Membership Chair





“Hey, Goombah”

The Southern Italians who immigrated to the US established a new Italian American identity. In New York, their calabrese, napolitano or siciliano dialect became the backbone of that new identity.

Many of us fondly recall the Italian American dialect of our family and our paisani. For some, a lone word can elicit a flood of memories!

We would like to feature an Italian American dialect section in the newsletter. We welcome your submissions! Please send your word(s), phonetic spelling and meaning to rallo5840@msn.com.

Contributions from: Celia Ecker, Joe Famiglietti, Adrianna Fusco, Joann Rex and Debbie Tampone

Scashabang.....ska-SHA-bong.....Beat up car

Gabbadost.....gabba-DOST.....Hardheaded

Vagoppa.....vaan-GOPPA.....Go upstairs!

Aicapid.....eye-kaa-PEED.....Do you understand?

Gaguzza.....ga-GOOT- za.....Idiot

Gidrul.....ge-TROOL.....Stupid person

Haicall.....HIGH-call.....How to you call it,
meaning how do you say?

Stunod.....STEW-nod.....To act stupid

Schagad.....SHA-gada.....Mushy macaroni

Dusibats.....DEWZY-bots.....crazy person



UCIAF Road Trips 2024

Save the Date:

Sunday July 14th.

Williamsburg, Brooklyn - Our Lady of Mount Carmel Feast

Since 1887, the Italian American community has been celebrating their faith, culture, and family traditions on the streets of Williamsburg, Brooklyn. Each July, the streets are filled with revelers from near and far to take part in a centuries old tradition known as the Dancing of the Giglio. For 12 days, the streets surrounding the Shrine Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel are transformed into a vibrant festival, with food vendors, rides, games, and daily entertainment.

The Nolani, who settled in this section of Brooklyn in the 1880s—as the flood tide of southern Italian immigration washed upon the American shores—were eager to pay homage to their patron saint, San Paolino. This feast has been taking place in Brooklyn for over 100 years!



Proposed Ideas:

Possibly June:

NYC - The Tenement Museum

Welcomes you to the recreated homes of immigrant, migrant, and refugee families to inspire connections between past and present to promote an inclusive, expansive, and pluralistic American identity. Learn the stories of Adolfo and Rosaria Baldizzi, immigrants from Italy, who lived at 97 Orchard Street in the 1930s with their two children during the Great Depression.

UCIAF Road Trips 2024

Possibly September:

The New Italian American Museum (IAM)

The IAM is located on Mulberry Street in the heart of what was once the largest Italian community in the United States in the first quarter of the 20th century. The Museum preserves, promotes, and celebrates the culture and history of Italian Americans, serving as living record of their contributions to America and a bridge between the remarkable past and the evolving future of the community.

By allowing Italian Americans to share their story in their voice, the Italian American Museum will encourage a full appreciation of what it means to be Italian American. Dr. Joseph V. Scelsa Founder and President of the Italian American Museum has been on Tutto Italiano and is looking forward to hosting our group.

As part of that day Nicole and Joe would love to introduce members to Little Italy friends and business owners including Lou DiPaolo of DiPaolo's 109-year-old cheese shop, Ernie Rossi owner of the oldest souvenir shop in Little Italy with Italian gifts, souvenirs, novelties, ... + many restaurants to sit and enjoy a nice meal.



INTERESTING ITALIAN CULTURAL EVENTS

Ulster County ITALIAN AMERICAN FOUNDATION

Join UCIAF for a Carnival Italian Style Cruise!!!

CARNIVAL VENEZIA - 11 DAY EASTERN CARIBBEAN CRUISE
NOVEMBER 4-15, 2024

FOR MORE DETAILS CONTACT:
TRAVEL BY MARIO ORSE
MARIO@UCIAF.ORG 845-338-4030
@UCIAFNY

NOVEMBER 4 - NYC
NOVEMBER 5 - FUN DAY AT SEA
NOVEMBER 6 - FUN DAY AT SEA
NOVEMBER 7 - HALF MOON CAY BAHAMAS
NOVEMBER 8 - GRAND TURK
NOVEMBER 9 - AMBER COVE - DOMINICAN REPUBLIC
NOVEMBER 10 - SAN JUAN - PUERTO RICO
NOVEMBER 11 - ST. THOMAS - USVI
NOVEMBER 12 - FUN DAY AT SEA
NOVEMBER 13 - FUN DAY AT SEA
NOVEMBER 14 - FUN DAY AT SEA
NOVEMBER 15 - NYC

BALCONY CABIN - \$1400.00 PER PERSON - INCLUDES TAXES & PORT CHARGES
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Ulster County ITALIAN AMERICAN FOUNDATION

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Call (845) 338-4030

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Community Care Program

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SCOPA NIGHT & Happy Hour

Come learn how to play scopa
Friday March 1st 5 PM
White Eagle Hall
487 Delaware Ave. Kingston NY

THE TRADITIONAL ITALIAN CARD GAME

SCOPA

Cash bar

EASTER BREAD WORKSHOP

Sat. MARCH 16th
10 am-1pm
White Eagle Hall
487 Delaware Ave. Kingston NY
\$25

register here ucitalianamericanfoundation.org

Ulster County ITALIAN AMERICAN FOUNDATION

Presented by the Cultural Committee
&
Community Care Program

UCIAF will be having a St. Joseph's Day Table and
Food Drive on **March 17th** at
St. Mary's-St. Peter's Roman Catholic Church 9am-1pm
Event will be held in the Divine Mercy Meeting Room

160 Broadway, Kingston, NY 12401

FREE BAKED GOODS, HOT COFFEE AND TEA
Donations gratefully accepted

★ **Collecting Non perishable food items for local food pantries** ★
visit www.UCIAF.org

Look what's going on in Poughkeepsie!

GALLERY 40

Friday March 8, 6:30pm
Italian Card Game Night

Our guest Alberto will show how to play the
classical card games of Briscola and Scopa

Maximum 10 people
RSVP galler40pok@gmail.com

40 Cannon Street
Poughkeepsie, NY

galler40pok.com @galler40pok

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 6:30PM
An educational evening dedicated to
the exploration of the Italian culture

**ITALIAN
MOVIE
NIGHT**

WITH ENGLISH SUBTITLES

MARILYN
"hai gli occhi miei"

GALLERY 40

Gallery 40, 40 Cannon St
Poughkeepsie, NY 12601
galler40pok.com @galler40pok

**Conversazione
in italiano**

Drop in for a fun hour to practise
Italian. It will be fun.
More details at galler40pok.com

Next:
February 22, 3pm
March 7, 3pm
March 23, 3pm

Gallery 40, 40 Cannon St, Poughkeepsie, NY

GALLERY 40



submitted by Debra Tampone

What's happening during March in Italy?

Every two years, amateur and professional pesto makers flock to Genoa to take part in the World Pesto Championship. Everyone gets a pestle and mortar and identical ingredients. There are 40 minutes on the clock and it must all be done by hand. Interested in participating? Then book your flight. This event takes place March 23, 2024.



Since the early 1920s, Italians have celebrated the Festa della Donna, which has become an important cultural event widely recognized and celebrated throughout the country. The celebration sees the Mimosa flower as a representation of strength, beauty, and grace, making it an important symbol. It is a fitting tribute to the women who have played important roles in shaping Italian history and culture. Men give flowers to their mothers, wives, sisters, daughters, and other important women in their lives as a way of expressing their love and gratitude.

THE CRAZIEST ITALIAN FESTIVAL

For the three days leading up to Fat Tuesday, men, women, and children participate in the **LARGEST ORGANIZED FOOD FIGHT** in Italy – the Battle of the Oranges!!

Try to imagine over 7000 people flocking to the streets of a quiet small town to take part in this unique celebration, throwing oranges at each other! Over 600 tonnes of oranges are thrown during the festival, which corresponds to over 4.2 million oranges.



Everyone can apply to become an orange thrower.. first-timers are required to buy a uniform, or “divisa”. Each year you participate you would get a new patch to represent how many years you have participated. If you plan to attend as a spectator, it's essential to wear a “berretto frigio,” or Phrygian Hat. This distinctive red, soft conical cap isn't just a carnival accessory; it's a practical measure to avoid becoming a target during the traditional orange battle.

This event does not happen again until March 2, 2025-March 4, 2025



coniglietto
bunny



le uova di Pasqua
Easter eggs

pulcino
chick



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