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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.

Dinner- Marjorie Fucilo Community Care- Mary Tuma Festival- Anthony Tampone Calendar-Suzanne Sottile Cultural- Linda Saccoman & Gina Sotille Membership- Tony Marmo Social Media - Kevin Reginato & Nick Alba Awards/Donations - Anna Brett Sponsors - Tony Marmo Fundraising - Nina Postupack

#### **CURRENT EVENTS**

6/18 - Educational Awards Dinner @
Diamond Mills
6/20 - Dinner & movie @ Reginato Ristorante
6/23 - Hike @ Lake Minnewaska

#### **COMING IN JULY**

7/14 - Bus trip to Brooklyn for the Giglio Feast @ Our Lady of Mount Carmel
7/16 - Dinner meeting @ Casa Milanese

# Visit our website UCIAF.org for more information.

#### Happy Father's Day!

Italians celebrate Father's Day on March 19th, which is also the day dedicated to San Giuseppe (Saint Joseph). In Catholic tradition, San Giuseppe was known as Jesus's earthly father figure.

## **COMMUNITY CARE** ULSTER CO. SHERIFF'S OFFICE LAW ENFORCEMENT RETIREE BBQ



Thank you so much to all of our Community Care volunteers who provided desserts and helped out at the luncheon on May 24th. It was a beautiful summer day at Post Park and we all had a wonderful time. Thank you to Officer Pat Carroll, the UC Sheriff's Dept. and the Bruderhof!

Patriots Project Veteran's Home



Community Care helped sweeten a veteran's day by bringing home-baked goods to the Patriot House for homeless and in-transition veterans.





Thank you to the Community Care volunteers for your hard work and your love and respect for our veterans. A special thank you to our UCIAF member and Director of the UC Veteran Services Agency, Mark Cozzupoli for fulfilling our request for a much needed AED for the Hudson Valley National Center for Veteran Reintegration, (Vet2Vet).

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

## **CULTURAL EVENTS**



The Event will be held at **<u>REGINATO RISTORANTE</u>**, 34 Leggs Mill Rd. Lake Katrine

Dinner will be indoors at 6pm with movie to follow outdoors at approx. 8pm

Special Pre-Fix menu \$35 includes tax & tip Wine Bottle specials \$20

Reservations with Stephanie @ 845-336-6968 / regy112@gmail.com

Very Limited Reservations

Free Italian Popcorn Presented by the UCIAF cultural committee

Visit www.UCIAF.org

## **UCIAF BOCCE**

It's definitely bocce season. Some of us have been gathering on Wednesday afternoons to play down at Robert Post Park. Not only are we sharpening our skills, but we've been having a lot of fun! Would love to see more people participate so we can start forming teams. It's a game that everyone can play. If interested, email me at Cuzinjoey0@gmail.com.

Joe LoSchiavo UCIAF, 2nd VP



If you have never been to Reginato's Dinner and Movie night you are missing out! Kevin and Stephanie offer a delicious authentic Italian meal followed by a movie in the pavilion under the stars (Italian popcorn included!).





#### American Italian Heritage Museum



Thank you to Professor DiNovo and his welcoming staff and volunteers at the American Italian Heritage Museum in Albany. At each visit we learn more and see things that we've missed. If you haven't visited the museum you are missing a huge part of our Italian heritage and culture. Always a special day.



UCIAF Homemade Wine Makers Event A day of wine tasting, appetizers and live music was enjoyed by all!







## **May Dinner Meeting** at Front StreetTavern



Antonio Giaccio and Ali Mardassi, owners of Front Street Tavern did not disappoint! Excellent food and superb hospitality was definitely served up as the "sold out" crowd enjoyed their meal and camaraderie!







As our past President Tony Marmo would say "winner winner, chicken dinner"! Debbie Gambino not only won our two free dinner tickets raffle, she also won the 50/50 raffle Dinner May at our Meeting!

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**



Open to UCIAF Members only until June 25th. Any Others Interested After the 25th. Contact Joe Famiglietti for more info at (212) 529-9281 Visit https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2mTASeFr8DM for a video of the festival



ne to enjoy our beautiful valley and our beautiful heritag Please bring an interesting / funny / ironic story or song to share This stroll will be 1.9 miles on easy carriage roads MAGNIFICENT VISTAS

UCIAF members Jane & Greg Brown wish lead us around Lake Minnewaska. op at picnic tables is planned for a "SPUNTINO LEGGERO." (light snack)

Please bring a light snack to share. emember, light! You will be carrying it.) r bug spray & water. ska's gate entrance is located on Route 44/55, Gardiner, New York.

Drive up, and we will meet you all in front of the Visitor's Center DATE: SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 2024 TIME: 10:30

\$10.00 per CAR LOAD Please call Jane to be included. (845) 706-2610 Looking forward to se



Visit www.UCIAF.org

## **BUYING PROPERTY IN ITALY**

For those who dream of buying property in Italy, the process can often be exciting as well as complicated. Here we answer some of the most commonly asked questions regarding the real estate purchase process.

What are the requirements to buy property in Italy?

Firstly, you do not need to be an Italian citizen or even a resident to purchase property in Italy. The ability for US citizens to buy property in Italy is due to "reciprocity", conditions outlined in article 16 of "Decreto Regio", no.262 of March 16, 1942 stating that foreign citizens can benefit from the civil rights which are normally granted to Italian citizens only if Italian citizens can benefit from the same rights in their counterparts' countries.

Therefore, you can purchase property in Italy if there is an international treaty between Italy and your country of origin, such as the US, that permits this condition of reciprocity. Secondly, the only requirements to purchase property are that you have an Italian tax code (codice fiscale) and it is advised to have an Italian bank account. Also, it is feasible to complete the entire purchase process remotely by appointing a power of attorney to represent you in concluding the purchase if you cannot be present in Italy.

Do I need to speak Italian to purchase property in Italy?

Although speaking Italian is not a legal requirement to purchase property in Italy, having a basic knowledge of the language may be helpful during the process. While it is possible to make a formal offer or preliminary contract in English, by law, the final contract of sale must be in Italian. If you do not speak Italian, you will need an interpreter or an Italian professional consultant. It's important to remember, Italian legal writing is very technical and, therefore, an accurate understanding of the legal processes involved in purchasing a property is fundamental for translators or interpreters involved in the transaction.

It's common for real estate agents to use pre-printed contracts with English translations for foreign nationals. However, these translations are frequently not accurate and can lead the buyer to misinterpret the contents of the agreement. In the case of litigation, the Italian version of a contract will always prevail, so it's vitally important that legal documents are always signed with the assistance of a bilingual lawyer who is experienced in real estate law.

What is the role of the notary in an Italian property purchase?

A notary is an Italian public official who authenticates the legal paperwork involved in the purchasing process and ensures it complies with real estate laws and regulations. No matter if the property is sold by a private individual or real estate agent, the notary is responsible for examining all the documents regarding the sale. The notary will also prepare the final deed of sale and ensure the terms of the contract are clear to both parties. Selecting the notary is the responsibility of the buyer but oftentimes foreign buyers rely on recommendations provided by the real estate agent. However, the notary is a neutral party and does not act in the interests of the buyer nor the seller. Generally, it is advised to select a notary who operates in the same area where the property is located. What are the steps involved in the purchase process?

The purchase offer is the first step in the purchase process. The offer is submitted by the buyer and once it is accepted by the seller, the deal is now binding for both parties. It is at this time that the preliminary contract (contratto preliminare) will be drafted. This document is a crucial step as it outlines all the essential details of the property and the terms and conditions of the sale. Once signed, a deposit is made, generally 10% to 30% of the value of the sale price, and the contract is registered with the Italian Revenue Agency (Agenzia delle Entrate). This serves as the legally binding private contract between the prospective buyer and the seller, but does not transfer ownership of the property. It is not until the signing and transcribing of the final deed (rogito notarile), prepared by a public notary, that property ownership is transferred from the seller to the buyer.

Can a US citizen apply for an Italian mortgage?

To apply for a mortgage, both EU and non-EU nationals must provide evidence of identification in order to apply for a mortgage. Non-EU nationals must also provide a permit of stay (permesso di soggiorno) with their application. However, if the individual meets the other general criteria and proves to be a low-risk borrower, some banks will grant mortgages to non-residents as well. They have also been shown to accept applications for those that are relocating on the basis of family reunification. Overall, banks are more likely to accept mortgage applications for individuals residing in Italy or have the intention of relocating and living there with their family members.

If I purchase a property in Italy, can I live there without any time restrictions?

Buying real estate in Italy does not automatically imply permanent residency. However, if you are a non-EU citizen, you do not need a visa to enter Italy but you will only be allowed to stay in the country for 90 days. If you are a US citizen, you are able to travel to 27 European member countries of the Schengen Area visa-free for a maximum of 90 days. However, there are visas that non-EU citizens can apply for which allow their holders to stay in Italy for prolonged periods of time. Once such visa is the Elective Residence Visa, which is a renewable one-year residence permit granted to foreigners with high financial assets on the condition that they do not seek employment while living in Italy. In fact, one of the requirements to apply for the Elective Residence Visa is owning or renting a property.

Should I hire a lawyer when buying property in Italy?

Unlike in some other countries, where the role played by lawyers in real estate transactions can be exhaustive, Italian attorneys are involved mainly during the initial phases of the purchasing process. This role includes carrying out due diligence and negotiating the terms and conditions between the buyer and seller. It's also possible to grant your lawyer power of attorney to act on your behalf if you are unable to travel to Italy to complete the purchase in person. Hiring an experienced bilingual lawyer is also helpful for translation purposes and ensures English-speaking buyers fully understand the scope of the commitment and legal consequences implied in the contract.

If you would like more information on buying property in Italy and how a team of experts can help guide you through the process, don't hesitate to contact us at info@italianrealestatelawyers.com.

www.wetheitalians.com/web-magazine/ica-real-estate-purchasing-process-italy

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## **Membership** News

We would like to welcome new members in May - Mark Naccarato and family, Joni Costanzo and family, and Cheryl James. BENVENUTI A TUTTI!

The Membership Committee met on May 28th. Expect to see a member survey in the future about your UCIAF experience and what activities, in addition to our monthly dinners, you would like!

Also, the Giovani Amici committee is planning additional activities and events after their inaugural "dance night" at Wiltwyck Country Club on May 30th! Please stay tuned!

As always please encourage those you know to JOIN UCIAF! Come to a dinner, an event or a committee meeting to check us out. Bring a guest! Take a look at our website: www.uciaf.org for more information!

Tony Marmo, Membership Chair



YOUNG PAESANI DINNER The Table at Wiltwyck





Albert Spada, former Ulster County Clerk (R) for nearly four decades, died on Wednesday, May 22, 2024. Mr. Spada, a Glasco native, was one of the County's most influential public officials who served as County Clerk for 39 years.

In 2018, UCIAF honored Mr. Spada with the Italian Lifetime Achievement Award.

MAY HE REST IN PEACE



# ONGOING EVENTS



(These classes are all free and brought you by the UCIAF Community Care Outreach Program)



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= zymq072- 8&t=38s

Watch on 🕒 YouTube



(Supplement for double room single use 600,00 euro) City tax, vat and service included.

Make check for \$25 Donation to sponsoring organization UCIAF & make \$500 Deposit to Hotel Parsifal, mail both to Linda Saccoman 18 West Chestnut Street, Kingston N.Y. 12401

Reservations for the week will be first come first serve **Reserve by June 15th** Email or call Linda Saccoman @ saccomanlinda@gmail.com / 845-339-5330 Visit www.UCIAF.org



The Italian Air Force Frecce Tricolori are visiting the USA for the first time in over 30 years. Their performance will commemorate the 500th anniversary of Giovanni da Verrazzano's expedition to America in 1524. Also known as the "Tricolour Arrows" in English, are officially designated as the 313° Gruppo Addestramento Acrobatico, Pattuglia Acrobatica Nazionale. The Frecce Tricolori aerobatic team comprises of ten aircraft, holding the distinction of being the world's largest acrobatic patrol. Their 30-minute display will showcase their awe-inspiring skills, bringing a touch of Italian flair to the skies over New York.

August 10-11

### **OLEATO**



How Do You Take Your Coffee?

Cream No Sugar? Black? Light?

#### With a Teaspoon of Olive Oil?

Starbucks now offers coffee with olive oil. Their Oleato began in Sicily when Starbucks founder Howard Schultz was introduced to the Mediterranean custom of having a spoonful of olive oil with morning coffee. He was inspired by the flavor and decided to mix his coffee and olive oil together. It was then that he created "Coffee with a lush velvety flavor that lingers beautifully on the palate."

Submitted by Celia Ecker



# "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 will be featuring 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.

Cupina	CU-PEE-NA	Ladle
ʻiam	YAHM	Let's go!
Managgia	MAH-NAH-JUH	Damn
Medigan no Italian bac	MEH-DI-GAHN kground	American / with





HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

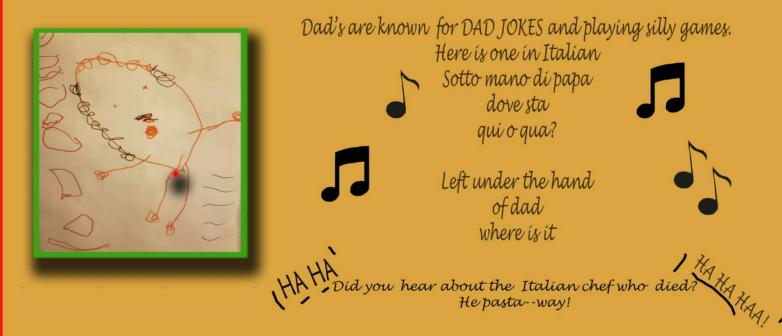
Buona festa del papa

In Italy Father's Day is celebrated on March 19 because it is Saint Joseph's day. In italy they say La Festa del Papa'.

The pronunciation of La Festa del Papà is: lah FEH-stah DEHL pah-PAH

In some areas of Italy, Father's Day is also called La Festa del Babbo. This is because in Italian there are a few ways to say Dad: Papà and Babbo, Papí, Papíno. Italians use one or the other depending on where they're from in Italy.





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