



## JULY 2019 NEWSLETTER

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### Newsletter Committee Report

Members and Friends of the Italian Center... Growing active membership and sustaining support are critical to the success of our club, so let's use these "lazy" summer months to think of ways that our club could be more useful and attractive to the current and prospective membership. We have such a great group of dedicated and talented members, so please continue to share your ideas and get involved with your club.

**Don't be shy – be bold... and help make the Club better! The Club is for you, the membership, it cannot prosper without you! WE ARE LISTENING... and value your ideas, participation and support!**

The committee is considering ways to make the newsletter and social media more useful to the overall membership and attractive to sponsors. A member recently suggested and the board is reviewing the possibility of adding paid **Classified Ads** and/or **Membership Networking** to the newsletter/website with special discounts for Members.

Thank you for being the best part of our Club and your continued support! *Dylan Harris, Secretary*

### July/August - Events

#### **Friday Night Dinner 5:00PM - 9:00PM / Dancing 8:00PM - 11:00PM**

**July 5** – Closed for the Holiday

**July 12** – [Cruise Control](#)

**July 19** – [Soul City](#)

**July 26** – [Jukebox Junkies](#)

**August 2** – Cruise Control

**August 9** – To Be Determined

**August 16** – The Chain Gang

**August 23** – Mid Night Image Band

**For Reservations: 845-454-1492 Ext. 3 or [www.theitaliancenter.com](http://www.theitaliancenter.com)**

**July 8** - Ladies Auxiliary Meeting (5:30PM - Pizza | 7:00PM - Meeting)

**July 9** - Members Meeting Night (6:00PM) - Joe Fiacco at 845-471-3965

**July 16** - Italian Movie Night (6:00PM - Doors Open | 7:00PM - "Prozono de Augusto")

**July 17** - Pirandello Institute Dinner Night (6:00PM)

**July 18** - Lobster Bake (5:30PM - 8:30PM)

**July 30** - Provincial Night: Milanese - Joe Fiacco at 845-471-3965

**August 4** - [The 4th Annual Festival of Italian Fine Cars, Bikes & Food](#) (11:30AM - 5:00PM)

**August 5** - [Dr. Bacile Golf Tournament](#) (7:30AM - followed by lunch at Italian Center)

**August 5** - Ladies Auxiliary Meeting (5:30PM – Pizza & Salad | 7:00PM - Meeting)

**August 6** - Members Meeting Night (6:00PM) - Joe Fiacco at 845-471-3965

**August 8** - [Saratoga Thoroughbred Horse Racing](#) - Julie Travis at 845-206-8661

**August 17** - *Golden Girls* Dinner and Show by Manhattan Theater Group (6:00PM)

**August 20** - Italian Movie Night (6:00PM - Doors Open | 7:00PM - Movie)

**August 21** - Pirandello Institute Dinner Night (6:00PM)

**August 22** - Lobster Bake (5:30PM - 8:30PM)

**August 27** - Provincial Night: Venezia - Joe Fiacco at 845-471-3965

## President's Letter

It is hard to believe that we are already in the second half of 2019, but with so much more to look forward too at the Italian Center, we are positive it will be a great year.

I was asked to identify a 'theme' for the month of July and as I look at the events that we are planning in the months ahead, I have come to realize that the theme is **WE ARE LISTENING!**

You, our members, have been asking for more Italian cultural activities. We now are holding on a monthly basis, an Italian Movie Night, an Italian Language/Dinner Night, as well as, bringing back successful events such as Lobster Bake on Thursday nights and of course, Saturday Lunch. We are framing these events in the third week of each month as we try to keep our costs down. Our Lobster Bake will be on the third Thursday through the season and an Italian Pasta or Family Night may then follow in the Fall or Winter months.

On Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, we will offer the Manhattan Murder Mystery Theater Group's version of *The Golden Girls Who Done It*. Tony Comunale and Julie Travis are finalizing their annual sojourn to Saratoga Race Track on Thursday, August 8<sup>th</sup> and Brian Mora and Scotty Marxer are doing a great job with the Dr. Bacile Annual Golf Tournament on Monday, August 5<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Beltrani and Mark Searle and their Committee have finalized a great event with The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Fine Italian Auto, Bike and Food Show on Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup>.

We continue to welcome many non-members to our Friday night dinner and dancing, and encourage our members to support our Club by attending these upcoming activities. We are also planning a Clam Bake in September.

Remember, if there is some activity that you would like to see at the Italian Center, let us know. **WE ARE LISTENING... and value your ideas, participation and support!** Grazie. *Franco Giangrasso, President*

## 1<sup>st</sup> President's Letter

We are listening... Additionally, we hope to gel-up more regarding the Mental Health Association's BBQ for wounded warriors from the military at the Italian Center.

We are also looking for the Italian Center to play more of an active community role with membership support. More details soon. *Nick Conte, 1st Vice President*

## 2<sup>nd</sup> President's Letter

Yes, I know I have a cup in hand again but remember I want to do a bigger cleanup in the coming months and guess what?!? Yup, we need volunteers!

Strong backs...but also those that know the Club and can coordinate efforts, tally goods and etc. Trucks and moving equipment may also be needed. So, Brothers and Sisters... Please sign-up (you might find something you want to buy and store forever in your house, or perhaps find you don't need to go to the gym because you "worked out with Pat at the Club"! ). *Pat Fasolino, 2nd Vice President*

## Secretary's Letter

Please share your thoughts and provide us with ideas that could allow our club to be more useful and beneficial to the entire membership. We are listening... so please reach out to myself at [harrdc71@gmail.com](mailto:harrdc71@gmail.com) or Nick Liguori at [nfliquori@yahoo.com](mailto:nfliquori@yahoo.com) and get involved with your club! *Dylan Harris, Secretary*

## Treasurer's Letter

Thanks to the Festa, the financial generosity/support of the membership and the exceptional hard work of the board and committees, we're not in bad shape! Look for my report from the meeting in July 2019. Have a good and safe summer! *Tom DiGiovanni, Treasurer*

## Ladies Auxiliary - President's Letter

Ciao Miei Amici del Ladies Auxiliary!

First and foremost, our July meeting will be held on Monday July 8th due to the closing of the Club for the July Fourth Holiday week.

At our June meeting there was mention of a few of our members who had surgery, were going in for surgery, in rehab, or convalescing at home, and I would like to let you know who they were especially if you did not attend the meeting. Patti Constanzo had emergency surgery and is home on the road to recovery; Rose Parisi (at the time of this writing) is in Windgate/Rehab and hopefully will be home soon; Connie Laguzza had been in the hospital, but is home now; Louise Damico had a fall and is at home, but may need surgery; and Teresa Phaff is being treated for cancer. We hope all these members are well on their way to full recovery; and are in our prayers. On a related note, if anyone knows one of our members who is sick or recovering from illness or injury, please let us know.

We showed "La Strada" on June 18th and had a nice turn out. The film for July is "Prozono de Augusto". We hope you will join us for this exceptional comedy, we are sure you will enjoy it. The Ladies Auxiliary Bocce League is in full swing and we would still welcome more who are considering joining for the fun.

The members at the June meeting voted on making a full donation to the golf tournament at College Hill, "Jimmy's Fund" in honor of our member Sandy Vana who passed away from cancer a few years ago.

There will be pizza and salad before our July meeting (5:30 pm); make a note again July 8th! Please email me (toniannp@optonline.net) or call me (845-453- 8017) if you plan on coming, so we can order accordingly.

Thank you in advance Anita Cillo, Lisa Mancarella, and anyone else who will be bringing desert for our July meeting. *Toni Ann Perry, President, Ladies Auxiliary*

## Board of Trustee's Letter

Members, I am very heartened by our growing membership, our increased attention to our cultural heritage, your generosity financially and in other ways, and the creativity I see. The Club should be a resource/a refuge so to speak to its members and something that represents the best of cultural heritage.

**IT IS THOSE THINGS NOW!** But it can improve and we want to make it better for you all and more capable of handling the tough financial environment of today and todays to come. We need your help! Give your ideas, your wants, your needs, and your active support.

I promise you **WE ARE LISTENING!** *Ray Raiche, Chairman of the Board*

## Membership Committee Report

Please take a moment to update your member information... If you have had some changes or simply would like to update your information with us, please contact Lou Foscaldi at [membership@theitaliancenter.com](mailto:membership@theitaliancenter.com).

Just don't update your address, phone and email, also let us know your interests, skills and business too! If you or someone you know would like to join, click the following to access the [Membership Application](#).

The Centennial Membership Drive is off to a good start, however we still need the help of all our members to increase our membership. So just ask someone, you never know!

Please tell your family, friends and everyone you know of Italian heritage to join our club... and don't forget that membership has been expanded to include women!

If you have any questions, concerns or advice about our membership drive, please contact Nick Liguori at 845-309-2054 or [nfliguori@yahoo.com](mailto:nfliguori@yahoo.com).

## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

The membership of the Italian Center would like to welcome our newest members! We are all very pleased that you joined our club and hope you participate and volunteer in the many activities and events. We also hope you bring your family and friends to your club and sponsor some new members. A special thanks to our current members who told you about our club and sponsored your membership.

Special thanks to the current members who sponsored your membership and congratulations to the new members for becoming the best part of our club, the membership!

### **JUNE 2019**

**CHRISTOPHER LARKIN** - Christopher is sponsored by **John Beck**. Christopher grew up in Mahopac. His mother was Italian, her last name Sgamatto. Some of his large Italian family moved up in our area and Christopher followed. He now lives in the Town of Poughkeepsie. In 1994 he married Jennifer Cappelli and they have three children. In the same year he started the Nieco Container Company in Milton which he and his family continue to operate today. Christopher is also a NYS Corrections Officer at Green Haven. He looks forward to meeting our members. Welcome Christopher to the Italian Center and we hope to see you at the club soon.

**MATTHEW SILVESTRI** - Matthew is sponsored by **Ray Pantaleo**. Matthew was born and raised in Wappinger Falls. He attended St. Mary's in Wappingers, Ketcham and Our Lady of Lords schools. Matthew served in the US Air Force from 1998 to 2002 including a tour in Afghanistan. He works for DMV Industries LLC in the Bronx an Energy Consulting Company. Matthew lives in the Town of Poughkeepsie. He is married to his wife Dina and they have three children, Natalia, Antonio and Angelo. Thank you, Matthew for your military service. Welcome to the Italian Center and we hope to see you at our club soon.

**VINCENT SILVESTRI** - Vincent is Matthew's brother. He too is sponsored by **Ray Pantaleo**. Vinny was born and raised in Wappingers Falls. He graduated from Roy C. Ketcham High School. Vincent served in the US Air Force from 2010 to 2014. He now lives in LaGrange. He has two sons, Anthony and Dominick. Vinny works for Central Hudson as a natural gas mechanic. He enjoys boating and golf. Thank you, Vinny for your military service. Welcome to the Italian Center and we hope to see you at the club soon.

**LOUIS MORALES** - Louis is sponsored by **John Beck**. Louis lives in Highland and is retired from the New York State Police. Louis hasn't sent us his bio, if he does we'll place it in next month's newsletter. Welcome to the club Louis, and we hope to see you soon at the club.

**NICOLA CAPPOLA** - Nicola is also sponsored by **John Beck**. Nicola lives in Highland. He owns and operates Cappola's La Fantasia Restaurant in Highland. Nicola hasn't sent us his bio, if he does we'll place it in next month's newsletter. Welcome, Nicola to the Italian Center and we hope to see you here soon.

**GREGORY FREDRICHS** - Gregory is sponsored by **John Kenny**. Gregory lives in the Town of Poughkeepsie. He is an Assistant Principal in the Arlington School District. He has not sent us his bio, if he does, we'll place it in next month's newsletter. Welcome to the Italian Center Greg, hope to see you soon at the club.



## MAY 2019

**KATHERINE PIRO** - Katherine is our first female regular member in our 100 year history. Congratulations Katherine and welcome to our club. Katherine was sponsored by her father and current Board member, **Lou Piro**. Katherine was born in Sharon, Connecticut. She lives in Poughkeepsie but spends most of her time in NYC for her job. Katherine is a member of Interactive Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees. She is a professional stage hand working on Broadway, TV, Concerts and other venues. Katherine's family has a long and extensive membership history with our club. She considers her fellow stage hands an extended family and feels the same about the Italian Center. Katherine, we welcome you to our Italian Center family and hope to see you at the club when you are in the area.

**DIANE EISGRUBER** - Diane is our second female member and our first to join as a couple with her husband John. She was sponsored by **Tony Comunale**. Diane was born in the Bronx where her father was a Sicilian pastry chef and a musician. She graduated from Roosevelt High School in Yonkers. She has worked in the banking and publishing fields and is now retired living with John in Highland. She is a member of our Ladies Auxiliary and served on their Board. She speaks four languages and has many hobbies like ballroom dancing, piano, cooking, gardening and word game tournaments. She and John also keep active with two sons and six grandchildren. Welcome Diane, hope to see you and John at the club soon.

**JOHN EISGRUBER** - John was also born in the Bronx but grew up in Highland. He was sponsored by **Tony Comunale**. He graduated from New Paltz High school and then enlisted in the US Air Force and was honorably discharged as an E5 Staff Sergeant. Thank you for your service John. He had a career as an ironworker, Local 417, now retired he owns and operates Eisgruber's Mobile Home Park in Highland. His hobbies are travel, golf, woodworking and gardening. He shares activities with his two sons and six grandchildren with his wife Diane. Welcome John and we look forward to seeing you and Diane at the club.



**JOE PEZZO** - Joe was sponsored by **Nick Conte**. Joe was born in Poughkeepsie in 1989. His father, John Pezzo's family originates from Naples and his mother, Cathyrose Otello Pezzo's family is from Bari. Joe graduated from Highland High School. He has both a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology and Master's Degree in Accounting from the University of Michigan. He currently works in Manhattan for TrueNorth Financial Solutions, an Investment and Insurance Consultant Firm as a Financial Representative. Joe is single and lives in Stanford, Conn. but still spends a good deal of time in Highland with family. Joe, welcome, and we hope to see you at the club when you are in our area.

**JAMES MISCEDRA** - Jim was sponsored by **Nick Liguori**. Jim was born in Poughkeepsie and grew up in Hyde Park. He graduated from Roosevelt High School and attended Dutchess Community College. Jim served in the Army National Guard for six years. Thank you for your service Jim. He has spent an entire career in the Insurance field owning his own MGM Insurance Agency for many years. The name changed to Misedra Insurance Agency, and his son Jim now manages the business, but Jim still keeps active selling all types of Insurance products. Jim met his wife, Karen in the seventh grade. Married after high school they've been happy together for 54 years and have four grown children and seven grandchildren. Jim loves golf and has joined our Italian Center Golf League. See you on the course Jim and at our club too.

**JOHN PALMUCCI** - John was sponsored by **Kirk Imperati**. John was born, raised and still lives in Kingston. John served in the US Marine Corps from 1982 to 1986 and was honorably discharged with the rank of Sergeant. Thank you, John for your service. He attended Ulster Community College. John is a successful businessman and real estate developer in the Hudson Valley. John continues to serve as a part time Dutchess County Deputy Sheriff for the last 18 years. John is married to his wife Nicole and has a 12 year-old son, Christopher. He enjoys traveling, boating and enjoys spending time at their vacation home in Point Pleasant Beach, NJ. Welcome to the Italian Center, John, we look forward to seeing you at our club.

**WILLIAM CASALE** - William was sponsored by **Brian Mora**. He lives in Florida. It's no wonder we haven't yet been able to chat with William, but we'll keep trying. When we get William's bio we'll introduce him to all our members in our June newsletter. Welcome William and we look forward to seeing you when you are in the area.

## Planning Committee Report

Over the next few months, please share your thoughts and ideas that could make the club better and stronger with the chairman of the Planning Committee, please contact Paul Mancarella at [psmancarella@hvc.rr.com](mailto:psmancarella@hvc.rr.com).

## Wellness Committee Report

### Convalescing at Home

Carmine Iadarola, Jr. | Larry Natoli | Giulio DiGiacomo | Sheldon 'Jiggs' Vetter

### Residing at Assisted Living Facilities

Vincent Gabriele | Joe Dolce | Louis Nazzaro | Joseph Petito

### Wellness Notes

'Jiggs' Vetter has made tremendous progress after suffering a severe stroke last fall. As 'Jiggs' said to his wife, "Did I do good", and Jo Ann replied, "Jiggs you did better than good." The staff at Northern Dutchess described 'Jiggs' as "one determined, tough cookie" who refused to say no and did all that they asked him to do. 'Jiggs' arrived home in mid-June to his home at 70 Davis Drive, Poughkeepsie to see the new ambulatory ramp that fellow members Paul Rinaldi designed, Vinny Murray installed the steel plate, and Scott Vitale built to accommodate the changes in JoAnn's and Jiggs' life. Thanks to Paul, Vinny and Scott, 'Jiggs' will be able to continue his rehab and recover at home after eight months in Northern Dutchess.

### Deceased

John J. Fiore, Sr. | Edward J. Kirby



**John J. Fiore Sr.** passed away on May 30<sup>th</sup> in Colorado. He was an active Italian Center member for many years. Notably each year John helped with the Dr. Bacile Scholarship Golf Tournament. He also was a member of the Wellness Committee. He attended many visitation services and often went out of his way to visit Members in assisted living facilities.

John was a giver. He faithfully cared for his wife who sadly had Early Onset Alzheimer's while serving on several committees and boards for the Alzheimer's Association and The Italian Center. He was dedicated, caring, and thoughtful and The Italian Center and the community will miss him.

Born in Brooklyn, NY on 4/4/1934 John lived in Port Washington, NY with his parents Concetta and Joseph and two sisters. On June 21, 1956 he married Marilyn Fiore and raised his family in Wappingers Falls in a home he designed as well as built. He is survived by his daughter, Dawne Moll and son-in-law, Joseph L. Moll and son, John J. Fiore Jr. and daughter-in-law Margaret Fiore with 4 grandchildren, Joseph, Nicolas, Ann Marie and Sarah.

John graduated from SUNY Oswego. He taught Industrial Arts at Ketcham High School before becoming the Director of Dutchess County B.O.C.E.S. In this executive capacity John proudly instituted a cutting-edge Aircraft Mechanic Program. He was a dedicated educator and advocate for education.

John requested donations as you wish to your favorite charity, or to The Victor Bacile Scholarship Fund on his behalf instead of flowers.



**Edward Joseph Kirby, M.D.** passed away peacefully at home with his family at his side on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019. He was born on April 30, 1955 in Salem, MA. Ed married Elizabeth Troia in 2002. Ed has a son Edward in Albany, New York; a daughter Maureen predeceased him in 2012.

Ed loved science. He graduated from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and New York Medical College. He proudly served in the US Navy at the Naval Hospital at Camp Pendleton. He then did his Orthopedic Surgery Residency at the Hospital for Joint Disease in New York City.

Ed and Liz loved to travel which took them to many destinations worldwide. A talented photographer he generously shared his experience to the delight of others. He loved golf and being a ham radio operator. He practiced for 30 years in the Poughkeepsie area and was associated with Mid-Hudson Regional Hospital, Vassar Brothers Hospital and Northern Dutchess Hospital. Ed was dedicated to his patients in the Spirit of the Great Physician. He will be greatly missed, not only by his family and friends but by the many people whose lives he touched.

## Saratoga Thoroughbred Racing

The Italian Center's annual trip to [Saratoga Racetrack](#) in Saratoga, New York is scheduled for **Thursday, August 8<sup>th</sup>**. This terrific event has not only been sold out in the past, but we have had to add additional busses in order to accommodate our members and friends. JTR Bus lines will park at the Italian Center at 7:30- AM for passengers who will enjoy coffee at the Center before departure. JTR will be our carrier round-trip leaving the Italian Center at 8:15 AM, and return to the Italian Center at 8:00 PM after a fun-filled day watching the fillies. Since Tony Comunale, the Gem of Downtown Poughkeepsie, is coordinating this event, your gaming instincts will get warmed up with a racing 50/50 raffle while on the bus.



Upon your return to the Center, you will find a complete Italian dinner waiting for you. But the most fun will be a winning day at Saratoga Racetrack. The price of \$75 per person will not only cover transportation and dinner, but also admission to the track with Reserved Grandstand Seats. Just picture your excitement as you look over the horse of your choice walking through the paddock and then later in the race breaking from the pack to victory. This is one of the most fun filled, exciting Italian Center events of the year.

Get together with family and friends and call **Tony Comunale at 845-462-3762** or **Julie Travis at 845-206-8661** and make your reservation. Please make your check payable to the Italian Center Building Fund, and again join us for a very special day of **Saratoga Thoroughbred Racing**.

## Festival of Fine Italian Cars, Bikes and Food

Yes, it's true, the [Fourth Annual Festival of Fine Italian Cars, Bikes and Food](#) will be held on **Sunday, August 4, 2019 at the Italian Center**. Come join us for this event that has grown from a simple idea into a regional favorite. This drive, show and dine event will be open to all makes of Italian cars and motorcycles, and those who appreciate Italian Culture.

There will be a drive to the Italian Center for Italian cars and motorcycles beginning at the Dutchess Mall in Fishkill, NY at 10:30 AM. Car/bike display will be at 12 noon. Registration fee for the cars and bikes is \$15 each to cover the cost of awards – payable to *The Italian Center*; mail to: Mark Searle, 18 Hartstone Drive, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603.

The Italian Center will be offering an Italian Buffett from 1-3 PM for \$35 per person, reservations are required for the buffet. Spectators can view the machines in the Italian Center's lot and enjoy the buffet as well. A program on Italian culture will be presented during the buffet. This event is open to all makes of Italian



automobiles and motorcycles including, but not limited to - Ferrari, Maserati, Alfa Romeo, Fiat, Lancia, Lamborghini, Ducati, Moto Guzzi, Vespa, Abarth, and OSCA. A People's Choice prize will be awarded during the buffet.



As this event had grown each year, so has the need for help. You don't need to own an Italian car or motorcycle to get up close with them. There are all sorts of opportunities to lend your assistance to this event by helping with parking, set-up, tech support, registration,

handling ballots, and the like. Please call Mark at 914-456-2823 to become a part of this program – support your Italian Center.

Pre-registration and \$15 payment are required for show cars/bikes. **Reservations are required for the buffet at the club – this is a rain or shine event!**

For more information and reservations, please contact [HVCFERRARI@AOL.COM](mailto:HVCFERRARI@AOL.COM) or call 914-456-2823

## Scholarship Committee Report

### BACILE GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 2019 Dr. Bacile Golf Tournament is scheduled for Monday, August 5<sup>th</sup> at the McCann Golf Course and the committee are offering on-line registration at <https://tinyurl.com/bacilegolf>.

Please be sure to mail the completed form with a check to: Bob DiLullo, 72 Spy Glass Rd., Hopewell Junction, NY 12533. All registrations must be received by July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019

Brian Mora and Scott Marxer, co-chairmen of the event, are introducing many innovations. Brian, Scott and their committee are working hard to provide an outstanding day of golf, a great day to relax, and be with your friends... and enjoy the many extras the tournament is offering!



Net proceeds will benefit the Scholarship Fund and help finance the three \$3,000 scholarships being offered this year. Please direct any questions to: Brian Mora at 914-924-2960 or [brianmora66@hotmail.com](mailto:brianmora66@hotmail.com) or Scott Marxer at 914-420-7549 or [scott@scottmarxer.com](mailto:scott@scottmarxer.com).

### BACILE SCHOLARSHIP – APPLICATIONS

The Scholarship Fund Board of Directors will be awarding up to three (3) \$3,000 Scholarships in 2019, here is a link to the [Dr. Bacile Scholarship Application](#).

To be eligible, a student must be registered full-time (12 credit hours or more) and must have completed their freshman year of study at an accredited college or university leading to an Associate or Baccalaureate degree and must have completed a minimum of 20 credit hours. The applicant must be a member of the Italian Center/Ladies Auxiliary, or a spouse, son or daughter of a member. Children or spouses of deceased members in good standing are also eligible. Recipients from prior years are not eligible.

For further information concerning eligibility and the application process, please access the Italian Center website and click on [Scholarship](#). **Applications must be submitted no later than September 30, 2019.**



## Booster Committee Report

The membership of the Italian Center would like to thank the following Boosters who have contributed to our club so we can continue to provide many activities and events to our members and community.

**Thank you to all who have joined our Boosters, we recognize your generous contributions!**

David and Anita Freer (\$100)	Vincent and Barbara Corona (\$100)
Tony and Elizabeth Daniele (\$100)	Nick Liguori and Family (\$100)
Umberto and Lisa Vecchiarelli (\$100)	John Bordi and Family (\$100)
Harry J. Stellar (\$100)	Anonymous (\$100)
Anonymous (\$250)	

**If you would like to join our Boosters, please send a check for \$100, along with your name, phone, email and the name you would like listed to the Italian Center.**

All boosters and contributions will be listed for one year in our monthly newsletters.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name to Appear of Booster List: \_\_\_\_\_

Send to: The Italian Center (Attn: Booster Chairman), 227 Mill Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

## Advertising Committee Report

Some new advertisers joined our newsletter this month. We welcome their support and encourage our members and newsletter readers to support our advertisers.

Many of our members own businesses or are professionals. We would gladly welcome you to our newsletter. It's a great way to let our membership and newsletters readers know about your services and products.

Recently, advertising information was sent to all past advertisers. We all know how busy you are, but we ask that look over the advertising forms and send them in.

All our members deal with professionals and businesses every day. Ask them if they would like to advertise in our newsletter and website. It's a great way for them to share their services or products with our entire membership and newsletter readers. Their support helps our Italian Center to continue our many member and community activities and events.

Below is an advertising form you can print and present to potential advertisers. If you have any questions, comments or advice, please contact Nick Liguori at 845-309-2054 or [nfliguori@yahoo.com](mailto:nfliguori@yahoo.com).

## ITALIAN CENTER ADVERTISING FORM

For over a century, The Italian Center has served many members and the local community. It's a well-known Club that celebrates Italian customs, traditions and cultural heritage. Beyond that, it hosts events and provides activities that serve the public at large. Many directly and through our public Newsletter and websites have contact with the Club.

Your advertisement will be seen by our members and the public on "www.theitaliancenter.com" and in our monthly newsletter. These things are "online" and a link to your website will be provided. We strongly encourage our members, families, friends and the public to consider our advertisers. Please consider an ad in our publications/website. If you have any questions, please call Nick Liguori, 845-309-2054 or [nfliguori@yahoo.com](mailto:nfliguori@yahoo.com).

Advertisements are priced accordingly based on a ¼ print page being about 14 sq. inches in the Newsletter:

For 12 months: Quarter (¼) Page is \$100, Half (½) Page is \$200, Full Page is \$400

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Please send your ad copy including graphics and this information and your payment to:

The Italian Center (Attn: Advertising Chairman), 227 Mill Street, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601

### NEW ADVERTISERS

The Italian Center membership welcomes the below advertisers in our Newsletter. Their generous support helps our club provide our members and community with many Italian events and activities. We encourage our membership and all readers of our newsletter to support these great businesses. Full advertisements can be viewed in the Patrons and Supporters section of this newsletter and also viewed on [www.theitaliancenter.com](http://www.theitaliancenter.com).

[FRIENDLY AUTO GROUP](#) | [MICHAEL TORSONE MEMORIAL FUNERAL HOME, INC.](#)

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[MILTON HARDWARE & BUILDING SUPPLY](#)

Thank you for all your support, additional information will be provided for the above businesses next month.

[SEVEN BRIDGES WEALTH ADVISORS](#) - David Mazzetti is President of Seven Bridges and is associated with Ameriprise Financial. Dave is a member of the Italian Center. Dave leads a team of financial advisors who offer financial planning including investment, insurance and brokerage services for tax, estate, retirement planning and more. Thank you Dave for your support.

[SABIA AUTO EXCHANGE](#) - Jim Sabia, owner of Sabia Auto Exchange and Italian Center member is part of a family with a long history at our club. Jim's business established in 1948 is a well-known local car dealer who sells quality used autos and provides all auto repair services. Thank you for your support Jim.

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## Provincial Night Committee Report

Our Provincial Nights are a great experience and have become a tradition here at our club, it's one of the many ways we come together and celebrate our culture... Join us at the next one, you won't be disappointed!

<b>Region</b>	<b>Province</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Chairman</b>
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## Articles Recognizing Members



On Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup>, Anthony “Tony” Comunale celebrated his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday with friends at the Italian Center. In attendance were several former Italian Center Presidents; Ernie Bruno, Joe Pantaleo, John Mazzetti and our current president Franco Giangrasso. Also, former Chairman Dominic Letterii was there to welcome Tony into this select group of senior citizens. The 1<sup>st</sup> VicePresident, Nick Conte hosted the event and helped put the party together for our good friend.

In addition to members of the Italian Center, several old friends, teachers and staff from Poughkeepsie High School were there to wish Tony well. A number of speeches and comments were made, but Bob Plass summed it up best when he acknowledged that Tony always referred to the Italian Center as the Gem of Downtown Poughkeepsie, when in fact, he, Tony Comunale, is **“The Gem of Downtown Poughkeepsie.”**

## Newsletter Submissions

The information and links are provided by Editors, Members and Associates of the Italian Center:

### *The Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America turns 114!*

As a Club related to us and our endeavors, we honor their birthday. Buon compleanno Fratelli e Sorelle!



Originally called “Figli d’Italia,” the Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America® was established in the Little Italy neighborhood of New York City on June 22, 1905, by Vincenzo Sellaro, M.D., and five other Italian immigrants who came to the United States during the great Italian migration (1880-1923).

Their aim was to create a support system for all Italian immigrants that would assist them with becoming U.S. citizens, provide health/death benefits and educational opportunities and to offer assistance with assimilation in America. L’Ordine continues that mission

through our [National Supreme Lodge](#), [Sons of Italy Foundation](#) and [Commission for Social Justice](#).

Today, they are a national organization of men and women who represent the estimated 26 million Americans of Italian heritage, dedicated to promoting our culture, our traditions, our language, the legacy of our ancestors, and our contributions to the U.S. and the world. With members and lodges across the United States of America and Canada, they continue to be the largest and oldest organization for people of Italian heritage. Several of our IC very active Members are also proud Members of L’Ordine

### *A Little Sicilian (submitted by Tony Daniele)*

Giufà, or Giucà as he is referred to in some areas of the country, is a character of [Italian folklore](#).<sup>[1]</sup> His antics have been retold and memorized through centuries of oral tradition. Although the anecdotes from his life mainly revolve around the southern Italian and [Sicilian lifestyle](#). See here for a bit more on this [Sicilian cultural gem](#). Also those that speak the language will [enjoy this!](#)

Also my people used to save their scudi to go see [Nofrio](#) when he played in NYC. My Dad and the Giangrassos had pleasant lunches together listening to old 78s Pete had of his short plays. Goodtimes!

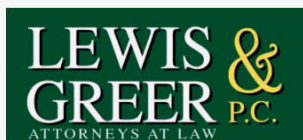


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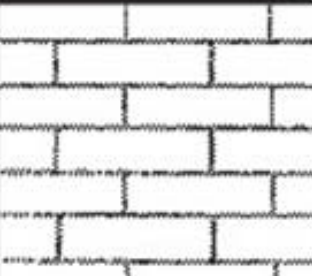
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