



AUGUST 2019 NEWSLETTER

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Newsletter Committee Report

Members and Friends of the Italian Center... As the new Board continues to embrace changes that will help our club, there has also been additional focus on the celebration of our Italian Culture and Traditions.

Our club's strength and greatness come directly from its membership, so let's join together and continue "*Making the Italian Center Great Again*" by sharing ideas, getting involved, attending events and asking family and friends to be a part of our special club at the Italian Center!

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

August/September - Events

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

September 6 – Jungle Love

September 13 – The Chain Gang

September 20 – Jukebox Junkies

September 27 – Mid Night Image Band

For Reservations: 845-454-1492 Ext. 3 or www.theitaliancenter.com

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 21 - Wine Making for Beginners Class (7:00PM) - John Mazzetti at 845-797-5506

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

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

September 3 - Members Meeting Night (6:00PM) - Joe Fiacco at 845-471-3965

September 7 - Comedy Show w/3 Comics (6:00PM - Dinner | 8:00PM – Show)

September 9 - Ladies Auxiliary Meeting (5:30PM – Pizza & Salad | 7:00PM - Meeting)

September 14 - Italian Center BBQ - Members Only - Pig Roast (12:00PM to 6:00PM)

September 17 - Italian Movie Night (6:00PM - Doors Open | 7:00PM - Movie)

September 18 - Pirandello Institute Dinner Night (6:00PM)

September 19 - Lobster Bake (5:30PM - 8:30PM)

September 22 - Ladies Auxiliary Card Party

September 24 - Provincial Night: Genovese - Joe Fiacco at 845-471-3965

President's Letter

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer. As we look ahead to the month of August we will be very busy with our 4th Annual Festival of Italian Fine Cars, Bikes and, of course Italian Food. Dr. Beltrani and Mark Searl prepared a terrific event for all to enjoy and appreciate the impact that Italian designers have had on the automobile. The event was held on Sunday, August 4th. On Monday, August 5th, Brian Mora and the Bacile Scholarship Committee put together a fantastic day of golf, followed by a delicious lunch and lots of laughs at the Italian Center.

In the third week of August, the Ladies Auxiliary will host Italian Movie night on Tuesday August 20th, followed by The Pirandello Institute Italian dinner on Wednesday August 21st. If lobster is on your mind, look no further than Thursday August 22nd for a marvelous Lobster Bake dinner at the Club. If you haven't noticed from our email and social media posts the Italian Center will be closed on Friday evenings through the month of August. With vacations and other opportunities, we find that over the past few years public demand for our Friday night dinner and dancing in August is low. However, we will be open for Saturday lunch throughout the month, so come on down.

We have planned two, very exciting dinner shows for August and September. The first show will be "The Golden Girls Gone Wild" on Saturday, August 17th. In September, we are bringing back "The Three Comics (Rob Falcone, Uncle Floyd, and Patty Rosborough)" for a night of comedy and good times. Look for the flyers on our website and social media. These are two events you will not want to miss.

The Board is planning a host of activities such as a Pig Roast on September 14th which we hope will become a traditional event for families to enjoy. Bring your family, friends and even relatives and share in this special barbecue.

October is Italian Heritage month. Currently, we plan to celebrate Columbus in the beginning of October, and our 85th Annual Progressive Ball the last weekend in October. We are also asking members to share their ideas and things that they would like to see us do, not only to celebrate our heritage, but also to help us 'Make the Italian Center Great Again'. Seriously, we want to know what you would like to see at the Club. We want your participation. We need your participation. Grazie. *Franco Giangrasso, President*

1st President's Letter

We have an exciting agenda coming up in August and September, beginning with the 4th Annual Italian Fine Cars, Bikes, and Italian Food event on Sunday August 4th and followed by the Dr. Bacile Scholarship Fund Golf Tournament on Monday August 5th. Later in the week on Thursday August 8th, we will make our annual trip to Saratoga Racetrack. All these events require members to step up and 'chair' committees and organize fun and exciting activities for our members, their families and friends.

Without our members help, the things we offer to membership are limited. Of course, there are members who prefer to "just help" where they can to make the Italian Center a better Club. Thanks to Joe Giangrasso, Sal Polizzotto, Scot Vitale, and Paul Rinaldi for helping out on Friday nights, and to Bob Plass and Pasquale Carluccio who help Tony Comunale with 50/50 at our meetings. Thank you Brian Mora for coming in to help in the kitchen on a moment's notice. And special thanks to Carmine Mastrangelo who comes in every month to clean the kitchen from top to bottom. Needless to say, the kitchen operation is grateful to have the help and the experience of Frank La Manna.

Italian Heritage Month is celebrated each October. Members can help the Club by volunteering to help at specific events, by suggesting new events or activities, or simply coming down to the Club for Saturday lunch, an Italian dinner with the Pirandello group, our Thursday Lobster Bake or Friday night dinner and dancing. Hope to see you soon. *Nick Conte, 1st Vice President*

Secretary's Letter

First, I would like to thank the membership for your patience while we work out the kinks of our new electronic newsletter during these busy summer months. Big changes are never seamless, but we hope to continue to better the newsletter and our communications process. As you will note, we are supplying a monthly "theme" for the newsletter that is chosen by our Board of Directors.

This month, the Board decided to use the theme "Making the Italian Center Great Again". As we all know, the new Board has worked hard and diligently to not only bring changes that help the Italian Center financially, but also to bring Italian culture and traditions back to the forefront of the Italian Center.

We hope this newsletter provides into this theme through the articles and many upcoming events. As always, we would greatly appreciate any and all input on this iteration and all the following versions of the newsletter to ensure we are providing the best possible end product that we can. *Dylan Harris, Secretary*

Ladies Auxiliary - President's Letter

Ciao miei amici del Ladies Auxiliary!

We are more than halfway through 2019, which I cannot believe, and the next few months hold quite a few events that I hope you can attend and will find enjoyable. Here are a few:

First, please make note that our monthly meeting in September will be held on Monday, September 9th due to Labor Day falling on the 2nd.

Sunday, August 4th is the Italian Center's annual Italian Car, Bike & Food show. Come out and see Italian Cars that you may never get a chance to see otherwise. Some of the members in the Ladies Auxiliary have volunteered for this in the past and will do the same this year.

Monday, August 5th, as well as being our monthly meeting, also is the day for the annual Dr. Bacile Golf Tournament. This tournament helps fund the Dr. Bacile Scholarship that is given to 3 full-time students who have completed their freshman year of college. There have been many members of the Ladies Auxiliary whose children have received this wonderful scholarship. Thank you to the ladies who have chosen to play in the tournament and to volunteer their time to help make this possible.

Thursday, August 8th is the annual trip to Saratoga Raceway. The bus leaves the Italian Center at 8:15am and returns at 8:00pm for a buffet dinner.



Tuesday, August 20, is our monthly Italian Film Night. This month's feature is *Il Mio Giorno* a thought-provoking film about life, and the meaning of family and friends. Filmed in some beautiful Verona Villas. Many guests who have come to see the monthly film have brought snacks that all can enjoy before and during the film and drinks can be purchased at the bar. There is no cover charge but donations are certainly appreciated. This event has proven to be an enjoyable success.

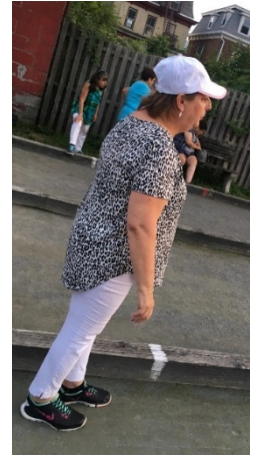
Jumping to September, our Card Party will be held on Sunday the 22nd from 2:00 to 5:00, and will have a quite appropriate theme this year: Cards, Cappuccino and Cannoli. Tickets for this event are \$10 and in the past has been one of our most successful fund-raisers. There will be a generous door prize given away for those who purchase a ticket and you do not have to be present to win. However, we would love to fill the house that day. Reserve a table for a few or many and enjoy an afternoon of games, conversation, laughs and of course, cappuccino and cannoli. Tickets will be available at our August and September meetings. You can also email me for more information.

October will hold the annual Italian American Heritage luncheon and wreath-laying at the Christopher Columbus statue as well as the Ladies Auxiliary Pink Auction to benefit Miles of Hope. At our November meeting we will hold our Provincial Dinner with the province of Sicily being highlighted and also in November is our Vendor Fair. More on these events to follow

Our Bocce League membership has had some sad and unforeseen hardships of which we give our heartfelt thoughts and prayers. Due to this, we are in need of some members who would like to give bocce a try; you will have a lot of laughs. On that note, we want to welcome back to bocce, our vice president, Patti Constanzo.

Patti had to have emergency brain surgery, and after two months of much needed rest, showed up at the bocce courts to say hi. She decided to give the last game of the night a try and much to my enthusiasm (she is on my team) we won our only game of the night. Again, welcome back Patti!!

Thank you, in advance to Linda Aiello, Lidia Ciampalione, Kathy Giammetteo, Carol Cecchini, Shelby Outwater, and Lisa Mancarella for volunteering to bring desserts to our August meeting. A Presto... *Toni Ann Perry, President, Ladies Auxiliary*



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.

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 contact Nick Liguori at nfliguori@yahoo.com or call 845-309-2054 to help with the Membership Committee and/or provide ideas on how to attract and sustain good Members.

HOW CAN I HELP? Clubs like our Italian Center can't exist without member support. Our club's officers regularly ask the members to attend or volunteer for our many events, functions and activities. While we continually encourage member participation, we also realize the limitations of member's time, energy or finances. Fortunately, there are several things our members can do to help our club prosper and grow that require very little time, effort or expense.

Here are a few of the most important things you can do for your club:

ASK SOMEONE TO JOIN OUR CLUB - That's right. Just ask. As we go about our lives, we come in contact with many people every day. Besides family, friends, neighbors, acquaintances, fellow employees, we visit professionals like doctors, dentists, lawyers, accountants and others. We regularly use service professionals like plumbers, electricians, carpenters, landscapers, auto repairmen and many more. We spend a great deal of time in local businesses like restaurants, groceries, banks and every other kind of retail establishments. Many of us belong to other clubs, groups or organizations and we all socialize with others at small or large gatherings. That means that we are constantly exposed to many potential Italian Center members every day. We just need to ask. It requires no time or effort to ask. It's the only way to increase our membership. We all know that more members, means more income and participation. That's why just asking someone to join our club is the one of the best things we can do with no effort, time or expense.

ASK SOMEONE TO ADVERTISE IN OUR NEWSLETTER - Once again, we are in constant contact with professionals, business people and every kind of retail establishment. Just ask them to advertise in our monthly newsletter. Their generosity helps support our building, overhead and our many member and community activities and events. Our advertising rates are very reasonable. We include advertising information and forms every month in our newsletter. Our newsletter is now electronic without costs so that every cent of advertising income helps our club. This too doesn't require any member time, effort or expense. Just ask. Many of our members own businesses or are professionals. We urge them to advertise in our newsletter to tell our members about their services or products. Most important, we urge all members and newsletter readers to support our advertisers.

BECOME AN ITALIAN CENTER BOOSTER- Becoming a Booster is a special way our members and others can support our club. For a \$100 donation, you will be mentioned and thanked in every newsletter for one year. The donation could be listed in your name or along with your spouse, perhaps as a family or in memoriam for someone special. The entire donation helps our club. This is another way you can help our club without any time or effort, just a thoughtful and beneficial donation. A Booster form is available in every monthly newsletter.

GET SOMEONE TO READ OUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER - There are many articles on the Internet on ways to increase club memberships and they all agree that a good newsletter is not only informative to its members, but is a great marketing tool to prospective members. The newsletter describes our Club's purpose, activities and events. We need to get our newsletter to as many potential members, Boosters and advertisers as possible. We have a great Newsletter team who continues to develop our new electronic newsletter. It's filled with information about our events, functions, activities, membership and Italian culture. Who knows what newsletter article or bit of information might inspire someone to join or attend an event. It requires no time, effort or expense. If you know anyone who is a candidate for membership; a potential sponsor; someone who loves the Italian culture or might attend one of our functions, just forward your electronic newsletter to them. You can also print the newsletter and hand it out. You can also forward their e-mail address to our Newsletter Committee and we'll send them our newsletter every month

These are just a few of the most positive and effective things you can do for your club. Asking someone to join or support our club does not require much time, effort or expense. Start now while it's fresh on your mind and hopefully it will become a habit. Not everyone you ask will join or advertise with us, but they may think about it. Continue to ask them, send them our newsletter and invite them to one of our events and eventually they will join and support our Club.

If you have any comments, ideas or suggestions on membership, Boosters, advertising or the newsletter, contact Nick Liguori at nfliguori@yahoo.com or call 845-309-2054.

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.



Congratulations to the new members for becoming the best part of our club, the membership!

JOSEPH GARIBALDI Jr. - Joseph was sponsored by John Mazzetti. Joseph was born in Greenwich Village, Manhattan, NY to Joseph T. Garibaldi and Theresa (Pappalardo). He attended St. Anthony of Padua School. Later, he moved to Staten Island and attended Curtis High School and The College of Staten Island. Joseph retired from The City of New York after 35 years as Plant Chief. He retired again after 5 years from Dvirka and Bartilucci Consulting Engineers. He now resides in Highland with his wife Jane (Luttati). They have two

children and four grandchildren. They are Parishioners of St. Augustine RC Church. Joseph is a 3rd degree member of the Knights of Columbus Council 13524. He enjoys the outdoors, hunting and fishing. Welcome, Joseph to the Italian Center, hope to see you here soon.

BIAGIO BELMONTE - Biagio was sponsored by our President, Franco Giangrasso. Biagio was born in Accettura, Italy and moved to Poughkeepsie as a young boy in the Mount Carmel Square area. He attended Mount Carmel School, Lady of Lourdes High School and Dutchess Community College. He is self employed as a General Contractor and Home Builder in Dutchess and Westchester Counties for 30 years. Biagio and his wife live in Hopewell Junction. They have three daughters. He enjoys traveling, sports and spending time with family. Welcome Biagio to the Italian Center and we hope to see you here soon.

We apologize if not every new member is written up in the newsletter – we will include them next month if the information is provided to the editors. Thank you.

Wellness Committee Report

Convalescing at Home

Anthony Comunale | Carmine Iadarola, Jr. | Giulio DiGiacomo | Sheldon ‘Jiggs’ Vetter

Residing at Assisted Living Facilities

Vincent Gabriele | Joe Dolce | Joseph Petito

Deceased

Lawrence “Larry” Natoli | Louis “Lou” Nazzaro



Lawrence “Larry” Natoli, beloved husband, father, and grandfather passed away at home on the afternoon of July 12, 2019. Born on January 14, 1945, he was the son of the late John and Lucy Rago Natoli, and the younger brother to Nancy Terwilliger who predeceased him. Larry is survived by his loving wife Mary of 51 years, his older brother John, and 3 children; John and wife Cheryl Natoli, Danielle Oliva and husband John Oliva, and Stephane Potes and husband Jason Potes; along with grandchildren Alexis, Vincent, Taylor and Adriana Oliva, and Logan, Lachian, Miles, and Chloe Potes.

Larry was a lifelong resident of the city of Beacon. After attending Beacon High School Larry continued his studies at Ulster County Community College before transferring to Cornell University’s College of Industrial and Labor Relations. While Larry was employed as an electrician at the former Matteawan Correctional Facility he became involved with CSEA and in 1980 he embarked on a career of 25 + years as a Labor Relations Specialist or Dutchess County CSEA. He was well loved and respected in his position and always worked diligently for his members in negotiating favorable contracts.

Larry loved his family, his friends, his Italian heritage, and his faith in God. In addition to his membership in the Italian Club of St. Rocca’s in Beacon, Larry was an active member of the Italian Center and was honored as an Outstanding Member for his participation on several important committees as well as 1st VP responsible for kitchen operation for a number of years. When you consider how much Larry loved to attend his grandkids dance recitals and sports, you begin to appreciate the sacrifice that he made to his family. The Italian Center is thankful and grateful to have had Larry as a member for many years.



Louis Nazzaro, active beloved member, our friend and brother Louis “Lou” Nazzaro passed away on July 25, 2019 after a long illness at the Fishkill Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation. Born in Jersey City, NJ on June 28, 1936, he was the son of Paul and Amelia Nazzaro. Lou had been employed at I.B.M., the Beacon Police Department, and had served as Chief of Police for the Village of Millbrook Police Department. Lou also participated and taught in the training program for the Dutchess County Stop DWI. When not serving others in Dutchess County, Lou enjoyed taking rides throughout Dutchess County and the Hudson Valley on his Harley Davidson.

Lou’s life can best be described as a life of service to others. Upon graduating high school Lou enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. He spent most of his life serving others as a policeman. As a member of the Italian Center, Lou not only volunteered to help on committees, he helped in the kitchen and maintained the steam room for years. Lou also held leadership positions at the Italian Center.

He is survived by his children and their spouses; Richard and Lynn Nazzaro of Lagrangeville and Tracy and Harold Quinney of Wappingers Falls; his grandchildren, Lori Lieberman, Lindsey Lieberman, Matthew Lieberman, Anthony Nazzaro, and Tori Nazzaro. He was predeceased by his daughter Cheryl Nazzaro in 2012.

Scholarship Committee Report

BACILE SCHOLARSHIP – APPLICATIONS

Did you know, since inception through 2018, the Dr. Victor A. Bacile Scholarship Program has awarded 108 scholarships valued at more than \$207,000?

A great reason for being a member of the Italian Center/Ladies Auxiliary... Members, spouses and children are all eligible for the scholarship!

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)
Tony and Elizabeth Daniele (\$100)
Umberto and Lisa Vecchiarelli (\$100)
Harry J. Stellar (\$100)
Anonymous (\$250)

Vincent and Barbara Corona (\$100)
Nick Liguori and Family (\$100)
John Bordi and Family (\$100)
Anonymous (\$100)

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.

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.

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

(Actual sizing may vary on the website with user settings, etc.)

Business Name _____ Website _____

Contact _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Ad Size _____

Email _____

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.

[HYDE PARK BREWING COMPANY](#) - Since 1996, the Hyde Park Brewery and Restaurant has been providing great food and handcrafted beer for people in the Hudson Valley. Owners Richard and Angela Barone offer a full menu of seasonal, local and fresh local ingredients. Their handcrafted beers incorporate techniques passed down from 19th century German brewers. Each beer has a unique flavor profile and character. Thanks Richard and Angela for your support and we encourage our members to visit your restaurant.

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

[WILLIAM G. MILLER & SON FUNERAL HOME, INC.](#) | [SEVEN BRIDGES WEALTH ADVISORS](#)

[MILTON HARDWARE & BUILDING SUPPLY](#) | [SABIA AUTO EXCHANGE](#) | [LEWIS & GREER, PC](#)

[PRIME WEALTH MANAGEMENT](#) | [ARTHUR DEDOMINICIS, CPA](#) | [CR PROPERTIES GROUP](#)

[ADRIANA GALLO - INSURANCE AGENT](#) | [LOUISE MARCIGLIANO, LCSW](#)

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!

Region	Province	Date	Chairman
Calabria	Catanzaro		Pat Fasolino
Abbruzzo	Pescara		Franco Giangrasso
Campania	Napoli		Franco Giangrasso
Puglia	Bari		Franco Giangrasso
Sicily	Tutte		Franco Giangrasso
Toscany	Firenze		Franco Giangrasso
Lombardy	Milano		Franco Giangrasso
Veneto	Venezia	08/27/2019	Franco Giangrasso
Liguria	Genovese	09/24/2019	Franco Giangrasso
Lazio	Roma	10/29/2019	Franco Giangrasso
Emilia-Romagna	Bologna	11/26/2019	Franco Giangrasso

Provincial Nights (Le serate provinciali) are amazing! Your place at the Table Awaits!

For reservations, please call **Joe Fiacco at 845-471-3965**

<http://www.comuni-italiani.it/index.html>

<https://www.tuttocitta.it/>

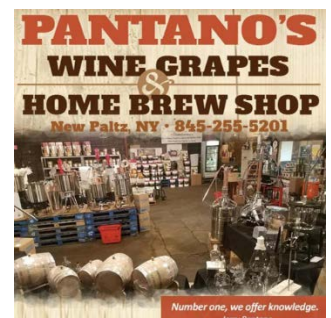
Wine Making Class for Beginners

The Italian Center is dedicated to preserve and celebrate Italian traditions. Wine making is one of Italy's oldest traditions for centuries. Our Italian ancestors always had a well-stocked wine cellar and no meal was complete without some homemade wine. Italian Immigrants in the early 19th century brought their wine making skills to America. Many of our members recall our grandparents or parents making wine in early fall when the harvested grapes were available. You may still remember the smooth taste of their classic homemade deep red table wines.

Many of our members regret not learning wine making skills from our elders. Interestingly, I've heard some of our members mention they would like to make wine but they fear wine making was too time consuming; too technical or just too difficult. The good news is that homemade wine is now easier than ever to make and with a little guidance you can soon impress your family and friends with a bottle of homemade wine. Your homemade wine is full of love, fun, pride and memories, ingredients you won't find in a store-bought bottle of wine.

I've recruited a couple of wine making experts to show you how to make homemade wine. John Mazzetti, a well-known member and long-time wine maker will host our beginner's class. John and his crew of wine makers produce huge quantities of homemade wines for years. If you haven't tasted some of John's wine, make sure you attend our class. I think we can get John to bring a few bottles for a small taste. I'm also asking all our Italian member wine makers to bring a few of their homemade wines to add to our tasting.

John will be joined by Jerry Pantano, owner of [Pantano's Wine Grapes & Home Brew](#) in New Paltz. Jerry is the go-to source for wine making equipment and



ingredients. Jerry will bring the equipment needed for beginner's wine making and together with John, will demonstrate making homemade wine.

Our beginner's class will focus on wine making with juice and kits. While pressing grapes to make grape juice will be discussed, making wine from pre-pressed grape juice or concentrated juice kits is much easier and makes great wine. Grapes are now grown in many countries, but are harvested once a year so your wine by crushing grapes is limited to a few weeks a year.

Fortunately, grapes are now pressed in their country of origin and the juice is shipped around the world and available in containers or concentrated kits all year. There is a large variety of red and white juices available so with a little instruction you can be making all kinds of wine whenever you like. Just think, very soon you'll be enjoying one of Italy's greatest traditions, a glass of homemade wine with your meals. It makes a great gift too.

The free class will be held on Wednesday, August 21 at 7 pm. We will demonstrate the equipment needed to make great homemade wine. We will show you how to mix the juice with yeast. The juice will then be taken away from the club to ferment. When our wine is ready to bottle, our class will return, bottle the wine and distribute it to class members to take home. Our wine making experts will gladly answer all your winemaking questions.

If you ever had an interest in making homemade wine, don't miss this opportunity. Don't forget to bring your family and friends so everyone can enjoy making wine together. You must sign up in advance, so don't hesitate, sign up now.

For more information call or text Nick Liguori at nfliguori@yahoo.com, 845-309-2054 or John Mazzetti at john.mazzetti@yahoo.com, 845-797-5506 or call the club at 845-454-1492.

Italian Heritage - October 2019

[The Joe Di Maggio Lodge](#) of the Sons and Daughters of Italy invite the Italian Center membership and Ladies Auxiliary to participate in a project they are sponsoring for Italian Heritage month in October. In addition to their Pasta Night on 10/5 featuring their special guest, Cristoforo Colombo, **they will be collecting material relating to Italian culture and heritage for public display at the lodge** that evening. Donated material will also be displayed at 3 area libraries for the entire month, including the Adriance in Poughkeepsie.



Material can be flat or 3-dimensional and may include statues, newspaper articles, photos, and travel brochures of local or national interest. Items for display must be submitted by August or early September to be considered and will be returned by November.

For more information, including requirements and dimensions of donated articles, please contact Gwen Tibbals at (845) 309-4358, (email gwen.j.tibbals@gmail.com); or Lynn Phillips at (845) 224-6418 (email lynn.phillips@inxpress.com).

Newsletter Submissions

In keeping with our theme of maintaining and growing our Club's propose and positive impact we offer a few proud moments from our history.

Some Italian Center History Circa October 2016:

October 2016 was designated Italian Heritage Month by County Executive Marcus Molinaro and City of Poughkeepsie Mayor Robert G. Rolison thanks in large part to the efforts of our Club and wonderful Ladies' Auxiliary.



On October 1st, members of Noi Italiani D'Oggi (NIDO), the Italian Center, and the Ladies Auxiliary joined local dignitaries and many members of the Italian-American community for a special celebration at the Italian Center.

Herein is a copy of the citation by the County Executive, a photograph of our Brother Joseph Incoronato, also at the time a Dutchess County Legislator, reading the County Executive's Proclamation, and Brother Giulio Di Giacomo laying the wreath in honor of our deceased Members as part of the ceremony.



President Ernie Bruno generously made sure the Italian Center did itself proud!



Also, during that month we supported the showing of this: the screening of documentary film **CROSSING WATERS** at The Franklin D. Roosevelt Presidential Library and Museum. Largely about immigration and Poughkeepsie's First Ward chronicling the arrival of Irish and Italian immigrants in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. For more information about this award winning film [see this article](#).



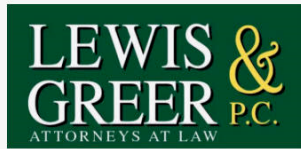
From our often uneducated, humble, frightened, ridiculed and beset we grew to be leaders and magnificent contributors to this savior Nation. Our Club reflected and should continue to reflect our spirit, generosity, talents, and ability to change and grow. Things that reflect our greatness!

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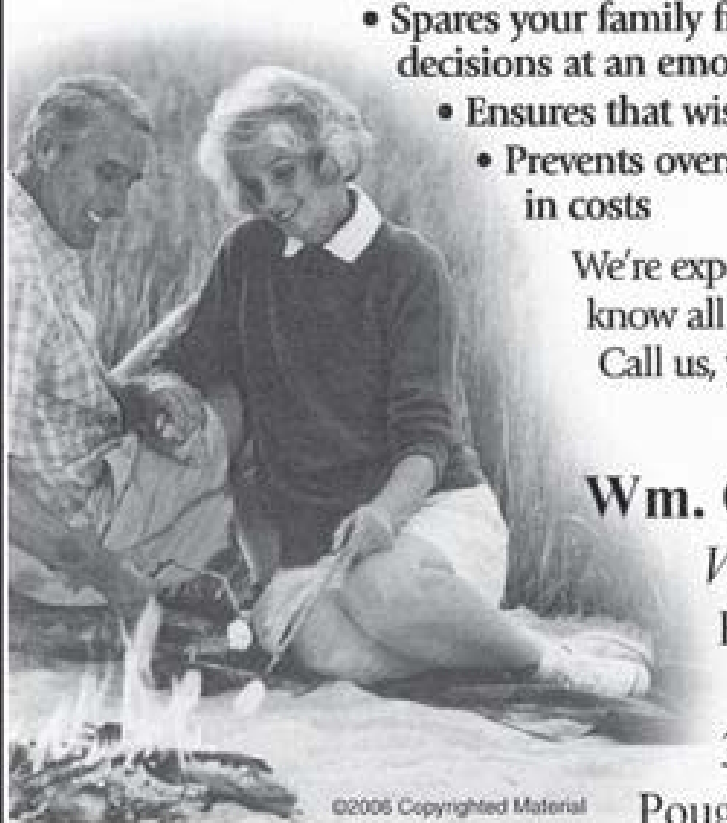
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