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October 2024 Newsletter

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October 20, 2024 **AFTERNOON** meeting and dinner will be held at the Fellowship Hall of the United Methodist Church - 87 Church St - Wilmington, MA. Dinner will be FREE. Dinner will be Pasta, meatballs and salad. 12:30pm Doors Open. 1:00 - 2:30pm Dinner & Entertainment (Ray Cavicchio). 2:30 pm Monthly Meeting. 3:30 pm Coffee & Dessert

Please RSVP for dinner and/or attendance by Friday, October 11, 2024 to Lynne_martell@comcast.net or 978-694-1632 or 978-729-6044(cell)



Sons & Daughters of Italy Events

10/11/24 - Italian Heritage Golf Tournament - Hillview Golf Course

10/17/24 - Afternoon Concert of Italian Classics - **Friendship Lodge**

10/20/24 - Wilmington Lodge afternoon meeting

10/24/24 - Armchair Travel to Southern Sicily - **Senior Center**

11/01/24 - Wilmington Lodge Calendar Party (see attachment)

11/11/24 - Wilmington Lodge & Methodist Church Veterans Day Breakfast (see attachment)

11/17/24 - Wilmington Lodge Memorial Mass 10:00 am - St Dorothy's Church

11/17/24 - Fundraiser for Mark Guida (see attachment)

11/23/24 - Wilmington Lodge Thanksgiving Bingo

12/15/24 - Wilmington Lodge Children's Christmas Party (see attachment)

12/28/24 - Wilmington Lodge Adult Christmas Party

Lodge Meetings -4th Thursday of every month at the United Methodist Church - 87 Church St. - Wilmington, MA. **Socializing and Dinner begin at 6:30pm. Even if you are not planning to eat dinner, come early and socialize with your brothers and sisters of the lodge**

11/21/24 (3rd Thursday) (no December meeting)

Council Meetings -2nd Thursday of every month 7PM at the 4th of July Building.

11/14/24 12/12/24

Donation requests should be made using the form on the web site so that we have all the necessary information. Just click on donation request forms on the first page at <http://www.wilmingtonsoi.org>

Congratulation to the 2024 Bocce Champs!



Barbara DiVecchia, Gino DiVecchia, Rob Pustizzi, Maria Graffeo.

Thank you to Dedi Pitzzi and Lisa Mastroilli for running a the bocce league and doing a great job!

Plastic cap collection - Paul and Debbie Cipriani have a granddaughter in Michigan who is a Girl Scout and is collecting plastic caps to be recycled into benches. They can be any plastic caps, any color from water bottles, pill bottles, etc. We would like to help her by collecting caps. Contact Janet Engrem for pickup of caps. jkje@comcast.net 617-957-2460



OCTOBER ITALIAN HERITAGE MONTH EVENTS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2024 - 9AM - Columbus Day Breakfast - Dante Alighieri Cultural Center - 42 Hampshire Street - Cambridge, MA. The breakfast buffet will begin at 9:00 AM. The October Italian Heritage Committee will honor Diane Modica, former Chair of the Massachusetts Commission for Social Justice. She will speak on the importance of Columbus Day. This event is free and open to the public.

October Italian Heritage Month Programs with the Wilmington Library

Please note: All events are free of charge due to the generosity of Maria Fichera (Italian Language), the Roncalli Trust (Afternoon Concert) and the Library
The Library elevator is out of order so please note the change in venues.

AFTERNOON CONCERT OF ITALIAN CLASSICS, October 17, 2024 at 2:30pm - desserts needed (to sign up contact Michele 978-604-6437)

Hailing from Boston's North End, Jimmy Bono Geany, a versatile tenor, has been entertaining audiences all over for many years. From Florida to Boston to New York, New Jersey, Las Vegas and even Italy, folks have swooned to his smooth renditions of the standards from the American Songbook to Romantic Italian and Neapolitan love songs to showstoppers from Broadway classics and the Opera stage! Accompanying Jimmy will be Ray Cavicchio, a well-known Boston entertainer, who started as a guest artist on the Lawrence Welk Show from Hollywood. He performs with a unique keyboard that he designed and built. His performances include Carnegie Hall with classical violinist, Pei-Wen Liao, to Steven Tyler of Aerosmith. **New Location is the Friendship Lodge - 32 Church Street - Wilmington, MA.**



ARMCHAIR TRAVEL TO SOUTHERN SICILY, October 24, 2024 at 6:30 pm - desserts needed (to sign up contact the Library 978-658-2967 or use the link)

<https://wilmlibrary.libnet.info/events?r=nextmonth>

Join Jeff Klapes as he returns for one of his most popular armchair travel presentations. This time we'll visit southern Sicily, at the crossroads of the Mediterranean, and influenced by many different cultures throughout its history. While a part of Italy, Sicily has a distinct culture, dialect, cuisine, and attitude that makes it a place apart. We'll follow the south coast from Agrigento, with its amazing assemblage of Ancient Greek temples, to the stunning Baroque hill towns of the southeast, and finish in the bustling city of Catania, in the shadow of Mount Etna. From Boston's North End, Jimmy Bono Geany, a versatile tenor, has been entertaining audiences all over for many years. From Florida to Boston to New York, New Jersey, Las Vegas and even Italy, folks have swooned to his smooth renditions of the standards from the American Songbook to Romantic Italian and Neapolitan love songs to showstoppers from Broadway classics and the Opera stage! Accompanying Jimmy will be Ray Cavicchio, a well-known Boston entertainer, who started as a guest artist on the Lawrence Welk Show from Hollywood. He performs with a unique keyboard that he designed and built. His performances include Carnegie Hall with classical violinist, Pei-Wen Liao, to Steven Tyler of Aerosmith. **New Location is the Senior Center - 15 School Street - Wilmington, MA**

OUR LODGE ITALIAN HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATION AND MONTHLY MEETING

Sunday, October 20, 2024 - A chance to celebrate our heritage and our elder members!

12:30pm Doors Open - 1:00 - 2:30pm Dinner & Entertainment (Ray Cavicchio) - 2:30 pm Monthly Meeting - 3:30 pm Coffee & Dessert

Calendar Party - Our lodge is having a Calendar Party on Friday, November 1, 2024 at the



Wilmington Knights of Columbus Hall. This is a breast cancer fundraiser. You will **pick a month** and **decorate your table** in honor of that month. You can pick a Holiday or anything you want to represent the month. You will also provide a raffle basket worth \$25. There will be a DJ, coffee and cash bar. Bring your own food. \$25 pp. Sign up in the book.

Contact Janet jknje@comcast.net 617-750-9749

November



Veteran's Day Breakfast - The Wilmington Sons & Daughters of Italy, along with the Methodist Church, would like to invite all Wilmington Veterans and Wilmington Lodge Veterans and a guest to enjoy breakfast at the Methodist Church for breakfast on Veterans Day, Monday, November 11, 2024.

Breakfast will be served from 9am to 10:30am. **This event is free.** The Veterans Day Ceremony on the Wilmington Common will begin at 11am. Register by November 4th. 978-694-2040. Please see flyer attached.



Memorial Mass - We celebrate a Memorial Mass in honor of our lodge's deceased members. It will be held on **Sunday, November 17th at 10:00 am** at St. Dorothy's Church on Main Street in Wilmington. Names of deceased members will be read before mass so **please try to arrive early** to be there when the names are read. **Coffee and donuts** will be served downstairs after mass. Also, please **make every effort to attend** this important Mass in honor of our loved one who have passed! **See attached Deceased Member List.**



Turkey Bingo - Saturday, November 23, 2024 at the Wilmington Senior Center 6:00 - 10:00 pm. Prizes will be Thanksgiving related. Pizza, coffee and dessert
Wilmington Sons & Daughters of Italy members only. \$15 pp. Sign up in the book.

Children's Christmas Party - will be held on **Sunday, December 15, 2024** from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm, at the Wilmington United Methodist Church - 87 Church St. - Wilmington, MA.



This event is for children and grandchildren of members in grades 5 and under. Food and a visit and a present from Santa, and crafts will be available. Please contact Anna Kerkorian amvk77@gmail.com 617-605-4662 or Lisa Lyons skilee206@gmail.com 617 957-8157 or Lynne Martell Lynne_martell@comcast.net 978-729-6044. **Please**

respond by Friday, November 15, 2024 to allow us time to shop for gifts. A confirmation will be sent. If you do not receive confirmation by November 17th, please contact us again. Please do not show up unless you have received a confirmation. We do not want to disappoint any child. **Please see the attached flyer.**

Adult Christmas Party - We are planning to have an adult Christmas Party on **Saturday, December 28, 2024** at the Wilmington/Tewksbury Knights of Columbus. More info to follow.



St Frances House Donations - If you would like to donate **NEW** hats, gloves, scarves or money to the St. Frances House Homeless Shelter in Boston, you can bring your donation to the October 20th or November 16th meeting or contact John Romano 617-750-9749 jromano45@gmail.com



Happy October Birthday to – Judy Agnes, Donna Botte, Linda Caruso, Theresa Christopher, Lennie Ciaccio, Raffaele Ciaramella, Lou Cimaglia, Edi-Jo Cooper, Barbara DiVecchia, R. Lee Farrar, Barbara Intoppa, John LaFauci, Robert Littlefield, Lennie Malvone, Joseph Martell, Pat Mastrorilli, Vinnie Oliva, Gail O'Shea, Vincent Ruocco, Elizabeth Roberts, Joan Foresteire.

October is a beautiful time of year if you live in the northern hemisphere. It's the time of year that the color of leaves begins to change into a magnificent array of hues.

- October has two **zodiac signs**. **Libras** (10/1 - 10/22) are said to value harmony and diplomacy and are both intelligent and kind; **Scorpios** (10/23 - 10/31) are said to value trust and honesty above other things and are quite intense yet imaginative.
- October has two stunning **birthstones**: **opal** symbolizing faithfulness and confidence, and **tourmaline** renowned for its vast spectrum of colors and its ability to inspire artistic expression.
- October has two strikingly different birth **flowers**, the pastel-hued **cosmos** representing peace, and the radiant **marigold** a symbol of tranquility, grace, and grief.
- October is Italian Heritage Month
- October is also Breast Cancer Awareness Month
- October has been the month for significant events in history. Christopher Columbus arrived in the Americas on October 12, 1492. The great Chicago fire erupted on October 8, 1871. In October 1886, France sent the Statue of Liberty to the U.S.
- The "Happiest Place on Earth," Walt Disney World in Florida, officially opened its doors on October 1, 1971.
- Some notable personalities born in October include Mahatma Gandhi, John Lennon, Eleanor Roosevelt, Friedrich Nietzsche, Pablo Picasso, Leon Trotsky. These individuals have made significant contributions in their respective fields, such as politics, music, art, and philosophy
- More U.S. presidents—including Jimmy Carter, Dwight Eisenhower, and Teddy Roosevelt—have been born in October than any other month.
- Famous celebrities born this month include Bruno Mars, Matt Damon, Gwen Stefani, Kim Kardashian, Drake, and Ryan Reynolds
- It wouldn't be October without Halloween, which is celebrated on October 31st. The celebration's origins go all the way back to the Gaelic people of modern-day England, Scotland, and Ireland, who celebrated the festival of Samhain. Among other activities, the original celebrants of Samhain would dress in costumes or disguises and go door-to-door receiving gifts of food, much like how today's children dress up and receive treats!

October is a breathtaking time of year, with nature showing off its vibrant colors, it's hard not to appreciate the beauty around us. It's a time to pause and take in the splendor of the season, whether it's through spending time with loved ones, enjoying the warm weather, or simply admiring the changing leaves. Hence, let's make the most of this great season while we still can.



October as Italian-American Heritage Month was first celebrated in 1989 when it was proclaimed by President George H. W. Bush and the Congress of the U.S. to honor the achievements and contributions of Italian immigrants and their descendants living in the United States.

In the early 1900s, thousands of Italian immigrants came to the United States, searching for a better life just like many other

immigrant groups. About 5.5 million Italians immigrated to the U.S. between 1820 and 2004. The greatest influx of migration took place between 1880 and 1920 when over 4 million Italians came to America. We celebrate Italian American Heritage and Culture month every year to honor the successes and valuable contributions of Italians Americans.

The largest influx of Italian immigrants arrived when coal mining companies were recruiting thousands of men to work the deep mines of West Virginia; Italian immigrants also found work on railroads and farms. Usually, the men came first, then sent for their wives and children after they had saved enough money.

By the second half of the century, Italian Americans excelled in every career field, including law, medicine, teaching, and the arts. Religion and family have continued to be an important part of their heritage. In the new millennium, more Italian Americans are rediscovering their roots, returning to Italy to seek out a relative, baptismal records, or any other family reference.

Here are Five Ways Italians changed American History.

- America's name is Italian inspired Amerigo Vespucci, who explored the east coast of South America between 1499 and 1502, is the source of the name "America."
- An Italian explorer discovered the New World. Christopher Columbus landed on various Caribbean islands that are now the Bahamas as well as the island later called Hispaniola.
- An Italian first mapped the East coast Italian explorer Giovanni da Verrazzano was the first European to map the Atlantic coast of today's United States.
- The Declaration of Independence has Italian inspiration. Filippo Mazzei, a physician and promoter of liberty, was a close friend and confidant of Thomas Jefferson. He published a pamphlet containing the phrase "All men are by nature equally free and independent."
- The Pope helped Italian immigrants. To assist immigrants in the U.S., Pope Leo XIII dispatched a contingent of priests and nuns. Among them was Sister Francesca Cabrini, who founded schools, hospitals, and orphanages.

Each October, we come together and celebrate National Italian American Heritage Month. It is a time set aside for the 18 million Americans of Italian descent to reflect on their family's history, traditions and values. The most meaningful way to do this is by making certain your family's story is kept alive: Pass it on to your children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Explain to them where your family's roots are in Italy, the difficult journey your immigrant ancestors had, the prejudices they faced when they arrived in America and the sacrifices, they and their children made to ensure a better life for all of us today.



Please report any sunshine to Linda Tobin. Please **let Linda know if someone** is sick, has surgery, or has a death in the family. Also good news such as births, weddings, etc. Linda's contact information is 978-604-4706 or e-mail beatlefanlinda@aol.com



We send our "PRAYERS AND GET WELL" wishes to Frank Puleo and Jane Caira.

We send our "prayers and condolences" to Anna Rainone on the death of her sister.



We send our "prayers and condolences" to Sheryl & Lee Farrar on the death of Sheryl's mother, Jeanne Everett.



Congratulations on the engagement of Nickolas Gorham and Kaitlin Robinson



Congratulations to Mike McCoy on the re-opening of his restaurant ~ The Real McCoy.



Congratulations on the marriage of Marina Otis and Mitch Hubert.

Congratulation to Joe and Lynne Martell on their 50th Wedding Anniversary!



Congratulations to Charlie and Barbara DeStefano's daughter, Kristin Tully who is Cancer Free!!!

Please let me know if you have any **GOOD NEWS** that I can share with the lodge - **anything that we can celebrate!**

Please send any address or e-mail changes to Lynne_martell@comcast.net or 978-729-6044 (cell) 978-694-1632 (home).