

Westchester County Celebrates

Italian Heritage & Culture Month • Mese della Cultura Italiana

Cinema &

2017 Celebrating Italian Americans *A Salute To Actors and Directors*

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Rooney Mara
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Susan Sarandon
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Steve Schirripa
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THEATER

Italian Heritage and Culture Month - October 2017



Please note: The IHCNYC has compiled this list of prominent Italian American actors and directors from publicly available sources. Since this does not purport to be a comprehensive or professionally compiled listing, some names of accomplished individuals inevitably will or may have been overlooked or not gathered for inclusion. The intent is to honor the hundreds, if not thousands, of Italian American actors and directors who have enriched our cultural and artistic heritage, whether they appear on this list or not, for we value them all.

WESTCHESTER COUNTY CELEBRATES ITALIAN HERITAGE AND CULTURE MONTH

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October 1, 2017

Westchester County Celebrates Italian Heritage and Culture Month

Benvenuti! October commemorates Italian Heritage and Culture Month. It is a time to celebrate Italian heritage by participating in some of the cultural events, concerts, festivals, ceremonies, opera programs, and parades being sponsored by the schools, organizations and libraries of Westchester County.

**This year Italian Heritage and Culture Month is dedicated to:
“Celebrating Italian Americans. A Salute to Actors and Directors”**

Since early 1900s, Italian American actors, actresses, and movie directors have made a special contribution to the movie and entertainment industry. Actors, actresses and movie directors such as: Rudolph Valentino, Ernest Borgnine, Joe Mantegna, Joe Pesci, Danny DeVito, Al Pacino, Ida Lupino, John Travolta, Lisa Minelli, Marisa Tomei, Frank Sinatra, Tony Danza, Paul Sorvino, Sylvester Stallone, Robert Di Nero, Ford Coppola, Frank Capra, Martin Scorsese, and many others have been and continue to be in the forefront in the development of the movie and entertainment industry in the United States.

We are happy to present this calendar of events and hope that you will join us in the celebration of Italian Heritage and Culture Month and the two proclamation ceremonies: one with County Executive Hon. Robert Astorino on Tuesday, October 3 at 7:30 p.m. in the Antonio Meucci Lodge of the Order Sons of Italy in White Plains, and the other on Monday, October 16 at 6:00 p.m. with the Westchester County Board of Legislators at the Michaelian County Office Building in White Plains.

Buon Divertimento!



Carlo Sclafani, Co-President



Vincent Zuccarelli, Co-President

Office of the County Executive
Westchester County, New York



Proclamation

Whereas

For all of us who live and work in Westchester County, we hold a special sense of pride as we recognize those cultural events that foster ethnic pride, enhance our cultural diversity and strengthen the fabric of our community; and,

Since the ancient Sicilian physicist, astronomer, engineer and mathematician Archimedes first offered improvements to the quality of life in Syracuse, Sicily, with his inventions, Italians and Italian-Americans, including Christopher Columbus, Galileo Galilei, Enrico Fermi and Antonio Meucci, have made significant contributions to the growth and development of our modern society; and,

Whereas

In recognition of these outstanding innovations and the many remarkable contributions Italians and Italian-Americans have made in the fields of science, athletics, arts, music and history, The Westchester Italian Heritage and Culture Committee of the Westchester Coalition of Italian American Organizations celebrates the rich culture and history of Italians with lectures, panels and programs; and,

Whereas

In recognition of the vital contributions to society made by Italians and those of Italian descent, and in honor of the 41st anniversary of the organization, residents throughout Westchester County, New York, join with The Westchester Italian Heritage and Culture Committee of the Westchester Coalition of Italian American Organizations in celebrating Italian Heritage and Culture Month.

Whereas

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROBERT P. ASTORINO, COUNTY EXECUTIVE OF WESTCHESTER COUNTY, do hereby proclaim **October 2017** to be **ITALIAN HERITAGE AND CULTURE MONTH** in Westchester County to honor the many contributions made by Italians and Italian-Americans in our community and throughout the world.*



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Robert P. Astorino, Westchester County Executive

Given Under My Hand and Seal this 1st Day of October 2017

Robert P. Astorino
County Executive



Westchester County Board of Legislators

Proclamation

Whereas

THROUGHOUT ITS HISTORY, WESTCHESTER COUNTY HAS LONG BEEN RENOWNED FOR THE RICH CULTURAL DIVERSITY OF ITS COMMUNITIES. ONE OF THE BEST WAYS WE CAN SHAPE THE FUTURE IS TO PRESERVE WHAT WE VALUE OF OUR PAST. DURING THIS MONTH, WE RECOGNIZE ITALIAN HERITAGE AND CULTURE MONTH IN THE UNITED STATES; THE PERIOD WHEN PEOPLE RECOGNIZE THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF ITALIAN AMERICANS TO THE UNITED STATES AND TO CELEBRATE ITALIAN CULTURAL HERITAGE, AND

WHEREAS, IN THE FIVE CENTURIES SINCE VESPUCCI AND CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS, A SON OF GENOA, ITALY, FIRST SET SAIL ACROSS THE ATLANTIC OCEAN, COUNTLESS INDIVIDUALS HAVE FOLLOWED TO SEEK A NEW LIFE IN AMERICA. SINCE THAT TIME, GENERATIONS OF ITALIAN AMERICANS HAVE HELPED SHAPE OUR SOCIETY AND STEER THE COURSE OF OUR HISTORY. DURING ITALIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE AND CULTURE MONTH, WE RECOGNIZE THE RICH HERITAGE OF AMERICANS OF ITALIAN DESCENT AND CELEBRATE THEIR IMMEASURABLE CONTRIBUTIONS TO OUR NATION, AND

WHEREAS, TODAY, THE LEGACY OF THESE INTREPID IMMIGRANTS IS FOUND IN THE MILLIONS OF AMERICAN MEN, WOMEN, AND CHILDREN OF ITALIAN DESCENT WHO STRENGTHEN AND ENRICH OUR COUNTRY. THEY OPERATE THRIVING BUSINESSES, TEACH OUR CHILDREN, AND SERVE AT ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT, AND SUCCEED IN A MYRIAD OF OCCUPATIONS. DRAWING ON THE COURAGE AND PRINCIPLES OF THEIR FORBEARERS. THEY LEAD IN EVERY FACET OF AMERICAN LIFE, DEDICATING THEIR KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS TO THE GROWTH OF OUR COUNTRY, AND

WHEREAS, TONIGHT, THE MEMBERS OF THE WESTCHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS AND ALL OF WESTCHESTER COUNTY PAUSE TO CELEBRATE THIS YEAR'S ITALIAN HERITAGE AND CULTURE MONTH DEDICATED TO:

ITALIAN-AMERICANS IN CINEMA AND THEATRE; SALUTING ITALIAN AMERICAN ACTORS AND DIRECTORS

WITH SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF OUTSTANDING STUDENTS AND TEACHERS OF THE ITALIAN LANGUAGE IN WESTCHESTER COUNTY

WHEREAS, ON BEHALF OF ALL RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER, WE CELEBRATE THE WORK OF THE WESTCHESTER COALITION OF ITALIAN AMERICAN ORGANIZATIONS LEAD BY CO-PRESIDENTS PROF. CARLO SCLAFANI AND VINCENT ZUCCARELLI AS THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS HAVE ENRICHED OUR CHARACTER AND STRENGTHENED THE FABRIC OF OUR CULTURE, AND THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE WESTCHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS JOIN WITH ALL RESIDENTS THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF NEW YORK AND ACROSS THIS GREAT NATION TO CELEBRATE ITALIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE AND CULTURE MONTH THROUGHOUT WESTCHESTER COUNTY AND THAT THE TEXT OF THIS PROCLAMATION BE CARRIED THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER FOR ALL PEOPLE OF GOOD WILL TO FOREVER KNOW

Given Under My Hand and Seal this 16TH Day of OCTOBER, 2017

Michael B. Koplowitz
Chairman

James M. Naisano
Legislators





HON. VICE CONSULATE
Comm. Stephen Acunto
VICE CONSOLE ONORARIO

Hon. Vice Consulate
Republic of Italy
86 Fletcher Avenue
Mt Vernon NY 10552

Dear Friends,

Sustaining our traditions actively, from our cuisine to our literature and from family vitality to the grand sweep of Italian music and art is more than a hobby or a diversion, it is a necessity for the future of our children. The ancients said it best: Roma non sponte sequor.

Columbus Day gives us an opportunity each year to remember this fact and to mobilize interest in all things Italian. The month of October, now Italian Heritage month in the US, includes events every evening across the metropolitan area at the many institutions and scholastic centers that are thriving as a result of increased interest in the soul of Italy and its expression today in forms that range from fashion to folk dancing. Westchester is at the center of so much of this upbeat activity. We should all be proud of this growing reality in our community.

May I extend kind regards to Prof Sclafani, Cav. Zuccarelli and the organizing Committee members. Importantly, we all join in thanking those who are contributing to the restoration of the areas affected by the recent earthquake in Amatrice and environs.

Have a wonderful celebration,

Comm. Steve Acunto



Roma, 12 settembre 2017

Italian Heritage Month

I greet with affection all those present, and especially Prof. Sclafani, who invited me to participate in this important event. I have been elected to the Italian Parliament by the Italians residing in North and Central America and thus including those in the United States, to represent their concerns within the Italian institutions.

This is an honor for me as it is to be here with you tonight. A time of celebration in which you put in the center the Italian roots, our unique and beautiful roots that allow the tree to grow well, strong. Today, in this America that appears to be suffering an identity crisis, it is important that, as Italians, we rediscover and show our friends the beauty of our cultural heritage, a culture that has helped make America great.

Thanks from the heart, then, to the "Coalition of Italian-American Associations of Westchester" for organizing the " Italian Heritage Month " which shines the spotlight on the teachers and students of the Italian center, where through the language, speaking Italian, we rediscover our common roots and we feel part of the same community.

Thanks again for your commitment which helps to keep a strong tie to an Italy that each one of us carries in his heart.

Fucsia Nissoli Fitzgerald



Roma, 12 settembre 2017

Italian Heritage Month

Saluto con affetto tutti i presenti ed in particolar modo il Prof. Sclafani, che mi ha invitato a partecipare a questo importante evento. Io sono stata eletta al Parlamento italiano dagli italiani che risiedono nel Nord e Centro America e quindi anche da quelli degli Stati Uniti, per rappresentare le loro istanze nelle Istituzioni italiane.

Questo è per me un onore come lo è poter rivolgervi il saluto in questa occasione. Un momento di festa in cui mettete al centro le radici italiane, le nostre inconfondibili e belle radici che permettono anche all'albero di crescere bene.

Oggi, in questa America che si trova in crisi di identità, è importante che, come italiani, sappiamo riscoprire e mostrare ai nostri amici la bellezza del nostro patrimonio culturale, una cultura che ha contribuito a fare grande l'America.

Grazie di vero cuore, quindi, alla "Coalizione delle Associazioni Italo-Americane del Westchester" per aver organizzato l' "Italian Heritage Month" in cui mettete al centro gli insegnanti e gli studenti di italiano, in cui attraverso la lingua, parlando italiano, riscopriamo le nostre origini comuni e ci sentiamo Comunità.

Grazie ancora per il Vostro impegno perché con esso contribuite a tenere saldo il legame con l'Italia che ciascuno di noi porta nel cuore.

Fucsia Nissoli Fitzgerald

Deputata al Parlamento Italiano
Circoscrizione Estero - Ripartizione Nord e Centro America



You are cordially invited to attend a special celebration to honor

Italian Heritage and Culture Month

**Presentation and Proclamation
by the**

**Honorable Robert P. Astorino
Westchester County Executive**

*With Special Recognition of
Outstanding Students and Teachers
of the Italian Language in Westchester*

**Westchester County Honors Italian Heritage
And Culture Month in the Year 2017**

The Theme of the Celebration is:

**Celebrating Italian Americans: Cinema and Theatre,
Saluting Italian American Actors and Directors**

Tuesday, October 3, 2017

**Antonio Meucci Lodge
279 Maple Avenue
White Plains, New York**

7:30 p.m. – Ceremony and Reception

Business Attire

For further information please call (914) 433-6073

**Sponsored by the
Westchester Coalition of Italian-American Organizations
321 White Plains Rd. Eastchester, N.Y. 10709**

**The Westchester County Board of Legislators
Through Chairperson Michael Kaplowitz**

Together with the

Westchester Coalition of Italian American Organizations

Cordially invite you to attend the

Westchester County Proclamation Ceremony

In honor of

Italian Heritage and Culture Month – October 2017

**Celebrating Italian Americans: Cinema and
Theatre, Saluting Italian American Actors
and Directors**

*With Special Recognition of Outstanding Students and Teachers
of the Italian Language in Westchester and Westchester Italian
American Community Leaders*

Monday, October 16, 2017

800 Michaelian Office Building
Eighth Floor Legislative Chambers and Rotunda
148 Martine Avenue – White Plains, NY
Reception at 5:00pm
Ceremony at 6:00pm

Business Attire

For further information please call (914) 433-607

**The Westchester Coalition
Of Italian American Organizations**

**Expresses its gratitude to the following sponsors of the
Italian Heritage and Culture Month Celebrations:**

The Kensico Italian American Society, Hawthorne

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The Eastchester Italian American Citizens Club

Westchester Community College

Mr. Carmine International Hair Salon

Zuccarelli Italian Deli and Meat Market

Antonio Meucci Lodge, Order Sons of Italy

DeCicco Supermarket

The Hon. Judge Francis A. Nicolai

Commendatore Professor Carlo Sclafani

State Senator George Latimer

Mille Grazie!

It Pays to Know ITALIAN

Millions of Italians immigrated from Italy over the years to seek a new life in other countries, their Italian language has spread to every corner of the globe. Italian is spoken in every continent.

Italian is not only the language of Italy but also of southern Switzerland, Corsica, and southeastern France. Italian is also widely spoken and used as a secondary language along the eastern Adriatic coast – in Croatia, Slovenia, Albania, Greece and Malta. There are many speakers of Italian in Africa, for example in Libya, Eritrea, Somalia and Ethiopia. Italian is also a cultural language in Tunisia and Egypt. In the western hemisphere Italian is spoken by millions of immigrants and their descendants in places such as the United States, Argentina, Brazil and Chile.

Employment Opportunities– For anyone who possesses knowledge of Italian, there are attractive employment opportunities. US trade with Italy is considerable and many businesses have positions available. Italian is also useful if one wants to join Foreign Service and in research using language documents.

Italian a language of culture – In view of the many glorious works of art, music and literature which Italy has produced, Italy can truly call herself “La madre della cultura” – The mother of culture. Practical as well as spiritually, Italy has made some of the greatest contributions to the visual arts. Musical instruments like the violin, the mandolin and the piano are of Italian origin. Sonnets and novels originated in Italy; the first operas were produced in Florence.

A rich literature - Some of the world’s greatest books were written by Italians. Among the half dozen most distinguished works, Dante’s “Divine Comedy” stands out the most. Other great authors of world renown are Petrarch, Boccaccio, Machiavelli, Torquato Tasso and Manzoni. Among modern authors Pirandello and D’annunzio are well known. There is a wide range of Italian literature from Guareschi’s highly amusing pranks of “Il Piccolo Mondo di Don Camillo” to the profound writings of the philosopher Benedetto Croce. The autobiography of Garibaldi, the distinguished warrior for justice, freedom and humanity, is fascinating reading. Even a reading knowledge of Italian is an asset that will provide lifelong pleasure and enrichment to whomever so endeavors.

Italy, supreme in art – Italy is the home of paintings, and many great artists have been Italians. Among the countless painters that have enriched the world with their splendid works such famous names stand out. For example Botticelli, Leonardo da Vinci, Michelangelo and Raphael. Every cultured person admires such great artworks as “The Sistine Chapel”, “The Birth of Venus”, “The Last Supper” and “The Mona Lisa”, “David”, and “Pietà”

Italy, supreme in music - As in art, so in music, Italy is in the top ranks. The names of many Italian composers are world-renowned – Palestrina, Monteverdi, Rossini, Donizetti, Verdi, Puccini and Leoncavallo. Everyone enjoys the familiar operas “Lucia di Lammermoor”, “La Traviata”, “Rigoletto”, “Aida”, “Il Trovatore”, “Cavalleria Rusticana”, “La Bohème”, “Madame Butterfly”, “Turandot”, etc., etc. For several centuries, musicians and painters of northern Europe visited Italy to learn from Italian artists and composers and to perfect their art.

Italian scientists – Italians have also made outstanding contributions to various fields of science. Galvani discovered electricity; Volta originated the volt; Torricelli discovered the principle of the barometer; Malpighi studied the circulation of the blood and Marconi invented wireless telegraphy.

Italian Contemporary Contributions – Not only can Italy boast of a glorious past, it may be proud of its present day achievements in the major fields of human endeavor. Italians are still in the forefront of the fine arts. In Venice an inspiring new movement in art, music and the theater, known as Biennale is flourishing.

Italian music has been enriched by the great composer Luciano Berlioz. And everyone knows of Gian Carlo Menotti and his modern operas. Milan is the center of design and fashion. The newest in women’s fashion is on display at the Pitti Palace in Florence, new forms of architecture have been developed by Quaroni and DeCarlo. In engineering an outstanding name is that of Nervi who helped build the George Washington Bridge. In the future Italian engineers are planning a huge structure over the Straits of Messina, which will be the biggest suspension bridge in the world.

Italian is not hard to learn - Since so many Italian and English words have a common Latin root, there are thousands of words that you will recognize at once. Here are a few: artista, sistema, metodo, automobile, piano, musica, classe, presidente, repubblica, poema, serpente, opera. bravo, motocicletta, etc.

Choose Italian as your foreign language – Italian, as pointed out above, is of great importance in many fields. It offers the richest cultural values in music and art. Italian provides attractive opportunities in business and international relations. Italian is useful in travel. When you plan your studies think seriously of taking an Italian course. You will never regret the choice because it will be a valuable practical asset to you as a lifelong cultural enrichment.

WESTCHESTER COUNTY CELEBRATES ITALIAN HERITAGE AND CULTURE MONTH

2017 COMMUNITY EVENTS LISTED BY DATE

Community events are listed by day, date and time and are open to the public unless otherwise indicated. Events are current at the time of publication; however, you may wish to confirm. For the most recent updates, please visit our website at www.wciao.org. To submit events, inquire about membership information, or be placed on the mailing list of the Westchester Coalition of Italian American Organizations, please send an email to Westchesterciao@gmail.com. Enjoy!

Note: *Several Westchester County libraries will feature a display of Italian and Italian-American themed books during the month of October so be sure to check with your local library to see about the displays.*

Many of the events listed in this calendar are sponsotact information is listed here:

*Westchester Italian Cultural Center (WICCN)
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These are designated as WICCN. Address and**

***conprograms@wicc
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ONGOING EVENTS

The Language Club of Westchester

EVERY Wednesday

7:00 PM

We are foreign language lovers who meet weekly for discussions in foreign languages. An Italian table, a French table, a Spanish table, and a German table meet weekly. A Hebrew table meets twice/month. And a Chinese table, a Russian table, and a Yiddish table meet once/month. There are no member dues or commitments. But participants must be able to converse in a foreign language.

NO ENGLISH, PLEASE!

Location: Casaletto Ristorante

15 S. Central Ave, Elmford, NY

Admission: \$18 for a complete dinner, tax & tip included!

Contact: Joanofarc723@aol.com

Columbus Pageant

DAY-BY-DAY EVENTS

**Sunday,
September
17**

2:00 PM

Location: 141 Buckshollow Road, Mahopac, NY

Sponsored by the Italian American Club of Mahopac.

Contact: Josephine Eagan (914)329-0941

Mommy & Me Language Series

Thursday, September 21

10:30AM to 11:30AM - 10 classes

Stimulating language lessons for babies and toddlers 12 months to 3 1/2 years old, and parents or caregivers. Immerse your children in Italian songs, rhymes, movement, and stories with a theme craft activity culminating each lesson. Our experienced teacher implements her own curriculum and songs. Children learn in an age-appropriate, nurturing setting utilizing fun props. Vocabulary lists of childhood topics are provided each session for non-Italian speaking parents and caregivers so that they may reinforce the vocabulary at home. Sibling under 12 months are welcome free of charge.

Members \$300 - Non-Members \$400

Sponsored by WICCN

Contact: (914) 771-8700

WESTCHESTER COUNTY CELEBRATES ITALIAN HERITAGE AND CULTURE MONTH

Festa della Vendemmia-Home Made Wine Contest

Friday, September 22 6:30 PM

The grape harvest tradition will be demonstrated. Wine made by our members will be judged and prizes awarded followed by dinner and musical entertainment by Vincent Ricciardi and his accordion. Admission \$25 – Non-Members \$35
Sponsored by The Kensico Italian American Society
Hawthorne Reformed Church Hall
65 Broadway, Hawthorne, NY
Contact: Brigida Colitto (914) 769-8846

St. Pio Festival September 22-24

A traditional Italian Festival starting with Procession of the Saint and Benediction at 7:00 PM at Depot Square, Tuckahoe, where the feast will be held. There will be food and music on Friday and Saturday evenings from 6:00 PM through 11:00 PM and Sunday from Noon to 7:00 PM. The festival concludes with a procession of the St. Pio Statue and Benediction at 7:00 PM at Depot Square, Tuckahoe.

Location: Depot Sq. Tuckahoe, NY
Sponsored by the Columbus Day Committee of Eastchester-Tuckahoe and the Giuseppe Garibaldi Lodge.
Contact: Vito Catania at vito.c.catania@gmail.com

Saturday Children' Classes

Saturday, September 23

10:30 AM to 12:00 PM - 10 classes
Italian language enrichment course for children ages 4 to 10. Students are grouped by age and ability level in this full immersion enrichment class. The program is designed to allow students to acquire an understanding and develop basic communication skills in the Italian language, while exploring its culture by engaging directly in interactive learning. They will follow a routine that is meant to reinforce what they have previously learned and facilitate the acquisition of new topics. It is designed as an immersion language and cultural experience, with the outcome of having children, with no previous knowledge or

understanding of spoken Italian, acquire linguistic communicative skills and an appreciation of Italian culture.

Members \$300 - Non-Members \$400

Sponsored by WICCNY

Contact: (914) 771-8700

Annual Dinner Dance

Sunday, September 24 2:00 PM

Location: Villa Barone

Hill Top Manor 466 Route 6, Mahopac, NY

Sponsored by The Italian American Club of Mahopac

Contact: Luigi or Bee Cefaloni (845) 216-6141

Adult Cooking Class

Fettuccine con piselli, prosciutto & panna

Tuesday, September 26 2:00 PM

An easy and delicious dish perfect for any occasion! You will be making your own fettuccine from scratch and learn how to prepare the sauce. Enjoy a taste with the class and take home what you made.

Presented by Cathy Blanco.

Members \$50; Non-Members \$60

Sponsored by WICCNY

Contact: (914) 771-8700

From the Heart: A Treasury of Italian Songs

Thursday, September 28 7:00 PM

A one-hour video presentation featuring a collection of some of the most beautiful and beloved songs including *O Sole Mio*, *Torna a Surriento*, *Mattinata*, *Core 'ngrato* from movie and television performances featuring celebrated artist from the 1930's through 1960's such as Beniamino Gigli, Mario Lanza and many more!

Presented by William Ronayne.

Members \$20; Non-Members \$25

Sponsored by WICCNY

Contact: (914) 771-8700

WESTCHESTER COUNTY CELEBRATES ITALIAN HERITAGE AND CULTURE MONTH

Kids in the Kitchen: Taralli dolci

Saturday, September 30 2:00 PM

Taralli dolci are a variation from the traditional *taralli* recipe. Learn how to prepare these special and delicious *taralli dolci* sure to delight everyone! Presented by Cathy Blanco.

Children fee: Members \$30, Non-Members \$40;
Parent & Child fee: Members \$55, Non-Members \$65; Additional person: Members \$30, Non-Members \$40.

Sponsored by WICCNy

Contact: (914) 771-8700

Yonkers Columbus Day Parade

Sunday, October 1 2:00 PM

The parade begins at Yonkers Avenue and Midland Avenues.

Sponsored by the Yonkers Columbus Committee.

Contact: Gerardo Conti (914) 776-6918

Columbus Parade

Sunday, October 1 2:30 PM

Location: Lake Casse Road, Route 6

Sponsored by the Italian American Club of Mahopac

Contact: (845) 628-1641

The Pizza Connection

Monday, October 2 6:30 PM

At this dinner, Mr. Thomas Lynch from Palermo, Italy, will present his book The Pizza Connection. It is a book on Rudy Giuliani and his role as prosecutor against the mafia.

Location: Little Sorrento

3565 Crompond Rd. (Rt. 202) Yorktown Heights

Cost of the dinner is \$35.

Sponsored by The Circolo daVinci

Contact: Dorothea LaScala (914) 282-2434 or

Elaine Eitzer (914) 245-2962.

Italian Pot Luck Supper

Tuesday, October 3 7:00 PM

Each member of the lodge brings their favorite dish.

Speaker Lou Del Bianco will be honored.

Mr. Lou Del Bianco will speak on the role of his grandfather, Luigi Del Bianco, Chief Carver of Mt. Rusmore.

Sponsored by Le Amiche Lodge # 2550

885 Midland Avenue, Yonkers, NY

Contact person: Genevieve Lembo (914)793-5018

Westchester County Executive Proclamation Ceremony

Tuesday, October 3 7:30 PM

Official proclamation ceremony by Westchester County Executive, Honorable Robert P. Astorino, to celebrate Italian Heritage and Culture Month and honor Outstanding Students of the Italian Language and their teachers; reception to follow. Sponsored by the Westchester Coalition of Italian American Organizations.

Antonio Meucci Lodge #213 OSIA

279 Maple Avenue, White Plains

Contact: Professor Carlo Sclafani, (914) 433-6073

carlosclafani@optonline.net

ALFIO in Concert

Thursday, October 5 8:00 PM

Alfio, a well-known Italian-Australian pop singer, returns to Tarrytown Music Hall with his newly expanded Elvis Presley, Frank Sinatra, and Andrea Bocelli show featuring new songs never performed before. Known for his incredible voice and memorizing live show, Alfio's enchanting mix of English and Italian standards as well as contemporary ballads has brought him world wide acclaim as well as a two time Emmy, nominated national PBS concert, and Top Billboard album. Location: Tarrytown Music Hall, 13 Main Street, Tarrytown, NY

Admission: Call for pricing

Contact: Alfio (877) 840-0457

Mean Streets & Wise Guys: The film of Martin Scorsese & Robert DeNiro

Sunday, October 8 2:00 PM

Film historian Max Alvarez takes you on an intense journey explaining the dark and gritty portrayals of urban life created by this legendary filmmaker team.

Sponsored by the Friends of Eastchester Public Library

Admission: Free

Contact person: Tracy Wright (914) 793-5055

WESTCHESTER COUNTY CELEBRATES ITALIAN HERITAGE AND CULTURE MONTH

Italian Concert and Mass

Sunday, October 8 10:00 PM

The Italian American Club of Mahopac cordially invites you to an Italian Concert & Mass in honor of Columbus Day.

Location: St. John's The Evangelist Church on East Lake Blvd, Mahopac NY

Contact: Linda/Giulio Cefaloni (845) 628-1641

White Plains Columbus Day Wreath Laying Ceremony

Sunday, October 8 10:00AM

Columbus Statue Wreath Laying Ceremony followed by complimentary breakfast at the Lodge. Sponsored by the Antonio Meucci Lodge #213, OSIA.

Location: North Broadway at Lake Street, White Plains

Contact: Rose Tassone, (914) 949-9472

14th Annual Columbus Dinner Dance

Sunday, October 8 2:00PM

Honoring Com. Prof. Carlo Sclafani, SUNY Distinguished Professor and former WCC Department Chairperson of Modern Languages Department. Music by Primavera Entertainment. Location: The Stone Manor-101 Saw Mill River Road, Hawthorne, NY.

Admission \$85.

Sponsored by The Kensico Italian American Society

Contact: Brigida Colitto (914) 769-8846

New Rochelle Columbus Day Wreath Laying Ceremony

Monday, October 9 3:00 PM

Location: Hudson Park in New Rochelle, NY.

Sponsored by The Casa Calabria.

Contact: Domenico Procopio (914) 804-3865

Harrison Columbus Day Parade

Monday, October 9 10:00AM

Location: Halstead Ave and Thatcher Ave, Harrison, NY

Sponsored by the Town of Harrison

Contact: Anthony Guglielmo (914) 584-6561

A Musical Journey through Italy with Guest Performers

Monday, October 9

6:15 PM Dinner 8:00 PM Show

Featuring Singer Franco Corso will perform great Italian songs of Andrea Bocelli, Mario Lanza, Luciano Pavarotti. Comedian Uncle Floyd Vivino and World Champion Accordionist Mario Tacca will take part in the performance.

Location: Westchester Dinner Theater, Elmsford, NY

Admission: \$84 plus tax or show only \$50 plus tax

Contact: Pia Haas (914) 592-2222

Growing up in Italy during World War II

Wednesday, October 11 11:15AM

A slide show presentation, question and answer session about the adventures of a 13-year-old girl in 1942 Italy. Award winning artist Isabela Bannerman of King Features Cartoonist and illustrator of L'Aquileta and Franca Vescia Bannerman, translating her mother's stories into a comic book format.

Admission: Free

Location: Davis Theatre, Gateway Center, WCC 75 Grass Road, Valhalla, NY 105095

La Dolce Vita University

Book Presentation

Thursday, October 12 7:00 PM

A special evening for anyone already in *amore* with Italy and its remarkably rich cultural gifts. Carla Gambescia, author of *La Dolce Vita University: An Unconventional Guide to Italian Culture from A-Z* -- a unique lifestyle compendium of all things Italian: food, wine, history, architecture, art, style, anecdotes, attitude -- will be our guide. Our journey, an eclectic slide combining photographic "eye candy" with educating "brain candy". Even the most erudite sophisticated Italophile will discover fun new facts and fascinating new insights. We all need to travel to Italy ... with or without a plane ticket. Join us!!!

Free Admission. Suggested donation \$10

Sponsored by WICCNY

Contact: (914) 771-8700

WESTCHESTER COUNTY CELEBRATES ITALIAN HERITAGE AND CULTURE MONTH

Italian Language and Culture First Anniversary Sunday, October 15 3:00 PM

A full dinner celebration at the Pirandello Institute of Italian Language and Culture First Anniversary. Admission \$50, children \$15
Location: Pirandello Institute, 227 Mill Street, Poughkeepsie, NY

Lecture and Film Presentation: Umberto E and Piccirilli and Me Sunday, October 15 3:00 PM

Guest Speaker Anton Evangelista, award-winning filmmaker. Umberto E is a documentary based on the life of Umberto Evangelista, whose real life Cinderella tale takes leads along a path of personal triumph over childhood abandonment, harsh treatment in an orphanage, and the rejection of his stepmother. Despite all his adversities, Umberto chose love and forgiveness as weapons of revenge, which lead to finding the love of life, wife – Louisa, and the new life they would have with their children in coming to America.

Location: Gateway Center, Davis Theater (Parking Lot 1), Westchester Community College
75 Grasslands Rd, Valhalla, NY

Sponsored by: Westchester Community College Foundation, Italian Scholarship Fund
Admission: Free

Contact: Professor Maddalena (914) 606-6794

Westchester County Board of Legislators Proclamation Ceremony

Monday, October 16 6:00 PM

Official proclamation ceremony by the Legislative Branch of Westchester County to celebrate Italian Heritage and Culture Month, CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF ITALIAN CULTURE IN AMERICA With Special Recognition of Outstanding Students and Teachers of the Italian Language in Westchester.

Reception to precede ceremony. Sponsored by the Westchester Coalition of Italian American Organizations.

Location: Michaelian County Office Building, Legislative Chamber

148 Martine Avenue, White Plains

Admission: Free

Contact: Professor Carlo Sciafani (914) 433-6073
carlosclafani@optonline.net

Adult Cooking Class: Minestra di Zucca

Tuesday, October 17 2:00 PM

Minestra di Zucca is a delicate comfort food. A soup made with pumpkin, potatoes and aromatic herbs that give it a very particular and aromatic flavor. Presented by Cathy Blanco.

Members \$50; Non-Members \$60

Sponsored by WICCNY

Contact: (914) 771-8700

Great Duets From Italian Opera

Thursday, October 19 7:00 PM

A one-hour video presentation featuring classic performances of duets from Italian opera including: *La Boheme*, *Otello*, *I Pagliacci*, *La Forza del Destino*, and many more. Celebrated artists such as Jussi Bjorling, Renata Tebaldi, Mario del Monaco, Luciano Pavarotti and many more are among the wonderful singers giving moving and thrilling renditions. Presented by William Ronayne.

Sponsored by WICCNY

Contact: (914) 771-8700

Kids in the Kitchen: Homemade Fettuccine

Saturday, October 21 2:00 PM

FUN! FUN! FUN! Kids love to make pasta from scratch and marvel at the long fettuccine as they come out from the pasta machine! Enjoy a taste of homemade pasta with fresh tomato sauce. Children take home what they make. Presented by Cathy Blanco.

Children fee: Members \$30, Non-Members \$40,
Parent & Child fee: Members \$55, Non-Members \$65, Additional person: Members \$30, Non-Members \$40.

Sponsored by WICCNY

Contact: (914) 771-8700

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From Italy with Love: Music and Songs of Italy, Featuring singer Teo Ricciardella and a special tribute to Luigi Del Bianco, Chief Carver of Mt. Rushmore

Sunday, October 22 3:00 PM

The talented singer Teo, will perform a highlight of popular Italian melodies. A special tribute to Luigi Del Bianco, Chief Carver of Mt. Rushmore will be presented by his grandson, Lou Del Bianco.

Reception to follow the program.

Sponsored by the Westchester Community College Italian Scholarship Fund.

Admission: Free

Location: Davis Theatre, Gateway Center (Parking Lot 1) Westchester Community College
75 Grasslands Road, Valhalla, NY

Contact: Frank Maddalena: (914) 606-6794

Italian Opera in Westchester County

Saturday, October 21 3:30 PM

And Sunday, October 22 2:00 PM

The Taconic Opera presents the premier of a new Opera buffa **In Bocca al Lupo**, with libretto and music by the company's General and Artistic director, Dan Montez. Loosely translated as the opera equivalent of Break A Leg!, it is the highly amusing story of a buffoon trying to run an opera company. **In Bocca al Lupo** will be performed in both English and Italian with English supertitles above the stage.

Call for prices.

Yorktown Stage, 1974 Commerce St, Yorktown

Sponsored by TACONIC OPERA COMPANY

Contact: (855) 886-7372

Culinary Italian Dishes

Thursday, October 26 3:00 PM

The Eastchester High School Students will make and taste gnocchi di ricotta while talking about Italian food and sharing amusing anecdotes in its preparation.

Sponsored by the Eastchester High School Italian Club

Contact: Lucrezia Lindia at (914) 793-6130 ext. 4285

LGLINDIA@eastchester.k12.ny.us

Celebrating Italian Heritage and Culture Month Friday, October 27 7:00 PM

Dinner and dancing

Entertainment TBA

Location: Heydorn Hall, Hawthorne Reformed Church, 65 Broadway, Hawthorne, NY.

Admission: members \$25 – non-members #35

Sponsored by The Kensico Italian American Society

Contact: Brigida Colitto (914) 769-8846

A Walk through the Vatican Museum

Friday, October 27 7:30 PM

A cultural lecture by Professor Francesco Lindia.

Location: FR. Fata Hall, 125 Wallace St, Tuckahoe, NY

Admission: Free

Sponsored by The Giuseppe Garibaldi Lodge

Contact: Vito Catania vito.c.catania@gmail.com

The Music of Naples

Saturday, October 28 10:30 AM

Explore Naples famous Teatro San Carlo Opera House and the nearby impressive Galleria. Learn about the history of many Neapolitan songs, the sources for their inspiration, and learn about the mandolin, which plays an important part in Neapolitan music. Presented by Toni McKeen.

Members \$20; Non-Members \$25

Sponsored by WICCNY

Contact: (914) 771-8700

82nd Annual Columbus Dinner Casa Calabria Society Dinner Dance

Saturday, October 28 7:00 PM

Honoring Anthony DiCarlo, Gaetano Tizzo, Rocco Turso, and Domenico Bellantoni.

Music by Pane e Cioccolato

Sponsored by the Casa Calabria Society of New Rochelle.

The Surf Club in New Rochelle

Admission: \$110

Contact: Casa Calabria Society (914) 804-3865

WESTCHESTER COUNTY CELEBRATES ITALIAN HERITAGE AND CULTURE MONTH

Antonio Meucci Lodge Annual Dinner Dance Sunday, October 29 3:00 PM

Sponsored by The Antonio Meucci Lodge #213
OSIA

Honoring Sister Rita Carolini as "Woman of the Year"

Location: Surf Club, New Rochelle, NY

Admission: \$90 per person

Contact: Paola Pesaturo (914) 358-5663

Poster Contest

Due date October 30

Eastchester High School students will create a poster based on the theme of **Celebrating Italian American: Cinema and Theater**. The winning posters, selected based on creativity and effectiveness of message, will be displayed at the local library.

Sponsored by the Eastchester High School Italian Club

Contact: Lucrezia Lindia at (914) 793-6130 ext.

4285 LGLINDIA@eastchester.k12.ny.us

Annual Columbus Dinner Dance

Sunday, November 5 1:00 PM

Honoring Gail Nicoletti Wind, Gregory J. Wind Jr., Elenor Marzelli, and Rose Virgilio for their contribution to the community.

Sponsored by Mount Pleasant Italian American Association

The Stone Manor, Hawthorne

Admission: Call for prices

Contact: Richard Dio Guandi, (914) 245-0700

Adult Cooking Class: Anginetti

Tuesday, November 7

Anginetti or Italian Lemon Drop cookies. Soft, light pillow of goodness, these are the Italian cookies everyone sees on holiday trays and on tables at Italian weddings. Presented by Cathy Blanco.

Members \$50; Non-Members \$60

Sponsored by WICCNYS

Contact: (914) 771-8700

Lecture and Film: *Il Postino*

Thursday, November 9 3:00 PM

The film tells a fictional story in which the real life of Chilean poet Pablo Neruda forms a relationship with a simple postman who learns to love poetry.

Sponsored by the Eastchester High School Italian Club

Contact: Lucrezia Lindia at (914) 793-6130 ext. 4285

LGLINDIA@eastchester.k12.ny.us

2018 Miss Italia of Westchester

Wednesday, November 15 7:00 PM

The Miss Italia of Westchester Beauty Pageant is sponsored by The Westchester Coalition of Italian American Organizations and the Antonio Meucci Lodge #213 OSIA

Location: Antonio Meucci Lodge, 279 Maple Avenue, White Plains, NY

Contact: Teresa Chang (914) 382-5663 or

Carlo Sclafani (914) 433-6073

The *Società Onoraria Italica* is Happy to Join the Italian Heritage and Culture Month October 2017

The *Società Onoraria Italica* is the National Italian Honor Society for high school students in the United States. The *Società* is sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of Italian. The purpose of the *Società* is to give recognition to the achievement of high school students who study Italian in the United States and who have distinguished themselves in the study of the Italian language and culture. For a student to be accepted as a member in the *Società*, he or she has to have an average of A in Italian and B+ overall average in their high school studies. The Italian teacher who recommends the student has to be a member of the American Association of Teachers of Italian.

The *Società* was founded in 1965 by a group of New York teachers of Italian and sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of Italian. Their objective was to recognize the special achievements of high school students of Italian as well as to promote a greater understanding and appreciation of the Italian culture and civilization.

The *Società Onoraria Italica* offers scholarships to students and teachers and awards to HS students of Italian in the United States. The *Società* also sponsors workshops for teachers of Italian and supports cultural and educational activities for the purpose of promoting the study of the Italian language in the United States.

Prof. Carlo Sclafani of Westchester Community College and SUNY Distinguished Professor was the President of the *Società* from 1975 to 2012. Prof. Lucrezia Lindia of Eastchester High School has been President of the *Società* since 2012.

For further information please write to Lucrezia Lindia:
Societaonorariait@gmail.com



IN CELEBRATION OF ITALIAN HERITAGE AND CULTURE MONTH – OCTOBER 2017

The Italian Scholarship Fund Of the Westchester Community College Foundation

Presents

The following Free Cultural Events at Westchester Community College

All Are Welcome!

For further information contact Prof. Frank Maddalena (914) 606-6794


Westchester Community College is located at 75 Grasslands Road, Valhalla NY 10595

LECTURE: GROWING UP IN ITALY DURING WWII

Guest Speakers: Isabella Bannerman
King Features Cartoonist, Illustrator of *L'Aquiletta*,
Franca Vescia Bannerman, author of *L'Aquiletta*.

Wednesday, October 11, 2017 at 11:15 A.M.
Davis Theater, Gateway Center
Park in Parking Lot 1

THE PICCIRILLI AND ME

The beauty of iconic New York Piccirilli sculptures is discovered by a 7-year-old boy's fascination with one of them from his daily trip to school.  (will be shown along with Umberto E)

Sunday, October 15, 2017 at 3:00 P.M.
Davis Theater, Gateway Center
Park in Parking Lot 1

DOCUMENTARY: UMBERTO E

Umberto E. is an award-winning film. Anton Evangelista's heart-warming and epic documentary based on the life of Umberto Evangelista, his 90-year-old Italian immigrant father, whose real-life Cinderella tale leads along a path of personal triumph over childhood abandonment, harsh treatment in an orphanage, and the rejection of his stepmother. Despite all his adversities, Umberto chose love and forgiveness as weapons of revenge, which lead to finding the love of his life, wife – Louisa, and the new life they would have with their children in coming to America.



Sunday, October 15, 2017 at 3:00 P.M.
Davis Theater, Gateway Center
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FROM ITALY WITH LOVE



Music and songs of Italy featuring singer TEO RICCIARDELLA, "The Voice of Italy"

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and

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO LUIGI DEL BIANCO

CHIEF CARVER OF MT. RUSHMORE

A special tribute to Luigi Del Bianco, Chief Carver of Mt. Rushmore will be presented by his grandson, Lou Del Bianco.

Sunday, October 22, at 3:00 pm
Davis Theater, Gateway Center
Park in Parking Lot 1



GREETINGS IN ITALIAN by Prof. Carlo Sclafani

Good morning or Good day	Buon giorno
Good afternoon or Good evening	Buona sera
Good night	Buona notte
How are you?	Come sta Lei? or Come stai?
Well	Bene
Thank you	Grazie
And you?	E Lei? or e tu?
I am well, thank you	Sto bene, grazie
I am not well	Sto male
Not too bad	Non c'è male
Not too bad	Così, così
Sir or Mr.	Signore or Signor
Madam or Mrs.	Signora
Miss	Signorina
Excuse me	Scusi or scusa
If you please	Per favore or per piacere
Yes	Sì
No	No
You're welcome	Prego
Do you understand?	Capisce? or Capisci?
I understand	Capisco
I don't understand	Non capisco
I'm sorry, but I don't understand	Mi dispiace, ma non capisco
Please speak slowly	Per favore parli or parla adagio
Please repeat	Per favore ripeta or ripeti
What is your name?	Come si chiama Lei? or Come ti chiami?
My name is John Smith	Mi chiamo Giovanni Smith
Pleasure!	Piacere! Molto piacere!
Hello or Good bye!	Ciao! or Salve!
Bye-Bye!	Arrivederci! or arriverLa!

PRACTICAL SENTENCES IN ITALIAN by Prof. Carlo Sclafani

Dove abita Lei? *or* Dove abiti?

Abito a White Plains

Lavora Lei? *or* Lavori?

Sì, lavoro

No, non lavoro

Dove lavora Lei? *or* Dove lavori?

Lavoro a White Plains

Studia l'italiano Lei? *or* Studi l'italiano?

Sì, studio l'italiano

Dove studia l'italiano? *Or* Dove studi l'italiano?

Studio l'italiano a WCC

Parla italiano Lei? *or* Parli italiano?

Sì, parlo italiano un pochino *or* un po`

Parla inglese Lei? *or* Parli inglese?

Sì, parlo inglese

Capisce l'italiano? *or* Capisci l'italiano?

No, non capisco l'italiano

Le piace l'italiano? *or* Ti piace l'italiano?

Sì, mi piace l'italiano

Le piace parlare italiano? *or* Ti piace parlare italiano?

Sì mi piace parlare italiano

Le piace mangiare? *Or* Ti piace mangiare?

Sì, mi piace mangiare

Sì, moltissimo

Le piace studiare? *Or* Ti piace studiare?

No, non mi piace studiare

Studia molto? *Or* Studi molto?

No, non studio molto

Le piace ballare? *Or* Ti piace ballare?

No, non mi piace ballare

Le piace la pizza? *Or* Ti piace la pizza?

Sì, mi piace la pizza

Balla bene? *Or* Balli bene?

Sì, ballo molto bene

Le piace andare a scuola? *Or* Ti piace andare a scuola?

Sì, mi piace andare a scuola

Le piace andare al cinema? *or* Ti piace andare al cinema?

No, non mi piace andare al cinema

Where do you live?

I live in White Plains.

Do you work?

Yes, I work.

No, I don't work

Where do you work?

I work in White Plains.

Do you study Italian?

Yes, I study Italian.

Where do you study Italian?

I study Italian at WCC.

Do you speak Italian?

Yes, I speak Italian a little.

Do you speak English?

Yes, I speak English.

Do you understand Italian?

No, I don't understand Italian.

Do you like Italian?

Yes, I like Italian.

Do you like to speak Italian?

Yes, I like to speak Italian.

Do you like to eat?

Yes, I like to eat.

Yes, very much.

Do you like to study?

No, I don't like to study.

Do you study much?

No, I don't study much.

Do you like to dance?

No, I don't like to dance.

Do you like pizza?

Yes, I like pizza.

Do you dance well?

Yes, I dance very well.

Do you like to go to school?

Yes, I like to go to school.

Do you like to go to the movies?

No, I don't like to go to the movies.

Italian Language Useful Information

Italian Programs on Television

- RAI ITALIA – 24 hours a day; monthly subscription \$10- \$15; tel. Cablevision or Verizon
- MEDIASET - 24 hours a day; monthly subscription \$5- \$10; tel. Cablevision or Verizon

Newspapers/ Magazines

- *AMERICA OGGI* – Daily Italian Language Newspaper; Daily \$2.00; tel. 201-358-6692
- *ITALIAN TRIBUTE* – weekly newspaper in English; annual subscription \$35.00; tel. 973-860-0101
- *L'ITALO AMERICANO* – weekly newspaper in Italian and English; annual subscription \$49.00; tel. 625-359-7715
- *THE ITALIAN VOICE* – weekly newspaper in English; annual subscription \$35.00; tel. 973-942-2814
- *L'IDEA MAGAZINE* – Four issues in Italian and English; Contact: Tiziano Dossena at 718-954-2958



Learning Italian on the Internet- Free

- * Duo-Lingo.com
- * Babel.com

Italian Radio Programs in Westchester

WVOX RADIO from New Rochelle; 1460 AM

- THE AROUND THE WORLD SHOW with Dr. Luigi Miele; Saturdays 12:00pm- 1:00pm
- RADIO CIAO with Nat Carbo; daily 1:00pm-2:00pm
- FLOYD VIVINO; Saturdays 2:00pm-4:00pm
- ITALIANISSIMA with Dr. Luigi Miele; Sundays 10:00am-11:00am



Italian Language Programs

Credit Courses

- Westchester Community College, Valhalla; Day, Eve, Saturdays, Off Campus Tel. 914-606-6794
- Mercy College, Dobbs Ferry
- Pace University, Pleasantville
- Iona College, New Rochelle
- Manhattan College, Purchase
- Concordia College, Yonkers



- Purchase SUNY College, Purchase

Non-Credit Community Courses for Adults

- Westchester Community College; Saturdays; tel. 914-606-6794
- Westchester Italian Cultural Center, Tuckahoe; tel. 914-771-8700
- North Castle Library, Armonk

Italian Cultural Classes in English

- Westchester Community College, Valhalla; credit and non-credit; tel. 914-606-1794
- Westchester Italian Cultural Center, Tuckahoe; Italian for Children; tel. 914-771-8700

Italian Classes for Children

- Westchester Italian Cultural Center, Tuckahoe; 914-771-8700
- La Piazza di Carolina, Yonkers and other locations; 914-793-2629
- John Cabot Lodge, Harrison; 914-835-0281
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Museums

- Italian American Museum, New York City
INFO@italianamericanmuseum.org
- Garibaldi Meucci Museum in Staten Island
INFO@garibaldimeuccimuseum.org

Genealogical Research

- Interested in researching your Italian ancestry? Contact Maryanne at 631-940-0255.

Recommended Books to Read on Italian Americans

- The Story of My People, from Rural Southern Italy to Mainstream America by Mario B. Mignone, Bordighera Press. Cost \$17 at Amazon, com. "In The Story of My People Mario Mignone gives eloquent testimony to the hopes, fears, struggles and ultimate triumph of his family's extraordinary journey from rural Italy to the American dream. He also gives a poignant voice to the millions of other immigrants who left the *Mezzogiorno* for L'America. In the process he shows how to perform the critical balancing act of embracing the future while preserving the past." Stanislao G. Pugliese, Queensboro UNICO Distinguished Professor of Italian and Italian American Studies, Hofstra University.
- Birds of Passage, an Italian Immigrant Coming of Age Story by Joseph Giordano, Harvard Square Editions, October 2015. Amazon.com Birds of Passage recalls the Italian immigration experience at the turn of the twentieth century when New York's streets were paved with violence and disappointment.
- Cultura Italiana: di Regione in Regione by Lucrezia Lindia. Edizioni Farinelli.com Cost \$42.95. This lively cultural text covering all twenty regions of Italy traces three groups of American students as they travel throughout the country discovering the wonders of Italian culture, history, literature, music, art, and geography. (212) 751-2427.

PERTINENT FACTS ABOUT CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS

(The Italian Voice, October 7, 2010)

BORN: c. October, 1451, in Genoa, Italy

PARENTS: Domenico Colombo and Susanna Fontanarossa

MARRIED: Filippa Moniz Perestrello, who bore him one son, Diego, born c. 1480. She died in 1483. In 1487 he fell in love with Beatriz Enrique de Arana, who bore him a son, called Fernando, on August 15, 1488.

EARLY YEARS: About 1476 Columbus moved to Portugal. Later he traveled to England and to Madeira, a Portuguese island. In 1485 he presented his plan for a voyage across the ocean to the king of Spain. He reached an agreement with the Spanish sovereigns, which was signed on April 17, 1492.

FIRST VOYAGE: August 3, 1492, left from Palos, Spain, with three ships: the flagship "Santa Maria" with 70 men; "La Pinta" with 30 men; and "La Nina" with 24 men; for a total complement of 124 men. It took 71 days to cross the Atlantic before the first land, the island of San Salvador, was discovered. After 7 months and 11 days of discovery and exploration, Columbus returned to Spain also on March 15, 1493.

SECOND VOYAGE: Columbus left Cadiz, Spain on September 25, 1493 with 17 vessels and 1500 crewmembers. The first island he discovered was named "Domenica" because it was a Sunday. After 3 years, 8 months and 17 days of exploration he returned to Lisbon on June 11, 1496.

THIRD VOYAGE: Columbus sailed from Sanlucar de Barrameda on May 30, 1498 with 6 ships, bound for La Espanola. The first new land he discovered was called Trinidad. He then continued sailing along the coast of Venezuela near the mouth of the Orinoco River, which he discovered on August 5, 1498. Landing in the mainland of the American continental system (comprising North, Central, and South America), he traversed the unknown land with a group of native Indians until they reached a part of the Central American region. Here the Indians grew weary, complaining: ". . . this land is never ending." Columbus sailed away on August 13 and on August 30, 1498 reached La Espanola. In early October 1500, he was arrested; accused of governing tyrannically and the Spaniards were short of food and ready to rebel and sent in chains to Spain on board the caravel "Gorda," which reached Cadiz on November 25, 1500. The Catholic Sovereigns ordered him released on December 17, 1500 and received him at Court.

FOURTH VOYAGE: On May 9, 1502, Columbus left Cadiz on his last trip to the New World with four ships. He was accompanied by his son Fernando. Because of political intrigues, he was not allowed to land on La Espanola until August 13, although he reached the island on June 30. He left for Spain on September 12, 1504 and was received at the Court by King Ferdinando in May 1505. The following year on May 20, 1506, Admiral Christopher Columbus died. King Ferdinando ordered the following epitaph placed on his tomb: **"TO CASTILLE AND LEON COLUMBUS PRESENTED A NEW WORLD."**

It is believed that the true remains of Christopher Columbus lie beneath the principal altar of the Cathedral of Santo Domingo. On September 10, 1877, when the Cathedral was undergoing repairs, Father Francisco Javier Billini found an urn with the inscription: "Illustrious Christopher Columbus, first Admiral of America." The inscription was engraved on the urn at Valladolid in 1513, when the remains of Columbus were transferred to the Chapel of Santa Maria de las Cuevas in Seville. Maria de Toledo, Diego Columbus's wife, was responsible for bringing both the bodies of her husband (who died in Spain) and Admiral Christopher Columbus to Santo Domingo.

THE KENSICO ITALIAN AMERICAN SOCIETY, INC.

Celebrates Italian Heritage and Culture Month-October 2017

The Kensico Italian American Society was incorporated in 2003. A group of Italian compatriots wanting to preserve and promote the Italian heritage, culture and language formed the society which is a non-profit organization. The name Kensico was chosen to honor the Italian immigrants who worked on the construction of the Kensico Dam in Valhalla many years ago.

The objective of the organization is to provide a society through which the Italian Americans will promote an understanding and appreciation of the Italian American heritage and culture. The purpose is to promote an awareness of the contributions of Italian Americans in building a better country and creating a greater harmony and friendship among all people.

The society is a cultural, educational and charitable organization. The society contributes to local organizations and supports many other causes in the community as well as individuals in need. Every year scholarships are awarded to Italian American high school seniors in recognition for their academic achievements and excellence in the study of the Italian language. Some of the events and activities include the Ballo di Carnevale, monthly socials, wine contest and wine harvest festival (Festa della Vendemmia), scholarship awards night, Mother's/Father's Day Celebration, card parties, bocce tournament, Book Club, Heritage Dinner Dance, memorial Mass, the Westchester Broadway Theatre Party, special wedding anniversaries event and the Annual Columbus Dinner Dance honoring distinguished Italian Americans in our communities.

The society's goals are to continue in our efforts to preserve, promote and foster our Italian heritage and culture, continue to expand the Italian Academic Scholarship awards to encourage our students and to continue with the study of the Italian language during their college/university years, continue the charitable contributions and assist individuals in need. We must continue to work together to implement new ideas for the enrichment of our community through social and cultural events that reflect our rich Italian heritage. We welcome new members and invite everyone to attend our events and contribute in keeping our traditions, language and culture alive.

For more information on the society and to attend the upcoming events, contact:

Brigida Colitto at (914)769-8846

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Application Deadline: December 10 for Fall and Aug. 15 for Spring Semester -Applications must be submitted online

Instructions to apply for an Italian Scholarship

1. Go to www.sunywcc.edu
2. Select Student Services
3. Select Scholarships
4. Click Online Scholarships
5. Fill out and Submit the online WCC Scholarship
6. Login using your campus login and password
7. At the bottom of the form, select “Recommended Opportunities” and select “Italian Scholarships”
8. If you are applying online only for Italian Scholarships, just type “0” for all financial questions. If you are applying only for Italian Scholarships in general including the Italian Scholarship, you need to include all family financial information on the questionnaire. Be informed that many scholarships at Westchester Community College are based on personal merit and achievement in school. Financial information is different from Financial Aid.
9. Answers the supplemental questions in regards to the Italian Scholarship and “submit”

The WCC Foundation Scholarship Office offers hands-on, individual assistance with filling out the online scholarship. For more information, please contact the Scholarship Office at 914-606-6442; or by email at scholarships@sunywcc.edu. In addition, you may drop by the Scholarship Office during the hours of 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. The office is located in Room 242 of the Library (2nd Floor).

For further information on the Italian Language and Culture program and Italian scholarships, please contact Professor Frank Maddalena at 914-606-6794 in the Gateway Building, Room 223.

2016 Earthquake Relief Concert Event and Report

The Westchester Coalition of the Italian American Organizations in cooperation with the Italian Club of Eastchester High School sponsored an Italian Earthquake relief concert on Sunday, November 6, 2016 in Eastchester High School. The event featured some of the best Italian-American performers of Westchester County. Singers: Alfio, Anna Valeva, Antonio Guarva, Don Felice, Francesca Cavaliere, and MC Jim Masters entertained the audience of 400 with their wonderful songs and music. A total of \$21,012 was raised for the benefit of the 2016 Italian earthquake victims of Central Italy. The money was sent to NIAF (National Italian American Foundation) in Washington D.C. NIAF has been fundraising in the U.S. since last year and have raised over \$7 million dollars. They are continuing to fundraise at a national basis. NIAF will eventually sponsor a reconstruction project for the Italian earthquake victims in Central Italy.

All the performers donated their talent and time. Eastchester High School Italian Club donated the use of the theater.

The Westchester Coalition of Italian American Organizations would like to express our gratitude to all the donors for the generous contributions and the singers who performed at the concert.

Mille Grazie!

Celebrate Italian Heritage and Culture Month – October 2017



Luigi Del Bianco Plaque Unveiling!

LUIGI DEL BIANCO OFFICIALLY RECOGNIZED AS CHIEF CARVER ON THE MOUNT RUSHMORE NATIONAL MEMORIAL

On Saturday September 16, 2017, the National Park Service dedicated a long overdue plaque to Luigi Del

Bianco, Chief Carver on the Mount Rushmore National Memorial. Luigi Del Bianco was an immigrant born in Italy and lived for many years in Port Chester, NY. The unveiling ceremony took place at the iconic memorial and is be open to the public.

Del Bianco, an Italian immigrant and classically trained stone carver, was hired by designer Gutzon Borglum to be his only chief carver in 1933. Borglum charged Luigi with carving the “refinement of expression” in the faces of the four presidents. *“He will have complete charge of the practical ways and means of dealing with the finesse of carving and instructing the other carvers...”* GUTZON BORGLUM, Sculptor/Designer

When the “Carving of Mount Rushmore”, by Rex Allan Smith, was published in 1985, Luigi’s son Caesar was shocked to find that his father wasn’t mentioned once.

Luigi’s grandson Lou discovered on a trip to Mount Rushmore that his grandfather was just a name on a giant plaque listing all 400 “workers” equally, regardless of their role and contribution. Years of research by Caesar and Lou at the library of Congress unearthed a treasure trove of primary source documents proving once and for all Luigi’s vital and singular importance to the work.

The National Park Service has traditionally credited all the workers on the memorial as one team and has recently weighed the appropriate way to share Del Bianco’s story in light of the historical evidence. To make a final determination on appropriate recognition, the National Park Service sent historians Bob Sutton and Tim Good to Port Chester, NY in October 2015 to review the 75 documents stored by Lou Del Bianco. They were impressed by the evidence and ultimately recommended that a plaque be installed at the memorial to recognize the gifted immigrant artisan, who, in his last interview, said that being Mount Rushmore’s Chief Carver “was a great privilege granted me.”

Lou, the grandson of Luigi, has written a book about his grandfather entitled, “Out of Rushmore’s Shadow: The Luigi Del Bianco Story”. The book lovingly details Luigi’s immigrant experience, his adventure at Rushmore and the 25-year struggle his family took on to get him the recognition he so truly deserves. A copy of the book is available in September 2017.



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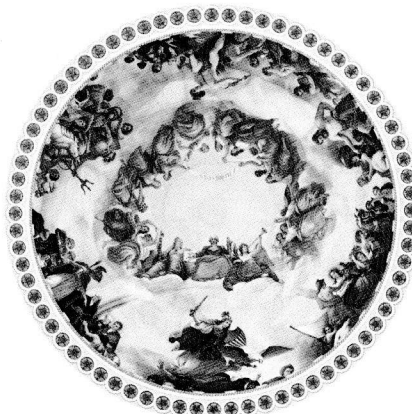
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*The Apotheosis of Washington,
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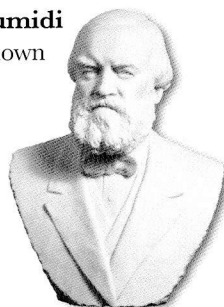


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Artist of the Capitol

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Italian Dual Citizenship

What it takes to be a citizen of Italy and America

An interesting phenomenon has been occurring the past decade; more Americans of Italian descent are applying for Italian Dual Citizenship.

There are different reasons for Italian Citizenship. Many people want to work in the EU, and having citizenship and an Italian passport will give the individual an advantage in job hunting in Europe. Others may want to have a second home in Italy, or retire in Italy, or in fact, reconnect to their roots and feel more “Italian”.

Of course, having the interest and being “qualified” can be quite a different story; in fact, having an ancestor born in Italy is not the only requirement. You have to make sure that your ancestor who was born in Italy did not become a U.S. citizen before the birth of his/her son or daughter here in the United States. The key document to determine if you qualify for Italian Dual Citizenship is the Naturalization Certificate (the so called Statement of No Record) from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services(USCIS).

Once you verify that you qualify, you will need to provide birth, marriage, death and divorce (if applicable) documents issued in the correct format proving that you and your ancestor are indeed related through either your father or your mother’s lines.

You will also have to make an appointment with the Italian Consulate that has jurisdiction over the state where you reside. When you are granted Italian Citizenship you are only registered in the A.I.R.E. associated with your Consulate, i.e. Registry for the Italians residing abroad, which has no fiscal implications.

Since this process may take months, people are increasingly applying directly in Italy. By doing so, you have to establish Italian residency, which means at a minimum getting an Italian Social Security Number. You will apply through the Italian Town Hall in the Comune where you chose to reside. In addition, the application is more convoluted.

If you don’t qualify through your Italian Ancestor? There are other ways to claim Italian Citizenship, if you are living now, or plan on living in Italy (through work visas, etc.) you may qualify in the following ways:

- 1.) Live one year in Italy, if you were formerly an Italian citizen;
- 2.) Live three years in Italy, if you are a foreigner with native-born Italian parents or grandparents;
- 3.) Live four years in Italy, if you are a citizen of another EU country;
- 4.) Live ten years in Italy, if you are a citizen of a non –EU country (such as the U.S.)

Italian Dual Citizenship provides another way for us to strengthen our bond to Italy and America; two countries we love.

ITALIAN CULTURAL FILMS FOR PURCHASE (DVD FORMAT)

- ***“Christopher Columbus”*** The best film on Columbus and his discovery of America. Starring Frederic March and based on the novel by Rafael Sabatini, the film is perfect for the whole family.
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- ***“Genius: Galileo”*** He was an astronomer, instrument maker and inventor of the telescope. The DVD highlights his pioneering work and why he is called the father of astrophysics.
- ***“Sacco and Vanzetti”*** A documentary about Italian immigrants and anarchists, Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti: seen as symbolic victims of ethnic bigotry and injustice.
- ***“Italians in America, Our Contribution”*** This documentary depicts how Italians helped make America the greatest of nations. Well-researched and well made, the film inspires Italian pride.
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- ***“The Medici: Godfathers of the Renaissance”*** An outstanding documentary that explains why the Medici are key figures in understanding the greatness of Italy.
- ***“Rehearsal for a Sicilian Tragedy”*** Actor John Turturro takes viewers on a tour of his family’s homeland in Sicily as he looks at the age old craft of Sicilian puppeteers.
- ***“Excellent Cadavers”*** This documentary rightly pays tribute to two of Italy’s greatest men: modern day martyrs and heroes, Giovanni Falcone and Paolo Borsellino. Italy’s successful war against Cosa Nostra is relived.
- ***“If Stone Could Speak”*** This documentary looks at Barre, Vermont, a place in America famous for Italian stone carvers and sculptors. A great documentary to inspire Italian pride in craftsmanship.
- ***“La Rabbia”*** A fascinating documentary by two of Italy’s pre-eminent film makers and intellectuals, Pier Paolo Passolini and Giovannino Guareschi. “La Rabbia” is two films in one; views from the Left and Right on the 50s and 60s.
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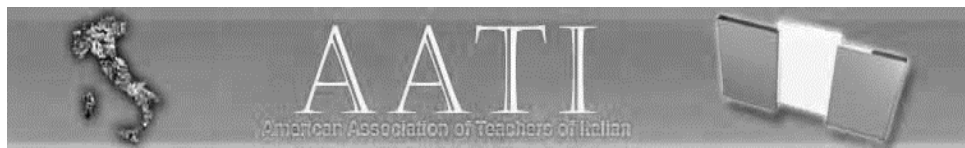
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THE WESTCHESTER COALITION OF ITALIAN AMERICAN ORGANIZATIONS

Proudly Sponsors Italian Heritage and Culture Month in Westchester County October 2017

The Westchester Coalition of Italian American Organizations is an umbrella organization of 20 Italian American organizations in Westchester County. The WCIAO objectives and goals are to: unify the Italian American organizations of Westchester for the sake of promoting a better communication and rapport among them; promote and foster the Italian language and culture in the community and in all Westchester County schools; support and promote the cultural, social and artistic activities of the Italian American organizations; protect and defend the Italian Americans against prejudice and discrimination; coordinate a calendar of events for the month of October – the Italian Heritage and Culture Month.

The Westchester Coalition of Italian American Organizations was founded over 30 years ago by Anne Crisci Santena, Gastone Orefice, Mariella Clark and Carlo Sclafani. The present presidents are Carlo Sclafani and Vincent Zuccarelli. Our honorary board members include: Hon. Vice Consul Stefano Acunto – Honorary Vice Consul of Italy; Hon. Janet Di Fiore – Westchester County District Attorney; Hon. Judge Francis Nicolai – former administrative Judge of the Ninth Judicial District, State of NY; Hon. Andrew Spano – former Westchester County Executive; Hon. Michael Spano – Mayor, City of Yonkers.

Member organizations of WCIAO are: Alessandro Manzoni Lodge of Mamaroneck; Antonio Meucci Lodge of White Plains; Association of Former Citizens of Guardia Lombardi of Mount Vernon; Casa Calabria Mutual Aid Society of New Rochelle; Circolo da Vinci of Yorktown Heights; Eastchester Italian American Citizens Club of Eastchester; Fieri of Pelham; Giovanni Caboto Society of Harrison; Giuseppe Garibaldi Lodge of Eastchester; Kensico Italian American Society of Valhalla; Le Amiche Lodge of Yonkers; Italian American Club of Northern Westchester of Mt. Kisco; Italian Civic Association of Mt. Vernon; Mt. Pleasant Italian American Association; Salerno Club ed Amici of Yonkers; Silver Lake Mutual Society of Silver Lake.

For information please call (914) 433-6073.

THE ANTONIO MEUCCI LODGE #213
OF THE ORDER SONS OF ITALY
Proudly Joins Italian Heritage Celebrations in October 2017

On February 22, 1914, a group of Italian masons, tailors, shoemakers, professors, lawyers and doctors of White Plains, formed an Italian American organization whose mission it was to protect and fight discrimination and help Italian Americans in need. They named this organization, THE ANTONIO MEUCCI LODGE #213, a Lodge of the national Italian American Organization, THE ORDER SONS OF ITALY. They adopted the principles of the Order: liberty, equality, and fraternity. Within a few years, membership of The Antonio Meucci Lodge grew to 275.

The Lodge was named after the great Italian inventor, Antonio Meucci, who was known in Italy and among Italians in America, as the true inventor of the telephone. Meucci's invention took place in 1871, five years before Alexander Bell. On October 12, 1915, the Lodge helped erect the monument of Cristoforo Colombo on North Broadway in White Plains. Following their philosophy, the Lodge has assisted Italian Americans in White Plains with their needs as well as helping to keep alive the Italian spirit and way of life. In 1978, another dream came true. Under the leadership of the Venerable Antonio Capicotto, money was raised from the membership to construct a new building to house the Antonio Meucci Lodge. This beautiful new building, located on 279 Maple Avenue in White Plains, was inaugurated on October 12, 1980. Shortly thereafter the Lodge expanded to include women. Today, the Antonio Meucci Lodge, under the leadership of President Mario Cermele and the many fine officers and members, continues to prosper and become a very active Italian American organization whose mission continues to be to assist those in need and support community causes as well as to preserve and promote the Italian language and culture in White Plains and in Westchester County. Some of the activities of the Lodge are: the Annual Columbus Dinner Dance, Italian cultural shows, the Columbus Wreath Laying Ceremony, the Annual Picnic, the Ceremony for Scholarship Students of Italian and for Sons and Daughters of Members of the Lodge, the Bocce Tournament, the Ceremony at the Statue of Columbus in White Plains, the Hall of Fame Dinner Dance, the Italian Heritage Festival at the Kensico Dam in White Plains, and many more cultural and social activities.

The Antonio Meucci Lodge is located at 279 Maple Avenue in White Plains, NY. For further information call President Mario Cermele at (914) 325-1239.

LE AMICHE LODGE #2550 ORDER SONS OF ITALY IN AMERICA Celebrates Italian Heritage and Culture Month – October 2017

With the aid and guidance of New York State Officers Nicholas Viglietta, Joseph Cangemi, Sam DiTrapani, and Paul Petraro, and in the playroom of 15 Candlewood Drive, Yonkers, Genevieve Lembo, Ann Tataro, Mary Jane Carvigini formed Le Amiche Lodge #2550, Order Sons of Italy in America. The name Le Amiche was chosen because the Italian translation means “The Friends” and that is what they were, Good Friends.

The members were well indoctrinated in principles and ceremonies of the Order Sons of Italy in America, and on December 3, 1983, a Lodge was born! The installation ceremonies were held at the Vince Lombardi Lodge in the Bronx.

Through the years, our lodge has flourished not only in membership but also in support of the New York State Grand Lodge and the National Supreme Lodge. Since 1993, our lodge has presented High School and College scholarship awards to our members’ children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews. In 1999, we added The Gabriella Rywalt Memorial Scholarship for Special Needs in memory of one of our charter members, and in 2002 the Lembo Family College Scholarship Given in Memory of Phyllis Molino Lembo was instituted thanks to the generosity of Genevieve and Anthony Lembo.

In 1994, at our annual dinner dance, we presented then New York State President Joseph Sciamie with a check in the amount of \$5,000 to form a perpetual scholarship in the name of our lodge, and at the 1997 convention we presented the final \$5,000 to complete the scholarship. Every year, a student starting college is given a New York State OSIA scholarship named Le Amiche Lodge #2550.

On a local level – My Sister’s Place (a shelter for battered women), St. Peter’s Church (to feed the homeless), US Post Office (Christmas gifts for needy children), John Burroughs Junior High School (Italian Club), Casa dei Bambini (a rehabilitation home for sick children from other countries), St. Joseph’s Nursing Home and The Home for the Aged Blind and The Red Dog Foundation are some of the local institutions to which we have lent our support.

On a state and national level, our lodge supports such charities as Alzheimer’s Disease, Breast Cancer Research, Gift of Sight, Arthritis Foundation, Cooley’s Anemia, Garibaldi Meucci Museum, The Commission for Social Justice and countless other charities.

Our lodge has been fortunate over the years to have three past presidents rise through the ranks and represent us on a State level as State Trustees and State Corresponding Secretary and we have always been well represented at the annual State Convention. We look forward to many more years working as a team in support of the Order Sons of Italy in America.

For further information, please contact Genevieve Lembo at 914-671-5388.

MOUNT PLEASANT ITALIAN-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

Celebrates Italian Heritage and Culture Month

October 2017

The Mount Pleasant Italian American Association (MPIAA) will be celebrating its Silver 26th Anniversary in 2017. It was founded in 1991 in Thornwood and continues today to be a very strong and vibrant source for Italian-American culture and heritage in the Mt. Pleasant community.

The original club charter was developed by a committee that included former Town Supervisor Mike Rovello and former Judge Frank Nicolai, 9th Judicial District Administrative Judge of the Supreme Court of the State of New York.

One of the main events of the year is the Annual Awards Banquet and Dinner Dance. MPIAA honors distinguished members of the community for their outstanding contributions to the Westchester Italian-American community.

MPIAA holds its monthly meetings at its current location at the Thornwood American Legion Gilbert Rauh Post Hall.

Currently the club has approximately one hundred members and is very active in the local community, including offering three annual scholarships to local graduating high school seniors.

Some of MPIAA's activities include annual scholarships; Carnevale; wine tasting dinner; annual picnic; bocce league; monthly socials; various trips to New York City and local areas; Annual Awards Dinner; Italian-American Festival; card parties; Columbus Day parade and activities; Memorial Day parade and wreath ceremony; and Christmas/holiday party and installation of new officers.

For further information, contact Richard DioGuardi at (914) 391-9044.

**IL CLUB ITALIANO OF
WESTCHESTER COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Celebrates Italian Heritage and Cultural Month
October 2017**

Il Club Italiano of Westchester Community College began in 1971 when a group of WCC Italian-American students established the Italian Club at Westchester Community College. WCC student Frank Maddalena was elected the first President, and Prof. Carlo Sclafani became the Faculty Advisor.

The objectives of the Italian Club are to preserve and promote the culture, language, customs, traditions, folklore, and food of Italy; to acquire a better understanding and appreciation of the Italian heritage; and to promote the significant contributions of Italians and Italian-Americans in the United States. Our activities include Italian concerts and operas, shows and dances, cooking demonstrations and dinner dances, Italian films and lectures, and cultural trips to the Metropolitan Opera House in New York City and to different areas of Italy, Europe, and the USA.

The WCC Italian Club continues today to promote the Italian language and culture under the leadership of WCC students and Faculty Advisor Prof. Frank Maddalena. Most of the activities are held at Westchester Community College. The community is welcome to participate in these activities.

For further information please call Professor Frank Maddalena at (914) 606-5635.

CASA CALABRIA SOCIETY
Proudly Participates in Italian Heritage and Culture Month
Celebrations - October 2017

The year was 1935, the month was June and the United States was in the midst of the Great Depression. Sixteen naturalized Americans, who years earlier had left the sunny climate of Calabria, the warmth of the family hearth and the genial companionship of friends and relatives, met and decided they would form a mutual aid society. They wanted to embody the best of Italian culture and customs with traditions of the United States.

It was not a very promising or auspicious beginning. These die-hards held their meetings “here, there and anywhere.” One of the founding members offered his fruit and vegetable store on the corner of Union Avenue and Second Street in New Rochelle as a permanent meeting place. In 1948 it was decided to hold a bazaar in order to raise funds to buy a club. The bazaar was held on West Main Street at the junction of Main and Huguenot (Gulf Gas Station at site now). This was the first time in the history of New Rochelle that an Italian-American organization of any kind ventured out of West New Rochelle. The bazaar was planned originally for one week. Because of inclement weather, it was extended a second week.

The bazaar was such a financial success that the Society purchased its own building at 81 Union Avenue. However, there remained a \$13,000 mortgage, a large sum in those days. Members came forth buying shares more on faith than based on business acumen. Amazingly, in a short time, the faithful were repaid.

Before the hall was remodeled, a flag was put on the roof of the Society’s building, proclaiming the Calabria Society’s patriotism. To this day, the American flag flies atop Casa Calabria day and night. The flag, well lit at night, can be seen flying, an enduring symbol and beacon of true Americanism.

The Calabria Society has been very active in civic affairs in New Rochelle. Her sons and daughters have served in local, county and state governments throughout its history. They have served in the Armed Services with honor and distinction. During the late fifties, the Calabria Society led a successful fight to use the former Albert Leonard High School for a new City Hall. The first two Italian-American Mayors of New Rochelle were Calabrians and members of the Society. No other Society in the history of New Rochelle can boast of a better record in community affairs and involvement than the Calabria Society.

Today the Calabria Society supports many organizations that help others as well as promote Italian culture. The Society also gives out various scholarships at its annual dinner dance, which demonstrates its belief in education. The Calabria Society promotes Italian Culture, Community and Generosity.

For further information contact Domenico Procopio at (914) 632-9742.

CIRCOLO DA VINCI OF YORKTOWN

Celebrates Italian Heritage and Culture Month- October 2017

Circolo da Vinci is a non-profit charitable and educational organization established in 1982 by a group of Italian-Americans interested in acknowledging and preserving the customs, traditions, and accomplishments of their Italian heritage. The objective of Circolo da Vinci is to promote the appreciation of Italian values and heritage in the community, and to create a greater harmony and understanding. Circolo da Vinci usually meets the first Monday of the month at Little Sorrento's on Route 202 in Yorktown. Cost is \$35 per person, which includes dinner and varied programs on topics pertaining to the history and culture of Italy and Italian-Americans.

Every year the organization offers competitive scholarships to local high school students who have excelled in the study of Italian. Applications for these scholarships are sent to the high schools in the local area. The scholarships are currently \$2,000 each, and the Circolo da Vinci gives out as many as they have been able to raise funds for. Additional awards are given to students who have excelled and completed three years of study in the Italian language.

Each fall Circolo sponsors a Bocce Tournament as a fundraiser. In the spring it holds a dinner at which the scholarships are awarded and at which the "da Vinci" award is presented to a person who serves as an Italian-American role model and who exemplifies what can be done to enhance the lives of others in the community.

For more information on the Circolo and to be informed of upcoming events, contact:

Elaine Eitzer at (914) 245-2962

Dorothea LaScala at (914) 245-2316.

Address: Circolo da Vinci, P.O. Box 573, Yorktown Heights, NY 10598

THE ASSOCIATION OF FORMER CITIZENS OF GUARDIA LOMBARDI

Celebrates Italian Heritage and Culture Month - October 2017

The Guardia Lombardi Association was founded 75 years ago primarily out of a desire to establish a haven for those immigrants from the town of Guardia dei Lombardi who had settled in the New York region to mutually support their struggles in establishing a new life in a new country. Indeed, many of these men came to the USA without their families and were virtually alone. It was also important for these men that an association be established where they could socialize and preserve their "Guardiesi" identity and traditions. To that end, a small committee was established which went house-to-house of their "paisani" to inquire whether they would be interested in joining a new society. The committee met with some success, and an organization officially named "The Association of Former Citizens of Guardia Lombardi Province of Avellino, Italy" was founded on August 7, 1938 in the City of Mount Vernon, New York. The membership grew from just 44 members to 73 by the end of the year.

In the early 1900's another society named "Guardia Lombardi" existed which was made up of immigrants from their home town, including Joe Di Marino. The meetings were held in Newark, Brooklyn and White Plains. Joe thought it would be better to establish only one location for the meetings. To that end he set out to establish a new Guardia Lombardi Society which would be situated at one location.

The coming of World War II saw many of their members called to serve in the U.S. armed forces, which they did willingly and proudly. Despite this major disruption, Joe Di Marino, one of the older members, remained resolute in furthering the establishment of the Society, continuing to hold meetings and keeping an active membership.

After a considerable amount of time, funds were raised to purchase a vacant lot and to construct a new headquarters on the corner of Putnam and Locust Streets in Mount Vernon. The building was completed three years later. In 1979 the Ladies Auxiliary of Guardia Lombardi Society was established. Over the last 36 years it has raised funds for various charities as well as supporting the Association's scholarship program.

During the past 77 years of the club's existence, it has sponsored many philanthropic and humanitarian events: an annual senior citizens' barbeque; a scholarship fund for members' children and relatives entering college; specific fundraisers to help members in need; a summer picnic for members and friends.

On August 24, 1995 the City of Mount Vernon honored the Society by officially renaming Putnam Street "Guardia Lombardi Plaza."

The early goals and purposes of the Association of Former Citizens of Guardia Lombardi continue to be to provide aid and support to "Guardiesi," to preserve tradition, and to engage in community service. Today some 35,000 "Guardiesi" and their descendants live in Westchester County and regard the Society as a binding tie to their common heritage.

For more information, please contact Joe Petriello at (914) 664-8996.

THE ITALIAN AMERICAN CLUB OF MAHOPAC, PUTNAM COUNTY
Joins the Celebration of Italian Heritage and Culture Month
October 2017

Founded in 1928, the Italian American Club began as a welfare organization to help Italian families that had suffered catastrophic illness or death. At the time, the population of Mahopac was about 1,700 with approximately 30 Italian families, who had come from Italy to work as masons, carpenters, laborers, and gardeners. It was very difficult for them, especially during the Depression. Masons and carpenters were paid \$4 per day, while gardeners and laborers only received between \$2.50 and \$3.00 per day. Eventually, as the treasury increased, the Club purchased a lot from Bill Agor on Buckshollow Road where the current Club now stands. One of the members drew up plans for the clubhouse and construction began in 1929. All the members used their skills to build the Club. The Club house took about 4 years to complete.

In the 1980's The Club began sponsoring the Putnam County Columbus Day Parade in an effort to celebrate Italian American culture and contributions to the USA. Twenty years ago, the festivities included only a parade from the current CVS to Key Foods. Today the festivities have risen to a new level under the leadership of Giulio Cefaloni and include not only a parade, but also televised cultural and cooking programs. A wide range of events and fundraisers including a dinner dance, a journal, a fashion show, a Miss Columbus Pageant, and casino nights all help defray the cost of a very popular and growing parade. The Parade and The Street Festival coincide to bring our community a wonderful and exciting Columbus Day celebration. All this coordination, cooperation and effort has been a tribute to the Putnam County Columbus Day Festivities Committee, Club leadership and membership and town officials and citizens.

In an effort to promote the Italian language and culture, the Club has conducted a variety of programs: Italian language and culture classes with Mahopac High School, St. Anthony Mass in Italian, folkloristic groups from Italy, and Bocce tournaments. The Club has also organized Ballroom Dance classes, a Children's Christmas Party, and a Summer Picnic for recreation and entertainment.

The Italian American Club of Mahopac has been recognized for its community contributions by the Town of Carmel, The Town of Carmel Historical Society for the erection of The Christopher Columbus Statue in 1992, The National World War II Memorial Fund, The Gold Star Mother's Memorial, The American Legion, and The Mahopac Central School District for scholarship awards.

The Italian American Club of Mahopac is a well-recognized organization of the greater Community and continues to foster good citizenship and respect for ethnic diversity. We welcome new members and invite everyone to participate and contribute in keeping our traditions, language and culture vibrant for further generations.

For further information call Giulio Cefaloni at (845) 628-1641.

Thank You

**For Keeping Our Italian
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**Le Amiche Lodge #2550
Order Sons of Italy**

Paula Baratta, President

Cathy Lembo Lloyd, State Trustee

Inventions of Italy

Did you know...?

- **THE ARCH:** This Etruscan device was perfected by the Romans and has become a standard in world architecture. *Caementa*, or cement was first developed near Naples using volcanic soil from Mt. Vesuvius.
- **POLYPROPYLENE PLASTIC:** This everyday product was invented by the Italian chemist Giulio Natta. Its tough, rigid characteristics make it ideal for bowls and utensils.
- **BOOKKEEPING:** Double-entry bookkeeping was devised by Italian businessmen during the Middle Ages. Luca Pacioli later published the first manual on accounting.
- **VIOLIN:** This medieval string instrument was brought to perfection by Italian craftsmen like Antonio Stradivari in the 1600's.
- **WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY:** The genius of Guglielmo Marconi devised the transmission of Morse Code by way of short waves. Radio and television were developed from this technology.
- **TELESCOPE:** The first practical telescope was designed by Galileo Galilei about 1610.
- **THERMOMETER:** Also invented by Galileo
- **EYEGLASSES:** The use of the polished lens to improve vision was attributed to a Dominican monk named Alessandro Spina, of Florence. The year was 1291.
- **STORAGE BATTERY:** This indispensable part of our lives was invented by Alessandro Volta in 1800.
- **DOME:** This engineering breakthrough was the product of ancient Roman ingenuity. The oldest dome (Pantheon) still stands in Rome after 2000 years. Michelangelo's dome over St. Peter's (late 1500's) was the model for every dome in every state capital in the United States.
- **ATOMIC ENERGY:** Enrico Fermi led the American team that produced the first sustained nuclear reaction in Chicago in 1942.
- **PIANO:** Called the *piano-forte* (soft-loud) this standard instrument was invented by Bartolomeo Cristofori in 1720.
- **THE FORK:** Eating with a fork evolved in 16th Century Italy. The habit eventually reached England one hundred years later.
- **BAROMETER:** This was the brainchild of Evangelista Torricelli in 1643.
- **BLOOD PRESSURE GAUGE:** Developed by Scipione Riva-Rocci in the year 1896.
- **MUSICAL SCALE:** 13th Century monk, Guido D'Arezzo developed the system of scale and musical notation that is the basis of all written music.

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