



NEWSLETTER

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Dates To Remember

Events:

May 18-19	Rummage Sale
Jun 9	Tiramisu Class
Jul 27-28	Italian Heritage Festival
Aug 6	Bell'Italia Day Camp
Oct 20	Genealogy Research
Nov 9	An Evening in Tuscany

Meetings:

May 15	IACC
May 20	SIA
May 20	VIT Auxiliary
May 20	VIT
May 22	IAWI
May 23	Festival committee

A New Look

In our continued effort to inform our readers of local Italian events and Italian culture, we have enhanced our Newsletter. Not only will you see a new layout, you will discover additional articles about everything Italian. We hope you enjoy and find this Newsletter easy to read and informative.

We invite ideas for stories from our readers. Please contact one of our staff members to submit a recommendation.

We also are reaching out to the community for writers. If you have a flair for writing and would like to volunteer, please contact our staff.

A digital version of this Newsletter can be found at www.iaccofia.org. "Subscribe" to receive notifications of new postings.

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A Message From The President

by Paolo Bartesaghi

Ciao a tutti e buona primavera!
Hello to you all and Happy Spring!

As we enter into spring I would like to tell you a little about Patron Saints and their history. The recognition of patron saints is found in the religions of Roman Catholicism, Eastern Catholicism, Eastern Orthodoxy, Oriental Orthodoxy, Lutheranism, Anglicanism and even in Islam. Some Protestant branches discourage the use of patron saints where they believe it promotes the act of idolatry.



Generally, individuals who are Saints become the patrons where they were born or had been very active during their life. There are some exceptions to this, however, as when, in Medieval Europe, a prominent city would have obtained the remains or relics of a famous saint who had lived elsewhere and placed these items in its Cathedral, thus adding prestige to itself. In Latin America and the Philippines, Spanish and Portuguese explorers would often bestow the name of a saint to a new location that corresponded to that saint's feast day when they first visited the city. This saint would then become the city's patron saint.

A patron saint can not only represent a city, but also be regarded as the heavenly advocate of a nation, profession, or even a family. Traditionally the patron saint prays for that place's wellbeing and for the health and happiness of its inhabitants. In Italy most cities will celebrate their specific Patron Saint Day by proclaiming a holiday; there is no school, and offices, banks, retail stores, and services are closed for the day.

Some patron saints of Italian cities include:

Milan - St Ambrose - December 7	Venice - St Mark - April 25
Assisi - St Francis - October 4	Rome - St Peter - June 29



Interesting curiosity: Italians will also celebrate when their first name corresponds to the Saint's day. For example, a person named Peter will celebrate his personal Saint's Day (called onomastico in Italian) on June 29. A person named Francis (or Frank or Frances) will celebrate their onomastico on October 4th.

I hope to have captured your interest in patron saints. I invite those of you of Italian descent to try and find the patron saint of the city your family originated from. It is also fun to find the Saint's Day corresponding to your first name.

Please support the efforts of the Italian American Cultural Center of Iowa in order to spread Italian culture throughout your community.

Turin - A Vibrant Soul

by Barbara Vecchio



Turin is one of Italy's least known cities. While most travelers head to the triptych Rome-Florence-Venice, Turin is off most tourists' radar. But Turin is my home town. And so I drew up a small (and rather unconventional) list of ideas and suggestions to discover one of Italy's best kept secrets. Let's go!

#1. Stroll through the narrow streets around Piazza Castello.

When walking through the center of Turin, keep your nose up so as not to miss any of the beautiful historic buildings. In Via dei Stampatori, one of the oldest streets in town, you will be surprised by the beautiful frescoed façade of Palazzo Scaglia di Verrua— a Renaissance structure with original authentic frescoes still clearly visible on the façade. The Palazzo gate is closed most of the time, but if you wait long enough to peek inside you'll be rewarded— a loggia, delicate arched windows and other fine frescoes await you.



#2. A city surrounded by the Alps.

The view from Monte dei Cappuccini across the rooftops of Turin with the Alps in the background is stunning. Look North and you can see floating mountains stretching into the endless horizon. Directly below, a bird's eye view over the entire city. The Mole Antonelliana also offers breathtaking panoramas. Take the elevator to the top floor, but students beware as local legend holds that students who head to the top to enjoy the view won't graduate! Closer to the Alps and only 40 km from Turin, the Sacra di San Michele is an ancient abbey built between 983 and 987 on the top of a mountain. This monument is a symbol of the Piedmont Region and a place that inspired Umberto Eco's Best Seller *The Name of the Rose*. From its lofty towers you can admire Turin and a breathtaking view of the Val di Susa.



#3. Visit three of the most important museums in Italy.

The Museum of Cinema housed inside the Mole Antonelliana for connoisseurs of the history of film making; The Egyptian Museum, second only to Cairo; and the Museum of Italian Unification located inside the Palazzo Carignano—a beautiful baroque building and home to the first Italian parliament.



#4 A café unlike any other.

Turin is also a city of old cafés. Those with wooden counters, boiseries, marble tables, inlays and mirrors with gilded frames. It is here that you can find the bicerin (espresso, drinking chocolate, and whole milk served layered in a small rounded glass), invented right here in Turin, that has become the city's emblematic drink.

#5 Look for strange buildings.

I recommend three of them. The first one has its nose pierced. That's right: "Stolen kisses" is a palace that has just been pierced by a huge ring-shaped piercing. Drops of blood gush on either side of the ring, on one side the blood is red and on the other it is blue, representing the noble and proletarian soul of this city.

The second is known as the "Slice of Polenta". High, narrow and yellow like a section of fried polenta, the building is sharpened more and more until it is only 21 inches wide! Bizarre but robust, it was built in the middle of the 19th century.

The third building is the most beautiful house in the world! The renowned architects' magazine Archdaily, awarded this prize to #6 Palazzo Valperga Galleani—a baroque palace and a super-technological condominium that houses a vertical garden.

#6 Amble along the river bank.

Visit Valentino Park, Turin's largest green space, located next to the River Po. Make sure you tour the Valentino Castle, a UNESCO World Heritage site, that offers wonderful frescoes and paintings as well luxurious interiors. Do not forget to look for the works of famous artists-gardeners. An example? These two lamp posts in love that, perhaps, after having been facing each other for years, have decided to sit on this bench to declare their true sentiments.

In truth, Turin offers all this and so much more to the visitor who seeks the unconventional in a city with a vibrant soul.



Turin, the fourth-largest city by population, is the capital city of Piedmont in northern Italy, known for its refined architecture and cuisine.

How Well Do You Know Your Italian Family?

by Kathy Foggia

From where in Italy did your family come?
Has the family last name changed?
Do you know who, if anyone, they left in Italy?
Did your immigrant ancestor become a USA citizen?
Do you know when your immigrant ancestor came to the USA?
When they came do you know who they were coming to meet?
How much money did they bring on their voyage from Italy?
Do you know what occupation your ancestors had in Italy?
Do you know what street your family lived on when they first came to the USA?



If you don't know the answer to some of these questions, it is information that can be found in historical records available online through free and subscription websites.

Knowing more about your family history and passing down family stories to younger generations will give them a higher sense of self worth and a stronger connection to family.

If you would like to learn more about your family's history, come join us for an Italian research day at The Italian Cultural Center on October 20, 2018. Email: foggia@iaccofia.org or call 515-490-2957 to reserve a spot.

What Is Genetic Ancestry Testing?

by Susan DeFazio

Genetic ancestry (DNA) testing is a way for people interested in family history to go beyond what they can learn from relatives or from historical documentation. Examination of DNA variations can provide clues about from where a person's ancestors might have come and about relationships between families. Certain patterns of genetic variation are often shared among people of particular backgrounds. The more closely related two individuals, families, or populations are, the more patterns of variation they typically share. Three types of DNA testing are commonly used for genealogy:

Y chromosome testing: Variations in the Y chromosome, passed exclusively from father to son, can be used to explore ancestry in the direct male line. Y chromosome testing can only be done on males, because females do not have a Y chromosome.

Mitochondrial DNA testing: This type of testing identifies genetic variations in mitochondrial DNA. Although most DNA is packaged in chromosomes within the cell nucleus, cell structures called mitochondria also have a small amount of their own DNA. Both males and females have mitochondrial DNA, which is passed on from their mothers, so this type of testing can be used by either sex. It provides information about the direct female ancestral line.

Single nucleotide polymorphism testing: These tests evaluate large numbers of variations across a person's entire genome. The results are compared with those of others who have taken the tests to provide an estimate of a person's ethnic background.

What can you expect to learn from your results? An individual's DNA test provides little information on its own. It is not possible to take these numbers, plug them into a formula, and find out who your ancestors are. The marker numbers provided in your DNA test results only begin to take on genealogical significance when you compare your results with other people and population studies. If you don't have a group of relatives interested in pursuing DNA testing with you, your only real option is to input your DNA test results into many DNA databases on the Net, in the hopes of finding a match with someone who has already been tested.

In conclusion, it is vitally important to keep in mind that DNA testing for the purpose of proving ancestry is NOT a substitute for traditional family history research. Instead, it is a tool to be used in conjunction with family history research to aid in proving or disproving suspected family relationships. It is definitely an exciting new tool!

Keep Our Heritage Alive

We are family. Together we can keep our heritage alive.

Attend an event, volunteer, join a club, tell a friend, share our Newsletter.
Please get involved.

Friends of The Center

Society of Italian Americans
www.siadm.com

Societa' Vittoria Italiana
www.vittorialodge.com

Italian-American Women of IA
www.italianamericanwomenofiowa.com

Activities and information from these local Italian clubs is included in this Newsletter.

Thank You

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Anne Lynch
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Your donation has helped us further our mission.

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Thank you for supporting the Italian-American Cultural Center of Iowa.



RUMMAGE

1961 Indianola Avenue

Friday, May 18 & Saturday, May 19
8:00 am - 3:00 pm



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Tiramisu Gets a Summer Make-over



Tiramisu

n. [tirami' su] Italian "pick me up" A dessert of sponge cake, infused with a liquid, layered with mascarpone cheese, and topped with cocoa or grated chocolate.

In this make & take class, you will learn how to make a Strawberry Tiramisu. This ever-popular Italian dessert features fresh strawberries and strawberry juice infused savoiardi. \$45pp

Saturday June 9th 10:00AM

Register:

Online www.iaccofia.org

Mail Attn: Tiramisu

Italian-American Cultural Ctr of IA
1961 Indianola Ave, DSM IA 50315

Viva
L' Italia



2018

ITALIAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE FESTIVAL
JULY 27-28 OF IOWA
DES MOINES' WESTERN GATEWAY PARK
www.italianfestivalofiowa.com





Games, Contests & Awards

The 9th annual Italian-American Heritage Festival of Iowa is fast approaching - July 27 & 28! Entertainment scheduled, vendors secured and a new line-up of games, awards and contests. Entry forms are included with this Newsletter or by visiting www.italianfestivalofiowa.org. See you there!

Bocce Playing bocce ball has become a tradition at the Italian American Heritage Festival of Iowa and this year is no exception as several tournaments are planned - Adult Doubles, Children, and 4-Player. Join the fun! More information can be found at www.italianfestivalofiowa.org

Artisti Del Gessetto Join us for our first-ever Street Chalk Art Competition to be held Saturday, July 28th on the streets of the Festival! Monetary prizes will be given to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners. Entry deadline is June 30, 2018

Grape Stomping Remember the "I Love Lucy" episode when Lucy stomped grapes? Let's top that with our own contest! Create a team out of 3 willing partners and try to stomp the most juice out in a given amount of time.

Drawing/Painting or Photography This contest is open to students of Italian descent who will be attending school in the fall at a college, university, art institute or trade school. Cash scholarships are awarded in each category for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Entry deadline is July 20, 2018.

Festival Queen The Queen contest is open to young ladies of Italian descent, residing in Iowa, who are between 17 and 23 years of age. Three awards will be given: queen, first runner-up, and third place. Entry deadline is July 11, 2018.

Best Sauce This popular contest will be held on Saturday, July 28th at the Graziano Heritage Stage. Entry deadline is July 12th, 2018.

Mamma Mia The Mamma Mia Recognition is open to ladies of Italian descent, residing in Iowa, who are 60 years of age or older. A drawing of those nominated will take place Friday, July 27th on the Casey's stage. Entry deadline is July 19th, 2018.

Mr. Italy Do you have what it takes to be this year's Mr. Italy? You may enter one or all categories to strut your stuff. Categories include: Biggest Nose, Best Legs, Best Mustache, Harriest Male and Best Decorated Chest. The Best All-around will be crowned King! Show us what you've got! Entry deadline is July 12, 2018.

Cutest Bambino & Bambina Do you think you have the cutest Italian baby ever? Enter your adorable one in this year's contests held in the Heritage Tent Friday. Entry deadline is July 12th, 2018.

Register Saturday morning at the Graziano Heritage Stage to compete in these fun contests and games:

Children's Pizza Eating - Join the fun and see just how many pieces of pizza your little one can put away!

Children's Pasta Eating - Messy? Yes! Fun? Yes! What kid doesn't like pasta?

Adult Cannoli Eating - No words needed here!

Meatball Relay - Don't let your Nonna see what you're doing with her meatballs! Test your steadiness while transporting a meatball on a spoon through an obstacle course. Sound easy?

Spaghetti on a String - Another skill buster! How many pieces of ditalini can you put on a piece of spaghetti held in your mouth? Using your mouth to get things done - now, THAT'S Italian!

String Cheese Stacking - Remember your Lincoln Logs? Try building a tower with string cheese. It's not as easy as you think! Tallest Tower in a set amount of time wins! If you build it, they will come!

Around the Center

by Patricia Civitate

Several friends and supporters of the Italian-American Cultural Center of Iowa have generously donated clothing from the various regions of Italy. I have listed here those items that we have on display at the Cultural Center.

"Over 30 years ago, relatives of our grandparents in Scala Coeli, in the region of Calabria, handmade a festive outfit befitting the region and village and sent it to our daughter. In memory of James and Teresa Lacona, we would like to donate the outfit to the Italian-American Cultural Center of Iowa to preserve history." This note came to us, along with the outfit, from James Noah and Norabeth Lacona, Tiffany Lacona, James Noah Lacona II, and Chelsea Lacona. A picture of Tiffany wearing the outfit accompanies the dress.

Nicole Graziano donated a skirt that her great-grandmother, Maria (Agazio) Gemelli, made in Italy before she came to the United States around 1912. Her aunt told her that Maria wore the skirt to festivals in her home town of Cariati, Italy.

The Vincent DeAngelis family donated a dress that Catherine (Renda) DeAngelis wore in Tiriolo, Italy. The mountain village of Tiriolo is the home of the Renda family. When the five brothers immigrated to this country they worked for the railroad. While two of the brothers kept the name Renda, some of the brothers changed their last name to Rand or Randa. In display is a dress from Tiriolo that was made for Patricia (Rand) Civitate. She also has an outfit made for her by the nuns in a convent in Tagliacozzi, Italy.

A dress from Friuli was donated by Rita Tonitto, formerly of Ft. Lee, NJ, and now living in Florida.

In the clothing collection are two men's outfits from Piedmont. They were donated by the late Victor Guigliuzi and Victor Peck. One is a Sunday outfit and the other a festival suit.

Capellini Carbonara

(Pasta with Bacon & Prosciutto)

by Erminio Elia of Niagara Falls Canada



½ lb angel hair pasta, cooked and strained

2 T olive oil

4 strips bacon

½ C chicken stock

2 T butter

4 slices prosciutto

½ C Parmesan-reggio cheese, grated

2 shallots

½ C white wine

2 egg yolks

Heat olive oil and butter in pan over medium heat. Finely chop shallots, bacon and prosciutto and add to pan. Saute until lightly browned. Add wine and chicken stock, cook for 2 minutes over high heat. Add cooked pasta, cheese and egg yolks. Stir vigorously over high heat until pasta is coated and creamy. Plate, top with grated Parmesan-reggio and serve immediately.

Our mission is to promote, preserve and provide education about all aspects of the rich Italian-American culture to the Des Moines metropolitan area and the State of Iowa.

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Visit

Italian-American Cultural Center of Iowa
1961 Indianola Ave, Des Moines IA 50315

WED 1:30PM - 3:30PM

SUN 2:30PM - 4:30PM

or by appointment

Randy Prati – Gracy Kirkman – Darlene Cross – John Tyler

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Contact

Telephone 515-280-3719

Societa' Vittoria Italiana

Next Men's Meeting April 15th, 2PM

LODGE SCHOLARSHIPS:

Children and grandchildren of Vittoria Lodge members are eligible for college scholarships. The lodge will be awarding ten, \$500 scholarships this year. Applications need to be completely filled out and submitted to Vittoria Lodge, P.O. Box 1212, Ankeny, IA 50021-0975. Deadline is June 1st. Scholarships will be awarded at the June Dinner.

LODGE CLEAN-UP: Sunday May 20th is lodge clean-up day. We will get started at 8:00am. Lunch will be provided. Monthly meeting will follow at 2:00 pm. Please come and help keep our lodge and property clean and well taken care of.

NEW SOCIAL TIME: Starting April 19th, a social for lodge members will be held on the Thursday following the monthly lodge meeting. The social will be at the lodge from 5-7. Please come and share fellowship with other lodge members. Refreshments will be available in the bar. Hope to see you there!

FESTIVAL: Anyone interested in volunteering for the festival this year, please contact Jim Blasco, 515-252-8705. Your help is greatly appreciated.

SHELTER: The shelter area is available to Lodge & Auxiliary Members and their families for picnics and other social gatherings. Remember to contact AJ Forneris at 515-971-6711 to reserve the shelter area. Also, the bocce ball court is available for play and there is a fire pit for your enjoyment.

ORDERING LODGE APPAREL: Squire Hutcheson has made arrangements with Adventure in Advertising offering Lodge & Auxiliary Members through a secure website to purchase apparel (polo, T-shirts) with the Lodge logo on it. To obtain a user ID or for more information please contact Squire at 515-577-4283 or email him at squire@squireweb.net.

HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO OUR MEMBERS:

Kenneth Cruchelow, Amedeo Rossi, Michael Fontana, Aldo Lombardi, Michael Gentosi, Anthony Medici, Squire Hutcheson, Giovanni Leo, Dana Bertogli, Douglas Stefani, Dennis Carzoli, Robert Stefani, Derek Blatt, Joe Tumea, Jerry Battani, Danny Carzoli and David Ballantini **Buon Compleanno!**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

May 20th – Lodge Clean-up day

May 20th – May Meeting

June 10th – Lodge Dinner

VITTORIA LODGE AUXILIARY

Next Meeting: May 20th 2:00pm

MAY MEETING

This will be our last meeting before our summer break. June dinner plans will be finalized. Special refreshments will be served.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

There are still quite a few members who have not paid their dues. **You will not be allowed to attend the June Dinner if dues are not paid.** Any questions regarding payment please call Julie Jennings at 515-270-6526.

JUNE DINNER

Our annual dinner will be held June 10th at 12:00 noon. Married auxiliary and lodge members may bring their spouse. Single members may bring a guest. If you would like to bring additional guests, the cost will be \$25 and payable at the door. **Your dues must be in good standing before making your reservation.** Reservations are due by June 1st – **NO EXCEPTIONS.** Please make your reservations by **June 1st** by calling Mary Steele at 515-201-1680.

REQUEST FOR PICTURES

We would like to put together a slide show for the June Dinner highlighting pictures from prior Dinners, Christmas parties, Picnics on the hill, Bocce Ball or any events at the lodge. If you would be willing to share your pictures please get ahold of Joy Thompson at 515-988-8147 or email them to joy_thompson@yahoo.com or bring them to the May meeting. Joy will return all pictures once they are scanned. If enough photos aren't received we will scan in what is received and continue to work on this project for future dinners.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Lodge and the Auxiliary will award scholarships at the June dinner. Any member, son, daughter, and/or grandchild of a Lodge or an Auxiliary member who will be attending a college, community college, or trade school are eligible to apply. Please see application at the end of our news section. Copies may be made if you have more than one applicant.

Please include a picture of the applicant with your submission with applicant's name noted on the backside.

Applications can be mailed to: Vittoria Lodge, P.O. Box 1212, Ankeny, IA 50021-0975

ABSOLUTE DEADLINE IS JUNE 1, 2018. NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE JUNE DINNER.

LADIES NIGHT

We will hold a ladies night, 6:00pm on June 8th at the Shelter. Bring a snack to share and your favorite beverage. If the weather doesn't cooperate we will need to cancel the event as the hall isn't available that night. Mary Steele will send out a text by 4pm if event is cancelled.

LINENS & CENTERPIECES

If you will be using the Lodge for a wedding or special occasion don't forget that the auxiliary has table linens and centerpieces available. The centerpieces will be on display at the June Dinner. We make these available for use on premises in return for a donation to the auxiliary

BIRTHDAY WISHES TO THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS IN MAY

Toni Roemerman (3rd), Linda Robinson (5th), Susan Battani (7th), Nicole Casey (9th), Rita DeZorzi (9th), Lesa Blasco (11th), Donna Bulgarelli (18th), Carolyn Dale (18th), Catherine Rossi (18th), Kim Ohm (18th), Bona Rossi (22nd), Isolena Biondi (26th), Virginia Strauss (30th)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

May 20th – Meeting – 2:00 pm
June 8th – Ladies Night – Shelter – 6:00 pm
June 10th – Annual Dinner at Noon
August 26th – Corn Feed
November 3rd – Craft Fair
November 4th – Memorial Mass
December 9th – Christmas Party

VITTORIA LODGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

NAME _____

MALE _____ FEMALE _____ AGE: _____

ADDRESS _____
Number/street city/state/ZIP code

PHONE# _____

NAME OF LODGE OR AUXILIARY MEMBER _____

RELATIONSHIP TO MEMBER _____

SCHOOL (PLAN ON) ATTENDING _____

GRADUATION DATE IF IN HIGH SCHOOL _____

SEND APPLICATIONS TO:

Vittoria Lodge
PO Box 1212
Ankeny, IA 50021-0975

DEADLINE IS JUNE 1, 2018 – Please submit a photo with application (please include applicants name on the backside)

NOTE: NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE JUNE DINNER

ITALIAN AMERICAN WOMEN OF IOWA (IAWI)

MEETING TUESDAY, May 22, 2018
6:30PM-Board Meeting & 7:00 PM – Membership Meeting

Belle e Forti Le Donne Italo-Americane (Beautiful Strong Italian American Women)

We had a great turn out for our meeting. I think you ladies are great! I am very excited to introduce our newest members **Jenna Shelley & Jenna Fucaloro**. They will make a great addition to our group.

Lisa Vivone Cruchelow, President

YOUTH EMERGENCY SERVICES & SHELTER (YESS)

****BRING TO THE MAY MEETING****

NEW bath towels & wash cloths, **NEW** pillows, shampoo conditioners, Kleenex/tissues, baby wipes, chap stick/lip balm, hand & body lotion, alarm clocks, feminine hygiene products, hair gels & grease, body gel, kids 3-in-1 shampoo/conditioner/body wash, **NEW** hair brushes & combs, deodorant, **NEW** bedding (twin sheet sets), scrapbook paper, stickers, & other craft supplies, **NEW** athletic socks (baby, toddler, teen & adult sizes), **NEW** girls underwear (youth & adult sizes), **NEW** boys underwear boxers or boxer briefs (youth & adult sizes) **NEW** men's undershirts (youth & adult sizes) & **NEW** sweat pants or athletic style shorts (male, female, all sizes youth to adult)

IAWI Website:

If you take pictures at a meeting or an outing please share with me. There is also a tab that has the newsletters and membership/renewal forms and special events.

www.italianamericanwomenofiowa.com

CHEER AND SYMPATHY

Mary Cosimo at 280-6553 or mcosimo@msn.com.

THANK YOU TO...

The ladies who brought the treats to our April meeting.

May refreshments will be provided by Frances Graziano, Gracy Kirkman & Nancy Danca

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

Amanda Tyler 5/1, JoAnn Miller 5/5, Sue Ligouri 5/6, Donna Runge 5/11, Mary Russo 5/13, Toni Pane 5/14, Mary Lee Lane 5/17, Tammy Leto 5/24, Amy Dougherty 5/24, Lynnae Koster 5/25, Francine Brown 5/28 & Nancy Fazio 5/31

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Maria & Anthony Chiovaro 5/2 (**9 Years**), Melba & Frank Scaglione 5/5 (**61 Years**), Toni & Bob Casper 5/15, (**42 Years**), Amanda & John Tyler 5/22 (**14 Years**), Tami & John Good 5/26 (**34 Years**), Jody & Pat Carlino 5/27 (**40 Years**) & Kathleen & Fred Klinge 5/29 (**25 Years**)

Dates to Remember: 5/22 Monthly Meeting bring NEW items for the YESS shelter



Society of Italian-Americans Scholarship Application

Name _____

e-mail address _____

Name of SIA Member _____

Relationship _____

Name of College _____

Upcoming year in college _____

Scholarship Requirements

You must be the child or grandchild of a current member of the SIA

You must not have received a scholarship from the SIA in the past

You must be attending a 2 or 4 year college, university or a trade school

Include letter with a few paragraphs about yourself, list any of your work experience, community involvement, volunteer activities and career plans/goals.

Include your cumulative high school GPA and college GPA if you are currently in college.

Include an essay on the topic "What does being an Italian-American mean to you?"

Include your contact information: phone and e-mail

You may also include your parents contact information

Submit applications or send any questions to:

scholarships@siadm.com

Submit in PDF format

Applications must be received by May 31st

Artisti Del Gessetto

Artist Application



Contact Information

Name

Street Address

City ST ZIP Code

Phone

E-Mail Address

Guidelines

1. Entry fee of \$50 is due with application.
2. Artwork must have an Italian theme such as: Italian countryside, famous Italian painting or sculpture, Madonna image, etc.
3. A copy of your intended drawing must be submitted with your application. A JPEG image may be sent instead to: fgrazi@grazianobrothers.com
4. Artwork must be appropriate for public viewing and must be void of any political, advertisement, or symbolic images or wording.
5. Each artist will be provided with a 4'x4' space for the drawing.
6. You will be provided with a set of 24 soft pastels. Artists may bring own chalk to work with. Only chalk/pastels in a solid form may be used. No acrylics or paints allowed.
7. Limited space is available. All applications will be accepted on a first come basis.
8. An admission ticket to the Italian American Heritage Festival will be provided for all accepted applicants.

Agreement and Signature

I, the undersigned artist agrees to grant non-exclusive license to the event producers to reproduce, in any medium, my art. The undersigned further licenses the event to reuse, publish, and republish photography of the artist and/or the artwork (including minors) in any medium. The undersigned further grants free use of the artist's name (including minors), biography and likeness in any media.

Name (printed)

Signature

Date

Please complete form and return to:

Italian American Heritage Festival of Iowa

ATTN: Artisti Del Gessetto Competition

1961 Indianola Rd.,
Des Moines, IA 50315

Inquiries may be directed to: fgrazi@grazianobrothers.com

****All applications and fees are due by June 30, 2018****

Italian American Heritage Festival 2018



Best Sauce Contest

Contact Information

Name
Street Address
City ST ZIP Code
Home Phone
Work Phone
E-Mail Address

When/Where

Heritage Tent
Saturday, July 28th
12:00 p.m.

Signature

Name

Date

Please complete form and return to:

Italian American Heritage Festival of Iowa
ATTN: Best Sauce
1961 Indianola Rd
Des Moines, IA 50315

Inquiries may be directed to: fgrazi@grazianobrothers.com

****Entries must be submitted by July 12, 2018****

Italian American Heritage Festival 2018



Mr. Italy Contest

Contact Information

Name
Street Address
City ST ZIP Code
Home Phone
Work Phone
E-Mail Address

When/Where

Heritage Tent
Saturday, July 28th
1:45 p.m.

Which Contest are you interested in?

<input type="checkbox"/> Best Legs	<input type="checkbox"/> Most Decorated Chest	<input type="checkbox"/> Biggest Nose
<input type="checkbox"/> Hairiest Male	<input type="checkbox"/> Best Italian Mustache	<input type="checkbox"/> Best All Around

Why do you think you should be considered for Mr. Italy?

Summarize special skills and qualifications you have. You may also list favorite activities, hobbies or sports.

Signature

Name

Date

Please complete form and return to:

Italian American Heritage Festival of Iowa

ATTN: Mr. Italy, 1961 Indianola Rd., Des Moines, IA 50315

Inquiries may be directed to: fgrazi@grazianobrothers.com

****Entries must be submitted by July 12, 2018****

Italian American Heritage Festival 2018

Cutest Bambino Contest



Contact Information

Contestant's Name
Parent's Name
Street Address
City ST ZIP Code
Home Phone
Work Phone
E-Mail Address
Italian Family Connection

When/Where

Heritage Tent
Friday, July 27th
5:30 p.m.

Contest Rules

1. The bambino must be of Italian descent
2. Must be between ages 0- 2 years old
3. The bambino's parents must consent to allowing any pictures taken of the event be used and/or published for the Italian-American Cultural Center's purposes.

Signature

Parent's Signature

Date

Please complete form and return to:

Italian American Heritage Festival of Iowa

ATTN: Bambino
1961 Indianola Rd.,
Des Moines, IA 50315

Inquiries may be directed to: fgrazi@grazianobrothers.com

****Entries must be submitted by July 12, 2018****

Italian American Heritage Festival 2018

Cutest Bambina Contest



Contact Information

Contestant's Name
Parent's Name
Street Address
City ST ZIP Code
Home Phone
Work Phone
E-Mail Address
Italian Family Connection

When/Where

Heritage Tent
Friday, July 27th
5:00 p.m.

Contest Rules

1. The bambina must be of Italian descent
2. Must be between ages 0- 2 years old
3. The bambina's parents must consent to allowing any pictures taken of the event be used and/or published for the Italian-American Cultural Center's purposes.

Signature

Parent's Signature

Date

Please complete form and return to:

Italian American Heritage Festival of Iowa

ATTN: Artisti Del Gessetto Competition

1961 Indianola Rd.,
Des Moines, IA 50315

Inquiries may be directed to: fgrazi@grazianobrothers.com

****Entries must be submitted by July 12, 2018****

Italian-American Heritage Festival of Iowa – 2018

Artistic Scholarship Entry Form

Student's name _____

Student's address

Number _____ Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Father's name _____ Mother's name (maiden) _____

Home phone _____ Cell phone _____

Italian ancestry name (e.g. grandparent, etc.) _____

Entry category _____

Entry description _____

Please submit the following required scholarship information at this time:

Student ID _____ or Soc. Security _____

School student will attend in the fall of 2018 _____

School's mailing address of department that will be accepting the check

Name _____

Number _____ Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Italian-American Heritage Festival of Iowa – 2018

QUEEN CONTEST

The Italian-American Heritage Festival of Iowa Queen Contest is open to single ladies of Italian descent residing in Iowa who are between 17 and 23 years of age. The ladies will be judged on personality, poise, community involvement and overall presentation. Immediately upon receipt of the contestant's entry, a confirmation letter containing instructions will be sent.

Final judging and crowning ceremonies will take place Friday, July 27th, 2018 on the Casey stage.

Three awards will be given: queen, first runner-up and second runner-up. Gifts will also be given to each contestant. Entry deadline is July 11, 2018.

QUEEN CONTEST ENTRY FORM

Deadline: July 11, 2018

Name _____

Address _____
(number/street) (city/state) Zip

Telephone: home _____ cell _____

Birth date: _____ date _____ month _____ year

Father's name _____

Mother's name _____
(maiden)

Italian ancestry name _____

Relationship _____

Mail of bring entry to: IAHF Queen Contest % Italian-American Cultural Center of Iowa, 1961 Indianola Ave., Des Moines, IA 50315 Entry may also be deposited in the mail slot of the Italian-American Cultural Center of Iowa which is located on the southwest corner of the building on Indianola Ave.

Bocce



Playing bocce ball has become a tradition at the Italian American Heritage Festival of Iowa and this year is no exception as several tournaments are planned.

There will be an adult doubles bocce tournament on Friday evening beginning after the opening ceremonies. Sign-ups begin at 5:00 pm in the bocce area. The registration fee is \$10. The doubles tournament is open to those 18 and older.

On Saturday morning at 10:45 am, the children will have an opportunity to play some bocce in their own tournament. There will be two age groups: 6 -10 and 11-17. Sign-ups begin at 10:00 am. There is no registration fee for the children's bocce tournaments.

Finally, the much-awaited adult 4-player tournament will begin around 5:30 pm after the festival mass on Saturday evening. Sign-ups begin at 5:00 pm on Saturday. Registration fee is \$20 per team. The 4-player tournament is open to those 18 and older.

Mama Mia



The Mama Mia Recognition is open to ladies of Italian descent, residing in Iowa, who are 60 years of age or older.

Family or friends who are nominating recipients must submit a 5"x7" picture of their nominee along with a statement, one-half typed page, as to why they feel this person is a good example of an Italian Mama Mia.

A drawing of those nominated will take place Friday, July 27th on the Casey's stage. Pictures along with the letters of nomination will be on display in the Cultural Hall during the Festival.

Deadline for submission is July, 19, 2018. Entries can be brought to the Italian-American Cultural Center of Iowa on Sunday, July 8th or 15th between 2:30-4:30 pm or Wednesday, July 18th between 1:30 and 3:30 pm.



Italian American Heritage Festival of Iowa Patron Wall Banner Order Form



Forms due to Alicia Cosimo by **June 1, 2018**
3411 SW 43rd St.
Des Moines, IA 50321 or
a.cosimo@hotmail.com



- 2ft by 2ft white banner
- \$100 per banner or \$125 with photo of your choice
 - Any wording you would like
- Will be displayed at festival and it will be yours after the festival
- Questions contact Alicia (515) 770-9839 or a.cosimo@hotmail.com
- Checks payable to Italian American Heritage Festival of Iowa

Name: _____
Address: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____
Person to contact to pick up the banner if different from above:
Phone #: _____

I would like my Patron Banner to say:

Font color (can choose any): _____ Outline color: Red or Green

☐ I would like to pay an extra \$25 to have a photo of my choice added to my banner. Photo must be emailed to a.cosimo@hotmail.com by June 1, 2018.

☐ I do not want a picture added to my banner.

Office use only:

Paid by:

☐ Check _____ ☐ Cash _____ Date: _____

Design Approved: _____

Western Gateway Park
Des Moines, IA
July 27th & 28th 2018
www.italianfestivalofiowa.com



Hello!

My name is Alicia Cosimo and I am sending this letter to invite your group to perform at the 2nd annual Talent Showcase at the Italian-American Heritage Festival of Iowa July. We have several time slots still available. Please contact me at a.cosimo@hotmail.com to reserve your time slot ASAP!!

What: Talent Show case

When: Saturday July 28th from 10:30am to 12:30pm.

Where: Western Gateway Park Des Moines, IA on the Casey's Stage (main stage)

Cost: FREE! There is NO cost to participate and entrance to the festival is FREE until 5:00pm.

If your group is interested, here is what I need from you:

*Name of your group:

*Day/Time preference:

*How much time your group will need to perform:

*What your group will be performing:

*What needs you will have while performing (music, area for props etc.):

Once finalized I will send you a schedule for both days so after you perform you can enjoy the rest of our festival.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions!

Alicia Cosimo

(515) 770-9839

a.cosimo@hotmail.com