



# NEWSLETTER

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## Dates To Remember

### Events:

Jul 27-28 Italian Heritage Festival  
Aug 6 Bell'Italia Day Camp  
Oct 7 Columbus Dinner  
Oct 8 Capitol Procession  
Oct 20 Genealogy Workshop  
Nov 8 An Evening in Tuscany

### Meetings:

Jul 8 SIA  
Jul 11 IHF  
Jul 17 IACC  
Jul 17 IAWI  
Aug 21 IACC  
Sep 16 VIT  
Sep 18 IACC  
Sep 25 IAWI  
Oct 16 IACC  
Oct 21 VIT  
Oct 23 IAWI  
Nov 18 VIT  
Nov 20 IAWI  
Nov 20 IACC  
Dec 16 VIT

## Got an Idea?

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

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.

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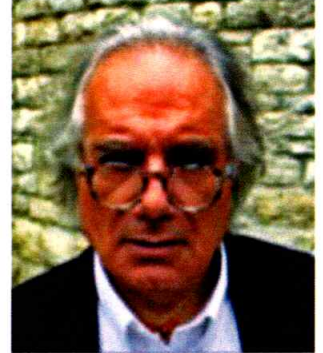
## A Message From The President

by Paolo Bartesaghi

*Ciao a tutti!*

Hello to all of you!

School has finished and everyone is enjoying lots of family time. Some of you are even getting a chance to travel. As your summer is filling up with activities, please keep in mind the events the Italian-American Cultural Center of Iowa has to offer.



When anyone mentions the word "Tuscany" one immediately imagines tall cypress trees, panoramic landscapes among rolling hills, the city of Florence, and Michelangelo's sculptural masterpiece, David. However, Tuscany is so much more. It has seven localities which have been designated World Heritage sites: the historic center of Florence (Tuscany's regional capital), the Cathedral Square of Pisa, the historical center of San Gimignano, the historical center of Siena, the historical center of Pienza, the Val d'Orcia, and the Medici Villas and Gardens.

Tuscany also produces wines including Chianti, Vino Nobile di Montepulciano, Morellino di Scansano, and Brunello di Montalcino.



Tuscany, and especially Florence, is regarded as the birthplace of the Renaissance. But, before the Renaissance, Tuscany was inhabited by the Appennini and Villanovan cultures, the Etruscans, and the Romans. Pilgrims traveling between Rome and France brought wealth and development to Tuscany during the Medieval period. The ruling Medici family benefitted enormously from Florence's growing wealth and power. With the annexation of Arezzo, the purchase of Pisa, and the addition of Livorno, the Medici family created a republic in 1434 with Florence as its capital.

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## Looking Back at the Dress and Food of Soveria Mannelli

By Jari Chiodo Sinnwell

I was very fortunate to receive a copy of an out of print book, "Soveria Mannelli e il suo Territorio" by Mario Felice Marasco. Marasco, born in Soveria Mannelli in 1904, has written a variety of history books. This book, written in Italian in 1969, is an uncommonly comprehensive picture of all things Soveria. I was especially fortunate to receive an English copy of this book translated by Des Moines' own Sara Chiodo Woolford.

Here is an excerpt from that book in Marasco's own words:

"A. G. Strutt, in 1842, wrote: 'In Soveria the costumes are delightful. One young girl was waiting at the fountain to refill her barrel. Her head wear was formed by one solid white cloth: a tight coat of black velvet, whose sleeves came to the elbows, was covered with a vest of pale blue, low cut and laced in the back allowing a glimpse of the scarlet underskirt. Completing the outfit was a delightful green apron.'"



"Life now goes on orderly and with uniformity and few are the particular customs in Soveria. Even in Soveria, as in the rest of Calabria, the basic food is the pasta and for the young people it was a time of merit to know how to prepare the pasta at home in its various ways: fusilli, fischietti, cavatelli, ricci di donna, strangugghj, delicate even when seasoned with thick stew, slices of tomatoes, a bit of oil or mixed with cucumbers, legumes, or stuffed eggplant or flavored with sharp cheese or tender ricotta, or sprinkled with grains of black pepper or covered with hot peppers."

"The pizza is not widespread and with the pitta, which has the same etymology (from picta dipinta) is a kind of doughnut. The pizza with the red of the tomatoes, the green of the basil, the rose of the anchovy, and the white of mozzarella, and the slices of pepper within the browned circle, is imported."

"Among the varieties of bread, other than the pitta. Is the 'fresa,' the crisp bread adequately seasoned with oil and tomato and eggplant."

"Meat is not much in demand, accessible are the leg of lamb, goat, meat from pigs and the entrails."

"Also dried cod is traditional and the sardine and the sardoni. The popular vegetables, hot peppers, peppers, eggplants, zucchini, tomatoes, fave, peas, onions, potatoes, ceci, also with pasta are vivid in my memories, the minestra of pasta and fave, pasta and peas, pasta and ceci, potatoes and peppers, pasta and broccoli with pig rind."

"Spices and condiments are abundant - pepper, oregano, finocchio, celery, parsley. Among the milk products, the ricotta, mozzarella, butter, head cheese, caciocavalli."

"Among the wines, the Ciro, the wine of S. Biase, the Greek dik, etc."

Their food preferences and recipes followed them to America. I'm sure many of us remember wonderful meals cooked by our nonnas.

The Italian-American Cultural Center has published a cookbook of such recipes. It is titled, Cucina Italiana. What a wonderful collection of heirloom recipes!





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Siena was incorporated into Tuscany in 1555, and Lucca remained independent until 1847, when it became part of the Grand Duchy of Tuscany. The Medici family ruled Tuscany until 1737, when the last family member died and Tuscany was transferred to the Duke of Lorraine, who was the husband of the Austrian Empress Maria Theresa. After the second Italian War of Independence, Tuscany became part of the Kingdom of Italy.

Tuscany has an immense cultural and artistic heritage as can be seen in the region's churches, palaces, art galleries, museums, villages, and piazzas. Florence is one of the world's most important water color centers and is often nicknamed "art palace of Italy". Dante Alighieri, author of the Divine Comedy, was from Florence. Also, many musicians and composers, including Giacomo Puccini, are from Tuscany.



I also must mention the simple, yet rich, cuisine Tuscany has to offer. This year's gala dinner will feature the Tuscan cuisine. The gala dinner, a fundraiser benefitting the Italian-American Cultural Center of Iowa, will be held on November 8th, 2018, at the Embassy Club in downtown Des Moines. For more information, please contact the Italian-American Cultural Center of Iowa or email me directly at [bartesaghi@iaccofia.org](mailto:bartesaghi@iaccofia.org).

I hope to have piqued your interest with this brief overview of Tuscany.

Please continue to support the efforts of the Italian-American Cultural Center of Iowa in spreading Italian culture throughout your community.

### Would you like to read stories and poems in Italian?

The Cultural Center library has many that may pique your interest. How about stories and poems by Italian poets and authors? The library has some of those that you might enjoy, as well. If you want to practice your translation skills, we have several books written in dual or parallel languages (English and Italian).

Some examples of our holdings are:

#### Italian:

La divina commedia by Dante Alighieri  
Pinocchio by Collodi  
Topolino by Disney  
Gli Snicci by Dr. Seuss

The Baron in the Trees by Italo Calvino  
Treasure of My Heart by Christine Caligiuri  
The Dream Book by Helen Barolini

#### Dual/Parallel Language:

Short Stories in Italian – (Raccontate in Italiano)  
Sicilian Stories by Giovanni Verga & Stanley Appelbaum  
Eleven Short Stories (undici novelle) by Luigi Pirandello

We invite you to visit our library and browse for something of interest. Hours are Wednesday from 1:30 – 3:30 or Sunday from 2:30 – 4:30.





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## NEWS BITS

### HOLD PICNIC AT WALNUT PARK

The Children of Mary Club of St.  
Anthony's Church held a picnic at  
Walnut Hill State Park for the Holy  
Name Society.

Fifty-five were present at the out-  
ing.

### ATTENDS GIRLS' STATE IN GRINNELL, IOWA

Miss Mary Anne Pionchis, daughter  
of Mr. and Mrs. Peter S. Pionchis,  
403 Pleasant View Drive, has been  
attending the Hawkeye Girls' State  
at the Grinnell College Campus in  
Grinnell, Iowa.

### VFW ELECTS G. J. SARCONI STATE QUARTERMASTER

G. J. Sarcone, Clayton Hall, Fort  
Des Moines, was elected state quar-  
termaster of the Veterans of Foreign  
Wars during the group's convention  
here the past week.

Mr. Sarcone, a World War I vet-  
eran, is the son of Mrs. Frank Sar-  
cone, 829 Taylor street.

### LEON, GRANDDAUGHTER LEAVE FOR WASHINGTON

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Lee, accompanied  
by their granddaughter, Joan, left  
Thursday for Seattle, Washington.  
During their stay they will visit with  
Mrs. Lee's sister, Malina, Street, of  
that city.

### MISS LAVIA VACATIONS IN CALIFORNIA

Miss Patty Lavin, daughter of Mr.  
and Mrs. James Lavin, 209 Forty-  
eighth street, is vacationing with re-  
latives in San Francisco, California.

### MRS. HERARD, DAUGHTER VISIT IN KANSAS CITY

Mrs. Russell Herard, 115 S.E. Fel-  
low Dr., accompanied by her daughter,  
Judith, is visiting for several days in  
Kansas City, Mo.

### MRS. JOE TRIVANIS VISITOR IN CITY

Mrs. Joseph Trivanis and son of  
Valparaiso, California, are visiting in  
the city for three weeks. They are house-  
guests at the home of Mrs. Trivanis's  
sister, Mrs. Vincent Andighetti, 8  
Eighty and Madison avenues. Mrs.  
Trivanis is a former Des Moines  
resident.

### ALFRED ANTONUCCI, JR. PARENTS OF DAUGHTER

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Antonucci, Jr.,  
of Pasadena, California, became the  
parents of a baby daughter born June  
18th. This is the couple's second  
daughter. Paternal grandparents are  
Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Antonucci, fer-  
rean Des Moines residents, now mak-  
ing their home on the West Coast.

### Dominic Caligiuri On Fire Department

Eight men recently certified by  
the civil service commission Friday  
were appointed to the fire department  
by the city council on motion of Safe-  
ty Commissioner M. J. Bennett.

Others are John Caligiuri, Dominic  
Alfonso Caligiuri, Chas. Arnold, Grif-  
fia, Charles Lee Sawyer, Richard  
William Street, John Rene Quiza and  
Elio E. Walker.

Chief Charles L. Stude said the  
eight appointments temporarily would  
be the department two more men  
strength. He said additional ap-  
pointments were expected soon, how-

## Finn-Tastic Tales



Pictured with the evidence of a  
real successful fishing venture at O-  
liver's Resort on Lake Saylor in  
Minnesota are three Des Moines men  
left to right, A. L. (Tony) Sarcone,  
Arthur Daniels, Charles A. Daniels.

Photo by Glenn Wickhoff and Service Re-  
sults in the foreground, Oliver's  
men, graduates of the C. A.

The fourth fisherman  
photo on which to base  
Glenn Wickhoff, who is  
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and top was on the  
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The several fish  
men's success in  
Minnesota is shown  
by the big fish and  
Cottages, following  
water trolling in a  
tallies, Charles Dan-  
ielson assisted by the fishes.

Mrs. Arthur Daniels was the cham-  
pion fisherman and Mrs. C. A.  
Daniels the winning card shark.

## Opal Campbell, Paul Cardamon Are Married



MRS. PAUL CARDAMON

The wedding of Miss Opal Cam-  
bell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stacy  
Campbell of Oakville Center, and Paul  
Cardamon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nick  
Cardamon of Des Moines, took place  
Sunday, June 20, at St. Anthony's  
Catholic church.

Miss Campbell's bridesmaids were  
Miss Ruthie Fitzpatrick, Betty Cor-  
son and Virginia Yankov. Frank  
Cardamon was best man and Nick, Jr.,  
Bill and Joe Cardamon were ushers.  
After a motor trip to Duver, Colo.,  
the couple will be at home in Des  
Moines.

## Josephine Andreano Will Wed in August

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Andreano, 2405  
S.W. 16th st., announce the engage-  
ment of their daughter, Josephine, to  
Dino Maglioli.

Both young people are employed by  
the "Veterans' Administration. Mr.  
Maglioli was a corporal in the army  
and served during the war.

The marriage will take place Aug.  
8.

## Caligiuri Twins Celebrate 1st Birthdays



Jimmy and Joey Caligiuri, twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. Dominic Caligiuri,  
south Des Moines residents, celebrated their first birthday along with their  
father. Fifty persons attended. A spaghetti dinner was served with all the  
trimmings. Many Italian desserts were served.

Among the many gifts received, the best present in the family was the  
appointment of Mr. Caligiuri to the city fire department.

Pictured in the center of the circle is another one year old, Suzanne  
DePina, who also has the same date for her birthday.

## Pitney-Marturello Marriage Performed



MRS. ANTHONY MARTURELLO

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Pitney of Des  
Moines announced the marriage of their  
daughter, Doris, to Anthony Marturello,  
son of Mr. and Mrs. George Marturello,  
which took place Sunday afternoon,  
June 20th, at St. Anthony's  
chapel. Miss Martina Todd and  
Frank Portman were attendants.

## MISS ABBOTT AND FIANCÉ HONORED AT DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stewart, 3208  
Maplewood Pike, were hosts at a dinner  
at their home honoring Miss Carolyn  
Abbott and her fiancé, Mr. Tim  
Stewart. Miss Anna Stewart was  
also a guest.

## Miss Margery Graney Is Bride of Mr. Ettore Ferin

Miss Margery Trues Graney,  
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Timothy  
Graney, 1950 Forty-ninth st., became  
the bride of Ettore Ferin, son  
of Mr. and Mrs. E. Ferin, 8 Liv-  
ingston st., at 9:30 a.m. June 19 at St.  
Anthony's cathedral. Miss Kathleen  
Boyd and Frank Postman were attend-  
ants.

Following a breakfast at Hotel Fort  
Des Moines, the couple left for Chi-  
cago, and later will reside at 2024  
Forty-ninth st.

Mr. Ferin is employed in the rural  
circulation department of The Register  
and Tribune Co.

## BABY DAUGHTER BORN TO JOSEPH STEFANIS

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Stefanis, Jr.,  
6120 R.W. Second street, became the  
parents of a baby daughter, born  
Monday at Mercy hospital.

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## Applications Sought For Civil Service

Paul B. Ticeford, Executive Secretary,  
Bureau of U. S. Civil Service  
Examiners, Federal Housing Admin-  
istration, 244 Insurance Exchange  
Building, Des Moines, Iowa, an-  
nounced today that applications are  
now being accepted for practical  
appointment to the position of Val-  
uator CAF-7-9; and Construction In-  
spector CAF-7-8. The salary for  
Grade CAF-7 is \$4,450.60 per annum  
and for Grade CAF-8 \$3,972.20 per  
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Polk County, Iowa, at which time and  
place you will appear and show cause,  
if any, why said will should not be  
admitted to probate.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have  
hereunto set my hand and affixed the  
seal of the District Court, at Des  
Moines, Iowa, this 25th day of June  
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FRED BARKALOW,  
Clark District Court  
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Section 2. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

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HECK ROSS, Mayor

Signed June 20, 1948  
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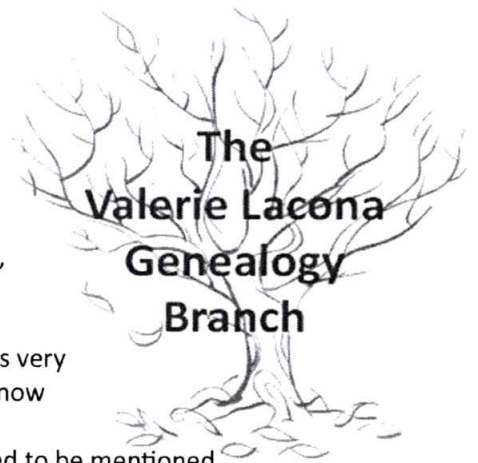
## Italian Naming Traditions

By Kathy Foggia

There has been a custom in Italy that determines how children are named:

- The first male is named after his paternal grandfather.
- The second male is named after his maternal grandfather.
- The first female is named after her maternal grandmother.
- The following children could be named after a favorite aunt or uncle, the parents, or a deceased relative.

You will probably see examples of this in your family and, although this custom is very popular, don't assume it to be the rule in finding your ancestor's name. If you know your grandfather, Giuseppe, was the oldest son, don't assume that his paternal grandfather was named Giuseppe. There are exceptions to this custom that need to be mentioned.



A man has a firstborn son and names him Antonio after his paternal grandfather, then he has several other sons. At age 7 Antonio dies so, if the man has another son, he would name that son Antonio after his paternal grandfather again. Another exception might be that your ancestor didn't know who his grandparents were to name his children after. There were many orphans and illegitimate children born in 19th and early 20th century Italy. If your ancestor was estranged from his family, they might not follow the naming tradition, or they just might not be traditional and follow the custom! It sure does make for difficult genealogical research at times.

Because of the pervasiveness of the custom, you will find many people sharing the same name. For an example: Cataldo Leo marries a woman named Rosa and they have three sons - Domenico, Pietro, and Donato. Each of these sons marries and has his own children. As per the custom, they will all name their first son Cataldo after their father, and they will all name their first daughter Rosa after their mother. We have three Cataldo Leo's all born in the same town, within the same generation, possibly even born in the same year. The same situation exists for Rosa Leo. So now you come along looking for the birth record for your ancestor Cataldo Leo, and you must be diligent to get the right ancestor. It might be a birth date that tells you, or a notation on the birth record of who they married that is the clue to solve the dilemma.

If you want to learn more about your Italian family tree, please sign up for our October 20th workshop at the Italian-American Cultural Center. Email [foggia@iaccofia.org](mailto:foggia@iaccofia.org) for more information or stop by and see me at the Festival in the Cultural Hall.

## We Are The Chosen

*by Della M. Cummings Wright (Rewritten by her granddaughter Dell Jo Ann McGinnis Johnson)*

In each family there is one who seems called to find the ancestors. To put flesh on their bones and make them live again. To tell the family story and to feel that somehow they know and approve. Doing genealogy is not a cold gathering of facts but, instead, breathing life into all who have gone before us. We are the storytellers of the tribe. All tribes have one. We have been called, as it were, by our genes. Those who have gone before us cry out to us: Tell our story. So, we do. In finding them, we somehow find ourselves.

It goes beyond just documenting facts. It goes to who I am, and why I do the things I do. It goes to pride in what our ancestors were able to accomplish. How they contributed to what we are today. It goes to respecting their hardships and losses, their never giving in or giving up, their resoluteness to go on and build a life for their family. It goes to deep pride that the fathers fought and some died to make and keep us a nation. It goes to a deep and immense understanding that they were doing it for us. With love and caring, we scribe each fact of their existence, because we are they and they are the sum of who we are.

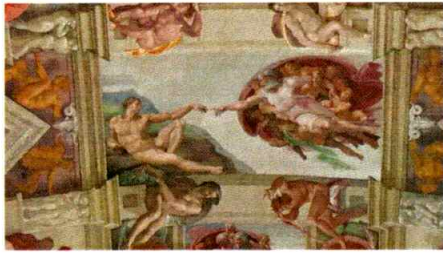
So, I tell the story of my family. It is up to that one called in the next generation to answer the call and take my place in the long line of family storytellers. That is why I do my family genealogy, and that is what calls those young and old to step up and restore the memory or greet those who we had never known before.



# 100 Best Things To Do In Italy

by Jen Miller

Second in a series of the best places to visit in Italy.



## 5. Sistine chapel

Situated in the Vatican City, “la Cappella Sistina” is most-famed for its frescoes, in particular its famous ceiling and “The Last Judgement” painted by Michelangelo in the years between 1508 and 1512. Masterpieces by Botticelli, Raphael and others adorn the walls, and the floors are wonderfully intricate inlaid marble mosaics (known as “pietra dura”).



## 6. Climb Mt. Vesuvius (Naples)

Around 9 kilometres east of Naples towers the famous Mount Vesuvius (1,281 m high), which erupted in 79 AD burying the towns of Pompeii and Herculaneum. Vesuvius is the only volcano on the European mainland to have erupted within the last century: the last eruption was in 1944. The area surrounding the volcano was designated a national park in 1995, however the summit is available to visitors. Road access stops at 200 metres from the summit, after which access is on foot only.



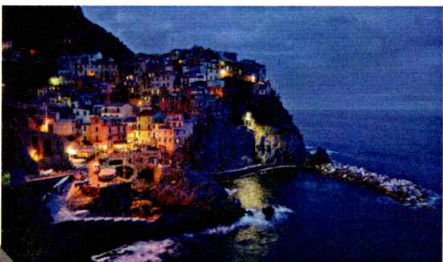
## 7. Leaning tower of Pisa

Famous worldwide for its lopsided appearance (caused by a foundation of only 3 metres in unstable subsoil), the leaning tower of Pisa was built in three stages, commencing in 1173 and continuing for a further 199 years, with some structural strengthening carried out between 1990-2001. Actually the bell tower of the cathedral, the leaning tower of Pisa contains 7 bells, one for each note of the scale. It is 55.86 metres high and one of Italy’s largest tourist attractions, drawing over 1 million visitors annually.



## 8. Solfatara

The Solfatara in Pozzuoli, near Naples, is a series of shallow craters created by a now dormant volcano which still emit sulfurous fumes and jets of steam. The healing properties of its vapors were well recognized by the Romans 4000 years ago; quite apart from that, it is a fascinating and scary glimpse into the internal workings of our planet.



## 9. Cinque Terre

“Cinque Terre” – quite literally “five places” – is the name given to five villages on the Ligurian coast of northwest Italy – Vernazza, Corniglia, Monterosso al Mare, Riomaggiore and Manarola. Owing to their picturesque aspect between cliffs and sea and the fact that they can be easily accessed by rail or boat, but only under extreme difficulty by road, they are immensely popular with tourists. This explains in part why they were designated an UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1997.



## Friends of The Center

Society of Italian Americans  
[www.siadm.com](http://www.siadm.com)

Societa' Vittoria Italiana  
[www.vittorialodge.com](http://www.vittorialodge.com)

Italian-American Women of IA  
[www.italianamericanwomenofiowa.com](http://www.italianamericanwomenofiowa.com)

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

## Thank You

Tammy Long

Your donation has helped us further  
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## Bell'Italia Summer Day Camp

August 6th through 10th  
9:00AM – 12:00PM

Open to boys and girls entering grades  
2nd through 6th in the fall.



Children will experience "being Italian"  
through language, music, dance, sports and  
games, cooking and crafts.

Registration fee is \$35.00.  
To register call: 515-244-4672 or  
515-250-8804.  
Camp size is limited so register early.

**Viva L'Italia**

**JULY 27-28**  
**WESTERN GATEWAY PARK**

**ITALIAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE FESTIVAL OF IOWA**

## An Evening in Tuscany

Please save the date

November 8, 2018

and join our Honorary Chair Sheri Sarcone Avis Horner  
for our 4th Annual Fundraiser Dinner  
benefitting the Italian-American Cultural Center of Iowa.

We will be featuring the rich and diverse cuisine  
from the Tuscan Region known for  
pappardelle, panzanella, cantucci and of course some fabulous wines.

For more details please contact Paolo Bartesaghi at [bartesaghi@iaccofia.org](mailto:bartesaghi@iaccofia.org).  
A presto!



## A Dream Becomes Reality

By Patricia Civitate

In 1981 a dream began. It was a dream of establishing a facility that would showcase the enrichment of the Italian heritage and culture, which was an important part of the lives of the Italian-American community. It would also tell of the Italian contributions to the New World.

For 15 years, the Board of Governors of the Cultural Center was homeless. Meetings were held regularly in the downtown library, St. Anthony's basement, Denny's restaurant, and in the homes of organizers. As thoughts of a permanent location became an important matter, a search committee was formed. Several locations throughout the city and surrounding metropolitan area were explored.

Then, one day, an unexpected call was received informing the board that the family of Carmine "Sam" Marasco was selling their property. It was located at 1961 Indianola Avenue. The board had 10 days to make a decision. Marasco was the founder, in 1917, of the Sonny Boy Bread Co. This company evolved into the Supreme Bakery in 1925. Since the bakery had employed many Italian immigrants, it seemed a sign that the board should proceed. The purchase was made possible by a \$50,000 State of Iowa Historical Grant.

The building, which was divided into 3 equal parts, had 2 large rooms and a garage. In the beginning, the south section of the building was one massive empty room. The area had four bare walls and a worn green tile floor with a few cracks. Above, was a 14' ceiling. At one point, it had been an indoor driving range. With several volunteer carpenters and electricians, working alongside a dedicated Board of Governors, the museum was born. Walls were built and painted, partitions were built that divided the museum into a series of open-air display areas. A large showcase was donated in memory of Vincent J. Scavo by his family. Another showcase was received from John and Tonette Soda Stevens. It was donated when they closed their trophy shop in Creston, Iowa. A discarded small display case was also received from St. Anthony parish.

Several individuals began to donate pictures, artifacts and household items from their ancestors. Slowly but surely, the museum was beginning to take on a life of its own. The time had come for the board to decide how it would get community involvement and participation, donors and visitors.

The Cultural Center has now become a destination for those who visit Des Moines and the state of Iowa.

Next month - the next in a series of articles that will continue to give the progress of the Italian-American Cultural Center of Iowa.

**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.**

### 2018 Board of Governors

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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  
Ralph Marasco – Samuil Pane – Rose Russo – Terri Righi-Ryner

### Contact

Telephone 515-280-3719



# ITALIAN AMERICAN WOMEN OF IOWA (IAWI)

MEETING TUESDAY, July 17, 2018

7:00 PM – Membership Meeting (*no board meeting*) & **NO AUGUST MEETING**

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

Hope everyone is enjoying the nice summer weather, and don't forget to drink plenty of water. There is a lot going on in July so please help out if you can. *Lisa Vivone Cruchelow, President*

## JULY MEETING, ICE CREAM SOCIAL & MEMBERSHIP DRIVE 7/17

Membership drive/ Invite your friends and family to come check out our fun group.

Please bring NEW items for **Orchard Place**. **Items Needed:** pencil bags/boxes, pens (red, blue & black), erasers, 3 ring binders (1 inch or greater), colored pencils, crayons, hand sanitizer, note books, glue sticks, loose leaf paper, highlighters, markers, 2 pocket folders, rulers, pencils, compass, Ziploc baggies, Kleenex, Clorox wipes, scissors, calculators (basic/algebraic/scientific) & back packs.

## VIVA L' ITALIA NEWS

There are still spots around the festival grounds to help out this year. Please help out where you can. (Cultural Hall, Heritage Stage & Gates) See the newsletter for more details.

**CHEER AND SYMPATHY** - contact **Mary Cosimo** at 280-6553 or [mcosimo@msn.com](mailto:mcosimo@msn.com)

## THANK YOU TO...

The ladies who brought the treats to our June meeting. **July refreshments** - we will have an ice cream social. **The club will supply the ice cream and the members need to bring toppings.**

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

Santina Punelli 7/4, Jeannie Joiner 7/6, Gina Nelson 7/6, Jenna Shelley 7/9 & Barbara Iaria 7/11,

## ANNIVERSARY CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Barbara & Paul Iaria 7/15 (51 yrs) & Mary Lee & Jerry Lane 7/20 (44 yrs)

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## Dates to Remember:

7/17 Ice Cream Social and Membership Drive **\*\*Bring school supplies for Orchard place\*\***  
7/28-7/29 Italian American Heritage Festival of Iowa



**\*\*HAPPY 4<sup>TH</sup> of JULY BE SAFE\*\***



# **Societa' Vittoria Italiana**

## **Next Men's Meetings September 16th**

**SOCIAL TIME:** A social for lodge members and Auxiliary 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! Next social is September 20<sup>th</sup>.

**FESTIVAL COAL MINERS EXHIBIT:** Anyone interested in volunteering to sit in the air-conditioned Coal Miners exhibit at the festival, contact Jim Tazzoili at 515-249-8299.

**APPRECIATION PICNIC:** July 8<sup>th</sup>, the Lodge will be sponsoring an Appreciation Picnic to thank all those who have volunteered their time throughout the year and the Festival. All members and family are welcome. It will start at noon. Please contact Roger Fiori for more information 515-201-6707

**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](mailto:squire@squireweb.net).

**CORN FEED:** August 26<sup>th</sup> is the annual corn feed. Corn on the cob, brats and hot dogs will be provided as well as other favorites. Bring you family and spend some fun, end of the summer fun with fellow lodge members. For further information contact Jim Blasco, 515-252-8705

**HAPPY JULY BIRTHDAY WISHES TO OUR MEMBERS:** Larry Lassiter, Jim Blasco, James Hamm, Orlando Vivone, Edward Palandri, Mike Van Houten, Eugenio Fugaccia, Phil Pezzetti, Frank Forneris, Neal Prati, John Rossi, Rocco Vacco Jr, Jeffrey Jennings, Jeremiah Joens, Charles Van Houten, Rev Frank Chiodo, Michael Lucente, Richard Stefani, Angelo Vignaroli, Steven Righi, Randall Stefani.

**Buon Compleanno!**

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:** Our new members from this past year – John Marino, Bob Fontana, Spencer Fontana, John Ceretti and Spencer Prati.

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

July 8<sup>th</sup> – Lodge Appreciation Picnic at the Lodge

August 26<sup>th</sup> – Corn Feed

September 16th – Lodge Meeting

October 21<sup>st</sup> – Lodge Meeting



# VITTORIA LODGE AUXILIARY

No Meetings July or August - Next Meeting: September 16<sup>th</sup>

## JUNE DINNER

Our annual dinner was a big hit, we had a good turn out and Roger and Rob Fiori along with their families did a wonderful job and the food was awesome! A big Thank You to the Boy Scouts - they did such a great job with helping, refilling waters and clean up!

The following individuals received scholarships: Jordan Magnani, Nicholas Signor, Giorgio Rossi, Arianna Medici, Nicholas Hall, Jackson Hawxby, Alexandra Eckstrom, Molly Meade, Hailey Haller, Luke Matney, Rose Marie Feeley, Harlee Palmitier, Elise Blatt, Chloe Freund, and Emily Battani. We wish them success!

## ANNUAL CORN FEED/PICNIC

Our annual corn feed/picnic will be held August 26<sup>th</sup> at 12:00p.m. The lodge will provide brats, hot dogs, and corn. Please bring a dish to share with others. Mark your calendars to come out and enjoy good food, good company and check out the new shelter area.

## 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 JULY

Toni Dickey (6<sup>th</sup>), Jean Miner (7<sup>th</sup>), Sheri Partington (23<sup>th</sup>) Gloria Reese (23<sup>th</sup>), Mary Elwell-Steele (25<sup>th</sup>), Josephine Lenzini (25<sup>th</sup>), Mary Ann Medici (28<sup>th</sup>), Patricia Richardson (28<sup>th</sup>), LeNora Coe (29<sup>th</sup>), Mary Auerbach, Marie Blatt, Melissa Joens

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

August 26<sup>th</sup> – Corn Feed  
September 16<sup>th</sup> – Meeting 2:00 pm with Polenta Party  
November 3<sup>rd</sup> – Craft Fair  
November 4<sup>th</sup> – Memorial Mass  
December 9<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Party