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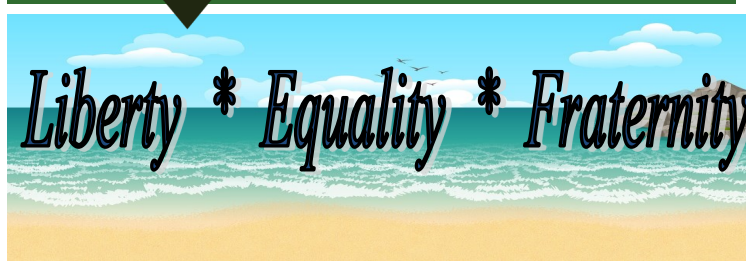


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Luglio Agosto 2021

la Parola del Presidente Our dining room was closed for fifteen months due to COVID-19 shut-downs. The Club finally reopened for inside dining on June 18th. It was a happy and successful opening. Our volunteers, the lifeblood of the IACV, came through once again. Now with take-outs and inside seating, we are just about back to business as usual. Thank goodness! Our guests were thrilled and thanked us repeatedly for getting the doors open again. It makes me realize what a huge part of the community the IACV is, and our absence was felt by so many.

On another note, new applications are being taken each week for membership in our Club. With that comes new members willing to help. Remember to offer a hand, answer questions and be a smiling face to all the "newbies".

We will continue to have our monthly meetings throughout the summer. A big item that will be discussed is the Feast for 2022. We need a Feast Manager and volunteers to make this happen. Come and lend a voice in deciding which way this will go.

Johanna



We've been preparing for weeks for our Dining Room to reopen on June 18th. Food and supplies were ordered, workers trained, new procedures put in place, tables set. And then it was finally here! Johanna said a prayer with the staff, then cut the ribbon and opened the doors to our first anxious guests. We continued to do a brisk Takeout business as the tables filled with satisfied diners enjoying our delicious food and famous Italian hospitality. The Kitchen and Bar were hopping! We were excited to be back sharing friendship and the dinner count.

Congratulations and **THANK YOU** to all our wonderful volunteers who made this evening a huge success!



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In Loving Memory



Anthony Curatolo



Bob Monaco

Luce del Sole

Get well soon!

Johanna Giordano, Bob Errico and
Julie Packard



Thinking of you

Gerry Paulausky

Note: Please call **Donna Sherman 587-1058** if you know of someone needing the support of the members through cards, calls & prayers.

Email : creationcardsbydj@gmail.com

dates to Remember

July 1st: General Meeting 7 pm

July 4th: Independence Day

July 29th: Executive Board Meeting 6 pm

August 5th: General Meeting 7 pm

August 26th: Executive Board Meeting 6 pm



****Reminder:** Per Article IV, Section 3 of the Bylaws, you must be of Italian descent, attend 75% of meetings for the year and not miss three meetings in a row in order to qualify to run for the Executive Board. Election year ends September 30th.**

Buon Compleanno!

July Celebrants :

Nina Arzberger **8th**, Robert Avena **17th**, Sue Baldwin **21st**, Linda Bastian **14th**, Marion Booker **23rd**, Secondo Bortolotto **8th**, Debbie Centofanti **12th**, Carlo Ferroni **8th**, Prudy Giannetto **26th**, Marie Kaps **15th**, Phyllis Lucca **2nd**, Ed Marinak **30th**, Josephine Miholopoulos **6th**, Marilyn Murphy **23rd**, Anne Pflug **31st**, Al Richmond **15th**, Joe Santoro **22nd**, AnnaMaria Scaffidi **31st**, Holly Sleighter **17th**, Michelle Tenaglia **31st**, Justin Terzi **11th**, Frank Uttaro **10th**, Amy Zajac **22nd**.



Happy Birthday!

August Babies:

Frank Aidala **27th**, Robert Angelini **10th**, John Antico **6th**, Gina Buck **31st**, Marian Capecci **7th**, Frank Cavigliano **25th**, Tom Colangelo **16th**, John Cuomo **14th**, Vincent Foti **29th**, Patti Gilliss **29th**, Joan High **21st**, Theresa Liseo **12th**, Amelia Lissor **5th**, Joseph Liuzzo **24th**, Dennis Lombardo **9th**, Carol McIvers **15th**, Frances Mogelnicki **4th**, Judy Mossorofo **14th**, Louis Nargi **28th**, Elaine Noce **30th**, Frank Patti **27th**, Marino Roncari **3rd**, John Rose **20th**, Diane Russell **21st**, Karl Schmitz **5th**, Jean Trapani **1st**, Mary Trezza **4th**.

****Contact Membership Chair Kathy Carbone to update your information if you were missed ****

One free small carafe of wine during your birthday month on Friday night with purchase of dinner.

Benvenuti'

Welcome New Members: Teena & Ron Albanese, Barbara Fagerskog, Jim Filitto, Guy Gunkle, Donna & Al Massanti, Debbie Monroe, Beverly & Anthony Pulvino and Joe Santoro

Photo by Angelo Tulimieri



Member of the Month



Bill Meyers

Jack of ALL Trades

Bartender, logistics manager, tray carrier, landscaper, building maintenance, rental agent, calls the table numbers, Lord of the 50/50 (I've certainly missed something). There is no one more devoted to this Club than Bill Meyers. Whatever you need (even a hug or a kick in the pants), Bill is

there! Believe it or not, he runs his own business on the side, the IACV being his primary occupation. Fun fact: he was a pro bowler. When does he find the time? Bill will **always** go the extra mile (he was a professional truck driver)—that's why we rely on him so much. *Listen.* He has innovative ideas to move the Club forward. Steadfast and energetic with a HUGE heart, we love and **APPRECIATE** you, Bill!



Italy Is Now Open to All U.S. Leisure Travelers



Photo by Ray Sherman

The wait is over to seek la dolce vita! Leisure travelers from the United States can now travel to Italy. Starting on May 16, Delta Air Lines is making its quarantine-free flights to Rome and Milan available to all customers who submit to the COVID-19 testing requirements.

Delta made the announcement on May 14, following a decree issued by the Italian government stating that Italy will be expanding the availability of what it calls "COVID-tested flights" to all American passengers starting May 16. Until now, they have only been available to those traveling for approved essential reasons. Another order issued in tandem stated that travelers from Europe, the United Kingdom, and Israel no longer need to quarantine in Italy if they test negative for COVID-19.



Kitchen Korner

Congratulazioni to our newest Certified Kitchen Managers :

Ann Brozosky

Lou D'Amico

Linda Falco

Dee Galante

Dino Tommasi

Frank Uttaro

and Food Handler:

Sandy Vecchione

Great Job Bob Errico, Dino Tommasi & Pasquale Santaguida on cleaning the stove grates and ovens. It's a tough task, but they sparkle!

Another **Perfect Inspection** from the Board of Health in June. The Kitchen crew works hard to ensure that IACV produces food products to the highest safety standards.



Grazie

To the **Elephant's Trunk Thrift Shop** for their generous donation of a limited edition print by renowned artist Thomas Kinkade entitled "Sunset on the Grand Canal". This exceptional gift was facilitated by Member **Rose Altreuter**. It will be added to the Club's collection of beautiful art and will be displayed for all to enjoy.



Please remember to patronize the Elephant's Trunk and thank them for their donation.



PIZZA PARTY

IN APPRECIATION OF OUR VOLUNTEERS
MAY 30, 2021

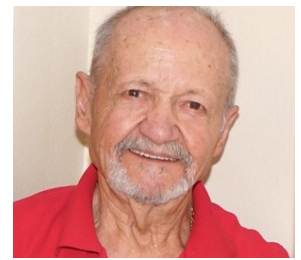


WE FELT APPRECIATED FOR OUR SERVICE THROUGHOUT THE MONTHS OF TAKEOUT DINNERS AS 53 VOLUNTEERS AND GUESTS FEASTED ON GOURMET PIZZA PREPARED BY LOU PIAZZA. ASSISTING HIM WERE MARINO RONCARI AND DINO TOMMASI, SUPERVISED BY KING OF THE KITCHEN JOE DIMARCO. THE 35 PIES WERE SERVED UP BY JOHANNA GIORDANO, JOSEPHINE MIHALOPOULOS AND LINDA FALCO. GRAZIE MILLE TO BILL MEYERS WHO KEPT EVERYONE HAPPY AT THE BAR, JOE BIRD, OUR ELOQUENT MC, AND BIRTHDAY GIRL DEE MEYERS WHO DID THE BEAUTIFUL DINING ROOM SETUP. RINO LOTTA ENTERTAINED WITH HIS AMAZING HARMONICA PERFORMANCE. KUDOS TO ALL!!

THE MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND EVENT WAS MARKED BY A MOVING RENDITION OF "GOD BLESS THE USA." MANY MEMBERS WERE DECKED OUT IN PATRIOTIC GARB. WE WERE ALL SO THRILLED TO SEE LONG-TIME FRIENDS WHO HAVE "RETIRED." MOSTLY IT WAS THE FEELING OF CAMARADERIE THAT FILLED THE ROOM, BOTH VETERANS AND NEWCOMERS. **WE ARE AN AWESOME TEAM!!**



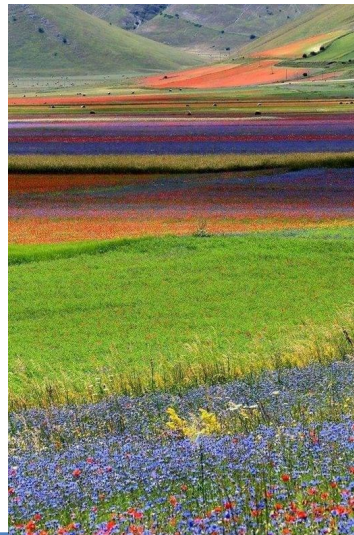
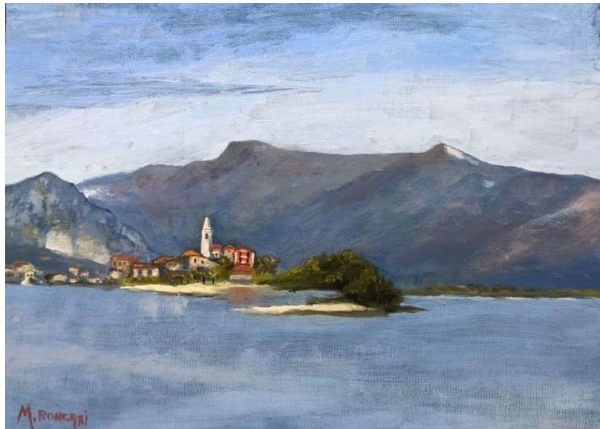
Marino Roncari, The Artist Among Us



We all know Marino Roncari as a faithful, reliable and most productive kitchen volunteer providing excellence in all he does, especially baking our cakes. However, the work that brings a smile to his face is his work as an artist. The Club is lucky to have more than one of his paintings hanging in our Dining Room. The one he is proudest of is his oil painting "Calle Di Venezia" (left) painted in Venice, Italy. This painting is not for sale because Marino says it's not finished. Then he'll remind you that Da Vinci wasn't happy with the Mona Lisa until 30 years after he started it.

Marino was born in Varese, Italy and immigrated to the US in 1982. He is a master of etching, pastels, watercolors and oils. His passion is Plein Air Painting (i.e., in the outdoors) as is witnessed by his exquisite landscapes. He mounted his first show in 1975, owned a framing and art gallery for 25 years and continues to paint the landscapes of Florida in retirement. Bravo, Marino!

~ Angelo Tulumieri, IACV



Blooms in Castelluccio di Norcia, Perugia (above, center)

The area where the show shows up is Pian Grande and the Lost Plan, a few kilometers from Norcia; here every year thousands of flowers bloom spontaneously giving an explosion of colors ranging from yellow to ochre and green to purple. In this corner of paradise, still dealing with earthquake damage, you can admire the flourishing of lentils, poppies, gentianelle, daffodils, violets, asphodeli, clover and much more. ~ Marino





Julie Packard's Cannoli Poke Cake

- 1 White Box Cake (not yellow)
- 1 14-oz can Sweetened Condensed Milk
- 1 ½ cup Ricotta Cheese
- 1 ½ cup Mascarpone Cheese
- 1 tsp Vanilla
- 1 cup Powdered Sugar
- ½ tsp Cinnamon
- Mini Chocolate Chips, as desired

Bake cake per directions on box
 When removed from oven, poke holes all over cake with handle of wooden spoon
 Reserve 1/2 can of Sweetened Condensed Milk and pour the rest over the cake
 Refrigerate cake for about 1 hour
 Remove from refrigerator
 Mix Ricotta, Mascarpone, Vanilla, remaining Sweetened Condensed Milk and Powdered Sugar until smooth
 Add Cinnamon. Mix until smooth
 Spread mixture over cake and sprinkle Mini Chocolate Chips over cake. Dust with additional Powdered Sugar
 Keep Cake Refrigerated

WANTED

Friday Night Volunteers

Servers & Bussers

Contact Diane Johnson

860-539-6973

Diane_M_Johnson@sbcglobal.net

Tray Carriers

Contact Karen Errico

914-420-3488

klze61@aol.com

Have fun!
Support Your Club!!



The Armchair Traveler goes to:

Salerno

Gateway to the Amalfi Coast

My family's hometown!

[Click Here](#)



Board Notes

Masks are now optional.

Friday night workers will wear their Club shirt with dark colored or khaki bottoms (pants, capris or shorts).

Poker

Wednesdays 7 pm to ???

Contact Sal Trofi 496-7676



- ♦ Dealer's choice
- ♦ 25/50 cents
- ♦ Limit of 3 raises
- ♦ High-low hands permitted

Italy – Geography and History

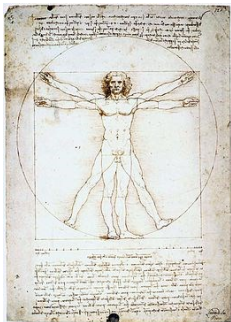
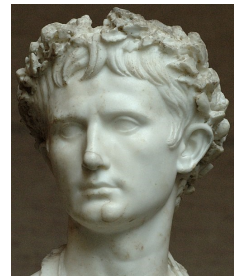
Italy is a boot-shaped peninsula that juts out of southern Europe into the Adriatic, Tyrrhenian and Mediterranean Seas. It covers a total area of 116,350 square miles. With around 60 million inhabitants, Italy is the third most populous member of the European Union. It enjoys temperate climate in the south but can be quite cold in the mountainous north.



Due to its central location, Italy has been home to many different peoples and cultures. Its first societies emerged around 1200 BC. Approximately 800 BC, Greeks settled in the south and Etruscans arose in central Italy. By the fifth century BC, the Etruscans had created a group of states called Etruria. Meanwhile, Latin and Sabine people south of Etruria merged to form a strong city-state called Rome.

Etruscan kings ruled Rome for nearly a hundred years. But the Romans overthrew the Etruscans in 510 BC and went on to build a vast empire. At its height in 117 AD, The Roman Empire stretched from Portugal to Syria to Britain to North Africa.

The first sole emperor of Rome, Octavian, took power in 27 BC and assumed the name Augustus Caesar. The Empire flourished for more than 400 years. Declining in the fourth century, the Empire split in two. Germanic tribes from the north toppled the last emperor in 476 AD.



In the twelfth century, Italian city-states began to rise again and grow rich on trade. The Renaissance was born and spread to the rest of Europe, bringing a renewal of science, exploration and art. Italian culture flourished, producing famous scholars and artists. Its continued influence can be seen in modern religion, culture and even Latin script. But Italy remained a patchwork of territories, some of which were controlled by foreign dynasties. Beginning in 1859, an uprising forced the foreigners out, and in 1861, the Kingdom of Italy was proclaimed.



Italy took the side of the United Kingdom and United States in World War I but was left in poverty at the war's end. Benito Mussolini and his Fascist Party rose to power promising to restore the Roman Empire. He ruled as a dictator and entered World War II on the side of Germany and Japan. He was later captured and executed.



After the fall of the Fascist regime and the end of WW II, Italy became a Republic. Italian politics and society were dominated by Christian Democracy, a broad-based political party from 1946 to 1994. Since that time, Italy has been governed as a Republic by a series of coalition governments.

-Ted Holmes, IACV