



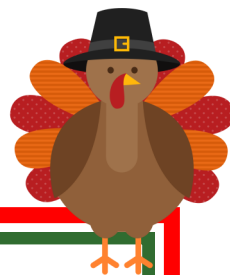
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Novembre 2021

From the Editor

Thanksgiving is upon us and we have much to be thankful for. Our Club has returned to some new sense of normal after a very trying year. The Dining Room is buzzing on Friday nights. We have so many activities that you **MUST** check out the new Club Calendar in the Columbus Room! Our IACV family continues to be one of my cherished blessings for which I am truly grateful.

This month, let us especially honor our Veterans who served this great nation so that we may live in safety and security. IACV will provide a free dinner to them on November 12th in gratitude. We also need to get moving on the Holiday Parade. This is a fun event in which to showcase the Club to our community. A driver with a truck and Parade Coordinator are needed ASAP.

May you appreciate all the good things in your life: abundant food, decent housing, loving family, robust health and dear friends. I do! Happy Thanksgiving!

Columbus Day Dinner Dance

If only Columbus could have danced the night away like the 110+ attendees at our Columbus Day Event!! Rino Lotta led us in the song "Volare," sung in Italian. It was wonderful to hear all of the voices join in together! There were lots of great auctions including a homemade dinner!



A special 'Thank you' to all that contributed to this success: Bob Gilless, Marcey Norman, Joe Santoro, Carol McIvers, Jean Cote, Sandi Prunty, John Leggio, Barbara Okun, Gloria Ross, Pam Niemiec, Mary Trezza, Jackie Briguglio, and Marie Kaps. It takes an Italian American volunteer group with big hearts to make this happen.

Forever Grateful, Patti Gilless and Dee Meyers



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More photos of the fun on page 7

In Loving Memory



**Barbara
Lorio**

Fondly remembered for producing our wonderful dinner theater events



Deepest Sympathy

To Matt Palucci upon the passing of his son, Patsy Santaguida on the loss of his mother and Anthony Rondello on losing his brother. Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers at this difficult time.



Luce del Sole Get well soon!

Patti Marcon, Cathy Meyer,
John Meyer, and Marino Roncari

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



Buon Compleanno!

Birthdays in the Month of **NOVEMBER!**

Patty Bender **26th**, John Burrafato **27th**, Irene Ciridnikov **23rd**, Nancy Cirillo **2nd**, Dixie Clark **5th**, Tony DiPietro **28th**, Nancy Dowicki **5th**, Karen Errico **22nd**, Linda Falco **20th**, Rosemarie Francavilla **22nd**, Donald Gemmiti **3rd**, Julia Griffith **11th**, Guy Gunkle **15th**, Dennis Hord **20th**, CherylAnn Keim **3rd**, John Leggio **10th**, Susan Liuzzo **13th**, Mary Kay Matarelli **7th**, Angelina Mauk **23rd**, Lee Mauk **12th**, Gerry Paulausky **30th**, Santino Perri **10th**, William Piscione **7th**, Janet Provino **22nd**, Carole Raffaele **10th**, Mike Roselle **19th**, Gloria Ross **28th**, Joanna Santaguida **11th**, Camilla Smoot **27th**, Dino Tommasi **18th**, Delores Trethewey **13th**, Babs Vitale **2nd**.

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

Free small carafe of wine during your birthday month

Novembre 2021

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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24		26	27
28	29	30				

November Notable Dates:

- Nov 4th - General Meeting 7 pm
Golf Outing 8:30 am
- Nov 9th - Jewelry Cleaning & Checkup 11 - 3
- Nov 11th - BINGO 7 pm
- Nov 12th - Veterans Dinner 4:30 - 7:15 pm
- Nov 13th - Garage Sale 8 - 12
- Nov 17th - Movie Team Marco 7 pm
- Nov 18th - VHS Swim Team Dinner
- Nov 21st - Birthday/Anniversary Celebration 4 pm
- Nov 24th - Executive Board Meeting 1 pm
- Nov 26th - No Friday Dinner Service
- Nov 27th - Venice Holiday Parade

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

BOCCE Mondays and Tuesdays 8:30 am

MAH JONG Wednesdays 1-4 pm

POKER Wednesdays 7 pm-???

BINGO 2nd Thursday 7 pm

CULTURAL EVENTS 3rd Thursday 7 pm

LANGUAGE CLASSES See Schedule page 9

December - Save the Date

- Dec 2nd - General Meeting 7 pm
- Dec 9th - BINGO 7 pm
- Dec 19th - Birthday/Anniversary Celebration 4 pm
- Dec 24th - No Friday Dinner Service
- Dec 31st - New Year's Eve Party



Daylight Savings Time Ends
November 7th.
Set your clocks **back** one hour
on
Saturday night.

Pot Luck N to Z please bring a dessert to share at the General Meeting, store bought or home-made.

Benvenuti'

Welcome New Members:

Carol Burns, Dino Carella, Lois & Ken D'Onofrio, Carol Federico, Donald Gemmiti, Deana & Randall Hall, Camille LiPuma, Susan Liuzzo, Richard Marino, John Pisano, and Louise Robinson



Second Thursday of the Month

November 11th

Doors open at 6:45 pm

Early Bird Game at 7 pm

10 Games - 2 are Winner Takes All!

The Bar will be OPEN

Info:

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VETERANS DAY

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED



ITALIAN AMERICAN CLUB OF VENICE

SAYS GRAZIE WITH

FREE DINNER

TO

VETERANS WITH MILITARY ID

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2021

4:30 TO 7:15 PM

DINE IN ONLY

1375 RINGLING DRIVE, VENICE

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Garage Sale

Clean out your closets

Drop off your treasures
Friday, November 12th from
10 am - 12 pm

SALE IS

Saturday, November 13th
7 am - 1 pm

Lots of Volunteers needed

Contact Dee Meyers
Call or text 941-468-9029

VETERANS DAY

— ★ ★ ★ —
HONORING ALL WHO SERVED



Al Angelastri



Joe Bird



John Burrafato



Lou D'Amico



Bob Dowling



Bill Ehrhardt (tallest)



Carl Galanti



Ray Marchesi



Mike Matarelli



Tom Martorana



George Palmer



Lou Piazza



Randy Pistone



Tony Rondello



Tom Santurri



Karl Schmitz



Birthday and Anniversary Celebration October 17th



October celebration was sponsored by Sandi Prunty and Jackie Briguglio with an Octoberfest theme. The 53 attendees are still talking about how delicious the food was! Oven roasted Brats were accompanied by Jackie's wonderfully warm German Potato Salad. Danken to Fraus Marcey Norman, Trish Monaco and Linda Falco. Of course a smiling Dee Meyers sold 50/50 raffle tickets. Steve Fornadel and Bill Meyers kept the beer flowing while Ron DeBacco MC'd. **Wunderbar!!**



Next Celebration will be a Thanksgiving Pot Luck on November 21st. The Club will provide turkeys and gravy. See or email Jackie Briguglio (cjbriguglio@sbcglobal.net) to RSVP and sign up for your contribution of appetizer, side dish or dessert.

Photos by Angelo Tulimieri

For more photos click here



Epiphany School Spirit Night



A HUGE SUCCESS

Left: Michelle Ballentine of Epiphany Cathedral Catholic School accepts a check for \$1,000 from Past President Ron DeBacco.

Right: Preschool students thanked the IACV by calling us SUPER STARS. See the cute poster in the lobby until November 15th.



Photos by Sandi Prunty

Columbus Day Dinner Dance

Saturday, October 9th, 2021





Language Classes

Beginner: Mondays 2-3:30
Nancy Menaldi-Scanlan
239-200-3582
menaldiscanlan@gmail.com

Intermediate: Thursdays 3-5
Vince Amato
631-224-1033
vin.p.amato1@gmail.com

Conversation: Tuesdays 3-5
Lina Decrescenzo
609-742-4593
carefor.you@aol.com

All classes began recently. Contact your instructor for availability.



Pat Marchesano's Ricotta Cake

Ingredients

4 egg yolks
1 tsp double strength vanilla
2 tsp Grand Marnier
1 heaping cup of sugar
30 oz fresh ricotta, well drained and patted dry
½ cup sour cream
¼ cup flour
1 cup heavy cream, whipped
4 egg whites, beaten to form soft peaks
¼ tsp grated orange peel
Chocolate graham cookie crumbs
Cinnamon sugar

Directions

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Grease 8 1/2" spring form pan and dust with cookie crumbs followed by cinnamon sugar. Mix egg yolks, vanilla, Grand Marnier and sugar. In a very large bowl, mix ricotta, sour cream and flour. Fold in heavy cream. Fold in egg yolk mixture, egg whites and orange peel. Pour into the prepared pan. Boil water and bake cake in water bath pan for 1 hour. Remove pan from water, leave water and cake in the oven till the oven cools, about 2 hours. Refrigerate overnight.

Jewelry Workshop

*Jewelry Cleaning & Checkup
Columbus Room*

Tuesday, November 9 11 am to 3 pm

20 minute appointments for cleaning of 10k, 14k, 18k gold or platinum jewelry. No sterling silver, plated or costume jewelry. Limit 6 items, please.

**For Appointments: Carol McIvers
908-578-0126**



*The Armchair Traveler
goes to:*

Capri

And the Blue Grotto



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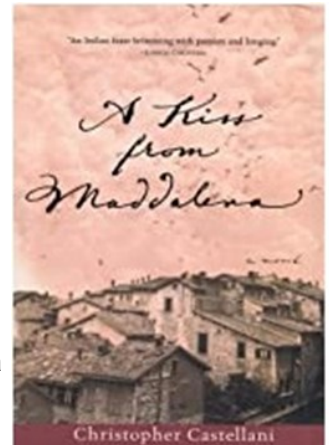
A Kiss from Maddalena

By

Christopher Castellani

This book is about life in the tiny village of Santa Cecilia which sits on a mountaintop in the region of Lazio. It takes place in the late 1930's. The population is small but the people, though poor, are proud of their town and the fact that they have the widest road in the area; thirteen girls can walk side by side down this road. The reader will recognize Santa Cecilia as that quintessential little village that we have all heard about from relatives or our own travel experiences. You will visualize the olive grove where the teenage girls congregate, the store run by Maddalena Piccinelli's parents, and the sad condition of Vito Leone's home since his father left for America and never sent money home.

Castellani develops his characters so well you feel you know them. Vito is considered a "mammoni", a momma's boy and is not well respected. He manages to gather enough parts to put together a bicycle. He rides to the olive grove where the older girls gather and offers them a chance to ride the bike for a kiss. Since the young men of the village have gone to war, this is the most excitement Santa Cecilia has seen in a long time. Maddalena refuses to play the game, and of course, it is her kiss Vito wants the most. These two become friends, and Maddalena begins to see another side of Vito. Soon, young love takes hold of this unlikely couple.



But when Italy surrenders to the Allies and the Germans begin their retreat bringing the war to Santa Cecilia, the villagers flee the town with the exception of Vito and his mother. Maddalena's family goes to Mr. Piccinelli's sister's vineyard in Abruzzo. While there, the story gets to the core of family dynamics in the Piccinelli household; how the girls are treated, how marriage contracts are made, how the smallest of indiscretions can lead to the destruction of a young girl's reputation. The author, Ralph Lombreglia, writes, "This book is a diorama so intricately built that you can't stop staring into it . . ."

When the war ends, the villagers return. Vito gains much respect as villagers see what he has accomplished improving the condition of many homes. The Piccinelli's find their store in much the same state as before the German retreat due to Vito's efforts. They show their gratitude, but their gratitude doesn't include his hopes for Maddalena. There were so many twists and turns toward the end of the book I truly did not want to put it down.

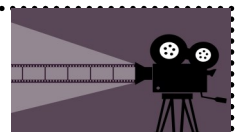
This was Castellani's first novel. Since he has written two sequels, All This Talk of Love and The Saint of Lost Things. I intend to read them both.

Sandi Chance

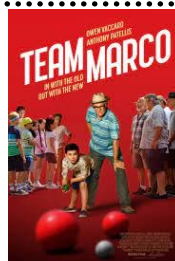
Movie Night featuring

Team Marco

Wednesday, November 17th 7 pm



Young Marco's grandfather introduces Marco to **bocce ball** and to the neighborhood crew of old Italian men who play after Nonno moves in.



Note change of day to Wednesday

Click for trailer





The Italians That Built America: Antonio Pasin

Antonio Pasin was born in 1898 to a family of cabinetmakers that lived in a small town outside of Venice (Italy, not Florida). Like many at the time, he dreamed of greater opportunities. So at the age of 16, his family sold their mule and he used the funds to travel to America.

Settling in Chicago, he worked a series of odd jobs to save enough money for woodworking equipment. By 1917 he had saved enough to rent a one-room workshop and started crafting cabinets and a variety of objects upon request, including wood wagons.

In 1923, Antonio hired his first employees and named his small business Liberty Coaster Company, after the Statue of Liberty. He named the first steel wagon **Radio Flyer** in honor of Marconi's invention of the radio and Pasin's interest in flight. He integrated the relatively new methods of automotive assembly lines and metal stamping to keep costs low and production rolling along. This approach to manufacturing earned Antonio the nickname, "Little Ford." Throughout the Depression, his company was one of the few that ran at full capacity. His exhibit at the 1933 Chicago World's Fair brought world fame to the red wagon.



As one of the oldest toy companies in America, it is still family owned and it's the only company that makes steel, wood, and plastic wagons. Pasin was inducted into the Toy Industry Hall of Fame in 2003.

I loved my Radio Flyer! Didn't you?

-Al Massanti



Left: This picture was taken in early 1967 at a Marine base just south of the DMZ. North Vietnam was only three miles north. We received artillery, rockets and mortar fire on a daily basis from North Vietnam. My nickname was "the Troll."

Right: "The Troll" patrolling just south of the DMZ. The weapon is the M60 machine gun. Early 1967.

-Renato Marchesi

