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Western Massachusetts, Inc.*

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La Voce

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Ciao a tutti,

Welcome to the May edition of La Voce. We hope you find this issue informative and entertaining. We have many events planned for the remainder of our 2022/2023 fiscal year, and La Voce is your primary source of information for upcoming events.

Our ICC Wine Tasting event with Carlo Bonavita from The Springfield Wine Exchange was a huge success. If you were lucky to get a seat for this fun event, you enjoyed fine wines from various regions of Italy, and delicious food to accompany the wines that were curated especially for the ICC. Our thanks to Patty Albano Murphy for conceptualizing this event, along with Maryanne Barbuti, committee chairperson and Toni Baldini, committee member. Their tireless efforts gave us an afternoon we will never forget. Special thanks to Carlo Bonavita for generously supplying the wine, and for his expertise and knowledge. Special thanks to Maryanne, Toni, Patty, Velia Taddia, Ernie Barbuti, and Vincenzo Ronghi, for donating the delicious food that paired so well with the wine. We also thank Dan Cohen, Al Rauh, Rena Taddia, and Sue Rueli Manchester for volunteering their time to help us behind the scenes.

You'll be pleased to know that the ICC has resumed Friday Movie Night. We're off to a great start thanks to Gary MacQueston. More information is in this issue of La Voce. We hope to see you soon.

Included in this issue is your Membership Renewal form for the new fiscal year beginning July 1. We hope to see you at our many events planned for the 2023/24 season.

Warm regards,
Charlie Becker, President



Visit our Facebook page, Italian Cultural Center of Western Massachusetts, and our website iccwmm.org for the latest information on programs and events hosted by the Italian Cultural Center.

New Favorite Family Recipes

DOLCE TORINO

CHOCOLATE DESSERT

Dolce Torino is a rich and decadent dessert that originated in Turin, Italy and can be found in pasticcerie all over Italy. The city of Turin is known for Cioccolato, a week long festival celebrating, of course, chocolate, and famous for producing gianduaia, a hazelnut infused chocolate. We hope you enjoy this wonderful recipe after dinner with a nice dessert wine. Perhaps a Moscato.

INGREDIENTS:

24 ladyfingers	1/3 cup sugar
1 cup brandy or rum	2 egg yolks, slightly beaten
1/2 teaspoon vanilla	blanched almond halves
1/2 lb. semi sweet chocolate	Glaze cherries
3 to 4 tbs. cream	whipped cream
1 cup unsalted butter	



Split ladyfingers and place on a platter. Pour brandy or rum over them and let soak for 2 hours. They should be well drenched with liquor but still retain their shape. Combine vanilla, chocolate and cream on top of double boiler. Melt over hot water. Cream together butter and sugar until light and thoroughly blended. The sugar should no longer be grainy. Gradually add egg yolks, mixing well. Add chocolate mixture to butter mixture, a little at a time, blending thoroughly until soft and creamy.

In a glass serving dish, arrange a layer of ladyfingers in the shape of a square. Cover with a thin layer of chocolate cream. Repeat process, ending with a layer of chocolate. Reserve some chocolate to coat the sides. Smooth chocolate with a knife, add almonds and cherries. Store in a cool place. Serve with whipped cream and enjoy.

*Back by
Popular Demand!*

ITALIAN MOVIE NIGHT

FRIDAY, MAY 19

DOORS OPEN at 6:00 pm MOVIE BEGINS at 6:30

REFRESHMENTS ARE PROVIDED

MEMBERS \$7.00 NON MEMBERS \$10.00



Special thanks to Gary MacQueston for making Movie Night possible.

MEMBERS' MEETING REMINDER

Our next Members' Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 6 at 6:00 pm. These meetings give our members a chance to find out first-hand the ICC future plans. Your Board of Directors works very hard to be inclusive, and transparent in every aspect of the ICC. This is your opportunity to be heard and to ask questions concerning our direction. We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting.



SATURDAY, JUNE 24

SUNDAY, JUNE 25

BASKET RAFFLE

The ICC will be filled with gift baskets to be raffled off, and you could be a lucky winner. We'll be open both days to sell tickets from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM with the drawing held on Sunday, June 25.

We're looking for volunteers to donate pre-made baskets, or if you prefer, you can donate items and we'll make the basket for you. We're also looking for gift cards. If you can donate, call Maryanne Barbuti, Committee Chairperson at 413-733-0570. She will be happy to arrange pick-up for your donation.



The ICC is now available to rent for your next function. If you are planning a baby or bridal shower, graduation party or a special birthday, just to name a few, please consider the ICC.

Call us at 413-784-1492 and someone will be happy to meet with you to discuss your needs.

PASTA FAGIOLE

TAKE-OUT OR EAT IN

SATURDAY, JUNE 24

SUNDAY, JUNE 25

NOON TO 5:00 pm - both days



Pasta Fagioli for purchase will be held during the ICC Basket Raffle. We recommend early pre-order due to last year's sell out.

Bowl for Eat in	\$6
Quart Take-Out	\$10

PRE-ORDER FORM

NUMBER OF BOWLS FOR EAT IN @ \$6 _____

NUMBER OF QUARTS FOR TAKE-OUT @ \$10 _____

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE _____

NAME _____ **TELEPHONE** _____

ADDRESS _____

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