



***Italian Cultural Center
of
Western Massachusetts, Inc.***



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L a V O C e 2017 Membership **Reminder**

By now you should have received your 2017 Membership Renewal Form for the Italian Cultural Center. If you have not done so, please complete and submit your membership renewal today. Please invite your friends and family to join also and, as always, children are very welcome. We have a lot of new programs and events planned. There's something for everyone. Membership forms are available on our website at www.iccw.org or by calling the ICC at 413-784-1492 or email us at ICCWM@comcast.net.

***The success of the ICC
and its programs
depends on your
support.***

WELCOME ~ BENVENUTI

A warm welcome to our returning members, new members, and our Benefactors and Patrons listed below. We appreciate their support and hope to see them at some of our many activities. New members are encouraged to attend our quarterly membership meetings held the second Wednesday of September, December, March, and June, and take classes and volunteer their many talents.

Patrons: Andrew Scibelli and Linda Melconian

Benefactors: Frigo's, James and Patti Diotalevi

The ICC is a Tax-Exempt 501(c) (3) non-profit organization. Contributions to the ICC are tax deductible.

Join us for a fun bus trip to Eataly Boston

Saturday, April 22

The Italian food emporium known as Eataly has opened in the Prudential Center of Boston. Like the chain's other U.S. enterprises—one in Chicago, two in New York—the three-level, 45,000-square-foot dining-and-gourmet-shopping complex – inspires appreciation for local ingredients with some over-the-top features—think gilded pizza ovens, a pedal-operated cannoli cart, and a mozzarella “lab”. Each of Eataly's 35 locations worldwide takes on a different theme. Boston's, appropriately enough, is seafood. “The water is what makes New England similar to Italy,” says Eataly USA CEO Nicola Farinetti, son of the Turin, Italy-based chain's founder, Oscar Farinetti.

Join us for a trip to explore Boston's new Italian attraction. **The King Ward bus will leave the Eastfield Mall commuter parking lot (next to Sears) at 10:00 am. We should return to the Eastfield Mall around 7:00 pm. The cost of the trip is \$45.00 per person.** Space is limited and seats will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations must be made in advance by calling Stephanie at 860-305-1175 or



Cannoli Cart

The Eataly franchise's first-ever cannoli cart—custom made in Italy, naturally—

has

Il Gelato

Dense scoops of gelato made from the milk from the Berkshire's High Lawn Farm



Il Pesce

Fresh seafood and one of the three dining areas with table service

La Pizza e La Pasta

Gleaming golden ovens with volcanic-rock cooking surfaces crank out Neapolitan-style pizzas in just 90 seconds. Also stop here for classic pasta dishes such as cacio e pepe.



La Cucina

A pop-up style restaurant that will change its theme and menu every two to three months



Gnocchi Make and Take

Saturday, April 8th

A gnocchi-making class will be held on Saturday, April 8, from 1:00 – 3:00 pm at the ICC. What could be better than sharing in this Italian tradition together? An instructor, supplies and space will be provided for adults and children. Just bring an apron and take home what you make. Space is limited. Seats will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. Call Stephanie at 860-305-1175 or email to Cooking-wicc@comcast.net to request a registration form and to check seating availability. Payment must be received by April 1, 2017, to guarantee a seat. Mail your name, address and phone number along with the registration fee of \$25 for ICC members, \$20 for children of members 12 years and younger, \$30 per adult non-member, and \$25 for children of non-members 12 years and younger to: Italian Cultural Center of Western Massachusetts, Inc., Attn: Gnocchi-Making, 56 Margaret St, Springfield, MA 01105.

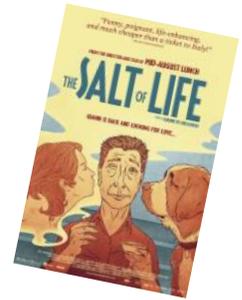
Attenzione! Attenzione!

Friday Night at the Italian Cinema



The Salt of Life (Gianni e le Donne)

By Gianni DiGregorio (2011)
Comedy, 1 hour and 30 minutes
In Italian with English subtitles



Plot: In ‘*The Salt of Life*’, Gianni plays a middle-aged retiree who has become invisible to all the women of Rome, regardless of age or relation. He contends with an aristocratic, spendthrift mother, a wife who is more of a patronizing friend than romantic partner; a daughter with a slacker boyfriend whom Gianni unwillingly befriends; and a wild young neighbor who sees him merely ... as a dog walker. Watching his codger friends snare beautiful young mistresses on the sun-kissed cobblestones of Trastevere, Gianni tries his polite, utterly gracious best to generate some kind of extracurricular love life – with both hilarious and poignant results.

Trama: In ‘*The Salt of Life*’, Gianni gioca un pensionato di mezza età che è diventato invisibile a tutte le donne di Roma, indipendentemente dall'età o relazione. Egli sostiene con un'aristocratica, madre spendaccione, una moglie che è amico più paternalistico di partner romantico; una figlia con un ragazzo scansafatiche cui Gianni fa amicizia malincuore; e un giovane vicino di casa selvaggio che lo vede solo ... come un cane camminatore. Guardando i suoi amici vecchi strambi intrappolano belle giovani amanti sui ciottoli baciati dal sole di Trastevere, Gianni cerca la sua gentile, assolutamente gentile migliore per generare una sorta di vita extra curricolare amore – con risultati sia esilaranti e commoventi.

When: Friday, May 5, 2017

Where: Italian Cultural Center

Doors open at 6:00 pm—Film begins at 6:30 pm

Suggested donation: \$5 Non-Members, Members are free

Moviegoers will be given a choice of a beverage and a snack

For more information, please visit our website: <http://www.iccwm.org> or call at 413 784-1492

TORTELLINI-MAKING FUN!

On Saturday, March 18, 25 people of all ages learned how to make tortellini from scratch. The instructors, member Elaine Planzo and her daughters and grandchildren, led the “students” in a step by step demonstration, while other member volunteers and their assistants, cut pasta dough and walked around bringing supplies and providing some one-on-one help. A fun and productive time was had by all. Buon appetito!

Three DiStefano chefs in training



Anthony, Peter, and Richard DiStefano



Helen Symons

It's all in the family



Serena Crouteau; Lindsay, Lisa, and Steven Aubin

ARANCINI MAKE AND TAKE



Coming May 7



Did your Nonna make those delicious rice balls that are coated with bread crumbs and deep fried? Well now you can learn how to make them too. An Arancini-making class will be held on Sunday, May 7, from 1:00 – 3:00 pm at the ICC. What could be better than sharing in this Italian tradition together? An instructor, supplies and space will be provided for adults and children. Just bring an apron and take home what you make. Space is limited. Seats will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. Call Stephanie at 860-305-1175 or email to CookingwICC@comcast.net to request a registration form and to check seating availability. Payment must be received by April 28, to guarantee a seat. Mail your name, address and phone number along with the registration fee of \$25 for ICC members, \$20 for children of members 12 years and younger, \$30 per adult non-member, and \$25 for children of non-members 12 years and younger to: Italian Cultural Center of Western Massachusetts, Inc., Attn: Arancini-Making, 56 Margaret St, Springfield, MA 01105.

We are taking a trip to Boston's North End!



Join us on Saturday, May 20, 2017 for a bus trip to Boston's North End. The North End is one of Boston's most culturally exciting neighborhoods and it is often referred to as Boston's "Little Italy". The community is known for its historical richness, fine dining, quaint cafes, gelato, and interesting people. A visit wouldn't be complete without seeing some important American sites, such as, Paul Revere's house, the Old North Church, and Copp's Hill Burying Ground—whose earliest grave marker dates back to 1661.

We will leave the Eastfield Mall Commuter Parking lot at 10:00 am and arrive in Boston around noon. Once we arrive in Boston, you will be on your own to choose when and where to have lunch, shop, and sightsee. We meet the bus for our return to Eastfield Mall at 5:00 pm. The cost of the trip is \$45.00 per person. Space is limited and seats will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis. Reservations must be made in advance by calling Stephanie at 860-305-1175 or emailing to iccwm@comcast.net.



Important
Information

ICC DINNER RESERVATION POLICY

PLEASE!!
NOTE

We appreciate very much your support of our dinners. However, after a recent dinner, we were painfully reminded of the need to strictly follow our reservations policy, since several persons who had made phone reservations without payment, decided not to attend the dinner and thus did not pay for the food which we had ordered for them. We therefore must strictly adhere to our rule that all dinner attendees must make their reservations and send payment to the ICC by the published deadline. Money and/or unplanned reservations will not be accepted at the door. This policy allows us to plan ahead to ensure that we have enough food, sufficient space for everyone, and no leftover unpaid dinners. We are sure that you can understand the need for this policy, and that no exceptions can be granted. Grazie.

COMING IN JUNE

Italian Cultural Center Annual Scholarship Banquet June 5, 2017



The ICC will be hosting its Annual Scholarship Banquet on Monday, June 5, 2017 at 6:00 pm at St. Anne Country Club, 781 Shoemaker Lane, Feeding Hills, MA. This event is open to members and non-members. Reservations are required. The cost is \$35.00 per person. Call Sandi Vella at 413-736-8502 to make your reservation. **Deadline for reservations is May 27.** Please make checks payable to the Italian Cultural Center of Western Massachusetts, Inc., Attn: Sandi Vella, 99 Appleton Street, Springfield, MA 01108. Come join us to celebrate the accomplishments of these exceptional Western Massachusetts High School Seniors!



Special Event at Sacred Heart Church, Feeding Hills Roast Pork Dinner June 9, 2017

This year the ICC will host its Roast Pork dinner, as a special off-site event, at Sacred Heart Church located at 1061 Springfield Street in Feeding Hills. Join us on Friday, June 9th, at 6:00 pm. Limited seating is available, so make your reservations early. Reservations are available now, and will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis. The dinner price is \$15 for ICC members, \$18 for non-members and must be paid for in advance. Call Nancy at 413-827-9350 after 3:30 pm to make your reservations. Send checks payable to the Italian Cultural Center of Western Massachusetts, Inc., Attn: Sacred Heart Dinner, 56 Margaret Street, MA 01105. Olivia Panetti will also provide entertainment for us throughout the evening. Come dine with us, enjoy a delicious dinner and the beautiful voice of Olivia Panetti.

Deadline for reservations is Friday, June 2! Please see our reservation policy on page 5.

When life gives you lemons, make limoncello! June 17, 2017



A Limoncello-making class will be held on Saturday, June 17, from 1:00 – 3:00 pm at the ICC. Join us to learn how to make this delicious Italian lemon liqueur. An instructor will guide you through a hands-on demonstration. The recipe and supplies will be provided. A sample of limoncello will even be provided for you to take home. Space is limited and will be on a first-come, first-served basis. **ADULTS ONLY** for this class please. Call Stephanie at 860-305-1175 or email to CookingwICC@comcast.net to request a registration form and to check seating availability. **Payment must be received by June 9, to guarantee a seat.** Mail your name, address and phone number along with the registration fee of \$35 for both ICC members and non-members to: Italian Cultural Center of Western Massachusetts, Inc., Attn: Limoncello-Making, 56 Margaret St, Springfield, MA 01105.

Mark
Your
Calendar

SAVE THE DATE

Sixth Annual Golf Tournament

July 15, 2017

The Italian Cultural Center of Western Mass, Inc. is sponsoring its Sixth Annual Golf Tournament on July 15. The tournament will take place at St. Anne Country Club, 781 Shoemaker Lane, Feeding Hills, MA. If you are a golfer, mark this date on your calendar and spread the word. We are also looking for volunteers to help out in all phases of the event. Golf tournament chairperson Stephanie Spolzino has started the planning process. If you would like to volunteer to work on one of the golf committees or help out the day of the tournament, please email Stephanie at ICCWM@comcast.net.

Planning for 2017 Italian Heritage Month

We have already started planning our 2017 Italian Heritage Month activities and we are now accepting nominations for Serviam Award recipients. The Serviam Award recognizes individuals of Italian ancestry who have significantly contributed to the community of Western Massachusetts. The recipient, who must be of Italian ethnic heritage, is someone who has devoted his or her life to the betterment of society through community service, and by exemplary works has enhanced communities in Western Massachusetts.

Nomination forms to be used to submit the name of an individual you feel is worthy of this prestigious award are available at the ICC or on our website at www.iccwm.org. Please submit nominations with documenting materials by May 2, 2017, to the Italian Cultural Center of Western Massachusetts, Inc., c/o Serviam Committee, 56 Margaret St, Springfield, MA 01105.

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Calendar of Events

Movie Night, Friday, April 7, 6:00 pm

Gnocchi Make and Take, Saturday, April 8, 1:00 pm

Eataly Boston Trip, Saturday, April 22, 9:00 am

Movie Night, Friday, May 5, 6:00 pm

Arancini Make and Take, Sunday, May 7, 1:00 pm

Boston North End Trip, Saturday, May 20, 10:00 am

Scholarship Banquet, Monday, June 5, 6:00 pm

Roast Pork Dinner, Friday, June 9, 6:00 pm

Membership Meeting, Wednesday, June 14, 6:00 pm

Limoncello-Making, Saturday, June 17, 1:00 pm

Golf Tournament, Saturday, July 15

The Mission of the Italian Cultural Center of Western Massachusetts, Inc. is to promote Italian culture, traditions, heritage and the Italian language, through the sponsoring of social, culinary and educational events, and to foster appreciation and respect in the community for the rich contributions that Italians have made locally and throughout the world.