



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



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*Seventh Annual Golf Tournament*

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**June 23, 2018**



**Register Now!**

The Italian Cultural Center of Western Mass, Inc. is sponsoring its Seventh Annual Golf Tournament on June 23, 2018. The tournament will take place at the Tekoa Country Club at 459 Russell Road, Westfield, MA. Registration begins at 12:00 noon and shotgun start is at 1:00 pm, scramble format. The fee is \$130.00 per player. Fee includes play, cart, lunch provided by Carrabba's with beverage, on-course Italian sausage, Limoncello, Italian lemon ice and snacks, dinner, contests and great prizes for men, women and mixed teams. Raffles and silent auction will also offer great prizes. First-come, first-served! Register now! The roster will fill up quickly. Don't golf? Come join us for dinner for only \$40.00.

If you are a golfer, sign up now and spread the word. We are also looking for volunteers to help out in all phases of the event. Volunteer meetings are beginning very soon. If you would like to volunteer to work on one of the golf committees or help out the day of the tournament, or if you have questions regarding registration or need more information, please contact Stephanie at 860-305-1175 or [iccwm@comcast.net](mailto:iccwm@comcast.net). Registration forms are also available on our website at [www.iccw.org](http://www.iccw.org).

**WELCOME ~ BENVENUTI**

A warm welcome to our returning members and our Benefactors, Friends, Patrons and New Members 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.

New Members: Maria DeCaro, Barbara Dzierwinski, Bernard Romani

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

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# Join us at the John Boyle O'Reilly Club

**SUNDAY, JUNE 3<sup>RD</sup>**

The John Boyle O'Reilly Club has generously offered to host a **Pasta Dinner Fundraiser for the ICC** at 33 Progress Avenue, Springfield from 12:00 noon to 3:00 pm. Our famous chef Joe Sapelli will prepare spaghetti and meatballs. We will complete the dinner with salad and bread. The John Boyle O'Reilly Club has a bar for those who would like a beverage with their meal.



The cost of the dinner is \$10.00 and no reservations are needed. Drop in with your friends and family, enjoy a Sunday dinner, and support the ICC Rebuilding Project.

## Our Trip to the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum and Eataly Boston

On Saturday, March 24th a group of ICC members, friends, and family took a bus trip to Boston Eataly and the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum. Our first stop was Eataly where we had time to shop and enjoy a delicious Italian lunch. Afterwards we visited the museum where we broke up into small groups for a very informative tour. After the tour, we had the opportunity to explore the beautiful museum on our own before boarding the bus for Springfield.



## **WE'RE TAKING A TRIP!**



## **SATURDAY, MAY 19<sup>TH</sup>**

Join the ICC for a trip to the famous Arthur Avenue in the Bronx, NY. We will be leaving from Enfield Mall at 9:30 am and should arrive at Arthur Avenue around 12:15 pm. You will be on your own to explore the many restaurants and shops in the area. We will leave Arthur Avenue at 4:30 pm and arrive back to the Enfield Mall around 7:15 pm. The cost of the trip is \$60 per person. Space is limited and seats will be sold on a

first-come, first-serve basis. Reservations must be made in advance by calling Stephanie at 860-305-1175 or e-mailing to [iccwm@comcast.net](mailto:iccwm@comcast.net).

If you are not familiar with what Arthur Avenue has to offer, please read the selection below cited from [arthuravenuebronx.com](http://arthuravenuebronx.com).

Whether you call it Belmont, Little Italy of the Bronx or Arthur Avenue, the neighborhood beats its other rivals in the sheer number of establishments offering fine Italian-American foods, dining, housewares and other goods. The quality and values are tops – a recent ranking confirmed once again by critics like the Zagat Survey whose readers repeatedly give “Best Buy” status to more Arthur Avenue shops than any other neighborhood in New York City.

Generations of Italian families have given the area a special small-town character unique for an urban setting, at the same time establishing traditions that permeate the neighborhood like the sweet smell of sausage and peppers. Today the tradition continues with grandchildren and great-grandchildren remaining on Arthur Avenue, or returning here, to own and manage businesses begun by their immigrant ancestors. “Nearly every shop on Arthur Avenue is already some sort of institution,” as one writer put it. The vast array of markets, butchers, pasta and pastry shops is supported not only by long-time area residents but also their relatives and children from far and wide, who regularly return for the tastes and memories.

Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia spear-headed one of the neighborhood’s most beloved attractions, the Arthur Avenue Retail Market – a kind of covered Italian bazaar that brings together under one roof all the shopping also found on nearby streets, from sausage makers to bread bakers, cafes to florists. The variety is truly staggering – all told some nine restaurants, five pastry shops, four butchers, two pasta-makers, six bread stores, three pork stores, five gourmet delicatessens, two fish markets, three gourmet coffee shops and one gourmet Italian wine shop – to list only the food category. And then there are the gift and houseware shops.

## **SAVE THE DATE—JUNE 30, 2018**

We are planning a trip to Federal Hill, Rhode Island’s vibrant “Little Italy”. We will enjoy great food, shopping, and even an authentic gondola ride along the Providence and Woonasquatucket rivers!

## ITALIAN CULTURAL CENTER SCHOLARSHIP BANQUET

June 4, 2018

The ICC will be hosting its Annual Scholarship Banquet on Monday, June 4, 2018 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 26.** 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!



## 2018 Membership Reminder



By now you should have received your 2018 Membership Renewal Form for the Italian Cultural Center. If you have not done so, please complete and submit your membership renewal today. Because of the devastating blow we experienced this year, we need your support and membership now more than ever. Your membership dues support the ICC, entitles you discounts to many of our events, and allows you to receive this newsletter.

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.iccwm.org](http://www.iccwm.org), by calling the ICC at 413-784-1492 or emailing us at [ICCWM@comcast.net](mailto:ICCWM@comcast.net).

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

## Planning for 2018 Italian Heritage Month

We have already started planning our October 2018 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 the communities throughout 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](http://www.iccwm.org). Please submit nominations with documenting materials by May 2, 2018, to the Italian Cultural Center of Western Massachusetts, Inc., c/o Serviam Committee, 56 Margaret St, Springfield, MA 01105.

## **Membership Meetings and Elections**

### **May 9 and June 13**

The Society of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Club has generously offered the ICC the use of their facility for our May and June meetings. The Club is located at 15 Winthrop Street, Springfield (next to La Fiorentina). The meetings will begin at 6:00 pm.

In accordance with the by-laws, the nominating committee meets in April to determine the initial slate of candidates for office, based on existing officers who wish to run for re-election. If you are interested in becoming a Board member or want to nominate someone, please call us at 413-784-1492 or e-mail us at [iccwm@comcast.net](mailto:iccwm@comcast.net). Our May and June membership meetings are especially important. During the May membership meeting, the nominating committee presents the slate of candidates, then additional nominations may be made from the floor (by the general membership). You can submit your name or any nominations that you may have to the nominating committee.

Voting takes place at the June 13 membership meeting.

It is especially important for as many members as possible to attend these two crucial meetings so that we, as an organization, can remain strong in our commitment to promote Italian culture, traditions, and heritage.

**Please bring a small dessert to share to the meetings and we will provide the coffee!**

Have you ever thought about becoming more involved in the Executive Board of the ICC? We are looking for some who could fill the position of Secretary. The qualified person needs to be proficient in Microsoft Office Suite and capable of creating spreadsheets. They need to attend every meeting, take and publish minutes, check emails and phone messages daily and forward them to appropriate persons, take reservations and collect money for dinners, and assist with ICC functions. If you think you can do this job or know someone else who can, please make a nomination.

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

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# Calendar of Events

***Membership Meeting, Wednesday, May 9, 6:00 pm***

***Arthur Avenue Bus Trip, Saturday, May 19***

***Pasta Dinner, Sunday, June 3, 12 noon—3:00 pm***

***Scholarship Banquet, Monday, June 4, 6:00 pm***

***Membership Meeting, Wednesday, June 13, 6:00 pm***

***Golf Tournament, Saturday, June 23, 12:00***

***Federal Hill Bus Trip, Saturday, June 30***

*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.*