



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



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**La cena di Porchetta
Friday, April 19**

The ICC is planning a porchetta dinner to be held on Friday, April 19, at 6:00 pm. Only 100 tickets will be sold, so get them early. Tickets are available now, and will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis and must be purchased in advance. Tickets are \$15 for ICC members, \$18 for non-members and are available by calling Nancy at 413-827-9350. Remember to get your tickets early! Deadline for purchasing tickets is April 12, 2013. Come join us!

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***Second Annual Golf Tournament
Save the Date:
July 13, 2013***

The Italian Cultural Center of Western Mass, Inc. is sponsoring its Second Annual Golf Tournament on July 13, 2013. 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 co-chairs Andy Calvanese and Christine Tazzini have started the planning process and will be holding the first committee meeting on Thursday, April 18, at 6:00pm at the ICC. If you would like to volunteer to work on one of the golf committees or help out the day of the tournament, please call Andy or Dianna Calvanese at 413-592-2933 and leave a message and someone will return your call, or email Christine Tazzini at CTazzini@aol.com or just come to the meeting on April 18.

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

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

2013 Membership **Reminder**

By now you should have received your 2013 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. 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 by calling the cultural center at 413-784-1492, by emailing us at iccwm@comcast.net or on our web site at www.iccwm.org.

Volunteer Opportunities

One of the many ways to be meaningfully involved in the Italian Cultural Center is to participate in our Volunteer Program. Volunteers are needed for the following Committees or Positions:

Kitchen Help - We are looking for volunteers to help in the kitchen and with clean-up after ICC dinners. If you are interested in lending a hand, please call the ICC at 413-784-1492 and tell us how you would like to help.

Editor for LaVoce, the premier publication of the ICC - Requires attention to detail, solid writing skills, familiarity with Microsoft Publishing helpful, 6-9 times per year. Contact the ICC at 413-784-1492 or ICCWM@comcast.net for additional information.

Coordinator for Children's Italian Language Classes - Involves notification and registrations, Saturday morning sign-ups and book distribution. Contact the ICC at 413-784-1492 or ICCWM@comcast.net for additional information.

Italian Retail Store Salesperson - During ICC events and dinners, display items, collect money and record sales. Contact the ICC at 413-784-1492 or ICCWM@comcast.net for additional information.

Library Help - We are looking for volunteers to help in the library on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of each month, from 11:00am - 12:30pm. If you are interested in helping out, please contact the ICC at 413-784-1492 or ICCWM@comcast.net.

Many hands make light work



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Gnocchi Make and Take Coming May 4, 2013

A gnocchi-making class will be held on Saturday, May 4, 2013, from 1:00 – 3:00pm 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 the ICC at 413.784.1492 or email to CookwICC@comcast.net to request a registration form and to check seating availability. Payment must be received by April 26, 2013, to guarantee a seat. Mail your name, address and phone number along with the registration fee of \$20 for ICC members, \$15 for children of members 12 years and younger, \$25 per adult non-member, and \$20 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.



The Italian Cultural Center Offers College Scholarships

The Italian Cultural Center of Western Mass., Inc. is offering scholarships to High School Seniors that are pursuing higher education. Italian Cultural Center Scholarship applications are available on our website at www.iccwm.org. The application deadline is April 15, 2013. If you are unable to acquire an application, please contact the scholarship committee at iccscholarship@comcast.net or 413-784-1492 with your name, address, and phone number. One scholarship, the Dante Alighieri Scholarship, will be awarded to a student studying the Italian language.

The ICC is also looking for additional scholarship donors so that more students could benefit from this program. If you would like to be a scholarship donor please contact us at iccscholarship@comcast.net.

Italian Cultural Center Annual Scholarship Banquet

The ICC will be hosting its Annual Scholarship Banquet on May 15, 2013, at 6:00pm 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 6, 2013. Come join us to celebrate the accomplishments of these exceptional Western Massachusetts High School Seniors!

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Italian Cultural Center Website

As we noted in the last La Voce, the ICC website is up and running at www.iccwm.org.

Please visit the website and check it out. This site will expand our presence in Western Mass., as more and more people become aware of the ICC and all the benefits we have to offer. The site is constructed in an easy to use, colorful format, and is linked to our Facebook page. Check the website often to be sure you are aware of the latest scheduled events and programs.

The website will always be subject to change and enhancements, as we add new programs and find better ways of delivering the message and making the site more useful to the ICC as an organization, and to individual members like you. For example, new sections regarding the Library, Italian Store and Special Events are in the works. If you have any comments, questions or suggestions, please click on the last menu tab "Contact & Directions" and send us a message under one of the options presented. Let us know how you like it!



Library News

The ICC Library has available for ICC members a 5 DVD series entitled "Our Story-The Italian American". Each one deals with the Italian American experience in America such as "And They Came to Chicago", "Frank Sinatra-The Man & the Myth", "The Pride and The Passion", "Italian American Internment, The True Story of Sacco and Vanzetti", and "Being Italian: A Memoir". Our collection also includes some current fiction by authors such as Adriana Trigiani, Paul Pezzimenti, David Baldaci, etc.

We have many books on the various areas of Italy with information for travelers, biographies of famous Italians and a collection Italian language fiction. There are also several oversize books with text and pictures for example: "Wonderful Cities of Italy" and "Pavarotti and The Three Tenors".



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ICCWM on Facebook

As we noted in past La Voce's our Facebook page is now live! Our Facebook page is a public page where we can share events and news, all about our Italian heritage and culture! Find out about our great ICCWM special events! Easily view links to past events and so much more! We are a work in progress, so come and join us in making it a great place to be! Please "Like" us at <https://www.facebook.com/ItalianCulturalCenterofWesternMassInc> and "Share" the word about the great things we do here at the ICCWM!

We also have a MEMBERS ONLY group on Facebook! With the members only group, you will be able to receive special INVITES to upcoming events and instant notifications to all changes or cancellations each event may incur! Just "Like" us on Facebook and we will add you to the Members Only Group! Or send us a message at ICCWMFB@gmail.com to find out how to join!

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Superstizioni Italiane

The most famous Italian superstition is the mal occhio or malocchio – the evil eye that someone may have cast on you. To ward it off you can form the mano cornuta with the index finger and little finger of one hand (pointed down), or wear a corno (“devil’s horn) around your neck. There are many more Italian superstitions, especially from southern Italy. Here’s a few:

BAD LUCK:

- The number 17
- A hat on a bed brings death in the family
- A purse on a bed invites a financial setback
- A burning candle in front of a mirror summons the devil
- Pouring wine with left hand and or backhanded is bad luck to the person who drinks it
- Sweeping the floor at night removes any blessings which might have been deposited in the home
- Telling someone their baby is beautiful (it tempts fate, especially if the person is envious)
- Opening an umbrella in the house
- Putting new shoes on a table or bed (a funeral)



GOOD LUCK:

- The number 13 in gambling (but 13 is sometimes viewed as unlucky too)
- Passing a hunchback man, or rubbing the hump on his back
- Spilled wine
- Start each new year off with a new broom (some Italians throw old brooms out the window on New Year’s Eve)
- Spilling salt in the corners of a new home
- Hearing a cat sneeze
- “Tocca ferro” (touch iron – like knock on wood)



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Calendar of Events

Membership Meeting, Wednesday, April 10, 6:00pm

Porchetta Dinner, Friday, April 19, 6:00pm

Gnocchi Make and Take, Saturday, May 4, 1:00pm

Membership Meeting, Wednesday, May 8, 6:00pm

Scholarship Banquet, May 15, 6:00pm

Second Annual Golf Tournament July 13

When Springfield public schools are closed due to bad weather, ICC meetings or dinners scheduled for that night will also be cancelled, and rescheduled for the same time on the following night. Students participating in ICC language classes will be notified by email. Also, be sure to watch WWLP, Channel 22, for weather cancellations.

