



Italian Cultural Center of Western Massachusetts, Inc.



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2015 Membership Reminder

By now you should have received your 2015 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.iccwm.org or by calling the cultural center at 413-784-1492 or email us at ICCWM@comcast.net.



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

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WELCOME ~ BIENVENUTO

A warm welcome to our returning members and our 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.

Philip & Susan Mantoni, Angelina Giancola, Richard & Mary Langone, Dennis Biagetti, Lou Buoniconti, Donna Hunsinger, Jonathan & Lisa Clough and Christine Goonan

And we extend a special recognition to our "Patron" member John Tiboni and "Friend" members Paul & Patricia Zecchi, Gary & Susan MacQueston and James & Patti Diotalevi

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

Cookbooks make great gifts!



The Italian Cultural Center of Western Massachusetts, Inc. is proud to announce the publication of its very own "homemade" cookbook, *Mangia! Ci fa bene!* It is a delightful cookbook with over 160 tried and tested family recipes contributed by our members and friends, many of which have been prepared for generations. You will find many of your favorite Italian dishes, as well as other recipes that are not so well known, but delicious! The recipes are divided into categories to help you find a great dish that will suit a special occasion, or delectable entrees, side dishes and desserts for your family dinners.

The price of *Mangia! Ci fa bene!* is just \$15.00. These cookbooks make great gifts such as hostess gifts, birthday gifts, mother's and father's day gifts, Easter gifts and gifts for teachers. Your purchase will promote traditional Italian cooking, as well as support the Italian Cultural Center. Supplies are limited, so get your copies soon! The cookbooks can be purchased at any of our events or member meetings.

They can also be ordered for home delivery (shipping charges will apply) by calling 413-784-1492, emailing us at iccwm@comcast.net, or writing us at 56 Margaret St., Springfield, MA 01105.

Please be sure to include your name, address, telephone number and the number of cookbooks you are purchasing. Please make checks or money orders out to "ICC".

If writing to us, you may complete the form below, and cut it out to include in your letter:

MANGIA! CI FA BENE! ORDER FORM

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone number: _____

Check one below:

_____ Number of Cookbooks* 1 X \$15.00 (+ \$5.00 shipping & handling) = \$ 20.00 Total

_____ Number of Cookbooks* 2 X \$15.00 (+ \$6.00 shipping & handling) = \$ 36.00 Total

*Shipping for up to 2 Cookbooks is \$6.00. Shipping and handling is based on the number of books ordered. Call for shipping and handling cost if ordering more than 2 books.

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, along with additional information on our scholarship program. The application deadline is April 1, 2015. 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.



If you would like additional information about being a scholarship donor please email us at iccscholarship@comcast.net.

Volunteers Needed

Please consider supporting your Italian Cultural Center with any of the following needs.

Even if your time is limited and you can only help on an occasional basis, we can use your help! Please call us at **413-784-1492** or email to iccwm@comcast.net and let us know how you would like to assist. You'll make a lot of new friends too! *Molte mani rendono il lavoro più leggero* (Many hands make light work)! As you can see, we have volunteers for some of the positions. Grazie!

Painting	Electrical repairs	Event table set-up and breakdown
Minor building repairs	Sheet rock & taping	Retail store sales people & manager
Carpentry	Tile work	Bartending at events
Grounds maintenance—Maria Wilson	Masonry work	Event coordinators
Cleaning/Housekeeping	Cooking	Public Relations—Lucille Brindisi
Washing windows	Kitchen help	Editor, La Voce—Lucille Brindisi



Attenzione! Attenzione!



Friday Night at the Italian Cinema

The Italian Cultural Center of Western Massachusetts continues its 3 month celebration of Italian movies with the showing of the second movie entitled Johnny Stecchino on Friday, April 3, 2015, at the Italian Cultural Center. The screening will be presented by Dr. Rocco Mesiti. Doors will open at 6:00 pm for a social hour and short synopsis of the movie by Dr. Mesiti and the movie will start at 7:00 pm. With the requested donation of \$7.00 for members and \$10.00 for non-members, a choice of snack and beverage is included.

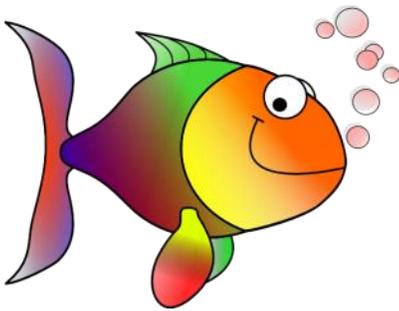
JOHNNY STECCHINO by Roberto Benigni (1991), Comedy, 122 Minutes
In Italian with English Subtitles



Plot: Dante (Roberto Benigni) is a hapless man who drives a [school bus](#) for a [special school](#). One night, he accidentally meets Maria (Nicoletta Braschi), an attractive and wealthy woman from [Palermo, Sicily](#) with whom he immediately falls in love. Soon Dante is lured by Maria into unwittingly impersonating famous mobster Johnny Stecchino, Maria's husband, with whom he shares an uncanny resemblance. Meanwhile, the real Stecchino (also played by Benigni) is forced to hide in his home after having testified against several of the local Mafia leaders. Maria's plan is to have Dante mistaken for Johnny, publicly murdered by the Mafia, and buried in place of her husband, after which they can both escape to Argentina.

Trama: Dante (Roberto Benigni) è un uomo sfortunato che guida uno scuolabus per una scuola speciale. Una notte, incontra per caso Maria (Nicoletta Braschi), una donna attraente e ricca di Palermo, Sicilia, con il quale si innamora subito. Presto Dante è attratto da Maria in involontariamente impersonando famoso gangster Johnny Stecchino, il marito di Maria, con il quale condivide una sorprendente somiglianza. Nel frattempo, il vero Stecchino (anche interpretato da Benigni) è costretto per nascondere nella sua casa dopo aver testimoniato contro alcuni dei capi della mafia locale. Il piano di Maria è quello di avere Dante scambiato per Johnny, assassinato pubblicamente dalla mafia, e sepolto nel luogo del marito, dopo che entrambi possono fuggire in Argentina.

Fish Dinner - March 27



The ICC is planning a Lenten fish dinner to be held on Friday, March 27, at 6:00 pm. Only 100 reservations will be taken, so make them 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 today at 413-827-9350 to make your reservations.

Deadline for reservations is March 20, 2015. Come join us!

Gnocchi Make and Take Coming April 11, 2015



A gnocchi-making class will be held on Saturday, April 11, 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 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 3, 2015, 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.

Statue of Liberty Trip Planned

The ICC is sponsoring a trip to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island on Saturday, May 30, 2015

Only \$75.00 per person

To reserve your seats, please call

Stephanie at 860-305-1175.

Leave your name and phone number, you will receive a confirmation call.

All reservations must be made and paid for by

May 15, 2015

book early – space limited

Lunch & dinner are on your own. Coolers are allowed on the bus only.

Coach will depart from the ICC at 7:30 am

Coach will return to the ICC at approx. 8:30pm



**Buona Pasqua a tutti voi, i vostri in famiglia, ed amici!
Happy Easter to all our Members, Families, and Friends**



There is a saying in Italian that says, “Natale con I suoi, Pasqua con chi vuoi” - which means you are supposed to spend Christmas with your immediate family and Easter is for you to spend with whoever you like. However, Easter Sunday is still a time when people often get together with family. But Easter Monday, on the other hand is entirely about spending time with friends.

Italian Easter Vocabulary

L'agnello—lamb

Il coniglietto—bunny rabbit

La Pasquetta—Easter Monday

L'Ultima Cena—Last Supper

La resurrezione-resurrection

Buona Pasqua—Happy Easter

La pace—peace

La settimana santa—Holy Week

Uova di Pasqua - chocolate easter eggs

la primavera—spring

How much do you know about Italy? Take this quiz and test your Italian general knowledge.

Answers appear on the next page.

1) What is the capital of Italy?

Milan Turin Rome Naples

2) Who painted 'The Last Supper'?

Michelangelo Caravaggio Giotto Leonardo da Vinci

3) Which Italian car manufacturer sponsors a Formula One team?

Ferrari Lamborghini Fiat Maserati

4) Who wrote the opera 'La Boheme'?

Rossini Paganini Puccini Verdi

5) What was the name of the town destroyed by mount Vesuvius in 79AD?

Pompeii Sorrento Paestum Agropoli

6) What is the name of the church in the Vatican?

St Pauls St Marks St Peters St Johns

7) Which is the largest of the Italian lakes?

Como Garda Maggiore Lugano

8) Who painted the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel?

Titian Michaelangelo Donatello Raphael

9) Christopher Columbus was born in which Italian port?

Naples Venice Genoa Palermo

10) Which Roman emperor was assassinated on the 'Ides of March'?

Julius Caesar Augustus Nero Octavius

Planning for 2015 Italian Heritage Month

We have already started planning our 2015 Italian Heritage Month activities and we are now accepting nominations for Serviam and Amici award recipients. The Serviam Award recognizes individuals of Italian ancestry who have significantly contributed to the Italian-American 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 Italian-American communities throughout Western Massachusetts. The Amici Award recognizes individuals who are of non-Italian heritage, but have demonstrated exceptional contributions to the Italian-American community.

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 1, 2015, to the Italian Cultural Center of Western Massachusetts, Inc., c/o Serviam Committee, 56 Margaret St, Springfield, MA 01105.

Cancellation Information



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.

Adult Italian Language Classes



The Spring session for adult Italian language classes has been scheduled.

A Beginner I level class will be offered on Monday nights and will run from March 2, 2015, through May 18, 2015 (No classes on March 16 & April 20). A Beginner II level class will be offered on Tuesday nights and will run from March 3, 2015, through May 12, 2015 (No class on April 21) and an Intermediate level class will be offered on Thursday nights from March 5, 2015, through May 14, 2015 (No class on April 23).

All classes are from 6-8pm for 10 weeks and held at the Italian Cultural Center of Western Mass., Inc., 56 Margaret St, Springfield, MA. Tuition cost is \$120.00 for ICC members and \$130.00 for non-members. The course book is available for \$20.00. Deadline for registration is February 20, 2015. Registrations received after that date will be charged a \$25.00 late registration fee.

Registration forms are available on our web site at www.iccwm.org. Please call or email any questions to our Registrar via 860-305-1175 or italianaticc@comcast.net. Once payment is received, you will receive confirmation from our Registrar.

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Calendar of Events

Membership Meeting, Wednesday, March 11, 6:00pm

Fish Dinner, Friday, March 27, 6:00pm

Movie Night, Friday, April 3, 6:00pm

Gnocchi Make and Take, Saturday, April 11, 1:00pm

Ellis Island/Statue of Liberty Trip, Saturday, May 30