



Italian Cultural Center of Western Massachusetts, Inc.



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Come to our Christmas Party

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7th



Bring your Christmas spirit and join us for our Annual Christmas Dinner on Saturday, December 7 at 6:00 pm at the Italian Cultural Center at 56 Margaret Street, Springfield. The cost for dinner and live entertainment is only \$40.00 for members and \$45.00 for non-members.

Chef Joe Sapelli will prepare a surf and turf feast consisting of Cioppino, Salad, Prime Rib Dinner, and Dessert.

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Reservations are available now, and will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis. Limited seating is available, so make your reservations early. Call Nancy today at 413-478-5965 to make your reservations.

Deadline for reservations is December 1. Come join us!



Membership Meeting Reminder



The next General Membership meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 11, at 6:00 pm. It's important for you to come to the meetings to learn about what is going on at the ICC and to help plan for the future. Please attend meetings so you can share your ideas with the Executive Board and other members. It is only by working together that we can continue to promote and enjoy our Italian heritage.

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

TOMBOLA (ITALIAN BINGO) AND POTLUCK DINNER



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15TH



We are excited to have our annual Tombola Game Event at the ICC on Sunday, December 15th at 12:00 Noon. We have purchased a Tombola game directly from Italy and would like everyone to come and learn how to play. It is really fun and simple and very much like Bingo. The last two years' Tombola events were a huge success and everyone had a fun time.

We would like to repeat what we did last year, so we are asking everyone to bring a dish to share for a Potluck lunch before the games begin. The ICC will provide the entrée of Eggplant Parmigiana.

If your last name begins with A—M, please bring a side dish.

If your last name begins with N—Z, please bring a dessert.

If you choose not to bring a food dish, we ask for a \$10 donation at the door.

THE ITALIAN CULTURAL CENTER LECTURE SERIES

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH

I'VE ALWAYS FELT LUCKY BEING ITALIAN

By Barbara C. Bernard



With great pleasure, the ICC presents an afternoon with columnist Barbara Bernard.

Her journalism career spans six decades and four media, including Radio, Television, the Internet and Print as a columnist for *The Republican*.

The presentation will begin at 2:00 pm on Sunday, November 24. The doors open at 1:30. There is a suggested donation of \$5 for Members and \$7 for Non-Members. Complimentary refreshments will be



A special thank you to the Library team for their continued efforts to get our library functional: Sandi Vella, Pauline Casey, Kathy Guttormsen, Joan Zecchi, Sylvia Deliso, and Carmela Marzano. They have completely catalogued all our previous donations and now are on the home stretch of cataloguing the almost overwhelming donation from the estate of a well know deceased architect and eclectic book collector, Francesco Tartaglino Mazzucchelli by his wife Elinor Schiele and the magazine donations from John Brescia. Tentatively, the library will be open one hour before Italian language class nights and most functions with some volunteers help.

Give Back Monday

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Monday, December 16th

and **10%**
of the day's total food sales*
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A LOOK BACK AT SOME RECENTS EVENTS



Kicking off Italian Heritage Month on October 1 at the Italian Cultural Center are from left to right: ICC Historian Sandra Vella, State Representatives Carlos Gonzalez and Angelo Puppolo, Jr., ICC President Stephanie Spolzino, Congressman Richard Neal, Mayor Domenic Sarno, Springfield Fire and Emergency Services Commissioner BJ Calvi, and Hampden County Clerk of Courts Laura Gentile.



Pauline Casey and Nancy Piela serving up lemon ice at our Sunday social.



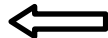
Our display at the Dante Club Italian Heritage celebration was very informative.



Bob McCarroll, Board Member of the Springfield Preservation Trust, talked to us about the Italian influence on American architecture.



ICC President, Stephanie Spolzino, prepared and served her famous eggplant parmigiana at the Taste of Italy.



ICC Historian, Sandra Vella, shared her extensive knowledge at Cultural Appreciation Day at the Roderick L. Ireland Courthouse.

ANOTHER FLOOD INCIDENT

Our newly renovated building suffered another flooding incident on August 8th. Very heavy rains caused the City of Springfield combined sanitary and storm sewers to back up into our bathroom and flood the front foyer area. A large portion of our new carpeting was ruined as well as a portion of the foyer floor. The carpeting could not be repaired and the insurance company would not cover the incident as they deemed it an “Act of God”.

We are fortunate and deeply grateful to have Sam DiSanti who has donated his time and skills to remove the carpeting and replace the floor. A few members have generously offered to help pay for the materials, but unfortunately it is not enough to defray the costs. If you are able to help, any donation—large or small—would be greatly appreciated. Checks can be made to the ICCWM and sent to 56 Margaret Street, Springfield, MA 01105, Attn: Floor Repair.



A special thank you to Sandi Vella, Geno Maddaloni, Ed Maddaloni, and Italo Gavazzi for their generous contributions to the Floor Repair Fund to date.

Cancellation Information

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

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Calendar of Events

Lecture Series, Sunday, November 17, 2:00 pm

Lecture Series, Sunday, November 24, 2:00 pm

Christmas Party, Saturday, December 7, 6:00 pm

Tombola and Potluck Dinner, Sunday, December 15, 12:00 Noon

E.B.'s Give Back Monday, December 16, all day

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.