



Italian Cultural Center of Western Massachusetts, Inc.



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-- Raffle Tickets --

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Don't forget to send in your money and raffle ticket stubs for the Benefit Raffle. The drawing will be held at our Italian Heritage Celebration on October 21 at Casa di Lisa. Winners do not need to be present.



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IT'S NOT TOO EARLY TO SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR CHRISTMAS PARTY



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Bring your Christmas spirit and join us for our Annual Christmas Dinner on Saturday, December 9, at the ICC, 56 Margaret Street. Springfield. This year our Christmas dinner will be catered by Carrabba's of West Springfield. The cost for dinner and live entertainment provided by Luke Baillargeon is only \$30.00.

Dinner will consist of fresh bread with an olive oil and herb mix, Italian salad, sautéed broccoli, Cavatappi Pomodoro, dessert, coffee, and your choice of one of the three following entrees:

Chicken Marsala-Wood-grilled and topped with mushrooms and Lombardo Marsala wine sauce
Parmesan-Crusted Chicken Arugula-Sautéed chicken breast crusted with grated parmesan and panko breadcrumbs topped with fresh arugula, tomatoes, and shaved parmesan cheese in a Mediterranean lemon vinaigrette

Salmon Cetriolini-Wood-grilled and topped with diced tomato, cucumber and dill in a lemon white wine sauce

You will choose your entrée when you call to make your reservation. Limited seating is available, so make your reservations early. Reservations are available now, and will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis. Call Nancy today at 413-827-9350 to make your reservations.

Deadline for reservations is December 1. Come join us!

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



I am an Italian-American



I am an Italian-American. My roots are deep in an ancient soil, drenched by the Mediterranean sun, and watered by pure streams from snow capped mountains.

I am enriched by thousands of years of culture. My hands are those of the mason, the artist, the man of the soil.

My thoughts have been recounted in the annals of Rome, the poetry of Virgil, the creations of Dante, and the philosophy of Benedetto Croce.

I am an Italian-American, and from my ancient world, I first spanned the seas to the New World. I am Cristoforo Colombo.

I am Giovanni Caboto known in American History as John Cabot, discoverer of the mainland of North America.

I am Amerigo Vespucci, who gave my name to the New World, America.

First to sail on the Great Lakes in 1679, founder of the territory that became the State of Illinois, colonizer of Louisiana and Arkansas, I am Enrico Tonti.

I am Filippo Mazzei friend of Thomas Jefferson, and my thesis on the equality of man was written into the Bill of Rights.

I am William Paca, signer of the Declaration of Independence.

I am an Italian-American; I financed the Northwest Expedition of George Rogers Clark and accompanied him through the lands that would become Ohio, Indiana, Wisconsin and Michigan. I am Colonel Francesco Vigo.

I mapped the Pacific from Mexico to Alaska and to the Philippines, I am Alessandro Malasna.

I am Giacomo Belinimi, discoverer of the source of the Mississippi River in 1823.

I created the Dome of the United States Capitol. They call me the Michelangelo of America. I am Constantino Brumidi.

In 1904, I founded in San Francisco, the Bank of Italy now known as the Bank of America, the largest financial institution in the world, I am A.P. Giannini.

I am Enrico Fermi, father of nuclear science in America.

I am Steve Geppi, founder of Diamond Comics, the largest distributorship of comics on the planet.

I am the first enlisted man to earn the Medal of Honor in World War II; I am John Basilone of New Jersey. I am an Italian-American.

I am the million strong who served in America's armies and the tens of thousands whose names are enshrined in military cemeteries from Guadalcanal to the Rhine.

I am the steel maker in Pittsburgh, the grower in the Imperial Valley of California, the textile designer in Manhattan, the movie maker in Hollywood, the homemaker and the breadwinner in over 10,000 communities.

I am an American without stint or reservation, loving this land as only one who understands history, its agonies and its triumphs can love and serve it.

Will not be told that my contribution is any less nor my role not as worthy as that of any other American.

I will stand in support of this nation's freedom and protect against all foes.

My heritage has dedicated me to this nation. I am proud of my heritage, and I shall remain worthy of it.

I am an Italian-American.

By Angelo Bianchi, Esq.
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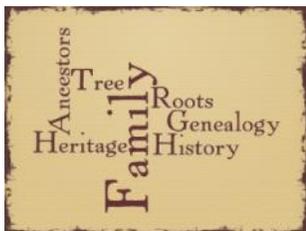
THE ITALIAN CULTURAL CENTER LECTURE SERIES

Sunday, October 15th

ITALIAN FOOD AND THE POLITICS OF ITALIAN-AMERICAN IDENTITY IN THE 21ST CENTURY

In June 2017, Dr. Rocco Mesiti was invited to present a paper at the Italian American Studies Association (IASA) International Conference in Italy. The conference was held at the Università della Calabria, Cosenza Italy under the patronage of the Rome Fulbright Office. Dr. Mesiti presented his research paper, “Italian When We Eat: The Politics of Identity Development in the 21st Century” and his study was well-received. Dr. Mesiti generously offered to share this presentation with the Italian Cultural Center. As consumers today, we are often bombarded with authentic and pseudo-Italian products. How does this affect contemporary Italians? And why is it so important for Italians to preserve their identity in today’s society.

Dr. Rocco Mesiti is a professor of Italian Culture in the College of Arts and Science at Western New England University and also a professor of the university’s successful summer program in Sorrento Italy at the Sant’Anna Institute. Currently, Dr. Mesiti, aka “*DJRocco*” is celebrating his 25th year as an Italian American Radio DJ on WTCC 90.7 FM, Dolce Vita Radio. In 2013, Dr. Mesiti received the Italian Cultural Center of Western Massachusetts’ prestigious Serviam Award.



Sunday, November 19th

ITALIAN GENEALOGY FOR BEGINNERS

Have you ever wanted to find out more about your Italian ancestors but didn’t know where to start? This class will teach you the methodology you will need to discover your Italian family tree, including the latest online information sources. The class will be taught by ICC Director Gary MacQueston, who has been researching Italian Genealogy for the past 20 years.



Doors open at 1:30 Lectures begin at 2:00

56 Margaret Street, Springfield, MA

Complimentary refreshments will be served after the presentation

Admission: \$5 Members, \$7 Non-Members

For more information, please visit our website:

<http://www.icwm.org> or call at 413 784-1492

TOMBOLA (ITALIAN BINGO) AND POTLUCK DINNER

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17TH



We are excited to have our first Tombola Game Event at the ICC on Sunday, December 17th 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.

We would like to make this a fun event, 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.

We will eat at 12 noon and then let the Tombola fun begin at 1:00 pm.

Tombola cards will be sold for \$10 each. You can play the same card all day and we will play several rounds of the game throughout the event for fun prizes.



Saturday, October 21, 2017

6:00 pm—10:00 pm

Casa di Lisa



Traditional Italian musical enter-

\$40.00 per person ~ Paid in
advance



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Nancy (413) 827-9350
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after 3:30 pm
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Sold Out!



Let's go to Boston's North End!

Saturday, October 14

Give Back Monday

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Fundraising Program!



Italian Cultural Center of WMASS

Is Raising \$\$ for their Scholarship Program!

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Monday, October 23rd

and **10%**
of the day's total food sales*
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Attenzione! Attenzione!

Friday Night at the Italian Cinema



The Italian Cinema series continues with *In Guerra Per Amore (At War with Love)* by Pierfrancesco Diliberto (2016) which will be shown on Friday, November 10, 2017 at the Italian Cultural Center. The film is in Italian with English subtitles and the running time is one hour and 39 minutes, Doors will open at 6:00 pm and the movie will start at 6:30 pm. Admission is \$3.00 for members, \$6.00 for non-members. A choice of snack and beverage will be provided.

Plot: A love story set in July 1943 when Allied forces landed in Sicily. Arturo loves Flora, daughter of a restaurant owner, but she has been promised in marriage to a Mafia boss. Arturo decides to join the Allied forces and return to Sicily, which he had left in search of fortune in America. In the background is a clever narrative of how relations between Allies and the Mafia during World War II shaped the fate of Sicily in years to come. A tender love story intertwines with the allied conquer of Sicily during WW II, where the US Army had to find partners in the local society. It's a gentle comedy based on a true fact, in this case, the agreement between the US army and mafia bosses to occupy Sicily in World War II without having any trouble and resistance from the locals.



Trama: Una storia d'amore nel luglio del 1943, quando le forze alleate sbarcano in Sicilia. Arturo ama Flora, figlia di un proprietario del ristorante, ma è stata promessa in matrimonio con un capo della mafia. Arturo decide di arruolarsi alle forze alleate e di tornare in Sicilia, che aveva lasciato alla ricerca della fortuna in America. Sullo sfondo è una narrazione intelligente di come le relazioni tra gli alleati e la mafia durante la seconda guerra mondiale abbiano determinare il destino della Sicilia negli anni a venire. Una storia d'amore tenera si intreccia con il conquistato alleato di Sicilia durante la seconda guerra mondiale, dove l'esercito statunitense doveva trovare partner nella società locale. È una commedia gentile basata su un fatto realmente accaduto, in questo caso, l'accordo tra l'esercito statunitense e capi della mafia per occupare la Sicilia nella seconda guerra mondiale senza avere problemi e resistenza da parte dei locali.

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Calendar of Events

Trip to Boston's North End, Saturday, October 14, 10:00 am

Lecture Series, Sunday, October 15, 2:00 pm

Italian Heritage Celebration, Saturday, October 21, 6:00 pm

E.B's Scholarship Fundraiser, Monday, October 23, All Day

Friday Night at the Movies, November 10, 6:00 pm

Tortellini Make and Take, Saturday, November 18, 1:00 pm

Lecture Series, Sunday, November 19, 2:00 pm

Christmas Dinner, Saturday, December 9, 6:00 pm

Tombola Game and Potluck, Sunday, December 17, 12:00 noon

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.