



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



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## **L** 2019 Membership **R**eminder

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By now you should have received your 2019 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 many 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.*

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**WELCOME ~ BENVENUTI**

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A warm welcome to our returning members and our Benefactors, 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.

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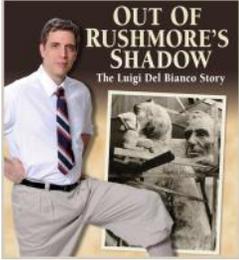
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Patrons: Anthony and Dawn DiStefano, Rep. Richard Neal, Capt. Augustus Pesce, Carol Raffaele

New Members: Rosemarie Cardaropoli, Elyssa Marie Serrilli

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## THE ITALIAN CULTURAL CENTER OF WESTERN MA, INC. LECTURE SERIES PRESENTS



### ***OUT OF RUSHMORE'S SHADOW***

#### ***The Luigi Del Bianco Story***

**SUNDAY, MAY 19, 2019**



IN THIS EXCITING PRESENTATION FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY, STORYTELLER LOU DEL BIANCO PORTRAYS HIS GRANDFATHER, LUIGI DEL BIANCO, AND TALKS ABOUT HIS UNSUNG CONTRIBUTION AS CHIEF CARVER ON OUR NATION'S GREATEST MEMORIAL, MOUNT RUSHMORE.

LOU USES AUTHENTIC PHOTOS, TIMELINES AND PRIMARY SOURCE DOCUMENTS TO BRING LUIGI'S STORY TO LIFE. THE PRESENTATION CULMINATES WITH DESIGNER GUTZON BORGLUM'S PRAISE OF LUIGI, THE 25 YEAR STRUGGLE TO GET HIM RECOGNIZED AND THE CBS SUNDAY MORNING TRIBUTE WHERE A PLAQUE AT MOUNT RUSHMORE IS FINALLY UNVEILED!

NOW A PUBLISHED BOOK AUTHORED BY LOU, "OUT OF RUSHMORE'S SHADOW" IS A DRAMATIC AND TOUCHING STORY ABOUT LUIGI'S LEGACY AND THE IMMIGRANT STRUGGLE.

**Doors open at 1:30 pm—Lecture begins at 2:00 pm**

**Italian Cultural Center, 56 Margaret Street, Springfield**

**Admission: \$5.00 Members, \$7.00 Non-Members**

**For more information, visit our website <http://www.iccwm.org> or call (413)784-1492**

## **EXECUTIVE BOARD NEWS**



It is with regret but with warm wishes that we announce the retirement of Lou "Luigi" Planzo from the ICC Executive Board. On behalf of the Executive Board and all ICC members, we thank Lou for his many years of dedicated service to the ICC. Lou has been very instrumental in building the ICC into the strong organization it is today. Even though we won't have his voice on the Board, we hope to see Lou and Celeste enjoying many of the ICC activities as members.

# **BUS TRIP TO PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND**

## **SATURDAY, MAY 4<sup>TH</sup>**



Join us for an exciting adventure in the Federal Hill (Little Italy) section of Providence, Rhode Island. Have you ever dreamed of taking a ride in an authentic gondola, but haven't been able to get to Venice, or didn't have the time or euros to take a gondola ride while there? Well now is your opportunity to fulfill that dream. On May 4<sup>th</sup> the Italian Cultural Center is taking a bus trip to Providence. We will leave the Eastfield Mall at 9:30 am. We park our cars across from the Markets of Eastfield store close to Boston Road. We arrive in Providence around 11:30 am. You will enjoy lunch and shopping on your own for two hours. At 2:00 pm we will enjoy a gondola ride with live Italian musical entertainment on the shore. At 4:00 pm we head back to Eastfield Mall for a 6:00 pm arrival.

Providence's historic Federal Hill has been called the "Heartbeat of Providence" and begins at Atwells Avenue. There, you can listen to church bells while walking on cobblestone paths, shop at food markets and boutiques, or dine in some of the finest restaurants in the country.

You'll also find bakeries and coffee shops, professional services, and live music outdoors in the square. Federal Hill spreads beyond Atwells Avenue to Broadway, a street with wonderful architecture, restaurants and local merchants, all the way to Westminster and Cranston Streets. A place dedicated to the Italian immigrants who gathered here as a community, Federal Hill remains a place of charm, warmth and hospitality to all who visit.

The gondola experience consists of a 20—minute trip along the Riverwalk in Providence, offering passengers (6 per boat) the opportunity to enjoy the sights and sounds of the city. The trip is always made complete by a little singing from your gondolier. Each guest is given handmade authentic Italian style wine biscuits.

The cost of the trip (including gondola ride) is \$65.00 per person. Space is limited and seats will be sold on a first-come, first-serve basis. Reservations must be made by calling Jill at (413) 244-0526 or e-mailing to [iccwm@comcast.net](mailto:iccwm@comcast.net).





# Attenzione! Attenzione!

## 2019 Friday Night at the Italian Cinema



***IL SORPASSO***

***By Dino Risi (1962)***

***Comedy/Drama, 1hour 45 minutes***

***In Italian with English Subtitles***



***IL SORPASSO***

Plot: In the hot Roman summer, law student Roberto casually runs into Bruno, a strange but amusing man in a fancy sports car, who is heading to a nearby beach to meet with friends. Bruno insists that Roberto join him for the day. The chance meeting leads to drinks and eventually to an extended road trip out of the city. "Il Sorpasso" is about the relationship - of just one day - between these two men. Bruno thinks of nothing but enjoying life and is supremely self-confident, the sort of a person who refuses to admit the passage of time (he's already in his forties and has yet to settle down); Roberto, much younger, is shy and obedient to his family's wishes about his future. At first Roberto doesn't approve of Bruno's idea of fun by insulting and humiliating people, but as they go on together he starts to rebel against his planned and predictable life and shows a bit of admiration for the older man who doesn't go along with social conventions.

Trama: Nella calda estate romana, lo studente di legge Roberto incontra casualmente Bruno, un uomo strano ma divertente, con una macchina sportiva, che si sta dirigendo verso una spiaggia vicina per incontrarsi con gli amici. Bruno insiste che Roberto si unisca a lui per la giornata. L'incontro casuale porta a un drink e alla fine a un lungo viaggio fuori città. "Il Sorpasso" parla della relazione - di un solo giorno - tra questi due uomini. Bruno non pensa a nulla se non godersi la vita ed è veramente sicuro di sé, il tipo di persona che rifiuta di ammettere il passare del tempo (ha già una quarantina di anni e deve ancora sistemarsi); Roberto, molto più giovane, è timido e obbediente ai desideri della sua famiglia riguardo al suo futuro. All'inizio Roberto non approva l'idea di Bruno di divertirsi insultando e umiliando la gente, ma mentre fanno tanto insieme, inizia a ribellarsi alla sua vita programmata e prevedibile e mostra un po' di ammirazione per l'uomo più anziano che non va d'accordo con le convenzioni sociali.

**WHEN: Friday, May 3, 2019**

**WHERE: Italian Cultural Center**

**56 Margaret St, Springfield, MA**

**Doors Open at 6:00 pm—Film Begins at 6:30 pm**

**Suggested Donation: \$6 Non-Members, \$3 Members**

**Moviegoers Will Be Given a Choice of a Beverage and a Snack**

For more information, please visit our website: <http://www.iccwm.org> or call at 413 784-1492

## **WE NEED YOUR HELP AND A FEW HOURS OF YOUR TIME**

We need some volunteers to help us get the ICC Library and Store up and running again. We need to clean the books (dusty), organize them and place them on the new shelves in our Library, and set up the Store with the new inventory. If you are interested and able to help, please call Stephanie at (860) 305-1175.

A special thanks to Gary MacQueston and Italo Gavazzi for getting the new library shelves delivered and assembled.



## The Italian Cultural Center of Western MA Lecture Series

### A READING OF DANTE'S INFERNO



“Inferno” (Italian for “Hell”) is the first part of Italian writer Dante Alighieri's 14th-century epic poem *The Divine Comedy*. It is followed by “Purgatorio” and “Paradiso”. The Inferno tells the journey of Dante through Hell, guided by the ancient Roman poet Virgil. In the poem, Hell is depicted as nine concentric circles of torment located within the Earth; it is the “realm of those who have rejected spiritual values by yielding to bestial appetites or violence, or by perverting their human intellect to fraud or malice against their fellowmen.” As an allegory, the

Divine Comedy represents the journey of the soul toward God, with the Inferno describing the recognition and rejection of sin.

Please join us for a reading of Dante’s Inferno in Italian and then enjoy translating the Italian into English and delving more into the meaning of Dante’s poem.

Please note: since some of the time will be spent in reading Dante’s poem in Italian, this event is intended to be for those people who have a basic command of the language and a love of literature. The Italian passage and the English translation will be provided to each participant on the day of the reading.

Leading the reading will be Laura Albanese. Besides being one of our Italian language instructors at the ICC, Ms. Albanese teaches Italian at Trinity and Connecticut College.

**Saturday, May 25, 2019 Doors Open at 1:30 pm Program Begins at 2:00 p.m.**

Italian Cultural Center

56 Margaret St, Springfield, MA

Complimentary Refreshments will be served after the Lecture

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

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## Planning for 2019 Italian Heritage Month

We have already started planning our 2019 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 in 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 3, 2019, to the Italian Cultural Center of Western Massachusetts, Inc., c/o Serviam Committee, 56 Margaret St, Springfield, MA 01105.

## FUN AT OUR FISH DINNER



### AUTHOR MARTY BALBONI DISCUSSES HIS BOOK, *THE OPERA ON KING STREET*



### DR. ROCCO MESITI AND A ROOMFUL OF ATTENTIVE BEGINNER ITALIAN STUDENTS



## MAKING GNOCCHI



## **EGGPLANT PARMIGIANA DINNER**

### **SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2019**



The Italian Cultural Center is offering a new dinner menu. Join us on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm for our first ever Eggplant Parmigiana dinner. Chef Joe Sapelli will prepare an exquisite dinner consisting of eggplant parmigiana, meatballs, pasta, salad, Italian bread, and dessert. Reservations are available now, and will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis. The dinner price is \$18.00 for members and \$21.00 for non-members and must be paid for in advance.

Call Jill today at (413) 244-0526 to make your reservations. This will be a very popular dinner, and seating is limited, so make your reservations early!

### **ICC DINNER RESERVATION POLICY REMINDER**

We must strictly adhere to our rule that all dinner attendees must make their reservations and send payment to the ICC by the published deadline. Money and/or unplanned reservations will not be accepted at the door. This policy allows us to plan ahead to ensure that we have enough food, sufficient space for everyone, and no leftover unpaid dinners. We are sure that you can understand the need for this policy, and that no exceptions can be granted. Grazie.

### **DONATIONS STILL NEEDED**

As you can see by the number of activities being offered this month, the Italian Cultural Center is up and running again. But financially, we are still not anywhere near where we were before the water damage. We are still in need and accepting any donations you are able to make to our Rebuilding Fund. Donations can be made directly to the ICC at 56 Margaret Street, Springfield, MA 01105. All donations are tax deductible, greatly appreciated, and necessary to resume our mission to promote Italian culture in the Western MA community!

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# Calendar of Events

***Eggplant Parmigiana Dinner, Saturday, April 27, 6:00 pm***

***Italian Cinema, Friday, May 3, 6:00 pm***

***Providence, RI, Bus Trip, Saturday, May 4, 9:30 am***

***Lecture Series, Out of Rushmore's Shadow The Luigi del  
Bianco Story, Sunday, May 19, 2:00 pm***

***Lecture Series, Dante's Inferno, May 25, 2:00 pm***

*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.*