



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



**marzo 2020**

## **L** 2020 Membership **Reminder**



By now you should have received your 2020 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.*

**WELCOME ~ BENVENUTI**

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.

Friends: Albert Lattell; John Tiboni; Sandra R. Vella and Paul H. LaValley

Patrons: Peter Carando, Jr.; Lena DeCarlo; Gary and Susan MacQueston; Judith Matt; Capt. Augustus Pesce

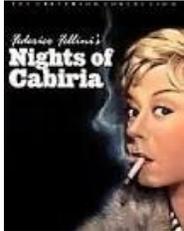
New Members: Glenn and Maria Davis and Family; Joseph Nigro; Robert A. Orlandi; Elena Oundjian; Carollyn Orlandi Roberts; Heidi Vecchiarelli

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# Attenzione! Attenzione!

2020 Friday Night at the Italian Cinema  
April 3, 2020



## ***NIGHTS OF CABIRIA (LE NOTTE DI CABIRIA)***

***By Federico Fellini (1957)  
In Italian with English subtitles***

Welcome to the world of Cabiria, a feisty, loud, outspoken and somewhat naïve prostitute waiting for a miracle, and one of the most unforgettable and endearing characters of European cinema. It is Federico Fellini's classic visual study of romantic resilience and faith in human nature.

Cabiria offers herself to the lowest bidder and hears truth in lies. Though she is a prostitute, she tries to search for happiness as best she can, no matter the circumstances. As one who has not been dealt a good hand, she wants to change, but she has been typecast in life as a loser. Yet, she is a loser who always goes on again to look for some happiness.

What is most endearing about this film is that Cabiria handles her misfortune in a childlike manner. She is quick to bounce back from defeat. Fellini does not make the movie a political statement. It is merely a depiction of one person's circumstances, whether created through her own doing or by bad luck, and how Cabiria continues to struggle for a dignified life.

The American Broadway musical comedy and Hollywood picture *Sweet Charity* was inspired by *Nights of Cabiria*.

The cost of admission is \$3.00 for members and \$6.00 for non-members. Moviegoers are given a choice of a beverage and a snack. Doors open at 6:00 pm and the film begins at 6:30 pm.

## **STUFFED PEPPER DINNER SATURDAY, APRIL 25<sup>TH</sup>**



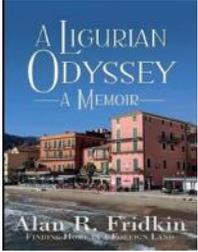
The ICC is planning a Stuffed Pepper dinner to be held on Saturday, April 25 at 6:00 pm, at the ICC, 56 Margaret St, Springfield MA 01105. Dinner will be prepared by our chef, Joe Sapelli and will include stuffed peppers, pasta, salad, bread, and dessert. Reservations are available now, and will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis. The dinner price is \$18.00 for ICC members, \$21.00 for non-members and must be paid for in advance. Call Nancy today at 413-827-9350 to make your reservations.

**Seating is limited, so please make your reservations early!**

Come dine with us, enjoy a delicious dinner and delightful company.

**Deadline for reservations is April 17, 2020.**

## The Italian Cultural Center of Western Massachusetts Lecture Series



**SUNDAY, APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup>**

### ***A LIGURIAN ODYSSEY***

**With Alan R. Fridkin**

It's out there somewhere. A place you stumble upon and don't want to leave. A place of substance, beyond picture postcard beauty. What are the odds that an American couple with no Italian DNA and very basic language skills would find happiness in a slightly faded Ligurian beach resort? Very good! Out of hundreds of thousands of miles of coastline, how does one find your place in the sun? Sometimes it is just serendipity. And, for over 50 years, could a small region retain its allure? Certo!

Long-term Westfield resident, Alan Fridkin, is a passionate traveler. During and beyond a 45-year career as an attorney and mediator and overlapping 25 years as a naval officer, he has spent time in 49 states and over 40 countries. But Italy keeps drawing him and his wife back. One Italian region, and one town in particular, Alassio, is a favorite. A town they stumbled upon for an unplanned Monday lunch and the rest, as they say, is history!

Author Alan Fridkin will be available after the lecture to personally sign his book.

The cost for admission is \$5.00 for members and \$7.00 for non-members. Complimentary refreshments will be served. Doors open at 1:30 and the presentation begins at 2:00.

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



### ***Ravioli Make, Sample, and Take***

**Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup>**



Chef Joe Sapelli will teach us how to make homemade ravioli on Saturday, April 4, from 1:00 – 3:00 pm at the ICC. What could be better than sharing in this Italian tradition together? Instruction, samples, 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 Jill at 413-244-0526 or email to [iccwm@comcast.net](mailto:iccwm@comcast.net) to request a registration form and to check seating availability. Payment must be received by March 30, 2020, to guarantee a seat. Mail your name, address and phone number along with the registration fee of \$30 for ICC members, \$25 for children of members 12 years and younger, \$35 per adult non-member, and \$30 for children of non-members 12 years and younger to: Italian Cultural Center of Western Massachusetts, Inc., Attn: Ravioli-Making,

# Planning for 2020 Italian Heritage Month

We have started planning our 2020 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, 2020, to the Italian Cultural Center of Western Massachusetts, Inc., c/o Serviam Committee, 56 Margaret St, Springfield, MA 01105.

## SCHOLARSHIP DONORS NEEDED!



We are very proud of all the accomplished students of Italian heritage that reflect the hard work and dreams of our ancestors. Please consider becoming a Scholarship Donor and assist us in rewarding these worthy Italian high school students with a scholarship to help defray their college expenses. They will very much appreciate you giving them a helping hand, and you will be our guest at the Scholarship Banquet, seated with the student that you helped. As our current Scholarship Donors can attest, it's a rewarding experience for both you and the scholarship recipient.

A scholarship can be in your name, or as a memorial scholarship in honor of a family member. If you have any questions, please contact the ICC Scholarship Committee at 413-784-1492, or [iccscholarship@comcast.net](mailto:iccscholarship@comcast.net). Your donation is tax-deductible. Thank you for your consideration!

## *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. The Italian Cultural Center Scholarships are open to high school seniors who are:

- Children of ICC members with a family membership, or
- Grandchildren of ICC members, or
- Children of non-ICC members who are of Italian descent, attending a high school in Western Massachusetts, and are sponsored by a member of the ICC



One additional scholarship, the Dante Alighieri Scholarship, will be awarded to a student studying the Italian language.

Italian Cultural Center Scholarship applications are available on our website at [www.iccwm.org](http://www.iccwm.org), along with additional information on our scholarship program. **The application deadline is April 15, 2020.** If you are unable to acquire an application, please contact the scholarship committee at 413-784-1492 or at [iccscholarship@comcast.net](mailto:iccscholarship@comcast.net) with your name, address, and phone number.

## **Special Membership Meeting Reminder** **Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>**



Have you ever considered playing a more active role in the ICC by becoming a board member? The bi-annual election of officers will be held during the June 10<sup>th</sup> membership meeting. Our board is comprised of individuals with various skills and talents so everyone can be an asset to the ICC.

If you have ever considered volunteering your talents and time, but have questions, please contact us at 413-784-1492 or [iccw@comcast.net](mailto:iccw@comcast.net) for more information. We would be happy to hear from you.

In accordance with the by-laws, the nominating committee meets in April to determine the initial slate of candidates for office, based on existing officers who wish to run for re-election. During the May 13<sup>th</sup> membership meeting, the nominating committee presents the slate of candidates, then additional nominations may be made from the floor (by the general membership). The executive board will review all nominations in accordance with the by-laws. The full slate of candidates is then determined and voting takes place at the June 10<sup>th</sup> membership meeting.

Please come to a special membership meeting to be held on May 13<sup>th</sup> and submit your name or any nominations that you may have to the nominating committee.



## 56 Margaret Street

When you attend meetings and events at the ICC this spring, we hope you notice how good the building looks. Thanks to Sandi Vella and her team of many hard workers, the inside of the building is sparkling clean and the outside is much improved. The store and library are open for business again. The library will be open before and during all functions/meetings so members can sign out and/or return books or just browse our collection.

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

## **ICC Officers**

**Stephanie Spolzino**  
**Marcia Capuano**  
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**Nancy Piela**  
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# Calendar of Events

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

***Fish Dinner, Friday, March 13, 6:00 pm***

***The Godfather Part I, Saturday, March 14, 4:00 pm***

***Lecture Series, Sunday, March 15, 2:00 pm***

***The Godfather Part II, March 21, 4:00 pm***

***The Godfather Part III, Saturday, March 28, 4:00 pm***

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

***Ravioli Making Class, Saturday, April 4, 1:00 pm***

***Lecture Series, Sunday, April 19, 2:00 pm***

***Stuffed Peppers Dinner, Saturday, April 25, 6:00 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.*