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PRESERVING OUR HERITAGE

*Italian Cultural Center
of
Western Massachusetts, Inc.*

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENTS

Ciao a tutti,

Welcome to the March edition of La Voce. While the ICC is still in a holding pattern, we were able to continue to be involved with the community. On February 23rd, the ICC worked in collaboration with the South End Citizens Council, and Representative Carlos Gonzalez to help those people who needed assistance in scheduling their appointments for the COVID-19 vaccinations. The ICC provided the place and Representative Gonzalez provided the staff to help people navigate the application process.

Also, there is still time to order your Take-out meal for Friday, April 9th. We have extended the deadline for ordering your dinner to March 15th.

As a reminder, donations are still welcomed and 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 Western Massachusetts.

Stay safe and healthy,

Charlie Becker and Marcia Capuano

Co-Presidents

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WELCOME ~ BENVENUTI

A warm welcome to our returning members and our Benefactors, Patrons, and New Members listed below. We appreciate their support as an acknowledgment that the ICC fulfills our mission to promote Italian culture and heritage throughout Western Massachusetts. We hope to resume our regularly scheduled quarterly membership meetings, held the second Wednesday of September, December, March, and June; and our many programs and activities. We encourage all our members to attend, and volunteers are always welcome.

Friends: Michael and Maria Ardolino, John J. Tiboni, Sandra Vella and Paul H. LaValley.

Patrons: Daniel Battisti, Gabriel Cianflone, Marci Lefort, Foca Giorgio and Nancy Mangari, Laura Gormally, Drs. Vincent and Lisa Mariano & Family, Carmela Marzano, Richard Neal, Capt. Augustus J. Pesce, Carol Raffaele, John Stoffolano, Paula Welch.

Benefactors: George B. Tazzini, Jr.

New Members: Mark Van Valkenburg and Britt Adornato & Family, Dr. Armand and Gaetana Aliotta, Daniel Battisti, Catherine Brown, Gerard J. DiSanti, Dino & Anna Lisa Facente & Family, John and Judy Galloni, Alan Gentile, Steven and Bridgette Langevin, Antonella Raschilla, Blythe Sherman, John Stoffolano, Paula Welch.



2021 ICC MEMBERSHIP REMINDER

If you haven't renewed your membership, it's not too late. We hope you will continue to enjoy the many programs offered by the ICC. Membership forms are available on our website at www.iccwm.org, by calling us at 413-784-1492, or emailing us at ICCWM@comcast.net.



GRAZIE MILLE

The Italian Cultural Center is very fortunate to have generous members who appreciate our mission to preserve our Italian culture, and who understand how expensive it is to maintain our beautiful building at 56 Margaret Street. This building has great historical significance to the city of Springfield, and in particular, to the Italian citizens, past and present, in the South End of the city. Many thanks to our members who have opened their checkbooks; most recently: Pauline Casey, Lena DeCarlo, William and Jane Devlin, Diane Fusaro, Generoso Maddaloni, Priscilla Mandraccia, George B. Tazzini, Jr.

The success of your ICC and its programs depends on your support. The ICC is a tax exempt (501) (c)(3) non profit organization, and contributions to the ICC are tax deductible.

ICC COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS



The ICC offers scholarships to high school seniors who are pursuing higher education. The following is the criteria for eligible seniors.

- **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 an ICC member.**

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, along with additional information on our scholarship program. **The application deadline is April 15, 2021.** If you have any questions, please contact the scholarship committee at the ICC, 413-784-1492.

SCHOLARSHIP DONORS

The ICC scholarships are a vital part of the ICC's commitment to our future generations. Please consider becoming a scholarship donor so that we can continue to provide financial assistance to our worthy students. A scholarship can be in your name, or as a memorial in honor of a family member. Call the ICC for more information. 413-784-1492.

REMINDER

**Extended Order
Deadline**

Friday, March 15



ITALIAN TAKE-OUT DINNER—APRIL 9

The ICC Take-Out Dinner is our first fundraiser since the beginning of Covid restrictions and we're hoping our ICC community will make it a huge success. We're fortunate to have some of the best Italian chefs in the area within our own Italian Cultural Center. You probably know some of them, if not personally, then by reputation. The menu selection is wonderful- Chicken parmigiana, Porchetta with a mushroom sauce, and more; and the portions are generous - Italian size. Take a night off from cooking and support the ICC at the same time. For your convenience, an order form is included in this issue of La Voce.

Buon Appetito!

FRIDAY, APRIL 9 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm

ICC TAKE-OUT DINNER ORDER FORM

All portions are individual sizes. List how many of each entrée you want to order. Total your bill, and return this form with your payment, cash or check. In order to make sure we have adequate meals on hand, please send your order no later than Friday, March 15. We've extended this deadline to better accommodate our members.

_____ Porchetta with mushrooms & gravy	\$10.00 each	\$ _____
_____ Tortellini Soup	\$ 5.00 each	\$ _____
_____ Baked Ziti	\$ 7.00 each	\$ _____
_____ Italian sausage with potatoes & peppers	\$10.00 each	\$ _____
_____ Chicken Parmigiana	\$10.00 each	\$ _____
_____ ICC Cookbook	\$15.00 each	\$ _____
	Total Due	\$ _____

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

_____ Local homebound Senior delivery only

Pick-up is between 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm. Drive into the parking lot adjacent to the ICC building, and identify yourself to one of the volunteer valets. The valet will bring your items to your car. The take-out items will be neatly packaged and ready to be reheated.



A CULINARY TOUR OF ITALY

A Culinary Tour of Italy will be a regular feature in La Voce. Each issue will cover a different region in Italy, highlighting the food that is the hallmark of that area. Italians are known for L'arte di vivere—the art of living, and food is an important part of their zest for life. First stop on our itinerary is Napoli, a vibrant port city in the Gulf of Naples in the Campania region. Naples is known throughout the world for

traditional dishes and of course, fine wine. Ingredients are always impeccably fresh, yet simple, yielding some of the best dishes in Italy. Italian restaurants are always the most popular in any city throughout the world, and many have a Neapolitan influence. Naples is known for originating pizza in the 18th century. Pizza Margherita was invented by Raffaele Esposito in 1889, and named after Queen Margherita of Savoy and King Umberto I when they visited the city. It is still one of the most popular pizzas in the world. Other dishes that are synonymous with Neapolitan cuisine are Spaghetti, and Parmigiana di Melanzane. A coastal city, Naples is known for abundant seafood; delicious dishes such as Fritto Misto di Pesce, and Spaghetti alle Vongole. A recipe for Spaghetti alle Vongole is below. If you use this recipe, please give us your opinion, and we hope you enjoy with a nice glass of wine.



SPAGHETTI ALLE VONGOLE (SPAGHETTI WITH CLAMS)

INGREDIENTS:

12 ounces thick spaghetti
5 tablespoons olive oil
4 tablespoons butter
1/2 cup white wine

6 cloves garlic, sliced
2 pounds fresh clams
1/2 cup pasta water
fresh ground black pepper

1/4 cup chopped parsley
salt to taste
lemon wedges for garnish

1. Boil a large pot of water, and cook the pasta until al dente, per package instructions. Drain and set aside. 2. Heat a deep skillet, add olive oil and butter. Lightly saute the garlic until translucent but not browned. 3. Add the clams, pasta water and white wine. Lightly stir the clams and cover the skillet until the clams open up. Add the ground black pepper and chopped parsley. 4. Add the pasta into the skillet. Quickly stir to combine well with the clams and sauce. Add salt to taste. Serve immediately with lemon wedges. Buon Appetito.

A STEP BACK IN TIME...



VINTAGE SOUTH END

July 17, 1997

Lights along Main Street at Winthrop Street in the South End/Hollywood section of Springfield for the 100th anniversary of the Mt. Carmel Society Italian Festival.

The thirty poles were strung with lights imported from Bracigliano, Italy.

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The Mission of the Italian Cultural Center of Western Massachusetts, Inc. is to promote Italian culture, traditions, heritage and the Italian language, through sponsoring 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.