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This is the last issue for 2022, sponsored by Glorioso's. We really want to thank Glorioso's for their support. We truly appreciate their sponsorship and their help in keeping the Italian Times, Jr. alive and well. However, don't fret, Glorioso's has graciously agreed to sponsor our little newsletter for most of 2023!!! THANK YOU GLORIOSO'S. Be sure to stop in and do your holiday shopping (and eating) there.



Festa Survey

Have you filled out the survey that was sent out via email? Please take a moment to complete it. The FAC (Festa Advisory Committee) will be meeting shortly to start work on Festa 2023, and your input will assist in making it bigger and better. To fill out the survey online, go to bit.ly/FestaSurvey22. If you prefer, you can print it out and return the survey by email to: Vice-President Marie Lieber at vp@iccmilwaukee.com or marie@tshglaw.com. There are also copies of the survey in the "tree" in the lobby at the ICC.

Festa Donations

The ICC received numerous monetary donations and "in kind" donations for Festa Italiana 2022. Mass donations, dumpster donation, garbage barrels and general cash donations were among the donations received. For fear of leaving out the names of specific individuals and businesses, the Festa Advisory Committee, the Board of Directors and Executive Officers wish to thank all those individuals and businesses for their contributions. It was very much appreciated. We look forward to your participation in Festa 2023.

General Membership Meeting? Nope. It's the Annual Christmas Party

The next General Membership Meeting will instead be our annual Christmas Party, to be held on Thursday, December 15th starting at 6:00 pm. Reservations are required, and you can sign up online at bit.ly/ChristmasPartyICC or on the ICC website. The cost is \$25 for members and \$45 for non-members. The menu is your choice of rigatoni with eggplant or a pork chop. Music will be provided by Alioto Entertainment. Join us for what's sure to be a fun-filled evening! (There may be a short meeting before the start of the event.)

Member's Week Ahead

Members can now find out what events are scheduled in an easy to read format. Member's Week Ahead lists all of the upcoming events and is emailed *only to our members*. Check it out! Another fine effort by our Publicity Committee to keep our membership informed. (Note: Anyone can view the upcoming events through the website: www.iccmilwaukee.com, by clicking on the events calendar.)

An Evening with Dean Martin

The King of Cool is back. “Dean Martin”, a Rat Pack heart throb and one of America’s most adored entertainers, will perform at the Milwaukee Rep. from January 20 to March 19, 2023 at the Stackner Cabaret, 108 W. Wells Street. Hear him sing some of his favorites “Ain’t That a Kick in the Head” and “Everybody Loves Somebody” and other classics. Tickets have been specially priced at \$30 when you enter the promo code ICC. Deadline to purchase tickets is March 1st. Enjoy dinner at the Stackner Cabaret before the show. Here’s the link <https://tickets.milwaukeerep.com/52427/52474>.

Christmas Caroling Party in the Courtyard

The Membership Committee’s annual Christmas Caroling Potluck will be held on December 9th (regularly scheduled movie night), starting at 6:00, in La Scala Restaurant. Share food and hot chocolate – of course a hard beverage will also be on hand – with other party goers. Exercise your golden tones by singing Christmas carols. Don your ugly Christmas attire for the contest, which starts at 7:30. Bring a dish to share and join us for a lively, very fun Christmas get-together.

Children’s La Befana Christmas Party

The Avanti Committee will hold the annual La Befana celebration on January 7, 2023 at 11:00 am. Lunch consisting of slider cheeseburgers, chicken tenders, veggies, fruit and a cookie to decorate will be served. After lunch, the children will get to greet La Befana and go to “her attic” to receive a gift (for those 12 years of age or under). Make your reservation on the website, fill out the form, and an invoice will be provided. This event is loved by both the children and the adults. Be sure to mark your calendar and make your reservations.

Heritage Night At the Bucks

The link is now open to purchase tickets for the January 29th 7:00 Bucks game against the Pelicans. Tickets (normally \$70 - \$133) are being offered to attendees at the discounted price of \$58 or \$94, depending on your seat selection. Each attendee will get a beautiful Bucks scarf. Deadline to order tickets is December 29, 2022. We hope to book a bus to take us to the Fiserv Forum from the Italian Community Center and back to the Center after the game. Don’t delay. Tickets at this price are limited. You DO NOT have to be a member to enjoy this event, so tell your friends and relatives. Visit the ICC Website or <https://bit.ly/BucksNight> and enter the code HERITAGE.

News From a Proud Mama

Rena Glorioso is proud to announce that her daughter, Adrianna Bennett, is graduating from Northwest Missouri State University with a Master’s Degree in English. She has sustained a 4.0 average while working full-time for B.D. Owens Library in Maryville, MO. Way to go Adrianna! (Adrianna is the granddaughter of the late Joseph T. and Mary Glorioso.)

If you have something to share, email Editor Marie!

A Gentle Reminder

Renew your membership dues now. Fees may be increased in 2023. Go to “JoinICCMKE.com” to pay your dues. It’s so easy!!

Good News

The Board of Directors has decided that those members who are currently receiving the Italian Times, Jr. by mail will continue to receive it by mail. Numerous calls were received expressing the desire to keep mailing the newsletter to those individuals for a variety of good reasons.

Attic Cleaning

Volunteers, Tindaro Caputo, Matt Craft, Iryna Hryshehauka, Marie Mazza Schick, Sam Alioto, John Alioto, Mary Anne Ceraso-Alioto, Craig Lieber, Marie Lieber, Mary Ellen Shea and Henry Masto helped clean out the attic above the Grand Ballroom. Stuff dating back to 1985 was still stored up there!



This is what the attic looked like about half way through the cleanout!

Because the staircase is so narrow, a “human chain” was formed to bring the boxes, bags, etc. from the attic down to the ground floor.

The boxes were then stored in La Scala, awaiting the November 19th shred.



Sophia Michalovitz, Craig Lieber and President Rose Anne Ceraso Fritchie were on hand to load the trash into the bins! (Not pictured – Marie Lieber – performing her duty as photographer!!). Nineteen bins were filled – only about one-half of what must still be shredded on December 2nd. Thanks to those volunteers for this back-breaking feat!

Cleaning House

There is still a good deal of stuff that is stored in the attic above the Grand Ballroom and in one of the classrooms. These areas will be tackled in the very near future to make room to store whatever items we have stored currently in the warehouse.

As a reminder, the sale of the land is on course to be closed on December 15th. The warehouse is on the land that is being sold. Obviously, the warehouse **MUST BE** cleared out prior to December 15th. ***We are in dire need of volunteers to help with this task.*** If you, your son/daughter and/or grandchild are willing to give us some help, please call or text VP Marie Lieber at 414-708-1607. We fully appreciate that this is the holiday season and everybody is busy, but the more volunteers we get, the faster this process will go!

\$5.00 Breadcrumbs

Bags of breadcrumbs are still available for purchase. They will be offered at all upcoming ICC events, or you can purchase by calling the ICC Office.

Goodbye Mortgage!!

Based on the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Board of Directors has approved the decision to pay the mortgage in full, to Pyramax, with the proceeds from the sale of the land. This momentous event will be celebrated with a “mortgage burning party.” The event will take place sometime in January – the actual date and time will be announced soon!

Portico Mishap

You may have noticed that the portico has suffered some damage. It met its fate with a Pensy Truck who thought it was smaller than it was to clear the structure. Joe Emanuele, as head of Operations, is working with the contractors and insurance companies to get the repairs completed as soon as possible. “I don’t want it to look like a patch job,” says Joe.

Holiday Folk Fair – a Great Success

The theme of this year’s Holiday Folk Fair was “bread”. The Italian Cultural Display won two first place awards – “Best Use of Theme” voted by the Holiday Folk Fair International Judges and the “People’s Choice Award” voted by students on Education Day. Congrats to all those who participated in the creation of the award winning exhibit. A special thank you to Joe Vella & Sciortino’s for donating the breads.



The Following Memorial Donations Were Made.

IN MEMORY OF:

Peter Frank Sorce

BY

the Peter T. Sorce Family

IN MEMORY OF:

Anthony D. LaLicata, Jr.

BY

Mary Ann LaLicata (his mother)

Mary & Asael Amaya (their brother)

Gina & Rafael Garcia (their brother)

Antonia & Lucas Amaya (their uncle)

Sofia, Eva & Marco Geracie (their uncle)

Mark & Joanne Bishop

Mary Ann Corrao & Family

Linda & Roy Wright

Lina Prosser & Family

Terry & Kelly Orlando & Family

Our thoughts, prayers and deepest sympathy go out to Peter's and Anthony's family and friends.

Holiday Decorations

The ICC and the Courtyard have been decorated for the holiday season thanks to Joanne Czubek, John and Mary Anne Alioto, Sam Alioto, and Craig and Marie Lieber.

Bringing a Smile to Your Face



From the ICC Board of Directors, the Executive Officers and the Chairpersons of the Committees, we wish each and every one of you a Blessed and Merry Christmas, and a Healthy, Happy and Prosperous New Year. We hope you are able to share the holidays with your loved ones.

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