

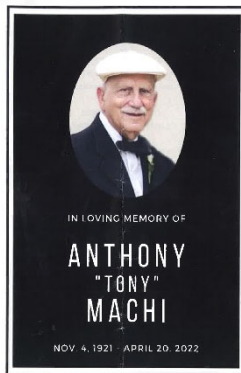
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Glorioso's has graciously stepped up and is sponsoring The Italian Times, Jr. through the end of the year. Thank you!



Good Bye Good Friend Addio, Caro Amico



Many friends and relatives gathered to pay their last respects to Tony Machi, the first President of the Italian Community Center. His son and three of his grandchildren gave heart-warming eulogies to a man they said always encouraged them to do their very best. Family was the most important thing to Tony. Many stories were told about his purchase of bars and pubs and how he helped them turn a profit. Rosie DeRubertis recalls that when Festa Italiana was negotiating for fireworks, they approached Tony, and his reply was "Don't worry. It's taken care of." "If Tony couldn't directly fulfill a request, he knew somebody who could," says DeRubertis. Tony was the opening act for

Italian Idol at Festa Italiana for many, many years. Tony, you traveled a long and sometimes not so easy road. The Italian Community Center, which you so dearly loved, will continue without you, but you will not be forgotten. Rest in peace, dear friend.

Movie Night

The June 10th movie is *Made in Italy* and is sponsored by Sal and Antoinette LoCoco. Liam Neeson stars as Robert, a London-based bohemian artist who has been estranged from his adult son, played by Neeson's real-life son, Michael Richardson. They travel to Tuscany, Italy, to take care of business left to him by his late wife. He inherits a once-beautiful villa, only to see it in a state of disrepair. What turns out to be an initially quick trip becomes an extended stay as father and son try to repair the house, and in the process find their own way of trying to repair their strained relationship.

Doors open at 6:00. Sausage sandwiches will be available for purchase along with wine, beer, soda and snacks. The movie will start at 7:00. As always, Movie Night is free for Members, as well as non-members. Come and enjoy a fun evening!

Taste of Italy

The May 1st event was a hit reports Co-Chairs, Christine Ziino & Marie Lieber. Surprisingly there were quite a few attendees who had never experienced this wonderful event. A total of 18 booths in the Pompeii Grand Ballroom and 8 booths in the Smarelli Festa Hall gave everybody the opportunity to sample the delicious food and quench their thirst with wine, beer, soda and/or water.

However, this event would not have been successful without the volunteers who made 960 meatballs, 1,200 stuffed shells and 840 rolled spiedini!

Also, a big thank you to all the individuals and companies who donated product and money. The list is too long to include in this short newsletter, but please know your donations were truly appreciated. You helped make Taste of Italy 2022 an overwhelming success!.

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Awards and Citizen of the Year Dinner

A dual celebration was held on May 17th. Milwaukee Chapter of Unico National and Milwaukee Ladies of Unico, Inc. sponsored the Scholarship Dinner and Award Ceremony for Unico Citizen of the Year. The Honorable John DiMotto was Master of Ceremonies and also gave the invocation in Fr. Tim's absence. Elizabeth Ceraso, President of the Milwaukee Chapter of Unico National, and Sophia Michalovitz, President of Milwaukee Ladies of Unico, each congratulated the recipients on their accomplishments and wished them well as they head off to college. The 2022 Unico National President, Steven Pelonero, was also in attendance.

2022 Scholarship Recipients were: Gabriel Cicero, Erica Kallas, Sophia King, Taelor Klein, Pasqualina Muro, Amirah Odeh, Karli Pfaffl, John Schulz, Vincenzo Stephenson and Alyssa Fehrman. These well-deserved recipients each received a \$1,000 scholarship. We wish you much success in the road you choose to travel.

Salvatore Purpora, better known as "Papa Luigi," was presented with the 2022 Citizen of the Year Award by ICC President Rose Anne Ceraso Fritchie. Because of COVID, there was a two-year delay in bestowing the award upon Sal. "I had my speech all written but after two years I can't remember what I was going to say," quipped Sal. He is not only a regular contributor to anything the ICC asks him for, but also to Milwaukee County's southeast side including Cudahy, St. Francis, South Milwaukee and Oak Creek. He also sponsors multiple youth groups. Most of the equipment in St. Rita's Church kitchen was donated by Sal. Sal credits his parents, Francesco and Josephine Purpora with his success instilling in him a desire to work hard in whatever he does.

In attendance were his wife of 33 years, Maria, and children, Frankie, Sal and JoJo.

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2022 Election Nominations

At the May 19th General Membership Meeting, the Nominating Committee presented the slate of nominees for the Executive Officers and Board Directors at Large. The nominated individuals are:

Executive Officers:

President Rose Anne Fritchie
Vice-President Marie Lieber
Secretary – Susie Christiansen
Treasurer – Lisa DeSanctis
Sergeant-at-Arms – Joanne Czubek

Directors at Large (Board of Directors):

Tracy Balistreri
Blaise DiPronio

Because all of the nominees are running unopposed, they will take office on August 1, 2022.

The Executive Officers and Board of Directors want to especially thank Ted Catalano for his service as Treasurer, Christine Catalano for her two terms on the Board of Directors, and Marie Lieber who also served two terms on the Board of Directors. But you are not going to get rid of Marie that easily since she will soon become the new Vice-President.

Answers to Last Month's Brain Teasers.

My voice is tender; my waist is slender. I am often invited to play. Wherever I go I must take my bow or else I have nothing to say. **I am a violin!**

A doctor and a bus driver are both in love with Sara. The bus driver went on a week-long trip. Before he left, he gave Sara 7 apples. Why? **An apple a day keeps the doctor away!**

IT'S GOING TO HAPPEN!!

President Rose Anne Ceraso Fritchie, in a press conference held on Tuesday, June 1st, announced there will be Festa Italiana 2022 and it will be held on the ICC parking lot. Many of the things festival goers loved will be back, just on a smaller scale. Food, entertainment, Mass, the Mass procession, Cucina Showcase and other happenings will all take place over the two-day festival on September 24th and 25th. Watch for further information on our website, or better still, attend a Member's Meeting!!

The Festa Advisory Committee continues to work diligently to make the festival all that it can be. Want to get involved and volunteer your time and/or talent? Go to **ICCVOLUNTEER.COM** and complete the short questionnaire.

Social Media Here We Come!

ICC Member, newly elected Board Member, and Member of the Public Relations Committee, Tracy Balistreri, gave a presentation to Members at the May General Membership Meeting on the ins, outs and how-to's for Facebook and Instagram. She gave step-by-step instructions along with a slide presentation on how to access and post to social media. Social media is a tremendous platform to inform the public of what is happening at the Italian Community Center. Have something you want to share? Send an email to Tracy at:

iccgetsocial@gmail.com

Nino Folino and The Russo Brothers

On May 29th, Nino Folino performed songs from legendary artists Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin and others, followed by The Russo Brothers who continued the tribute adding tunes from Elvis Presley and ending with some high-spirited rock and roll. A winning combination! It was a wonderful night of good food by Bartolotta's and music for all ages. The event was sponsored by The Sons and Daughters of Italy Lodge 2763.

Bringing a Smile to your Face

A priest owned a horse that he wanted to sell so he put an ad in the paper. The next day a man came to the rectory to inquire about the horse. The priest told him he was a fine, gentle horse but because he was raised in a religious environment, the commands were a little unusual. "For example, if you want him to start galloping you say 'Thank God'. And if you want him to stop you say 'Halleluiah'." The gentlemen thought about it and asked to take the horse for a ride. He got on the horse and yelled "Thank God" and the horse immediately galloped away going through a pasture and wooded area. Up ahead a cliff was fast approaching. The rider was panicked, but just in the nick of time remembered the magic word "Halleluiah" and the immediately horse stopped, just inches away from the cliff. The rider was so relieved he yelled "Thank God"!!

Taste Of Italy Product Sale

Did you miss the May 1st event? Did you not sample everything you wanted to? Here's a solution. On Sunday, June 26th from 11:00 A.M. until 2:00 p.m. you will have the opportunity to purchase items that have all been frozen. Pre-orders are being taken and can be paid for at the time of pick-up which will be located in the foyer of the ICC – cash and checks only!

Here is a list of what is being offered.

Cooked Italian Sausage Links
Rice Balls
Italian Cookies
Cannoli
Parmesan/Romano Grated Cheese – in 1# packages
Shredded Mozzarella – in 1# packages
1 qt Red Sauce

You can place your pre-order by contacting:

Christine Ziino 414-218-2175

Or

Marie Lieber 414-708-1607

Deadline for placing orders will be Thursday, June 9th. We will, however, offer the items for sale if there are any left after the pre-orders have been filled.

In Memoriam

Gerald Pizzino, who helped with the lighting on all the Festa Italiana stages has passed way. He is survived by his wife, Eileen. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her and the entire Pizzino family.

The Following Memorial Donations Have Been Made:

In Memory of Peter Frank Sorce:

The Peter T. Sorce Family

In Memory of Nancy Spano

Gino Dentice

In Memory of Myra Guardalabene

Gino Dentice

In Memory of Rose Cook

Doris Evans

In Memory of Jennie Griebing:

James Schuppe

Joseph Gazzana

Theresa Erato

Dennis & Mary Kay Pfeffer

In Memory of Joseph Campagna

Michael Tarnoff

Michael Plumley

Sophia Michalovitz

Rose Spang

James & Karen Krueger

Jim & Linda Spartaro

John Cefalu

In Memory of Tony Machi:

Phillip & Rosemary Purpero Family

Alex & Kassie Calardo Family

Tony & Barbara Lupo

Rose Spang

Gina Spang

Monica Hughes

Patricia Winkler

Joanne Czubek

Irving Epstein

Christine Conley

Ray & Carole Martinez

Anthony & Margaret Balistreri

Rose Anne Ceraso Fritchie

Dennis Lebrizzi

Paul Ianneli

Rose Dentice

Sal & Antoinette LoCoco

Gino Dentice

Joseph & Paulette Zizzo

Nikki Wackman

Joseph & Virginia Besasie

Joseph & Jodi Machi

James & Susan Schmitt

Scott & Mary Ann Best

Wendy & Anthony Machi

Grazia Zizzo

Peter Barca

Jimmy & Linda Spataro

Father's Day

June 19th is Father's Day. A day devoted to honoring our fathers, whether they are with us physically or with us in our hearts.

Interesting Father's Day Facts

The first Father's Day celebration in the United States was celebrated in Fairmont, WV on July 5, 1908, at the Williams Memorial Methodist Episcopal Church South, which is now called the Central United Methodist Church. The celebration was initiated by a woman named Grace Golden Clayton, who was mourning the loss of her father in a December 1907 mining accident.

The acceptance of Father's Day in the United States finally happened in 1910, when a woman named Sonora Smart Dodd wanted to honor her father, William Jackson Smart, a Civil War Veteran. Sonora lived in Spokane, Washington, and convinced the pastor of her Presbyterian Church to give a Father's Day sermon. She wanted it to be on June 5, which was her father's birthday, but her pastor did not have enough time to prepare a sermon. Instead, it was celebrated on June 19, 1910, which was the third Sunday in June.

President Lyndon B. Johnson issued the first official Father's Day proclamation in the United States, making it the third Sunday in June. In 1972, President Richard Nixon signed a bill into law finally making Father's Day a nationally recognized holiday.

Did You Know

There are more collect calls on Father's Day than any other day of the year. An estimated \$1 billion is spent each year in the United States for Father's Day gifts, but Dad is still paying the bill when it comes to telephone calls from the kids.

So on June 19th, do something nice for your dad – cut the grass, wash the car, don't ask for money, etc.! Just remember that without a father, there would be no Mother's Day.

Thank you and God bless to all the fathers out there and "up there".

Italian Times, Jr. Sponsorship

As previously mentioned, Glorioso's is the sponsor through December, 2022. If you, your company or society would like to be a sponsor, please contact Marie Lieber. The cost for sponsorship is \$150.00. *The Italian Times, Jr.* is seen not only by our Members, but each issue is on our website and can be read by thousands! We need sponsors to continue publication of this delightful new- letter to help defray the costs of printing and the postage required to mail the newsletter to those individuals who have not provided an email address. If you have an email address and are currently receiving a "hard copy" of the newsletter, please send an email to: office@iccmilwaukee.com with your information so that all future issues can be emailed to you instead.

AWARDS DINNER, CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AND TASTE OF ITALY
COLLAGES have been created from photographs taken at each of the events.
 Thank you Tracy Balistreri for your time, and talent for this creation!



It took hard work to prepare the food for Taste of Italy as well as serving on the day of the event. These happy faces contributed to the success of Taste of Italy 2022. Thanks to all of you who participated.



THANKS TO ALL OF YOU



CONGRATULATIONS TO EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU!!!

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