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This is the last issue sponsored by Gloriosos's Italian Market for 2023. We are so very appreciative of their support. A big "THANK YOU" to all of Gloriosos's staff who helped keep *The Italian Times, Jr.* up and running for the last 6 months.

Festa 2024

President Sandy Winard updated members at the General Membership Meeting on the status of Festa 2024. She will be reviewing managers of the various areas and making the appropriate appointments. If you are interested in serving as a manager, please contact Sandy at president@iccmilwaukee.com. A manager must be available prior to and after Festa in addition to the dates during Festa. Festa 2024 can only be a success with the help of our area managers and their committees.

New IT, Jr. Sponsor

We have a new sponsor for The Italian Times, Jr. for January, February and March! Look for them in the January issue. We need sponsors for the remainder of 2024. Please consider a sponsorship so that we can continue this very information newsletter!!

A Message from the ICC President

As 2023 winds down, I'd like to acknowledge everyone who's helped make the ICC's light shine bright in our community. It truly takes a village, and so many of you have contributed your time, talent, and treasure to our success, and sustainability. I'm inspired by the influx of new members, and people taking on new responsibilities. 2024 promises to be an exciting year for us with innovative programs, initiatives, and of course Festa Italiana. There's room for everyone at the table, and I value what each of you can contribute. I'm a call, text or email away from sharing your thoughts. It's my great pleasure and honor to serve.

My heartfelt best to you and yours during the holiday season. Be well.

Your ICC President: Sandy Winard



Editor's Note: Sandy has expressed a desire to have her "President's Message" published monthly in the *Italian Times, Jr.* (We look forward to your future articles!)

Membership Committee Annual Caroling & Potluck Party – Friday, December 8th

Please join us for a caroling celebration in LaScala with potluck food, beverages and maybe some singing. Wear your Christmas attire and bring a dish to pass. It is a fun time and a nice way to kick off the holiday season.

ICC Holiday Party

If you have not already signed up for this spectacular event, please go to our Event Calendar on ICCMKE.com and sign up for the December 16th event. Susie Christiansen, Committee Chair, promises a night filled with good food, drink, music and some surprises!

Christmas Decorations

Have you noticed the beautiful decorations throughout the ICC and the Courtyard? Well it was **not** the work of Santa's Elves. A special thanks to the following volunteers who brought the Christmas spirit to the ICC: Ann Zambito, Christina Ziino, Vivian Balistreri, Patsy Coccia, Sophia Michalovitz, Antonette LoCoco, Lu LoCoco, Christine Conley, Craig Lieber and Marie Lieber.

Telephone guidance was provided by Joanne Czubek!

We will be looking for help to take down the decorations and pack them away for next year. Please consider giving us your time. We anticipate that the decorations will be taken down after "little Christmas" – January 6th. More information on the exact date will be provided later.

We Are the Champions

Congratulations Club Garibaldi 1 who beat the Metagannis by a score of 12-6 in the final game of the bocce tournament held on Monday, November 23rd.



Pictured are Frank Filak, Gregg Stachowski, Jim Lehmann and Russ Seneno

Another Award

The Italian Exhibit at the Holiday Folk Fair was awarded the Best Artistic Presentation. Congratulations to the entire Culture Committee, who all helped to bring home the award! It was well deserved!!



Pat Coccia and Theresa Hermann model some of the clothes that were on hand.



Even teachers and students participated with the vintage wardrobe.

In Memoriam:

Peter T. Sorce Family memory of Peter Frank Sorce.

Italian Language Classes

A new Italian language instructor has been hired, and classes will start in early January. If you are on the waiting list from prior classes, you will be contacted with the dates and times of the classes. Check the website for more information.

Benvenuti Bambini! Children's Workshops

Exciting News!!!! Monthly Italian funshops for children have been announced. The children can sign up for one or all of them. Workshops will include cooking, arts & crafts, baking and sports! Here's the list:

- January 21: Carnevale Mask making
Making Cioccolata Calda
- February 18: Making Fresh Pizza
Italian arts & crafts
- March 17: Making Pupa con l'Uova
(cookie with Easter Egg in the Middle) and Easter Egg dying
- April 21: Fresh pasta & ravioli.

The cost is \$12 per child per class; \$8 per child per class if a parent is an ICC member. Pre-registration is required. Deadline is the Sunday prior to the date of the workshop.

Each of the workshops will be followed by playing some bocce!

Go to ICCMKE.com to sign up.

Bringing a Smile to Your Face



From the staff of the *Italian Times, Jr.*, the ICC Executive Officers and the ICC Board of Directors, we wish each of you a blessed Christmas and a safe, healthy and happy holiday season. See you in 2024!!!

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Additional Folk Fair Pictures – Cultural Exhibit by Culture Committee

