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This month's sponsor is:



Once again Gloriosos's Italian Market is graciously sponsoring this month's *Italian Times, Jr.* Our thanks to Gloriosos's for their continued support. Stop in to Gloriosos's to enjoy a sandwich, beverage and dessert, and when you're done complete your visit by shopping for their many fine fresh Italian products.

Brewer's Game

Thirty-eight Brewer's Fans attended the June 11th game. Prior to the game, a tailgate party sponsored by Alioto Entertainment served Italian Sausage, Hot dogs, chips and potato salad. And since no Italian function can be held without dessert, cookies rounded out the delicious spread! Unfortunately, we could not bring home a win. Maybe next year!

ICC Movie Night

The July 14th movie will be *The Whale* and is sponsored by Ted Catalano. ICC Movie Night is open to everyone, and there is no admission fee. Concessions are available for purchase. This month's featured food item is Meatball Sandwiches.

The Whale centers around Charlie (Brendan Fraser), a reclusive English teacher, who recently lost the love of his life and is living with severe obesity. He only teaches online so none of his students can see what he looks like. The only person he sees regularly is his caretaker Liz (Hong Chau). He tries to reconnect with his estranged teenage daughter (Sadie Sink) for one last chance at redemption.

Scopa

Have you ever played this interesting Italian Game? Would you like to learn? On Wednesday, July 12th from 7:00 to 9:00 at the ICC, the Avanti Committee will host the event. Attendees will be able to learn how to play the game from Scopa card sharks. If you already are a pro, you can skip the lesson and just play. The event is free, but donations will gladly be accepted. Scopa cards will also be available for purchase.

Installation Dinner

The installation of the newly elected Board of Directors and Executive Officers is scheduled for Saturday, August 12th. More information will follow.

LaScala Restaurant New Hours

The new hours for the restaurant are:
Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday:
Lunch: noon to 2:00
Dinner: 5:00 to 8:00.

However, LaScala will be closed July 3rd, 4th and 5th for the 4th of July holiday. Stop in and have a bite to eat. We need to keep the restaurant open!

Festa Update

President Rose Anne Fritchie reported that all entertainment has been booked for the Entertainment Stage and in the Cucina Showcase. In addition, some of last year's food vendors will return, and new vendors have come on board. The ICC will be running some food booths as well: sausage, rice balls, pizza, soda and water.

The carnival will be back for the young ones to enjoy, along with the children's area where Susie Christiansen will keep them busy and happy with arts, crafts and games of skill.

Festival goers can enjoy playing Bocce at Festa too. Bocce is open to the public for \$2 per person. Our Bocce Tournament will also return on Saturday, September 9th. If you are interested in putting a team together, please contact John Alioto at pastaman31@gmail.com.

The Cucina Showcase will feature cooking demonstrations each day. Chefs from Bartolotta's, Potawatomi, and Blue Bat are amongst the area's local chefs who will prepare a signature dish. Chef Adam Pawlak, a contestant on Hell's Kitchen and owner of Egg and Flour, will be back, cooking up some of his favorite pasta.

Culture and Heritage Committee managers are busy making plans for this year's display to be held in Festa Hall. Sistine Chapel will be the theme. Eight-foot-tall paintings of the Chapel by Artist Laura Easy-Jones will be on display. Along with the displayed black and white photos of Italians who settled in the area, they are excited to celebrate opera.

On Friday, September 8th, opening ceremonies will take place in the Courtyard. More information will follow as plans for the ceremony develop.

By the way, the footprint for Festa 2023 is larger! It will extend into the parking lot beyond the fence.

Festa Volunteers Needed

Because the ICC will have several booths at Festa, volunteers are needed. Whether you are young or old, your time and talents can be put to good use! **FESTA NEEDS YOU.** Use the following hyperlink to register: bit.ly/FestaMKE2023.

Sponsor's Night

Festa Sponsorship Chair, Tina Conley, hosted an event on Monday, June 19th in the Galleria at the ICC. Participating sponsors were invited, along with neighborhood businesses. A PowerPoint showing all the elements of Festa was presented with narration by Tina. ICC Board Members were on hand to answer any questions.



Sponsor Joe Simon, along with Chair Tina Conley and St. Rita's Square representatives Julie and April, were present to learn about Festa 2023 and opportunities for various sponsorships.

St. Rita's Square (A Capri Community) Events

Kim, April, Julie and Tyler have been busy planning events at St. Rita's Square! Their first annual cannoli contest was held on Friday, June 14th.



Eleven contestants entered the event including President-Elect Sandy Winard. Vice-President Marie Lieber was on hand to promote Festa and its cannoli contest. Sandy came in at a close 2nd with the winner eating 4 regular size cannoli in 4 minutes. Frank Greco, Sr., the winner of the contest, will be a contestant in Festa's Cucina Cannoli Contest on Saturday, September 9th. Will he beat his record?



On June 21st, Capri Communities sponsored the Enjoy Life Active Aging Symposium. John McGivern was the key-note speaker. The event included talks on subjects focused on making senior life more enjoyable.

Demonstrations included a wide variety of activities from cooking healthy to pickle ball. VP Marie Lieber demonstrated the art of bocce playing, with many participants trying the game for the first time. Tracy Balistreri and Sandy Winard promoted Festa Italiana and the Italian Community Center.



Tracy and Sandy take a moment to pose with John McGivern.

Make-A-Wish

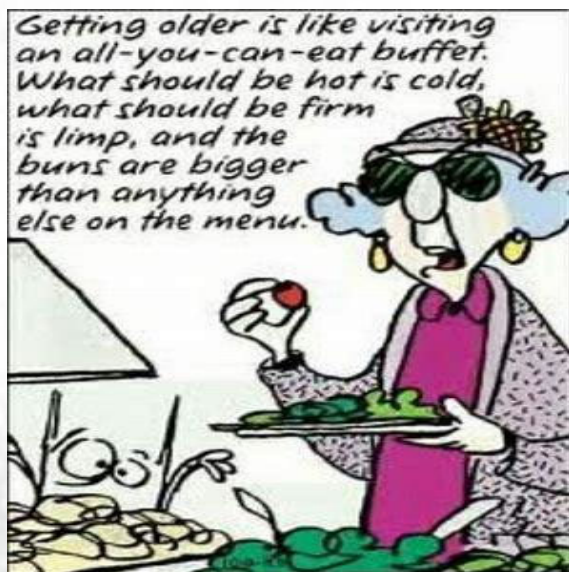
Mary Anne Alioto reports that on Saturday, September 8th, the Make-A-Wish Foundation will hold its annual Walk for Wishes on the Summerfest grounds. Make-A-Wish will be partnering with Festa Italiana in all of its social media. In return, participants and volunteers of the walk will be given free admission to Festa. All walkers will get a custom t-shirt. Festa will sponsor a team of walkers, and there will be a group to cheer on the participants at the Start/Finish line. Mary Anne, John and Sam Alioto have been in charge of the Start/Finish line for several years and have encouraged ICC members to help in the past. If you are interested in walking or donating to the walkers, contact Mary Anne at: Maryanne.Ceraso@Charter.com or Samalioto04@gmail.com. For more information on the event, go to: <http://site.wish.org/goto/ICC>.

Congratulations



Jenna Hamdan (daughter of ICC member and Festa Sponsorship Chair, Tina Conley) and Majed Naser celebrated with approximately 200 of their close personal friends and relatives at their engagement party on Saturday. It was the joining of two cultures: Palestinians and Italians. The event was rich in traditions from the “accepting of the families,” presentation of the gold, to the Grand March leading to the sweets table! Pictured above are Ghada Naser, Majed Naser, Jenna Hamdan and Tina Conley. Grandmother, Christine Conley, commander of the cookie-baking brigade, made sure there were enough Italian cookies, pastries, etc. for all to enjoy.

Bringing A Smile To Your Face



Fr. Mike Hammer



Fr. Mike Hammer, who participated in ICC events throughout the years and occasionally preached at Three Holy Women and Old St. Mary parishes, passed away last week at the age of 80 years. Fr. Mike established the Catholic AIDS Ministry Office, spent much of his time with people who were dying of the disease, and presided over hundreds of funerals for its victims. Fr. Tim Kitzke called him “Big Mike with a gentle soul”. And that he was. Rest in peace dear friend.

In Memoriam:

Peter T. Sorce Family in memory of Peter Frank Sorce.

Jimmy & Linda Spataro in memory of Sandy Santo Cianciolo.

New Deadline

If you would like an article to appear in The Italian Times, Jr., please forward it to marie@tshglaw.com no later than the 24th day of the month.

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Have a safe, fun-filled and happy 4th of July.