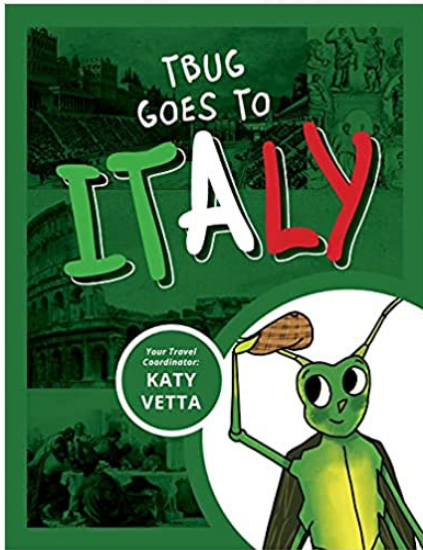


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THIS MONTH'S SPONSOR IS

*Katy Vetta*



This month's sponsor is Katy Vetta, author of *TBug Goes to Italy*. Katy was formerly a kindergarten and 6th grade school teacher, as well as a toy saleswoman. However, her favorite occupation is being a grandmother to six.

The reader and "T" learn about Italy's fascinating culture and country as T travels through Italy. Get an insight into how important insects like "T" are in our world. *Tbug Goes to Italy* gives its reader just a taste of Italy – wanting more! The book can be ordered through Orange Hat Publishing ([Shannon@orangehatpublishing.com](mailto:Shannon@orangehatpublishing.com) or 414-212-5477). This makes a wonderful gift for your children and grandchildren. What a wonderful way to provide them with an insight of the Italian culture.

## Movie Night

The April 8th movie will feature *The Robe* and is being sponsored by Living Waters. *The Robe* is a fictional story built around a Roman tribune who oversaw the crucifixion of Jesus, and the cloak that Jesus wore and over which the Roman soldiers gambled. The film has a tremendous cast of actors of the day including Richard Burton, Victor Mature, Jean Simmons and Michael Rennie. Doors open at 6:00, with the movie starting at 7:00. Food and beverages will be available for purchase.

## Bucks Italian Heritage Night

About 70 people enjoyed a Buck's victory, a "Forza Buck" t-shirt, and some were lucky enough to get a replica of the Bucks Championship Ring. Our thanks to Ann Pacione for creating this event. Unfortunately, Ann was playing basketball herself and suffered a knee injury earlier in the week. Meredith then stepped in and took over at the reception table. Our thanks to both of them for creating a fun-filled ICC event, celebrating Italians in Milwaukee.



We also have to thank Sal Purpora for helping the ICC secure a bus which transported riders from the ICC to Fiserv Forum and back again. (Just seems that if you need anything at all, Sal is the one to call. He knows somebody!!!)

## Taste of Italy

Are you preparing your tastebuds for the May 1st event? Chris Ziino and Marie Lieber, along with helpers, made approximately 1,300 homemade stuffed shells. Coming soon will be the making of the meatballs and the eggplant spiedini, and the packaging of cookies. Chris and Marie are hoping for a beautiful May 1st day, or at least good weather from 11:30 to 3:30!! Other food items will include, but are not limited to, Italian salad, sfincione, Italian sausage sandwich, meatball sandwich, sfingi, and more. And, with a generous donation from one of our ICC members, calamari will be served! Do you have more of a sweet tooth? Well, cannoli, eclairs, tiramisu, Italian cookies, etc. will be available in Festa Hall.

Of course, there will also be beer, wine (with or without peaches), soda and coffee.

## Italian Idol

The April 2nd event, sponsored by Papa Luigi's and The Doerns, was a great success. The show opened with ICC member, Zach Rolf, singing "Rags to Riches". Chairperson Sandy Winnard had contestants audition prior to the event. Each contestant sang two songs – the first was a song of their choice and the second, a song from any Disney movie. Attendees witnessed the cabaret style performance and, for the first time ever, voted on the winner of the Italian Idol. The 2022 Italian Idol Winner was Carmen Fisher Risi who received \$500.00. She sang "Orange Colored Sky".



1st runner up was Ceci Corinne Rodriguez who sang "I Will Prevail" and received \$300.00. (Pictured 3rd from left.)



Singing "I Will Always Love You", receiving \$200.00, was 2nd runner up Diannia Merriett. (Pictured 4th from left).

President Rose Anne Ceraso Fritchie (first from left) presented checks to the winners as Chairperson Sandy Winard (far right) looked on.

More than 70 people attended the event. Sandy Winard was extremely pleased with the level of talent and the entertainment afforded to the crowd. It was a fun filled and exciting evening. The crowd was thrilled with being able to vote for the winner of the Italian Idol!



Past Idol winners Tommy Lueck (left), Rai Hudson (middle) and Randy Jacobs (right) also performed.

## What You Need To Know About the Upcoming Nominations.

President Rose Anne Ceraso Fritchie appointed Bill and Jessica Stokes as Chairpersons of the ICC Nominating Committee. At the March General Membership Meeting, three people were nominated to serve on the Committee, and they accepted: Gina Jorgenson, Christina Ziino and Sam Alioto. If you wish to run for a position as an Executive Officer, or on the Board of Directors, please contact Bill or Jessica at [billyd1988@yahoo.com](mailto:billyd1988@yahoo.com) or at 414-416-1894. Positions are: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and Sergeant-At-Arms. There are 4 seats available for Directors at Large.

After contacting each nominee to ensure they qualify, according to the By-Laws, to run for a position as an Executive Officer or as a Director at Large, the Chairpersons will present a slate of nominees at the May GM Meeting. Nominations will also be taken from the floor at that time. Voting will take place in June.

## Bringing a Smile to Your Face

Have you noticed that Spring brings all those darn potholes that are eager to cause havoc to your car? So what can you do about it? Here's an alternative!

Coming soon to a street near you!

## Street golf



## Membership Dues

The Membership Committee would like to thank all the members who have renewed their membership. However, if you have not already done so, please send in your renewal payment. Don't know when your membership expires? Mary Anne Ceraso Alioto does. Give her a call at: 414-801-4757.

By the way, in a cost savings measure, no membership cards will be issued. Why? They really serve no real purpose, and they are just taking up space in your desk drawer!

## General Membership Meetings

Regular Membership Meetings have now resumed and are held on the 3rd Thursday of the month starting at 6:00. Please attend so that you can be up to date on the happenings at the ICC.

## Citizen of the Year

Don't forget to mark your calendars to celebrate Unico's Citizen of the Year on May 17, 2022, in conjunction with the Unico Scholarship Awards Dinner. Sal Purpora is the recipient of the award – and well deserved! The reception will start at 5:30, with dinner at 6:30 consisting of your choice of Chicken Marsala with pureed potatoes and salad or Baked Haddock with salad and vegetables. Dessert and coffee will also be served. There will be a cash bar. The cost to attend is \$50.00 per person. Invitations will be mailed within the next few weeks, but if you don't get one, call Sophia Michalovitz at 414-476-0461. Let's show Sal our appreciation for all he has done and continues to do for the ICC and congratulate our scholarship winners by attending this event.

## A Star Is Born?

Zach Rolf, ICC Member and son of Board Member and Italian Idol Host Sandy Winard, will be making his Sunset Playhouse debut in the role of Nigel Bottom in the hilarious musical "Something Rotten". Zach is currently in the BFA – Musical Theatre Program at UWM'S Peck School of the Arts. Tickets are available now for the performance. Sunset Playhouse today and Broadway tomorrow???

## **Hello, Hello, Are You There?**

While we are aware that it can be frustrating to call the ICC and get no immediate answer to your question, the search is on for an administrative assistant. We have had some members volunteer to answer the phones from 10:00 until 2:00, but unfortunately they were unable to do so on a regular basis. If you can spare a day or two to answer the phones, please contact President Rose Anne Ceraso Fritchie. However, if you have questions that need an immediate answer, please feel free to call me. (Marie 414-708-1607). If I do not readily know the answer, I will direct you to someone who does!

## **Rest in Peace**

ICC Member Nancy Spano entered the everlasting on March 12, 2022. Wife of the late John Spano and mother of Ralph Spano, Fay Spano, and Rosemary Iannelli. Nancy was a member of the Pompeii Women's Club, St. Rita's Christian Women, The Prayer Shawl Ministry, Ladies of Unico, Madonna del Lume Society and the Italian Community Center. She was an outstanding volunteer and will truly be missed. Please keep her family in your thoughts and prayers.

## **Happy and Blessed Easter**

From the Executive Officers, Board Members and the Editor and Associate of *The Italian Times, Jr.*, we wish you a most happy and blessed Easter. (Or as they say in the Mother Land "Buona Pasqua".) It may be a good time for you to explain to the young ones that Easter is not just a bunny bringing candy and eggs!

Marie Andaloro-Lieber (Editor)  
Susie Christiansen (Associate)

