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This month's issue is being sponsored by ICC long-time member, ROSE SPANG. Rose has been a member of the ICC since day one and has been an avid supporter of the Italian Community Center. Rose has sponsored many events, including the Entertainment Stage at Festa 2022 and Student Italian Immersion Day at the ICC. She has volunteered at Festa every year, usually in charge of gate patrol. Thank you Rose for your generosity and loyalty to the ICC. (She can be seen in the Christmas Party picture, with red pants on, a sequined top, and a halo over her head.)

It's Over

The land sale, that is. The deal finally closed on December 19th, and the funds have been received. A portion of the funds was used to pay off the mortgage, and the balance will be invested. It was a long, difficult process with a lot of negotiations back and forth, but now it's behind us and we can focus on other things!

Burn the Mortgage!!

A date will be set within the next few weeks to have a mortgage burning party. Check the ICC website and the new "Week Ahead" email for the exact date and time.

La Befana Children's Party

There is still time to sign up for the January 7th party, which starts at 11:00 am. Brunch of slider cheeseburgers and chicken tenders will be served, with veggies and fruit. Each child will be given a cookie to decorate. The cost to attend is \$20 for adults, and \$5 for children. Children ages 12 and under will be presented with a gift from La Befana.

A Big Thank You

Thanks to Mary Anne and John Alioto, Marie and Craig Lieber, Chris Conley, Rose Anne Fritchie, Joe Emanuele, Ted Catalano, Liz Ceraso, Mike and Tracy Balistreri, Adam Hamdan, Joe Vella and Dominic Lieber, the warehouse was cleaned out. The contents of the warehouse were carefully reviewed and two sections were created – "throw out, we'll not need it" and "move it to the new warehouse". Joe Vella is graciously allowing items to be stored at his warehouse on 60th and Douglas for a modest fee.

Dino! An Evening with Dean Martin

Tickets are still available for the event celebrating Dean Martin, being held at the Milwaukee Repertory Theater on March 3, 2023 at the Stackner Cabaret, 108 W. Wells Street. Tickets have been specially priced at \$30.00 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.milwaukeeerep.com/52427/52474>.

Christmas Caroling Party

Taking the place of the normal Movie Night, on December 9th, ICC members enjoyed a vast array of food, and beverages (spirited & non-spirited). There was some singing (or an attempt) of Christmas carols, but all enjoyed a fun evening.
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Member's Christmas Party

The Festa Hall was the site of the Member's Christmas Party on December 15th. Bartolotta Staff roamed the Festa Hall with glasses of champagne and sparkling wine, along with hot hors d'oeuvres. Dinner of either a pork chop or eggplant rigatoni followed. Susie Christiansen, organizer of the event, reached out to members to provide something for the sweets table – the response was splendid. Three 8' banquet tables were covered with delectable desserts. Music by Alioto Entertainment had attendees dancing to the beat. Another wonderful event for members to enjoy.

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Heritage Night at the Bucks

Tickets for the January 29th Bucks Game can be purchased through January 2nd. Those who are attending the game can meet at the ICC no later than 6:00 pm, and a bus will take them to Fiserv Forum. A special entrance will be available to you so you can avoid standing in rain or snow! The bus will then return attendees to the ICC. The cost to those riding the bus will be determined by the number of riders – much better than paying the \$25.00 - \$40.00 parking charges and having to walk blocks!

Bocce Is Back

All bocce leagues will start the week of January 9, 2023. Be sure to let your captain know if you are returning for the Spring Session. If you would like to join a league, contact John Alioto at 414-745-7523.

January ICC Movie Night

January's movie (January 13, 2023) is Pinocchio, and is being sponsored by Gina Spang. The movie is about a puppet who is brought to life by a fairy and challenges him to lead a virtuous life in order to become a real boy. Starring: Joseph Gordon-Levitt, Tom Hanks, and Benjamin Evan Ainsworth.

The doors will open at 5:30 pm, with the movie starting at 6:00 pm – a bit earlier than usual to accommodate the children. Hot dogs and chips will be available for purchase, along with the usual concession treats, and wine and beer for the adults. Free hot chocolate for the kids!

2023 Dues

Is it time to renew your membership dues? With our new software, the Membership Committee can now generate invoices to be emailed to members. You will receive an invoice for your membership renewal, which can be paid online. Payment information will appear on your invoice that is unique to your membership. Because we do not have regular office staff, this procedure will make it much easier and more efficient. This is a secure website. PLEASE DO NOT CREATE A NEW MEMBERSHIP IF YOU ARE JUST RENEWING YOUR MEMBERSHIP.

Breadcrumbs

Breadcrumbs are still available for purchase. A one pound bag is \$5.00. You can call the ICC to purchase a bag or two. The bags will also be available for purchase at the General Membership Meetings and Movie Nights.

Spaghetti Dinner In A Bag

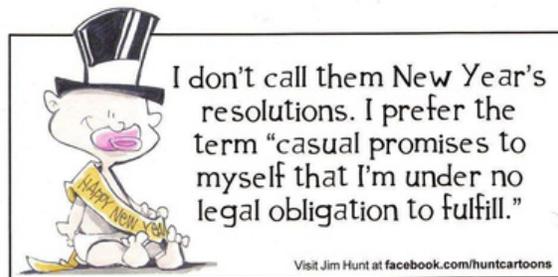
The Milwaukee Chapter of Unico is holding a spaghetti dinner fundraiser. The \$30.00 cost includes a jar of Glorioso's sauce, 1# of pasta, loaf of Sciortino's bread, 4 links of Italian sausage, and pizzelle. Orders will be taken until January 11th. Contact Liz Ceraso at: liz.ceraso@gamil.com or call 262-914-2632 to place your order. Payments can be made through Zelle and Venmo. Pick-up is on January 15th at the ICC from 11:00 am until 2:00 pm.

Memorial Donations

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

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

Bringing a Smile to Your Face



From the ICC Board of Directors, the Executive Officers and the Committee Chairpersons, we wish each and every one of you a prosperous, healthy and Happy New Year.

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PICTURES OF OUR DECEMBER EVENTS





Thank you for your sponsorship, Rose.



