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Festa Italiana 2022

The financial report for Festa is not finalized as there are still expenses to be paid and income to be received. When the final report is prepared, Treasurer Lisa DeSanctis will present it at the General Membership Meeting.

Festa Survey

A survey had been sent out via email asking for your thoughts, comments, suggestions, etc. on Festa 2022. Please take a moment to fill out the survey. You can answer it online by going to bit.ly/FestaSurvey22 or you can print it out and return it by mail to: Vice-President Marie Lieber at vp@iccmilwaukee.com. There are also copies of the survey in the "tree" in the lobby at the ICC. We would love to hear what you have to say. Copies of the survey will also be available at the next General Membership Meeting.

Festa Attendance

Mother Nature again was not kind to Festa. Although the paid attendance was 4,731, numerous positive comments were received. Twenty-nine new members joined the ICC!

General Membership Meeting

The next General Membership Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 17, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. President Rose Anne Ceraso Fritchie and Treasurer Lisa DeSanctis may be giving at least a preliminary report on Festa.

Proposed By-Law Changes

Unfortunately, a quorum was not achieved at the October General Membership Meeting. 50 voting members are required for a quorum. Hopefully, there will be at least 50 members at the November meeting. Please attend so that a vote can be taken on the proposed changes regarding the term of the Executive Committee and voting virtually.

New Board Member

Bill Stocks has been appointed by the ICC President to fill the vacated seat of Blaise DiPronio, who was unable to fulfill the duties. Congratulations Bill. He will make a fine addition to the Board of Directors.

New Committee Chair for Avanti

Sam Alioto has been appointed as chairperson of the Avanti Committee. His goal is to recruit new members and plan events for our youth. The first will be the La Befana Party on January 7, 2023 for kids 12 and under. Contact Sam if you are interested. We need to bring youth to our membership in order for the Italian Community Center to survive into the future. Sam Alioto: 414-745-3394

More Festa Pictures:

Children's Area

Children enjoyed the crafts and games in the Children's Area



Heritage, Cultural & Religious Exhibit

One of the Italian Authors featured in the Exhibit showcased his books.



That's Entertainment!

We were so excited to have Cory Pesaturo and Joe Scalissi team up to perform some of our favorite Dean Martin songs



Italian Idol Show

A great show featuring past Italian Idol Contestants was enjoyed by all on Saturday, September 25th. The Entertainment Tent was also the home of the Dynamix Band who performed before an enthusiastic crowd.





Checkout more Festa Italiana 2022 Photos at FestaMKE.com.

On Sale Now – Festa Breadcrumbs!



Member Christmas Party

Mark your calendar for the ICC Christmas Party on December 15th. Chairperson, Susie Christiansen, is heading the committee to bring a fun-filled and entertaining event. Details will follow soon.

It's Time to Shred!

With the sale of the land fast approaching it is absolutely necessary to clean out the warehouse. However, before that can be done, space must be made in the building to store as many of the items from the warehouse that can be physically stored – they are to be stored in the attic above one of the classrooms and the attic by the coat room. On Saturday and Sunday, November 12 and 13, a "shredding party" will be held. The materials in the attic above the classroom must be bagged and brought down to the first floor prior to the November 18th shred by ProShred. (A method is being devised so that it will not be necessary for volunteers to go up and down those stairs!) We really need help in this endeavor. Please contact either President Rose Anne or Vice-President Marie.

Membership Dues

A gentle reminder to renew your membership by visiting the website: *JoinICCMKE.com*

Reminder

Starting January 1, 2023, The Italian Times, Jr. will be mailed only to members who do not reside in Wisconsin. The digital version of the newsletter can be accessed at *ICCMKE.com* by clicking on the Culture tab and then on the Italian Times tab. Hard copies of the newsletter will be available in the "tree" in the ICC lobby and at the General Membership Meetings.

ICC Free Movie Night

The November 11th movie will be House of Gucci which is being sponsored by Nails by Tracy. *The film, a true story, follows Patrizia Reggiani (Lady Gaga) and Maurizio Gucci (Adam Driver), as their romance transforms into a fight for control of the Italian fashion brand Gucci. Also staring Al Pacino.*

Meatball sandwiches will be available for purchase. Doors open at 6:30, with the movie starting at 7:00

There will be no movie night in December. Instead, on December 9th, there will be Christmas Caroling in the Courtyard, weather permitting. If the weather does not cooperate, the festivities will be held in La Scala. Everyone is invited! Bring a dish to pass for this potluck event.

Bringing a Smile To Your Face

I was sitting with my wife on the couch while she sipped on her glass of wine, when she said, "I love you so much, you know. I don't know how I could ever live without you." I said, "Is that you or the wine talking?" She said, "It's me talking to the wine.

Student Italian Immersion Day

About 75 Milwaukee Public School students learned about the arrival of Italian immigrants to the United States, made pasta, played bocce and learned an Italian dance. They enjoyed a DELICIOUS spaghetti and meatball lunch.









Italian Heritage Night

A January 29th date has been set for Italian Heritage Night at the Fiserv Forum, to watch the Bucks play the Penguins. Information on the cost of tickets and how to purchase them will be forthcoming in the next few weeks. We will again try to get a bus that will leave the ICC and take us to Fiserv Forum and back. This year a beautiful Bucks winter scarf will be given to all attendees. Any questions, contact Marie Lieber: 414-708-1607.

The Following Memorial Donations Were Made:

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

Jimmy & Linda Spataro in memory of *Myron Jennaro*

Our thoughts and prayers go out to their families.

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Have Something to Share? Email it to Tracy Balistreri at: <u>iccgetsocial@gmail.com</u> and watch for it an upcoming issue of *The Italian Times*, *Jr*.

