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Newsletter of

*The Italian Heritage Lodge of Fairfax #2517
Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America*



LUGLIO 2023

MESSAGGIO DELLA PRESIDENTESSA

Welcome,

July has arrived bringing its typical stifling humidity. Summer is here, stay cool. As we move into this holiday weekend and celebrate our country's birthday, let's reflect on what makes us so lucky to live in this great land. BBQs, Fireworks, Baseball, Vacation; however you celebrate, be safe and enjoy.

The White Elephant & 4th of July Brunch is our next meeting on July 9th. Bring all of the items you no longer need but know someone else would appreciate and let's have some fun. Remember this is a fundraiser. It's always a good time with our seasoned auctioneers, June and Roy, leading the show. A delicious 4th of July brunch menu will not disappoint.

Last week many of your fellow lodge members attended the Nationals game for Italian Heritage Night. While the Nats lost, a good time was had by all. Thank you to Frank Bonsiero for all your work on putting this together.

See you all on the 9th.

*Best,
Dawn*

*Please keep Sandy Schender, IHL
Mistress of Ceremony, in your prayers as
she recovers from an accident in which she
suffered back and other injuries.*

*Sandy, you are in our prayers and help
from your IHL friends is always close by.*



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IL CALENDARIO

July 4



July 9	Fourth of July Brunch* & White Elephant Sale	11:00 a.m.	K of C Hall
July 13	Lunch Bunch*	Noon	Chuy's 11219 Lee Highway Fairfax
July 22	Italian Language Group	6:00 p.m.	TBD
July 25	Happy Hour	5:00 p.m.	P.J. Skidoos 9908 Fairfax Boulevard Fairfax
August 5	Under the Boardwalk "Casino Night"	5:00 p.m.	K of C Hall
September 9	Meet & Greet Spaghetti Dinner With Dr. Jennifer Primeggia	5:00 p.m.	K of C Hall
September 17	GLVA Quarterly Meeting	10:30 a.m.	Giuseppe Verdi Lodge
October 14	Guest Speaker	5:00 p.m.	K of C Hall
November 11	Guest Speaker	5:00 p.m.	K of C Hall

* **RSVP to Dawn Falsinotti** (falsinotti@yahoo.com)

White Elephant Sale

IHL's annual White Elephant Sale will take place on July 9th at our brunch celebrating Independence Day. The cost for brunch is \$15.00.

Start rummaging through closets, attics, and garages, for your new, old, used, slightly used or regifting items to donate for sale and come ready also to bid on items donated by other members. There is no need to price items as our experienced auctioneers will do that for us. In the past, members have donated china, small kitchen items, tablecloths, artwork, candles, and the like. So, if you are looking for a way to get rid of "unwanted or unneeded" items in your home, please donate them to IHL for our annual treasury fundraiser. At the same time, you will have fun bidding and outbidding each other and may find some new "treasures" of your own.



JULY BIRTHDAYS

Armando Lazarte July 12
Carol Ann Linder July 27

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Teresa and Joseph Scafetta, Jr. July 4
Teresa and Jeff Sciscilo July 6
Theresa and John Ingargiola July 11
Kerri and John Farrell July 28



IHL Language & Dinner Group ~ Cena e conversazione ~

The IHL Language Group gathered on Saturday, June 25th, at the Old Town Alexandria home of Kathleen and Peter Ognibene for an evening of dinner, language study and conversation in “la bella lingua Italiana”. *Molto grazie* to Kathleen and Peter for hosting this month’s group in their home and for providing the pasta, to all attendees contributing delicious “antipasto, chicken alla romana, dolce, e vino”, and to June and Joe La Marca for providing the Italian “lezione”.

Dennis conveyed “*Grazie, carissimi, per una bella serata ieri. Abbiamo goduto una cena squisita. L’ambiente alla casa di Peter e Kathleen è stata splendida e accogliente. Grazie a Kathleen e Peter. La conversazione era arguta però amichevole.*”

“*Thanks, carissimi, for a beautiful evening yesterday. We enjoyed an exquisite dinner. The atmosphere at Peter and Kathleen’s home was splendid and welcoming. Thanks to Kathleen and Peter. The conversation was witty but friendly.*”

The next language group *cena e conversazione* has been planned for July 22. You can email Dennis Ferrara at dennisferrara@hey.com if you have questions or are interested in joining.



(Photograph provided by Joe La Marca.)

The goal of the IHL Language Group is to promote our Italian heritage through language by creating opportunities to practice and improve our ability to speak Italian. To that end, we strive to create a friendly and pleasant environment for our meetings. Specifically, we meet monthly in a social setting to speak as much Italian as we can.

Bocce at the Lillo's

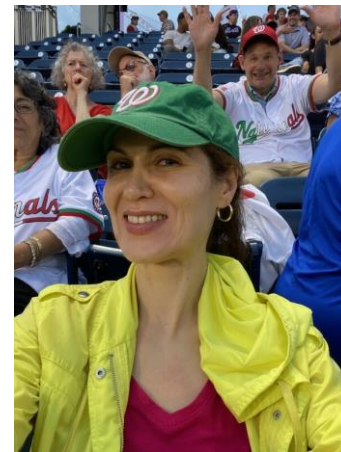
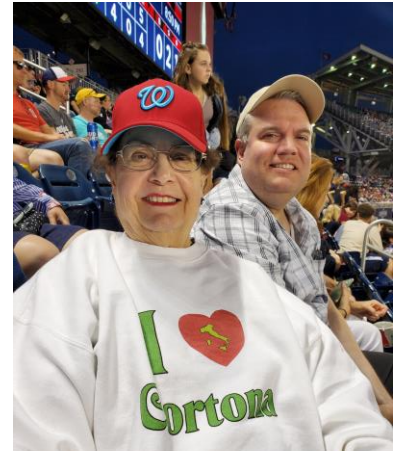
Our grateful thanks and compliments to Ellie and Dennis Lillo for a wonderful day of picnicking and bocce at our very much anticipated yearly event. They both deserve so many compliments for their hospitality, cooking, preparation and especially the organization of the bocce tournament. The weather was extremely cooperative as well. They opened their home for our members and families to enjoy a favorite Italian culture past time. Molto grazie, we salute Ellie and Dennis for their generosity!

The afternoon event was very well attended by new and old friends.



*(Photographs provided by
Michael Gering and Ellie Lillo.)*

Italian Heritage Day at Nationals Park Tuesday, June 20th



Members of our Italian Heritage Lodge joined with The Abruzzo and Molise Heritage Society of DC for a fun night at Nationals Park. (Photographs provided by Vivian Mott, Maureen Romano and Sharon Strauchs.)

CHARITY EVENT

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“CASINO NIGHT”

Join us on **Saturday, August 5th** and have a great time playing our variation
of CASINO games:
Stud Poker, Over & Under, Black Jack, Beat the Dealer and more.

PLAY AND INVITE OTHERS TO PLAY: We need full participation by our membership for this Charitable Fundraising event. The more that play the greater the Fun and the greater the Funds collected for Charity. Admission is \$10.00 in real money from each individual in exchange for \$50.00 in play money to bankroll gaming for the evening. Additional \$5.00 packets of play money will be available during the evening. Our dealers will be very customer friendly, and you will have a great time so don't miss it. **Please invite friends or potential members to this fun event which will help to increase our financial success.** At the conclusion of the games, winners, in the order of their winnings, will select their prizes.

GET GIFT CERTIFICATES: Prizes will include gift cards and gift certificates from some of our favorite restaurants and other establishments; however, we ask that each lodge member donate a special item that can also be provided as a prize for the winners' choosing (items such as wine, candy, etc.). A letter will be provided for members to give to patrons who donate prizes.

**100% of the proceeds support our charities - Alzheimer's,
Cooley's Anemia, and Autism**

PLEASE COME AND BRING A FRIEND

**REMEMBER WE USE “PLAY MONEY” AND WINNERS RECEIVE GIFTS
DONATED BY LOCAL BUSINESSES AND MEMBERS.**

*Saturday, August 5
5:00 p.m.
Knights of Columbus
Hall*



*Look for a flyer with
your letter to patrons
SOON!*



*Sonny Scafetta met up with Dan Piazza at Holy Rosary Church (Washington, D.C.) where they both attend Mass to present him with a gift from IHL for his recent presentation on “Stamps of the Vatican”.
(Photograph provided by Teresa Scafetta.)*

Italian Language Program of Northern Virginia

Elisabetta Lazarte, IHL Education Chair, Director of the Italian Language Program of Northern Virginia, and an Independent Tutor, is offering a summer immersion course in Italian. Please contact Elisabetta at (703) 887-1995 or by email elisabettalazarte@gmail.com for information and registration.

Session 1: July 31st to August 4th

Italiano in Pratica – Chapters 1-10 (Beginners)

Italiano in Pratica – Chapters 11-20 (Adv. Beginners to Pre-Intermediate)

Film: Romanzo Criminale (Intermediate to Advanced)

Conversazione (Intermediate to Advanced)

Session 2: August 7th to August 11th

Italiano in Pratica – Chapters 1-10 (Beginners)

Italiano in Pratica – Chapters 11-20 (Adv. Beginners to Pre-Intermediate)

Film: La vita e Bella (Intermediate to Advanced)

Conversazione (Intermediate to Advanced)

HELP WANTED

See VP Charlie Romano for more information.

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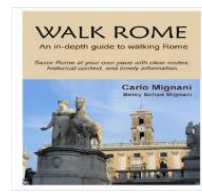
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