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

**SETTEMBRE 2022
MESSAGGIO DELLA PRESIDENTESSA**

Welcome!

Change is coming. Even though its hot right now, cooler temperatures are right around the corner. For many the upcoming fall season is our favorite time of the year. Bring on the pumpkin everything! But for now, let's enjoy these last few warm Indian summer days.

Our annual Spaghetti Dinner is to be held on September 10th. Our guest speaker is Chad Sarchio, a former President of the DC Bar. Always a successful event, please join us and feel free to bring friends and family. Dinner is \$10, the best bargain in town.

We have lots of fun times planned from now to the end of the year. Our first ever "Beach Bash" was quite a success. Please read this newsletter to keep up with everything happening.

See you at the Spaghetti Dinner.

Always, Dawn



Bentornati Tommaso Ammazalorso remained an IHL member even though he made a move to New Jersey this past year. We are glad to have him back in Virginia! A surprise visit was also made at the Beach Blanket Bonanza by our past Vice President, John Ingargiola, and Maria Buchert, who have both renewed their IHL memberships. Tom, John, and Maria – it is great to welcome you all back to our IHL family!

*Benvenuti a due nuovi membri Sloan Tandet and Brian Givens.
Thank you to Ellie and Dennis Lillo for bringing their friends into the IHL lodge and we look forward to meeting Sloan and Brian very soon.*



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IL CALENDARIO

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| Sept. 10 | Spaghetti Dinner* & Guest Speaker | 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. | Knights of Columbus Hall |
| Sept. 14 | Council Meeting | 7:00 p.m. | The Esposito's |
| Sept. 16 | Lunch Bunch* | Noon | Villa Bella 6050 Burke Commons Rd. Burke, VA |
| Sept. 18 | GLVA Quarterly Meeting | 11:00 a.m. | Giuseppe Verdi Lodge Mechanicsville, VA |
| Sept. 27 | Happy Hour | 5:00 p.m. | Giardino Italian Restaurant 8944 Burke Lake Road Springfield, VA |
| October 8 | Halloween Party & Game Night | 5:00 p.m. | Knights of Columbus Hall |
| October 10 | <i>Christopher Columbus Day</i> | | |
| October 10 | National Christopher Columbus Association Ceremony | | Columbus Circle, WDC |
| October 15 | "2022 Walk To End Alzheimer's" | 10:00 a.m. | Harris Pavilion 9201 Center Street, Old Town Manassas |
| November 11 | <i>Veterans Day</i> | | |
| November 12 | TBD | | |
| November 24 | <i>Thanksgiving Day</i> | | |
| December 10 | <i>Festa di Natale</i> | | Knights of Columbus Hall |
| December 25 | <i>Christmas Day</i> | | |

* RSVP to Dawn (falsinotti@yahoo.com) The menu will feature Spaghetti with Marinara or Meat Sauce, Insalata, Pane, Dolce. See the flyer included in this newsletter for details about this event.

For September Lunch Bunch we are returning to a former favorite restaurant we have not visited in a while. Villa Bella in Burke offers delicious food in a charming Italian setting. *RSVP to Dawn if you can join us.



IHL SPAGHETTI DINNER "MEET & GREET"



ITALY

*You Are Invited To
Join Your IHL Officers For
Our Annual Spaghetti Dinner*

*Distinguished Guest Speaker Will Be
Chad Sarchio*



**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 AT 5:00 P.M.
ST. LEO'S KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL
3700 OLD LEE HIGHWAY, FAIRFAX**

**Menu
&
Cost**

**SPAGHETTI WITH MARINARA OR MEAT SAUCE
INSALATA ~ PANE ~ DOLCE
(Beverages are not included in dinner cost)
\$10.00 PER PERSON**



*Please RSVP to:
Dawn Falsinotti at falsinotti@yahoo.com*

IHL SPAGHETTI DINNER GUEST SPEAKER

Saturday, September 10, 2022

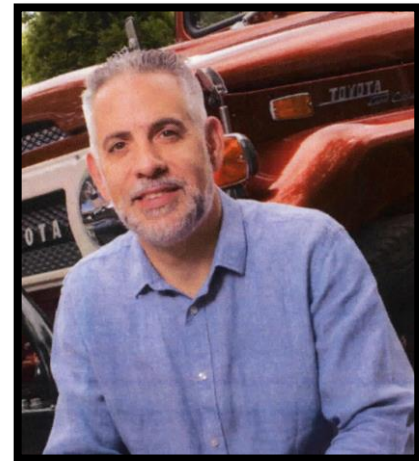
Our distinguished guest speaker for our annual Spaghetti Dinner will be Chad T. Sarchio who served as the 50th president of the D.C. Bar from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022. He was the third Italian-American lawyer to serve in that post since the D.C. Bar was established in 1972, and only the second government lawyer to do so.

Chad is a native of New Jersey and during elementary and high school, he was a member of the Boy Scouts and rose to the highest rank of Eagle Scout. After graduating from high school, he received a scholarship from the National Italian-American Foundation (NIAF) and entered the Public Policy Program at Duke University in North Carolina. He also received a U.S. Army Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) scholarship. After earning his undergraduate degree and receiving his commission as a second lieutenant, he went to law school at George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

After obtaining his law degree, he served on active duty in the Judge Advocate General (JAG) Corps for four years and stayed in the U.S. Army Reserves for 20 more years. His first assignment was at Fort Bragg, N.C., working in legal assistance and claims positions. Then, in the Fall of 1997, he began a six-month deployment to Bosnia and Herzegovina as a senior foreign claims commissioner. He completed his active service as military counsel to the Army's Auditor General. During his service, he married another lawyer, the former Christina Guerola, with whom he has two children.

After leaving active duty, he served as a federal prosecutor in the U.S. Attorney's Office in D.C. for more than six years, prosecuting a wide range of violent and white-collar crimes. In the Fall of 2005, he worked on a Senate Select Committee investigation into the response to Hurricane Katrina, which had hit the Gulf Coast. As a reservist, he later taught at the U.S. Army JAG Corps School. In the Spring of 2016, he became a military judge. He retired from the U.S. Army and its trial bench as a lieutenant colonel in 2019.

He has worked as an associate chief counsel for the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) since 2006, and has lectured in trial and appellate advocacy at George Washington University for more than 20 years. During his spare time, he repairs and maintains classic cars.



IHL member Russell De Rose was scheduled to be our second speaker for the evening. Unfortunately, he is having health issues and we will be rescheduling his talk on Genealogy for another evening. We wish you well Russ as you will be in our thoughts and prayers.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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| Joe La Marca | September 6 |
| Loretta D'Amico | September 17 |
| LeAnn Strang | September 19 |
| John Innello | September 20 |
| Marilyn Miyasato | September 20 |
| Vivian Mott | September 22 |
| Jeff Sciscilo | September 22 |
| Sloan Tandet | September 28 |



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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| Elizabeth & Angelo Saladini | September 6 |
| Joanne & Michael DeMarco | September 27 |



Your lodge council at work.....

We are diligently working to create a new Italian Heritage Lodge banner that will update the OSDIA logo and other information. Currently, our committee consists of Joseph Scafetta, Jr., Sandy Schender and Roy Schender with input and oversight by President Dawn along with the other council members. We hope to make this a fundraiser to defray the cost of the new banner. Will keep you posted with more details as they become available. We are all looking forward to proudly displaying a new IHL banner very soon.

The Fall season is very quickly approaching and that means the IHL nomination process will begin. Soon our President will delegate a "Nominating Committee" for the purpose of soliciting members who may consider filling open council seats. The process begins in November and carries through February with installation of new officers and trustees in March (2023). Please start thinking about whether you would like to be considered, to use your talents, skills, creativity and contribute in other ways to the success of our lodge.

Our yearly "Walk-A-Thon" fundraiser for charity is coming up in October. In recent years we have been attending the "Walk To End Alzheimer's" which is one of our charities. Information will be coming out soon for the 2022 Walk and the lunch after the walk, along with the charitable contribution form. The date is Saturday, October 15th at 10:00 a.m. in Old Town Manassas, so please put this on your calendars.

Don't forget about our monthly *Lunch Bunch* and *Happy Hour* get togethers. These have been very well attended each month. It's been great to share a meal with our regulars and also great to catch up with Frank and Susan Bonsiero and Dennis and June Ferrara more recently. It's been wonderful to see members less hesitant these days to venture out to social gatherings. We are enjoying everyone's company, conversations and the delicious meals.

Italian Language Program of Northern Virginia
Autunno 2022/Fall 2022

Carissimi Amici e Studenti,

Il tempo vola! Siamo già ad agosto e la prossima settimana sarò di ritorno in Virginia. Dov'è volato il tempo? Sono in Italia da 6 settimane e mi sembra di essere arrivata ieri! Quest'anno ho dedicato la mia vacanza a mio padre e a mia madre che cominciano piano piano ad avere più bisogno e alla mia bellissima PUGLIA! MI SONO INNAMORATA ANCORA DI PIÙ DELLA MIA REGIONE e della mia ricca cultura MERIDIAONALE!!

I hope you are all enjoying this beautiful Summer with your family and friends Hopefully the heat and the humidity did not hold you back.

As the summer is fading away and another school year is about to start, I would like to take an opportunity to thank all of you and express how VERY GRATEFUL I am for all and each one of you: MY STUDENTS!

I TRULY admire your perseverance and dedication in learning the Italian language! I absolutely enjoy seeing and observing all the progress you all make session after session, and especially year after year. BRAVISSIMI!

Grazie mille per tutto il supporto che mi dimostrate e per la passione e il vostro interesse per la lingua e la cultura italiana

I was able to secure most of our in-person space at the Sydenstricker U.M. Church. I am SOOO grateful they agreed to take just about all our classes. It is truly not easy to move from one location to another when I have to set up Zoom and clean up after each class!! Although I was grateful, it was hard to readjust to all of it this past school year. Nevertheless, I am still VERY, VERY appreciative for this new online opportunity we have come to learn and to embrace as part of our new way of living.

Our classes are based on a COMMUNICATIVE approach to the Language. As grammar is definitely taught in our classes, speaking and understanding of the spoken and written language is our 1st and main goal. Classes are composed of 2 hours of instructions and a 10-minute break every 55-60 minutes.

Beginner classes: Will use the “New Italian Espresso 1” book for English speakers. This book set includes Textbook, workbook, audio visual DVD/CD which will be used for about 2 Years . This is generally different for each class. It takes 5 to 7 sessions to finish this beginner course based on the speed of the class. Teacher will purchase the books for the class. The cost for this 2-year packet is generally \$95.00 to \$105.00 based on shipping.

Beginner Reading Classes: Will use Alma Edizioni level reading books as soon as their grammar book is completed.

Our **Pre-intermediate** students will use *Viaggio in Italia*, for which the teacher will provide the recording. The book which is not available in the USA in paper format is now available for free online.

Intermediate: Will use the “New Italian Espresso 2” book for English speakers. This book set includes Textbook, workbook, audio visual DVD/CD which will be used for about 2 Years . This is generally different for each class. It takes 5 to 7 sessions to finish this beginner course based on the speed of the class. Teacher will purchase the books for the class. The cost for this 2-year packet is generally \$95.00 to \$105.00 based on shipping.

Intermediate/Advanced: Will use the Farinelli Guided Film Series. We will start with: *Giorni e Nuvole* This book will be used for 1 session. Teacher will purchase the books for the class so that we can get a shipping discount. Teacher will send the recorded section to watch in class each week prior to class.

Advanced: Will use the ALMA NUOVO ESPRESSO L5 (C1) with Audio CD and online video access. This book will be used for 4-5 sessions based on the speed of the class. Books can be easily found online on Amazon.

Grazie mille,
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THE FIG TREE

Contributed by Coletta Sciscilo

If you are Italian or Italian American, you most likely have a “fig tree” story in your family background. For me, although I did not know my great-grandparents, I am relying solely on words, images and details from my momma. Her grandparents, Rosina and Crescenzo, owned a “mercato italiano” near Union Station in DC, but the “fig tree” was planted at their home close by. Momma recollects that the tree was so large you had to pick the figs from the upstairs bedroom window on one side and use a ladder outside to pick from the other side of the tree. In my youth, friends and neighbors of my paternal grandparents had fig trees and I remember even as a child loving the taste of fresh figs picked right off the tree, eaten before we could rinse them. For my birthday in late 2013 my daughter, Kerri, gave me my first tree, in a small black pot, the branches only a foot or so tall. Well, it was planted and got through its first winter and has thrived every season since. It seems I picked the perfect spot! With every passing year, I have my doubts if “my tree will return from the harsh winters, will it have fruit this year, how many will I be able to pick and eat?” This year in particular the grandchildren and I have been picking and enjoying these juicy, sweet, tender fruits all through late summer (some grandchildren don’t even wait to rinse them or collect them in a bowl; I can only assume they must have inherited their Nonna’s instincts and joy of picking this beautiful fruit right from nature and delightfully consuming it). Recently I needed to seek the knowledge of Laura and John Asiello when I noticed the figs were on a smaller size. They gave me expert advice in pruning at the right time of year to improve the growth of the fruit. I also decided that this variety produces a smaller fruit and I am no longer confused – the leaves are large, green and healthy, the tree has grown tall, wide and sturdy, the fruit is delicious and plentiful, all good signs – so I am just going to enjoy the chances I have to pick, rinse, and pop these bite-sized beautiful figs into my mouth while the summer lingers a bit longer!



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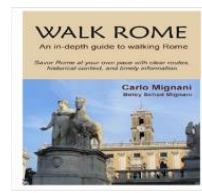
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