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

**LUGLIO 2019
MESSAGGIO DALLA PRESIDENTESSA**

Cari amici,

Welcome July –

As we Americans get ready to celebrate our 243rd birthday, let's take a moment to remember all those who sacrificed and gave their blood, sweat and lives to ensure that we live in freedom. We are all very lucky indeed to live in this great country. It's a terrific time to come together and celebrate all we have in common and all we have achieved.

I hope to see many of you for the City of Fairfax Parade. After, we will gather for lunch at Chuy's in Fairfax. Remember to stay cool and please protect those animals from the heat and fireworks. If you are heading out of town for vacation please take care and travel safely.

*Best regards,
Dawn*



The lodge extends its deepest sympathies to Rupert and Sharon Harmon on the passing of Sharon's mother, Margaret Arcaro. May she rest in peace.



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SAVE THE DATES - FUTURE LODGE EVENTS

July 4



HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY



July 4	Independence Day Parade	8:00 A.M.	City of Fairfax
July 17	Council Meeting	7:00 P.M.	George Mason Library Annandale
July 24	Lunch Bunch	Noon	Olive Garden Fair Lakes Shopping Center
August TBD	Peach Picking	TBD	TBD
August 17-19	K of C Hall Clean up	TBD	K of C Hall
August 24	"Italian Bred"	6:00 P.M.	State Theatre, Falls Church
September 7	Meet & Greet Spaghetti Dinner	TBD	K of C Hall
September 15	GLVA Quarterly Meeting	11:00 A.M.	Giuseppe Verdi Lodge
September 22	Annual Lodge Picnic	TBD	K of C Hall

Buon Compleanno JULY BIRTHDAYS



Sharon Cardinale	July 1
Elisabetta Lazarte	July 12
Ann Lipton	July 25
Carol Ann Linder	July 27
Renee Bartoli	July 29

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Buon Anniversario !



Joseph & Teresa Scafetta	July 4
Jeffrey & Teresa Sciscilo	July 6
Paul & Rosalie Alligood	July 12
Augie & Joyce Taormina	July 22
John & Kerri Farrell	July 28

Pilgrimage to Italy, Spring 2019



John and Laura
dining al fresco in
Milan and
enjoying the
beautiful scenery
at
Sant' Ambrogio
di Torino.



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ATTENZIONE !

INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

THURSDAY MORNING, JULY 4th, 2019, CITY OF FAIRFAX

INFORMATION FOR ITALIAN HERITAGE LODGE MEMBERS & GUESTS

Small change from last year: We are in Division 6, Position 17, but we will meet at the same place, the Massey Building Complex parking lot, Page Avenue and West Street. Follow the blue signs to our division.

What: The highlight of the annual City of Fairfax Independence Day celebration is the well-attended parade. Our lodge will proudly participate in this huge event this year for the *twelfth* consecutive year.

Why: By participating in the celebration parade participants show **pride**, both in our nation and in the contribution to this great country by Italian-Americans. We also take advantage of an opportunity to obtain favorable publicity for our lodge, which helps in **recruiting** new members. Although the parade is very short, the experience offers fond memories and is lots of fun!

When: If you have a parade pass for your vehicle to be **IN the parade**, please arrive around **8 AM** so we can begin the decorations; if you arrive later than 9 AM, your vehicle will not be allowed in the parade. **If you are willing to help decorate**, please arrive around **8 AM**. **If you plan to walk or ride** in an authorized convertible, but **not willing to help decorate**, arrive around **9 AM**. Expect traffic and detours on the way. If you are running late, come, anyway.

Where: See map, below. Enter the area by turning south from Rt. 236/Main Street onto Judicial Drive, then left on to Page Avenue. If your vehicle is not in the parade, **park (free) in Garage B on your left** then walk to the nearby meeting point, as indicated on the map, below. If not staying, you may **drop off your passengers closer to the meeting point**. If you have a pass to drive your vehicle in the parade, **bypass the parking garage, and follow the blue signs to the Divisions 4, 5, 6 outdoor parking lot** parade assembly area, where you will be directed to your assigned parking spot. We will be in **Division 6, Position #17** this year. We will meet in the big outdoor parking lot, where we can enjoy watching and meeting participants of many other parade units.

Who: You are invited, as well as anyone else you also invite to fill our parade unit's ranks. Please invite **your family, friends, and neighbors**; they **need NOT be of Italian ancestry**, as long as they appreciate Italian-American culture and have some U.S. patriotic pride to display. Our award-winning unit is a most worthy entry for parade viewers, and the Italian music we play gets spectators on their feet dancing. By participating in the celebration, we demonstrate our pride, both in the United States and in the contributions to this great country by Italians and Italian-Americans. Participants must be at least six years old unless they ride in a decorated wheeled vehicle, such as a stroller or wagon. No pets, please. Guests must not display banners or signs that would indicate a different "unit" that would normally need to apply to the Fairfax parade committee to participate; your invitees will represent our lodge, which in itself represents the Italian-American community. Of course your guests must not, in any anyway, be a potential source of embarrassment.

The Lunch Bunch will meet at Noon on Wednesday, July 24th, 2019, at the Olive Garden Restaurant located at 12980 Fair Lakes Shopping Center, Fairfax, VA. The Olive Garden features all your favorite Italian entrees and specials like All You Can Eat Soup and Salad. Right now they are having a Buy One Take One special starting at \$12.99. I believe they will still have that special going on July 24th. So come and join your fellow IHLers for lunch on Wednesday, July 24th. Please email Dennis at delillo1@verizon.net or call at 703-354-2454 if you plan to attend so he may include you in the reservation.

***The IHL Italian Language Group** Last weekend's Italian language group was hosted by Dolly Dougherty and Coletta Sciscilo where we chatted excitedly, dined exquisitely and practiced our Italian. Coletta prepared lessons and dialogs from her summer immersion book "Italiano per la cucina." There were formal questions in the form of crossword puzzles, recreation of recipes, etc. for the group to test our comprehension. Our evening usually begins with vino, antipasti, "le chiacchiere" (chitchat), before our hosts pronounce "tutto sul tavolo per mangiare." The several hours we all spend together are not too intense, but always a fun language learning experience, with great food and many laughs. The next monthly language meet-up is scheduled for Saturday, August 24th and hosted by Ken and Carol Ann Linder, but will take place prior to the show "Italian Bred" where we will dine at the State Theatre, practice a bit of Italian language skills and enjoy the show!. We are always looking for new members with some knowledge of Italian language to join us at our monthly Language Group meeting, enjoy the camaraderie, the Italian cuisine, the value of vocabulary building and the practice of conversing in Italian. Contact joe.lamarca@italianheritagelodge.org for more information about becoming part of our language group for some fun with your fellow lodge brothers and sisters. Potential new group members are always welcome to join us!*

Our Education Chair and Director of the Italian Language Program of Northern Virginia, Elisabetta Lazarte, has announced her Italian Full Immersion Summer Program 2019. Classes begin in July and go through August, in various locations and for levels ranging from Beginner to Intermediate Advanced. Please contact Elisabetta at elisabettalazarte@gmail.com or 703-887-1995 to inquire about the full summer immersion, registration information and future language programs and schedules.

***BOCCE at the LILLO's** - Our tremendous thanks to Eleanor and Dennis Lillo for hosting our annual Bocce event on June 8th.*

"Il tempo era bello, il cibo era delizioso, e le bocce erano certamente competitive!"

Their full size, professional bocce court is in a cool setting under tall trees away from a warm summer sun. Everyone's bocce skills were very much on display with many rousing games during the day. Along with our members and guests, we also welcomed our friend from Florida, Professor Emeritus and author, Signore Carmine Vittoria and his family. Signore Vittoria was our guest speaker last September, and if you did not know this about him, he is a long-time bocce player of championship status and kindly offered a short bocce tutorial amid the fun. We thank you again Eleanor and Dennis for always offering your home to IHL and your gracious hospitality. So glad many members attended and we hope it was an enjoyable time for all.

Italian Bred - A One-Woman Show at the State Theater in Falls Church - August 24th

Italian Bred is the hilarious and heartwarming one woman theatrical comedy. Written by and starring Candice Guardino, it's based on true life events and told through the eyes of a little girl growing up Italian on Staten Island. Having written down everything her loving and outspoken grandmother ever uttered, Candice slips in and out of multiple family characters while sharing the stage with virtual cameos of Emmy winner Leslie Jordan (Will and Grace), Mario Cantone (Sex & the City), Steve Schirripa (The Sopranos), and Vic DiBitetto (Mall Cop 2).

All tickets are general admission and \$30. Tables are available but there are additional charges. If you are interested in sitting at a table, there is a \$6 charge per person (\$12 a couple) as well as a \$10 food minimum per person. Quite a few people have expressed an interest and we expect to have at least two tables for IHL.

Here is the website: http://www.thestatetheatre.com/events/e2147.xml?_offset=8&_order=1

Lista di lettura estiva IHL

Always looking forward to bringing a summer reading list to our members.

"Beneath A Scarlet Sky," by Mark Sullivan, was promoted in the Spring 2019 edition of ItalianAmerica magazine under the article "The Writer Who Saved The Story The Story Who Saved The Writer." It is the story of a young, 17 year-old Italian boy, Pino Lella, who recounts when World War II reached the doorsteps of Milan in the summer of 1943 and how he risked his life to lead Jews to safety. "Beneath A Scarlet Sky" is currently being read and recommended by Jeff Sciscilo, Jr., a World War II history enthusiast and fan of Italy in general.

Dennis Ferrara recommends "Bitter Almonds, Recipes and Recollections from a Sicilian Girlhood," by Mary Taylor Simeti and Maria Grammatico. Maria recollects her unfortunate entrance, at the age of 11, into an orphanage near her home in Erice, Sicily. Even under painful conditions, there she learned the skills of making pastries, preserves and especially marzipan candy, skills that eventually helped her earn her way in the world.

Kathleen Caggiano referred to IHL members a June 17, 2019 story in "dcist" entitled "This Italian Immigrant Has Been Barbering In Foggy Bottom For Nearly Sixty Years." Seventy-eight year old Tony Puglisi has been a barber in the Foggy Bottom area for six decades. Read this article about an Italian immigrant who learned this trade as a teenager after World War II, spoke no English, and came to America in search of a better life. <https://dcist.com/story/19/06/17/this-italian-immigrant-has-been-barbering-in-foggy-bottom-for-nearly-sixty-years/>

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