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

**MARZO 2021
MESSAGGIO DELLA PRESIDENTESSA**

Cari amici,

We welcome March and the changes it brings. Spring is right around the corner and I think we're all looking forward to rebirth and warmer temperatures.

Many of you have gotten your Covid shot by now. We're moving in the right direction of getting back to life as we knew it. As far as the Lodge goes we're planning on slowly introducing meetings and events beginning in May. It's been a year and I know many of us are missing the fellowship that the Lodge brings. The state is pushing us to re-engage and we have some fun things planned.

For those of you that celebrate St. Patrick's Day like me, Sláinte!

Take care of yourselves and see you soon.

*Best regards,
Dawn*

GLVA Biennial Convention

Here is the GLVA Biennial Convention information that is available to date:

Date: Saturday, June 26, 2021

Location: Depending upon the Governor's directives at that time regarding the covid virus, we will hold the convention by zoom or it will be held as an in-person/outdoor catered event at Giuseppe Verdi Lodge.

Delegates: IHL must attend with at least 9 delegates, not including the President.

Costs: If this becomes an in-person event, information regarding costs will be forthcoming.

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Joseph Scafetta, Jr., Former State President
Coletta Sciscilo, Second Vice-President
Marianne Hallahan, Trustee
John Asiello, Arbitration Committee
Tony Musco, Arbitration Committee**

FUTURE LODGE EVENTS

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| March 1 | GLVA Quarterly Meeting | 7:00 PM | Via Zoom |
| March 4 | IHL Council Meeting | 7:00 PM | Via Zoom |
| March 17 | Happy Saint Patrick's Day  | | |
| March 19 | <i>Festa di San Giuseppe</i> | | |
| April 1 | GLVA Scholarship Applications Due Date | | |
| April 4 | <i>Easter Sunday – Feast of the Resurrection</i> | | |
| June 7 | GLVA Quarterly Meeting | 7:00 PM | Via Zoom |
| June 26 | GLVA Convention | All Day Event | Via Zoom or In-Person at Giuseppe Verdi Lodge |

Buon Compleanno
e Tanti Auguri!



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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| Alice Ess | March 5 |
| Carol Goldstone | March 5 |
| Rosalie Alligood | March 13 |
| Sharon Strauchs | March 14 |

Our February “Happy Hour” for our members to get together virtually and share their quarantine experiences was great – those who joined in were Dawn, Colette, Marianne, Loretta, Tommaso and Linda Moran. We all expressed joy in seeing one another and caught up on what we have been doing and not doing, and what we are looking forward to in the future months! The date for our next “Happy Hour” will be announced by email and you will receive an email with the link to join in!

Virginia OSIA Foundation Scholarships – Applications for scholarships can be obtained by visiting the website: vaosia.org and are due by April 1, 2021. Three Scholarships are to be awarded in 2021:

(a) The Joseph Fulton Memorial Scholarship (\$1,000) - This scholarship is funded by the Joseph Fulton Memorial Scholarship fund. It is open to graduating high school seniors and students in a 4-year degree-seeking program or graduate level program at a Virginia college or university.

(b) The John Asiello Scholarship (\$1,000) - This scholarship is privately funded and is open to graduating high school seniors and to students in a 4-year degree-seeking program or graduate level program at a Virginia college or university

(c) Virginia OSIA Foundation Scholarship (\$1,000) - This scholarship is funded by the Virginia OSIA Foundation and is open to graduating high school seniors and to students in a 4-year degree-seeking program or graduate level program at a Virginia college or university.

Italian Language Program of Northern VA – Please contact Elisabetta Lazarte at elisabettalazarte@gmail.com or (703) 887-1995 to obtain the schedule of varying levels of Italian language instruction, dates and times, and tuition costs. Classes will take place online via ZOOM.US. Elisabetta conveys “as always, and evermore, I am thankful to all of you for wanting to learn the ITALIAN language and Culture!”

Dear Members and friends,

For the time being, all future events will be indefinitely postponed until it is safe to socialize. These will include the following events:

*Monthly In-Person Executive Council Meetings
Monthly Lunch Bunch
Monthly IHL Italian Language Group
Installation of Officers Dinner and Ceremony
Casino Night
Meet & Greet Spaghetti Dinner
A Night of Italian Music
Bocce Event
White Elephant
Summer Picnic*

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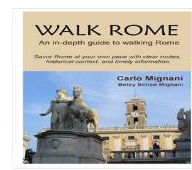


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“Walk Rome Mignani”
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