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

NOVEMBRE 2019
MESSAGGIO DALLA PRESIDENTESSA

Cari amici,

As we move into the holiday season and the super busy time of the year, let's take a moment to celebrate Veteran's Day, November 11th. While Veterans Day pays tribute to all American veterans, but especially gives thanks to living veterans who served honorably during war or peacetime. Through the years our veterans have exhibited extreme bravery and much sacrifice and we can never thank them enough for all they have done for our country. We will gather on November 9th to celebrate Veterans Day as well as Thanksgiving. We will have a short concert with a repertoire of patriotic songs performed by students from the Drew Robertson Music Studio in Manassas. Please bring pot luck food with a Thanksgiving theme.

We will also host our first ever Small Business Showcase. Do you have a small business? Let your fellow lodge members know about your business. Please contact me for further information.

*Best regards,
Dawn*

*We are pleased to welcome our newest member,
Mike Maggio, who joined IHL last month.
Mike is an English Professor and Writer
and we look forward to meeting him at our
upcoming events.
Benvenuto Mike!*

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SAVE THE DATES - FUTURE LODGE EVENTS

November 9	Monthly Meeting Veteran's Day Concert Food Pantry Drive Small Business Showcase	6:30 P.M.	K of C Hall
November 11	Veteran's Day		
November 13	Lunch Bunch	Noon	Kilroy's 5250a Port Royal Road Springfield
November 20	Council Meeting	7:00 PM	King's Park Library
November 28	Thanksgiving Day		
December 8	GLVA Quarterly Meeting	11:00 A.M.	Giuseppe Verdi Lodge
December 14	Festa di Natale	6:00 P.M.	K of C Hall
December 25	Christmas Day - Feast of the Nativity		
January 1, 2020	NEW YEAR'S DAY		

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Buon Anniversario !



Francesco & Dawn Falsinotti	November 5
Dennis & Eleanor Lillo	November 26
Steve & Ann Lipton	November 30

Buon Compleanno

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Keith Linder	November 4
Judy Palmiotto	November 6
Joanne Reed	November 19

WALK-A-THON – Once again our drive for this year's fundraising took the form of a Walk-A-Thon. IHL members walked with the Alzheimer's organization on Saturday, October 19th in Old Town Manassas. The walk started off at 10:00 a.m. as we all met at the Harris Pavilion and began a one-mile walk through Historic Old Town during what was an absolutely beautiful Fall morning. After the walk, we were joined by a few more members and guests for a delicious lunch at Bella Vita Italian Restaurant in Manassas. There is still time to make your donation as the deadline for contributions is mid-December. All donations are to be made on the attached form. In order for IHL to gain credit for our charitable work, we must submit the donations through the Virginia OSDIA Foundation. All of the information is on the form and please designate to which charity(ies) your donation should go. Donations are to be sent to Eleanor Lillo and she will forward them to the Foundation. We will be sending out frequent updates and reminders to meet or exceed our goal of \$1,000. If you could not join our walk or lunch, please be generous in your contributions for either Alzheimer's research, Autism or Cooley's Anemia, all important National charities. Thank you for generously supporting this year's fundraising effort.

The IHL Italian Language Group - Grazie mille to Denis and June Ferrara for graciously hosting our October language group. Besides enjoying a delicious dinner, we welcomed two new visitors to the group, and our host diligently prepared language flashcards for quick thinking skills. It was great fun and certainly challenged our thinking and speaking skills. 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 location of October's meet up, for more information about the upcoming schedule and 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!

Please take special note... ..that in the Fall 2019 issue of Italian America magazine, there is featured an article by our own Peter J. Ognibene, "Italy's Crossroads The City of Trieste." Peter embarks his readers on a journey of early Trieste through its rich history. Through his eyes he gives us a visual walking tour of famous landmarks, piazzas and churches. The article which includes a stunning picture of Miramare castle on the gulf of Trieste, among others, brings us not only Peter's writing talents, his wealth of knowledge, and personal travels, but as well as his love of Italy. If you have not done so already, treat yourself to this enjoyable and fact-filled article about northeast Italy's crossroads city.

ATTENZIONE !

Upcoming events... .. Check out our busy November!

The Lunch Bunch will meet at Noon on Wednesday, November 13, 2019, at Kilroy's located in the shopping center at Braddock Road and Port Royal Road in Springfield. Great sandwiches, burgers and many other lunch favorites to choose from. So come and join your fellow IHLers for lunch on Wednesday, October 9th. Please email Dennis at delillo1@verizon.net or call him at 703-354-2454 if you plan to attend so he may include you in the reservation.

House of Mercy Food Drive – Last chance for food donations for the House of Mercy will be Saturday, November 9th. We collected a few items at our October meeting and hope to have many more donations of either canned, boxed or bagged items, but no perishables, for donating

to their food pantry. In past years, we have donated at this time of year, when we are all thankful for our bountiful blessings and look to be charitable to those who are not as fortunate as we are. There will be a basket to receive any food items you can spare from your pantry or purchased at grocery stores. IHL receives credit for these donations as part of our lodge fundraising. Grazie mille!

Joseph Scafetta, Sharon Strauchs and Joe La Marca have kindly sent information for inclusion in our newsletter of upcoming concerts and other Italian events worth noting:

Now through January 12, 2020 - Verrocchio: Sculptor & Painter of Renaissance Florence at the National Gallery of Art, West Building. "An exhibition of some 50 masterpieces in painting, sculpture and drawing by the artist-teacher whose pupils included Pietro Perugino and Leonardo da Vinci."

November 14 and 15 - Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons at the Warner Theatre, 8 p.m. (ticketmaster.com)

November 21 and 22 - Sophia Loren at Montgomery College, MD, 7:30 p.m. (Montgomery College website)

February 9 - Il Volo at the National Harbor, 7:30 p.m. (ticketmaster.com)

Festa di Natale - Saturday, December 14th - 6:00 p.m. Time to put this on your calendar before the holidays get so busy. We love seeing our families, children and grandchildren enjoying one of IHL's most popular yearly events. A visit from Santa and his elf will always put a smile on a child's face and is always a perfect opportunity for mom and dad to take a picture with them on Santa's lap receiving a very special gift. This is also the perfect opportunity for us to show our children the true meaning of Christmas - love and compassion - as we continue our tradition of donating toys to the children at the Hospital for Sick Children in Washington, D.C. Our well received "Christmas Cookie" fundraiser returns so make your list of recipients for this year's home baked goodies to give....or keep. More information, including RSVP details, is on the flyer at the end of this newsletter.

Our Education Chair and Director of the Italian Language Program of Northern Virginia, Elisabetta Lazarte, has begun her Fall semester offering classes in various locations and for levels ranging from Beginner to Intermediate Advanced Italian language. Please contact Elisabetta at elisabettalazarte@gmail.com or 703-887-1995 to inquire about the fall semester, registration information and future language programs and schedules.

State Past President and IHL member, Joseph Scafetta, with his wife Teresa, are advertising their 2020 Centennial Commemorative Calendar "1920 Women's Suffrage 2020" in this month and next month's issues. These calendars will make great Christmas gifts, teacher's gifts, gifts for your grandchildren and children, and business gifts as well as for stamp collectors. Please see the flyer / order form at the end of the today's Newsletter. Print out and order today!



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Makes a great gift for the women who vote and count in your life!

1920 Women's Suffrage 2020



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- Buy a bunch for door prizes at your next stamp club show!
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- Makes great Christmas & birthday gifts for family and friends!
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- Back cover has a brief history of U.S. women's suffrage.

If you need more for your business or club at further discounts, call Joe Scafetta at 1-703-533-8064 or email us at columbiapress@verizon.net

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**IHL WALK-A-THON FUNDRAISER
FOR OUR NATIONAL CHARITIES
2019 DONATION FORM**

There is still time to get your donations in !

A primary function of the Italian Heritage Lodge (IHL) of Fairfax is to act as a fraternal organization to benefit our community. One of the ways we accomplish this each year is to donate funds to three specific charities ---- Cooley's Anemia, Alzheimer's, and Autism. This year, our members participated in the Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's on **Saturday, October 19, 2019** at the Harris Pavilion in Old Town Manassas, 9201 Center Street, Manassas, Virginia as a fundraiser for these charities. The ceremony began at **9:30 a.m.** and the Walk began at **10:00 a.m.** We ask that you donate \$10, \$20 or whatever you can afford to support these worthy causes. All funds collected will be donated through the Grand Lodge of Virginia Foundation, Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America (OSDIA), to one of the above-mentioned charities. After the walk we met for lunch at the Bella Vita Italian Restaurant located at 9675 Liberia Avenue, Manassas VA 20110.

Make checks payable to the Virginia OSDIA Foundation with a mention in the memo line as for which charity/charities the donation is designated. 100% of the funds collected will be forwarded to the Virginia OSDIA Foundation. Please mail your fully tax deductible contributions to:

**Italian Heritage Lodge of Fairfax #2517
C/O Eleanor Lillo
5104 Colebrook Place
Alexandria, Virginia 22312**

Keep a copy of the form below as your receipt. I want to thank you in advance for your generosity and your support for our charitable causes.

Grazie mille,

Dawn Falsinotti, President, IHL

Receipt: Grand Lodge of Virginia Foundation, Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America

Cooley's Anemia	_____	Amount	_____
Alzheimer's	_____	Amount	_____
Autism	_____	Amount	_____

Date: _____

ITALIAN HERITAGE LODGE
FESTA DÙ NATALE
DECEMBER 14, 2019 - 6:00 P.M.

This year's *Festa di Natale* is Saturday evening, December 14, 2019. Due to the extended length of the program and the young age of the primary audience, the social will begin at **6:00 PM**. For the younger attendees, the program will include a reading of *'Twas the Night Before Christmas* and all can join in as we sing Christmas carols. There will also be a very special guest visiting from the North Pole.

It is **especially important** that you call in your reservation since Babbo Natale will be making a surprise visit with a present for each child 12 and under. Members who are bringing children 12 and under are asked to RSVP to provide the name, gender, and age of the child, no later than **December 9, 2019**. This will give Babbo Natale time to select a gift for each child. Please RSVP to Coletta Sciscilo, colette.sciscilo@gmail.com

DINNER: The meal will be a pot luck dinner of authentic Italian food. Please provide a traditional Italian entree or side dish, perhaps one of Nonna's family recipes, that will feed at least 6 to 8 people as there is usually a large turnout for this event. Anyone wanting to bring something additional can bring your Italian homemade dessert or an appetizer. Wine and beverages will be provided, including homemade Eggnog as well as a hot chocolate bar.

GIVE A GIFT: In keeping with the giving spirit of the holiday, members have the opportunity to participate in the following: each child or any other member or guest attending the meeting is invited to bring and place under the tree an unwrapped gift costing not more than \$10.00. The hospital, where the gifts will be taken, has requested that the gifts not be wrapped as they cannot give the children gifts without inspecting them. The gifts brought to the party will be taken to the Hospital for Sick Children in Washington, D.C. the following week.

Don't miss this fun evening – we will be featuring last year's very successful "Christmas Cookie" fundraiser brought to you by the baking talents of our Trustee Nancy Perrelli and sponsored by June La Marca and Jeff Sciscilo once again.



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