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

AGOSTO 2019 MESSAGGIO DALLA PRESIDENTESSA

Cari amici,

Buon Ferragosto! As we work our way through the dog days of summer I hope everyone is enjoying this usually quieter time of the year. Lazy days spent at the beach or pool, cookouts, family fun times and summer travel are all great ways to re-charge our batteries. Beginning in September, the IHL's calendar will be full of many fun and interesting activities that support the Italian-American culture that we love and celebrate.

We are keeping our eyes and ears on several local farms regarding optimum peach picking time. We will notify all as soon as we hear something promising. This is a fun family event that everyone looks forward to. Also, if you haven't gotten your ticket yet for "Italian Bred" the one-woman show starring Candice Guardino, on growing up in a tight-knit Italian family on Staten Island, NY, on August 24th at the State Theatre in Falls Church, please do so. Reviews are terrific and we have a pretty good size group going. If you have any questions on this or may need a ride please don't hesitate to contact me. Best regards,

Dawn



We are so very saddened to tell you all of the sudden passing yesterday of our dear friend and member Renee Signorelli. Please continue to keep Joe, Joseph and Tammy, and Renee's family and friends in your prayers for God's comfort in this time of tremendous sorrow and grief. If anyone wishes to send messages of sympathy to Renee's family, please send them to 1987 Penfold Court, Woodbridge, VA 22192. Your prayers and comforting thoughts are greatly appreciated. Information regarding Renee's viewing and funeral will be sent by email as soon as the details are available.



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SAVE THE DATES - FUTURE LODGE EVENTS

August 14	Lunch Bunch	Noon	Hunan West Chinese Rest. 3938 Burke Lake Road Springfield
August TBD	Peach Picking	TBD	TBD
August 16-18	K of C Hall Clean up	TBD	K of C Hall
August 24	"Italian Bred"	6:00 P.M.	State Theatre, Falls Church
September 2	Labor Day		
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	1:00-4:00 P.M.	K of C Hall
October 12	TBD		
October 14	Columbus Day		
November 9	TBD		
November 11	Veteran's Day		
November 28	Thanksgiving Day		
December 14	Festa di Natale	6:00 P.M.	K of C Hall
December 25	Christmas Day- Feast of the Nativity		

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Buon Anniversario !



Carmine & Flo Primeggia	August 13
Rupert & Sharon Harmon	August 17
Carlos & Betsy Mignani	August 22
Robert & Joanne Reed	August 28

Buon Compleanno

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



John Tarlano	August 6
Joyce Taormina	August 9
Robert Reed	August 11
† Renee Signorelli †	August 12
Tommaso Ammazalorso	August 13
Louis Moschetto	August 14
Russell DeRose	August 20
Carol Cassella	August 25
Dennis Lillo	August 25
Gloria Moscatello	August 26
Eleanor Lillo	August 28
Joanne Cook	August 28
Joan Tortorelli	August 28

Though many of you have had a longer, much more memorable relationship with Joe and Renee Signorelli, my fond memories are very special. Renee was always with a caring thought or concern about my children, and especially my grandchildren, Dominic, Colette, Lucia and Jack. Over the years, we very often comforted each other at the passing of her sister, Phyllis, and my husband, Jeff. Renee was also a great supporter of me as President of IHL and encouraged me in all that I did. We shared an enjoyment of Italian pastries and breads. Whenever I took a trip to Atlantic City, I often returned with freshly baked bread and Italian cookies from Formica's Italian Bakery as I left the city homebound. She and Joe loved these treats from one of their favorite bakeries. Renee will be greatly missed by her family, dear friends and our many members. Riposa in pace, Renee. Con affetto, Coletta

Grazie mille to Roy Schender for his commitment to the Independence Day Parade in which we once again participated. It was a hot morning, but we all assembled to decorate cars and show our patriotic spirit while representing IHL to all of the parade route viewers.

ATTENZIONE !

Upcoming events... ..

The Lunch Bunch will meet at Noon on Wednesday, August 14, 2019, at the Hunan West Chinese Restaurant, which is located in the Kings Park Shopping Center, 3938 Burke Lake Road, Springfield. Here's a recent review: "Conveniently located in the King's Park Shopping Center, down the row from the Giant, Hunan West offers some excellent selections. Our favorite is the Thai Basil Chicken, but it's all good. Nice interior for dining." So come and join your fellow IHLers for lunch on Wednesday, August 14th. 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.

Knights of Columbus Hall Stripping and Waxing

Each year a crew of our willing volunteers (our great men!) assist John Asiello in stripping and waxing the hall floors - a meager payment to the Knights for the generous use of the hall all year long. The schedule this year is as follows:

Friday, August 16 - prep the floors for stripping and waxing; remove furniture, clean hall, strip wax from corners;

Saturday, August 17 - strip and wax floor; wax three to four coats; buffing and dry mopping between each coat;

Sunday, August 18 - Finish and let dry; Knights will put back furniture on Monday.

Please call or email John Asiello (he will also be sending out a feeler for volunteers soon) if you can volunteer any time whatsoever over this weekend. We know that it is a big commitment of your time and efforts, and it is greatly appreciated, so please let John know if you can spare a few hours to assist him with this undertaking.

The IHL Italian Language Group The August Italian language group will be hosted by Ken and Carol Ann Linder, but we will meet at the State Theatre where we will dine, practice our Italian language skills and enjoy the show "Italian Bred." 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 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!

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>

Our Education Chair and Director of the Italian Language Program of Northern Virginia, Elisabetta Lazarte, will be offering classes in September 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 fall semester, registration information and future language programs and schedules.

On September 22nd we will hold our annual Family Lodge Picnic at the Knights of Columbus hall grounds. A flyer will be sent out soon, but in the meantime, please contact President Dawn Falsinotti if you can volunteer for some of the chores like set up, tear down, cooking, food prep, etc. John Asiello will be on hand to assist and guide our crews to be sure that the picnic will again be the yearly event we all look forward to and enjoy!

Do you have an interest in Italian Renaissance art? Joseph and Teresa Scafetta have offered to view a select group of 7 famous Italian Renaissance paintings by Leonardo, Giorgione, Raphael and others, at the National Gallery of Art. They are offering this tour on Sundays in August, September or October and suggest meeting at 2 p.m. inside the entrance to the main floor of the NGA at Constitution Avenue and 6th Street, N.W. The tour will take about an hour with handouts about the artists and their paintings provided. They would like to limit the tour group to 10 participants. Any members wanting to go on the tour should either telephone Joe at 703-533-8064 or email him at josephscafetta@verizon.net. There is no admission charge to the NGA and Joe and Teresa are not charging for this service. Thank you Joe and Teresa for offering your time, knowledge and interest in our Italian culture on display.

Did you know.....

The lodge has a presence on both Facebook and Instagram.

There is one page on Facebook and one closed group. The page and group can be located by searching for "Italian Heritage Lodge-Fairfax". The purpose of the page is to project our image to ALL Facebook users and other lodges that have a presence on Facebook. This page will be used to announce events we would like to invite outsiders to, recruiting, and general events that are of interest to our lodge and others. The closed group is for members only and will be used to post pictures of events, have discussions on topics of interest, and provide alerts for upcoming lodge events. To be admitted to the closed group, click on joe.cardinale@italianheritagelodge.org and he can invite you by email.

Our Instagram page is located at [sonsofitaly_ihl2517](https://www.instagram.com/sonsofitaly_ihl2517). Anybody can follow the page since it is "open". Joe Cardinale routinely looks at the page and removes followers that look like they are trying to sell things or have no ties to anything Italian. Currently we have 95 people and organizations following our page and we are following 15 others. Most of the pages we are following are other lodges, pasta makers, vineyards and Italian travel site.

Joe says that in order to drive people to these sites, he needs as much fresh content as he can get. If you have pictures from events, ideas to discuss, etc. email them to Joe and he will get them posted.

In upcoming Newsletters....

State Past President and IHL member, Joseph Scafetta, with his wife Teresa, will be advertising their 2020 Centennial Commemorative Calendar "1920 Women's Suffrage 2020". 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. Keep your eyes out for the flyer which will be published in upcoming Newsletters.

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