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

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MESSAGGIO DALLA PRESIDENTESSA

Cari amici,

Welcome Summer! Memorial Day marks the kick-off to the summer but more importantly it is a day to reflect and honor those who gave their lives for this great country of ours. We can never thank them enough. To our lodge members who served, we thank you for your service and sacrifice.

On June 8th our social event will be “Bocce at the Lillo’s”. Eleanor and Dennis graciously open their home and bocce court for this fun afternoon. This is a pot luck event with beverages provided by the lodge. A family friendly event, we encourage all those who would enjoy the day. Family and friends are welcome. We hope to see you there!

*Best,
Dawn*



The lodge is saddened to inform our members of the death of Yolanda Pelosi, sister of Jo Lowe. Landa passed away on May 27. Landa had been an active member of the lodge until the last several years when her health began to fail.

Her obituary is posted on www.jeffersonfuneralchapel.com

Our deepest sympathies are extended to Jo and to all of Landa’s family during their time of grief. May she rest in peace.



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SAVE THE DATES - FUTURE LODGE EVENTS

June 1	IHL Language Group	6:00 P.M.	Francesca Mazarella's home
June 8	Bocce at the Lillo's	11:00 A.M.	5104 Colebrook Place Alexandria
June 12	Lunch Bunch	Noon	Sugar Palm Thai 5580 Vincent Gate Terrace Alexandria
June 16	<i>BUONA FESTA DEL PAPA</i>		<i>HAPPY FATHER'S DAY</i>
June 19	Council Meeting	7:00 P.M.	George Mason Library Annandale
June 22	IHL Language Group	6:00 P.M.	Coletta Sciscilo's home
June 22-23	OSDIA "Festa Italiana"	11:00 A.M.	Myrtle Beach Lodge, SC
July 4	Independence Day Parade	TBD	City of Fairfax
July 17	Council Meeting	7:00 P.M.	George Mason Library Annandale
August 1 – 4	Student Summit		Hyatt House, Sterling
August 17-19	K of C Hall Clean up	TBD	K of C Hall
September TBD	Meet & Greet Spaghetti Dinner	TBD	K of C Hall
September 22	Annual Lodge Picnic	TBD	K of C Hall

Buon Compleanno
JUNE BIRTHDAYS



Sandy Schender	June 18
Kerri Farrell	June 23
Omero Sabatini	June 26

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Buon Anniversario !



Russ & Karen DeRose	June 5
Fred & Maria Ingham	June 9
John & Nancy Tarlano	June 20
Sal & Diane Guli	June 22
Mario & Judith Palmiotto	June 28

ATTENZIONE !

The Lunch Bunch will meet at Noon on Wednesday, June 12th, 2019, at the Sugar Palm Thai Restaurant located at 5580 Vincent Gate Terrace, Alexandria , VA 22312. From their website: Using the freshest ingredients, each dish is prepared from scratch and enhanced individually by herbs and spices to ensure the boldest, most genuine flavors. We pride ourselves on providing fresh home cooked Thai food. I have been to Thailand and this is one of the best Thai restaurants I have ever been to. Very authentic Thai cuisine. 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 evening's Italian language group was hosted by Francesca Mazarella where we chatted joyously, dined exquisitely and practiced our Italian. Francesca had prepared printouts of paragraphs to read and translate regarding various Italian regions. There were formal questions 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, June 22nd at the home of Coletta Sciscilo. 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!

***BOCCE at the LILLO's** - Saturday, June 8th. The fun begins at 11:00 a.m. - All families and friends are welcome to come and enjoy this traditional lodge event graciously hosted by Dennis and Eleanor Lillo. The full size, professional bocce court is in a cool setting under tall trees away from a warm summer sun. Bring your bocce skills, and for those who are curious about*

this popular game of bocce but have logged in little playing time, we will be welcoming the return of our friend, Professor Emeritus and author, Signore Carmine Vittoria! 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 will be offering some instruction amid the fun. Beverages will be provided, but please bring your best pot luck Italian summer dish. No RSVP is required, but please email the Lillo's anyway with the dish you are planning on bringing. To contact the Lillo's, their email is delillo1@verizon.net. The address is 5104 Colebrook Place, Alexandria.

A July 4th Parade committee is now forming. Please email President Dawn if you would like to assist in the preparations, decorating and have some creative ideas for the presentation of IHL at the Fairfax City Parade this year. Our presence is important in the community and this is a wonderful opportunity for us to be seen as the proud Italian - Americans that we are!

OSIA Student Summit - This year, the Student Summit will take place on the dates of August 1 through 4. Students must be High School seniors to college students who are entering their senior year. Students will tour the Italian Embassy, the Pentagon and the Supreme Court. The cost is \$250 per student, which covers hotel, meals (Thursday evening to Sunday morning), and transportation. BUT the Grand Lodge of Virginia will sponsor up to two students (on a first come basis). Students must attend for the entire conference and a security clearance for the Pentagon tour is required. A flyer with application is attached to the Newsletter email.

The OSDIA-GLVA 36th Biennial Convention was held in early May at which time our President, Robert Amante, stepped down after two terms. A special "grazie" to Bob Amante for his guidance and leadership over the last four years. We wish you well, Bob, and hope that you enjoy your free time! We welcome and congratulate our new President, Larry Brennan, former GLVA First Vice-President. We also congratulate the IHL members who are sitting on the Grand Lodge of Virginia Council for the next term: State Past President, Joseph Scafetta, Jr.; Second Vice-President, Coletta Sciscilo; Trustee, Marianne Hallahan; Arbitration Committee member, John Asiello; and Arbitration Committee alternate member, Tony Musco.

*President Dawn Falsinotti awarded the 2019 State Awards for IHL to
John Asiello and Coletta Sciscilo.*

John Asiello's award describes him as "the heart and heartbeat of IHL. Through his dedication and seemingly tireless energy, the IHL has prospered since he joined 33 years ago. ... John is always the first one to lend a helping hand ensuring the success of our events."

Coletta Sciscilo's award states "IHL has thrived under Colette's leadership. At a time when many organizations dedicated to the preservation of ethnic culture and history were declining, the IHL remained a vital link to the Italian American community of Northern Virginia."

John and Coletta wish to thank you all for the nomination for the 2019 State Awards. We are both very grateful to have been considered and thankful for this recognition.

Thanks to Dawn and Joe, IHL is maintaining a presence in the Italian-American communities across the country. For Facebook, we have a page and a group. The page will be used to communicate with all of Facebook (external). We also have a group which can be seen via search but members that want to join must be approved. We will use this group for internal posts among members of the lodge. Both can be reached by searching for: Italian Heritage Lodge-Fairfax. Our Instagram page can be reached by searching for [sonsofitaly_ihl2517](#). We currently have 77 people and other OSIA groups following our page. If you have an Instagram account, please follow.

Our Education Chair and director of the Italian Language Program of Northern Virginia, Elisabetta Lazarte, has announced her upcoming Italian Language Classes for Spring 2019. Classes begin April 29th and go through June 25th, in various locations and for various levels ranging from Beginner to Intermediate Advanced. Please contact Elisabetta at Bsmile24@aol.com or 703-887-1995 to inquire about a future class schedule and registration information.



A happy husband, Tony, looks on as Jane Musco ecstatically displays her winnings for the evening:

*Homemade Limoncello
by Gianni Giovanni.*

Gianni made and graciously donated the Italian favorite as a raffle for “Una notte di musica italiana” in April.

Grazie mille to Sandy Schender for this great photo.

(and especially to Gianni for his generous raffle donation).

Please welcome a new advertiser to our Newsletter page, member Francesca Mazarella. Francesca is a design consultant located in Alexandria, Virginia. We are grateful to all of our advertisers and ask that our members consider using their services.

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