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# L'Osservatore Lancastriano

## President's Message

Cari Amici,

I hope everyone had a very nice summer but it went so fast.

Italian lessons started in September and are going very well. We are considering a 2nd class if we have additional interest.

The Ladies Luncheons began on the first Wednesday in October and will continue on the first Wednesday of every month through June 2016.

The Frank Sinatra night at the Barnstormers game was very well received and everyone who attended had a great time. Thanks to LICS members Anthony De Marco of the Barnstormers and Valerie Faiola for all their efforts.



The summer picnic was very successful and was attended by 114 LICS members and guests. Thanks to everyone who brought desserts and salad items. Everyone enjoyed the entertainment, provided by Dee Viscardi's grandson, Anthony Scheuerman and his ensemble, The Performers at Lebanon Valley College.

The Vendemmia trip to Wilmington, Delaware was on October 11<sup>th</sup> at the Du Pont Estate. All who attended had a wonderful time. The food and the wine were plentiful and delicious.

November 11<sup>th</sup> is Veterans Day. To honor our veterans, I would ask everyone to take a moment of silence at noon on that day, bow our heads, and remember those who helped preserve our freedom which we enjoy every day.

This is my last message for 2015. Therefore, I would like to wish you and your family "BUON NATALE E FELICE ANNO NUOVO."

Sempre Amici,

Charlie

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## Knocking on Doors in Florence

*Florence, Tuscany* - If you're rushing from the *Uffizi* to the *Duomo* or from your hotel to the *Accademia* or from *Ponte Vecchio* to *Pitti Palace*... or if you have your nose buried in a travel guide or map, you just might be overlooking some of Florence's inviting examples of craftsmanship and handiwork.

Proudly ornamenting many of the portals of historic private residences, professional and government offices, and other buildings are examples of artistic works. What could be just another ordinary piece of hardware, in this case, a doorknob or knocker, is transformed into something extraordinary, i.e., art meets function. Ranging from elaborate to elegantly simple, their designs



can be angelic, leonine or just plain fiendish! Whatever the case, surely their remarkable workmanship and detail deserve more than a casual glance?



Beautifully crafted, many have that lovely well-worn patina giving them a character that only comes with many decades, indeed, many centuries, of loyal service.

Some appear to be welcoming, some intimidating or pretentious, but all are fascinating.

Passages, drama, secrets, stories, lives... all hidden behind and within. Oh, if they could talk, the tales they could tell! Curiosity kindles our imagination. What would they say? "Welcome", "Go away", "Enter", "Come in", "Come back later", "Enter at your own



risk", "Privacy please"... But they remain silent, proud and stoic... revealing nothing.

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**A special thanks** to all those who helped with our annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser. Without dedicated volunteers, our Society would not function. The money raised from this year's dinner will provide deserving high school students with two scholarships of \$2,000 each to help with their college expenses and will also provide small stipends to aspiring artists in our local high schools.

Also, thanks to John Vilella and the many volunteers who helped with our annual picnic in September.

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*Below is a note from Jeff & Mary Williams, parents of Madeline Williams, one of the 2015 scholarship recipients.*

Dear LICS members,

I am writing to provide a brief update on Madeline Williams, one of your 2015 scholarship recipients. Madeline is now at Oklahoma City University, OK, and adjusting quite well to college life. Her academic schedule along with dance instruction is at a much higher level than high school and one that she is eager to meet. Madeline's dream is to eventually perform on Broadway; being able to attend one of the top colleges for Broadway training is a dream come true for her. Thank you again for providing Madeline a financial boost as she begins college and her career training.

I would like to add that Madeline immersed herself in the research for your scholarship[ and, after delving into the family tree further, learned so much more about her family. She is proud of her heritage and was greatly honored to have been awarded your scholarship.

Madeline's great great grandfather, Abrahmo Calvetti, emigrated from Italy and married Angelina Ferrai. Here, starting a new life in America, he worked in the deep coal mines of Cambria County, PA. His descendants, include policemen, pilots, a speech therapist, pharmaceutical sales, nurses, and hopefully someday an entertainer who will bring smiles to those who watch.

Once again Grazie and Buon appetito!

Jeff & Mary Williams

## MEMBERS CORNER

### Benvenuto (Welcome):

#### New Members

**John & Darlene Caperelli**  
**Robert & Patricia Corrao**  
**David & Elizabeth Mosher**  
**Greg & Marianne Rossini**  
**Ann Weyhausen**  
**Larry & Karen Zielinski**



### Bravi (Well Done):

Ian Thompson graduated from the Art Institute of Colorado with a Bachelor's degree in Photography. He is the son of Paula Formica and grandson of **Scott and Anita Bomberger**.

**Ann Byrne**, President of the Lancaster Kennel Club, was featured in a news article to promote a Responsible Dog Ownership Day event at Amos Herr Park on September 20th.

In a Lancaster Entertainment article, **David Ranalli** reported that Stitches Comedy Club has moved from the Lancaster Host to the Lancaster Family Resort on the Lancaster Highway East.

### Congratulazioni (Congratulations to):

**Quirino and Jennie DiCola** on celebrating their 65<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on October 7<sup>th</sup>.

Gina Lombardo on her marriage to Michael Shellenberger on October 24<sup>th</sup>. She is the daughter of **James and Karen Lombardo**.

Andrea and Aaron Ebling on the birth of a daughter, Alina Catherine, on September 18<sup>th</sup>. Her grandparents are **James and Karen Lombardo**.

Mark and Ann Roda on the birth of a daughter, Grace Ann, on September 24<sup>th</sup>. Her grandparents are **Craig & Dianne Roda**.

### Rapida Convalescenza (Get Well):

**David Feruzza**

### Condoglianze (Condolences):

**Franklyn and Helen Gross** and Family on the passing of her sister, Bernadette Hilbert Glatfelder.

**Anthony and Jennifer DeMarco** and Family on the passing of his mother, Lucy DeMarco.

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**2015**  
**CALENDAR FOR MEETINGS AND EVENTS**  
**(Subject to Change)**

<b>Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>General Meeting/Program</b>	<b>Liederkranz</b>
<b>Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Christmas Party</b>	<b>Eden Resort</b>
<b>Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Bus Trip</b>	<b>Atlantic City</b>
<b>Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Election Meeting/Winter Picnic</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>Saturday, April 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Dinner Dance</b>	<b>Acorn Farms</b>

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETINGS--TUESDAYS, 6:30 PM AT ST. JOHN NEUMANN  
**December 8**

Editor's Note

Since this will be the last issue of 2015, I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Officers, Board and Editorial Staff of the Lancaster Italian Cultural Society to wish all our members and their families a happy and blessed Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas and blessed New Year.

Be sure to mark your calendar for our annual Christmas Party scheduled for December 13<sup>th</sup>.

Ann Marie Petrone and her committee are hard at work to plan another wonderful event and more information is in the enclosed flyer.

As you can see from the calendar of events above, the Society is planning additional events into next year and as the year progresses, additional events and meetings will be announced.

We thank you all for your support and interest in Italian Culture and hope you continue your support and attendance at the various meetings and events.

Also, we would like to encourage members to become more involved in our Society. Please consider volunteering for an event or running for one of our offices. Elections will be held in March 2016 and if you are interested in becoming more active in our Society, please contact President Charlie Criniti at 717-898-0857 and he can better explain which opportunities best fit your interests.

Grazie

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**PHILADELPHIA**  
(and how a LICS member helped)  
by James J Lombardo

Economic woes and diplomatic expenses are causing many countries to examine whether or not to close their consulates in the U.S. Canada closed its Philadelphia Consulate and Israel is contemplating the same. Italy, however, reversed its intent to close and instead is expanding its influence to include New Jersey, Virginia and Delaware. This decision was based, in large part, on the fact that there are approximately 1,033,137 Italian-Americans in the Philadelphia Metropolitan Area and over 400,000 in Philadelphia proper. This ranks it second after New York with the highest Italian American population.

This year, the Consulate dedicated the month of October to the celebration of Italian arts, culture and community in an event called "Ciao Philadelphia". (ciaophiladelphia.com).

The event was launched on Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> in Philadelphia's Penn Landing. LICS member and BACO Wine and Spirits owner, Gesino Sgro, was invited to provide the wine for the event and he graciously did so and attended the event. I was fortunate to go as his guest.



Gesino Sgro with Italian Consul Andrea Canepari

The event was attended by the who's who of Philadelphia and its Italian Community and hosted by Phillip Rinaldi, CEO of Philadelphia Energy Solutions. Andrea Canepari, the Italian Consul, attended as did former Mayor and Governor Ed Rendel, a former member of the Italian Parliament, the President of Capital Blue Cross, the Director of the Philadelphia Pops Orchestra and many other notables all paying tribute to the Italian-American contribution and influence in the area.

CIAO Philadelphia was one of the largest and most successful events of its type in North America and the Consulate is looking seriously at making this an annual event.

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**Charles Bonaparte**  
**(a forgotten man with a significant past)**  
By James J. Lombardo, excerpted from a work by Rich DiSilvio

Charles Bonaparte's grandfather, Jerome, was Napoleon Bonaparte's brother. The Bonaparte family originated in Corsica, when it was a part of the Italian Republic of Genoa. Therefore, when Charles was born in Baltimore, Maryland, in 1851, he was deemed to be of Italian heritage. Why is this significant? Because Charles went on to prominence in the United States and actually founded what is today known as the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

In 1881, after graduating Harvard Law School, he assisted in the founding of the National Civil Service Reform League, and caught the attention of then President Theodore Roosevelt. Together, the two men became a powerful team to fight corrupt politicians and the criminal element of the time.

Charles entered public life as Roosevelt's Secretary of the Navy in 1905. Later, he was named head of the Department of Justice, becoming the 46th U.S. Attorney General. Charles realized that the DOJ lacked an investigating unit and pushed the President for authority to form a Bureau of Investigation. In 1908, this new bureau of 34 investigators was placed under the DOJ's chief examiner, Stanley Finch, who is considered the first FBI Director. In subsequent years, the unit interacted with the Treasury Department in the enforcement of Prohibition. Following the repeal of Prohibition, all functions of the investigative units were consolidated, and Congress officially recognized the renaming as the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The name became effective on March 22, 1935 with J. Edgar Hoover, who headed one of the divisions, as Director.

Almost 20 years after Charles's term as Attorney General ended, his Bureau of Investigation became the Federal Bureau of Investigation, or as we now call it, the FBI. So, now you know the story of how an Italian-American founded the FBI.

## 2015 BOCCE LEAGUE RESULTS



Team Marchigiani defeated the High Rollers in a best-of-five final series to win the 2015 Lancaster Bocce League playoff championship. Members of the team are front row from left: John Vitti, Dave Bernhardt, Rick Bernhardt and Dick Bernhardt. Back row from left: Captain Joe D'Isabella, Glen Pottberg, Bill Bozochovic, Kevin D'Arco and Franco Celia.



Lancaster Bocce League Team Buford's Bocce won the regular season championship of the 21 team league, posting a season record of 66-18. Team Members are front row from left: Joe Locurto, Frank Tame, and Rich Collier. Back row from left: Gary Bower, Doug Michael, Dave Gossman, Captain, and Dan Lake. Missing from the photo are George Goodling and Bob Heckrote.

Congratulations to both teams. Next year will be the 40th year of play for the league. Anyone interested in joining a team, please contact the league secretary: Sherry Criniti at 717-898-0857

## 16th Annual LICS Family Picnic

Over 100 members and guests enjoyed a great day of commeradere, games, fun and food at the annual LICS picnic held on September 13<sup>th</sup>. Below are some photos of that day.



Nick & Judy Siviglia present prizes to the winning team of the Bocce Tournament: Greg & Valerie Faiola, and Bob & Rosemary LaFata.



Watermelon eating contestants. Victoria and (winner) Tony Scheurman (granddaughter and son of Dee Viscardi), Charlie Criniti and David Ferruzza. (left to right).



The Performers of Lebanon Valley College entertained with music featuring Italian tunes.

## Italian Night at the Clipper Stadium

The Society partnered with the Barnstormers to celebrate Frank Sinatra's 100th birthday on Friday evening, September 4th at the Clipper Stadium. Over 50 Society members joined hundreds of others listen to hear Jay Butterfield sing "God Bless America" and Sinatra classics presented by James Young, a Sinatra impersonator. All enjoyed a delicious Italian meal and sang "Take Me Out to the Ball Game" during the 7th inning Stretch. The Barnstormers are planning another Italian Night next year and we hope to see even more of our members attend.



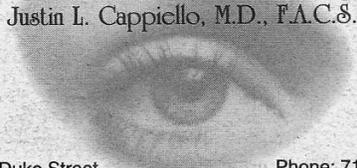
President Criniti throws the first pitch



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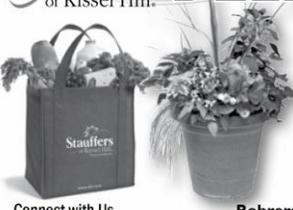
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**Vendemmia Trip**  
By Pete Byrne

On an absolutely gorgeous Sunday afternoon, twenty-two members of the Lancaster Italian Cultural Society, along with sixteen guests, travelled by bus to Bellevue State Park in Wilmington, Delaware. The reason for the trip was the 12<sup>th</sup> annual Vendemmia Fall Festival of Wine and Food. Twenty-six food vendors and seven wine distributors provided continuous sampling of fabulous Italian wines and cuisine. Musical entertainment by singers and bands kept us entertained as we sat at tables on the expansive lawn and enjoyed the day in the sun. Two bocce courts provided additional entertainment between food sampling. Many thanks to Pat LaBarbera and Dee Viscardi for chairing this trip. Plan now to attend next year's fall festival.

