

**Student Art Awards Issue**

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# L'Osservatore Lancastriano

## President's Message

Carissimi Amici,

We will celebrate LICCS' 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on April 25<sup>th</sup> at the Conestoga Country Club. Dee Viscardi and her committee have planned a super dinner dance party with live entertainment and delicious food. If you did not receive an invitation in the mail, please call Dee (717-951-7112) for details and reservations.

Our next event is the March Election Meeting and Winter Picnic, which will be held on Sunday, March 8, 2020 at the St. Philip Church of the Apostle in Millersville from 1-4 PM. The picnic is free and we will have Italian subs, salad, drinks and cookies. We hope you can join us for an afternoon of fun and camaraderie.

In closing, I thank my team of officers and board members, as well as the membership for all of their support, hard work and friendship to help LICCS be a superb organization. It's a joy to have been of service as president for the last four years. Grazie a tutti per tutto!

Cordiali saluti,  
*Rudy DeLaurentis*



## March Election/Winter Picnic

Members will gather to elect officers and directors to the board, and to celebrate the end of winter.

The following are candidates for election:

- Rosemary LaFata** for President
- Peter Costanzo** for Vice President
- Mary Cae Williams** for Secretary
- J.D. Roda** for Treasurer

## Board Members (2 year term):

Pete Byrne, Tony Lombardo, John Day, Susan DelVecchio

## Board Members (1 year term):

John Gareis and Dolores Gareis.

We also thank our retiring board officers Rudy DeLaurentis, Steve Iovino, David Ferruzza and Janice Longer; directors Valerie Faiola and Pat Valenzo, who made numerous contributions to the Society during their respective tenures and promised to continue volunteering in the future.



## A Merry Time For All by Janice Longer

Members of LICCS enjoyed a festive start to the holiday season on December 8<sup>th</sup> at the Eden Resort. Guests entered a beautifully decorated room, warm and inviting with holiday linens, centerpieces and greenery. Members enjoyed a selection of appetizers, a sit-down dinner and a dessert bar laden with cookies, pies, cakes, fruit and chocolate. New members in attendance were recognized and welcomed to the Society.

The entertainment was provided by Chris Poje, who masterfully delivered some old favorites by Dean Martin, Frank Sinatra, Bing Crosby and a number of dance favorites, too. The dance floor was overflowing, as a testament to Chris's overall enthusiasm and his ability to connect with a crowd.

The afternoon also featured a lot of give-aways. All attendees were eligible for a number of holiday-themed door-prizes donated by members, everything from candy, wine, holiday-themed baskets and a nice gift card for the Eden Resort—good at any of their

restaurants. The fifty-fifty raffle provided one guest with some Christmas shopping money and provided a nice donation to Exentia, a local organization dedicated to helping people with special needs to achieve their potential.



**The Italian American of the Year Award** is presented every year at the Christmas party to recognize exemplary service to the community and the Society in the advancement of Italian culture. This year's recipient, Nella Seward, graciously accepted the award from VP Dr. Steve Iovino. Nella is a founding member of the Lancaster Italian Cultural Society, an active volunteer in the community and in her church and someone who is always ready to pitch in for the good of the organization. In 2019, Nella selflessly took on the role of Chairperson of the Spaghetti Dinner, a major fundraiser, and recruited volunteers to assist with every phase of planning, preparing and serving. Nella's dedication to the Society is an example to all of us.

The Lancaster Italian Cultural Society is fortunate to enjoy the dedication and participation of a number of members and volunteers. A lot of planning goes into the annual Christmas festival and we wouldn't be able to pull it off without the generous donation of time and effort by our own Ann Marie Petrone. If you missed it in 2019, be sure to join us in 2020!



### LICS Education Initiative

The Spaghetti Dinner raised enough money to fund the Education Initiative Program for two years. Funds were dispersed to Lancaster School District Adopt-A-Classroom (Art Classroom Materials for 8 schools at \$250 each for a total of \$2,000. The recipient schools and teachers are:

**Buchanan ES** -Megan Grozlier

**King ES** - Tiffany Davis

**Washington ES** - Linda Hernandez

**Price ES** - Kerin Barelli

**Lafayette ES** - Wes Blymire

**Wickersham ES** - Sonja Fasen

**Lincoln MS** - Kathy Beyer &  
Matt Kohler

**Hand MS** - Sarah Gassew

Also receiving support were Sacred Heart School (Learning support classroom materials for a total of \$562.67; and the Lancaster County Young Artists Awards for \$100 [4 Awards at \$25 each] and an additional \$100 for 20 students to use for entry fees related to applying for National Competition at \$5 per entry) for a total of \$200. Sincere thanks to all who helped with and came to the Spaghetti Dinner.

Top photo: Gift baskets to be raffled at the Spaghetti Dinner.

Middle, left to right: Francesca & Greg Rossini, Frank Leuzzi, Marianne and Alessandro Rossini.

Bottom: Denise Bunting & family, Theresa Graybill & family. That young man is having a great time with his pasta!





## Lancaster County Young Artists Italian Awards

Each year LICS sponsors four student art awards for the Lancaster County Young Artists Exhibit. Each of the student artists received a \$25 cash award from LICS. The student work will be shown at the Lancaster Museum of Art and at the Demuth Museum in March 2020.



### Art Award Recipients

This year's **Artemisia Gentileschi** Art Award goes to **Maya Burdick**, an Ephrata High School student (Grade 11. Teacher: Jeremy Bischoff), for her digital photograph **Tied Down**, below.



**Artemisia Gentileschi**, born in Rome, Italy, on July 8, 1593, is credited as one of the greatest female painters of the Baroque period. Artemisia was known for being able to depict the female figure with great naturalism, and her skill in handling color to express dimension and drama. An exhibition dedicated to her work will be held at the National Gallery in London in 2020.



This year's **Leonardo da Vinci** Art Award goes to **Tate Cargas**, a Warwick High School student (Grade 12. Teacher: Angie Hohenadel), for an etching titled **Skulls**, shown below.



**Leonardo** was born in 1452 in the Tuscan hill town of Vinci, in the lower valley of the Arno river in the territory of the Medici-ruled Republic of Florence. Leonardo's paintings and preparatory drawings—together with his notebooks, which contain sketches, scientific diagrams, and his thoughts on the nature of painting—compose a contribution to later generations of artists rivaled only by that of his contemporary Michelangelo..



This year's **Michelangelo** Art Award goes to **Emily Paynter** from Warwick High School (Grade 11. Teacher: Nate Nixdorf), for her sculpture **Giraffe** (wood-fired stoneware).

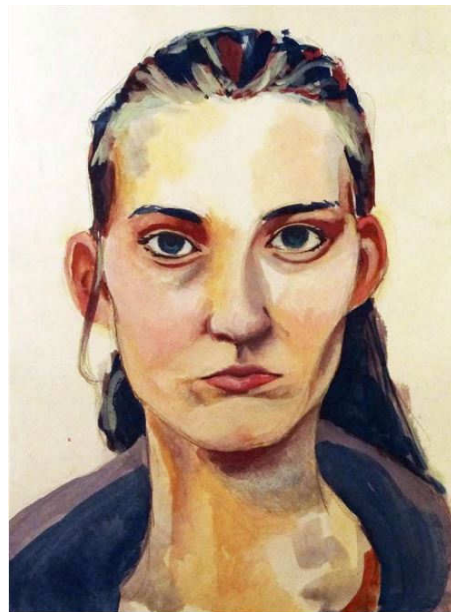


**Michelangelo** was born in 1475 in Caprese near Arezzo, Tuscany. He was

an Italian sculptor, painter, architect, poet, and engineer of the High Renaissance who exerted an unparalleled influence on the development of Western art. Considered to be the greatest living artist during his lifetime, he has since also been described as one of the greatest artists of all time.



This year's **Modigliani** Art Award goes to **Zoe Horst** from Donegal High School (Grade 12. Teacher: Nicole Marsh), for her painting **Blue Woman**, shown below.



**Amedeo Clemente Modigliani** was born in 1884 in Livorno, Italy. He was an Italian Jewish painter and sculptor who worked mainly in France. He is known for portraits and nudes in a modern style characterized by elongation of faces, necks, and figures that were not received well during his lifetime but later found acceptance. Modigliani spent his youth in Italy, where he studied the art of antiquity and the Renaissance. In 1906 he moved to Paris, where he came into contact with such artists as Pablo Picasso and Constantin Brâncusi. By 1912, Modigliani was exhibiting highly stylized sculptures with Cubists of the Section d'Or group at the Salon d'Automne.



## Membership Report

As of February 2020, we have 208 members/families.

*To all new members, Thank you for joining our family!*

### Get Well Wishes to:

Anita Bomberger

Dominick Bianco

### Our Condolences to:

Maria and Matthew Jones and Family on the passing of her father, Theodore Kita.

The Family of Charles "Charlie" Tomasetti.

Craig and Dianne Roda and Family on the passing of his father, Benjamin Roda.

Angela (Baldori) Ahnert and Family on the passing of her husband, Paul Ahnert.

Teresa Madonna and Family on the passing of her mother, Rose Madonna.

Joyce A. (Cocodrilli) Hart and Family, on the passing of her husband, Robert Hart.

Charles "Chip" and Doreen Snyder and Family on the passing of his sister, Susan Snyder Bleacher.



Nella thanks all who helped with the Spaghetti Dinner, especially:

**Frank Tripoli**, who provided most of the food for the dinner, "The sauce, spaghetti, meatballs, salad, etc. were so abundant and eaten with great enjoyment. We cannot thank you enough, not only for the donated food, but also for the support, friendship and kindness extended by you and your staff. Grazie amici.

The event was a great success. The funds we were able to raise will continue to allow us to reach out to schools and children in need of financial help.

Be sure that your kind generosity will be remembered. We look forward to a continuous friendship and great meals at your restaurant."



"A particular, heartfelt Thank you to the wonderful ladies at the "**Ladies Lunch**" who so willingly and generously donated gift baskets, cakes and other items to be chanced off at the Spaghetti Dinner. You are such a fun group and I am so glad to be part of it. Arrivederci at the next luncheon!"



**Lou Abbatiello**, "grazie mille for your delightful magical contribution to the success of our annual Spaghetti Dinner fund raising event. You delighted all of us with your magic tricks and your fine sense of humor. We could all see how much you love to perform and we appreciate the generosity of sharing your talent with everyone. Bravo!"



And lastly, "**When I volunteered to chair this year's Spaghetti Dinner, I was a little unsure in regard to the support and help I would be able to get. My fear, however, quickly disappeared and I became wonderfully surprised. All of you who came forward from the very beginning, stuck with me, promised to support me, and shared my vision as we walked and worked together. Please know that without you, the success of the Spaghetti Dinner event would never have happened. Thank you. Thanks to all of you! You are too many to mention, but you know who you are: the kitchen help, the dessert and coffee ladies, the take out station, the salad and condiments bar, the 50/50, the tickets sale, the hospitality, the donated baskets and the sales ladies, the entertainment, the water station, the public relation and advertising, the set up and cleanup crew and all those people who got up to help where there was a need, and all of you who believe in this organization, purchased tickets to support it and shared a meal and good times with your friends. Grazie mille to all the committee heads who so willingly donated their time and talents, together we did it! Bravi!**"

Nella Seward

## Officers

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*Rudy DeLaurentis*

*Ann Marie Petrone*

**Eblast - John Vilella**

### Directors

*Peter Costanzo, Mary Cae*

*Williams, Valerie Faiola,*

*Peter Byrne and Pat Valenzo*



*Above: Lou Abbatiello performing slight of hand to the wonderment of children and adults alike!*





Christmas Party photos, lots of fun for all!



Above: Lou and Joyce Loiseau, Ann and Peter Byrne.



The Lancaster Italian Cultural Society General Meeting for November 2019 featured a presentation by wine maker and LICS member Lou Loiseau. Lou brought three unique wines he produced for the members to taste, while he explained the wine making process. Lou has been making wine for decades and shared his insight and expertise to get us thinking about making our own wine.

**Thank you, Lou and Joyce, for a memorable time!**

Rosemary LaFata was chairperson for the event and her committee included Valerie Faiola and Dee Viscardi. We enjoyed a selection of antipasti including meats, cheeses, olives, breads and much more. Members brought delicious desserts to share. It was a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon.



Above: Fiorella Spidaliere, Italian language instructor, and great dancer!



Val Faiola, Frank & Linda Provanzo, Pat Valenzo, Pat & Tom LaBarbera, Charlie Criniti, Greg Faiola





Josephine & Sebastiano (front), John & Dee Viscardi



Nella Seward, John Day, Leonard & Mary Cae Williams



Debra & Jerry McDonald, Judy & Nick Siviglia,  
Ann DeLaurentis, Mary Lynn Devine



Mary Lynn & Tom Naples



Betty & David Ferruzza, Paul & Linda Hilton



Rosemary & Bob LaFata, Glen Ebersole (middle)

**Italian Expression:** To be a *buona forchetta* (boo-oh-nah for-kai-tah) doesn't simply mean to be a good eater, it means to really enjoy food. The expression itself, literally means "being a good fork". A buona forchetta likes to experiment with flavors and ingredients and enjoys different cuisines. Are you a buona forchetta?



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### **Upcoming LICS Events**

*Please join us for some fun trips & programs!*

**Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, at 1 PM - Winter Picnic & Election**

*at St. Philip the Apostle Church, Millersville*

**Sunday, March 15, 2020 - Resorts Casino, Atlantic City New Jersey**

**Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, LICS 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner Dance**

*at the Conestoga Country Club*

**Ladies Luncheon - 12:30 p.m., First Wednesday of the Month**

Please call Dolores Biedenkapp at 717- 394-3823

for location and to make a reservation.