

Spring Issue - Buona primavera!

Italian-American Service Award

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Italian-American Service Award 2020

Congratulations to the Italian American Service Award recipient for 2020, Stephen A. Iovino. The Newsletter/Bollettino Committee is pleased to share some of Steve's story with our members.



Steve places great importance on his Italian heritage and is honored to be recognized as the 2020 Italian American of the Year.

Steve's grandparents came from the town of Camigliano located near Naples. In 1997, he and his family visited the homestead, which still serves as the home of

relatives. To this day, they continue to keep in touch through Facebook to share family news and special occasions. Steve attributes his work ethic and care for family to the lessons he learned from his parents, Matthew and Katherine Iovino. His childhood memories of growing up in the Pittsburgh area are filled with many extended family gatherings around enormous amounts of delicious Italian food and loving interactions.

Steve lives in Lititz with his wife, Judy, and son, Mark. The Iovinos have three other sons: Matthew, Brian, and Darren. They also have two daughters-in-law, Mary and Danielle. Steve and Judy are the proud grandparents of four granddaughters: Marin, Avery, Ellisanna, and Skylar.

Much of Steve's professional life both before and after retirement has been dedicated to education. Before retirement, Steve served as the Principal of Warwick High School from 1983-1990 and Superintendent of the Warwick School District from 1998-2006.

After retirement, Steve served as the interim Superintendent for the School District of Lancaster for the 2007-08 school year, interim Assistant Superintendent of the

York City School District during the 2019-20 school year, and educational consultant for the Pennsylvania Department of Education in its Distinguished Educator Program from 2007 – 2011. He continues to serve as an education consultant specializing in the development of board policies.

Steve's community involvement includes serving as the Board President of the United Support Group, Moderator for the Heart of Lancaster Hospital Board, Chairperson for the UPMC Lititz Hospital Board, Board member for the Lancaster County Coalition for Smart Growth, and Education Chairperson for The Lancaster County Coalition for Smart Growth. Steve has also served on the Parish Council for the Saint James Catholic Church in Lititz, which included a term as President.

Steve has served on the Lancaster Italian Cultural Society Board as Vice President. His LICS activities include chairing the following committees: Fund Raising, Student Scholarships, and Educational Initiatives. He also assisted with the last two LICS spaghetti dinners by organizing workers for the events.

President's Message

Ciao membri,

It's a new year and hopefully we will be able to look forward to some new activities, currently remote. Thank you to all who have renewed their membership.

I want to specially THANK all who gave a donation to their specific choice. We appreciate your generosity and all of our sponsors. Don't forget to solicit new members now that you have a LICS card to pass out. Let me know if you would like another. You can always download a membership form from our Website, too.

Don't forget to patronize our Ad sponsors; they help defray the cost of our PRINTED Newsletter.

As is standard, we have elections in March, the beginning of our year, to fill Board positions that are open. We have included short biographical sketches of those who have accepted nomination, for you to review. We have planned a ZOOM meeting and instructions on voting are included with the nominations.

Please also register for a 2-installment presentation that will be provided free of charge to our membership via Zoom, "History of Italian Language" on April 18 and April 25. Please see the included flyer for details.

An objective for the club is to get a FACEBOOK page up and running. We will need someone willing and competent to update our information regularly. If you would like to be that person, please contact us.

Wishing everyone good health and may vaccines soon be available to all.

Until we meet again,

Rosemary LaFata

If you are not receiving Eblasts from LICS, sent by johnnyv5020@gmail.com, please check that you have not unsubscribed from our email list.

Welcome New Members:

Christopher and Amanda Hubbs, recently moved to Millersville PA. Christopher has opened his Chiropractic practice there.

Member News -

Condolences to the Joan Rossi Family on the passing of her husband, Al Rossi.

Condolences to Greg and Valerie Faiola on the passing of Greg's son-in-law, Sean Stanton.

Condolences to Tom and Pat LaBarbera and family on the passing of his mother, Teresa LaBarbera.

Condolences to Anita Bomberger and family on the passing of her husband, Paul "Scott" Bomberger.

Condolences to Nella Seward and family on the passing of her brother Anthony Caponi.

Get well wishes and prayers to Pat LaBarbera.

Get well wishes and prayers to John, son of Dee and John Viscardi.

Members: If you have family news, births, deaths, marriage announcements and honors or awards that you would like to share with the membership, please email them to licsnewsletter@gmail.com. Or call Pat Valenzo at 717-569-9798.

The Scholastic & Lancaster County Young Artists Awards Virtual Exhibition will be available to view on the Demuth Museum Website:

<https://www.demuth.org/exhibitions-lma>

Tuesday, March 9, 2021 12:00 PM through Friday, April 30, 2021 4:00 PM

Though it has been a challenging school year for students, educators, and families, the 2021 Scholastic and Lancaster County Young Artists Awards remains a strong exhibition showcasing the area's youth's talents. This year's Lancaster County Young Artists Awards feature 146 pieces and the Scholastic Art Awards includes 179 works. A variety of mediums are represented, including painting, sculpture, ceramics, jewelry, drawing, photography, graphic design, computer art, and animation.

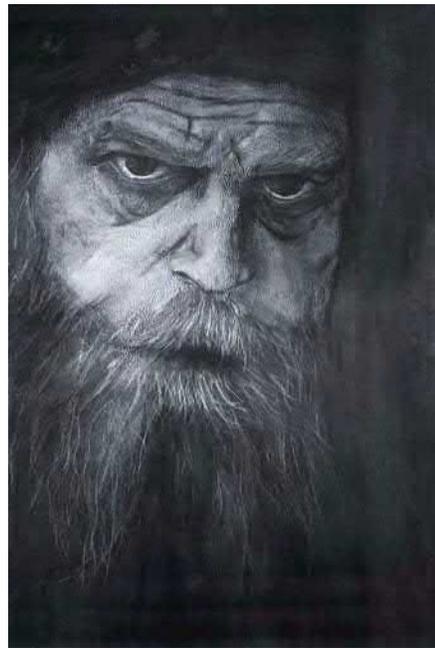
Congratulations to the students whose works were selected for this year's awards and thank you to all of the educators who support these students!

LICS sponsors four *Italian Artist* awards to selected Gold and Silver Award young artist recipients, which are shown on the following page.

2021 Italian Art Awards for Young Artists



Leonardo Da Vinci Award - Bella Meier
Digital Photograph Title: *Ava*
Teacher: LuAnn Billet
Linden Hall School, Grade 10



Michelangelo Award: Emaly Garrett
Drawing Title: *Stone Cold*
Teacher: Scott Cantrell
Strasburg High School, Grade 11



Artemisia Gentileschi Award: Noelle Stringer
Drawing Title: *Chained Beauty*
Teacher: Brookye Keeney
Lancaster Mennonite High School, Grade 12



Modigliani Award: Paige Husted
Drawing Title: *Self Portrait*
Teacher: Susan Ulrich
Lancaster Catholic High School, Grade 10

We welcome Steve and Lori Weaver from Clean Energy Maintenance Inc. as new sponsors of our Newsletter and Bollettino. Lori's mother is our very own President of the Board, Rosemary La Fata.

Lori shared her most lasting memories of visiting her mother's mother, Nana Tershon. They didn't visit her often, but the visits were filled with good food and Italian words and phrases sprinkled throughout the conversation. Lori remembered that when her great-grandfather came to America, his name was Terreciano. Like so many names from other countries, it was changed by the immigration officials to Tershon. Lori loved hearing the Italian that her Nana spoke, but she was especially impressed with all the many foods she made from scratch. There were meatballs, gnocchi, and her Blah Cookies, which were actually delicious, lemon-flavored and ball-shaped.

Lori and her brother discovered Nana's cookie "stash" in the attic. There were many, many enamel pots with layers of cookies between sheets of wax paper. No trip to Nana Tershon's was complete without a little visit to the cookies for a nibble.

Lori's grandfather, who had passed away when she was very young, built that house and Lori's nana never wanted to leave it. She did come for visits occasionally, but usually their visits were to her. Lori commented that her mother was raised surrounded by aunts, uncles and cousins. Visiting Nana Tershon gave Lori a chance to see all that extended family. In our conversation, I was reminded that it is often small things that we, the parents, hardly notice, which are the most important and lasting memories for our children.

Steve's story of Clean Energy Maintenance Inc. is one of those wonderful, all-American tales of opportunity that people make for themselves. Steve and Lori were just about to get married after dating for three years and being engaged for two. Steve was working at a company that had just been bought out by Fiat. Unfortunately, that meant that people here were being "made redundant" as they say on the other side of the Atlantic. After each round of "restructuring," Steve's job was less and less appealing. Finally, there was no job at all. How was Steve going to take care of his "little Italian bride?"

One morning, over breakfast, they came up with the idea of starting a cleaning service. They began by cleaning offices and commercial spaces in 1992. A little later on they added lawn care. Since Steve had earned money as a boy mowing lawns for neighbors, why not? The business was paying most of the bills when Mother Nature gave them their big chance. They decided to add snow and ice management to their

menu and that winter turned out to be one of those incredible snowfall years. The business took off.

Eventually, they grew the company to include a *Janitorial Division*, a *Lawn/Tree/Shrub Division* and a *Landscape Design/Build Division*, which includes hardscaping (designing and building patios & walkways.) Steve talked about their interest in using all-natural products as much as possible. Currently, they can offer an all-organic lawn program along with a traditional lawn treatment program. Their work includes tree and shrub maintenance, fertilizing and perimeter pest control. Their strategy is to stop the crawling pests *outside the home*, instead of

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bringing staff, equipment, and chemicals inside the home.

Lori and Steve have responded to yet another of Mother Nature's challenges, by adding specialized Covid-19 sanitizing and disinfecting solutions for commercial spaces. This service provides a safer working environment for businesses and their employees amid the devastating Covid-19 times in which we now live.

And, new for 2021, Clean Energy Maintenance Inc. will be the main distributors and installers in our area for Leisure Pools USA, a global and family company that started in Australia. In the wake of the pandemic, many people are deciding to curtail their travel and stay home. Of course, staying home with a new pool and patio will be more fun.

Lori and Steve seem to be the folks to call for the services they offer. In fact, it might make sense to call them if you have a need that is not already listed...as their motto seems to be, "Your Need is Our Service!"

(Interview by Mary Cae Williams)

Winter Election Meeting

On March 28, 2021, we will hold our Winter Election Meeting, approving candidates to replace outgoing Board members. The meeting will take place virtually on **Zoom**. John Day will be Master of Ceremonies.

Before joining a Zoom meeting on a computer or mobile device, you can download the Zoom app device (<https://zoom.us/download>).

Otherwise, you will be prompted to download and install Zoom when you click a join link. You can also join a test meeting to familiarize yourself with Zoom.

Please download it ahead of time on your, to preclude having technical problems at the start of the meeting. Also, please log onto the meeting 15 minutes prior to the 2:00 PM start time.

Link to Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83298293114?pwd=RzlsSUd1MmhyU21jVG0wUC9TWkNEQT09>

Meeting ID: 832 9829 3114

Passcode: 750631

There will be a short time for socializing after the voting. All of us miss seeing one another and this will be an opportunity to have a virtual chat. We expect the meeting not to exceed 90 minutes, ending at 3:30 PM. You may leave the meeting whenever you choose.

We hope to see you on March 28, 2021.

Rosemary LaFata, President

We have four candidates for the Board of Directors: Livia Neri Riley,

Dolores Biedenkapp, Marianne Rossini, and Dee Viscardi.

Introducing the candidates:

I am **Livia Neri Riley** and I am honored to be asked to serve on the LICS board of directors. My husband, Ken and I have been members for over 10 years and enjoyed attending the events sponsored by the society. I am a retired educator serving Catholic and Public education for 43 years as a teacher, principal, and Superintendent of Catholic Schools for the Diocese of Harrisburg. I am the daughter of James and Anna (Sabatino) Neri who shared their Italian heritage with me since my youth and I shared those traditions especially, through food and family gatherings, with my sons and grandchildren. I look forward serving on the board by supporting the many opportunities LICS offers such as sponsored social and charitable events, and educational scholarships.

Dolores Biedenkapp:

Born and raised in Lancaster, I returned to the area in 2008 from Baltimore, Maryland.

After a long and rewarding career in nursing, practicing my craft both clinically and administratively, with the last twenty years in the Health Insurance arena, I retired in 2009.

Shortly after retirement I joined the LICS and have been an active member for approximately six years.

Volunteering with the Spaghetti Dinner, and participating in the Cash Raffle for Education have been enjoyable and rewarding.

For the past two years and six months, together with member Kathy Valeri, we organized a monthly lunch for the women of the Club. The luncheons are well attended, and hopefully will continue after the threat of the current Pandemic.

I have enjoyed supporting the social as well as educational activities offered by LICS and hope we can continue to be a strong organization for years to come.

My name is **Marianne Rossini**. My parents are from Calabria, Provincia Catanzaro. I was raised in an Italian neighborhood in South Philadelphia. My husband, Greg, and I moved to Lancaster 20 years ago. We have 2 children: a 15 year old girl, Francesca and a 11 year old boy, Alessandro. I was introduced to LICS by Charlie Criniti and participated in past Spaghetti Dinners and Picnics. My dad moved here 5 years ago and enjoys playing bocce with other members. Thank you!

Dee Viscardi is finishing a 2 year term and would like to renew for another term. A member for many years, she is our go to coordinator for Bus Trips, etc. Dee has been a past recipient of the Italian American Service Award. She enjoys helping and participating in all our events.



We thank our outgoing directors: Nella Seward, Dolores Gareis, and John Gareis for their excellent service, especially during the difficult time of the pandemic.

PARTS 1&2 OF EVOLUTION OF ITALIAN LANGUAGE

LICS invites you to an online lecture
with Rossella Chiolini Bagley



Rossella Chiolini Bagley specializes in both Spanish and Italian Languages, she received her Master of Arts in Spanish Language and Literature at SDSU. She teaches at Colleges, Universities, HOI, Italian Cultural Center, private settings and online tutoring. She is a certified on-line professor.

Rossella has been living in San Diego, CA for 22 years, originally from Pavia, a town located in Lombardy just South of Milan in Northern Italy. She has been an active member of the HOI since 2000 and founded, created and developed an Italian program at the HOI for adults with devoted following. Visit her website at:

www.illuminalanguages.com

On April 18, the following topics will be covered:

- Famous Italian body language & gestures
- The use & misused English words integrated in the Italian language

On April 25, the following topics will be covered:

- The change of the language with immigration
- The death of the Subjunctive

Knowledge of Italian is not necessary for this program, which will be presented in English.

Time & Places:

Sunday, April 18th & April 25

3:00pm on Zoom.

Reserve your spot by 4/11/2021

This program will be offered to additional groups after March 22, so make your reservation ASAP.

To receive the link to join the webinar email to:

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Thank you!!



Even though St. Valentine's Day 2021 has passed, here are some Italian phrases to learn, to express your amorous feelings anytime.

How to Say I Love You in Italian:

Ti amo - I love you

Amore mio – my love

Cuore mio – my heart

Tesoro mio – my darling

Baciami! – kiss me!

Sei tutto per me – you're everything to me

Ti penso ogni giorno – I think about you every day

Sei il grande amore della mia vita – You're the love of my life

Ti amerò sempre – I'll always love you

Sono innamorato(a) di te – I'm in love with you

Sei sempre nel mio cuore – You are forever in my heart

Sei la mia anima gemella – You are my soul mate

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Easter Italian Sayings:

Buona Pasqua! – Happy Easter!

Sono felice come una Pasqua – I am as happy as an egg.

Natale con i tuoi, Pasqua con chi vuoi. – Christmas with your parents, Easter with whomever you want.

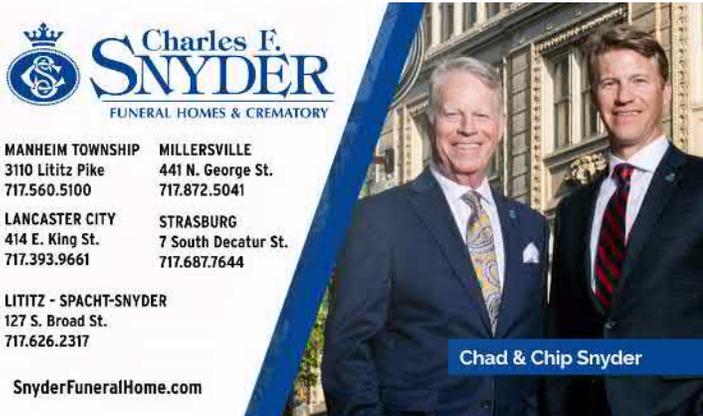
La pasquetta (or il lunedì dell'angelo) – Easter Monday

le uova di Pasqua – Easter eggs

la torta di Pasqua – Easter pie

le uova di cioccolato – chocolate eggs

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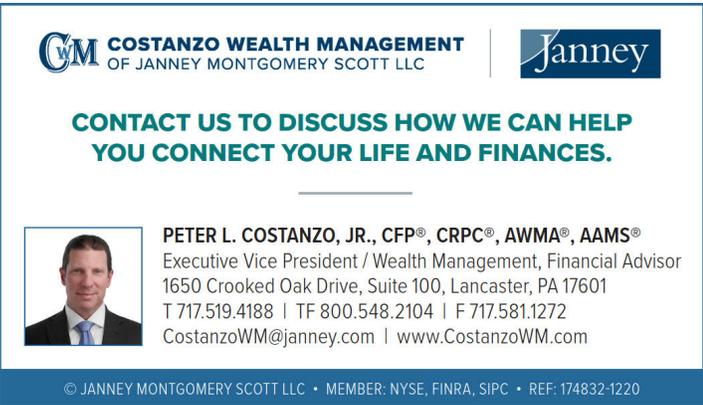
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Due to the current Covid-19 guidelines and restrictions, and our goal to keep our members safe, we do not have any upcoming in person events at this time.

We are hopeful that we will be able to schedule some for Summer 2021.

Please check the LICS Website for updates.

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