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Gentili amici,

First of all, I want to officially thank Jim Lombardo for the wonderful presentation he gave at our May 29th meeting. He kept all of us interested in the history of Italian Immigration in Lancaster, as well as the history of the Bocce League. Bravo Jim. Mille grazie.

Also, I was very happy to see a great turn out attending the event and taking the time to socialize after many months of restricted gathering. We all enjoyed the subs provided by Pasquale's Restaurant and I was asked for the recipe of my "Potato Salad Italian Style". So, as I promised, I am sharing it with all of you on this occasion.

Please continue to participate in all our events, invite family and friends, and volunteer as much as possible. You may call me anytime if you want to talk to me.

Arrivederci a presto,

Nella Seward

Nella's POTATO SALAD ITALIAN STYLE

Note: Will serve 20-25 people. Do the tasks when the potatoes are still a little warm.

5 Lb. of Russet Potatoes – Wash and boil until firm. Do NOT overcook.

Cool a little, then peel and cut them in cubes. Place them in a large container.

Mix together, the following:

½ cup of Olive oil (do not substitute)

2 ½ TBSP of salt

1/2 cup of chopped flat Italian Parsley (no large stems).

1 generous cup of chopped Red Onions

½ cup of Apple Cider Vinegar.

Add to potatoes and mix well, cover and let marinate in the refrigerator. Serve cold.

Buon Appetito!

The following feast of St. Anthony article originally appeared in LICS' Newsletter Volume 1, Issue 2, July -August, 1999, when LICS started. Enjoy!



Alla Festa Di Sant'Antonio

At the Feast of St. Anthony
by Nella Seward

“The exquisite food, my native language spoken here and there, the typical Italian gestures, the smiles, the cordial people open to new friendships, transported me for a few hours to my dear homeland”

Quando ero bambina in Italia, c'era una popolare canzone cantata da Nilla Pizzi che diceva: “Dio del ciel, se fossi una colomba, vorrei volar laggiú dov'è il mio amor...”

Solo al pensiero di questi versi sento una forte malinconia.

Sono tanti anni, troppi, che non rivedo la mia cara patria. Lei mi manca. Me ne sono resa conto specialmente quando il 19 giugno sono andata con un gruppo di amici alla festa di Sant'Antonio in Wilmington, Delaware. C'era allegria d'ovunque. Il mangiare squisito, la mia nativa lingua parlata di qua e di là. Il gesticolare tipico italiano, i sorrisi, la cordialità della gente pronta a fare amicizia, mi ha trasportato per poche ore nella mia terra cara. E poi c'era la musica, le classiche canzoni napoletane, gli stornelli, le melodie che si aggrappano al cuore e ci fanno piangere di felicità. Per poche ore quel giorno sono ritornata giovane. Ho trascorso una giornata magnifica, che mi ha dato gioia ed ha riacceso il desiderio di rivedere l'Italia e di tornare a Wilmington l'anno prossimo.

Quel sabato, appena sono tornata a casa ho cercato e ritrovato in un cassetto che da anni non aprivo, dischi di vecchie canzoni italiane. Tutt'ora vado in giro per casa cantando. La mia famiglia mi osserva stranamente. Chissà, forse pensano che io sia un po' impazzita.

(English translation on next page.)

At the Feast of St. Anthony By Nella Seward

When I was a little girl in Italy, there was a popular song, sung by Nilla Pizzi that said "God of Heaven, if I were a dove, I would fly there where my love is..." Just the thought of these verses makes me feel melancholy.

There have been many years, too many, since I saw my dear country. I miss it. I especially realized this on the 19th of June when I went with some friends to the feast of St. Anthony in Wilmington, Delaware. There was joy everywhere. The exquisite food, my native language spoken here and there, the typical Italian gestures, the smiles, the cordial people open to new friendships, transported me for a few hours to my dear homeland. Then there was the music, the classic Neapolitan songs, the "stornelli", the melodies that grasp at the heart and make us cry with happiness. For a few hours that day I was young again. I sang and danced as I once did. I spent a wonderful day that gave me joy, rekindled the desire to see Italy and to return to Wilmington next year.

Upon my return home that Saturday, I searched and found, in a drawer that had not been opened for years, some records of old Italian songs. Still today I go around the house singing. My family observes me in a strange way. Who knows, maybe they think I have gone a little crazy.



Above: Via XX Settembre, Genoa

Article 4: Via XX Settembre Via Venti Settembre / Via XX Settembre
by *Marian Caroselli*

Via/Piazza Garibaldi, Via/Piazza Cavour, Via Mazzini and Via XX Settembre are all related to the historical period referred to as the Risorgimento, or 'resurgence', during which the various states of the Italian peninsula, many of which were under foreign control, were united into the Italian Kingdom.

Via XX Settembre is usually the name of a major road leading to a church or cathedral, though in smaller towns it can just as easily be the name of a side street from a piazza.

The date refers to September 20th, 1870. By 1870, most of the Italian peninsula was under the control of the new Italian Kingdom, with its capital at Florence. However, the most significant city and future capital, Rome, was still under the control of the Pope. Defending it was a French garrison placed there by the president/emperor Napoleon III. The Italian Government had tried in vain to persuade the Pope to surrender the city and had given him certain guarantees of his independence from state interference.

Pope Pius IX, however, consistently refused to surrender. While he had the support of the French, he had little to worry about, since the Italians would not risk an outright confrontation with the more powerful French Republic. Eventually, facing war with Prussia, Napoleon III recalled all his forces from Rome. This left the Pope with only his small Swiss Guard and various mercenaries to defend the city. They were now no match for a determined Italian march on Rome.

On 19 September 1870, an Italian army of 50,000 men advanced on Rome, reaching the Aurelian Walls. The Pope, despite little hope of success, decided to put up some resistance. The Italians, who had hoped to negotiate a peaceful entrance, resorted to bombarding the walls. On 20 September, the first troops entered Rome.

Once the Pope surrendered, the capital of Italy was transferred from Florence to Rome. This completed the unification of Italy. It had been a goal of the Italians since the first stirrings of the Risorgimento. The great Giuseppe Garibaldi had once cried 'Roma o Morte' (Rome or Death!). In honor of this special day on which that dream was realized, the name Via XX Settembre was given to streets in towns all over Italy.

Rome, Milan, Genoa are among the many cities with a prominent Via XX Settembre. The one in Rome was established on 30 November 1871 and dedicated to the day in 1870 when Italian troops, led by General Raffaele Cadorna, entered Rome through a breach in the Aurelian Walls near Porta Pia.



Did You Know - Pope Pius IX, born Giovanni Maria Mastai Ferretti, 05/13/1792 - 02/07/1878, was head of the Catholic Church from 1846 to 1878, the longest verified papal reign to date.

Upcoming LICS Events

September 11th - One World Festival at F&M

September 18th - Summer Picnic, please see flyer on the following page.

October 8th - Spaghetti Dinner, St. Anthony Church, 4 to 7 PM (details to follow)

November - Matinee Movie at The Oaks (date and time to be announced)

December 17th - Christmas Party at The Conestoga Country Club (details to follow)

Look for all the details regarding our activities in the Bollettino, the Newsletter, the Eblast, and on the LICS' Website.

From Jeannie's Family Recipe Book

Contributed by Helen Ebersole

It is hard for us who knew Jeannie Hubbs to adjust to her not being with us. As we know, she was a dedicated, delightful and lovingly determined member of our society. She served on our board for several years and was a past LICS president.

She told me she was excited to be serving our membership again and was looking forward to planning more fun and creative events. We shared that "it would be like old times".

So again, to honor our Jeannie, and to keep her in our hearts (and tummies!), I share the second in the series of Jeannie Hubbs' Family Recipes.

Thank you to Michele, her dear daughter, for graciously agreeing to share with me the family recipes for all of us to enjoy!

(Note: Family recipes are often passed on without all the details we expect from our cookbooks. Here is an example of one of Jeannie Hubbs' family recipes. Everything is here to make a delicious "belly wash" except for one important ingredient, the guidance of the experienced cook who can show her apprentices how much, how long, and what it looks like as it comes to the table. Enjoy reading over this "recipe" and may it help us all to remember the importance of getting into that kitchen WITH our beloved family members, while they can guide us to make the delicious foods we will remember all our lives.

- Mary Cae Williams)

Broccoli ('Broccoli and Rice')

Wash fresh broccoli

Cut up medium size pieces

Cook in pot of water (1/2 way cooked)

Then add rice

Cover until rice is cooked and soaks up some water, but not all. You want it a little soupy.

Add a good amount of olive oil to soup or in individual dishes

Salt and pepper to your taste

Add also, a good size spoon of Ricotta cheese

(Instead of rice you can use pasta.)

(Instead of Broccoli you can use cauliflower.)

The rest is the same.

This is a good belly wash!

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Cost: Member and Guests - \$15.00

Children 7 under - No Charge



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Games: Bocce, Horseshoe, Bingo and Corn Hole

Menu: Sausage and Peppers, Hot Dogs, Chicken, Penne Pasta, Potato Salad, Tossed Salad, and Rolls for Sausage and Hot dogs.

Dessert: Cake and Ice Cream.

Beverages: Iced Tea, Lemonade, Soda, and Bottled Water.

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Reservation Cutoff Date is August 28, 2022.



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Phone _____

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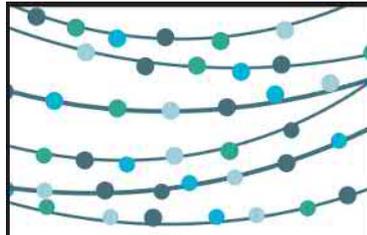


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