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Gentili amici.

I hope my greeting will find you well and ready to welcome Spring.

This letter contains very important announcements.

I am happy to report that the Italian classes are back. Fiorella

Spidaliere will be our teacher. The classes will continue every Thursday evening to run for 8 consecutive weeks beginning on March 30 2023.

Dates: March 30, April 6, 13, 20, 27, May 4, 11, & 18.

Location: The Oaks Clubhouse; 291 Black oak Drive, Lancaster, Pa 17602

2 classes will be offered:

Beginner lessons are from 6:00 to 7:00 PM.

Intermediate lessons are from 7:15 to 8:15 PM.

The cost per person for 8 weeks, based on a combined minimum of 20 students, is \$160 per student. This fee includes the instruction, the materials, and a shared portion of the facility rental.

NOTES:

The fee must be paid in its entirety by check at the beginning of class on March 30th.

No refunds will be given after the first session. One missed lesson will be recuperated at the discretion of the teacher's availability.

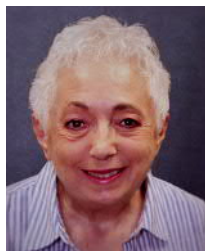
All students must register with Nella Seward. Email: nmseward@comcast.net. or call: 717-725-6500

Please make checks made to LICS. They will be collected on the first day of classes.

Do not forget to attend the Election Meeting on March 19, at the Knights of Columbo.

Arrivederci.

Nella Seward



ITALY TRIP UPDATE:

The Italian tour planned for May 2023 has been canceled. However, it is rescheduled for May 2024. The travel company (AAA) is requiring 20 people to commit to the tour in order to expedite the booking. Please get in touch with me ASAP if you are seriously interested. They are requiring the commitment by the middle of March. If you want to know more about the tour, please call me or email me. Nella at 717-725-6500 or nmseward@comcast.net



Gina Lollobrigida 1927-2023 by Marian Caroselli

Luigia "Gina" Lollobrigida was one of the highest-profile European actresses of the 1950s and early 1960s, a period in which she was an international sex symbol. At the time of her death, she was among the last high-profile international actors from the Golden Age of Hollywood cinema.

She was one of four daughters of a furniture maker and his wife. After the end of World War II in 1945, the family moved to Rome, where Lollobrigida took singing lessons, did some modeling, and participated in several beauty contests, placing third in the 1947 Miss Italy contest.

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To find the LICS Group page on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/4133958646671653/>

In 1946, she began appearing in Italian films in minor roles. Among her many successful performances was the Italian romantic comedy, *Bread, Love and Dreams* Pane, (amore e fantasia, 1953) for which she received a BAFTA nomination (British Academy of Film and Television Arts) and the Nastro d'Argento award from the Italian National Syndicate of Film Journalists. The *Wayward Wife* and *The Woman of Rome* also brought great renown.

Gina's career included box office hits in many countries with the top stars of the time, among them: John Huston, Humphrey Bogart, Errol Flynn, Yves Montand, Marcello Mastroianni, Frank Sinatra, Yul Brenner, Tyrone Power, Rock Hudson, Sandra Dee, Bobby Darin, Earnest Borgnine, Shelly Winters, Phil Silvers, Peter Lawford and Telly Savalas. Her range of acting spanned from romantic comedies like, *Come September* and *Buona Sera*, *Mrs. Campbell* to *Beautiful But Dangerous*, where she played the Italian soprano, Lina Cavalieri and sang arias from *Tosca* in her own voice.

She was the recipient of many awards for her acting as well as the Order of Merit of the Italian Republic, Legion of Honour and Ordre des Arts et des Lettres. Lollobrigida has won seven David di Donatello awards throughout her career. She was an active supporter of Italian and Italian-American causes, particularly the National Italian American Foundation (NIAF). In 2008 she received the NIAF Lifetime Achievement Award at the Foundation's Anniversary Gala. Plus, she was a true humanitarian, accompanying Bob Hope on his visits to military troops overseas and in 2013, she sold her jewelry collection and donated the nearly \$5 million from the sale to benefit stem cell therapy research.

Many remember her from the television series, *Falcon Crest* as Francesca Gioberti, a role originally written for Sophia Loren who had turned it down. This brings up the question of rivalry among these two talented and beautiful women. Although actress Sophia Loren was one of the first to acknowledge the death of Gina Lollobrigida, the pair weren't always on good terms. Whether the rivalry between Lollobrigida and Loren was real, fabricated by press departments or exaggerated by their agents is not truly known. Lollobrigida is reported to have said, "I succeeded only thanks to myself, without any producer supporting me. I did everything alone." This was a gibe at Loren whose producer, and husband, Carlo Ponti, invested in Loren to launch her into international stardom. What was apparent was that the two rarely attended the same events. That is, until they

were both invited to a celebration for Michael Jackson ahead of one of his European tours. For most of the night they stayed separate, but they did pose for a photo with the singer at one point, more than they had done together in the previous 50 years.

Unlike many actors who flounder at the end of their movie, TV or stage careers, Lollobrigida had a "Second Act" as an artist and a "Third Act" as a politician.



By the end of the 1970s, Lollobrigida had embarked on a successful second career as a photographic journalist. She photographed, among others,

Paul Newman, Salvador Dali, Henry Kissinger, David Cassidy, Audrey Hepburn, Ella Fitzgerald and The German National football team. In 1974 she managed to obtain an exclusive interview with Cuban leader Fidel Castro. Between 1972 and 1994 she published six collections of her photographs, including the 1973 title *Italia Mia*.

In 1999, Lollobrigida unsuccessfully ran for election to the European Parliament as a candidate for the Democrats. In 2020, she publicly endorsed Pope Francis' view on LGBT rights. In the 2022 Italian general election, at the age of 95, she attempted to win a seat in the Senate of the Republic but her party was unsuccessful. In an interview with *Corriere della Sera* prior to the election, Lollobrigida said she was inspired by Mahatma Gandhi's "way of doing things". She also claimed to have been close to Indira Gandhi.

She married; had one child and a messy relationship with a Spaniard who took advantage of her wealth.

Reflecting on her life, she told *PARADE* in April 2000: "I studied painting and sculpting at school and became an actress by mistake ... I've had many lovers and still have romances. I am very spoiled. All my life, I've had too many admirers." After retirement she divided her time between her house on Via Appia Antica in Rome and a villa in Monte Carlo. After 2009, she refused visitors to her home.

Lollobrigida described turning 90 as simply, "30 plus 30 plus 30. ... Getting older for a woman is a handicap, but the tough experiences I have had have given me the courage to face the difficulties."



LICS' Student Art Awards 2023



Uh - Oh? - Artemisia Gentileschi Award

Sara Hess- Manheim Township High School,
10th grade, Matthew Jones, Art Teacher



Self Portrait - Modigliani Award

Maire Ireland- Conestoga Valley High School,
12th grade, John Meyers, Art Teacher



Garden Tools - Leonardo Da Vinci

Amelia Woodard- Lancaster Country Day,
11th grade, Candace Thompson, Art Teacher

Scholastic Art Awards & Lancaster County Young Artist Awards

Sat, Mar 11, 2023 10:00 AM Sun, Apr 23, 2023 4:00 PM

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A Self Portrait - Michelangelo Award

Elisabeth Ganse- Lancaster Catholic,
10th grade, Susan Ulrich, Art Teacher



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Lancaster Italian Cultural Society

Winter Luncheon & Election Meeting
March 19, 2023



Time: 12:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Place: Knights of Columbus
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Lancaster PA 17603
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