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Carissimi amici.

Benvenuta Primavera! Welcome to all the new elected LICS Board members, especially Fiorella Spidaliere, who has joined us for the first time, she is well known for being our Italian teacher for years.



Please become familiar for all the LICS events we will be hosting in 2023. See the list on the Bollettino. I am excited to tell you that the Italy trip for 2024 is on. We are welcoming all who are interested.

We are limited to 20 participants, so hurry and register ASAP. You may contact me at 717-725-6500 for any information, or email me at nmseward@comcast.net.

Let us all go to Italy in 2024!

LICS will be much involved with the **Lititz Fest** on Saturday, September 16, 2023. To make this fantastic event a success, we must all help. Please volunteer in whatever capacity you might offer. Kindly get in touch with the following LICS members as soon as possible:

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Please accept my heartfelt thank you to all the volunteer cooks, bakers and hosts that made our 2023 Election/winter picnic a success. We all had a great time and the Knights of Columbus was a perfect facility for the event. Grazie mille!

A special, well deserved congratulation goes to Bill Valenzo for being awarded the 2022 Italian-American Service Award. Bravo Bill, this is a deserving tribute to your generosity and talents.

Amici, arrivederci a presto!

Nella



Congratulations to Bill Valenzo (with his wife, Pat).

Dee Viscardi said. "THANK YOU! to the Italian-American Service Award Committee who came to the decision of honoring Bill Valenzo, today's recipient of the 2022 Italian-American Service Award.

Bill has been a member of the Lancaster Italian Cultural Society since 1999, and has been volunteering from then to present day. Always saying "Yes", when asked to assist us at all functions, selling 50/50 raffles, setting up and cleaning up before and after events, helping to cook at our Spaghetti Dinners, and much more!

Bill is member and team captain of the Lancaster Bocce League. He is a retired teacher from the School District of Lancaster, and coached high school football, basketball and wrestling teams for 40 plus years.

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To find the LICS Group page on Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/4133958646671653/>

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He is an active 4th Degree Member with the Knights of Columbus and has earned the title "Sir Knight". What an honor and quite an achievement!

Bill has been married for 56 years to his high school sweetheart, Pat; and they have 3 children and 7 grandchildren.

Often found at countless sporting events supporting, coaching and cheering their grandchildren in basketball, soccer, baseball, lacrosse, dance and cross country, Bill is loved and adored by his family and friends.

This recognition is a humble tribute for his generosity, humanity, love for God and all people.

It's my pleasure to present this award to "Sir Knight" Mr. Bill Valenzo!"



Hi. My name is Cordelia. I am 4 years old. I was given a country - Italy- as my school project. We all had so much fun. I also learned about Italy from my grandma and grandpa, Kathy and Tony Fisichella, because we visit them on Sundays for a delicious spaghetti and meatballs dinner with garlic bread, salad and of course extra sauce for dipping my bread. I hope to learn more about Italy and visit there when I am older. Ciao.

Below, Kathy and Tony Fisichella share with us a project that their 4-year-old granddaughter did about Italy, for school.



LICS EVENTS - 2023

FAMILY PICNIC - SALUNGA FIRE HOUSE PAVILION - JUNE 25, SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 16, SATURDAY - LITITZ PARK COMMUNITY/LITITZ ITALIAN FEST

OCTOBER 15, SUNDAY - FAMILY ITALIAN SPAGHETTI DINNER - 12 - 4PM - ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH -RESURRECTION SCHOOL CAFETERIA

NOVEMBER 5' SUNDAY "MATINEE MOVIE AND PIZZA" - 2 PM - THE OAKS COMMUNITY ROOM

NOVEMBER 26, SUNDAY ITALIAN "TOMBOLA" GAME 1:00 PM - THE OAKS COMMUNITY ROOM - DESSERT AND COFFEE SERVED

DECEMBER 2, SATURDAY CHRISTMAS DINNER/DANCE - CONESTOGA COUNTRY CLUB

Do not forget: every 1st Wednesday of the month: **LADIES LUNCHEONS!**

Please mark your calendar and attend all the events. Become part of a committee and enjoy every moment of it. Let us all grow together as a family.

Your president,
Nella Seward





Above: 2023 Board of Directors & Officers: L to R - Delores, Fiorella, Lydia, Nella, Peter, Deb, Pattie, John, Cathy, J.D., Helen, Tony & Dee.



Above: Peter and Dee presenting Bill Valenzo the I-A Award. Below: Past award recipients.



Above: Bill & Pat Valenzo's grandchildren - Joey, Gianna, Sami, Dominic, Benny, Anthony, and Bryer



Above: Mary Cae explaining the new F&M Italian history initiative for Lancaster.
Above right Mary Jane & Christine.
Right: Nella, welcoming members to the election & Winter Picnic meeting, Joe & Vivki. The election was the largest gathering of LICS members since before the Covid restrictions, and everyone had a wonderful time conversing and eating together. Thanks to all who made this event so successful.





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