

PICNIC Photos Spaghetti Dinner 2023 Flyer!

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Buongiorno cari amici.

Summer is in full swing and I hope your vacations are a lot of fun and restful. Mine was at Lewes, Delaware, it was great, just the way I wished it.



First of all, I want to congratulate Tony and Kathy Fisichella for the wonderful Family Picnic we had in June. Food, Fun, Family and Friends were the highlights of the gathering. BRAVI! I also want to thank Fiorella Spidalieri for providing the Karaoke music, all the people who sang for us, and thank you to Rose Abbatiello for donating all the door prizes.

This year has many more events that we can still enjoy. Here is a quick reminder:

August 2, Ladies Lunch, at The Creperies 11:30 AM

Sept. 16, Lititz Italian Fest 11:00 AM to 6:00 PM

October 15th Family Italian Spaghetti Dinner. Saint Anthony's Church, 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM

November 5th Matinee Movie and Pizza at The Oaks 2:00 PM

November 26th "Tombola" game at The Oaks 1:00 PM Dessert and Coffee served.

December 2nd, Christmas Dinner Dance at the Conestoga Country Club

Look for all the upcoming Eblasts to announce any of the events as well as checking the LICS website.

Please be advised that The Italian Night at the Clipper Stadium was canceled due to poor responses.

A reminder to all who are interested in going to the Italy Tour on June 7th 2024, to call me at 717-725-6500. There will be a meeting at my house on Sunday, August 13 at 2 PM to review the tour and sign up.

Stay cool and be always well.

A presto, Nella Seward.

ITALY TRIP UPDATE:

A reminder to all who are interested in going to the Italy Tour on June 7th 2024. There will be a meeting at my house on Sunday, August 13 at 2 PM to review the tour and sign-up.

If you want to know more about the tour on need directions, please call me or email me at 717-725-6500 or nmseward@comcast.net

This story was taken from a column called "I Know a Story" that ran in either the New Era or Lancaster Intelligencer Journal (now combined to be LNP.) We do not have a date for this article, but you may agree that its subject is timeless.

TI AMO PAPA MEANS I LOVE YOU POP

By Angie Derr

Today is Father's Day, a day to pay tribute to fathers all over the country. My father is deceased so I can't send him a card or give him a gift. Instead, I wrote this story in memory of him.

Giovani Baptist Vittori was his name. A big name for such a little man. He was five feet, six inches tall. He was little in size but big in so many other ways.

Pop was born not far from Rome, Italy, in a small town called Segni. This town sits up high in the beautiful mountains of Italy. As a young boy, Pop's nickname was Tita and everyone who knew him called him by that name.

When he was a young boy, he had a dream and that dream was to come to America, "the land of opportunity." This dream finally came true when he was 14 years old. On a bright, sunny day, he boarded a huge ship for his journey to America, leaving behind his Mama, Papa, brother, and sister, never to see his family or homeland again.

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To find the LICS Group page on Facebook:

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

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POP WAS A PROUD man, never taking anything for nothing. He was proud to have the privilege of living in America. He wanted desperately to become an American citizen and learn to speak English. Later, he fulfilled both of those dreams.

When Pop was old enough, he joined the army and fought in World War I. During that time his name was shortened from Giovanni Vittori to John Victor. He was wounded in action and was awarded the Purple Heart. He was also awarded four bronze stars and the Silver Star.

The Bronze Star is one of the highest awards for heroism while in combat. The Silver Star is awarded for bravery and is a much higher award than the Bronze Star.

Pop earned the Silver Star while acting as a scout in advance of his company. He pushed forward under heavy artillery and machine gun fire and, regardless of his personal safety, carried back important reports concerning enemy positions. Later, he acted as liaison man between the companies and the battalion commander and several times risked his life to deliver important messages.

Finally, the war was over and Pop returned home. Soon after, he met and married my mother, Helen Jones. They had six children, three boys and three girls. During the early part of their marriage they made their home with Pop's cousin, Florido Coluzzi. They stayed with the Coluzzis until Pop could afford to buy a house.

POP OPENED a restaurant called The Hamilton. It was located somewhere in the vicinity of where the Rendezvous Steak Shop now stands. (currently near where Landis on King apartments are being completed) Pop was a chef by trade and a darn good one. Mom did the baking and Pop took care of preparing the meals. Meatballs and spaghetti was the specialty of the house, plus loads of other Italian goodies.

Although he was a busy man, Pop always found time to march in parades, representing American Legion Post 34. I remember when I was a little girl how I stood waiting for the parade to go by so I could catch a glimpse of my Pop as he marched by. Boom! Boom! went the huge drums, girls twirling their batons. Oh! the excitement of a parade! "Here he comes," I remember shouting. As Pop marched by, I could see a smile that said I am proud of my family, proud of my Italian heritage, proud that I fought for my country and proud to be an American citizen.

Pop never once forgot about his native land or his people. He often told me how beautiful Italy was and how he missed his family.

As I sit here remembering my father, a tear trickles down my cheek because he is not here by my side.

This story is in memory of the little Italian man I loved so dearly, and if he were here this Father's Day, I would put my arms around him and whisper in his ear, "ti amo, Papa," which means "I love you Pop."



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## LICS Spaghetti Dinner 2023

**This year's annual Spaghetti Dinner will be held on Sunday, October 15, 2023, from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM, at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in the School Cafeteria, 521 East Orange Street, Lancaster, PA 17602**

**Adults \$15.00 - Children (6-12) \$6.00**

**Age 5 and under – FREE**

**Spaghetti, meatballs, salad, roll, drink & dessert**

**Take-outs are also available!**

Please see the attached flyer for more details.



Picnic Photos



Bill Valenzo and Sebastiano Santoro asking Dee Viscardi, "Why are you checking out our legs" lol



Dee Viscardi singing Karaoke with Livia, Kathy, Pattie, John, Helen, Nella and friend.



Fiorella Spidaliere, Valerio, and friend checking out the Karaoke.



Above: Dee, leading the song with Livia, Kathy, Pattie, John, Helen, Deb and Nella. Sounds wonderful!



Left: Tony and Kathy Fisichella (picnic organizers) taking a break and enjoying a slow dance. Even the subsequent downpour did not dampen our good spirit. A special thank you to Tony and Kathy for all of their efforts!





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And a thank you to all who helped setup and cleanup of the pavilion. You helped make the day a great success.

Finally, thanks to all of our members for coming out to socialize and have some fun on a rainy Sunday afternoon.

Hopefully, we'll be able to play some bocce at next year's picnic.

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Any questions, call Pattie Meyer @ 717-201-0340

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