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LICS Bollettino Periodico

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L'Osservatore Lancastriano

Cari Membri (Dear Members),

This issue of the Bollettino is a bit different from the previous issues. I am including a past issue of the newsletter, Issue No. 19, from November 2003, which is almost 20 years ago. In that issue, we have many great articles and member news. In the first article, we profile Jay Butterfield and his, at the time, upcoming concert for LICS 5th annual Christmas dinner. In the next article, the Member Spotlight, we get to know the story of Joe Battaglia, father of Anita Bomberger, who was from Pentidattilo in Reggio di Calabria, which happens to be where my grandmother was born. Later in the issue we featured "Pentidattilo" by Beth Mathews that tells a very interesting story of the town in the 1500s.

The "New York Trip News" reported that 47 members of the Lancaster Italian Cultural Society took a bus trip to New York, on October 18th, to visit Ellis Island, go walking in Manhattan, enjoy a show at Radio City Music Hall or visit Ground Zero, the former site of the World Trade Center.

Also included were articles on the 5th Annual Summer Picnic, by Camille Gargano, who loved to do the picnic and most of the bus trips, along with her dear friend Mary Lennon, who was the previous LICS Historian.

The issue ends with two recipes:

Roman Salmon, by Nella Seward, and I highly recommend making this dish. It's one of my all time favorites. And Baked Zucchini, by Giovina M. Bradley. It's also an amazing dish.

The first 5 years for LICS was an intense and wonderful time for Lancaster Italian-Americans. The membership totaled 285 families and we enjoyed so many trips and events together. My hope is that by looking back at that time it inspires new energy and commitment from the LICS members to rekindle the excitement and family spirit with which we started! Best wishes for a wonderful summer and I hope to see you at the picnic (see flyer in this issue for details). Grazie, Rudy DeLaurentis

LICS EVENTS - 2023

FAMILY PICNIC - SALUNGA FIRE HOUSE PAVILION - JUNE 25, SUNDAY, please see included flyer in this issue.

SEPTEMBER 16, SATURDAY - LITITZ PARK COMMUNITY/LITITZ **ITALIAN FEST.** If you would like to help with the LICS table at the Fest, please call Nella @ 717-725-6500.

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 **LADIES LUNCHEONS!** every 1st Wednesday of the month.

JUNE 7, 2024 - SOUTHERN ITALY & SICILY TOUR

Please see page 6 for details of the first meeting to discuss the tour at AAA Travel, on June 12, 2023.

Your president,

Nella Seward

Members, please share your stories, memories of growing up in an Italian family, travels to Italy, recipes, suggestions, etc.

Also we would love to share your accomplishments, and those of the kids and grandkids in our Bravo Section. Email us at licsnewsletter@gmail.com.

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

HIGHLIGHTS

Annual Christmas Party

BRAVO Section

What Is Arthritis and Do I Have It? Part III

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Butterfield to Perform at Christmas Party at the Italian Villa

Please join us for our 5th Annual Christmas Dinner, where we will feature the talented Jay Butterfield. Jay's concert repertoire will be selected from the following:

Ah! Marie

Torno a Surriento

Santa Lucia

Non piu andrai (from Marriage of Figaro)

Tempo D'estate [A Venezia] (Summertime in Venice)

'A Vucchella

I' Te Vurria Vasà!

and some surprises...

Cari amici; spero che sarete tutti con me per questa presentazione di "Canzoni Italiane". Non sono un Pavarotti, ma sono sicuro che trascorreremo un piacevole pomeriggio insieme. Grazie e arrivederci!

I hope you will join me for this presentation of Italian song. I am no Pavarotti, but I think we will have a pleasant afternoon together. Enjoy! Jay

Jay Butterfield is the son of Marie Madalyn (Magdalena) Dolce and Gene Butterfield. Jay has a Bachelor's Degree in music performance and voice; and a Master's Degree in performance and choral conducting from Indiana University of PA.

A choral educator in schools at Lampeter-Strasburg for 15 years, Jay is currently a principal (one of 4) at Hempfield High School.

Jay has performed many places from Heinz Hall in Pittsburgh to Carnegie Hall in New York in various capacities. He's been seen on stage in Salt Lake City, Indianapolis, Atlanta and even Willow Street, PA. Although true stardom has eluded him, he still loves to sing whenever time permits. He hopes to one day master the beautiful Italian

language and travel freely in Italy with his wonderful wife Anne.

Please see the included flyer for the Christmas Dinner Party for details.

Member Spotlight

by Beth Mathews

Joe Battaglia was born in Pentidattilo, Reggio di Calabria in 1915. He was the youngest child and only son of Anthony and Antonina Battaglia. His father came to the United States in the early 1900's in search of a better life. Anthony traveled back and forth between the two countries for years until he felt ready to bring his family to the United States.

When Joe was 15 years old, Anthony arranged for his wife and son to join him in New York. Joe's three sisters remained in Italy because they were all over 21 and married. Antonina and Joe traveled to Naples where they would board the Conte Grande for the ten day iourney to the United States. One of Joe's sisters and her husband went along to spend a few days with them in Naples before their departure. They had planned to stay in a hotel; that is until Mother Nature intervened. They barely had time to settle into their fifth floor room when an earthquake hit. They abandoned the hotel when the walls began to sway, wisely choosing the stairs (all 102 of them!) over the elevator. Not wanting to return to the hotel after that experience, they instead stayed with friends until the ship sailed.

The Conte Grande arrived in the port of New York on August 5, 1930. From there, Antonina and Joe rode a train to Niagara Falls where Anthony was living. Joe's father worked in construction, but found work increasingly hard to find during the Depression years. Then he received a letter from a cousin informing him there was work available in Pennsylvania. Construction of the Safe Harbor Dam was about to begin and

workers were needed. So a year after his arrival in Niagara Falls, Joe and his family moved to Lancaster.

Joe had gone to school up to sixth grade in Italy, but when he arrived in this country he could not read, write or speak English. As a result, when he was enrolled in school, he found himself in second grade with children half his age along with another 15 year-old boy who came from Rome. When the teacher gave an arithmetic test to the class, both older boys did so well they were immediately promoted to fourth grade. After coming to Lancaster, Joe attended the Lemon Street School located at the corner of Lemon and Lime Streets where the Lancaster General College of Nursing and Health Sciences now stands. He left the school after completing sixth grade.

Joe's first job was at the Consolidated Cigar Factory on North Prince Street, where he began work in 1934. Soon after, he met his future wife, Josephine Ricupero. Her family owned a bakery and she used to make bread deliveries. In 1935, when they were both 20 years old, Joe and Josephine got married. He then left the cigar factory to work for Josephine's family driving a bakery delivery truck for a few years. In 1939, Joe went to work at Armstrong Cork Company where he was a supervisor in the Calendar Department for 41 years until his retirement in 1980. Joe recalled his first paycheck totaled \$60.00 for two weeks work.

Joe and his late wife had two daughters, Olga who now lives in Massachusetts and Anita (Bomberger) of Lancaster, five grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

After living in the United States for 40 years, Joe was finally able to return to Italy in 1970 to visit his sisters and their families.

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He made two more trips in 1980 and 1985. Two of his sisters have since passed away and his surviving sister now lives in Montreal, Canada where Joe has visited with her and her family.

New York Trip News

On October 18th, 47 members of the Lancaster Italian Cultural Society took a bus trip to New York. While the majority visited Ellis Island, a small group spent the day walking in Manhattan, enjoying a show at Radio City Music Hall or

40%, or over 100 million of all Americans can trace their roots to an ancestor who entered via Ellis Island.

Thank you, Ann Marie Petrone, for a terrific job organizing this trip. Also, for our viewing pleasure on the bus, Nella Seward provided an interesting video about the Italian people.

by Joe Sebastian

For more information about Ellis Island, visit: www.ellisisland.org



Members on the Ferry to Ellis Island

Photos by Jim Lombardo

visiting Ground Zero, the former site of the World Trade Center.

Upon arriving at Battery Park, we boarded the ferry to Ellis Island. The weather was beautiful and so were the panoramic views of the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island.

The Museum at Ellis Island offers visitors a look at the experiences of the immigrants. There are displays that show historic artifacts, photos and taped reminiscences of the immigrants themselves. Park rangers are available for tours of the facilities. To research family history, computer terminals access records showing information about the immigrant's date of arrival, name of ship, their trade and amount of money that was brought to America.

Many of us visited the Wall of Honor which displays the names of many immigrants who passed through the walls of Ellis Island. Today, more than



Membership Report

As of September, 2003, our total membership is 285.

New Memberships

We warmly welcome:
Michael and Mary Lou Ault
Anthony and Nina Auriti
Gary & Tina Bellanca
John DiNunzio
Vincent and Judith Diobilda

Anthony and Elizabeth Ferraro
Gary and Linda Grossman
Catherine and Bruce Koller
Jerry (Sr.) and Marie Laboranti
Fran and Kevin Lynch
Mary Ann and Michael McNerney
Sylvia Pozzi
Mick and Candy Pugliese
Janice and Dennis Reick
Alida and Kenneth Ruffner
Paula Severino and Eric Standish
Robert and Constance Stendardo
Teresa and Jack Sullivan
Diane Velletri and Lidia Maglio

Pentidattilo by Beth Mathews

Pentidattilo is a village in what was once the Greek area of southern Italy. The name means "five fingers" which comes from the Greek, penthe (five) and daktylos (finger). The town is so named because it is built on a mountainside that resembles the shape of a hand.

There is a fascinating, though tragic story, in the history of Pentidattilo. In 1510, Baron Abenavoli was Lord of a large estate which included Pentidattilo and nearby Montebello. With time, however, the Abenavoli family lost a large portion of their land, eventually retaining only the land in Montebello where they lived.

By 1589, Pentidattilo was taken over by Marquis Alberti. Territorial rights and boundary disputes arose between the two families and their relationship soon became hostile. In the meantime, Baron Abenavoli's son, Bernardino fell in love with Antoinetta, daughter of the Marquis Alberti, and they began to secretly correspond with one another. When Bernardino requested permission to marry Antoinetta, her father refused. This naturally increased Bernardino's...

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Pentidattilo

resentment toward the Alberti family. After her father's death. Antoinetta's brother, Lorenzo, also refused to allow the couple to marry. Bernardino sought revenge when he discovered that Antoinetta had a new suitor, Don Petrillo Cortez, son of the Viceroy of Naples. On Easter night of 1686 Bernardino and a group of armed men made their way to the Alberti castle and staged an attack. Every member of the Alberti family was killed except Antoinetta who was kidnapped, taken to Montebello and forced to marry Bernardino. When he learned that the authorities were looking for him, Bernardino fled. It is believed that he joined the Imperial Army of Vienna and was killed in battle.

Picnic Thanks

I can't believe we had our 5th annual picnic this year!!! Where has the time gone? I remember the first one so well. We are a great club, aren't we?

The picnic was great, and except for a few minor things, it went off without any problems. The day was beautiful, the food, superb, and the entertainment... magnifico.

We had a wonderful show of Italian dances by a group of very talented members of the Lancaster Italian Dance Troupe. Everyone seemed to enjoy the music and watching the dancers performance.

Thank you, DJ Jimmy for the good tunes. I even danced with my granddaughter!!

My gratitude to all of you who brought food to share. We have many good cooks in our club. Of course, we can't forget our grill cooks: George Mastromatteo and Jim Lombardo, and I saw Dick Bernhardt helping, too. With the 50/50 raffle, we had two big winners. Your support is always appreciated.

We had many door prizes. Donations were given by Stauffer's of Kissel Hill, Attitude of Hair, Darrenkamp's, Apple Tree, Hammond's Pretzels. and the Olive Garden. Members who donated prizes were JD Roda, Melina Roda, Rudy and Ann DeLaurentis, Frank Felizzi and, of course, LICS donated some, too. If I missed anyone, I thank you for your generosity.

On a sad note, LICS lost a great member, John Pisani. Ironically, this was the first picnic he ever attended. He was involved in activities; one of them always occurring on the first Sunday in August. But this year he had decided to attend our festivities. I was so glad he came. As usual, John was helping us with the 50/50. He was truly a good man and will be missed.

As we approach another year in this organization, I anticipate additional members, new broad directors, and, hopefully, fresh ideas from you will make the next year even better. March 2004, LICS will celebrate its 5th anniversary. We've come a long way since 1999, and with the support of each member, our organization will continue to be successful.

Thanks, again to all who helped me. Here's to an even better year in 2004!!

Camille Gargano



Lancaster Italian Dance Troupe at the Picnic Photo by Mary Lennon

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Golf Outing by George Mastromatteo

The Italian Cultural Society held its First Annual Italian Open golf outing and dinner on Saturday, September 27, 2003. This event was a huge success with 46 golfers and 65 for dinner.

The event was held at Crossgates Golf Club in Millersville and the dinner at the Millersville VFW pavilion. We served Antipasti appetizers, tomato and basil salad with crusty bread and awesome rum cake for dessert.

We offered prizes for the low gross score for women, low gross for men and a low Calloway prize. Our winners were:

Low Gross Women - Susan Cappiello

Low Gross Men - Dan Cosio

Low Calloway - Jim Mastromatteo

We had prizes for closest to the pin, longest drive, straightest drive and a 15' money circle on a par 3. We also gave several door prizes, all generously donated by friends and businesses. Congratulations to all who won and thank you to all who donated prizes.

A special thanks to the golf committee: Rob Ragusa, Jim Mastromatteo, Jim Lombardo and Mike Mastromatteo. chaired by George Mastromatteo. Also, thank you to all the volunteers who helped prepare and serve the food. I'm sure you've heard the expression, "too many cooks spoil the broth". Not so! We had a Lasagna assembly line made up of Rob and Cyndi Ragusa, Jim and Stephanie Lombardo, Charlie and Sherry Criniti, George and Linda Mastromatteo, Jennie Lombardo and Mike Mastromatteo (and 4 bottles of wine). We prepared 7 LARGE pans of lasagna and two bushel baskets of tomato salad in less than 3 hours. We're not ready to quit our day jobs just yet, but excellent work none-the-less. (If you would like to hire the "Lasagna Team" for your special function or event, contact Jim Lombardo!)

If you were able to attend this year, I'm sure you will agree it was a fun time with great food. If you couldn't, you should make a special effort to be available next year for the 2nd Italian Open. It's only going to get better!

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If you have any concerns or suggestions for the directors, please call any of the above officers or directors.

Cookbook Update

The Lancaster Italian Cultural Society Cookbook is complete and back from the publisher and will be for sale at the November and future General Meetings. The cookbook features over 125 delicious Italian recipes submitted by our members. The cookbooks are \$10 each, or 3 for \$25. If you would like to buy a cookbook, but cannot attend a meeting, please call Josette Aramini-Hadley at 717-293-7809, or Sherri Criniti at 717-898-0857. They make great holiday gifts or stocking-stuffers! The following two recipes are from the cookbook. Enjoy!

ROMAN SALMON

2-1/2 lb. salmon

16 oz. crushed plum tomatoes

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salt & pepper to taste

5 tbsp. olive oil

½ c. golden raisins

1 large clove garlic

1 small onion

1 tsp. chopped fresh parsley

1 tsp. chopped fresh basil

Wash and dry salmon and set aside. Chop onion and garlic and sauté in small pan with oil until golden. Add tomatoes, salt and pepper to taste. Cook for about 30 minutes. This will be your sauce. Dust salmon with flour. In a non-stick baking dish, place a few tablespoons of sauce, then place the salmon on top. Cover the fish with the remaining sauce and sprinkle with raisins evenly. Cover tightly and bake at 350 for about 50 minutes. Before serving, sprinkle with chopped parsley and basil. Serve with risotto and a side of asparagus. Submitted by: Nella Seward

BAKED ZUCCHINI

6 small zucchini

1 16-oz. can whole tomatoes

5 scallions

3/4 c. grated Romano cheese

3 cloves garlic - mashed

salt & pepper to taste

1 tsp. Basil; 1 tsp. Oregano

1 stick clarified butter; 2 tbsp. oil

½ tsp. Marjoram

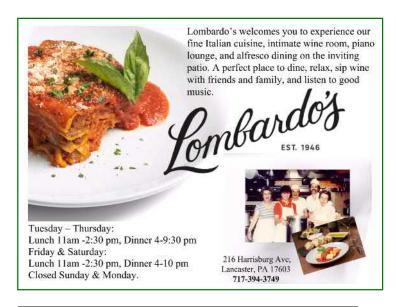
flour and paprika

2 shallots

1 egg

Slice and flour zucchini. Sauté shallots, scallions and garlic until limp. Add zucchini, basil, oregano, marjoram, salt and pepper. Cook approximately 10-12 minutes. Place in 13 x 9 baking dish, 1 layer of zucchini, 1 layer of tomatoes (chopped), Romano cheese. Repeat layers and top with cheese. Beat egg and pour evenly over the top. Cover with foil and bake 350 for 30 minutes.

Submitted by: Giovina M. Bradley





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Italy Trip Update

May 11, 2023

Dear friendly Italy travelers,

Are you ready to visit wonderful Italy? AAA, our travel agency, has scheduled a meeting for us to present and review our "Country Road of Southern Italy and Sicily" tour, booked for June 7th 2024.

Date of meeting: Monday, June 12 at 3 PM Place: AAA Travel, 804 Estelle Drive,

Lancaster PA. 17601.

The tour is open to everyone. The tour will be reviewed and the participants may ask questions and for clarifications. The guests will be able to commit to the trip and make their first deposit.

Please notice that a minimum of 16 to a maximum of 20 paid participants is required to make the trip happen. If either minimums are not met, the trip will increase its cost or be canceled.

Kindly confirm your attendance with Nella Seward by June 9 am at 717-725-6500, or email her at: nmseward@comcast.net.

Please call Nella if you have any questions or concerns.

Arrivederci a presto,

Nella Seward

Italian Words and Phrases

Buono a sapersi! - Good to know!

Moquette - carpet, as in wall-to-wall carpet

Unghia - nail, as in finger or toe nail

Tuttavia - "However", more formal use in writing

Rompiscatole - "Pain in the neck" i.e. pest or

nuisance.



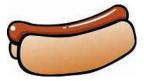
Lancaster Italian Cultural Society



Annual Picnic June 25, 2023







Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Sausage and Peppers, Ice Cream, Cake, Corn on the Cob, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Condiments, Beverages, etc.

Come, Mangia, Play Bocce, Bingo, Corn Hole, Socialize, Karaoke Location – Hempfield Fire Dept. Pavilion

19 Main St.

Landisville, Pa. 17538

12 noon to 5 p.m.

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\$18.00 per person, members and non-members.

Children 6 and under – free

I/We will attend: Total number of adults _____ x \$18.00 = \$_____.

Total number of children 6 and under ____ – no charge.

Check Number

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