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NEWSLETTER OF THE ITALIAN HERITAGE SOCIETY OF INDIANA

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Mission Statement

The Italian Heritage Society of Indiana (IHSI) seeks to preserve, promote and share the Italian values and culture which its members inherited from their ancestors: Religion, family, history, art, music, food and camaraderie. It reaches out to everyone of Italian ancestry and welcomes others who share our appreciation of the Italian culture.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Silvana Martini Schuster

Cari Amici, dear friends.....

On Saturday, September 16, our IHSI once again sponsored a mass and picnic at the Italian POW Chapel in the Meadow site at Camp Atterbury. On a perfect late summer day, the event commemorated the fact that over 3,000 Italian prisoners of war were interned at Camp Atterbury in 1943 and 1944. Our Society has sponsored this traditional event since the chapel was rededicated in 1988. Mario Vian, a member of IHSI since it was founded, was the hardworking chairperson for the event. He had frequent meetings and communications with the staff of Camp Atterbury and other persons who contributed to the beauty and solemnity of the event.

The event began with a solemn Presentation of the colors by the Chatard Assembly of the Knights of Columbus, bearing the flags of America, Indiana, Italy, and the Papal flag, and the Italian Heritage Society of Indiana banner. Following the singing of the American and Italian national anthems by Mario Vian. Fr. (Major) David L. Meinzan, the Post Chaplain, and I welcomed those present. The mass was said in front of the lovely Chapel. After the mass an Ave Maria was sung in homage to the Blessed Mother. Afterward, past president and historian, James Divita spoke about Sal Petruzzi and Pietro Ferri, deceased members and founders of the Chapel event and IHSI. Also remembered was long time member, Gus Raggio who died this past summer. Gus had served on the board of directors as membership chairperson. These good men were proud of their Italian heritage and gave selflessly of their time for the good of our IHSI.

A pitch-in picnic followed nearby the chapel where our IHSI members and guests enjoyed good food, fellowship and *allegria*. A bocce court was set up for the enjoyment of those attending. Thanks you all who helped came and brought food to share especially *il cuoco* the chef Matt Iaria for the delicious pasta and meatball. It was a special day and enjoyed by all who came. Our guest of honor were the Tedesco family with their mother, her husband was a prisoner of war here at Camp Atterbury.

Other events of these past two months, included a new members picnic. It was held indoor at our meeting room at Holy Rosary Parish because of the drenching rain! We had a smaller attendance but as usual, the trio of good food, fellowship and *allegria* made for an

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enjoyable time for all who came.

A scrumptious Cooking with Nonna event was held in early August and this time a main dish was the star. The *cuoche* (quo-kay), the chefs for that event were Past President Mary Grace Pennella and her sister Penny Pennella, helped by co-chair Claudia Heck and Ashleigh Lazarus. A meal followed and all raved about the wonderful taste of the food. Mille grazie Mary Grace and Penny! Enjoy the photo on our website and this newsletter.

Carol Faenzi, our cultural committee co-chair, presented a very interesting lecture about her personal ancestral experience discovering the Etruscans. They primarily lived the Tuscany area hence the name. The most culturally advanced people on the Italian peninsula prior to the Roman, they were conquered and assimilated into the Roman empire. Fascinating history....grazie, thank you, Carol.

Looking forward now to our coming events. The Summer/Fall Bocce league came to an end. A Spring Bocce league will be forming in the Spring. They are played at the four bocce courts at Lacy Park. Look for information for signing up the newsletter and on the website. Our bocce committee is continuing to research ways to replace our retiring commissioner, the great Joe Giacoletti and we will soon have more information.

The grande festa, the big feast for our IHSI will be on Sunday, October 15, the Serata Italiana, our Columbus Day Dinner at Primo Banquet Hall. It will be a terrific Italian evening and we will dance to the music of the 50s and 60s as the music will be the original recordings of the likes of Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, Connie Francis, etc. That will come from an Ipad. It's a new tech world out there and we keeping up with it! Also present will be four special Italian beauties (?) you will find out when you receive your invitation.....so plan to be there!

Other events are planned and information about them are in other parts of the newsletter and also sent to our members by email.

Finally, we all aware of the devastating effect of Hurricane Harvey and Irma and Maria had on millions of people throughout the south-eastern part of our country and the Caribbean area, we extend our empathy and prayers to those afflicted. We all can do our part by donating towards their aid through one of the many relief agencies as their budget are strained by the double catastrophe. One of our own member of the IHSI Board of directors and membership chairperson, Mauvene Borton, was raised in St. Thomas American Virgin Islands. Gratefully, her parents and family survived the storm, but their town and island suffered greatly. Our prayers are with them.

Thank you all for supporting our IHSI in whatever way you can. Do come to some or all of the events that are planned for your

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enjoyment.

Spero di vederci al prossimo incontro di IHSI.

I hope that we meet at the next IHSI event.....Silvana

Silvana Martini Schuster
IHSI President 2017



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS SEPTEMBER

Indy Sister Cities Festival

September 30, 2017

12:00 pm-4:00 pm

Wineskin Ministries

OCTOBER

Book Club

Tuesday, October 3, 2017

12:30 pm

The Propylaeum

Columbus Dinner

Sunday, October 15, 2017

5:00 pm

Primo Banquet Hall

NOVEMBER

International Festival

November 9-10-11

State Fairground Blue Ribbon Pavillion

Cooking with Nonna

TBA

DECEMBER

IHSI Christmas Party & Election of Officers

December 10, 2017

5:00 pm

Holy Rosary Church Priori Hall

IN MEMORIAM



AGOSTINO "GUS" RAGGIO **August 17, 1934-August 2, 2017**

Some of you may only have learned recently that former IHSI board member and past Society membership chair Agostino "Gus" Raggio passed away on Wednesday, August 2, 2017.

Gus, a retired transplant from Chicago was born on August 17, 1934 to the late Agostino and Maria (Marre) Raggio. He was warm and gregarious Italian American who was proud of his heritage, committed to family, faith and friends. Gus has been a loyal and involved member of the Italian Heritage Society of Indiana for a few years. As a member of the Society's board of directors, his focus was on maintaining and increasing Society membership which included countless ideas for creating incentives for people to join whether Italian or not. Gus could be found at just about any IHSI event working the crowd for the chance to gain new members. Many remember him at a special section of the Society's station at annual street festa where he seemed to promote membership non stop. No doubt his skills acquired during his time with wholesale book and magazine companies in Chicago lent itself to such positive and forward promotion. The results of this tireless efforts were undisputed. Under his watch more members were recruited across the board as never before. His attention to detail and record keeping regarding membership was extraordinary. Those records he created are relied on today by the Society which continue to find them invaluable. This dedication to IHSI earned Gus award recognition by the organization as an Italian American of the Year. He was truly a force to be reckoned with and a dear friend to so many of us in the IHSI family.

Gus resided in McCordsville, IN, living in an area not far from where

other IHSI members also reside. As well as being a member of the Italian Heritage Society of Indiana he belonged to St. Simon's Catholic Church at Geist as and was a devoted member of St. Andrew Catholic Church in Columbus, Ohio. He also proudly served his country in the U.S. Army. Gus is survived by his son, Michael Raggio, daughter, Janet Drake (David), daughter-in-law Bridget Raggio, grandchildren, Colin and Anna Drake, Gianna Rude (Matt), Marisa Raggio. He was preceded in death by his loving wife Joyce Vouri (Raggio) and son Phillip Raggio.

Addio amico e riposa in pace!

By Ralph Tambasco



BENVENUTI

Welcome our July & August New Members!

Please join me in welcoming the following new members to IHSI, we hope to see you at many of our upcoming events!

Rebecca Ketchum
Heather Keedy
Peggy Dixon
Phillip Villani
Rosanna Hall
Paul Frascella
Christopher Winters
Dorothy Lorant
Dianne DuPre
Andrea Holom & Gennaro DeSimone
Michele & Robert Beilany
David Gower & John Eric Mendoza
Suzanne Rubino Walker
Linda & Russ Jeffrey



Ciao Amici,

It's International Festival time again!

Date: November 9,10 and 11, 2017

Where: Indiana State Fairground Blue Ribbon Building

Hours: Thursday, November 9, 2017 9 am-7 pm
Friday, November 10, 2017 9 am-9 pm
Saturday, November 11, 2017 9am-9 pm

Theme: Visual Arts Around the World!

Set-up time is Wednesday, November 8, 2017. We will set-up by 2:30 pm. Anyone willing to help, please call me or text or e-mail me.. same for anyone willing to work 2 hours or more shift the 3 days of the Festival.

Looking forward to seeing everyone. It's a fun time-50+ ethnic group will be represented-lots of food and music...bring the family.

General admission; Adults \$10.00 Senior/children(7-12) \$8.00 6 year & below FREE

Advance discount tickets \$8.00 are available to purchase:

www.indyinternationalfestival.org

We will be getting Free tickets and Parking passes for our volunteers on October 9th, **so please sign up to work.**

Check your calendars and call me at:

630-209-1362 Ginny Koss

630-209-1562 Jim Koss or text or e-mail:

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Thank you! Grazie tante!

Ginny Koss (Virginia Belletini)

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New Member
Welcome
Picnic 2017



"COOKING with NONNA"



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COOKING WITH NONNA

DESSERTS



The next Cooking with Nonna event will be Desserts. One of the recipes demonstrated will be **tiramisu**, which will be prepared by our longtime newsletter editor, and native Italian, Rina Piga. She makes the best tiramisu ever! Another dessert will be **ricotta cheesecake** prepared by our past President, Mary Grace Pennella. The date will be announced soon and sent by email to our members. This will prepare us for the coming holiday season . . . Christmas is only `bout 3 months away!!

The Cooking with Nonna events are held at the Market District Supermarket's demonstration kitchen, which is on the second floor of that very large venue in Carmel. Co-chairs Claudia Heck and Ashleigh Lazarus have been very pleased working with the helpful staff there. The events are great fun and when you attend, you receive recipe cards, watch the making of the dish, prepare it yourself with all the ingredients provided for assembly and take it home. Then the best part is the fun of being with others and enjoying the delicious food with your newfound amici! It's always a great evening!

Speriamo che ci vediamo li` . . . we hope to see you there!

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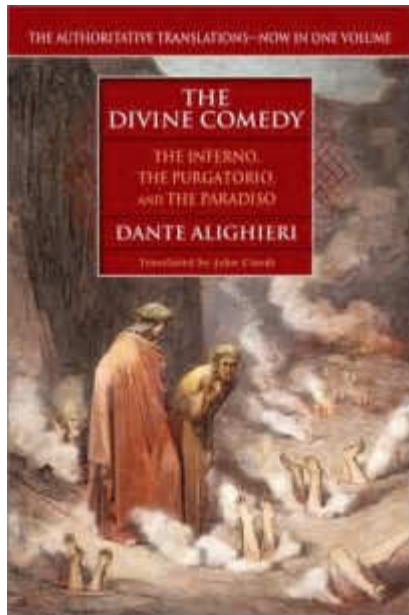
La bellezza d'Italia.....Fall 2017

The cultural Page of the Italian Heritage Society of Indiana

Submitted by Susan Santore Lew and Carol Faenzi

Book Club & Lunch

Dante's masterpiece, The Divine Comedy, is a classic, "must read" for anyone who is serious about literature. Its influence is a far reaching as Shakespear's works, having been adapted into countless ways including plays and cinema.



It is written in three parts. We begin with**The INFERNO.**

It is suggested if you do not have a copy, that you purchase, the John Ciardi translation. It is available from Amazon and other sites.

Book: The Inferno, Dante Alighieri, John Ciardi translation

When: Tuesday, October 3, 12:30 pm

Where: The Propylaeum, 1410 N. Delaware

There is a parking lot just north of the building and we will meet in a private room. The venue has lunchroom and be-

low is their menu so you can come prepared!

<https://locu.com/places/the-indianapolis-propylaeum-indianapolis-us/#m>

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Italian Heritage Society Lectures Series

We had a good crowd attend our September 10th lecture, "Etruscans in Tuscany" presented to Society Board Member, Carol Faenzi.

These free, and open to public lectures will continue in a variety of subjects including different regions of Italy, the art, history and all aspects of its rich cultural heritage.

Always free and open to the public.

Please contact Susan Santore Lew if you have suggestions for a speaker at 317-691-0139 or email her at susan.lew27@gmail.com

Speakers are paid an honorarium.



Save the Date: September 30th

Indianapolis has a Sister City in Italy: Monza – another famous city known for auto racing!

In collaboration with the Mayor's Office, the Society will be participating in this annual celebration of cultural diversity. Come for the international cuisine, live music and soak up the culture of the world.

Volunteers for our booth are needed! Contact Susan Lew if you have some time to contribute and have fun besides! Volunteering is a great way to get to know your fellow members! Susan.lew27@gmail.com or call 317-691-0139

Where: Wineskin Ministries, 4501 W. 38th Street from Noon to 4:00 p.m.

INDIANAPOLIS OPERA

LA TRAVIATA

Giuseppe Verdi's timeless and beautiful opera based on Alexandre Dumas' famous book, *The Lady of the Camelias* and film versions such as *Camille*.

The Italian Heritage Society is organizing a group to attend the **Sunday, November 19th performance at 2:30 p.m.** If you are interested in attending with other Society members, please email Carol Faenzi, carol@mytuscanaria.com

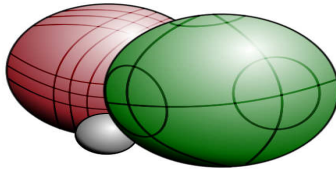


Beautiful Italian Phrase of the Month

Chi mangia bene, vive bene

(Whoever eats well, lives well.)

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SUMMER/FALL TOURNAMENT

On Saturday, September 9th the IHSI Summer/Fall Bocce league concluded with a 16 team tournament. The teams participating represented the top 4 teams from each night comprising the Summer/Fall session. The participating teams and result were:

1st Place: Jim and Vince Morrison (Monday night)

2nd Place: Horst Muehlbronner and Bill Reid (Tuesday night)

3rd Place: Aaron Pullem and Ben Ledo (Thursday night)

4th Place: Stephen & Debbie Schwickart (Thursday night)

Picture attached also included Joe Giacoletti and Brian Taylor (organizers)

Prizes were given from neighborhood businesses: Repeal, The Dugout, Cily Waters and Calvin Fletcher Coffee.

With conclusion of the Summer/Fall league. IHSI has plans to update the bocce courts with a fresh dirt surface, new board and new score boards.

Watch your newsletter for 2018 Spring Bocce League information.



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IHSI "ALL-STARS" BOCCE

On July 28, eight IHSI "All-Stars" bocce teams competed against Highland Country Club bocce league. For the sixth year, the event was held at the beautiful courts located near the Highland clubhouse.

During this year's competition, the IHSI All Stars won 11 of 16 matches, bring their overall Series winning record to 5 and 1 during the past six years. We want to thank Mark DeFabis and Jim Arlington for hosting and organizing the event.

The IHSI players competing were: Ray Povinelli, Ron Povinell, Bill Reid, Horst Muehlbronner, Angelo Piga, Vincent DeFabis, Vince DeFabis, Jim Morrison, Diane Giacoletti, Victoria Knowles, John Bonacorsi, Matt Jourdan, Jon Little, Rob Caputo, Tom Lazzara and Tommy Lazzara ,and coach Joe Giacoletti.

IN MEMORIAM

DONALD F. FRAZEE
1936-2017

Our deepest condolences to Ron and Mike Frazee IHSI members for the loss of their brother Donald Frazee who died on 4th of July, 2017 in Mooresville oat the age of 79. May he rest in Peace!

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NOMINATION FOR ELECTION OF NEW OFFICERS OF THE ITALIAN HERITAGE SOCIETY 2018

Today, we begin the process of nomination/election of IHSI leadership (officers and board members) **for the year 2017**.

Any current member (dues paid for 2017) may nominate another current member after obtaining that member's consent, or may self-nominate to any office or board position.

You may nominate for IHSI president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer. All incumbent (present officeholders) can be nominated to remain in the same or different office. If more than one seeks the same office, the membership will elect the officer by paper ballot.

Society bylaws provide for a board with a minimum of 9 and a maximum of 15 members. If more than 15 are nominated, the membership will elect board members by paper ballot.

Nominees to the board should be willing to participate in the several board meetings "offering past experience and other gifts as may be practical". They attend IHSI-sponsored events held during the year. To communicate your self-nomination or nomination, please e-mail (or contact) me by October 1, 2017

Grazie/Thanks

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Luigi Del Bianco **1892-1969**



Luigi Del Bianco was an Italian sculptor, who later became a United States citizen, and yesterday he was officially and formally recognized by the National Park Service as the Chief Carver of Mount Rushmore. Born in Meduno, the northern Italian region of Friuli-Venezia Giulia. Luigi developed a passion for carving at his father's wood carving shop at a very young age. At just 11 years old, his father brought him to Vienna, to study and be apprentice of a stone

carver there. Two years later, Luigi returned to Italy to continue his studies in Venice. Luigi moved to the United States at age of 16, but just 4 years later, returned to Italy to fight for his homeland in World War 1. After the war, he returned to the United States and settled in Vermont, where he began his work as a stone cutter.

In 1933, Luigi was hired by Mount Rushmore designer Gutzon Borglum to serve as the Chief Stone Carver on the Mount Rushmore National Memorial. Luigi was specifically tasked with bringing the faces of these iconic men of history to life through the details on the faces and expressions of the presidents. Afterwards, he spoke often of how much work went into simply carving Lincoln's lifelike eyes. Mount Rushmore was originally intended to display a full carving of the presidents from head to waist, but with the onset of World War II, funding for the project ran out and the carvings were declared completed. Luigi and his family returned to Port Chester, New York, where he led a quiet life, continuing to work in his stone cutting shop. Luigi's years of work on Mount Rushmore have, for the larger part of history, been entirely overlooked. However, after the tireless efforts of his family and-in particular-his grandson, Luigi was finally recognized by the National park Service a ceremony at Mount Rushmore, with an official plaque. The National Italian American Foundation is incredibly proud and happy that such an incredible Italian American is finally receiving the honor he was due a long time ago.

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Rina Wright Feroli and Mario Feroli that respectively live in Indianapolis and Carmel are second cousins of Luigi Del Bianco, their mother Elisabetta Del Bianco Feroli was first cousin of the sculptor. The all were born in Meduno, Italy.

ITALIAN PROVERBS

Botte buona fa buon vino.
A good barrel makes good wine

Cane che abbaia non morde.
Barking dog seldom bite

Chi cerca trova
You seed and shall find.

Chi dorme non piglia pesci.
Who sleeps, does not catch fish.

Chi non ha moglie non ha padrone.
No wife, no master.

Chi trova un amico trova un tesoro.
A friend is a treasure.

Chi va piano, va sano e va lontano
Who goes slowly, goes safely and goes far.

RICETTE/RECIPES

FARFALLE CON PISELLI E PROSCIUTTO **FARFALLE WITH PEAS AND PROSCIUTTO**



Ingredients:

1 1/2 cup peas frozen and fresh
4 tablespoon butter
7 oz. Prosciutto diced
3 tbs light cream
2 tbs parley fine chopped
Salt & pepper
1 pd. Farfalle pasta
4 tbs parmesan cheese

Serves 4

Boil the peas in salted water until half cooked. Combine peas, butter and prosciutto in a large skillet stir in half cream and cook until sauce thicken. Add parley, season with salt & pepper. Cook the pasta and transfer in the skillet with the sauce. Add remaining cream and parmesan cheese. Toss well and serve.

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