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L'Osservatore Lancastriano

President's Message

Happy New Year and Best Wishes to all of you and your families.

We are starting the year with our grand celebration of Carnevale in February. Jeannie Hubbs is putting together a fantastic fun evening. Come, have fun and celebrate with your fellow members and guests.

I wish to thank all of you for supporting your organization during 2006 and for your continued participation.

I also thank all of our advertisers and businesses who will be giving a discount to our members. Those advertisers will be listed on the back of the membership cards that will be mailed in February.

Included in this newsletter, is the 2007 Scholarship Application. Scholarship applications are being accepted through March for eligible high school seniors. The society will award up to two \$1,000 scholarships to the winning entrants. I urge all eligible students to take advantage of this opportunity.

Buona Fortuna,

Joe Sebastian

Carnevale- A Brief History

Carnevale is a festival which can trace its roots back to the Roman Saturnalia. Held in mid-December, it honored the god Saturn with feasting, gift giving and role reversal. As often happened with such festivals, Catholics found a way to incorporate the festival into their own liturgical year.

One commonly accepted meaning of the word "carnival" is the Latin "carne vale" or "farewell to meat." Carnival was the last celebration, as winter headed towards spring, and the long Lenten season of fasting and abstinence.

It was, perhaps, not only a last chance to make merry, but an opportunity to consume any meat that might spoil before Spring brought the end of Lent and Easter.

As time passed, carnivals in Italy became quite famous; and in fact the practice spread to France, Spain, and other countries in Europe. Then as the French, Spanish, and Portuguese began to take control of the Americas and other parts of the world, they brought with them their tradition of celebrating carnival.

Carnevale, with its rich history and ancient roots in Italy, remains a vital and contemporary celebration.



Carnevale by Jeannie Hubbs

Are you ready to make some memories, eat some great food, and have some fun? If you are, then **STAND! SHOUT! AND CHEER!**

Carnevale 2007 IS NEAR!!!

On Saturday, February 17th at the Eden Resort Inn, on Oregon Pike, starting at 5:30 p.m. we will again honor the Italian tradition of Carnevale. Whether we remember celebrating in Italy, or in our Italian-American homes, you know what I'm talking about. . .the great food, music, laughter and dancing. This will all be relived at **Carnevale 2007**.

If you attended last year's celebration, you will remember the fun contests, including the best costume contest. This year may be your year to win a prize for best costume. If you do not have a costume, evening attire will do just fine, with the addition of a simple mask.

In addition, if you would like to fulfill your passion for dancing, then join our dance contest, "Ballando con le Stelle" (Dancing with the Stars!). You do not have to be a ballroom dancer, you just have to dance!!!

Thanks so much. We are looking forward to seeing you at **Carnevale 2007**.

Did You Know?

One of the most common masked images of Venice and Carnevale is the Bauta - a costume consisting of a white mask called the volto which covers 1/2 to 3/4 of the face, worn with a voluminous black veil and/or cloak, topped with a black tricorne hat. The bauta is particularly popular because it permits eating, drinking (and kissing) while disguising the features.



Picnic Fund-raiser a Huge Success

Mille grazie to all the people who contributed to the themed basket raffle at this year's picnic. We let everyone know ahead of time that there would be a nice selection of themed baskets offered for auction at the picnic, but we couldn't have predicted the response. Nineteen baskets lined the back of the fire hall—everything from dog treats to kid's things, Italian and other delicacies, spices and coffees, kitchen items, jewelry, books, flowers and even a mystery basket whose contents are known only to the lucky recipient. Ticket sales were brisk right up until the time of the drawing. The scholarship fund was enriched by the sum of \$1093, all thanks to your generous support.

We hope you enjoyed the display—it was certainly fun setting it up and watching the crowd's reaction. When the baskets were all claimed, we pulled tickets for the gorgeous mums that decorated the tables. I think we can safely say that everyone who participated in this fund-raiser—those who donated baskets and those who took them home—had a memorable picnic experience.

The Picnic Committee sends thanks and appreciation to the following members who donated baskets (in no particular order): Porsia Palumbo, Neil Garefino, Jim & Eileen Beccone, Joe and Donna Sebastian, Rudy and Ann DeLaurentis, Jeannie & Bruce Hubbs, Charlie & Sherry Criniti, Nella Seward, Janice Longer, Camille Gargano, Mary Lennon, Scott & Anita Bomberger, Ed & Connie Savoca, Peter Cucchiara, Karen & Jim Lombardo, Tom and Mary Lynn Naples, Dolores Gareis, Rosa Pugliese, Marilu Seiber and John Luppino. A special thanks to John Luppino who single-handedly solicited donations from area businesses. These donations were divided into six separate offerings, each with a value of over \$100 in gift certificates, admission tickets or gifts. Area businesses who so kindly responded to John's request are: Landis Valley Museum, Choo Choo Barn, Cherry Crest Farms, Ephrata Cloister, Merenda Zug's Coffee Shop, Strasburg Railroad, National Clock Museum, Toy Train Museum, Amish Village Gift Shop, Dutch Apple Dinner Theater, Freedom Chapel Dinner Theater, Sight & Sound Theater, Theater of the Seventh Sister, Lancaster Museum of Art, North Museum, Village Green Golf, National

Christmas Center, Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania, Hershey Farm Resort.

Thanks again to all who made this auction a memorable event.

Bravo

The Lancaster County Old Timers Athletic Association recently honored **Tony Arcudi** at the J. Freeland Chryst Annual Sports Award at the association's banquet.

Tony coached basketball at St. Anthony's, At. Anne's, the Boys Club and at Lancaster Catholic High School.

In December, 2006, **Dr. Victor M. Bove** was honored by the Lancaster Osteopathic Foundation which awarded a four-year scholarship named after him to the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic.

Congratulations to:

Peter J. DeLaurentis and Angeline Dijamco on their engagement. His parents are Rudy and Ann DeLaurentis. Peter is the grandson of Margie DeLaurentis.

Nelida Rojas and Dr. Joseph Matteo on their engagement. His parents are Dr. Anthony and Mary Beth Matteo.

Jacqueline Joan Croskey and Christopher Samuel Pisano Matteo on their engagement. Sam and Mary Ann Pisano are his parents.

Lindsey A. Wimer and John P. Groft. Lindsey's parents are James and Jennifer Wimer. John is the son of Jack and Colette Groft and the grandson of Josie Celia.

Regina Lombardo and Matthew Maisano who recently announced their engagement. A June 15, 2007 wedding is planned. Regina's parents are James J. and Karen Lombardo. Matt is the son of Richard and Dolores Maisano.

Wedding congratulations to Kimberly Elizabeth Spohn and Benjamin Paul Herskowitz. Kimberly is the niece of Robert and Mary Ann Spohn.



Get well wishes were sent to Fred Schneider, Mary Madonna, Franco Celia, Ted Ciccone, Maria Galanti.



Our condolences to Paula Severino on the passing of her Aunt Anna Mary Edwards on November 17, 2006, and to Rosa Pugliese and Family on the passing of her Aunt Grace Marie Madonna.



TV Star visits her grandmother

Jennifer Gareis, daughter of Dr. John and Dolores Gareis, recently took a short break from her role as Donna Logan on TV's *The Bold and the Beautiful* in Los Angeles to visit her grandmother Josephine Feige at Garden Spot Village in New Holland, PA. Jennifer previously starred as Grace Turner on the *Young and Restless* and portrayed Misty on *The Guiding Light* for a few episodes in 1996. She has acted in numerous movies and commercials. Her grandmother Feige is quite proud of Jennifer and has inspired her to take an Italian Cooking session before Jennifer returns to her TV work in Los Angeles.

Spring Trips & Events Update

Sons of Italy Spring Dance, Friday March 30, 2007, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m., at the Emigsville Social Hall (Alert Fire Hall). Music by Tom (The Thin Man) Albert, playing Ballroom, classic, popular and Italian music. Donations: \$25.00 per couple of \$13.00 per person. Beer, snacks and setups are included. BYOB. For tickets, more information or directions, please call: Peter Cucchiara - 741-0379, Kitty Everard - 767-5568, Michael Caltagirone - 741-2361, or Mary Calabretta - 843-5165. *Sponsored by the Sons of Italy Lodge York #528.*

BUS TRIP

Tosca - An opera by Giacomo Puccini. Sung in Italian with English subtitles.

Where - The Baltimore Opera Company

When - Sunday, May 13, 2007 at 3:00 p.m. (matinee)

Price per person (non-refundable): Grand Tier Center Balcony (25 available) - \$80. Center Balcony (20 available) - \$55.

The price includes a ticket, bus transportation and a gratuity for the driver.

The bus will depart from the Lancaster Shopping Center at 12:00 p.m. and return directly after the performance.

If you would like to attend the performance, please complete the attached form and return to Jim Beccone, 22 Ridge Road, Lititz, PA 17543, (626-6614), along with your check payable to Lancaster Italian Cultural Society.

Opera News

La Serva Padrona, Giovanni Battista Pergolesi's comic opera masterpiece (runs about 50 minutes) along with two Barber pieces (20 minutes) will be performed by Metropolitan Opera veterans at 7:30 p.m. on February 10, 2007, at Leffler Chapel and Performance Center, Elizabethtown College. Tickets are \$15 and \$22. Group discounts are also available, as is a gourmet buffet dinner served before the show. Free intermission snacks, free and convenient parking and friendly

informal atmosphere await you.

Presented by Gretna Music. For more information, call 361-1508 or stewarts@etown.edu.

Prior to Gretna Music's presentation of Live from the Gret, patrons can enjoy a gourmet buffet dinner at Leffler Chapel and Performance Center. Tickets for the dinner are \$15. Reservations for the dinner are required and can be made by calling Gretna Music at 717-361-1508 by Monday, February 5.

MENU for February 10, 2007:
Caesar Salad, Chicken Marsala, Baked Scrod with Lemon Beurre Blanc, Roasted Red Potatoes, Broccoli and Carrots, Rolls and Butter, Assorted Desserts, Coffee, Decaf, Tea, Water.

Membership Report

As of December 2006, our total membership is 284 (family and individual memberships). We welcome our new members!

New Members:

James Angelo

Judy Angelo Loeb

Joseph and Cecelia Basile

Dr. John and Rachelle Bonfield

Rev. Msgr. Mercurio Fregapane

Jeannie & Scott Garella-Standish

Sharon Hargrave

Giovanna Lerner

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Did you know?

The thermometer, ice cream cone, piano, typewriter and eye glasses are Italian inventions. The average Italian consumes half a pound of bread a day.

Milan is the birth place of the Tarot (cards), where it originated in the 15th century as the game of Tarocchi.

**Lancaster Italian Cultural Society
Spring, 2007- Non-Credit Course in
Basic Italian for New Students**

Basic Italian Level I (A) Course
Description: This non credit course is designed to provide awareness and practice in standard Italian. Course elements will incorporate: conversation & speaking, grammar and pronunciation, and some Italian culture.

Course Dates: Wednesdays, March 7, 14, 21, 28; April 4,,11,,18 and 25, 2007.

Hours: 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Location: Church of the Apostles, 1850 Marietta Ave., Lancaster, PA 17603 (Flyer will be on front door the first night of class.) Materials: (handouts) will be provided by the instructor.

Instructor: Ken Pandozzi - He has previously taught Italian for many years in local schools and has extensive experience in teaching adults. He is currently teaching another LICS Italian section.

Tuition: \$165.00 (includes training materials/handouts)

Registration: To register please complete the registration form below and mail with total tuition check payable to: Lancaster Italian Cultural Society (LICS) c/o Helen Ebersole , 1305 Wheatland Ave., Lancaster, PA 17603

Please Note:

- 1) There will be no refunds after Friday, March 2, 2007.
- 2) There will be no refunds for those who need to drop our of class.
- 3) Deadline to register is Monday, February 26, 2007. After that, registration will be open to the public. There will be no exceptions. First come, first serve by chronological mailing postmark.
- 4) Minimum Enrollment: 10 Maximum Enrollment: 20

Please cut and mail the completed form with total tuition for Italian lessons to: Lancaster Italian Cultural Society, c/o Helen Ebersole, 1305 Wheatland Ave., Lancaster, PA 17603, BY MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2007. **Incomplete forms will not be accepted.**

The form (at right) must be accompanied with the check.

**Italian Language Classes for
Continuing Students**

The **Level I Italian Class** is returning for a fourth semester under the tutelage of instructor, Ken Pandozzi.

The group will continue classes this Spring on Tuesdays from March through April.

Course Dates: Tuesdays, March 6, 13, 20, 27; April 3, 10, 17, 24. Course Hours: 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Location: St. John Neuman Church, 601 Delp Rd, Lancaster, PA 17601.

Materials: Materials (handouts) will be provided by the instructor.

Tuition: \$165.00 (includes cost of training materials/handouts).

Registration: To register please send in your signed check payable to:

Lancaster Italian Cultural Society, c/o Helen Ebersole, 1305 Wheatland Ave., Lancaster, PA 17603

Please Note:

- 1) There will be no refunds after classes start.
- 2) 2) There will be no refund for people who drop out of class.
- 3) Deadline to register is Monday, February 20, 2007.

Conversational Italian

There is an opportunity for you to attend informal Italian conversation sessions.

This is a chance for you to practice your language skills in simple, basic Italian conversation in a social atmosphere!

Dates: Please call Helen Ebersole (393-3663) for current schedule .

Times: 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Hosts: Irwin and Marcia Forman

Location: 309 Cobblestone Lane, Lancaster, PA 17601

Maximum Attendance in their home: 15

The group will decide how often they want to meet to practice informal conversation.



The Lancaster Italian Cultural Society is pleased to announce that scholarship applications are being accepted through March for eligible high school seniors. The society will award up to two \$1,000 scholarships to the winning entrants.

The three judges for the competition are John Bonfield, Ph.D. with Lancaster-Lebanon IU 13, Scott Lerner, Chair of Italian Dept. Franklin and Marshall College and Ken Pandozzi, Italian language instructor.

Please see attached application for more information.

____ I am registering for the 8 Italian sessions **Basic Italian 1 (A) SPRING, 2007** (Location: Church of the Apostles)

____ Number of persons registering **PLEASE PRINT**

I am enclosing my total tuition amount of \$165.00 per person.

Check # _____

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Please Note: Members living in the same household are considered a family membership. All others are considered individual memberships. Please do not use this application for dues renewal. **You will receive an invoice for your annual dues as of March 1st of each year.**

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SCHEDULE:

March 1 to August 31

September 1 to February 28

Family

Individual

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\$25.00

\$15.00

\$12.50

Please make check to: Lancaster Italian Cultural Society

Please return the completed application to Neil Garefino, 2489 Impala Drive, Ronks, PA, 17572

OR visit us on-line at www.lancasteritaliansociety.com

Please check below if you are interested in serving on a committee. Thank you.

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