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Newsletter of
The Italian Heritage Lodge #2517
Fairfax, Virginia
Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America*

AGOSTO 2025
MESSAGGIO DELLA PRESIDENTESSA

Ciao amici,

Is it hot enough for you? Cooler temps are right around the corner.

Thank you to everyone who came for movie day featuring “Nonnas”, an adorable true-life tale. Everyone seemed to enjoy the pizza lunch provided by Mamma Lucia.

I’ve been busy planning late summer and early fall events. Our next event is a favorite, Italian Bingo (Saturday, August 16) and on August 31, we’re going to have a weekend Lunch Bunch at Ned’s New England Deck beginning at 12:30 p.m. Ned’s is a fabulous place for seafood and incredible clam chowder.

Please continue to pray for Russ Carolla, Maria’s dad with his health challenges. Also, Jim Cocco’s wife, Marilyn, is also facing serious health issues. Please keep her in your prayers. And finally, Aldo Funai, our State President, is dealing with health issues. Please keep all three in your prayers.

There will be two celebrations of life for our beloved Marianne. Please feel free to attend either. Further information is in the newsletter.

I hope to see you all at Italian Bingo!

Dawn, xox



IL CALENDARIO

13 agosto	Executive Committee Meeting*	6:30 p.m.	Kilroy's 5250A Port Royal Road Springfield
16 agosto	Italian Bingo**	5:00 p.m.	K of C Hall
31 agosto	Lunch Bunch*	12:30 p.m.	Ned's New England Deck, 10655 Fairfax Blvd., Fairfax
21 settembre	GLVA Quarterly Meeting	11:00 a.m.	Giuseppe Verdi Lodge

* RSVP to Dawn Falsinotti (falsinotti@yahoo.com)

** RSVP to Steve Kramer (steven.kramer52@gmail.com)

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Marianna Novielli	August 11
Tommaso Ammazalorso	August 13
Russell DeRose	August 20
Carol Cassella	August 25
Dennis Lillo	August 25
Gloria Moscatello	August 26
Joanne Cooke	August 28
Eleanor Lillo	August 28
Joan Tortorelli	August 28



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Floriana & Carmine Primeggia	August 13
Betsy & Carlo Mignani	August 22



ITALIAN HERITAGE LODGE
"ITALIAN BINGO NIGHT"
SATURDAY, AUGUST 16TH
5:00 PM TO 9:00 PM
ST. LEO KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HALL



15 Games
and Dinner
for \$25.00

WIN Italian Prizes:
WINES,
CHOCOLATES,
COFFEE, PASTA,
OLIVE OIL,
CERAMICS, SOAPS,
& MORE

RSVP to Steve Kramer: steven.kramer52@gmail.com

Keep your eyes open for information on upcoming IHL events for the remainder of the year:

September – Meet & Greet Pasta Dinner

October – Italian Heritage Month/Columbus Day Celebration

November – Honoring our Veterans

December – Festa di Natale

Benvenuta!

We welcome our newest member to IHL – Heather Schena, wife of Eric Schena.

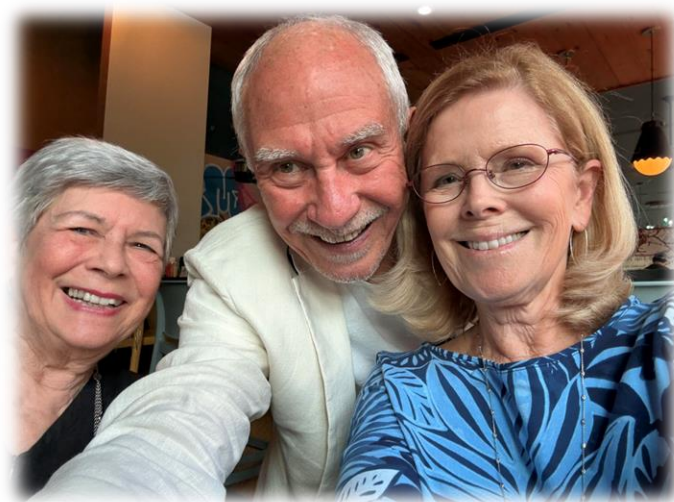
Eric was one of our IHL Delegates for the Grand Lodge of Virginia Convention and we all enjoyed his company and representation of IHL for the weekend during our events. We are excited to meet Heather soon and very much appreciate that the Schena's hail from and have joined all the way from Winchester, VA.

Many of you will remember that Dr. Jennifer Primeggia (daughter of Carmine and Floriana Primeggia) presented a lecture to our IHL members. Here is a link to an online article from Washingtonian Magazine, April 21, 2025, entitled "A Doctor's Advice on Protecting Yourself From Measles." Dr. Primeggia is an infectious disease specialist with VHC Health in Arlington and was interviewed for this article.

<https://www.washingtonian.com/2025/04/21/a-doctors-advice-on-protecting-yourself-from-measles/>

Cena e conversazione!

***For our July 26th Cene e Conversazione, three of us, Fran, my wife June and myself, met at Pupatella for pizza. Unfortunately, Joe and June LaMarca had to drop out at the last minute, but we did meet. We talked about our travels for the most part, a little of it in Italian. It was a short get-together. —
Dennis***



The goal of the IHL Language Group is to promote our Italian heritage through language by creating opportunities to practice and improve our ability to speak Italian. To that end, we strive to create a friendly and pleasant environment for our meetings. Specifically, we meet monthly in a social setting to speak as much Italian as we can.



The IHL Executive Committee announces that our member, Angelo Saladini, has stepped forward to take a position as Trustee on the Executive Council, effective July 20, 2025.

We are grateful to Angelo for offering his time and efforts to the lodge in this capacity and we all look forward to working with him in the coming year.



Important Lodge Announcement

IHL is looking to our members for someone who will fill one vacant position on the Executive Council.

According to the IHL Bylaws, the duties and responsibilities of this position are the following:

Recording Secretary

- (1) Prepare the agenda with the President;*
- (2) Maintain records of the meetings.*

Please contact our President, Dawn Falsinotti, (falsinotti@yahoo.com) or IHL Orator, Joseph "Sonny" Scafetta Jr. (joseph.scafetta.jr@gmail.com) if you are interested in serving in this position and would like your talents recognized by our lodge members throughout.

The election of this office will be held at a future membership meeting.

Thank you all for serving in the important positions of our lodge Executive Council. Your dedication, time and talents will always be valued and appreciated.

MARIANNE ELENA HALLAHAN

CELEBRATIONS OF LIFE

WE WILL HOLD TWO EVENTS TO CELEBRATE MARIANNE'S
BEAUTIFUL LIFE — BECAUSE IT WAS TRULY THAT BIG!

THE FIRST EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE AT A
DEAR FRIEND'S DANCE STUDIO:

WHEN: SUNDAY AUGUST 10TH
2:00 PM

WHERE: ELEGANT DANCING
11230 WAPLES MILL ROAD, SUITE 118
FAIRFAX, VA 22030



THE SECOND EVENT WILL TAKE PLACE
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING CAPITAL DANCE
CHAMPIONSHIPS, AN EVENT SHE LOVED
BEING A PART OF EACH YEAR:

WHEN: SUNDAY, AUGUST 24TH
BREAKFAST (TIME TBD)

WHERE: HILTON ALEXANDRIA MARK
CENTER
5000 SEMINARY ROAD
ALEXANDRIA, VA 22311

ALL FRIENDS AND
FAMILY ARE
WELCOME — WE'D
LOVE TO SEE YOU!



Sonny's Funnies



Crostata alle Pesche e Mandorle (Ferragosto Peach & Almond Crostata)

An Italian tart of buttery pastry and sweet, sun-ripened peaches with a hint of almond, this dessert is a Ferragosto favorite, baked to golden perfection and finished with a glossy apricot glaze.



Ingredients:

1 sheet short crust pastry (*pasta frolla*)
4 ripe peaches, sliced
3 tbsp sugar
½ tsp cinnamon
½ c sliced almonds
Apricot jam for glaze

Directions:

Preheat oven to 180°C (350°F).
Roll out pastry in a tart pan; prick with fork.
Arrange peach slices in a spiral; sprinkle with sugar, cinnamon, and almonds.
Bake for 30–35 minutes until golden.
Warm apricot jam and brush over the top for a glossy finish.
Serve: Slightly warm with a scoop of vanilla gelato.

Courtesy of Pamela Dorazio Dean

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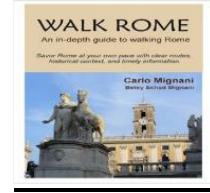
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www.walk-rome.com



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