

# ***La Bandiera***



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



**LUGLIO 2024  
MESSAGGIO DELLA PRESIDENTESSA**

*Greetings amici,*

*Happy 4th of July! As we celebrate our 248th birthday, let's remember all we have to be thankful for. Republican or Democrat, we're all Americans and we come together to celebrate our independence and freedom.*

*IHL will celebrate the holiday on July 14th with our annual brunch beginning at 11:00 at the hall. We have a delicious menu planned. See the flyer for further details.*

*Thank you to everyone who turned out for the movie, The Journey, Andrea Bocelli. Beautiful music and singing, incredible scenery and story, everyone enjoyed.*

*Summer is a time to slow down and recharge your batteries. For those traveling, please be safe. For all others, we hope to see you soon.*

*God Bless America!*

*Best regards,  
Dawn*

## ***Benvenuti!***

*This month, IHL welcomes new member Eric Schena. Many of us met Eric when he attended the "Coinage of the Papal States and Vatican City" presentation given by Mike Markowitz in April.*

*We look forward to seeing you again, Eric, and to meeting your wife, Heather, at some of our upcoming IHL events. And grazie to Mike for introducing our Italian families to Eric.*

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## IL CALENDARIO

4 luglio



### *Independence Day*

11 luglio

Lunch Bunch \*

Noon

Brio Italian Grille  
11776 Fair Oaks Mall

14 luglio

Independence Day  
Brunch \*

11:00 a.m.

K of C Hall

27 luglio

Cene e Conversazione \*\*

6:00 p.m.

TBD

24 agosto

Game Night & BBQ \*

5:00 p.m.

K of C Hall

Our July 4<sup>th</sup> Independence Day celebration will take place at the Knights of Columbus Hall, behind St. Leo Church, on Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Please see the flyer in this Newsletter for the delicious and varied menu and cost. Over the years we have all enjoyed the festivities of a brunch while observing our nation's independence.

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

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### JULY BIRTHDAYS

Ray Stoll July 2

Carol Ann Linder July 27



### JULY ANNIVERSARIES

Teresa & Joseph Scafetta, Jr. July 4

Tess & Jeff Sciscilo July 6

Donna & Ray Stoll July 21

Kerri & John Farrell July 28



## *Happy Independence Day!*

*Join us as we celebrate our nation's independence with your IHL brothers and sisters, their families and friends. Our brunch festivities are a great way to observe the greatness of our nation.*

**Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**  
**K of C Hall**  
**Cost: \$15.00/person**

**Prosciutto and Melon**  
**Mozzarella Caprese**  
**Lox and Bagels**  
**Italian Frittata**  
**French Toast Casserole**  
**Breakfast Sausage**  
**Tortellini Salad**  
**Fresh Fruit**  
**Assorted Desserts**  
**Mimosa and Bellini**

RSVP: President Dawn - [falsinotti@yahoo.com](mailto:falsinotti@yahoo.com)



## ***Italian Heritage Lodge Language Group “Cena e Conversazione”***

***Carissimi,***

***“Last night we enjoyed an engaging reunion with Carlo and Betsy Mignani, who were instrumental in the early years of our language group. In fact, they hosted us at their home in Fairfax, contributing delicious cannelloni to a menu that started with Francesca's antipasto of cantaloupe, prosciutto and mozzarella and continued, along with the cannelloni, with Nannette's eggplant insalata, my contorno of beans and pine nuts and finished with June and Joe's perfect summer dessert of watermelon and crusty pastry. Of course, the Italian conversation was helped immensely by the participation of a native, and another fluent, speaker, pushing the rest of us to try a little harder to use la bella lingua. Or was that the wine? Whichever, it was a very successful evening. Grazie mille to Carlo and Betsy and each of the rest of us for hosting, contributions to dinner and participation in the Italian conversation.”***

***Next month's “Cene a Convesazione” will be July 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM.***

***Un abbraccio,” – Dennis Ferrara***

***The IHL Language Group customarily meets monthly at a member's home for “cena e conversazione”, so at times participation might be limited, but that format might change with additional interest. Any lodge members who wish to learn and practice Italian with others in the lodge should contact Dennis Ferrara at [dennisferrara@hey.com](mailto:dennisferrara@hey.com).***



# IHL Bocce at the Lillo's



*We extend our utmost gratitude to our hosts, Ellie and Dennis Lillo, for another terrific bocce event and picnic on June 15<sup>th</sup>. Year after year, we are fortunate to be extended the invitation to their home, to enjoy delicious grilled food with all the other picnic fares, drinks and desserts, before we all play or cheer on the competing bocce teams.*

*We had an exceptional day, actually perfect, for visiting, picnicking, and enjoying our annual "Bocce at the Lillo's"*



*Great fun along with intense competition made for another successful bocce tournament!*



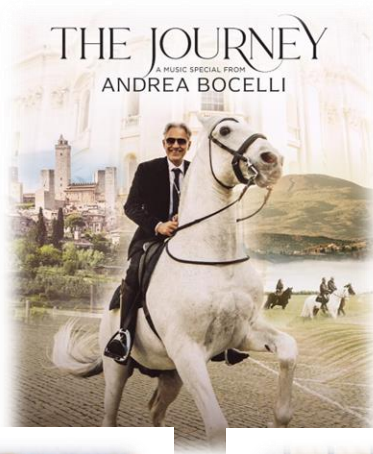
## ***IHL members enjoying a courtside picnic!***



***Photos for Bocci and Bocelli contributed by Ellie Lillo***

# *The Journey*: A Music Special From Andrea Bocelli

June 22, 2024



*Before the movie, we all enjoyed a  
“Chinese Buffet” with food  
prepared by Nanjing Bistro in  
Fairfax.*

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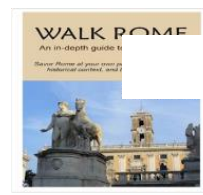
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