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



**SETTEMBRE 2024
MESSAGGIO DELLA PRESIDENTESSA**

Happy Labor Day! We've lucked out with this beautiful shot of Indian summer. Time for life to rev back up again.

We have a very busy upcoming few months. Starting with our annual Meet & Greet Pasta Dinner on September 28 to our Christmas party in December. Lots happening. Please read through this newsletter so you won't miss a thing.

Looking forward to seeing all at the Pasta Dinner.

All the best,

Dawn

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IL CALENDARIO

12 settembre	Lunch Bunch *	Noon	Tony's NY Pizza 2912B Chain Bridge Road, Oakton
18 settembre	Executive Council meeting *	6:30 p.m.	PJ Skidoo's, Fairfax
22 settembre	GLVA Quarterly Meeting	11:00 a.m	Guiseppe Verdi Lodge
28 settembre	Meet & Greet *** Pasta Dinner	5:00 p.m.	K of C Hall

Italian Heritage Month

5 ottobre	"Italian Night" * Sponsored by IHL	TBD	Moose Lodge 3529 Chain Bridge Road, Fairfax
14 ottobre	National Columbus Day Celebration	11:00 a.m.	Columbus Plaza Union Station Washington, DC
19 ottobre	IHL Italian Heritage Night *	5:00 p.m.	K of C Hall

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***Be sure to keep your eyes on il calendario.
October – Italian Heritage Month - is shaping up to be a busy month.***

**On Saturday, October 5, the Moose Lodge in Fairfax will be sponsoring an "Italian Night". The event will be a presentation of all things "Italian" – food, wine, music, history, culture, and much more. President Dawn and some of our members will head this cultural community outreach but IHL members are welcome to attend!
More details will follow!**

Monday, October 14 is National Christopher Columbus Day and the annual celebration starts at 11:00 a.m. at Columbus Plaza, Union Station, Washington, DC. This year IHL will sponsor a raffle for 2 of its members to attend the ceremony, wreath laying and a luncheon at the prestigious Monocle Restaurant on Capitol Hill. See the flyer in this edition – further details to follow.

IHL will hold its own celebration of *Italian Heritage Month* on Saturday, October 19 at 5:00 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall behind St. Leo Church. This evening will feature IHL's Orator, Joseph Scafetta, Jr. who will represent Christopher Columbus and read excerpts from his book, followed by a family-style Italian dinner, and a celebration of all our IHL members and their Italian ancestries and heritage.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Barbara Bifareti	September 6
Joe La Marca	September 6
Loretta D'Amico	September 17
Nancy Perrelli	September 17
Leann Strang	September 19
John Innello	September 20
Marilyn Miyasato	September 20
Vivian Mott	September 22
Jeff Sciscilo	September 22



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

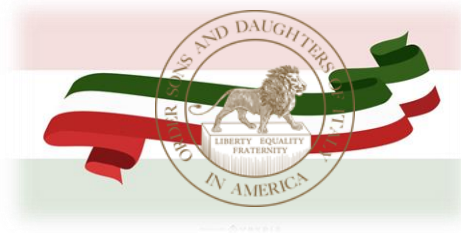
Elizabeth & Angelo Saladini	September 6
Gioia & Dennis Egan	September 7
Heather & Eric Schena	September 9



Cena e Conversazione

"Five of us met at Carol Ann and Ken's home for a smaller and more intimate cena e conversazione Saturday evening. Fewer of us meant more opportunity for everyone to speak Italian, which we took advantage of, over a delicious dinner composed of contributions of our hosts and participants. Our September get-together will be at of Carlo and Betsy's Fairfax home." ~ 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.



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“Meet and Greet”

Pasta Dinner

Saturday, September 28, 2024

5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Knights of Columbus Hall

(behind St. Leo Catholic Church)

3700 Blenheim Boulevard, Fairfax

***Meet and Greet** the Officers and Members of our Lodge
while enjoying a traditional Pasta Dinner and desserts,
Raffle prizes and more!*

Cost \$15.00

RSVP to: Eleanor Lillo

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Buon Appetito e Mangia Bene!



Summer Game Night And Barbeque



*Photos
submitted by
Ellie Lillo*

You are invited to the
National Columbus Day Ceremony

Monday, October 14, 2024
Ceremony begins at 11 a.m.

Columbus Plaza
Union Station, Washington, DC



Featuring Wreath Presentations, Patriotic Music, Remarks from the Diplomatic Corps, the Columbus Essay Contest Winner, and more.



Sponsored by the
National Christopher Columbus Association.

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Ten Italian Americans Win 12 Medals at 2024 Paris Olympics

Ten Italian-American athletes, six women and four men, won a total of 12 medals-four gold, five silver, and three bronze-at the 2024 Summer Olympics in Paris, France. Their total was more than all but 15 countries and almost ten percent of the 126 medals won by the United States.

The Italian-American star was 29-year-old Jennifer Marie Valente, who won two golds: an individual in women's omnium track cycling and another in women's team pursuit track cycling. She won a gold in the omnium at Tokyo in 2020, a bronze in team pursuit at Tokyo in 2020, and a silver in team pursuit at Rio in 2016. She currently races for Team Blue Ridge in Virginia.

The next best performance was by the youngest Italian American, 21-year-old Christopher Guiliano, who won a gold in the four by 100-meter men's freestyle relay swimming event and a silver in the four by 200-meter men's freestyle relay swimming event. The 6'5" tall Guiliano swims for the University of Notre Dame.

The only other gold was won by the oldest competing Italian American, 42-year-old Diana Lorena Taurasi, as a member of the women's basketball team. It was her sixth consecutive gold dating back to 2004 in Athens. She has played pro basketball for the Phoenix Mercury since 2004. Her Italian parents, Mario and Liliana, had emigrated from Argentina before she was born.

Blake John Pieroni, 29, also received a silver along with Guiliano in the four by 200-meter men's freestyle relay swimming event. He previously won two golds at Tokyo in 2020 and one gold at Rio in 2016, all in men's swimming events.

Sagen Maddalena, 31, won silver in the 50-meter rifle shooting from three positions for women. She is a U.S. Army sergeant shooting instructor and a member of the international team of the U.S. Army's marksmanship unit.

Ruby Remati won a silver as a member of the women's synchronized swimming team. The 22-year-old emigrated as a child with her Italian parents from Australia.

Lauren Nicole Carlini, 29, won a silver as a member of the women's volleyball team. She was born in Geneva, Illinois, and grown up in nearby Aurora. Since she graduated from college in 2017, she has played for different teams in Europe. Her current club is Casal Maggiore in Italy.

Stephanie Rovetti, 32, won a bronze as a member of the women's rugby seven team. In college, she was a basketball player, but switched to rugby in 2016 at age 24.

Torey James DeFalco won a bronze as a member of the men's volleyball team. The 27-year-old is 6'6" tall. In June 2019, he signed his first pro contract to play for Volley Callipo in Italy.

Luca Cupido won a bronze as a member of the men's water polo team. He was born in Italy and immigrated as a child with his parents to the United States. The 28-year-old is 6'4" tall.

Italy Wins 41 Medals at 2024 Summer Olympics in Paris

Italy won 41 medals in Paris, France, at the 2024 Summer Olympics which were held for 19 days from July 26 through August 11. Of the 206 countries with National Olympic Committees which participated, 92 won at least one medal. Italy was seventh with 13 golds, 13 silvers, and 15 bronzes. There were 329 events in 32 sports and 48 disciplines.

In team events, Italy won golds for women's road cycling, men's foil fencing, women's épée fencing, and women's volleyball. In individual events, Alice D'Amato won gold for women's balance beam, Alice Bellandi won for women's judo, Thomas Ceccon for men's 100-meter (109 yards) back stroke, Nicolo Martinenghi for men's 100-meter breaststroke, Giovanni de Gennaro for men's kayaking, Ruggero Tita and Caterine Marianna Banti for mixed sailing, Diana Bacosi and Gabriele Rossetti for mixed skeet shooting, Marta Maggetti for women's sailing, and Sara Errani and Jasmine Paolini for women's tennis doubles. (Note that the length of one football field is 100 yards).

For silvers, Italy won team events in men's foil fencing, women's foil fencing, men's road cycling, women's artistic gymnastics, men's light weight double sculling, and men's quadruple sculling. In individual events, Filippo Ganna won for men's time trial road cycling, Nadia Battocletti for women's 10,000-meter (6.21 miles) running, Filippo Macchi for men's foil fencing, Gregorio Paltrinieri for men's 1,500-meter (.93 miles) free style swimming, Silvana Maria Stanco for women's trap shooting, Federico Nilo Maldini for men's ten-meter (10.9 yards) air pistol shooting, and Gabriele Casadei and Carlo Tacchini for men's 500-meter (.31 miles) canoe sprint.

Italy won team bronzes for pursuit road cycling, women's rhythmic gymnastics, and men's four by 100-meter free style relay swimming. Individual bronzes were won by Mattia Furlani for men's long jump, Andy Diaz Hernandez for men's triple jump, Luigi Samele for men's saber fencing, Sofia Raffaelli for women's rhythmic gymnastics, Manila Esposito for women's balance beam, Gregorio Paltrinieri for men's 800-meter (half mile) free style swimming, Giorgio Malan for men's pentathlon, Paolo Monna for men's ten-meter air pistol shooting, Ginevra Taddeucci for women's ten-kilometer (6.21 miles) open water swimming, Simone Alessio for men's taekwondo, Antonino Pizzolato for men's 89-kilogram (196 pounds) weight lifting, Lorenzo Musetti for men's tennis.

Gregorio Paltrinieri was the only Italian to win two medals, one silver and one bronze, both for swimming events.

Credit goes to Joseph Scafetta, Jr. for submitting these two articles on these Italian-American and Italian Olympic athletes.

These photographs of the Frecce Tricolori Flyover airshow over Washington, DC. were submitted by IHL Trustee Michael Gearing.



Sonny's Funnies

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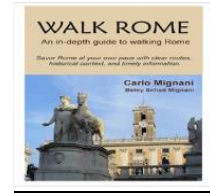


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