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Italian Dinner Night

The date is vastly approaching for the Italian Dinner night (*una sera Italiana*). **Tickets are limited for this event, so act quickly!**

The event will be held on **Saturday, March 7, 2009, doors will open at 6:00 p.m., at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Hall (IHM), located at 3815 S. Cedar St., Lansing.**

The proceeds from the dinner/dance will benefit the IAC and IAC's Scholarship Fund, which awards scholarships each year to high school students who will be attending college and whose parents are IAC members in good standing. Tickets are: **\$17.00 for adults and \$8.50 for children 6 to 12 years of age, children under the age of 6**

Reserved tables are available to those that purchase a complete table of eight tickets.

This event will have plenty of authentic recipes: delicious pasta with homemade meatballs, smothered in authentic tomato sauce ("Mama's recipe"), homemade Italian sausage, a salad, and dinner rolls, coffee from BiggBy will be provided and a cash bar is available.

For more information, or to purchase tickets, please contact the Chairpersons of this event, Joe Sambaer at (517)214-0714, or Joe Joseph at (517)862-2300, or any of the Board members listed on the far left column of this newsletter.

You can also email your ticket requests to: deluca_iac@yahoo.com

Also, the MSU IAC will be selling "Italia" t-shirts, \$15 for adult sizes or a bundle pack of 1 adult and 1 child for \$25.00.

Your support and attendance will help to maintain the beautiful Italian heritage, traditions, and culture for the next generations.

Purchase your tickets today and help support the IAC of Lansing!

Grazie.



In other News....

Lansing Diversity Day

Mark your calendars! This year's Lansing Diversity Day will be held on *Saturday, April 18, 2009*, at Eastern High School's Fieldhouse. The times for this event are from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. A fun time for the entire family.

Women's Auxiliary News:

Spring Breakfast, Saturday, March 21, 2009, at Midway Best Western Hotel. A mass will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m. followed by breakfast and a fashion show. Tickets for this event are \$15.00 and

no tickets will be sold at the door. For tickets or more information, please contact Christina Bozzo at (517)622-1782. They are accepting donations and are in need of women models.

Merit Scholarships Information

The IAC of Lansing and OSIA of Michigan is presently accepting applications for the awarding of merit-based scholarships to its members. The scholarships are to be used for educational expenses incurred at an accredited college or university. The following are the eligibility requirements for these scholarships:

1. Applicants must be a member or children of members in good standing of IAC or OSIA for at least two years, (i.e., the year of application and the preceding year).
2. Scholarships are available to qualified high school seniors who have applied and/or been accepted in an undergraduate program at an accredited college or university for the fall academic term of the year of application. The IAC application deadline is **March 1, 2009**. **The deadline of the OSIA applications is March 15, 2009. Applications received after midnight of the deadline dates, will be considered ineligible.**
3. IAC winners will be selected by a third party not affiliated with IAC of Lansing and will be notified by **April 16, 2009**. The OSIA applicants are selected by the *Grand Lodge of Michigan*

For more information on the IAC merit scholarships, please contact Charlie Filice at (517)483-4413, or email deluca_iac@yahoo.com or to request an application. For the OSIA merit scholarships, please contact Vito Cicinelli at (517)323-9351.



Please mail your applications to:
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Additional News...

Jim Epolio named President of Delta Dental

IAC's of Lansing member Mr. James C. Epolito will become the new president of Delta Dental in April of 2009.

Mr. Epolito has been the CEO of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation since 2005 and prior to the MEDC, he was the CEO of the Accident Fund of Michigan.

The IAC of Lansing would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Mr. Epolito and offer him best wishes for a successful tenure as the new President of Delta Dental of Michigan.

Congratulations!

History of Valentine's Day

On February 14, around 270 A.D. a priest was beheaded for his belief in Christianity, his name was Valentine.

It was believed that Valentine was beheaded because he was secretly marrying couples, which was prohibited by the Emperor. Others suggest that it was due with Valentine saving Christians from persecution.

It wasn't until the fifth century that Pope Gelasius declared February 14, St. Valentine's Day. On this particular day a Roman feast of Lupercalia was celebrated which was a pagan love festival. The Christian Church felt that it would be best to replace the pagan celebration, with a Christian celebration. *Valentine's Day.*

Carnevale

Carnevale comes forty days before Easter, in the U.S. it is known as Mardi Gras. It originally started in the city of Venice, Italy around the 11th or 12th century.

One of the many traditions of Carnevale is the wearing of fancy costumes and masks. The reason for the costumes and masks that you can have fun and forget who they really are and secondly, their were no worries of what social class you were from.

Carnevale always has been a time of excitement and merriment, the last fling before Ash Wednesday. All types of pranks are attempted and they say: *A Carnevale Ogni Scherzo Vale!* Which translates to *All's fair at Carnival.*