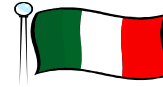


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Italian Dinner Night

It is that time of year to plan our Annual ***Authentic Italian Dinner***. Many of you await for the delicious authentic food at this event.

The event has been scheduled for Saturday, March 13, 2010, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Hall, located at 3815 S. Cedar Street, Lansing. The doors will open at 6:00 p.m. and **tickets are limited**.

Ticket prices for this event are **\$17.00 for adults, \$8.50 for children ages 6 to 12 years of age, and free for children under 6 years of age**. *Reserved tables are available for those purchase a complete table of eight.*

The event will have an authentic delicious menu consisting of homemade marinara sauce, homemade meatballs, homemade Italian sausage, dinner rolls, salad and Biggby coffee will be provided.

Also, a cash will be available for wine, beer, and soft drinks.

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The proceeds from this event will benefit our Scholarship Fund and the IAC of Lansing

For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact Joe Sambaer at (517) 214-0714, or Joe Joseph at (517)862-2300, or any board members listed on the left column of this newsletter. You can also visit the IAC website at www.lansingiac.org.

Your support and attendance will help to maintain the Italian heritage, culture, and traditions.

**Purchase your tickets today.
Grazie.**



Italian Film...

Italian Film Series at MSU

Prof. Joe Francese from the MSU Department of French, Classics, and Italian, and in cooperation with the Italian American Club of Lansing will be presenting the film *Open City (Roma, Citta Aperta)*, by Director Roberto Rossellini. This film is based in 1945 on lives and fates of ordinary Romans during the German occupation of World War II—among them a priest who aids the Resistance, a man evading the secret police, and a woman who betrays her friends for the German forces. The film will be presented **on April 8, 2010, at 7:00 p.m., at the MSU Main Library, North Conference Room (W449)**. Admission is free.

Merit Scholarships

The IAC of Lansing is presently accepting applications for the awarding of up to two merit-based scholarships in the amount of \$500.00, to the high school students of IAC members. The scholarships are to be used for educational expenses incurred at an accredited college or university. The following are the eligibility requirements:

1. Applicants must be a child of members in good standing of IAC for at least two years, (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 as an accredited college or university for the fall academic term of the year of application. The application deadline is **midnight of March 1, 2010**. **Any applications received after the midnight deadline will considered ineligible.**
3. The winners will be selected by a third party who are not affiliated with the IAC of Lansing and will be notified in April 2010 and the scholarships will be awarded at the *IAC General Meeting*. The winners must be present at the General Meeting to receive the awarded check which will be issued in the individuals name along with the name of the university that will be attended.

For more information on the IAC Merit Scholarship, please contact Charlie Filice at (517)483-4413, or email deluca_iac@yahoo.com.



Please mail your scholarship application to:

**IAC of Lansing
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In other News

In memory of Paul Costello

We recently lost a dear friend of the Italian community. He was a long time member and board member of the IAC of Lansing. He was known as "Mr. Bingo."

Paul, you will be greatly missed. May you rest in peace.

History of Valentine's Day

On February 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. Other suggest that it was due to Valentine saving Christians from prosecution.

It wasn't until the 5th century that Pope Gelasius declared February 14th, St. Valentines Day.

Carnevale

Carnevale comes forty days before Easter, in the US it is known as MardiGras. Originally started in the city of Venice in the 11th or 12th century.

One of the many traditions is the wearing of fancy costumes and masks.

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 translate to, "All's fair at Carnival."