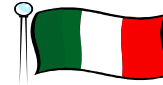


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Italian Dinner Night



Once again, the 2010 Annual Spring Pasta Dinner was a total success. There are many individuals who deserve a round of applause, starting with the two Chairpersons of this event, Joe Sambaer and Joe Joseph. These two individuals have made this event a success year-in, year-out..

Additional "thank you's" go out to the many individuals who prepared, cooked, and served the homemade meatballs and sausage, the delicious pasta and sauce.

Without the involvement and commitment of all these individuals, it would have not been possible.

But most importantly we want to thank all of you who attended and supported this event. Especially, some of our community leaders who were in attendance. Lansing Mayor Virg Bernero and his family; State Representative Joan Bauer and her family; and Lansing Township Supervisor, John Daher and his wife. Proceeds to benefit scholarships.

News from IAC's Women's Auxiliary

Spring Breakfast

The Italian American Club Women's Auxiliary annual Spring Breakfast will be on **Saturday March 27th**, at 9 am at the Lexington Lansing Hotel. Tickets are \$17 and no tickets will be sold at the door. For tickets and more information contact Lisa Herson at 517-482-8219.

Italian Film Series at MSU

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 during World War II. It will be presented **on April 8, 2010, at 7:00 p.m., at the MSU Main Library, North Conference Room (W449). Admission is free.**

2010 Annual Meeting

The Annual General Meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, May 6, 2010**. Place and time to be determined.

This year we will be holding our monthly board meeting in conjunction with the Annual Meeting. Also, slated are the election of officers and directors for the next two years. This event is free to IAC members and a light dinner will be provided.

Please note: In addition to the election of officers and directors, there is a board recommendation to the present bylaws; extend the number of terms that the President can serve.

Happy Easter (Buona Pasqua!)

One of the most celebrated holidays In Italy, next to Christmas is Easter. This is a very holy holiday for Catholics in the United states, but it is even more celebrated in Italy.

There are various traditions that each region in Italy celebrates for Easter. But, most traditions are consistent throughout the country. One of these traditions is the preparation and eating of "frittata". The frittata or omelet is enjoyed after the ending of the Lenten season, on Holy Saturday. This delicious dish is made with eggs and a combination of various meats like i.e. Italian sausage or pancetta (bacon). Other ingredients added to are ricotta or mozzarella cheese.

Another traditional item is the Easter bread. The bread is usually made into a large round circle or long and braided. Hard boiled eggs are placed in certain section of the bread and the bread can either be sweet or plain...

Another Easter tradition is the Pasquetta (picnic), this takes place on the Monday after Easter. All of Italy comes to a stand still, Italians enjoy a day of picnicking in the mountains, or the beaches, or country side. They set up camp and enjoy the packed lunches they brought with them. The lunches consist of the delicious frittata, hard boiled eggs, the Easter bread, and also various meats. Many individuals will make the day into a fun day o filled with activities with and sharing the day with family and friends.

If you remember a childhood family Easter tradition, please share that with your children.



In other News

Feast of St. Joseph

This past *March 19th*, is a very special day to Italians, it marks the Feast of St. Joseph (Festa di San Giuseppe). In Italy it is also considered to be Father's Day.

This day is important because St. Joseph was the adoptive father of Jesus and the husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

How this Feast evolved was that in the middle ages there was drought in Sicily and the people turned to St. Joseph through prayer that the drought end. The people promised that if the drought ended they would hold a large celebration in honor of him saving the people of Sicily from the drought. It did not matter if you were rich or poor, everyone was invited to the large Feast.

Upcoming events

The following are upcoming events that IAC of Lansing will either be hosting or involved:

1. Lansing Lugnuts baseball game (TBA)
2. July 11, 2010—Annual Picnic at Hawk Island Park
3. Ethnic Festival at Riverfront Park (during Labor weekend).

More details regarding the above events will be published in future newsletters. Your involvement and participation will assure that the Italian community is well represented at all these events. If you have any questions, please email them to: deluca_iac@yahoo.com. 1