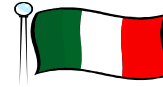


# Italian American Club of Lansing



## News



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## *Italian Dinner Night*



The *2011 Annual Pasta Dinner* was a total success. The evening was filled with delicious food, great entertainment provided by Pino Marelli who performed traditional Italian music. The music kept everyone dancing which consisted both young and old .

The event was near sell-out and many community leaders were in attendance which consisted of: State Representative Joan Bauer; Lansing Community College Trustees Deb Canja and Larry Meyer (both IAC members); Amy Hodgkin, Lansing School District Board Director; Ingham County Commissioners Victor Celentino (IAC member) and Deb DeLeon.

Many individuals deserve a round of applause, starting with the two Co-Chairs Joe Sambaer and Joe Joseph who handled all the details for this event. Also, many thanks to all those who assisted in preparing the food, cooking, serving, and setting-up. Without the involvement and commitment of all these individuals, it would have not been possible.

But most importantly, we would like to thank all those who attended and supported this event. The proceeds of this event will benefit the Scholarship Fund and the IAC of Lansing. Grazie!

## *2011 Annual Meeting*

The Annual General Meeting is scheduled for *Thursday, May 5, 2011, at St. Mary Cathedral parish Hall, in downtown Lansing, starting at 6:00 p.m.*

For those that are not familiar with this event, a short board meeting will take place followed by a light dinner to follow meeting.

This event is **free** to IAC members in good standing, bring a friend who should be a member of the IAC of Lansing along with you. Great opportunity to meet other members and also pay your annual dues for those individuals that it applies to.

# 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.

Remember to share your Italian childhood family Easter traditions with others.



## In other News ....

### Feast of St. Joseph

On *March 19th, of every year*, 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 event

#### Save the date!

1. *July 10, 2011—Annual Picnic and San Francesco di Paola Celebration at Hawk Island Park*
2. *Conversational Italian classes (coming soon)*
3. *Italy trip in the Fall*

More details regarding the above event(s) will be published in future newsletters.

Your involvement and participation will help maintain the Italian culture, traditions, and heritage. If you have any questions, please email them to: [iaclansing@yahoo.com](mailto:iaclansing@yahoo.com).