

# Italian American Club of Lansing Newsletter



Since 1935

*Our motto:  
'Dio`Patria e Famiglia (God, Country & Family)*

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January/February 2024

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Send us a note if you are interested in serving on the Board or joining the Italian American Club of

**HAPPY**  
**NEW YEAR**  
**2024!**  
**BUON ANNO!**

*May your new year be filled with joy, love, and happiness.*

*Wishing you a very happy new year 2024*



*Dear Members and Supporters,*

Happy New Year! Buon Anno Nuovo!

I hope that you and your family had a wonderful holiday season and shared those heart-warming Italian holiday traditions with your family. We are excited to welcome 2024 and will soon share our events calendar for the upcoming year.

There are a couple items that I would like to give you updates on. First, from this past October's Pasta Dinner, we were able to make a financial donation contribution to the St. Louis Center of Chelsea, in the amount of \$1,300.00. Thank you to all that made the event a great success! Second, our Christmas party was a wonderful festive event. Thank you to all that attended and to Santa and Mr. Claus.

Here are some scheduled and proposed upcoming Club activities/events for 2024. We are adding social informal fun events for the entire family, which means that you contact the person who is coordinating the event, let you would like to participate. Please mark your calendars! More details regarding these activities/events will be provided, at a future time:

Social activities – bowling night; trivia night; snow tubing at Hawk Island; in the Spring golf outing; and a summer picnic. These social events are to promote fellowship and plenty of fun. More details on these activities will be forthcoming.

Club Primary Marquee Events: April – St. Francesco di Paola Feast Day celebration; May – Annual meeting, (elections to be held); August – St. Ippolito Festival (Bunkerhill); October – Pasta Dinner; and December – Christmas Party.

This is a reminder that our future 2024 board meetings and some possible social events will be held at Allen Neighborhood Center, 1611 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing.

If you are not a member, have you considered joining the IAC of Lansing? The time is now to join! Or have you considered being a sponsor? Your membership and sponsorship are vital in helping to maintain the Italian heritage, culture, and traditions.

Visit the IAC of Lansing [www.lansingiac.org](http://www.lansingiac.org) website to download a membership and sponsorship applications or reach out to any of the board members!

Thank you in advance for your consideration and continued support.

*Best regards, Cordiali saluti,*

*Tony De Luca, President*





# Events Calendar

- **February – 1<sup>st</sup> – Board Meeting**
- **February – Snow Tubing; Bowling; Trivia Night(monthly)**
- **March – International Dinner**
- **April 14<sup>th</sup> San Francesco Di Paola celebration**
- **April – Golf begins**
- **May 2<sup>nd</sup> – Annual Meeting (elections) - Location TBD**
- **June –Family Picnic – Location TBD**
- **July – Golf continued**
- **August 11<sup>th</sup> – Sant Ippolito Festival (Bunkerhill)**
- **September – End of golf**
- **October 12<sup>th</sup>– Fall Pasta Dinner – Location TBD**
- **November – Happy Thanksgiving!**
- **December – Christmas Party – Location TBD**

## **Other additional events:**

- **Bocce ball; Italian soccer game viewing at local business establishment – location TBD**

*Some of these are social events and require that you notify the coordinator of each event, your interest in participation. Event coordinators information will be sent soon, via email or posted on the website: [www.lansingiac.org](http://www.lansingiac.org).*

**\*\* Events, dates and times are subject to change.\*\* To-Be-Determined (TBD)**

# IAC Christmas Party December 2023...



**Food items collected were donated to the St. Vincent De Paul Food Pantry, at St. Therese Church. Thank you to all that attended and donated food items.**



A small display of delicious desserts provided by attendees.







## New Members!

- Connie Kuhn
- Michele Spagnuolo

Thank you for helping to maintain the Italian culture, heritage and traditions.

## YOUR CLUB IN ACTION!!



### Check Presentation to Fr. Enzo Addari



*Pictured: L-R: Salvatore Di Carlo, Bob LaMacchia, Hon. Frank De Luca, Paul Orlando, Fr. Enzo Addari, Tony De Luca, Giorgio Burigana, Dane Dario, and Hon. Charlie Filice.  
December 7, 2023 – Board Meeting*

*At the December board meeting, a check in the amount of \$1,300.00 was presented to Fr. Enzo Addari, Executive Director, St. Louis Center of Chelsea. The donation was raised at October's Pasta Dinner event, held at Cristo Rey. The Board of Directors would like to say "thank you" to everyone that supported and attended the dinner. Throughout the Club's history, has raised funds, collected food and clothes items, and much more, for various local charities in the greater Lansing area and beyond. This is due to the commitment and support of previous and current members, and the dedication of past and current board members, who dedicate their volunteer time to help maintain the Italian culture, traditions, and heritage, for the next generation. Grazie!*





# The Legend of the “La Befana”

On January 6th. of each year in Italy, they celebrate “La Befania”. It is a traditional holiday story that young and old still presently believe in, just like Santa Claus. The story has it that La Befana (a good old witch) delivers presents during the middle of the night. She delivers these presents to those children who have been good throughout the year.

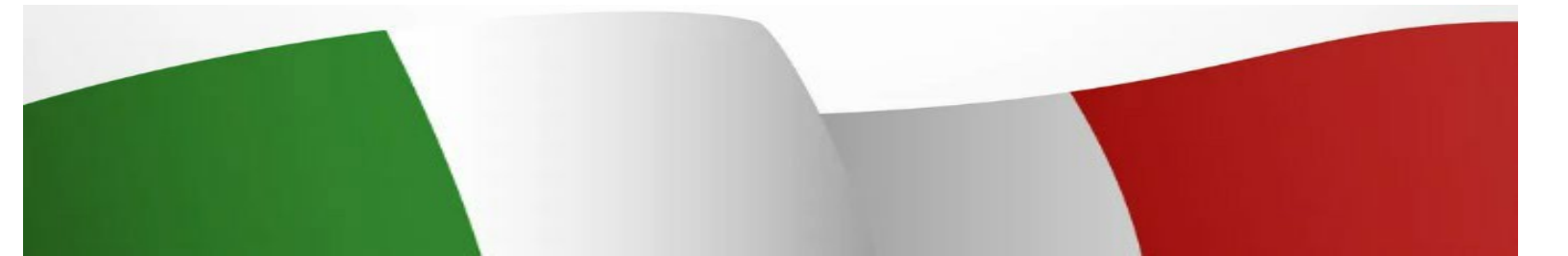
This holiday marks the end of the Christmas season and the day that the three Wise Men arrived at the manger of the Christ child. Over the years the Epiphany has been a more celebrated holiday for the children of Italy than even Christmas.

As the legend has it the Three Wise Men were in search of the Christ child when they decided to stop at a small house to ask directions. When they knocked on the door, an old woman holding a broom opened the door.

She saw three colorfully dressed Wise Men who were looking for the Christ child at her doorsteps. The old woman did not know who these three strange men were and was unable to point them in the right direction.

The three Wise Men asked the old woman to join in the journey of looking for the Christ child, and she declined because she had too much housework to be done. After the three men had left, the old woman felt that she had made a mistake of not joining the search and decided to catch up with the three Wise Men.

After many hours of searching, she was not able to find the three Wise Men. The old woman felt that she missed a special opportunity to see the Christ child, so she proceeded to stop every child to give them a small treat with the hopes that one of the children would be the Christ child.





# Buon San Valentino!



Courtesy of Wikipedia - Valentine's Day, also called **Saint Valentine's Day** or the **Feast of Saint Valentine**,<sup>[1]</sup> is celebrated annually on February 14.<sup>[2]</sup> It originated as a Christian [feast day](#) honoring a [martyr](#) named [Valentine](#) and through later folk traditions, it has also become a significant cultural, religious and commercial celebration of [romance](#) and love in many regions of the world.<sup>[3][4]</sup>

There are a number of martyrdom stories associated with various Saint Valentines connected to February 14,<sup>[5]</sup> including an account of the imprisonment of Saint [Valentine of Rome](#) for ministering to Christians [persecuted under the Roman Empire](#) in the third century.<sup>[6][7]</sup> According to an early tradition, Saint Valentine restored sight to the blind daughter of his jailer.<sup>[8]</sup> Numerous later additions to the legend have better related it to the theme of love: tradition maintains that Saint Valentine performed weddings for Christian soldiers who were forbidden to marry by the Roman emperor;<sup>[7]</sup> an 18th-century embellishment to the legend claims he wrote the jailer's daughter a letter signed "Your Valentine" as a farewell before his execution;<sup>[9]</sup>

The 8th-century [Gelasian Sacramentary](#) recorded the celebration of the Feast of Saint Valentine on February 14.<sup>[10][11]</sup> The day became associated with romantic love in the 14th and 15th centuries when notions of [courtly love](#) flourished, apparently by association with the "[lovebirds](#)" of early spring. In 18th-century England, it grew into an occasion for couples to express their love for each other by presenting flowers, offering confectionery, and sending greeting cards (known as "valentines"). Valentine's Day symbols that are used today include the heart-shaped outline, doves, and the figure of the winged [Cupid](#). In the 19th century, handmade cards gave way to mass-produced greetings.<sup>[12]</sup> In Italy, [Saint Valentine's keys](#) are given to lovers "as a romantic symbol and an invitation to unlock the giver's heart", as well as to children to ward off [epilepsy](#) (called Saint Valentine's Malady).<sup>[13]</sup>

Saint Valentine's Day is not a public holiday in any country, although it is an official feast day in the Anglican Communion<sup>[14]</sup> and the Lutheran Church.<sup>[15]</sup> Many parts of the Eastern Orthodox Church also celebrate Saint Valentine's Day on July 6 in honor of Roman presbyter Saint Valentine, and on July 30 in honor of [Hieromartyr](#) Valentine, the Bishop of Interamna (modern [Terni](#)).<sup>[16]</sup>

# **Membership Perks....**

**These local businesses may offer \*discounts to our members!**

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**If you have a business or provide a service that you would like to participate in the 10% member discount. We want to hear from you!**

**We are also seeking sponsorships. Send us an email!**

**\*Please confirm discount before any business transactions.\***



# Join the *Italian American Club of Lansing*

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

*(Membership year is May 1<sup>st</sup> to April 30<sup>th</sup>)*

**Member(s) Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Italian Family Name Affiliation (if applicable)** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Family Membership:** *(names of children)*

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**Membership Fee:** *(check applicable category):*

- \$45.00/Family** (children up to 18 years of age)
- \$35.00/Individual** (18 years or older)
- \$15.00/Senior/Retiree** (70 years & older)
- \$20.00/Student** (ages 18 to 25)
- \$30.00/Associate/Supporter** (referred by 2 active members)

**Referred by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail Application and Payment:** Italian American Club of Lansing  
P.O. Box 27456  
Lansing, MI 48909

If you have questions, please email Tony DeLuca, at [deluca\\_iac@yahoo.com](mailto:deluca_iac@yahoo.com)

**Maintain the Italian heritage, culture, and traditions by supporting the IAC of Lansing!**

**Thank you**

# The Italian American Club of Lansing

Founded in 1935, by a group of Italians who were very grateful to their adopted country for the opportunities given them and fiercely proud of their heritage.



## *Sponsorship Opportunities*

### Option 1- Platinum Package \$500 per year

- Full Page Advertisement in the Bi-Monthly Newsletter
- Verbal Thank You at Annual Events, on Facebook, and logo at events
- Opportunity to offer 10% discount on food or services to IACL members, listing on the website

### Option 2- Gold Package \$250 per year

- Half Page Advertisement in the Bi-Monthly Newsletter
- Verbal Thank You at Annual Events, and on Facebook
- Opportunity to offer 10% discount on food or services to IACL members, listing on the website

### Option 3- Silver Package \$100 per year

- Quarter Page Advertisement in the Bi-Monthly Newsletter
- Verbal Thank You at Annual Events
- Opportunity to offer 10% discount on food or services to IACL members, listing on the website

**Option 4 - Individual sponsorship \$50 – recognition in November/December newsletter**

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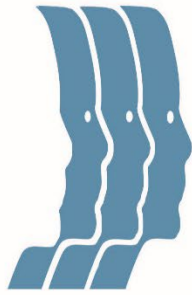
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**Events-at-a-Glance**

- January – Happy New Year!  
 > January 4<sup>th</sup>, board meeting
- February – Snow Tubing; Bowling; Trivia Night; Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> – Board meeting
- March – Spring International Dinner
- April – San Francesco di Paola, > Start of golf
- May 2<sup>nd</sup> – Annual Meeting (elections)  
 Location TBD
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 Location TBD
- November – Happy Thanksgiving
- December – Christmas Party – Location  
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**Other Social events**

- Italian Serie A soccer games viewing, at local food establishment
- Bocce ball

First Thursday of every month – Board Meetings  
 All events, dates and times are subject to change

# 2024

**JANUARY**

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