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From the IAC President...



Dear Members and Supporters,

Soon it will be Springtime and Winter will be in the rearview mirror! As you can see from our March/April events calendar, we have plenty of fun events scheduled and we look forward to seeing you at these events and happenings.

I want to welcome a new member: Dr. Ezio Novelli. The prosperity of the Club is through its membership. Thank you for your support.

The following are some upcoming Club activities (events). Please place these special dates on your 2024 calendars!

Wednesday, March 13th, Coratti's Neopolitan Pizzeria and Booce Bar, in Howell, MI. We will enjoy playing bocce ball and eating some delicious food. Everyone will be responsible for their own expenses. This is another opportunity to come together and have some fun, for the entire family! Please contact Giorgio Burigana (buriganagiorgio@gmail.com), to reserve your spot for bocce ball and for more details,

Spring International Dinner – March 23rd, starting at 5:00 pm. This event will be held at the Allen Neighborhood Center, located at 1611 E. Kalamazoo St. Come and enjoy some international dishes from around the world. Four local restaurants will be offering their delicious dishes (Asian, Peruvian, Mexican, Middle eastern), at a cost of \$20.00/person. This is a social and fellowship event for the entire family.

Italian Heritage Day – March 17th, Detroit Pistons vs Miami Heat, basketball game, 3:00 pm. We will have Piston's Italian player Simone Fontecchio personally visit with the group, after the game. Lowe-Bowl tickets are \$52.00 which includes a Pistons gift. We will be joined by other statewide Italian organizations and the Italian Consulate of Detroit. Purchase your tickets at:

IAC Merit Scholarship – Deadline, March 31st – if you have a senior in high school and have been a member for two consecutive years, have your student complete the Merit Scholarship Application, from the IAC of Lansing website and **must** be postmarked by midnight, March 31, 2024.

Sunday, April 14th: *Feast of San Francesco di Paola Celebration*. A mass will be celebrated, at St. Therese Catholic Church, at 1:30 pm, with celebrants Fr. John Fain and Fr. Enzo Addari. Immediately following mass will be a social hour, in the parish hall. No cost for this event and everyone is welcome! Please bring a dessert or snack to share. Coffee and drinks provided.

I would like to take this opportunity to say “thank you” to Mr. Gino Federici, for the creation and maintenance of the IAC's marvelous website, for the last 8 years. He intends to do more traveling, so the website will be maintained by some board members. I know that Mr. Federici dedicated many long hours, and it was done on a volunteer basis. I am forever grateful! Grazie, Gino! You are the best!

I wish you and your family a Happy and Blessed Easter! Buona Pasqua! Happy Spring!

Best Regards, *Tony De Luca, President*

P.S. Be sure to rereview the Events Calendar page and the various flyers that are part of this newsletter. Many fun events are scheduled for the months of March and April!

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BENVENUTO

Welcome New Member!

➤ Dr. Ezio Novelli, DDS, MD

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



Events Calendar

- Thursday, March 7th – Board Meeting, 6:30 pm, (Allen Neighborhood Center)
- Wednesday, March 13th – Bocce Ball & Pizza – Coratti’s Pizzeria (Howell), 6:00 pm.
Contact: buriganagiorgio@gmail.com
- Sunday, March 17th – Italian Heritage Day – Detroit Pistons (Little Caesar Arena)
- Saturday, March 23rd – Spring International Dinner (Allen Neighborhood Center)
- Sunday, March 31st – Merit Scholarship Applications deadline. (Easter Sunday).
- Thursday, April 4th – Board Meeting, 6:30 pm, (Allen Neighborhood Center)
- Wednesday, April 10th – Trivia Night (Lansing Brewing Co.) contact: Giorgio Burigana, buriganagiorgio@gmail.com
- Sunday, April 14th – San Francesco di Paola - Mass Celebration, 1:30 pm (St. Therese Church), Lansing. *Please bring a dessert or snack to share.*
- Saturday, April 20th – Start of golf outings (course(s) TBD – contact Dane Dario, dariodan2013@gmail.com
- Saturdays or Sundays – Italian Serie A soccer games viewing, at local restaurant (more details to come.) Contact:



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 end of the Lenten season, on Holy Saturday. This delicious dish is made with eggs, combined mixed with various meats like i.e., Italian sausage or pancetta (bacon). Other ingredients added to are ricotta and mozzarella cheese.

Another traditional item is the Easter bread, in Calabria, they call it Cuzzupa. The bread is usually made into a large round circle or a long loaf that is braided.

Hard boiled eggs are sometimes placed in certain sections 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 standstill, Italians enjoy a day of picnicking in the mountains, or the beaches, or countryside. They set up camp and enjoy the packed lunches they brought with them. The lunches consist of delicious frittata, hard boiled eggs, Easter bread, and various meats. Many individuals will make Easter Monday a "fun" filled day of activities with family and friends.

"Share your Italian childhood family Easter traditions with your family."



A
CELEBRATION
OF
Saints

San Francesco di Paola Mass Celebration



To honor San Francesco di Paola, the patron saint of southern Italy

Sunday, April 14, 2024

1:30 p.m.

St. Therese Catholic Church

(corner of Randolph & Turner Street, four blocks north of Old Town)

Celebrants: Fr. John Fain & Fr. Enzo Addari

Social hour with desserts and snacks to follow.
(please bring a dessert/snack to share)

Please help support this special celebration day
and maintain this wonderful tradition.

For more information,
contact Tony De Luca at 517.974.1706
or deluca_iac@yahoo.com

Everyone is welcome!

San Giuseppe - St. Joseph's Day

March 19th



In the Italian South, Giuseppe is one of the most common names - with female counterpart Giuseppina, and short forms Peppino, Pino, Pina, Giusy (a popular modern variation).

San Giuseppe, carpenter, and husband to Mary, is celebrated on May 1st. But the name Giuseppe is celebrated on 19 March, as the "festa del papà" (**Father's Day**), very widespread in Italy.

In popular tradition the Gospel story of St. Joseph asking for shelter for his wife heavy with child and being rejected by everybody led on this festive day to the tradition of offering food and hospitality to the poorest. The table was blessed by the priest and the poor were served first.

Another tradition of celebrating San Giuseppe on March 19th began in **Sicily** in the Middle Ages during a terrible drought. People prayed San Giuseppe to help them, and rain came. In gratitude, huge banquet tables were prepared, and anybody was invited to eat as much as they wanted.

In many Italian localities the feast was often associated to bonfires and preparing (and eating) *zeppole*. Bonfires were inherited from pagan rural cults: March 19th marked the end of winter, and fires were made to burn all remains of previous harvests on the fields; youths, feeling the new spring air, jumped beyond the dying fires -- and still today in Italy the tradition of eating the famous *zeppole* is kept everywhere, and it is a feast for children to prepare them with mothers (and fathers).

- Article courtesy of Italian Heritage



2024 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 high school seniors 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 IAC member(s), in good standing, 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 in an accredited college or university for the fall academic term of the year of application. The application deadline is **midnight, March 31, 2024 (post marked)**.

Any applications received after the midnight deadline will be considered ineligible.

3. The winners will be notified prior to May, and scholarships are 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 send an email to.

Hon. Charles Filice: charles.filice@gmail.com.

To download the Merit Scholarship Application, visit <https://www.lansingiac.org/>.

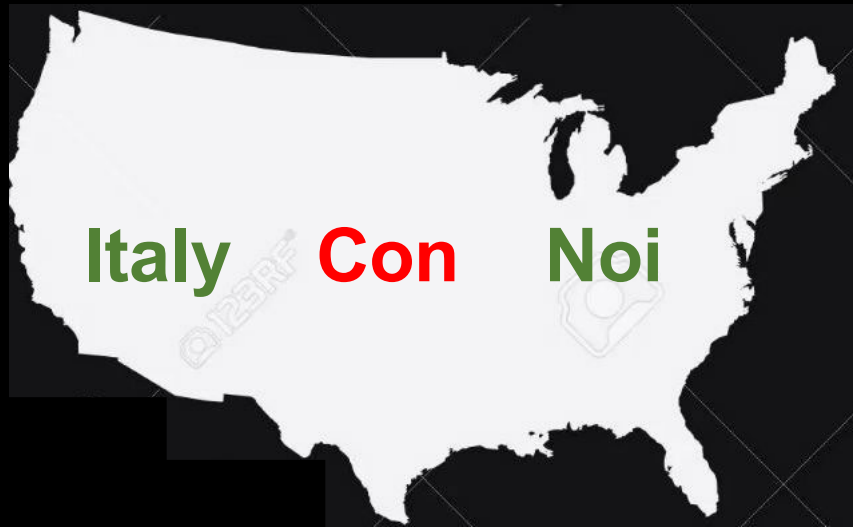
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Attn: Scholarship Committee
P.O. Box 27456
Lansing, MI 48901***



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SATURDAY: 9:00 am - 10:00 am and 5:00 to 6:00 pm

The Italian American Club of Lansing is a proud sponsor of this program.

Easter Menu Ideas... (Italian Food Forever)



Easter Sunday in an Italian home is a joyous occasion spent with family and friends. Typical of Italian cuisine, most holiday tables are planned around seasonal favorites, emphasizing that springtime is a wonderful season.

Artichokes, fava beans, baby peas, and asparagus fill the market stands across the country. Lamb is often the meat of choice and is cooked in many ways, particularly by roasting. For dessert, regional specialties are offered, including many that are rich in eggs and cheese.

Here are several traditional recipes for you to choose from for your Easter dinner this year. You may follow the recipe as written or add your own special touch.

Enjoy!

Antipasti

[Fava Beans with Pecorino Cheese](#)
[Stuffed Mushrooms with Ricotta Surprise](#)
[Bruschetta with Radicchio & Goat Cheese](#)

Primi

[Lemon Pasta with Grilled Shrimp](#)
[Risotto Primavera](#)
[Creamy Asparagus Soup](#)

Secondi

[Roasted Spring Lamb with Garlic and Herbs](#)
[Prosciutto & Spinach Stuffed Turkey Breast](#)

Contorni

[Crispy Roasted Potato Spirals](#)
[Roasted Baby Carrots with Orange & Honey](#)
[Asparagus Parmesan](#)
[Baked Baby Artichokes](#)
[Green Beans with Peppers](#)

Dolci

[Ricotta Cake with Lemon Glaze](#)
[Torta della Nonna](#)
[Lemon Ricotta Cheesecake](#)





Join the
Italian American Club of Lansing

For an evening of bocce, food, and
plenty of fun and fellowship!

**Location: Coratti's Pizzeria Bar and Bocce
316 E. Grand River, Howell**

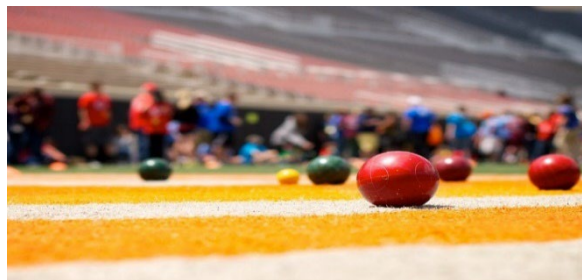
<https://www.corattispizzeria.com/>

**Date: Wednesday, March 13th, dinner at
5:30 pm, bocce at 6:30 pm.**

\$5.00/hour (per person), for bocce court fees

Food and drinks available (off the menu).

(food, drinks & bocce court fees – your responsibility)



Please RSVP to: buriganagiorgio@gmail.com, **no later than
March 1st**, to reserve your number of table seatings.

ITALIAN HERITAGE NIGHT



VS



SUN. MARCH 17TH 2024 | 3PM

Come out to celebrate Italian Heritage Night at Little Caesars Arena as the Detroit Pistons take on the Miami Heat! This event is organized under the Auspices of the Consulate of Italy in Detroit and the Com.It.Es of Detroit. With the purchase of a ticket through this link, you will receive a special Pistons item at the game. Please place orders quickly because spots are limited!

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FOR QUESTIONS OR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

Thomas Hart | 313-771-5532 | thart@pistons.com

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Italian Heritage Night



VS



SUN. MARCH 17, 2024, 3PM

LOWER LEVEL ENDZONE \$52 (reg. \$60)

Purchase tickets at:

WWW.PISTONS.COM/ITALIAN



If there is enough interest, we will charter a bus from Lansing to Detroit. Please send an email to deluca_iac@yahoo.com, by March 4th, if interested in riding the bus.

The riding fee will be determined by the number of riders. Sponsorship for the bus will be graciously accepted, to help off-set expenses.

We will personally meet Italian born player from the Detroit Pistons, Simone Fontecchio.



Join the
Italian American Club of Lansing
For an
Spring International Dinner Event!

Location: Allen Street Neighborhood Center
1611 E. Kalamazoo St., Lansing

Date: Saturday, March 23rd, starting 6:00 pm



Authentic dishes prepared by restaurateurs of the
Center:

- Asian
 - Peruvian
 - Ethiopian/Eritrean
- Cost: \$25.00/per person
Everyone welcome!

MUST RSVP to: buriganagiorgio@gmail.com
by March 10th! (Limited Seating)

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TRIVIA

Come and join members of the IAC of Lansing for some trivia and excitement, at Lansing Brewing Company, on Wednesday, April 10th, at 7:00 pm.

Details - 2-hour round of trivia.

- Bring a team (up to 6).
- It's free to play.
- Expect 60-ish questions over 2 hours.
- Win gift cards and other prizes.

Plenty of fun!
Test your
trivia skills!

Please RSVP to Giorgio Burigana, buriganagiorgio@gmail.com, by March 30th. We would like to have as many teams as possible.

Calling all golfers!



Join members of the IACL in a fun round of golf! If there is enough interest, we will coordinate tee times and rounds of golf on a bi-weekly or monthly basis, starting in the month of April.

This is a great opportunity for fellowship and enjoy the outdoors. Possible golf courses rotations, to test your golf skills.

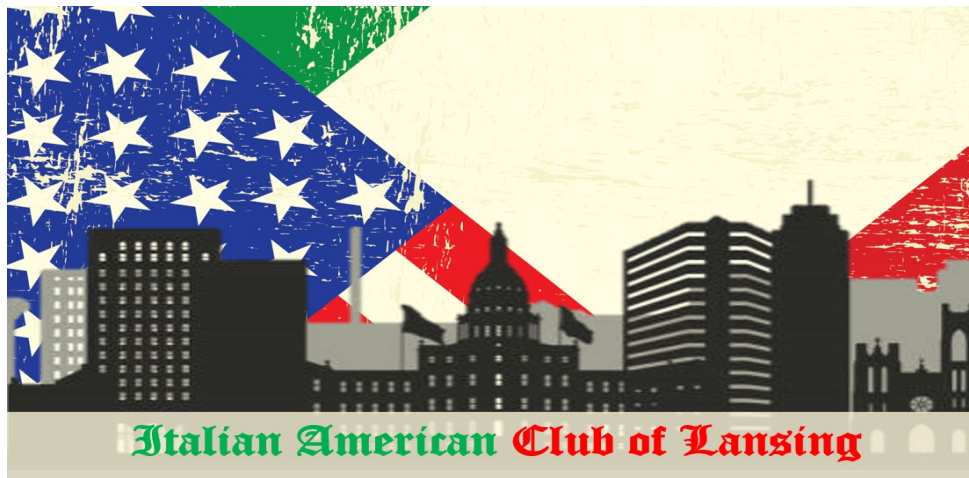
Everyone will be responsible for their own golf fees or any other expenses. To reserve your spot or for more information, contact Dane Dario, at dariodan2013@gmail.com.



**BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR YOUR 2024/25
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**Help to maintain the Italian heritage,
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support of the IAC of Lansing!**

Thank you! Grazie!



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS - ANNUAL MEETING - THURSDAY, MAY 9TH, 6:30 PM



Join the *Italian American Club of Lansing*

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

(Membership year is May 1st to April 30th)

Member(s) Name: _____

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- \$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 De Luca, at deluca_iac@yahoo.com

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

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
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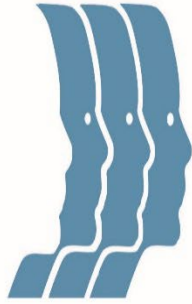
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