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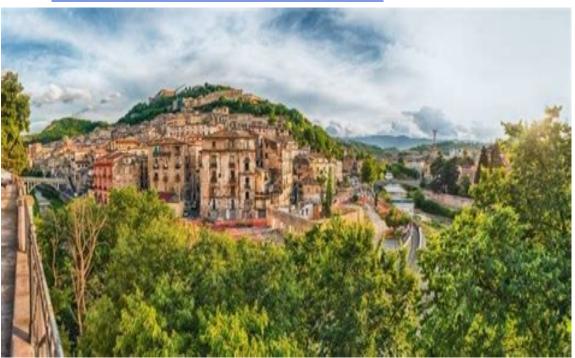
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Welcome New Members!

> Alessandro Bozzo

RENEW YOUR LAC MEMBERSHIP OR JOIN TODAY!

Maintain the beautiful Italian heritage, culture, and traditions!

Thank you! Grazie!





Tony De Luca, President

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members and Supporters,

It will soon be Fall, where has the summer gone? There has been plenty of events and activities that have already taken place. Like *the Italian Bowl*, returned to Toledo, Ohio. It was a well attended championship game and our Club was represented by a tailgate hosted by board member, Giorgio Burigana.

Another event was the *West Michigan Festa Italiana*, at Tanger Mall, in Byron Center. This was the inaugural year of bringing back this Italian festival in West Michigan. Our Club was a sponsor of the Friday entertainment by Pino Marelli. The Italian American Club of Kalamazoo is also supporting this festival and are organizied a bocce ball tournament

On Sunday, August 10th, the 87th year of the St. Ippolito Festival, known as Bunkerhill took place. A long standing tradition in the Italian community.

And now, we come to some upcoming events, that you don't want to miss!!

On Saturday, September 6ht, is the IAC of Lansing's Tailgate Gate event, on the MSU campus. We have teamed up with Beaumont Bronze for this event. More details within the newsletter.

On Saturday, October 4th, is our Italian Dinner Night, this is our famous home-cooked dinner with plenty of delicious food and entertainment. Tickets are currently on sale. Purchase yours today! Before they are all gone!

As a reminder your membership or sponsorship are vital in helping to maintain the Italian heritage, culture, and traditions in our community. For more details and information, visit www.lansingiac.org. I look forward to seeing you in the upcoming events. Thank you for your continued support. Grazie.

TAILGATE EVENT!



Please join us for this year's IACL's tailgate on the MSU campus, on <u>Saturday</u>, <u>Sept. 6th!</u> This year's tailgate will once again be graciously co-hosted by Beaumont Bronze, who have been tailgating at MSU Football games for the last eight years, and is run by IACL Vice President, Dane Dario.

Festivities will begin at **11:00 am**, as that is when MSU opens campus for night games. There will be food, drinks, entertainment, and games throughout the course of the day leading up to kickoff at **7:30pm**. Attendees are more than welcome to stay at the tailgate for the game as it will be aired at the tailgate on a 100" projector screen.

Everyone is encouraged to bring a plate to pass around, but it is not required, however this event is BYOB. Stay tuned for an official Facebook event that will share greater details as we get closer to the big day.



Italian Dinner Night!

Saturday, October 4th, doors open at 6:00 pm.

Cristo Rey Church— Parish Hall

\$35 – Adults

\$20.00 Children (6-12)

Free (under 6)

Proceeds to benefit:

IAC of Lansing and RSVP -Lansing

ITALIAN DINNER NIGHT!

On <u>Saturday</u>, <u>October 4</u>, <u>2025</u>, is our annual Italian Dinner Night, to be held at Cristo Rey Church—Parish Hall, doors open at 6:00 pm. A delicious menu will be served which includes pasta with homemade sauce (cooked by volunteers), homemade meatballs, Italian sausage, salad, dinner rolls, desserts, and coffee. Not only will you be enjoying delicious dinner! You will be entertained by Pino Marelli, who plays a variety Italian music (new and traditional), current popular music. Get ready to have some fun and polish those dancing shoes!

Tickets costs for this event are: \$35.00 for adults; \$20.00 for children (6-12 years of age); and Free to under 6yrs old. Purchase your tickets online by scanning the QR Code in the flyer that is part of the newsletter. You can also purchase tickets through any of the board members.

The proceeds from the dinner event will benefit: *the IAC's Scholarship Fund and the Retired & Senior Volunteer Programs of Ingham, Eaton, and Clinton Counties*, **ww.lansingiac.org and www.rsvp-lansing.com.**

Purchase your tickets, today! Seating is limited!

Come and enjoy some Italian cuisine and heritage! Mangia! Buon Appetitto!

Scan the QR Code to purchase tickets, today.





Friday, September 5th, 9:00 am to 10:00 am,

Grand Traverse Pie Co., 1403 E. Grand River Ave, East Lansing

ITALIAN BUSINESS NETWORK

If you missed the business network coffee hour in August, here is your next opportunity! Mark your calendars for **Friday**, **September 5**, **2025**, **from 9:00 am to 10:00 am**, at the Grand Traverse Pie Company, 1403 E. Grand River Ave, East Lansing.

This event will bring together both Italian business/professional owners and other professionals from the area. The format of this network event allows each individual to introduce themselves and then, one key note business member/professional will highlight their business and speak on a particular subject matter.

This coffee hour network is being spear-headed by Jack Miceli, a member of the IAC of Lansing and a financial advisor with Edwards Jones. Thank you Jack for all your efforts on this exciting event of bringing business owners and professionals together and providing them an additional opportunity to showcase their profession.

The IAC of Lansing is proud to support local businesses and professionals within the greater Lansing community. We hold a strong commitment in preserving the beautiful Italina culture, heritage, and traditions.

For more information, visit: www.lansingiac.org or visit our Facebook Page.

Club and Community News....Notizie

87th Annual Sant' Ippolito Festival—Sunday, August 10, 2025







Statue of Sant Ippolito/Procession







West Michigan "Festa Italiana"—July 25th and 26th, Byron Center



IACL Sponsor ofPino Marelli



Pictured L: Tony De Luca with Silvio Ciccione (father of pop singer Madonna)

For more pics.: https://drive.google.com/ drive/folders/1UKn68G-7AbVIxRLL3g6wiRq2X6LWYXKn?

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Ramo Salerno Italian Heritage Trip to Lansing



We are thrilled to extend a warm invitation to you, for an exciting and enriching experience: The Ramo Salerno Italian-American Heritage Trip to Lansing, in the vibrant capital of Michigan, being held on **Wednesday**, **October 8**, **2025**, **approximately 11:00 am**.

There will be one person from (5) Michigan Italian-American clubs and cultural societies: Italian -American Cultural Society (Clinton Twp., MI), Italian-American Club of Livonia (Livonia, MI), Downriver Italian-American Club (Southgate, MI), the Italian-American Club of Lansing (Lansing, MI), and the Italian American Chamber of Commerce (Clinton Twp., MI) without selecting someone who has previously been honored with a proclamation.

This year, our very own Honorable Frank J. De Luca, will receive a proclamation for the many years of dedication and civic duties to the Lansing community, and also, for his many years of dedication, commitments, and volunteerism to preserving the Italian heritage, culture, and traditions to the greater Lansing community. Congratulations, Frank! A well deserved honor for all that you have done! Come and be part of this Italian heritage ceremony, support Judge De Luca, and enjoy a delicious lunch for attendees.



COURTESY OF: LIFE IN ITALY

Halloween in Italy-

Italy imported this festival from the USA through films, TV and pop culture. It all started as a way to entertain children with the famous trick-or-treat routine. Certainly, *Carnevale* is still superior, but tendencies are looking undoubtedly more and more in favor to Halloween. This is throwing some controversy into the laps of religious authorities in Italy. Halloween is starting to develop a superior influence over Italy's **All Saints and All Souls Day**, on November 1st and 2nd respectively, and many worry about the fact that it may turn what is supposed to be a time to remember our dead with love and cherish, into yet another occasion to party.

However, if we look at the true origins and the true meaning of Halloween, we'll see that they're not that different from what Italians celebrate on All Saints and All Souls Day. If, from a commercial point of view, Halloween is an All-American product, its spirit is rooted in antiquity and comes very much from Europe. Halloween, known by the Celts as **Samhain**, was originally nothing more than a day to remember and honor the **souls of the dead**. It's been here since before Christ, witness to the wholly human necessity to remember and love those who are no longer physically with us. Celebrations of Halloween were popular in Ireland and **Scotland** and when people from these countries emigrated to the US in the 19th century, they brought this custom along. America then made of Halloween what we know today, whereas Europe remained attached to the more spiritually oriented celebrations of All Saints and All Souls Day.



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Christopher Columbus—Italian Explorer

Courtesy of: World History Encyclopedia

Christopher Columbus (1451-1506, also known as Cristoffa Corombo in Ligurian and Cristoforo Colombo in Italian) was a Genoese explorer (identified as Italian) who became famous in his own time as the man who discovered the New World and, since the 19th century CE, is credited with the discovery of North America, specifically the region comprising the United States.

Actually, owing to the early 16th-century popularity of the published letters of the Florentine explorer Amerigo Vespucci (l. 1454-1512), detailing his three voyages to the "New World" between 1497-1504, the discovery of the Americas has been credited to him on world maps beginning in 1506 which is why the continents bear the feminine version of his name. Columbus made four voyages to the area of the Caribbean, exploring Cuba, Central America, South America, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, the Dominican Republic, Haiti, the islands of the Bahamas, and others between 1492-1504:

First Voyage: 1492-1493
Second Voyage: 1493-1496
Third Voyage: 1498-1500
Fourth Voyage: 1502-1504

Columbus never set out to discover a New World, but to find a western sea route to the Far East to facilitate trade after the land route of the Silk Road, between Europe and the East, had been closed by the Ottoman Empire in 1453, initiating the so-called Age of Exploration (also known as the Age of Discovery) which launched many European sea expeditions. Columbus' first voyage brought him to one of the islands of the Bahamas on 12 October 1492, which he claimed in the name of the monarchs Ferdinand II of Aragon and his wife Isabella of Castile of Spain. His next three voyages were made to consolidate Spain's control of the region and establish colonies.

Columbus is acknowledged as the first to establish contact between Europe and the Americas known as the <u>Columbian Exchange</u> whereby people, plants, technology, and other aspects of <u>culture</u> passed between the Old and the New World, transforming both and establishing the foundation for the modern age.

Although modern-day detractors of Columbus cite the Norse community in Newfoundland as the first "discovery of America", the <u>Vikings</u> under <u>Leif Erikson</u>, who landed in North America centuries before Columbus, had no effect on the indigenous population and their return to Greenland afterwards inspired no further expeditions.

Columbus' journeys, by contrast, opened the way for later European expeditions, but he himself never claimed to have discovered America. The story of his "discovery of America" was established and first celebrated in *A History of the Life and Voyages of Christopher Columbus* by the American author <u>Washington Irving</u> (l. 1783-1859 CE) published in 1828 CE and this narrative (largely fictional) would eventually contribute to the establishment of Columbus Day as a United States' holiday in 1906 CE, observed up through the present.



Columbus Day—Monday, October 13, 2025

Courtesy of: Piatto Recipes





Rosemary Chicken with Potatoes – Italian Whole Roasted Chicken

https://www.piattorecipes.com/rosemary-chicken-with-potatoes-italian-whole-roasted-chicken/



Butternut Squash Risotto—

https://www.piattorecipes.com/butternut-squash-



Semolina Gnocchi-

https://www.piattorecipes.com/semolina-gnocchi-recipe





HOMEMADE PUMPKIN CHEESECAKE

https://anitalian in my kitchen.com/pumpkin-cheese cake/



NEGRONI

Negroni Recipe:

1 ounce of gin

1 ounce of sweet vermouth

1 ounce <u>Campari</u>

Orange twist or slice, for garnish

ITALIAN AMERICAN CLUB OF LANSING

Our Mission is to foster and maintain our proud Italian heritage, culture, and traditions for the next generations.

We offer a variety of activities, from cultural, sports concerts, dinner, events. We love to gather for festivals celebrating our common heritage. From here to Detroit we are all one group united in a common cause: community and the love for God, Country and Family.

MARK YOUR 2025 CALENDARS!

We are planning a full calendar of events for 2025 and we look forward to your support and attendance of these events. Here is a short list of some scheduled Club or around the state Italian community events:

- Football Tailgate Event September 6, on the MSU Campus
- <u>Italian Dinner Night</u>—October 4th, Cristo Rey Church—parish hall
- Columbus Day Celebration at State Capitol, Wednesday, October 8th, at 11:00 am
- Halloween-Friday, October 31st
- Thanksgiving-Thursday, November 27th
- <u>Christmas Party</u>—December, date and location to be determined.
- Christmas Day-Thursday, December 25th
- Other events not listed could be added.

Please note that dates and times of any events, are subject to changes.

If you have a recipe(s) or a newsworthy item to share for an upcoming newsletter editions, send information to:

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Thank you sponsors for your support! Grazie!

If NOT a current sponsor become a sponsor today!

(Additional details attached)



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ITALIAN DINNER NIGHT

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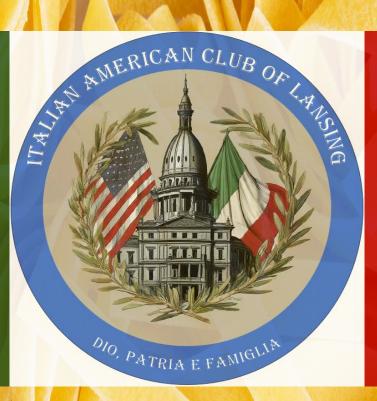
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Children (6-12):

\$20.00

Children Under 6:

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Saturday, Oct. 4th, 2025

Cristo Rey Church-Parish Hall

201 W. Miller Rd, Lansing

Doors Open at 6:00pm

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Menu Includes:

Pasta with Pomodoro
Sauce, Italian Sausage,
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or **RENEWAL**

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

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Italian Family Name Affiliation (if applicable)				
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Phone:	ell Phone:			
Email Address:				
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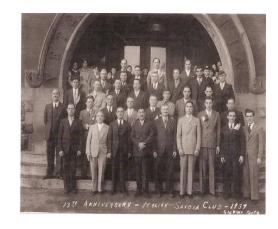
Thank you. Grazie!

The Italian American Club of Lansing

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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
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- 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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Thank you. Grazie.

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