

ITALIAN AMERICAN CLUB OF LANSING

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NEWSLETTER - NOTIZIE

Motto: Dio, Patria e Famiglia (God, Country & Family)

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RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP, TODAY!



It is easy to renew! Simply go online at www.lansingiac.org and make an electronic payment or download application and send your payment.

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



Tony De Luca, President



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members and/or Supporters,

Spring has arrived! Bella Primavera!

In this newsletter you will find information on some upcoming events and happenings. But, I would like to place my emphasis on membership renewal. We will be beginning our new membership period which begin on May 1st through April 30th of 2027. Your past and future support is greatly appreciated. Our organization cannot continue to function without the support of its members! You are a vital part that keeps our organization thriving! So, I urge you to renew you membership and encourage your family, friends, and neighbors to join, today!

In the upcoming months here are some scheduled events and happenings. Our organization moto “*God, Country and Family*.” Be certain to celebrate Mother’s and Father’s Days with you parents and if your parents are deceased, make certain to

keep the memories alive! After all, family is a very important aspect of our Italian heritage.

List of highlighted events, activities or notable items: *May 7th—Annual Membership Meeting; May 10th—Mother’s Day; May 25th—Memorial Day; June 9th—Cooking class, at Allen Neighborhood Center, coordinated by Giorgio Burigana and Prof. Carmen De Lorenzo with Chef Matt Jones; June 21st—Father’s Day*

As some of you might know, we recently lost one of board members, Jim Dravensttat-Moceri. Jim had been a long serving member of our organization and was a good friend to all of us. He was the main cook and kitchen coordinator for our annual pasta dinners. He will be deeply missed and may he rest in peace.

Remember, to visit our website for a membership application or for any information on any upcoming events. Email us at iacoflansing@gamil.com, if you have any questions. *Thank you. Grazie.*

ITALIAN COOKING CLASSES (MANGIA!)

Would you like to learn some homemade Italian recipes? Well, here is your opportunity! On **Tuesday, June 9th, from 6:00 pm—9:00 pm, at Allen Neighborhood Center, located at 1629 E. Kalamazoo St.** This will be the second class of a series that will be held on a quarterly basis.

In this class you will learn how to make a homemade Italian dish. The class will be conducted by Matt Jones, Chef, at the Allen Neighborhood Center and Prof. Carmen De Lorenzo, IAC board member and Italian language professor at Michigan State University.

The maximum number of students is (10) per class and you **must be preregistered**. To register simply email Giorgio Burigana at buriganagiorgio@gmail.com. The cost is \$50.00 per person which includes the grocery items needed to prepare the selected class dish.

At the end of the class you will have the opportunity to enjoy your prepared dish along with those individuals that are part of the class. This class will be filling up fast, so don’t delay in registering! See flyer for more details within this newsletter.

BUON APPETITO!



MOTHER'S DAY—Sunday, May 10th

FATHER'S DAY—Sunday, June 21st



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING



The Annual Membership Meeting will be held on **Thursday, May 7th, starting at 6:00 pm**, at City Limits Bowling Center and Sports Grill, located at 801 N. Cedar St., Mason.

This is your opportunity to renew your membership or join the IAC of Lansing. Your support will help to continue and maintain the Italian heritage, culture, and traditions for the next generations. If you know of someone that is NOT a current member, encourage them to attend the meeting.

We will be providing a meal and those that renew their membership or join, the meal is at **NO** cost. Non-members \$20.00/person. The deadline to RSVP is **May 1st**, by emailing: iacoflansing@gmail.com, this is to assure that we order enough meals. If you have any questions, please email them to the above email address.

Thank you for supporting the IAC of Lansing! (See attached flyer for further details)

JUNE 2ND—ITALY'S REPUBLIC DAY



Among these special days, the Republic Day, in Italian, Festa della Repubblica, is one of the most heart-felt by the population, even though, for historical reasons, it has existed for less than a century. It is a secular holiday established, as can be easily deduced from the name, to commemorate the birth of the Republic in Italy.

It is worth remembering that the days of the referendum, 2 and 3 June 1946, are important also because they marked the first universal suffrage vote in Italy.



COMITES OF DETROIT—DINNER FUNDRAISER



Com.It.Es. of Detroit, a non-profit Italian organization representing Italians living abroad, in (5) Midwest states, is having a dinner fundraiser on **Monday, May 19, 2025, 6:00 pm.** **Cost \$50.00/person, Picano's Italian Grille, 3775 Rochester Rd., Troy, MI.** Come and enjoy this special evening supporting the Italian community!

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED by calling 586/991-0193. Please leave a message with your name, phone number and how many will be attending or send an email to comitesdetroit@gmail.com.

Space is limited for this dinner event.

Cash or check made payable to [Com.It.Es.](#), will be accepted at the door.

(See attached flyer)

WEST MICHIGAN - FESTA ITALIANA

It's back for another year!

On Friday, July 24th and Saturday, July 25th: The West Michigan Italian Festival a vibrant celebration of Italian culture, food, music, and traditions, bringing the community together for an unforgettable experience. Kids activities, bocce ball tournament, Italian car show, and much more....

Seeking support to make this event a success—whether by volunteering your time or becoming a sponsor to help create a truly memorable festival.

Join in showcasing and preserving the beauty of Italian heritage! This event will honor the many great contributions of Pete Secchia. Learn more by visiting <https://westmichiganitalianfestival.com/>.

"Festa Italiana"

Friday, July 25th and

Saturday, July 26th.

350-84th St. SW

Tanger Outlets,

Byron Center, MI

12:00 noon to 10:00 pm



OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS FROM AROUND THE STATE....

- Festa della Repubblica (Italian National Day)—at Detroit Institute of Arts, Tuesday, June 2nd. Presented by the Italian Consulate of Detroit.
- Festa Italiana—Freedom Hills Park, Sterling Heights, Michigan—July 17th, 18th, and 19th. Sponsored by Italian American Chamber of Commerce.
- IAC of Lansing Picnic—TBD
- Italian Heritage—Detroit Tigers, Comerica Park, Detroit—Wednesday, August 12th, 6:40 pm. Italian baseball jersey with the purchase of special ticket package.
- Sant' Ippolito Festival—hosted by Sant' Ippolito Society, Bunkerhill Township, Sunday, August 9th

Welcome New Members:

Elizabeth Throckmorton and Jared Ross

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, sporting heritage events, 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 CALENDARS!

Calendar of events for 2026 , feast days or happenings. We look forward to your support and attendance. Here is a short list of some upcoming scheduled Club events, meetings or around the state Italian community events:

- **May 1st—Labor Day celebrated in Italy**
- **Annual Membership Meeting—May 7th, 6:00 pm, City Limits Bowling Center & Sports Grille, 801 N. Cedar St., Mason, MI.**
- **Mother’s Day—May 10th**
- **Comites of Detroit—Dinner Fundraiser—May 19th, Picano’s Italian Grille, Troy, MI.**
- **Memorial Day—May 24th**
- **Italy ‘s Republic Day (Festa della Repubblica)—June 2nd**
- **IAC Board Meeting, June 4th, 6:30 pm**
- **Italian Cooking Class—June 9th**
- **Father’s Day—June 21st**

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

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

iacoflansing@gmail.com



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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING!

Meeting Agenda:

- Attendance/Roll Call
- Annual Financial Report
- Old Business
- New Business
- Communications
- Any and All Business
- Adjournment



*Thursday,
May 7th, 2026
6:00 PM
City Limits
Bowling Center
and Sports Grill
801 N. Cedar St.
Mason, MI 48864*

**Meal provided for
members - FREE!**

**Non-Members
\$20/meal**

**Renew Your
Membership
or Join!**

Come learn about how decisions are made!

For catering purposes, please **RSVP** no later than **MAY 1st, 2026**
to **IACofLansing@gmail.com!**

Looking forward to seeing you!



Italian American Club of Lansing

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION (check selection)

NEW MEMBERSHIP

RENEWAL

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

Member(s) Name: _____

Italian Family Name Affiliation (if applicable) _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Family Membership: (names of children)

Membership Category/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)

For Associate/Supporter membership - provide referral by: _____

Please check box (✓) for automatic credit card yearly membership renewal option. Provide your authorizing signature for automatic renewal: _____

Send Application and Payment to:

Italian American Club of Lansing, P.O. Box 27456, Lansing, MI 48909

If you have questions, please email iacoflansing@gmail.com

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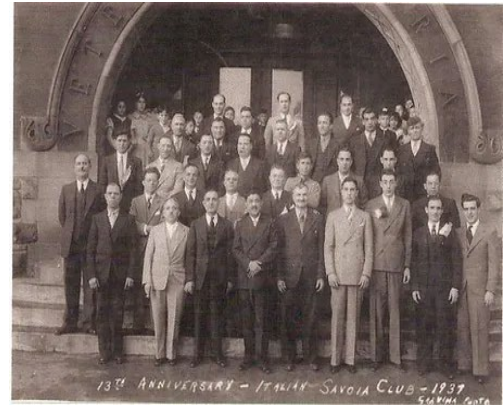
**Thank you sponsors for your
support! Grazie!**

Become a sponsor today!

(Additional details attached to this newsletter)

The Italian American Club of Lansing

Inc. 1971



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.

Interested in being a Sponsor? Please email: iacoflansing@gmail.com.

Thank you. Grazie.



Italian American Club of Lansing

SPONSORSHIP APPLICATION

Company Name: _____

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: _____ **Cell Phone:** _____

Email Address: _____

Sponsorship Level: *(circle applicable level)*

\$500.00 - Platinum

\$250.00 - Gold

\$100.00 - Silver

\$50.00 - Individual

Sponsorship Category: *(check applicable category)*

General Sponsorship *(One year – May 1st to April 30^t, newsletters, website)*

Event Sponsorship *(Recognition at event)*

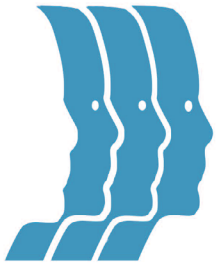
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If you have questions, please email jacoflansing@gmail.com

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Thank you. Grazie!

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