



The Roar of the Lion

Marisa Rubé Przepiora, editor
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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Spring begins this year on March 20, the astronomical vernal equinox. Snow melts, the days grow longer, the sun gets higher in the sky and warms the earth and the air. Springtime brings about a rebirth, rejuvenation, renewal, resurrection, and regrowth. We shed our winter coats, heavy sweaters, and boots. Two important religious events happen in spring: Easter is the most important religious feast in the Christian liturgical year, and Passover is celebrated by the Jews to commemorate their escape from slavery in Egypt as described in the Book of Exodus in the Torah.



For many of us, we are confident that winter is behind us with the start of the Lilac Festival. Not only is it the largest and longest-running festival in the Greater Rochester Metropolitan Area, it is the largest celebration of its kind in North America. This year the festival is scheduled from May 7 thru May 16th, but there is so much more to see there prior to and after the lilacs bloom: flowering magnolia trees, dogwoods, eastern redbuds, wisteria, azaleas, and rhododendrons. A single visit just cannot capture it all. And while you are wandering around the park, visit the Lamberton Conservatory on Reservoir Ave.

I was surprised to learn about Rochester as “The Flower City”, a nickname given about 1850 when milling and waterpower declined. By 1880 Rochester was surrounded by flowers, gardens, nurseries, and seed companies. The city’s largest nursery, Ellwanger and Barry, located what is now Highland Park, supplied plants all over the world. The Ellwanger Estate, whose entrance follows an ancient Indian Trail from Lake Ontario to the Mississippi Trail and gardens have been preserved in perpetuity, is located on Mt Hope Ave, across from the park and is now a bed and breakfast. The Barry Estate, also located on Mt. Hope, is owned by the University of Rochester and is the home of its Provost.

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During this same time period a number of nurseries and seed companies came into being. Charles Crosman founded one of the most successful seed companies in the world and soon dominated much of the northern hemisphere. They remain America’s oldest packet seed house to this day.

Ever wonder how those streets off Park Avenue, Vick Park A and Vick Park B, got named? James Vick settled in Rochester with his parents at 16. He became a printer, seed seller, and published a gardening magazine and catalog. He started growing flowers and mailed out seeds to his readers. In 1855 he opened a seed store and nursery on East Avenue. The Vick Seed company continued into the 20th Century before being sold to Burpee Seed Co. Now as to those streets and why Park Avenue is so winding. James built the Union Park Racetrack which ran through his garden properties, and the two straight-aways became the streets known as Vick Park A and Vick Park B.

But we aren’t finished yet. Joseph Harris of the Harris Seed Company purchased 140 plus acres in Gates in 1863 and named it Moreton Farms. He opened the Harris Seed Co. in 1879 and published a 44-page seed catalog. Moreton Farm was the largest of its kind of seed farm in the nation after WWI. As they company thrived and grew, they eventually opened an office in the Pacific Northwest. The company was sold to a large corporation in 1979 when no Harris family members continued the business. The company did manage to find its way back to the Rochester area and into private ownership once again in 1987 and its headquarters is located on Paul Road

As spring begins its rebirth of flowers and plants to our gardens, the blooming of lilacs and magnolias and dogwoods, lush green lawns, walks and bike rides through the parks, let us also be hopeful we will be able to gather once again and enjoy each other’s company in person.

Take care and God Bless,
Marjorie

INSTALLATION OF NEWLY ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS

Please join NYS Grand Lodge President,
Anthony Naccarato in the installation of the
2021-2023 Council of the Vincent Lombardi
Lodge #2270

Thursday, March 11, 2021 at 7:00 PM
via zoom invite

Vincent Lombardi Lodge #2270 General
Assembly Meeting

Time: Mar 11, 2021 07:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting with this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83456463630>

Or call in using this phone number:

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Vincent Lombardi Lodge #2270 2021 Calendar

March 4th, 6:30pm: Council Meeting
March 11th, 7pm: General Assembly Meeting and New
Officer Installation Ceremony

April 1st, 6:30pm: Council Meeting
April 8th, 7pm: General Assembly Meeting

May 6th, 6:30pm: Council Meeting
May 13th, 7pm: General Assembly Meeting

June 3rd, 6:30pm: Council Meeting
June 10th, 7pm: General Assembly Meeting

July 1st, 6:30pm: Council Meeting
July 8th, 7pm: General Assembly Meeting

August 5th, 6:30pm: Council Meeting
August 12th, 7pm: General Assembly Meeting

Scholarship Awards—TBD

September 2nd, 6:30pm: Council Meeting
September 9th, 7pm: General Assembly Meeting

October 7th, 6:30pm: Council Meeting
October 14th, 7pm: General Assembly Meeting

November 4th, 6:30pm: Council Meeting
November 11th, 7pm: General Assembly Meeting

December 2nd, 6:30pm: Council Meeting
December 9th, 7pm: General Assembly Meeting

La Festa Della Donna - March 8th, 2021



International Women’s Day or La Festa Della Donna, as its called in Italy – is a sort of BFF day honoring womanhood and female friendships. Every man you pass will smile and greet you with a warm, “Auguri!” (Have great celebration) There’s a sense of festivity all about, and you’ll spot clusters of female friends lingering over espresso, meeting for long lunches and gathering in groups for a celebratory night out. Since mimosas bloom in central Italy in March, they are the holiday’s honorary flower and everywhere women carry little bouquets of these tiny yellow flowers, which are sold or given away by shopkeepers, waiters, and even the corner newspaper seller.

Interestingly, although it’s an important day in Italy, Festa della Donna, actually has its roots in two events that occurred outside Italy. One event was the formation of the first women’s union in the USA which was sparked after a strike by garment workers on March 8, 1857 in NYC. Then, sixty years later, Russian women led a strike asking for “bread and peace” during the Russian Revolution. In 1945 the Union of Italian Women declared that this special date, March 8, should be set aside to celebrate womanhood across the country. Festa delle Donne had been celebrated in on different dates in different cities of Italy. But in 1946 they officially settled on March 8th.



3/8: Chris Przepiora
3/10: Ann Battaglia
3/14: Catherine DiNicola
3/16: Don Campese

3/19: Michael Meleca
3/23: Nick Baross
3/26: Mary Rinere
3/30: Shirley Sculli



Sending our good wishes to Brother Luigi DiFilippo, fighting recent illness.

We are happy to report that Sister Linda Agnello is expected to be discharged home within the month as she continues to heal and gain strength.

Applications for both our state and local lodge scholarships are due by **March 31st**. If you haven't yet passed this info on to the high school seniors in your life, please take a moment to do so. More information can be found here:



Vincent Lombardi Lodge Scholarships: <http://www.sonsofitalyrochester.com/scholarships.htm>

Grand Lodge Scholarships: <http://www.nysosia.org/scholarships>



Just one week shy of one year since the hospital shut down to visitors due to COVID-19, Brother Tom Meleca was given the green light for an in room visit with Sandy! Brother Tom, along with Brother Frank Giancaterin, had a great visit with Sister Sandy this week and we are lucky enough to get a glimpse of that smile we know and love...doesn't she look great!?! Sister Sandy is pleased to answer calls from lodge members. If you would like to give her a call, first try her cell phone at 585-752-3271. If she doesn't answer there, call the nurses station at 585-760-6167 and ask them if they can swing down and help her answer the phone, they are happy to do so.



From State CSJ Chairman, John Fratta

This past year has been a challenging one for all of us in many ways. It has been particularly challenging for our Commission for Social Justice (CSJ). While we continue to work diligently to preserve our Italian Culture and Heritage and promote our Positive Image, our funds for these endeavors are running low.

Due to COVID restrictions, we are unable to hold our Annual Fundraiser Dinner. To help raise the funds needed, we are replacing this event with a "Shamrock" Share the Wealth. We will sell 100 Shamrocks at \$100 each and the winning Shamrocks will be drawn on Wednesday, March 17.



There will be five (5) winners as follows:

- 1st Prize: \$2500**
- 2nd Prize: \$1000**
- 3rd Prize: \$750**
- 4th Prize: \$500**
- 5th Prize: \$250**

Checks should be made payable to: NYS Commission for Social Justice and mailed to Anthony Rotoli, 93 Lincoln Ave., Port Jefferson Station, New York 11776. Please include your phone number so that we can notify you if you won one of the five prizes.

CSJ Report: Changing Terminology

President Marjorie Focarazzo

Language is a noun that means “the principal method of human communication, consisting of words used in a structured and conventional way and conveyed by speech, writing, or gesture”. (Wikipedia), and the words we use can make a difference. They can open doors or close them. They can create an illusion or magic, show gratitude, provide empathy and sympathy, can be uplifting or complimentary. Or words can be denigrating or degrading, sarcastic, mean, cruel, send the wrong message, or be misinterpreted. Words are powerful. They can make a difference.

The word “mafia” or “mafioso” has a negative connotation. It originated in Sicily as a type of organized crime syndicate in the 19th Century, and yet, many people look on all Italians as fitting into that category, a somewhat “one size fits all”. Not long ago, there was a time when people were reluctant, even feared, to use the word “mafia” but today the use of the word has gone in the other direction and has become an overused term. There are many societies around the world that have criminal organizations. These groups provide the same services through similar methods across the globe. For example, after the fall of Communism in Russia, the state’s security system nearly failed and collapsed. Businessmen hired gangs to make sure contracts were enforced and their properties protected. These gangs became known as the “Russian Mafia”. The “Korean Mafia” is made up of former military special force personnel. In 2002 they seized the city hall subway station, took hostages, and threatened to kill them if their demands were not met, but Team RAINBOW, an international counterterrorist group, was able to thwart the situation. More often than not the term “mafia” is associated with organized crime an engaging in unlawful activities.

We are now confronted with the phrase “Bills Mafia” which actually began in November 2010 when Stevie Johnson dropped a pass. From what I have read, Johnson tweeted something (cannot find what it was), which should have been the end of that, but it got resurrected a short time later by a reporter with a sports media station. The reporter, Adam Sheffer, took advantage of the hype and started tweeting comments and stories from decades earlier going back to the 1800s, just for fun. Bills fans jumped on board with their own tweets, just for fun, but were soon blocked. Not sure why, a few Fridays later, they tweeted using the hashtag, #billsmafia”, because, of course, these fans were considered the “bad guys” to Sheffer. These guys continued with their tweets using the #billsmafia, again just for fun, and in the Spring of 2011 came up with #TeamBillsMafia, opening it up to all Bills fans. Like most trends, it took off and then died down.

Late summer of 2011, Nick Barnett saw a #BillsMafia tweet and said, “I like that lol.” From that point on #BillsMafia became a movement. Bills players started using it and even adding it as an overlay. A logo was created and registered. They opened a store to sell official merchandise that helps to support Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center and other charities in Buffalo.

So, what is Bills Mafia? A family of Buffalo Bills fans all around the world, devoted to watching the Bills and giving back to the community. “The greatest football fans in the world. It’s a religion in WNY that 30 other cities do not understand. Nor will they ever. The biggest band of brothers and sisters in all professional sports. They always have each other’s backs. They will support their team win or “loose” (Green Bay fan) forever!!! No one circles the wagons like Bills Mafia.” (#1Bills Fan)

Can we change the meaning of a word? Meaning of words happens because of their constant use, but what is intended by the speaker is not always the exact same thing, so how a word is intended to be used and if that use is shared by a community, then a semantic change has taken place. A good dictionary will change definitions to represent how the words are used, which may add to the meaning of the word.

In the case of “BillsMafia”, does the intent of the phrase equate with Wikipedia’s definition, “A mafia is a type of organized crime syndicate whose primary activities are protection racketeering, arbitrating disputes between criminals, and brokering and enforcing illegal agreements and transactions”? Could another word have been used? Probably. Language and words do make a difference, and language isn’t just about words. What does BillsMafia conjure up in your mind: fear, challenge, dominance, assumptions, stereotypes, diversity, freedom? Language communicates ideas, so the question remains, what does the term #BillsMafia convey to you?



Celebrating International Women's Day - Influential Italian Women in History



Elena Cornarco Piscopia: First woman in the world to receive a university degree.

Born in 1646 in Venice, a daughter of a nobleman and a peasant woman, Elena Cornarco Piscopia had a natural aptitude for academia and became the world's first woman to receive a university degree. After being denied the chance to study theology at Padua University because it was declared a man's field, she applied again and graduated with a degree in philosophy in 1678. Elena also spoke seven languages fluently; Italian, French, Spanish, Greek, Latin, Hebrew, and Arabic, played three instruments; the harp, harpsichord, and violin, wrote original songs, and was well-versed in mathematics and astronomy. Toward the end of her life in 1684, she did extensive charity work for the poor.



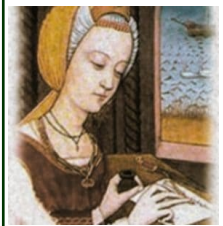
Maria Montessori: created an educational system used in 110 countries worldwide.

Maria Montessori, a doctor, educator, and entrepreneur, who lived from 1870 to 1952, created the philosophy behind the renowned Montessori school system. She graduated from medical school in 1896, becoming one of Italy's first female doctors. Maria created an educational philosophy that emphasized children's independence and individual growth. In 1907, she opened the first Montessori school, "Casa dei Bambine" in Rome. Today, there are over 22,000 Montessori schools in roughly 110 countries. Maria often publicly spoke and wrote about the need for more opportunities for women and is considered one of Italy's most important feminists.



Rita Levi Montalcini: one of Italy's top neurologists.

Rita Levi Montalcini was one of Italy's top neurologists. As a young woman, she ignored her traditional father who tried to dissuade her from pursuing medicine. Later, she was forced to stop her research as a neurologist, because Italy's leader, Benito Mussolini, banned Jewish people from academia. However, she continued studying science in secret, even after her family was forced to flee Italy when Germany invaded. After the war, she based her life and work in the U.S. and Rome. In 1986, Rita along with biochemist Stanley Cohen won the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for discovering the nerve growth factor (NGF). These findings have played an essential role in understanding different types of cancer and diseases like Alzheimer's and Parkinson's.



Trotula de Ruggiero: the world's first female gynecologist.

At the end of the 11th century and beginning of the 12th, Trotula was the world's first female gynecologist. She grew up in Salerno, where she also went to medical school. Trotula was also one of the world's first female professors and taught at her alma mater. As a gynecologist, she was ahead of her time, arguing that women should be given opium to relieve the pain of childbirth, despite the widespread belief that it was God's will for women to endure such pain.



Tina Anselmi: Italy's first female cabinet member.

Born in 1927, Tina Anselmi who died two years ago, was a pioneering politician who became Italy's first female cabinet member. Despite only being a young teenager when the war broke out, she actively participated in World War II resistance. After the war and before entering politics, Tina studied literature, taught in primary school, and was active in the teacher's union. Following her many re-elections to serve in the Italian Chamber of Deputies, she was elected to be Italy's first female Minister of Labor in 1976. Two years later, she became the Minister of Health. In government, Tina worked hard to establish equal pay and lobbied for fathers to be recognized as primary caregivers for their children, so that women and men could have equal opportunities.



Rita Borsellino: one of Italy's most prominent anti-mafia activists.

Still alive today, Rita Borsellino is a Sicilian politician and one of Italy's most prominent female anti-mafia activists. Three years after her well-known brother, the anti-mafia judge Paolo Borsellino, was killed by the mafia in 1992, she formed "Libera." This organization works to dissuade the Sicilian youth from becoming involved in the mafia. Rita grew up with Maria Falcone, who also became an important anti-mafia activist in Sicily and whose brother, Giovanni Falcone, was also an esteemed judge who worked against and was later killed by the mafia. United by their tragic shared experiences, upbringing in Sicily's capital of Palermo, and dedication to improving young people's lives, Rita and Maria are two incredible women who are continuing their brothers' work to combat mafia culture despite the major risks.

Celebrating International Women's Day - Today's Influential Women in Italy

Emma Marcegaglia



The high-profile business leader Emma Marcegaglia was the first woman to hold the position of Chairman of Italy's main business lobby group Confindustria. Since May 2014 she is the

Chairman of Eni, Italy's largest company by market value and one of the biggest, publicly traded oil companies in the West. She is also the head of the family-owned steel processing company founded by her father in 1959, world leader in its sector. Nicknamed Super Emma or the Iron Lady, she used to be a fierce critic of Italian former prime minister Silvio Berlusconi's politics, advocating political and economic reform.

Chiara Saraceno



Chiara Saraceno is one of the most famous Italian sociologists and one of the most celebrated sociologists in Europe. She has a distinguished academic career during which she has spent many years researching family

organization, the distribution of household tasks between men and women, and comparative social policies, social inequalities and poverty. She was involved in European research programs, participating and coordinating large projects, regularly contributing to conferences and professional meetings and serving on the editorial boards of several journals, which has made her an expert in these matters at European level. She also authored and edited an impressive number of books.

Lucrezia Reichlin



Expert in econometric methods and monetary economics, Lucrezia Reichlin is one of the most influential Italian women in the banking world. She serves as a Director of UniCredit S.p.A and as President of its Supervisory Board. Previously she served as an Advisor to the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve, Swiss National Bank, Bank of Italy, European Central Bank and Swedish Central Bank. She also serves as a Member of the Scientific Board of over ten international institutions, including universities and banks and conducted various editorial activities on international journals and authored numerous international publications.

Valeria Termini



Valeria Termini is the first female Dean of the Scuola superiore della pubblica

amministrazione (Italian National School of Government), a position she held from 2006 to 2009. After having held several important positions in the field of energy, she is now Commissioner of the Italian Regulatory Authority of Electricity and Gas, and led the Italian delegation for Energy and Climate Change at the G8, United Nations and OECD.

Gaia Gaja



Gaia Gaja is one of the most influential Italian women in the wine

industry worldwide. She is heiress to and Vice-president of the Gaja winery, founded by her great-great-grandfather Giovanni in 1859. The Gaja winery produces Barbaresco and Barolo wines, as well as Brunello and Super-Tusan wines. It is said that their Barbaresco wine is on a par with Château Lafite-Rothschild.

Livia Pomodoro



An expert in family and juvenile law, Livia Pomodoro has been president

of the Court of Milan since 2007, the first woman to head such an important court of justice. She is also a judge sitting on the Italian Supreme Court bench and a member of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), as well as being a member of the UNESCO National Commission.

Celebrating International Women's Day - A Salute to Influential Italian Women in America



Maria Bartiromo -
Television
Journalist and News
Anchor



Lidia Bastianich -
Television chef, host,
author, and
restauranteur



Matilda Raffa Cuomo -
Former first lady of the
state of NY. Inducted into
the Nat. Women's Hall of
Fame.



Patricia DeStacy Harrison -
President and CEO of
Corporation for Public
Braodcasting.



JoAnn Falletta - First woman to
become a permanent conductor
of a major symphony orchestra.
Conductor with Buffalo
Symphony.



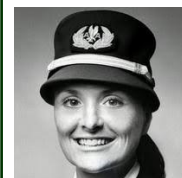
Laura Forese MD MPH -
EVP and COO of New
York Presbyterian
Hospital. Chair of NIH.



Mary Lou Retton - First
female gymnast from
outside Eastern Europe
to win an Olympic Gold
Medal.



Joanne Strollo - First
female national
president of OSDIA



Bonnie Tiburzi - First
female pilot for a major
commercial airline.



Rita Antoinette Rizzo -
Franciscan Nun who
founded Eternal World
Television Network



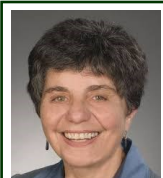
Nancy DiFiore Quinn
- First woman elected
president of the NYS
OSDIA.



Geraldine Ferraro -
Congresswoman and first
women to run on a major
party's ticket in a US
Presidential election.



Patricia Fili-Krushel -
First woman president of
ABC Television.



Catherine DeAngelis MD
MPH - First woman and first
pediatrician to become
editor of the Journal of the
American Med. Association.



Marie Louise Garibaldi -
First woman to serve on
the NJ Supreme Court and
first woman president of
the NJ Bar Association.



Ella Grasso - First
woman Governor of CT.
First woman elected
governor without being
a spouse or widow of a
former governor.



Rose Basile Green -
American scholar, poet,
and educator. Published
the first major scholarly
study of Italian-American
writers.



Karen Ignani - Former
CEO of AHIP, umbrella
organization representing
all major HMO's in the
country. President and
CEO of Emblem Health.



Penny Marshall - American actor,
director and producer. One of the
first female directors in Hollywood.
First female director to have a
movie gross over \$100 million at
the box office.



Elisa Oricchio - Researcher at
Sloan Kettering Cancer Center.
Discoveries regarding tumor cell
treatment could lead to a cure
for Follicular lymphoma.

Italian Recipes in honor of International Women's Day

Eggs Mimosa with Artichokes Tapenade

Makes 12 half eggs



Hard boiled egg whites stuffed with artichoke heart tapenade and sprinkled with grated cooked egg yolks.

Ingredients:

- 6 eggs, hard boiled
- 3/4 cup chopped artichoke hearts (fresh or from about 1/2 14-ounce can artichokes hearts in water, drained)
- 1/2 teaspoon capers, drained
- 4 pitted green olives, chopped
- 1 teaspoon minced chives or green onion greens, packed
- 1 teaspoon chopped fresh tarragon and/or parsley, packed
- 2 Tbsp mayonnaise
- 2 Tbsp grated Parmesan cheese, packed
- 1/8 teaspoon ground black pepper

Cut the eggs in half lengthwise, remove the yolks and place in a bowl. Place the whites on a serving platter.

In a food processor, chop the artichokes, green olives, capers, chives, tarragon, and parsley, by pulsing a few times.

In a medium bowl, break up one of the egg yolks with a fork. Stir in the mayonnaise until smooth. Stir in the chopped artichoke mixture, the Parmesan cheese, and black pepper.

Use a spoon to carefully stuff each egg white half with the artichoke tapenade.

Using the fine holes of a box grater, a microplane grater, or (preferably) a rotary cheese grater, gently grate the egg yolks over the entire platter.

Tagliatelle Mimosa

Serves 4



Tiny, deliciously saffron scented fish meatballs served over spinach pasta looks like a pretty bouquet of mimosas.

Ingredients:

- 1/2 pound codfish
- Garlic, several cloves
- 2 to 3 slices white bread, crusts removed
- 6 to 8 heaping tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 egg
- 1 envelope saffron powder or a few strands saffron
- Salt and black pepper
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1/3 cup brandy
- 1/2 cup heavy cream
- 1 pound spinach tagliatelle

Grind the raw codfish in a food processor until smooth. Pulse in 1 clove of minced garlic, the bread, Parmesan, egg, saffron, and salt and pepper to taste. Form into marble-sized balls.

Heat the oil and butter in a skillet with 2 whole cloves of garlic until the garlic is golden and fragrant. Discard the garlic, add the fish balls and cook for 2 minutes, shaking the pan to rotate the balls. Add the brandy and cook for a few seconds to burn off the alcohol, then stir in the cream, and season with salt and pepper and add more brandy, if you like.

Meanwhile, cook the pasta in salted boiling water until al dente, drain and serve topped with the sauce with the fish balls on top.

BFF Cake Torta Mimosa

Serves 10

The torta mimosa is not just any cake. It's an airy confection designed to resemble the tiny, bright yellow mimosa flowers that dot the Italian landscape in early March, typically the first flowers to bloom each spring. Bouquets of the flowers are sold on nearly every street corner across Italy on March 8th, to be clutched in the hands of small boys who give them to their teachers, as well as sons to mothers, brothers to sisters, and husbands to wives.

For the cake:

Butter and flour for the pan
4 large eggs
1 cup plus 2 tablespoons sugar
8 large yolks
1 1/3 cups cake flour
1/4 cup potato or corn starch



For the filling:

1 1/4 cups whole milk
2 1/4 cups heavy cream, divided
1 tablespoon vanilla extract
8 large egg yolks

For the cake:

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Lightly butter and flour two 8 1/2-inch spring form cake pan.

Combine the eggs and sugar in a standing mixer and beat on high for 10-15 minutes, until the mixture quadruples in volume. Then add the yolks and beat on high for another 5 minutes. The mixture should be thick enough to write with.

Sift the flour and potato starch onto the mixture. Gently, using a spatula, fold in the flour from the bottom up.

Pour the batter into the prepared pans. Bake for about 30 minutes, until a light golden. Cool to room temperature.

For the filling:

Put the milk, 1 1/4 cups of the heavy cream and vanilla into a saucepan and heat over medium heat until it just begins to bubble at the edges. Remove from the heat.

In a bowl, beat the yolks and 1 cup of the sugar with an electric hand mixer until light yellow. Beat in the flour, a little at a time, until smooth.

Add the yolk-flour mixture into the saucepan and heat, stirring constantly, until the mixture thickens, about 4 minutes.

Pour the mixture into a bowl, cover with plastic wrap, and refrigerate until very cold, at least 4 hours.

When you are ready to assemble the cake, beat the remaining cup of heavy cream until whipped and fold into the pastry cream.

Put the remaining 1/4 cup of sugar and 1/2 cup water into a small saucepan and bring to a boil. Remove from the heat and stir in the liqueur. Allow to cool and reserve to moisten the cake layers.

To assemble:

Slice off the top and sides of the two cakes to remove the cooked parts. Next carefully slice each cake in half lengthwise to get 2 layers per cake, for a total of 4 layers. Cut one layer into cubes. Reserve the cubes.

Put the layer with the golden bottom onto a serving plate. Moisten with 1/3 of the liqueur syrup and then spread with 1/3 of the filling. Repeat with the next 2 layers, spreading the filling on the top and sides of the cake. Press the reserved cubes onto the top and sides of the cake. Refrigerate until ready to serve.

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