



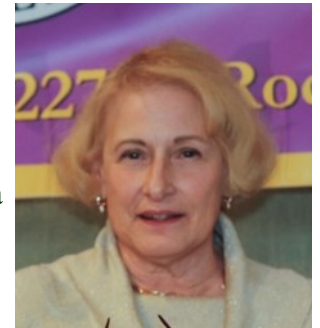
The Roar of the Lion

Marisa Rubé Przepiora, editor
February 2024 Edition

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We are all familiar with February holidays in the US: Groundhog's Day, Valentine's Day, and President's Day. This year Ash Wednesday and Valentine's Day fall together, so Mardi Gras will be celebrated on February 13th. We also get Super Bowl Sunday, February 11th in the mix. But there are a number of obscure days that we often hear about by chance: Saturday, February 10th is Lunar New Year, Wednesday, February 28th is National Pancake Day, and 2024 is also a Leap Year, February 29th.

Lunar New Year begins on the date (in East Asia) of the second new Moon after the winter solstice. This means that the first day of the Lunar New Year can occur anytime between January 21 and February 20. This year will be known as the Year of the Dragon.



Leap Year happens every four years adding an extra day to the shortest month, February. Nothing particularly happens (unless, of course, you are born on Leap Day), so it comes down to science. It actually takes the earth to rotate around the sun completely 365.242190 days or 365 days 5 hours 48 minutes and 56 seconds. Since it is impossible to have a quarter of a day each year, we save it up to make one complete day and add it to the calendar every four years, which is always an even year.

We will be having our first event, Winter Picnic and Clambake, this month. It's a nice get together for members and friends who may be suffering from cabin fever. Like last year we will be using the Bushman Cabin at the Veteran's Memorial Park in Henrietta. It is a great facility, large, open, and bright.

We are also starting to plan our Regional Dinner to be cooked by Chef Rosita Caridi Miller, a member of our lodge. This year the region to be highlighted will be Puglia, which is the most eastern point of Italy. The coast of Polignano a Mare is one of the most beautiful in Puglia with a jagged coastline and very steep slopes. Orecchiette con le cime di rapa is a favorite food. Puglia is home to the only PDO-protected bread in the world, and Pane di Altamura: the best bread in the world. There are so many wine grape varieties, both red and white, that it is hard to name them all. Puglia currently has 29 DOC and 4 DOCG wine regions, mostly concentrated in the Salento region at the very heel of Italy's boot. Once the menu is decided, we will pair wines with the food to tantalize your palate. Mark your calendars for Sunday, April 28th at the Eyer Building in East Rochester.

The Heritage Awards Committee will be meeting soon to discuss who we will honor this year. Please let us know if there is someone you would like us to consider and why. The honoree must be of Italian descent.

Information about the Lodge Scholarship and the New York State Scholarships has been forwarded to high schools. We realize that sometimes information gets lost in the shuffle, so if you know of a graduating senior, please let them know about the scholarships. Students must be of Italian descent, and they are eligible to apply to both.

I hope this finds you all well and taking care of yourselves. Warm and sunny weather is not too far off, but until we are able to enjoy being outside to enjoy ourselves,

Take care and God Bless,
Marjorie

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2024 Vincent Lombardi Lodge Calendar

February 1st, 6:30pm: Council Meeting
February 8th: General Assembly Meeting Cancelled

**February 18th, Time TBD: Winter Picnic
Veteran's Memorial Park, Bushman's Cabin
(595 Calkins Rd, Henrietta)**

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

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

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

**May 5th, Time TBD: Italian Regional Dinner
Eyer Building (East Rochester)**

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

July 4th, 6:30pm: Council Meeting Cancelled
July 11th, 7pm: **Scholarship Awards Night**

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

**August 10th, Time TBD: Members Picnic
Eyer Building (East Rochester)**

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

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

**October 25th, Time TBD: Heritage Dinner
Webster Golf Club (440 Salt Rd, Webster)**

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

**November 16th, Time TBD: Papa Antolini Turkey
Raffle
St Nicholas Society (206 Madison St, East
Rochester)**

December 5th, 6:30pm: Council Meeting
**December 12th, 7pm: General Assembly Meeting
and Holiday Gathering**



There will be no General Assembly meeting in February. Instead, we will utilize the Winter Picnic as a meeting and report only what's important from the Lodge. Please read your newsletter for any information or updates.

A Forgotten Brother

Over 110 years ago, a Sicilian lawyer exiled himself from his beloved island and lived the rest of his life in Rochester, always working to improve the life of the Italian immigrant. He was a proud lodge member.



At our March 14 meeting brother Ed Groszewski will give a presentation explaining why Matteo left Sicily, the struggles he found here and his contributions to Italian-American history and culture.



Live in HD

**Tinseltown
Webster 12**

**Eastview Mall 13
March 9, 2024 at
12 Noon**

**Encore, March 13th
at 1 PM**

Sung in Italian

4 hours 20 minutes with two intermissions

Verdi's grand tale of ill-fated love, deadly vendettas, and family strife. Mid-eighteenth-century, Spain and Italy. Don Alvaro, a young nobleman from South America, falls in love with Leonora, daughter of the Marquis of Calatrava, who is vehemently against the union. Alvaro accidentally shoots the Marquis who dies, cursing his daughter, who takes refuge in a monastery. Through a strange twist of fate, Alvaro and Leonora both seek refuge in the same monastery at separate times, and live there unaware of each other's presence until. . .

Brother Luigi DiFilippo was a longtime member of the Vincent Lombardi Lodge, a proud part of the Italian-American community, and most importantly, a human being who exemplified what it means to be Italian in America. He was loved by all who met him and loved everyone he met in return. Luigi was passionate about life, love and friendship and should be remembered as an example for us all.
May you rest in Peace and Love, Brother Luigi



9.22.1937 - 1.16.24



Our lodge has received some beautiful words of sympathy from those who loved Luigi...

Thank you for the flowers. We would also like to thank you for performing the Ceremony in memory of departed members. The lodge was so special to Luigi.

Like a quiet reflection calms the soul,

Your kindness and sympathy comfort the heart. Thank you,

The family of Luigi Di Filippo

To All of My Brothers + Sisters of Italy, Thank you for your generous gift upon the death of my beloved Uncle Luigi. I know I don't need to tell you just how special + loved he was in our Family because you all became part of that same family as soon as you welcomed him into your lives.

I hope + pray his legacy will live on in all of us + that we all live our lives to the fullest as he did.

Sincerely,
Franca M. Di Filippo, DVM

So sorry for your loss!
Karin Clark

RIP Luigi,
Tony D.
Pat D.

Luigi you were a saint - so sorry for your loss
Sharon DeACT

You in my prayers
Patricia Wilson

God Bless
Hannah Blackway

He will be greatly missed in a person's voice
Dina Cook

To the members of the Vincent Lombardi Lodge 2270,

The officers and Members of the Sons of Italy, Geneva Lodge #2397 are very sorry to learn of your recent loss.

In keeping with the tradition of the Sons of Italy, if there is anything we can do to be of help, please get word to us.

Meanwhile, be assured you have our sincerest sympathy.

We are all deeply saddened to learn of the passing of brother Luigi. He will be missed by all.

Sons of Italy - Geneva Lodge 2397

[Signature]

Jan. 24, 2024

Pres. Marjorie & Lodge members!
Just wanted to let you all know how much brother Luigi will be missed, not only in your lodge, but Geneva as well. When I was in the store looking at sympathy cards and saw one, meant to be sent on the loss of a brother, I said to myself that this is the card I want.

In OSDIA we refer to each other as brother or sister. This is the fraternal part of being a OSDIA member, so I felt this card was appropriate. Luigi truly exemplified what it means to be fraternal. Many times over my 45 plus years as a member, I've been asked this question - why should I join your lodge and OSDIA.

The best answer I can give to anyone asking that question is simply that you'll get to meet many, many people that you would never have had the opportunity to meet if it wasn't for joining OSDIA. I've met literally hundreds of people through OSDIA - in Geneva, Rochester, Syracuse, Endicott, and across the state because of my involvement, and there are dozens of them who I can say I've become good friends with. Brother Luigi Di Filippo was one of them. I just wanted to let you know that you have our sympathy and support at this sad time. Members like Luigi are hard to come by.

Fraternally,
Tony DiCintano
Geneva, NY.



2/3: Pat Galante
 2/9: James Caternolo
 2/11: Sandra Witmer
 2/12: Joe Galante
 2/18: Stephen Cataldi
 2/20: Vivian Sciortino
 2/21: Frank Giancaterin
 2/27: Sandy Meleca
 2/28: Joe Capogreco



Extending our deep and heartfelt sympathy to the DiFilippo Family for the loss of Brother Luigi DiFilippo And to Sister Jackie Perrotta and the Perrotta Family for the loss of Sister Jackie's husband, Tony Perrotta.

Brother Luigi's Obituary may be found here: <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/name/luigi-difilippo-obituary?id=54134686>

Tony Perrotta's obituary may be found here: <https://www.jamesrgray.com/obituary/AnthonyTony-Perrotta>



Sending healing prayers to our members who have suffered illness and injury recently, including Brother Peter Maddelena, Sister Mary Rinere, Sister Lila Bonnani, Sister Patty and Brother Gordon Rask, and Sister Becky DiFilippo.



Join our General Assembly Meetings by Zoom

You now have the option to join our General Assembly meetings by zoom if you are unable to attend in person.

This link will remain the same for all GA meetings this year.

Please join us at 7pm:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82651398467?pwd=SmlnbDhxbWlHS0gvVHJjb1B0UjJBUT09>

Meeting ID: 826 5139 8467
 Passcode: 865390

Did you know you can pay for dues and events and even make donations to the Vincent Lombardi Lodge by credit card or PayPal?

When utilizing PayPal, include a note indicating what the payment is for. Please include a **\$2 service charge** when you make your

There are four ways to do this:

1. See Financial Secretary Marisa Przepiora at a meeting or event to utilize our credit card reader.
2. Log into your PayPal account, click the link to send money and send to:
vincentlombardilodge@gmail.com.
3. Ask a Council member to have an invoice with a link for payment sent to your email address.
4. Scan the QR code here.





Do you know of anyone to be considered as an honoree at the Vincent Lombardi Lodge Heritage Dinner to be held on Friday, Oct. 25th? The Awards Committee is looking for those individuals or families who have made a contribution to our community. The important criteria is that person or family must be of Italian descent.

In the past we have presented awards for: Man of the Year, Woman of the Year, Lifetime Achievement, and Family of the Year. Please send us their name(s), the reason or reasons that person should be considered, contact information for the nominee, and which category they would best be considered for.



New York State Grand Lodge Foundation 2024 Charitable and State Programs Raffle

- 1st Prize \$20,000
- 2nd Prize \$5000
- 3rd Prizes: 2 @ \$2000 each
- 4th Prizes: 3 @ \$1000 each
- 5th Prizes: 5 @ \$500 each

Ticket Cost: \$100 ea.

Ticket Numbers:

0061,0166,0254,0351,0454,0543,0652,0745,0853,0954

Deadline to Purchase is May 20, 2024
Drawing will be held on Saturday, June 29, 2024
Contact Marjorie if interested in purchasing

Grand Lodge of New York 2024 Convention



June 27th, thru 30th Crowne Plaza Albany Desmond Hotel

If you are interested in representing the Vincent Lombardi Lodge at the Grand Lodge of NY 2024 Convention and to understand the workings of the Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge Foundation, please submit your name to Sr. Marjorie by March 1st.

The only criteria is you must be a member in good standing. That means you have paid your dues and are listed as members. Our delegate number will be determined after membership reconciliation has been completed. If we have more than the number of delegates required, we will hold an election at the March 14th General Assembly Meeting. Anyone running to be delegate will need to be present at that meeting.



Editor's note....

As 2024 rolls in, I celebrate 10 years as your newsletter editor. That's right around 120 editions of this newsletter. I took this task on to carry forward my sister's work after her death and I've enjoyed the work tremendously. Our newsletter is one of the main ways we get information out to our members, and also gives us a place to learn about our heritage and culture. But 10 years is a long time, and it's time for someone else to take the reigns and take our newsletter into the future. If you think you might have any interest in taking over this task to support our lodge, I would love to have a conversation with you to explain how it currently works, and the extent of the work involved. This is a way for you to support our lodge with much flexibility as to when the work gets done, and I promise, it's not as daunting as it may seem. Contact me at marisarube@gmail.com to get that conversation started.



Sons of Italy Foundation (SIF) Scholarships for 2024

The SIF has offered 10 to 12 merit-based scholarships (National Leadership Grants), ranging from \$4,000 to \$25,000. Each scholarship has its own specific requirements. Check out the <https://www.osdia.org/initiatives/scholarships/> for criteria related specifically to each of the scholarships. General Requirements pertaining to all scholarships offered:

- Individuals of Italian descent* (at least one Italian or Italian-American grandparent) enrolled in a four-year undergraduate program or a graduate program at an accredited academic institution for the Fall 2024 term.

- Application Fee:** A \$35 non-refundable processing fee is required to process your scholarship application. The fee includes a **one-year At-Large Membership** to OSDIA, with all At-Large Membership benefits.

- Online application:** upon receipt of the \$35 application fee, the applicant will receive an email with the link to complete the application. For each scholarship, **recommendation letters** and **transcripts** provided must be through the December 2023 term.

- Deadline:** The deadline for the 2024 Scholarship program is **March 7, 2024**. All requirements for a given scholarship must be met or the application will not be considered. All scholarship materials and completed applications must be submitted online by **March 7, 2024**. *No exceptions will be made. The SIF takes no responsibility for incomplete or late applications.*

Calling all Winemakers!



Every year at convention there is a contest for the best homemade wine. A member submits their homemade wine, either red or white or both, and delegates taste each of the wines submitted and vote on which one they like best. It is all done in fun.

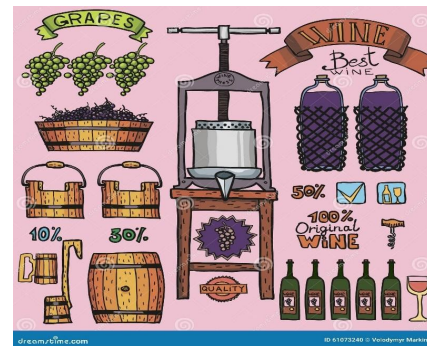
It has been a few years since we submitted any homemade wines, and it may be fun to be part of this. Anyone who would like to submit homemade wines, this is the process I am considering:

All members who would like to participate will submit their homemade wine, but there must be enough to have a bottle of the same for convention.

At our April or May General Assembly Meeting, all attendees would have an opportunity to taste each wine and after each tasting grade or rate the wine on color, clarity, aroma, taste, finish on a scale of 1 to 5. The wine, red and white, with the best score is the one we will take.

Each bottle submitted to us will be placed in a brown paper bag with a number so no one will be influenced by who the wine maker is.

Please let Sr. Marjorie know if wine makers are willing to participate. This could be fun!!



News from Frank DiMino Casa Italiana at Nazareth University



Please help to preserve our history and stories by scheduling an appointment at the Casa to be interviewed for the Oral History Project. Our real-life stories tell more about who we are than what can be read in a history book. Story telling is powerful. Stories appeal to our senses and our emotions, not only drawing our attention more easily, but also leaving an impact on us as audiences. They help us to convey information in a way that's more compelling and interesting than data or statistics alone, and they connect us on an emotional level and relate to others.

Oral History Project: Since the fall of 2022, Nazareth's Frank DiMino Casa Italiana and the Center for Public History (CPH) are collaborating on an Oral History project led by the CPH director, Professor Timothy Kneeland, and the Casa Italiana director, Dr. Joëlle Carota. This project started in 2015 as a pilot project and Naz students and interns are currently bringing it back to life. The Frank DiMino Casa Italiana aims to preserve the oral history and traditions of the Italian-American Community in Rochester. Our goal is to document and preserve traditions handed down through the ages as well as digitize historical files for ease of access for both the community and the university. The stories, the traditions, the struggles and joys of our parents, grandparents, and great grandparents will be gone forever if we decide to do nothing. Their history is imbedded in our own lives.



The Vincent Lombardi Lodge is helping the Casa by calling members to help and set up an interview time, but if you are interested in having your voice heard, please don't wait for someone to contact you, call the Casa and set up an interview. This is Rheanna Barney, an Italian and history major, who is creating an archive of [@nazareth_casaitaliana](https://twitter.com/nazareth_casaitaliana) historical records as part of the Oral History Project that we are conducting in collaboration with the Center for Public History at Naz. Interested in participating? Please email Dr. Carota (jcarota3@naz.edu) or Dr. Kneeland (tkneela8@naz.edu).

The Italian Conversation Table is an informal conversation group led by Daniel Speciale at Casa Italiana. Its goal is to provide attendees with an opportunity to speak Italian in a casual setting. The next meetings are December 21st and December 28th at 5:00 pm. Contact Daniel at dspecia0@naz.edu if you are interested in attending.

Casa Gift Certificates: give a gift of Italian culture, language, or cooking lessons Contact the Casa at (585)389-2468, or email at casa@naz.edu for more details. The Casa is located at 4345 East Avenue.

**New York State Commission for Social Justice Report
John Fratta Chair**



Attacks on Christopher Columbus continue:

- Bills introduced into the NYS Legislature by Queens Senator Ramos and Brooklyn Assemblymember Marcela Mitaynes is seeking to have Columbus Day removed from the calendar. Remember this is a federal holiday that gives government employees the day off from work. If the day is removed from the calendar, in essence it does not exist, and government employees should report for work. Otherwise, they are stealing from the tax payers.
- New York University has replaced Columbus Day with Indigenous Peoples Day on the 2024 school calendar. A letter to Linda Mills, President of NYU voicing the CSJ's opposition to the change.
- The Columbus Statue in Syracuse: no update on the appeal process.
- Letter to Mount Vernon School Board was sent objecting to changing next year's calendar removing Columbus Day.
- Southampton School District also plans to remove Columbus Day for the 2024-2025 academic year.
- City of Albany had legislation to change Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples Day. Grand Lodge President Isgro attended the meeting that introduced this legislation and spoke in defense of OSDIA's position.
- Philadelphia's Battle to Save Columbus Day remains in the court with no updated information available.
- Sopranos, now an off-Broadway musical: the CSJ now realizes that fighting these types of show only gives them the press that keeps them in the limelight. They have decided it might be best to ignore these shows.
- Hate Crime: Making vandalism of statues a hate crime in New York with continuing to have legislation presented to make vandalism of statues and edifices a hate crime. Whether the act was against any ethnic, racial, or religious group. All groups need to have their symbols protected against those that continue to vandalize them.
- John Fratta and Eleanor Jobbagy have addressed an advertisement of a Mafia Murder event sponsored by the Mastic Beach Property Owner's Association

Book Review: by Lisa Serafina on Christopher Columbus: THE HERO
Defending Columbus from Modern-Day Revisionism by Rafael

In years past, society overwhelmingly viewed Christopher Columbus as a discoverer, pioneer, hero, and in modern terms, "cutting edge". Unfortunately, that is not the case today due to modern-day revisionists who portray Columbus as a villain and have consequently, misinformed generations. As the author states in the introduction of the book, he looks to set the record straight about Columbus, and indeed he does! Rafael, a Taino descendent, accomplishes this by writing the book so that you feel he is having a zealous conversation with you and is able to refute the inaccurate accounts by "so-called" modern day scholars by using primary sources in each chapter from people who actually knew Columbus and by quoting Columbus' own diary. Chapter by chapter Rafael dispels each myth, presenting information from multiple sources and historical documents with insights about the time period. After reading this book, it is clear that Columbus is indeed a hero and his legacy, and the federal holiday should be preserved for future generations. For those who look to preserve Columbus' legacy, this book is a "must read" so they can educate themselves about the truth about Columbus and then re-educate those who have been misinformed.

From National Commission for Social Justice, National CSJ President Robert Ferrito:

- The plaque of the 1891 New Orleans lynching will be presented in February.
- Columbus Day was removed from the National Alzheimer's Association's calendar and replaced with Indigenous People's Day. A letter was sent from the National President Michael Palo, National Foundation President Joseph Sciamè, and National CSJ President Robert Ferrito until Columbus Day is placed back on the calendar, they will not receive any donations from the Sons of Italy Foundation.
- CSJ has partnered with the group "Hard Core Italians" to create apparel that puts forth a positive image.
- The National and State CSJ continue to work diligently to break the believed stereotypes of Italian Americans. While everyone has their own opinions on these issues and may not agree with addressing them, the CSJ is working in the best interest of the organization. It is not always easy to right a wrong, and it does take time to make any headway, but there is still too much bigotry and bias which has an adverse effect not only on Italian Americans but our society.

A SIP OF WINE Wines from Puglia



Italy has a vast array of climates and terroirs from cool to hot temperatures, from beaches to rugged terrains, and even volcanic regions. Each has its own culture, foods, and wines.



The Puglia region is located in the heel of the boot and was ruled by the Byzantines, the Normans, and the Spanish. Its culinary heritage is unique. Its architecture has not been duplicated. Like other regions in Italy, it has its own dialect.

It is a key area in the growth of olives and the production of two thirds of all the olive oil in Italy. It produces some of the best wines. Leading white grapes: bombino bianco, verdeca, chardonnay, trebbiano, and malvasia; leading red are negroamaro, uva di troia, primitivo, malvasia mero, and Montepulciano.

Salice Salentino and Primitivo di Manduria are the two most popular DOC wines produced in the Puglia wine region. The climate is characterized by dry heat and soils that are bursting with fertility. This creates wines of Puglia that impress with their fruity maturity.



Masseria Li Veli Torrerose 2022: Masseria Li Veli is located on an ancient Messapian site. The grapes, 100% Negromaro are produced according to sustainable methods, and this wine is a classic of the Puglian wine-making tradition. The juice spends only five hours on the skin and is then direct pressed and aged in stainless steel for three months. It is a medium-deep orange in color with aromas of orange peel, currant, and orange roses. It is a perfect antipasto wine or goes

great with fresh sliced tomato salads and steamed shellfish.



Cantele Primitivo 2022: The primitivo grape is Puglia's most famous one grown. This wine is aged for six months in American oak barriques and is made from 100% of the primitivo grape. This wine is classified as an IGP-Indicazione Geografica Protetta, which means wines are produced in a certain region or geographical location. The Cantele is ruby red with delicate garnet undertones. It goes great with bruschetta, pizza, pasta with red sauce, baked pasta, and grilled seafood dishes.



Coming to the Theatres on March 8th

*The story of
Mother Francesca Saverio Cabrini
Italian American Nun
Patron Saint of Immigrants*

Maria Francesca Cabrini on July 15, 1850, in Sant'Angelo Lodigiano, in the Lombard Province of Lodi. Born two months early, she was small and weak as a child and remained in delicate health throughout her life. She took her vows in 1877 and added Xavier, to be known as Sr. Frances Xavier Cabrini. The name Xavier was to honor the Jesuit saint, Francis Xavier the patron saint of missionary service. She wanted to serve God as a missionary in East Asia, but that was never to be.

In November 1880, Cabrini and seven other women who had taken religious vows with her founded the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (MSC).

The pope refused to grant permission for her to mission work in China and urged her to come to the United States to help the Italian immigrants and in March 1889 she arrived in New York City. Cabrini organized catechism and education classes for the Italian immigrants and provided for many orphans' needs. She established schools, hospitals, clinics, and orphanages despite tremendous odds. She was as resourceful as she was prayerful, finding people who would donate what she needed in money, time, labor, and support. She founded 67 missionary institutions to serve the sick and poor, long before government agencies provided extensive social services – in New York; Chicago and Des Plaines, Illinois; Seattle; New Orleans; Denver and Golden, Colorado; Los Angeles; Philadelphia; and in countries throughout Latin America and Europe. In 1926, nine years after her death, the Missionary Sisters achieved Cabrini's original goal of becoming missionaries to China.

Cabrini died of complications from malaria at age 67. Cabrini was beatified on November 13, 1938, by Pope Pius XI, and canonized on July 7, 1946, by Pope Pius XII.^[8]

[1] Her beatification miracle involved purportedly restoring the sight of a day-old baby who had been blinded by a 50% silver nitrate solution instead of the normal 1% solution in the child's eyes. That baby was present at her beatification and became a priest.

Review by Tim Ristow calls it an epic film and an intimate story between the relationship of Mother Cabrini and the people whose lives she touched. She fought for equality, health, and happiness of immigrants at the same time fighting the bureaucracy of the Catholic church, the pope, and the hierarchy in NYC. Mother Cabrini had faith, was a fighter and entrepreneur. The film is worth seeing. Engaging, thought provoking and gives an interesting perspective on American history of the late 1800s.



Community Service - Fairy Godmothers of Rochester

Fairy Godmothers of Rochester has been providing girls the resources they need to have a magical and unforgettable high school prom experience.

2024 Prom Season is almost here!

Do you have prom or formal dresses taking up room in your closet and aren't sure what to do with them? Why not free up that space and give those dresses the opportunity for another young lady to enjoy.

Dresses and accessories can be dropped off at Marketplace Mall on the following dates
(1 Miracle Mile Dr. Rochester, NY 14623 North Entrance, Space E12 - Across from Spencer Gifts)

Mar 2, 2024
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Mar 6, 2024
4:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Mar 9, 2024
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Mar 13, 2024
4:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Mar 16, 2024
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Mar 20, 2024
4:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Mar 23, 2024
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Mar 27, 2024
4:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Mar 30, 2024
10:00 AM – 3:00 PM



Enzo Ferrari and his Iconic Cars Movie: Ferrari



Ferrari S.p.A. is an Italian luxury sports car manufacturer based in Maranello, Italy. Founded in 1939 by Enzo Ferrari (1898–1988), the company built its first car in 1940, adopted its current name in 1945, and began to produce its current line of road cars in 1947.

The movie, Ferrari, recently released in the theatres has a connection with Western New York. The idea for the movie began in 1991 when automotive writer and editor Brock Yates wrote a biography, "Enzo Ferrari: The Man and the Machine." Brock's widow, Pamela, who lives in the Rochester area, helped film maker Michael Mann with the movie.

Pamela says her husband was very open and candid when it came to people in power in the automotive industry, and he wasn't looked upon with respect or admiration, especially in Moden, the birthplace of Ferrari. Yates had integrity in what he wrote and was not afraid to write Ferrari's life story but highly regarded what he was able to accomplish during his lifetime. Fred Infantino, a Ferrari enthusiast, says, "Well, the interesting thing about Ferrari is, it's an amalgamation," he said. "It's the engine, it's the design, it's the mystique that goes with it, and the uncompromising idea. They did not build a car to a price; they built it to a standard."

Enzo's son, Piero, is vice chairman of the luxury racing car company. He gave some insight into his father's ideology, and in the end, enjoyed the film as it portrayed his father.

From a personal point of view, I watched the film and would recommend it whether you know anything about car racing. The story is a young Enzo behind the wheel, racing, flying to an older Commendatore, now gray and imperial and facing bankruptcy as he struggles both with work and two households with two very different women, his wife whose toughness and intelligence helped to build the Ferrari brand and the legend.

Italian Food Import Resource



<https://us.emiliafood love>

The website offers a wide variety of foods imported directly from Italy. From cheese to olive oil to jams to honey to vinegars to sauces and so much more. From the website:

OUR MISSION

Let's talk about you for a moment: Those of you who are looking for quality and attention to detail, selection and exclusivity, and refuse to settle for imitations when you know could experience a unique, unforgettable culinary journey which begins under the Emilian sun and makes its way to your table. Our mission is all about you. It's about taking the quality and excellence of typical Emilian food to your homes, 365 days a year.

EMILIA FOOD LOVE IS A LOVE STORY... The love that binds us to this wonderful land, the land we want you to get acquainted with through products grown on our plains, our hills. EMILIA FOOD LOVE is about careful selection, a unique culinary experience which begins under the Emilian sun and makes its way to your table. It is a new way of travelling, of discovering flavors and the quality of products which we choose for you, with dedication and passion.

The word 'Emilia' immediately conjures up images of dining tables, but there's so much more to this region. It is also about history and nature, a unique land where plains and hills meet, where mountains stand vigil over fields, where traditions are passed down orally by fathers and mothers. Emilia Food Love takes you on a journey of discovery through legends and castles, lands caressed by torrents and streams, bringing you the local traditions and ancient wisdom of a land you are bound to fall in love with, no matter where you are from.

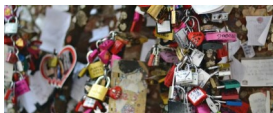


La Festa di San Valentino

Italy has a special connection to the holiday because its origins began during the Roman Empire, and Feb. 14 is the feast day of San Valentino. The patron saint credited as St. Valentino was a bishop from Terni, a small town in Umbria. Valentino defied the emperor's orders by secretly marrying couples, either because of their Christianity or to spare the husbands from war. For these "infractions," Valentino was martyred on Feb. 14 in the year 269. St. Valentine's fame grew over the years as poets including Chaucer and Shakespeare wrote about this day of love.



Baci – the Italian word for kisses – are popular Italian chocolates with a hazelnut filling, crowned with a whole hazelnut. The iconic blue foil wrapper also covers a tiny love note with a romantic quote.



Locks of Love - A recent romantic trend is *Lucchetti dell'Amore*. Italian sweethearts profess true love for each other by locking a padlock in a public place – especially famous bridges in Rome, Florence, and Venice – and then throwing the key away, typically into the water under the bridge. Italian authorities try to stop this display of love. The weight of hundreds of locks threatens the structure's integrity. Since it is a losing battle, the authority periodically cut the locks from the bridges.



Verona: the City of Romeo and Juliet - A giant heart is painted in the historic Piazza dei Signori and illuminated heart-shaped lanterns are hung throughout the city. Free concerts are enjoyed. And there is a contest for the most beautiful letter written to Juliet.

Juliet club exists in real life. It has been overseeing Juliet's mail for years and has made Verona the "capital of love." Each year thousands of letters are addressed to "Juliet Verona," Volunteers of the Juliet Club respond to each letter. They receive more than 6000 letters each year from people all over the world who write to Juliet about their love life. Juliet's Club was founded in Verona in 1972 from an idea by Giulio Tamassia and a group of artists and intellectuals united by the passion for Shakespearean legend.

Italian Love Songs

Arrivederci Roma

T'invidio, turista che arrivi
T'imbevi de Fori e de scavi
Poi tutto d'un tratto te trovi
Fontana de Trevi ch'è tutta pe'
te!

Ce sta 'na leggenda romana
Legata a 'sta vecchia fontana
Per cui si ce butti un soldino
Costringi er destino a fatte tornà
E mentre er soldo bacia er fonta-
none
La tua canzone in fondo è questa
qua:

Arrivederci, Roma...
Good-bye... au-revoir...
Si ritrova a pranzo a Squarci-
arelli
Fettuccine e vino dei Castelli
Come ai tempi belli che Pinelli
immortalò!

Arrivederci, Roma...
Good-bye... au-revoir...
Si rivede a spasso in carrozzella
E ripensa a quella "ciumachella"
Ch'era tanto bella e che gli ha
detto sempre "no"!

Stasera la vecchia fontana
Racconta alla solita luna
La storia vicina e lontana
Di quell'inglesina che un giorno
parti



Nel blu, dipinto di blu (Volare)

Penso che un sogno così non
ritorni mai più
Mi dipingevo le mani e la faccia
di blu
Poi d'improvviso venivo dal
vento rapito
E incominciavo a volare nel cie-
lo infinito

Volare oh, oh
Cantare oh, oh, oh
Nel blu dipinto di blu
Felice di stare lassù
E volavo, volavo felice più in
alto del sole
Ed ancora più su
Mentre il mondo pian piano
spariva lontano laggiù
Una musica dolce suonava
soltanto per me

Volare oh, oh
Cantare oh, oh, oh
Nel blu dipinto di blu
Felice di stare lassù

Ma tutti i sogni nell'alba
svaniscon perché
Quando tramonta la luna li porta
con sé
Ma io continuo a sognare negli
occhi tuoi belli
Che sono blu come un cielo tra-
punto di stelle

Volare oh, oh
Cantare oh, oh, oh
Nel blu degli occhi tuoi blu
Felice di stare quaggiù
E continuo a volare felice più in
alto del sole
Ed ancora più su
Mentre il mondo pian piano
scompare negli occhi tuoi blu
La tua voce è una musica dolce
che suona per me

Volare oh, oh
Cantare oh, oh, oh
Nel blu degli occhi tuoi blu
Felice di stare quaggiù
Nel blu dipinto di blu
Felice di stare quaggiù
Nel blu dipinto di blu
Felice di stare quaggiù
Con te

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