Social meetings start at 3:00PM on the third Sunday of the month at the Friendship Heights Community Center, 4433 South Park Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD (see map on back cover). The **Italian Embassy** offers grants to encourage the translation of books and other literary works from Italian into other languages: [http://www.italianculturalsociety.org/italian-embassy-awards-and-grants-for-translation-of-italian-books/](http://www.italianculturalsociety.org/italian-embassy-awards-and-grants-for-translation-of-italian-books/) (announcement on page 3).

**Sunday, March 16:**
1:00-Movie of the Month, *The Salt of Life*. 2:15- Olga Mancuso presents awards to area students for excellence in Italian (p.8). 3:00PM- **Frank Palumbo** will speak and show slides of ancient Sicilian coins. 3:00- Kids Movie: *Gli Aristogatti* (The Aristocats) Disney-in Italian with subtitles.

**Sunday, April 13:** Linda Osborne of the Library of Congress will be the guest speaker. She will discuss her new book: *Explorers Immigrants Citizens: A Visual History of the Italian American Experience*
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Welcome To New ICS Members
It is with great pleasure that we welcome our new members and hope that they will take advantage of all that the society has to offer and that they will contribute to the success of the Society’s mission.

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Christine Cortale
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Kathleen Helper
Jeni Maneva
Michael Miller
Patti Sanderson
David G. Schacht
Alex Schultz
Catherine Schwartstein

Benvenuti! Arrigo Mongini

LOCAL EVENTS OF INTEREST
The National Italian American Foundation (NIAF) New York Gala on Thursday, April 3. Dinner at the Cipriani 42nd Street.
National Chamber Ensemble: Happy Birthday Vivaldi. The Extraordinary Four Seasons. An Arlington Supported Arts Group. Sat March 8/7:30 Spectrum Theater
$30 General Admission/$15 Students
VERDI’S IL CORSARO Sunday, March 9 at 6:00 p.m.Washington Concert Opera G W U Lisner Auditorium 730 21st Street NW, D.C.
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Panforte
Torrone - Perugina
Chocolates
Santino Selmy-proprietor

Opening of new Italian Gourmet shop in Gaithersburg:
Gemelli’s, located at 12169 Darnestown Road (Rte 28), Gaithersburg, MD in the Shops at Potomac Valley shopping center. Tel: 240.477.8225; gemellisitalianmarket.com, Maurizio Calcagno, from Liguria, is the proprietor.

ITALIAN EMBASSY ANNOUNCEMENT/AVVISO


Italy’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs has published instructions for applying for incentive awards and grants for translating Italian books, and for payment of allotted awards and grants. These instructions, in Italian, can be found on the ICS web site at http://www.italianculturalsociety.org/italian-embassy-awards-and-grants-for-translation-of-italian-books/
Your board of directors outdid itself in putting together Carnevale 2014. Nearly 100 people participated, yet despite a miscue on the part of the catering, everyone appeared to have a good time, as witness the photos by Dennis Siracusa. Participants enjoyed the wine and the Italian beer. The music chosen by our member/disk jockey, Aldo Grossi, and board member, Ron Cappelletti, was recorded on a master disc and played on Aldo’s own sound system. It was a fine mixture of Italian oldies, pop, newbies pop, Latin, and other styles (including a song people used to sing around the time of Risorgimento (“La Bella Gigugin”). Aldo, and Elisabetta Delehanty demonstrated the Samba to wake us up and get us dancing, but in the end, the slow dance was more popular. Olga Mancuso and Luigi De Luca used their impeccable judgment to identify the winners of the costume contest, but who was that guy that was cheating at musical chairs?

At the March social, Frank Palumbo will tell us about coins of ancient Sicily. Come early to see the ceremony for students receiving awards for excellence in Italian. At the April meeting we will elect four board members, at least one of whom will be new to the board. Inform a board member if you know someone who is willing to work on activities that we need: public relations, cultural affairs, legal advice, event management or writing for “Poche Parole”.

Arrigo Mongini, ICS President and his wife, Ingrid.
Contestants circle the chairs to see who will be the last “man” seated.
Dinner guests watch the musical chairs. Paolo Vidoli and Varinia Ellena.
Guests do the cha, cha. cha.
Luigi De Luca and Paolo Nascimbeni; scholars and Goths.
Luigi and Silvana De Luca.

Guests include the winner of the musical chairs contest (the third woman on right), Anne Marie Rose.
Jim and Karen Harrison are ILP students.

DJ, Aldo Grossi, dances with organizer and MC, Elisabetta Delehanty.
Romeo Segnan sells masks to Shawn Khalfan.
Catherine Frisone Scott wins one of the raffle prizes, an Italian cookbook.
New courses (see p. 8), more classes, and different times set the tone for this season’s classes as devised by Francesca Casazza (ILP Director) and Carlo Ellena (webmaster and instructor). Classes are small. There are now classes for *i bambini* (see next page).

Carlo Ellena sits with his Advanced 1 class on Saturday morning. Members are Davanti: Alex Schultz; Dietro: Teresa Forcina e Andy Zarick Diane Eppinger during a coffee break says, “I like Spanish, but I love Italian. I’d like to take classes in Italy.”

Cristiana Fabiani backs up her Saturday Introductory 1 class: Natalie Schilling, Rita Grieco, Mario Miller and Mary Ellen O’Brien. Francesca Casazza passes out the day’s assignment to Mateusz Gierdalski in Introductory 2.

Signora Casazza with other members of her Introductory 2 class: Belva Brennan and Michael Brennan. In the foreground is Diane Eppinger. The Brennans browse through Italian pamphlets during a break.

**Campi Estivi**

Try our summer camp for kids 4-6 and 7-10. Activities will include: immersion Italian, speaking Italian through singing, art, cooking, and playing games.

Outdoor Location: Battery Lane Park
Indoors: ILP (more info: www.italianculturalsociety.org)
Schedule: 9:00AM - 3:30PM
Cost: 9:00 to 3:30-$290 before 3/16-; 9:00 to 12:30-$190 before 3/16-$190. Kids bring their lunch & snack.
Our winter term is heading towards its end and we are satisfied with the growing enrollment of students attending our forty-five courses. This represents about forty more students than last year. After the traditional 10:00-12:00PM morning courses, we are now offering one-hour lunchtime classes in conversation, history, and book reading. Kids and teenagers keep our afternoons joyful, and on Saturdays our crowded little school is the point of departure for students to happily welcome the weekend! While learning the language, we share stories about the week, our plans, and about events in Italy and the world. The little ones sing and act in Italian. They learn to practice their vocabulary and grammar skills in a fun and stimulating atmosphere thanks to their teacher Allegra Tartaglia; Tamara D’Addieco teaches the same class on Fridays. We are now working on the Summer Camps for kids from 4-10 years old. A substantial discount is offered for registrations before March 16.

In February, we started to spread our Language Program into new areas of northwest D.C. The Burleith Italian Club is a group of eight neighbors who contacted us to teach a beginner level class. I have the pleasure of teaching this course which meets every other Monday in one of their houses. The neighbors will learn in a warm atmosphere accompanied by Italian wine and cheese.

Our spring term starts on March 31, but on March 15 we will launch a new course: a class + trip, designed for students who want a more profound travel experience. Students will experience history and tradition with real life experiences from interactions with selected local contacts. The class is Discover Sicily: History, Culture, Food and Wine on the Island of Sun. Classes will be held on ten Saturdays from 2:00 to 4:30 PM conducted by ICS board member, Riccardo Cannavò. Born in Sicily, he is a jurist, historian, teacher and writer. He will fascinate students with his deep knowledge of the attractions of his native land. On the trip, you will experience Sicilian cuisine and visit a XVI century fief in the heart of Sicily owned by the Barons Rosso di Cerami. We hope you will have the opportunity to enjoy it!

Francesca Casazza–Director of the ILP
The Movie of the Month

THE SALT OF LIFE
By Joe Onofrietti

Born, raised and still living in the Trastevere section of Rome, Director Gianni DiGregorio has had more ups and downs than the stock market. In 1973, Gianni graduated L’Accademia di Arti Sceniche and became an actor. Inspired by Martin Scorsese’s Mean Streets (1976), he starts writing screenplays. After a decade of bombs, DiGregorio’s Looks Dead, but only Fainted (1986) wins Premio Fipresci at the Venice Film Festival and Carefree Giovanni (1986) wins Gran Prix du Juri at the Cannes Film Festival. Another decade of bombs would follow. In 1998, DiGregorio wrote his masterpiece Mid August Lunch, but everyone at Cinecittà yelled “Fallimenti” thinking this would be just another failure. The box office success of Gomorrah (2007), which he cowrote, revived his career and Mid August Lunch went into production. Why attempt a sequel? “The film is a way of exercising my fears. The Salt of Life is autobiographical. My daughter is very shy, so she didn’t want a role. Pallina is my dog.” -Gianni DiGregorio

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La Sicilia Fenicia-Secondo Parte
Riccardo Cannavo’

Tuttavia, sempre secondo Tucidide, dopo l’arrivo dei Greci sull’isola, i Fenici si ritirarono ad occidente, in territorio elimo e fondarono delle vere e proprie città: Zyz (oggi Palermo), Mtw (oggi Mozia), Kfr (oggi Solunto) approfittando anche della minima distanza che intercorreva tra quella parte della Sicilia e la grande e potente colonia di Cartagine in Tunisia. È accertata l’amicizia tra Elimi e Fenici, entrambi perennemente ostili ai Greci e spesso in guerra con questi ultimi. I Fenici fondarono anche la colonia di Lilybæaum (oggi Marsala), e colonizzarono le isole di Katric (oggi Favignana) e Kossyra (oggi Pantelleris). Anche lo storico Erodoto da Alicarnasso conferma nelle sue Storie quanto riportato da Tucidide.

L’influenza dei Fenici sulla Sicilia fu notevole, i Fenici diffusero l’uso dell’alfabeto sull’isola e introdussero notevoli novità nel campo dell’agricoltura; iniziarono la coltivazione della vite domestica e cominciarono la produzione del vino nella Sicilia Occidentale, introdussero la coltivazione dell’ulivo domestico per la produzione dell’olio e praticarono la coltivazione estensiva del grano; coltivarono molti tipi di frutta, specialmente i fichi. Molti dei simboli attuali della Sicilia (olio, vino, grano, etc.) si devono all’influenza di questa civiltà marinara venuta dal vicino oriente.

Zyz (oggi Palermo) fu fondata da una spedizione proveniente da Tiro nel 734 a.C., nell’area era già presente un precedente insediamento sicano/siculo e anche gli Elimi avevano un proprio abitato. La città ebbe mura possenti e due porte, una orientata verso il mare (nord–est) e una nel senso opposto a sud–ovest. Rimangono ancora oggi dei tratti di mura fenicie discretamente conservati che si possono ammirare in Via del Bastione, in Corso Alberto Amedeo e in Via degli Schioppettieri. Questo primo insediamento fu chiamato Paleapolis...
located in the area now occupied by the Cathedral and the Norman Palace. This first settlement, as the city expanded, became the center of public buildings and administration.

The necropolis was built outside the walls, currently in the eastern part of the city. The part that can be visited is located under the barracks of the Tukory Army, in the area of Piazza Indipendenza, Corso Pisani, Via Cuba, Via Pindemonte, and Via Dasinni. The necropolis was discovered by chance in 1746. During construction of the Albergo dei Poveri (poorhouse) more than 700 tombs were found. Inside the graves were found rich sets of china, produced locally or imported from Greece or Etruscan settlements, silver and gold necklaces, amulets, weapons, and large jars containing food and drink.

The necropolis is open to the public for visits every day. The oldest street in Palermo was built upon the creation of the city by the Phoenicians and cut the settlement in two parts, connecting the original port to the necropolis right behind the city.

To give you an idea of the size and splendor of the city, the historian Diodorus Siculus reports that 3,000 Carthaginian military and transport boats took refuge for three days in the port of Palermo to repair the damages incurred during a Mediterranean crossing.

The city passed into Roman hands as stipulated in the fifth treaty between Rome and Carthage in 241 BCE after the defeat of Carthage in the first punic war, The Romans changed its name to Panormus.

Mtw (today, the island of Mozia or San Pantaleo, one of the islands in the Marsala lagoon in the province of Trapani) was an important ancient Phoenician city. According to the historian Diodorus Siculus the city was located on an island six stadia away from Sicily and was artistically decorated at the highest level with numerous beautiful houses thanks to the prosperity of its inhabitants.

The island is located off the west coast of Sicily and is now private property of the Whitaker foundation. The site is a candidate for inclusion in the world heritage of UNESCO.

-Phoenician Sicily concludes next month.

(come riportano concordemente Diodoro Siculo e Polibio) e si trovava pressappoco nell’area ora occupata dalla Cattedrale e dal Palazzo d’Normanni. Questo primo insediamento abitativo divenne, con l’estendersi della città, il centro degli edifici pubblici e dell’amministrazione.

Fuori dalle mura fu costruita la necropoli, attualmente nella parte occidentale della città, la parte visitabile è ubicata sotto la caserma dell’Esercito Tukory, tra piazza Indipendenza, corso Pisani, via Cuba, via Pindemonte e via Dasinni.

La necropoli fu scoperta per caso nel 1746, in occasione della costruzione dell’Albergo dei poverì; sono state rinvenute oltre settecento tombe. All’interno delle sepolture sono stati trovati ricchi corredi composti da vasellame, di produzione locale o d’importazione greca ed etrusca, monili d’argento e di bronzo, amuleti, armi e grossi orci contenenti viveri e bevande. La necropoli è aperta al pubblico e visitabile tutti i giorni. La strada più antica di Palermo (ora Via Vittorio Emanuele) venne tracciata con la creazione stessa della città da parte dei Fenici, e tagliava in due parti l’agglomerato collegando l’originario porto alla necropoli posta subito alle spalle della città.

Per dare un’idea della grandezza e dello splendore della città lo storico Diodoro Siculus riporta che 3.000 navi cartaginesi, da guerra e da trasporto, si sarebbero rifugiate per tre giorni nel porto di Palermo per riparare i danni subiti nel corso di una traversata del Mediterraneo.

La città passò in mani romane in forza del quinto trattato stipulato tra Roma e Cartagine nel 241 a.C., dopo la sconfitta di Cartagine nella prima guerra punica. I romani cambiarono il nome in Panormus.

Mtw (oggi isola di Mozia o isola di San Pantaleo, una delle isole dello Stagnone di Marsala, in provincia di Trapani) fu un’antica e importante città fenicia; secondo lo storico Diodoro Siculo La città era situata su un’isola che dista sei stadi dalla Sicilia ed era abbellita artisticamente in sommo grado con numerose belle case, grazie alla prosperità degli abitanti...

L’isola si trova di fronte alla costa occidentale della Sicilia ed è proprietà privata della Fondazione Whitaker. Il sito è candidato all’inserimento nella lista del patrimonio mondiale dell’UNESCO.

-La Sicilia Fenicia conclude nel prossimo numero.
MARCH IN ITALIAN HISTORY

1721 17 March—Proclamation of the Kingdom of Italy, following the Expedition of the Thousand, lead by Giuseppe Garibaldi, and the fall of the Kingdom of the Two Sicilies: most of the states of the Italian peninsula are united under king Victor Emmanuel II of the Savoy dynasty, crowned king of Italy.

1978 16 March—Kidnapping of the former Prime Minister Aldo Moro by the Red Brigades.

2003 16 March—Italy takes part in the Iraq War, although populations show disapproval through the “peace flags” movement.

2005 4 March—Nicola Calipari, Italian secret agent, is shot dead by friendly fire from a US patrol during the rescue of journalist Giuliana Sgrena from kidnappers in Baghdad. US later refused the extradition of the identified shooter, Mario Lozano.

Gabriele D’Annunzio
Born 12 March 1863 Pescara, Italy
Died 1 March 1938 (aged 74) Gardone Riviera, Italy
Occupation: Poet, journalist, playwright, soldier, politician
Literary movement: Decadent movement

Dalla Cucina di Mia Cugina
Spaghetti Aglio e Olio

Time: 15 minutes;
Serves 4

12 ounces spaghetti
3/4 cup extra-virgin olive oil, plus more for drizzling
8 cloves garlic, 4 thinly sliced and minced
1 lemon, zested and juiced
1 1/4 cups packed fresh flat-leaf parsley
Parmesan cheese, grated for serving

1. Bring a large pot of generously salted water to a boil. Cook pasta until very al dente. Reserve 2 cups pasta water; drain pasta
2. Heat a large straight-sided skillet over medium heat. Add oil and garlic and cook until slices are lightly golden, about 2 minutes; transfer to paper towel to drain. Add minced garlic to skillet and cook until fragrant and just beginning to color (do not let turn golden), about 30 seconds. Whisk in pasta water and simmer for 2 minutes. Add pasta and cook until liquid is reduced, about one minute. Remove from heat, add lemon zest and juice and stir to combine. Stir in parsley, drizzle with oil, and top with garlic slices.
Serve with cheese.

Dolore
Davanti ad una tomba un tale singhiozza disperatamente:
"Non dovevi morire, non dovevi morire...."
Un passante, commosso, lo vede e domanda:
"Era suo padre, sua madre...?"
"No, era il primo marito di mia moglie!"

Antenna Italia
Is now on the AMICO website. Get news from Italy and information on Italian and Italian-American events as well as music & commentary in streaming audio.
Log on any time at Pino Cicala’s website
www.italianamericancommunications.org

Congratulations Pino for receiving the Premio Amerigo for 55 years of Antenna Italia"
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Il film di marzo della Società Culturale Italiana è Gianni e le donne (The salt of Life) (2012). La comitiva Brandini della commedia Il Pranzo di Ferragosto (2010) è ritornata! Nel loro appartamento di Roma vivono Gianni, 63 anni deluso pensionato (Gianni Di Gregorio), la sua condescendente moglie (Elisabetta Piccolomini), Teresa la figlia festaiola (Teresa Di Gregorio), il suo fidanzato musicista Michelangelo (Michelangelo Ciminale) e il loro cane Pallina. Ovviamente abbiamo anche il ritorno della 96enne “divina” Valeria (Valeria de Franciscis Bendoni), madre di Gianni, anziana, spendacciona e prepotente.

Ritroviamo Gianni che odia sentire squillare il telefono perché quasi certamente è la madre Valeria che gli ordina di andare da lei per accendere il suo home teather o per servire il pranzo nel giardino di casa mentre lei è impegnata a giocare a poker.

Gianni prova tutto il possibile per liberarsi di lei ma lei vince sempre fingendo continui svenimenti e malessere dovuti a repentini abbassamenti della pressione sanguigna mentre parla al telefono col figlio. In realtà mentre parla con Gianni sorregge champagne in attesa che lui venga a casa.

Le risate abbondano con Valeria servita e riverita anche perché in possesso di documenti legali importanti, Michelangelo che va in giro in moto come un matto e Gianni che finisce a nuotare in una fontana pubblica di notte dopo avere bevuto accidentalmente un Martini.- In italiano con sottotitoli in inglese.
The Italian Language Program is pleased to announce its first Summer Camp in Italian in the Washington D.C. area, for kids 4-6 and 7-10 years old, during the following weeks:

- June 23-27
- June 30-July 4
- July 7-11
- August 18-22
- August 25-29

Your children will enjoy a variety of activities, in a full immersion language program, where they will be encouraged to speak Italian through singing, art projects, cooking, playing indoor and outdoor Italian games.

**Outdoor location:** Battery Lane Park, around the corner from the Rugby Avenue building

**Indoor location:** the kids will be placed in our widest and brightest classroom, which will be rearranged just for them, and they will also have access to our library.

Each day will consist of:

- 9:00-9:15 Drop off
- 9:15-10:00 Language class: reading, writing, singing, building vocabulary and grammatical structures (divided in two age groups)
- 10:00-11:00 Outdoor activities + small snack
- 11:10-12:30 Creative project
- 12:30-1:00 Lunch
- 1:00-1:30 Outdoor playing
- 1:40-2:50 Indoor games
- 2:50-3:30 Video – Dismissal

Possibility of later pick up on request.

Kids are to bring their own lunch and snack. Each Monday, authentic warm Italian pizza from Pizzeria Da Marco will be available for $5, and on Fridays we will make gelato!

Cost per week:

- 9:00-3:30 → $330 / if you register before March 1st you pay $290
- 9:00-12:30 → $220 / if you register before March 1st you pay $190

Take advantage of the early registration discount! *