SOCIAL MEETINGS/EVENT OVERVIEW

March Social Event: March 19, NEW LOCATION: Bethesda-Chevy Chase Regional Services Center (BCC-RSC), 4805 Edgemoor Lane, Bethesda, MD 20814, 1:30 PM conversation hour, 2:30 PM panel discussion, The March social event will feature a panel of local scientists discussing their issues working in the US. See page 5 for details. Please RSVP at RSVP@italianculturalsociety.org

Save the date: May 19th, 2017 - ICS Gala at the Italian Embassy. This year’s theme: “Italian creativity, fashion and design”. See page 10 for other events. More details will follow!

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

The Festa di Carnevale fundraiser which took place on Saturday, Feb. 25 was a great success due to the collaboration of so many organizations. VP Arrigo Mongini was the ICS point man on the project and arranged for several of us to act as volunteers to serve food, etc. ILP director Francesca Casazza along with teacher Maura Maffia prepared ICS children to present a “rap” in Italian as part of the celebration, which they executed with style. The funds are intended to be donated to child victims in the recent earthquake zones.

Our March 19 Sunday social meeting will start at 1:30 PM with a conversation hour, then a panel discussion at 2:30 PM devoted to the current state of careers in science/engineering for Italians here in the US and in Italy as well as Europe and the rest of the world. This is interesting because there are so many talented young Italians who often find the need to go abroad to have a career, or to start one and face many obstacles. The three panelists represent a wide variety of disciplines: Dr. Francesco Tombesi is in high-energy extragalactic astrophysics, Dr. Alberto Ceccon is a chemist in biotechnology and Dr. Erica Bresciani is a biologist working on oncogenesis.

I think you will find the discussion illuminating and helpful both in understanding this important issue and the role of Italians in the world of science. In this issue we also publish the names of people whose terms as ICS board members end this year and who wish to run for re-election.

The election will take place at the April meeting. We look forward to seeing you at the meeting!

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS
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David Stevens
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CARNEVALE
2/25/17

On Saturday evening, February 25, the Italian Cultural Society joined with seven other Italian organizations in a celebration of Carnevale, a fundraiser to benefit children who were victims of the recent earthquakes in central Italy. The party took place in Casa Italiana with over 200 adults and about 50 children attending. Guests enjoyed dinner catered by Osteria da Nino while sitting at tables decorated with figures representing each of the 20 regions of Italy. Although the featured band, “The I-talians”, was unable to perform because of illness of the singer, the guests were able to dance thanks to the guitarist of the band, who was an excellent disk jockey. The highlight of the evening was the performance of a “rap” in Italian written and executed by the children of our Italian Language Program under the guidance of ILP director Francesca Casazza and teacher Maura Guida-Maffia. The party also included a silent auction of donations from the different organizations, including ICS, as well as special programs for the children in the church basement. Six other ICS members volunteered in serving food and other jobs, along with members of the other organizations. Everyone agreed that the evening was a great success!
CARNEVALE
2/26/17

The day after, Sunday February 26th, kids and their families met at the Candy Cane City Park for another traditional Festa di Carnevale, all for kids and their families. Le D.I.V.E. organized this event in collaboration with MaPaCi – Italians in DC and The Italian Cultural Society. Biancaneve and the “scienziato matto” (mad scientist) entertained the children with magical experiments, arts & crafts, streamers and games.

Also in this occasion, ILP kids performed their successful song “Carnevale Rap”. Watch the videos on our Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/italianculturalsocietydc/ Enjoy the video!!!!
MARCH SOCIAL EVENT  
3/19/17

Career prospects for young Italian scientists/engineers: a panel discussion.

As we have come to know many brilliant young Italians in the Washington, DC metropolitan area working at NIH, NASA, NIST or one of the local universities, we have come to realize some of the difficulties they have faced in their careers. To air these issues, the March ICS social meeting will host a panel discussion featuring some of these young scientists who will tell us about their experiences in order to help us explore these issues. The panel presentation part of the meeting will start at 2:30 PM at the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Regional Services Center (BCC-RSC), 4805 Edgemoor Lane, Bethesda, MD 20814 which is across Wisconsin Ave. from La Madeleine restaurant.

Here are the panelists:

Dr. Francesco Tombesi: his main research interests are in high-energy extragalactic astrophysics, particularly in the X-ray study of the extreme phenomena related to accreting supermassive black holes at the center of active galaxies and the influence of black hole winds/jets on galaxy evolution. Dr. Tombesi is a member of the science teams of the upcoming large X-ray observatories ASTRO-H (launch date February 2016) and Athena (launch date in 2028).

Dr. Alberto Ceccon: has skills and expertise in Nanotechnology, Spectroscopy, Organic Chemistry, Protein Structure, Lipids, Proteins, Fatty Acids, NMR Spectroscopy, and Phospholipids. Currently he is a post-doc at the National Institutes of Health · National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (NIDDK) working in Marius G. Clore’s group.

Dr. Erica Bresciani: is a researcher in the Oncogenesis and Development Section in NHGRI, winner of the Fellows Award for Research Excellence (FARE) and the Stem Cells in Development and Disease and is currently a post-doc at the National Institutes of Health.

We want to thank board member Chiara Gastaldi for her work in organizing this panel. Please join us for an interesting discussion, and for those of you who are young scientists in the area, please come prepared with your own comments and ideas.
INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY
3/10/17

Celebrano la
GIORNATA INTERNAZIONALE DELLA DONNA
Venerdì 10 marzo 2017
18.30 – 21.30
Cena Buffet – Cocktail Party
Intrattenimento musicale

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VIA UMBRIA BOOK SIGNING
3/17/17

Book Signing:
Letizia Mattiacci

A Kitchen with a View:
Seasonal recipes from Alla Madonna del Piatto Cooking School in Umbria, Italy.

Born in Perugia and raised in Umbria, Letizia Mattiacci has been hosting popular culinary workshops at her family home near Assisi, Italy for over a decade. She owns Alla Madonna del Piatto cooking school in Assisi, Italy, which received an extensive press mention ever since, including The New York Times, Lonely Planet and an appearance on BBC television. Food + Wine magazine lists her cooking school as one of their favorites in Italy and National Geographic lists it as one of the top 500 places to eat around the globe.

We are delighted to announce Letizia Mattiacci will be visiting us for a signing of her book A Kitchen With a View and sharing her passion about Italian food and culture. You will have the chance to meet Letizia, hear a reading of the book, and join a discussion about what makes her recipes and stories so special and authentic.

Friday, March 17
6:30-8:00 PM
Via Umbria Galleria
Admission is free
RSVP to let us know you are coming!

BOARD ELECTIONS 2017

Dear members, a slate is being prepared for the election to the board of directors of the ICS at the April meeting. We will send out an email with details during this month of March, and publish brief bios of the candidates in the April issue of Poche Parole before the meeting. Here are the names of the board members whose terms are expiring: Ronald Cappelletti (currently president, retiring from the board after 9 years of service), Paolo Vidoli (currently treasurer), Olga Mancuso (currently historian), and Romeo Segnan (currently emeritus member with many, many years of service.) Anyone interested in running for the board, please send a resume to Lucy Fonseca at language@italianculturalsociety.org, or just introduce yourself to Cappelletti or other board member at the March meeting. Specifically, if you have experience in accounting and are willing to serve on the board, it would be most helpful.
Winter Term - Session 2 started successfully, including Arte 2, an Art History mini course (dal Cinquecento al Novecento), part of the series “L’Italia è cultura”, a fascinating journey that will lead students to better understand the country and its people, through the study of historical and geographical elements that defined their character. After Arte, in fact, we will offer Storia, Geografia, Letteratura, Storia del cinema, del teatro e della musica, just a panoramic view, the features of these aspects of the Italian culture.

Instead of ending Winter Term courses with the traditional pizza at Pizzeria Da Marco, we will hold this fun event on the first day of Spring Session, this year, April 1st! Pizzeria Da Marco will donate 15% of their sales to the Italian Language Program.

The Spring Schedule will be online in a few days at http://www.italianculturalsociety.org/italian-language-program/. Starting on Friday March 31st, this Spring Term will offer more Cinema and Literature, with “Pranzo di Ferragosto” with Instructor Silvana De Luca, who will also offer a new course on the origin of the Italian Language (Da Lorenzo il Magnifico a Torquato tasso). Carlo Ellena is ready to teach Discover Liguria, Piemonte e Veneto – Slow Food and wine, while Riccardo Cannavò will offer again his succesful Discover Sicily: history, culture, food and wine on the island of sun. Take a look at the trips we suggest: http://www.italianculturalsociety.org/coursestrips/

A new instructor recently joined us: Francesca Baldanzi. She is from Florence and she holds a MA in Political Science and International Relations that she obtained between University of Florence and Université La Sorbonne, Paris I. She has several years of experience in the education, humanitarian and cultural sector. She has worked for the University of Florence, NGOs (COSPE, Refugees International) and for the World Heritage Centre/UNESCO in Paris. She moved to Maryland in 2013. In 2014, she started teaching to children and adults as a tutor and at a private school. She is teaching Italian for Kids (9-13 years old) on Saturday, and she is ready to start teaching Discover Tuscany: In the Heart and Soul of Italy, this March, on Saturdays, 3:45-5:15.

For the “Book club” courses, you will have the chance to read Novelle per un anno, Luigi Pirandello with Carlo Ellena, La boutique del mistero, Dino Buzzati with Cristiana Fabiani, and In altre Parole, Jhumpa Lahiri, with Antonella Pellegrino. Maura Maffia will offer a creative writing course (Riscriviamo il finale – Se una notte d’inverno un viaggiatore) and Cooking Classes. Please visit our schedule. And do not forget that you can attend classes via Skype... Stay tuned!!

Saluti,
Francesca Casazza
ICS SUMMER CAMP

The Italian Cultural Society/Italian Language Program summer camp is an immersion program designed around a variety of activities that will encourage your children to speak Italian through singing, cooking, playing indoor and outdoor Italian games, and completing art projects. Activities are held indoor and outdoor in the Battery Lane Park, behind the ICS.

DAILY SCHEDULE

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

* Upon request, possibility of early drop off and late pick-up. Kids are to bring their own lunch and snack. Each Monday, authentic warm Italian pizza will be available for $7. On Fridays, we will make gelato!

COST PER WEEK

9:00AM-3:30PM $350/child - Siblings $320
$320/ICS Family members - Siblings $320
4 day camp: $300 - 270/ICS F. members & siblings
* Register before April 1st and pay: $310/child; Siblings $300
$290/ICS Family members - Siblings $290
4 day camp: $280 - 260/ICS F. members & siblings

9:00AM-12:30PM $250/child - Siblings $220
$220/ICS Family members - Siblings $220
4 day camp: $200 - 170/ICS F. members & siblings
* Register before April 1st and pay: $210/child; Siblings $200
$200/ICS Family members - Siblings $200
4 day camp: $180 - 170/ICS F. members & siblings

ICS SUMMER CAMP WEEKS

June 19th - 23rd
June 26th - June 30th - Teens Camp
July 3rd - 7th (4 days)
July 10th - 14th
August 21st - 25th
Aug. 28th - Sept. 1st

SUMMER CAMP

per bambini 4-7 e 8-12 anni

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http://www.italianculturalsociety.org/italian-language-program/summer-camps/

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LOCAL EVENTS OF INTEREST

Please visit our web page http://www.italianculturalsociety.org/upcoming-events/

Also, check THE ITALIAN CULTURAL INSTITUTE’S calendar (Istituto Italiano di Cultura (IIC), which links to specific events and exhibits: http://www.iicwashington.esteri.it/iic_washington/it

Le D.I.V.E., in collaboration with The Italian Cultural Society and Italians in DC: International Women’s Day: Embassy of Italy, 3000 Whitehaven Street, NW, Washington, DC 20008, March 10, 6:30PM, $30 per person:
‘Festa della donna’ - Cocktail Party with buffet dinner and live jazz music.
Award winning Italian singer, songwriter Chiara Izzi, from New York City with her quartet will be our guest. She performs regularly in prominent jazz clubs and venues including Iridium, Apollo Theater, Smalls, Bar Next Door, with some of the finest musicians like Kevin Hays, Eliot Zigmund, Warren Wolf, Anthony Wonsey, Pat Bianchi, Yotam Silberstein, and she has caught the attention of and received remarkable appraisals from Quincy Jones, Bobby Watson, Benny Golson, Joel Frahm, Aaron Goldberg, David Kikosky, Greg Hutchinson, Jonathan Kreisberg, Dado Moroni and many others.
http://www.italianculturalsociety.org/upcoming-events/


Italians in DC: Corso di canto per bambini dai 5 ai 12 anni: Georgetown Lutheran Church, 1556 Wisconsin Ave, NW, Washington, DC 20008, 10 lezioni, date ore 14:30 alle ore 15:30 nelle seguenti date: Marzo: 4, 11, 18, 25, Aprile: 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Maggio: 6, 200$ soci IDC e $220 per i non soci per 10 Lezioni,$110 soci IDC e $130 per i non soci per 5 Lezioni, http://italiansindc.com/corso-di-canto-per-bambini-dai-5-ai-12-anni%E2%80%8B/

Silent Architecture: Italian Architectural Beauty: Presentation by renowned Italian architect and urban designer Pier Carlo Bontempi: District Architecture Center  421- 7th Street, NW Washington, DC 20004, Tuesday, March 28, 6:30-8:00pm, http://www.italianculturalsociety.org/upcoming-events/
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