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JOIN US AT THE ICS GALA: May 19th, 2017 - ICS Gala at the Italian Embassy. This year’s theme: “Italian creativity, fashion and design”. More information, Sponsorship, RSVP and payment at http://www.italianculturalsociety.org/

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

At our April 23 meeting, Towson U. professor John McLucas, introduced by UMD classics professor Judith Hallett, led us on a delightful tour of Roman buildings from the most ancient times to the present, as their materials were recycled from age to age, to construct new buildings contemporary to each age. Even the ancient Romans used this practice to construct their temples and other public buildings from older buildings...except for the use of a new material, concrete, a Roman invention, which was used to construct, for example, the dome of the Pantheon, with many layers beginning with denser to lighter concrete, and still standing intact after nearly 2000 years.

We also tried to hold our board election, as required by our by-laws, but while there were nearly 55 people at the meeting, there was not a quorum (35) of members present, so we arranged to hold the election electronically. The results are now in, and your elected board members with a 2020 expiration date are: Ranieri Cavaceppi, Ellen Coppley, Luigi De Luca, Sara Forden and Paolo Vidoli.

Our move to our spacious new headquarters is well underway, and by the time you see this newsletter we will be located at 4833 Rugby Ave., Suite 201. This will not only be our venue for classes, but also for many of our social meetings with rooms for films, conversations and presentations.

Our next important event is the ICS Gala taking place on Friday evening, May 19 with dinner catered by Pappa Fresca at the Italian Embassy. It will be an elegant affair, with a fashion show by Washington’s own Franca Bartoli, the presentation of the documentary film by our honorary guest, director Francesco Carrozzini, a Chopin piano performance by our Luciana Montanari-Mendola award winner Danila Tomassetti, and a chance to meet the ICS Young Scientists of 2017, Eleonora Troja of NASA and Massimo Fantini of NIH/Precision Biologics, and our Maria Guarrera Wilmeth award winner, Emma Trowbridge of Duke Ellington H.S. There will also be a silent auction featuring many desirable items (as an example, I’ll soon be in San Remo at an apartment stay for a week that I purchased at last year’s silent auction!). Please come!

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APRIL SOCIAL EVENT

4/23/17

We were honored to have Prof. John C. Mclucas as speaker at our April Social Meeting. He is a well known Professor of Italian and Latin in the Department of Foreign Languages at Towson University. He received his BA in Latin Classics from Wesleyan in 1974, and his PhD in Italian Language and Literature from Yale in 1983. (See his bio in the previous Poche Parole issue.) With his outstanding presentation “To the Victor Go the Spolia: Reuse, Recycling, and Repurposing of Ancient Materials in Later Construction in Rome” he illustrated to us many examples of reuse of ancient architectonic elements in mediaeval, Renaissance, and modern structures in the city. This reuse was often driven by shifting ideological currents, theological or political, which saw the city as a locus of sacred and imperial memories.
ICS GALA
5/19/17
We are delighted to present ICS Gala 2017 honorary guest, Emmy Award-nominated film director and photographer, Francesco Carrozzini.

On this special occasion he will present his documentary about his mother Franca Sozzani Editor in Chief, Vogue Italia (1950-2016) "Franca: Chaos & Creation." The film is scheduled to debut in the US theaters at the start of the summer.

We are also glad to announce that Carla Sozzani, Italian gallerist, founder of Galleria Carla Sozzani and the creator of 10 Corso Como in Milan, will be one of our special guests, with her daughter Sara Maino, Senior Editor and Head of talent at Vogue Italia.

Franca Bartoli, a local Italian stylist, a point of reference for the Italian community in Washington, will introduce the theme of the Gala with a fashion show.

Stay tuned for more updates! Learn more about the event and RSVP: http://www.italianculturalsociety.org/gala-2017/

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Poster of the documentary film "Franca: Chaos & Creation"
La ‘stoffs de sogni’ di Gianfranco Cabiddu, film vincitore del David di Donatello per la miglior sceneggiatura, è approdato per alcuni giorni a Washington. Dove è stato applaudito e seguito da un gruppo crescente di aficionados. Ora sta attraversando insieme al suo regista e sceneggiatore un pezzo dell’Unione: dal Texas a Detroit, a New York.

Ospite di rassegne cinematografiche d’autore, come il FilmFest della capitale americana - che ogni anno porta le migliori e ultime pellicole straniere in Usa - e di proiezioni nelle case della cultura italiana negli Stati Uniti, la pellicola sta conquistando.

Le immagini mozzafiato del mare sardo, le luci del Sud dell’Italia, la storia di un naufragio impossibile. La favola-omaggio ai guitti del Belpaese, il racconto che si snoda a scatole cinesi senza farsi mancare un’improbabile storia d’amore, sta affascinando gli spettatori d’oltreoceano.

Alle proiezioni il pubblico applaude e ride durante alcune delle scene di irresistibile comicità della favola girata interamente nell’isola dell’Asinara. Le vicende del naufragio di un battello che mescola i destini di un gruppo di teatranti, di carcerati e di guardie in fuga, confondendone le identità in un gioco delle parti, intrigano gli americani che amano le avventure.


L’arrivo del film in America è stato possibile anche grazie al supporto dell’Ambasciata d’Italia e dell’Istituto di Cultura italiano.
2017 ICS AWARD WINNERS

We are pleased to announce several Italian Cultural Society award winners this year.

The winners of the Cesarina Horing Awards for excellence in Italian language studies at the college level are: Dario De Palma ($500), Georgetown University; Bora Mica ($250) and Giuliana Scuito ($250), University of Maryland; Tanner Jackson ($250) and Nina Uritskaya, ($250) Catholic University of America; Gabriella Liles ($100) and Alejandra Alferez ($200), American University; Rachel Grasso ($200) and Carly Whitmer ($100), George Washington University; and Gia Primerano ($150) and Salvatore Pitino ($150), George Mason University.

The Maria Guarrera Wilmeth Award ($500) for excellence in Italian language studies at the high school level is Emma Trowbridge of Duke Ellington School for the Arts.

The winner of the Luciana Montanari-Mendola Award for piano performance ($1000) at the university/conservatory level is Danila Tomassetti of the Benjamin T. Rome School of Music, Catholic University of America. Ms. Tomassetti will perform parts of the Sonata op. 35 in B flat minor by Fryderyk Chopin: the Marcia Funebre and the Presto, at the ICS Gala at the Italian Embassy on May 19th.

The winner of the Luciana Montanari-Mendola Award for piano performance ($500) at the high-school level is Emma Trowbridge of the Duke Ellington School for the Arts.

The winner of the ICS Young Scientist Award ($1000) is Dr. Eleonora Troja of NASA/Goddard for her work on galactic gamma-ray bursts and her leading role on the mission executive committee of the SWIFT program, one of NASA’s top three priorities in 2016.

The winner of the Elena and Antonio De Luca award ($1000), this year given to a Young Scientist in the biological sciences, is Dr. Massimo Fantini for his work on immunotherapy methods in cancer treatment as a senior scientist with Precision Biologics, and previously at the NCI at NIH.

The winner of the free course for an elementary school student given by the ICS/ILP is Matthias De Vita.

Drs. Troja and Fantini and Ms. Tomassetti and Ms. Trowbridge will receive their awards at the ICS Awards Gala at the Italian Embassy.
Saturday April 8th, about 100 of us were at Pizzeria Da Marco, close to our school (picture included), for our traditional pizza fundraising event. Pizzeria Da Marco donated 15% of their sales to the Italian Language Program. We also organized a raffle for the occasion. On Saturday 22nd, during class break we drew three winners: Richard Shiripa, who attends Advanced Grammar and Conversation with Cristiana, won the 1st prize, a $100 gift certificate for an ILP course. Bill Walker and Patrick Russo won the Italian Cooking Heritage books.

During April we monitored the construction of our new headquarters (a few pictures included). Many of us worked with enthusiasm, to design, decorate and organize our new school and event venue in 4833 Rugby Avenue, Suite 201. We look forward to seeing it finished!

Saturday May 13th we will be at the Embassy for the annual European Embassy Open House and Saturday May 27th we will be at the OAS Parking lot for a Food Festival organized by the Organization of Women of Americas. The ILP will entertain kids with creative/cultural activities and will share information about our program.

We are working now on the Summer Term, starting June 26th: we will offer classes for beginner, intermediate and advanced students. Conversation, history and good cinema will help you practice your comprehension and speaking skills. Our Summer Schedule will be online at the middle of May.

For the kids, we are planning wonderful activities for our fourth Summer Camp, for the weeks of June 19th (for teens), June 26, July 3rd (4 days), July 10th, August 21st, August 28th. The week of June 19th, we will have a week dedicated to 12-18 years old, to learn Italian through cooking, music, cinema, besides some grammar and conversation, of course. Latin 1 Summer immersion will also be offered upon request.

Saluti,
Francesca Casazza
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 main campus.

Latin Immersion Camp for 6th graders and up

**ICS SUMMER CAMP**

*for kids 4-11 yrs old and teens 12-18*

**COST PER WEEK**

9:00AM-3:30PM $350/child - Sibling $320;
$220/ICS Family member - Siblings $220

4 day camp: $800 - 270/ICS F. member & siblings

* Register before April 1st and pay:
$310/child; Siblings $260

4 day camp: $290 / 260/ICS F. member & siblings

9:00AM-12:30PM $250/child - Sibling $220;
$150/ICS Family members - Siblings $220

4 day camp: $500 - 350/ICS F. member & siblings

* Register before April 1st and pay:
$210/child; Siblings $200

4 day camp: $400-170/ICS F. member & siblings

**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

11:15am-12:30pm Creative project

12:30pm-1:00pm Lunch

1:00pm-1:30pm Outdoor playing

1:30pm-2:30pm Indoor games

2:30pm-3:00pm Video - Dismissal

* Upon request possibility of earlier drop off and later pick up. Kids are to bring their own lunch and snack.
Each Monday, authentic warm Italian pizza will be

Lucia Wolf, Francesca Casazza, Anna Lawton and Suzy Menard (Via Umbria’s owner), at Via Umbria Gallaria - April 27th
**LOCAL EVENTS OF INTEREST**

Please visit our web page [http://www.italianculturalsociety.org/upcoming-events/](http://www.italianculturalsociety.org/upcoming-events/)


**Istituto Italiano di Cultura:** Rethinking Giorgio de Chirico: Embassy of Italy, 3000 Whitehaven Street, N W., Washington, DC 20008, May 9, [http://www.iicwashington.esteri.it/iic_washington/en/gli_eventi/calendario/2017/05/rethinking-giorgio-de-chirico.html](http://www.iicwashington.esteri.it/iic_washington/en/gli_eventi/calendario/2017/05/rethinking-giorgio-de-chirico.html)


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