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AMERICAN CLUB

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CONCERT FOR A GREAT CAUSE

Massimo La Rosa, principal trombonist of the Cleveland Orchestra, along with an impressive contingent of friends and colleagues, provided a fantastic afternoon of music on Saturday, April 16th. The concert held at the Gartner Auditorium at the Cleveland museum of Art, also featured the collaborative piano accompaniment of local pianist and CIM educator **Elizabeth DeMio**.

The concert was a benefit organized by **Serena Scaiola**, Massimo and the Italian Consulate to benefit the ANFE Light

of Light Foundation based in Detroit. The organization raises funds to treat children with retinal disorders and educating doctors on innovative optical surgical techniques.

The concert for over 300 fine music lovers, featured works from Giacomo Puccini, Gioachino Rossini, Gustav Mahler, Bach and Giuseppe Verdi. A wonderful double bass and cello duet of a Rossini piece was performed by orchestra members Scott Dixon and Brian Thornton. A soothing solo rendition of Bach's Partita in A Minor was

delivered by assistant principal Cleveland Orchestra flautist Marisela Sager.

The program also featured the major talents of Orchestra members Richard Stout, second trombone, who on this occasion filled the conductor role, Shachar Israel, assistant principal trombone, Yasuhito Sigiya principal tuba. Rounding out the performers – 12 of Massimo's and Mr. Stout's CIM trombone students chimed in on compositions by Mahler and Verdi.



David Franklin, Massimo La Rosa, Serena Scaiola and Marco Nobili

SUMMER EVENTS

Italian-American Summer Festival- Friday June 10th through Sunday June 12th. The plans are for SWIAC to have a booth at the festival again this year to promote the club and show our support for the Italian-American community.

The event will take place at the Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds in Berea. The scheduled hours are: **Friday – 5pm to 12 Midnight; Saturday - 2pm to 12 Midnight; Sunday- 12 noon to 9pm.**

As with many events this year, the cost has gone up due to facilities fees cost increases, so the goal is to maximize our efforts with the time we spend there. Italian and contemporary music will be performed on

three different stages. All of your favorite foods and beverages will be featured. Go to the website for more information: www.italianamerican-summerfestival.com.

Lew Marlette has agreed to coordinate the staffing so please let him know if you can help out. Volunteers will receive passes for admission and all other members will get 2-for-1 admission vouchers.

Casino Junket – Thursday June 16th, Wheeling Downs in Wheeling West Virginia. The bus leaves from St. Marks Coptic Church, 2100 E. Pleasant Valley Rd. at 7:30am. \$30 cost includes \$25 in slot play money. Call **Nello Trinetti** at **440-238-1271** or **Al Lip-**

pucci @ 216-524-4310.

Italian-American Heritage Night Baseball Game: Friday, July 22nd is the date for this annual event with the Lake County Captains at Classic Park in Eastlake. We are again planning to populate the left field Captain's Corner - the \$15 ticket includes a food and beverage voucher, souvenir Captains cap, special raffle scoreboard recognition and Fireworks!

Plans also include a pre-game bocce match and a special club guest singing the National Anthem.

Contact me to sign up or for more information.

MEMBER CONNECTION SECTION

WRUW Radio Show -

President **Michael LaMarca** and I went to the airwaves on April 30th, at WRUW get the word out about SWIAC and the many activities and events involving the club. Radio Italia host, Tony Marotta, a local afi-

cionado of Italian music both traditional and popular, serves as the moderator of the show every Saturday evening at 5:30 at 91.1 on your radio dial.

SWIAC Spring Dinner Dance 2011: Saturday May 14th – As of the first week of

May, all of the tickets have been sold. Great job done by Dave Buccieri, Angelo Salvatore, Lew Marlette, John Salvatore George Mastrobuono and Tony Marlette!

The Hot Corner! Upcoming Events & Information

Steak Roast –The 2010 event was deferred because of the 25th Anniversary Party. The Trustees have decided to feature the Steak Roast this year either the 2nd or 3rd week in August.

Clambake – Summer is barely here, but it is not too early to start thinking Fall Clambake. Mark your calendar for Saturday September 24th. The festivities will likely begin a bit earlier this year at 3:30 or 4:00. The committee is hoping to keep the costs in line with the previous two years.

The committee is also working to secure the enter-

tainment for the event.

Contact committee members Bob Grace, Mark Lippucci, Paul Bellitto, Marty Roberto or Don Grispino for questions or to volunteer.

SWIAC Apparel –The Spring Dance has commanded all of George Mastrobuono's time lately, so we would like to revisit the SWIAC apparel proposal. Please contact me or George if you have any suggestions.

As always, drop me a line: robertopooch@gmail.com or 440.725.8296 if you have any newsletter worthy info.

SWIAC CALENDAR

JUNE

4 - Festa Della Repubblica
7 - General Meeting
10-12 - Italian American Summer Festival
16 - Casino Junket

JULY

5 - General Meeting
22 - Captains-I-A Heritage Night-Baseball Game
31 - Opera In The Garden

AUGUST

2 - General Meeting

Mid-Aug - Steak Roast

SEPTEMBER

6 - General Meeting
24 - Clam Bake

OCTOBER

3 - IAH Ceremony
4 - General Meeting
10 - Columbus Day

NOVEMBER

1 – General Meeting

DECEMBER

6 – General Meeting

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