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AMERICAN CLUB

April 2011

BUONA PASQUA! WELCOME SPRING!

Spring is an almost magical time of the year as we leave behind the cold and the snow of Winter and experience the rebirth of our surroundings, the trees and grasses transform to green, and flowers sprout through the once barren ground. Spring officially begins with the Vernal Equinox on March 20th and that means that Easter is not far behind. This year it is on April 24th—the first Sunday after the first full moon of Spring.

For Catholic-Christians, the

predominant religion of Italy, the Easter season is the 2nd most important holiday after Christmas. The 40 day Lenten period ends on Holy Thursday, and the solemn remembrance of Christ's crucifixion takes place on Good Friday. Many church communities re-enact this time with a street procession often accompanied by choirs singing holy psalms.

Easter is celebrated with multi-color dyed eggs and large filled chocolate eggs that signify new life and rebirth. Roasted

Lamb, pasta, traditional breads and Pastieri (ricotta-wheat cheesecake) are the traditional foods.

Easter Monday, also known as Little Easter (Pasquetta) is an official Italian holiday that is often spent enjoying the fresh Spring weather with family and friends in picnics.

On behalf of SWIAC, I would like to wish everyone a blessed and joyous Easter, and look forward to the many upcoming warm weather events.



SWIAC Spring Dance 2010

IL BALLO DI PRIMAVERA!

SWIAC Spring Dinner Dance 2011: Saturday May 14th --The location is **Saint Michael's Woodside Party Center** 5025 East Mill Rd., in Broadview Heights just off of I-77.

6:00pm - Cocktails from the open bar and a large hors d'oeuvres table. 7:00pm - Family Style Dinner. The main course will feature Italian Salad, Chicken Piccata, Beef Tips with Burgandy Sauce, Penne with Marinara Sauce, Oven Roasted Redskin Potatoes and Sugar Snap Peas. Dessert - pastries served at each table will include cannoli and tiramisu, and a sep-

arate area with coffee and tea.

Entertainment: The music will be provided by the outstanding **Oro Puro** band. They are a truly modern Italian Dance Band and put on a great show.

Patron Sponsor Booklet for Spring Dance – Help the club with the fundraising effort by advertising in the booklet or soliciting sponsorships from businesses or people that you know. The rates range from \$10 for one line, up to \$100 for a full page Ad.

Charitable Causes: The Spring Dinner Dance has traditionally been the main fund

raising vehicle for SWIAC to be able to contribute to various cultural and community organizations and causes.

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The Hot Corner! Upcoming Events & Information

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. Planning has begun and details will be available at the next meeting. We are again planning to populate the left field Captain's Corner.

Italian-American Summer Festival – The Festival at the Berea Fairgrounds this year runs from Friday June 10th - Sunday June 12th. SWIAC will again be represented with a booth to promote the club and participate in the community. Lew Marlette has agreed to help in planning the

staffing. Stay tuned for future updates.

Charitable Organization Update—We have begun to form the committee to investigate forming a 501(c)3 sanctioned club. So far the members are Al Lippucci, George Mastrobuono and Rob Lippucci.

SWIAC Apparel –George Mastrobuono has assembled a program of three logo items to get us started. George should have order forms at the April Meeting.

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

MEMBER CONNECTION SECTION

Saturday, April 16th – 2:00 PM benefit concert with **Massimo La Rosa** from the **Cleveland Orchestra**, sponsored by the **Consulate of Italy in Detroit** and **Vice Consulate Serena Scaiola**.

Massimo La Rosa, principal trombonist of the Cleveland Orchestra, will be accompanied by Pianist, **Elizabeth DeMio**. Also scheduled to participate are other guest artists from

the Cleveland Orchestra. The location is the Gartner Auditorium at the Cleveland Museum of Art, 11150 East Blvd. in University Circle.

The \$15 ticket donation will go to the Light of Life Foundation a division of ANFE Michigan. The foundation helps to raise funds for the treatment of children suffering from diseases of the retina, as well as to provide training to doctors in

specialized surgical techniques. More information is on the website: anfeofmichigan.org / lightoflifeen ("Light of Life" tab).

Sick Call – Best wishes for a speedy recovery to **Frank Fantozzi** who has been hobbled by recent surgery on his quadriceps muscle and foot-ankle. **Walt Paris** is also recovering after a procedure to have his Gall Bladder removed.

SWIAC CALENDAR

APRIL

5 - General Meeting
16 - ANFE Benefit Concert

MAY

4 - Wed - General Meeting
14 - Il Ballo Di Primavera

JUNE

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

JULY

5 - General Meeting

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

AUGUST

2 - General Meeting

SEPTEMBER

6 - General Meeting
24 - Clam Bake

OCTOBER

4 - General Meeting
10 - Columbus Day