

# ROMA LODGE NEWSLETTER



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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

We have a lot coming up in the next few months. First, I'd like to congratulate all the directors who were re-elected to the board. John Anzalone, Art Rozzoni, Rick Crivello and Jim Faraone and the new parliamentarian, Jack Ruffolo. I look forward to working with you. Second, I'd like to thank Frank Bisotti Jr. and all of the gentlemen who worked on the Election Committee.

We have "The Bugs" (a musical group) back to perform on April 10 in the Members Dining Room. If you were at their last performance at Roma Lodge, you know they put on one heck of a show. Make your reservation early. Zuddy thinks it will be a packed house.

Pizza will be ½ price in the Members Dining Room on Sundays (NO PIZZA TAKE OUTS) so take advantage of ZUDDY'S pizza special along with the regular menu. We don't know how long this is going to last. The May 3<sup>rd</sup> \$10,000 raffle tickets are on sale. See Zuddy for your tickets. It's your club, so let's take care of it. It needs all our help. So remember, if it's good for the Roma Lodge members, it's good for Roma Lodge!

Fraternally Yours,  
Buddy D. Alfano

## APRIL 2011 EVENTS

Friday, April 1, 2011	Membership Meeting – 7:00 pm
Tuesday, April 5, 2011	Spring General Election
Sunday, April 10, 2011	"The Bugs" Singing Group – 5:30 pm Member's Dining Room
Thursday, April 14, 2011	Senior Luncheon – 12 noon
Monday, April 18, 2011	Men's Golf League Organizational Meeting – 5:00 pm
Tuesday, April 19, 2011	Men's Bocce League Championship – 7:00 pm
Friday, April 22, 2011	Good Friday
Sunday, April 24, 2011	Easter Sunday
Monday, April 25, 2011	Men's Bocce League Banquet – 5:30 pm
Tuesday, April 26, 2011	Board of Directors Meeting – 6:30 pm
Saturday, April 30, 2011	Celebrazione Italiana – U.W. – Parkside – 5:30 pm



**Condolences** are extended to the family of Michael Zicarelli who died February 13, 2011.



### **Applications for Membership - to be voted on at the April 1, 2011 Meeting**

Michael Borzynski, age 29, Racine – Proponent: Mike Boero

Dennis Jalensky, age 52, Racine – Proponent: Mike Boero



### **Probationary Members Approved for Full Membership**

Congratulations to these members who are eligible to be initiated at the March 2012 Installation Dinner:

Ralph Annina – Proponent: Len Montalbano

Ben Cupertino – Proponent: Jerry Perona

Charles Mazurek – Proponent: Jerome Draeger

David Pagliaroni – Proponent: Rick Crivello

David Silvani – Proponent: Jim Silvani

**ROMA LODGE OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**  
**March 2011 - February 2012**

**Officers 2011-2012**

President	Buddy Alfano	262-639-4733	<a href="mailto:bdalfano@sbcglobal.net">bdalfano@sbcglobal.net</a>
Vice-President	Dave Chiapete	262-939-5914	<a href="mailto:davidchiapete@hotmail.com">davidchiapete@hotmail.com</a>
Secretary	Jerry Perona	262-632-9172	<a href="mailto:gperona@wi.rr.com">gperona@wi.rr.com</a>
Treasurer	Pat Diem	262-514-4460	<a href="mailto:pdiem@wi.rr.com">pdiem@wi.rr.com</a>
Membership Secretary	Doug Goebel	262-554-7316	<a href="mailto:dggoebel@yahoo.com">dggoebel@yahoo.com</a>
Parliamentarian	Jack Ruffolo	262-657-3296	<a href="mailto:jack.ruffolo@abbott.com">jack.ruffolo@abbott.com</a>
Past President*	Open – term expired		

**Directors**

Term

2011-2013	John Anzalone	262-637-2520	<a href="mailto:john.anzalone@att.net">john.anzalone@att.net</a>
2010-2012	Frank Bisotti, Jr.	262-652-9779	<a href="mailto:fbisotti@ameritech.net">fbisotti@ameritech.net</a>
2011-2013	Rick Crivello	262-456-4007	<a href="mailto:rcrivello@wi.rr.com">rcrivello@wi.rr.com</a>
2010-2012	Robert Di Pasquale	262-554-0337	
2010-2012	Jason Evitts	262-994-1926	<a href="mailto:jevitts@abschmitz.com">jevitts@abschmitz.com</a>
2011-2013	Jim Faraone	262-6571244	<a href="mailto:jfaraone@wi.rr.com">jfaraone@wi.rr.com</a>
2011-2013	Art Rozzoni	262-637-6312	
2010-2012	Darryl Sturino	262-632-4479	<a href="mailto:dsturino@sturinfofuneralhome.com">dsturino@sturinfofuneralhome.com</a>

\* Length of term is three months, but may be extended

**Roma Lodge Board Committee Chairmen – 2011**

**Note:** See Roma Lodge webpage <http://members.romalodge.com/committees.html> for full list of committee members

**Advisory Committee to RIWA** - Provides oversight of the RIWA and makes recommendations to the Board of Directors to improve and enhance RIWA operations

Buddy Alfano, 639-4733, [bdalfano@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bdalfano@sbcglobal.net)

**Bar and Beverage Committee** - Oversees the operations of the Roma Lodge bar services including prices and inventory,

Frank Bisotti, 652-9779, [fbisotti@ameritech.net](mailto:fbisotti@ameritech.net)

**Bingo** – Keeps Board informed of the needs of the Bingo operations

Jim Faraone, 657-1244. [jfaraone@wi.rr.com](mailto:jfaraone@wi.rr.com)

**Bocce** - Coordinates Bocce leagues and events during the fall/winter bocce season, including men's and couples teams and arranges for Spring Bocce tournament

Dave Chiapete, 939-5914, [davidchiapete@hotmail.com](mailto:davidchiapete@hotmail.com)

**Buildings and Grounds** - Makes recommendations to the Board on Lodge physical plant improvements, and maintenance

Art Rozzoni, 637-6312

**Cares** - Reviews and recommends to the Board donations to be given by the Lodge to various organizations

John Anzalone, 637-2520 [john.anzalone@att.net](mailto:john.anzalone@att.net)

**Festival** - Plans and operates the Roma Lodge Italian Festival.

Pat Diem, 514-4460, [pdiem@wi.rr.com](mailto:pdiem@wi.rr.com)

**Food Services** - Makes recommendations to improve the operations of the Lodge food service operations, including menus, prices and staffing

Buddy Alfano, 639-4733, [bdalfano@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bdalfano@sbcglobal.net)

**Membership** - Reviews applications for membership in Roma Lodge, interviews new applicants and proponents, reviews reports on status of probationary members, and makes recommendations to the Board considering applicants and probationary members

Doug Goebel, 554-7316, [dggoebel@yahoo.com](mailto:dggoebel@yahoo.com)

**Newsletter** - Publishes information about Lodge activities, events, and other items of interest to Roma Lodge members in the monthly Roma Lodge *Newsletter*

Jerry Perona, 632-9172, [gperona@wi.rr.com](mailto:gperona@wi.rr.com)

**Planning and By-Laws** - Codifies bylaw changes proposed and approved by the Roma Lodge membership, maintains records of Roma Lodge rules approved by the Board of Directors, and recommends rules or bylaws that may impact the future of the Lodge

Jack Ruffolo, 262-657-3296, [jack.ruffolo@abbott.com](mailto:jack.ruffolo@abbott.com)

**Scholarship** - Seeks applicants for the annual Roma Lodge scholarships, provides for non-Lodge reviewers, and presents scholarship awards to recipients on behalf of Roma Lodge

Mike Kroes, 639-2877, [mpkroes@hotmail.com](mailto:mpkroes@hotmail.com)

**Sick and Shuts-ins** - Notifies membership of those members who are ill or who have passed away, and sends messages to members or family members on behalf of the Lodge

Jim Faraone, 657-1244. [jfaraone@wi.rr.com](mailto:jfaraone@wi.rr.com)

**Social** - Plans and coordinates Roma Lodge members' social events

Jason Evitts, 994-1926, [jevitts@abschmitz.com](mailto:jevitts@abschmitz.com)

**Web Page** – Develops and maintains the Roma Lodge Members web page, <http://members.romalodge.com/index.html>.

Jerry Perona, 632-9172, [gperona@wi.rr.com](mailto:gperona@wi.rr.com)



### **New Parliamentarian Elected**

Jack Ruffolo was elected as the new Parliamentarian for Roma Lodge, replacing outgoing officer Michael Kroes. All other current officers were re-elected for the 2011-2013 term. Also elected at the March Membership Meeting to a two year term Director's position were John Anzalone, Rick Crivello, Jim Faraone, and Art Rozzoni.

Thank you to all the candidates who stepped forward for election. Their interest and desire to move the Lodge forward is deeply appreciated.

A special thank you also goes to Past-president Don Cicero whose term on the Board expired and to outgoing Parliamentarian, Mike Kroes, who will continue to serve at the chairman of the Scholarship Committee. Their dedication to the Lodge is deeply appreciated and we look forward to their continued help and support for the many upcoming Lodge events and activities.



### **Bingo Captain for April 2011**

Jason Evitts is the Bingo Capitan for April. Volunteer for a Thursday night session by contacting him at 262-994-1926 [jevitts@abschmitz.com](mailto:jevitts@abschmitz.com)



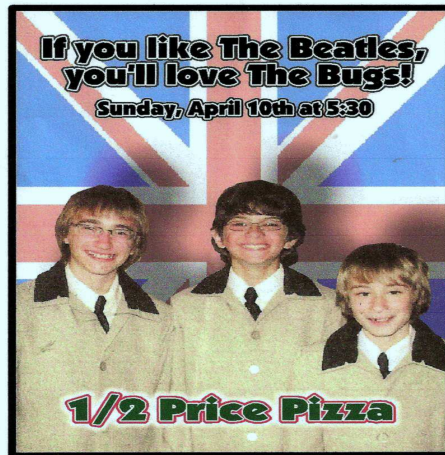
**Senior Luncheon** will be held Thursday, April 14 at 12 noon. Please make a special effort to call Russ Missureli at 633-6582 by Monday April 11 if you are planning to attend. Cost is \$6.00 per person.



### **Members Dining Hours for April**

The Members Dining Room will be closed Good Friday, April 22, Holy Saturday, April 23 and Easter Sunday, April 24.

**APPEARING IN THE  
ROMA LODGE  
MEMBERS DINING  
ROOM - SUNDAY,  
APRIL 10, 2011  
5:30 pm  
Dining Room Hours  
3:00 pm - 7:00 pm  
In addition to 1/2 price pizza -  
the Regular Sunday Menu  
Items will be Available.  
Please telephone for  
Reservations - 886-8850**



### **Golf Meeting Rescheduled**

The Men's Golf League organizational meeting date has been rescheduled to Monday, April 18, 2011 at 5:00 pm in the Members' Lounge. Contact Joe Mandala at 681-0492, [jmandala@wi.rr.com](mailto:jmandala@wi.rr.com) for more information.



### **Heart Saver CPR and AED Program Classes Open to Roma Lodge Members**

Wheaton Franciscan All Saints Medical Center will be offering two CPR training sessions at no cost to Roma Lodge Members. The sessions will cover adult, child and infant CPR and AED techniques as well as skills to relieve choking. The first session is scheduled for Wednesday, April 20, 2011 from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm. The second session will be held Tuesday, April 26 from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm. Classes will be held on the All Saints campus in the St. Luke's Health Pavilion, 3821 Spring Street, in the lower level Education Classroom. Each session is limited to 12 people, so make your reservations as soon as possible by telephoning Tom Garbo at 639-1437 (home) or 639-4154 (business).

**10,000 CASH RAFFLE  
TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2011  
ROMA LODGE  
Open to the Public**



**PRIZES INCLUDE:**

**ONE \$4,000 CASH PRIZE, ONE \$1,500 PRIZE, THREE \$500 PRIZES, FIVE \$200 PRIZES  
AND TWENTY \$100.00 PRIZES**

**WINE, APPLIANCE AND 50/50 RAFFLES WILL ALSO BE FEATURED**

**TICKETS ARE \$100.00 EACH, WHICH INCLUDES TWO DINNER TICKETS**

**CASH BAR BEGINS AT 5:00 P.M. WITH DINNER SERVED BETWEEN 6:00 – 7:30 P.M.**

**TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE FROM**

**ZUDDY DEROSE - 681-3576**

**NOTE: TICKETS ARE SOLD ON A FIRST-COME-FIRST SERVE BASIS**



The Roma Lodge Mortgage Burning Party Committee has been meeting and another spectacular evening is being planned for Saturday night, August 27th! It will be a party similar to the 85th anniversary, but there will be some exciting additions. Entertainment will include Tony Spavone from Chicago and the band Fantasia from Chicago as well. There will be fireworks, the return of the Martini Bar, dancing, and another delicious dinner prepared by Zuddy and both kitchen staffs. Invitations will be mailed out in April, so please keep an eye out for them. Seating will once again be first returned paid, first served. All people requesting to sit together must have their entire groups paid for to be counted as paid. If you have any questions, please feel free to email or call the committee chairman, Dave Chiapete [davidchiapete@hotmail.com](mailto:davidchiapete@hotmail.com) 262-939-5914.



**ROMA LODGE CARES COMMITTEE**

In order to meet Roma Lodge's mission to carry on human relations activities on a charitable basis for the purpose of showing the community the positive force of Italian-American citizens, the CARES Committee, with the approval of the Roma Lodge Board of Directors, recently made these contributions:

- Racine Symphony Orchestra which will include an advertisement for Roma Lodge/RIWA in its 2011-2012 programs. More information on the RSO and its schedule are available on its web page: <http://www.racinesymphony.org/index.html>.
- The Horlick High School Boys Cross Country and Track teams were given a donation towards the purchase of uniforms and equipment. The Roma Lodge logo will be displayed on track meet banners for one year.
- Kenosha Achievement Center donation made toward the purchase of two industrial stools for the handicapped workers. The Kenosha Achievement Center is a non profit organization committed to the growth and success of persons with special needs. More information about the Achievement Center can be found at <http://www.thekac.com/>.
- St. Baldrick's Cancer Foundation via probationary member John Fongaro who shaved his head in order to raise money for children with cancer. Find more information on the St. Baldrick's Foundation at <http://www.stbaldricks.org/>.

For more information on the CARES Committee, contact John Anzalone at 637-2520, [john.anzalone@att.net](mailto:john.anzalone@att.net).



**News from the Bocce Courts**

**Summer Monday Night Bocce**

Each Monday night throughout the summer, men are invited to play some friendly games of bocce. Player names are drawn for teams each Monday night so you can show up every week, once a month, or just once all summer. Two games are played each Monday night, with games beginning at 7:00 p.m. This year's summer season begins Monday, May 2, 2011. This is a great way to meet other members, keep your game in shape for the big summer bocce invitational, or keep yourself fit for the fall/winter leagues. For those new to the sport, it's also a great introduction to the game. If you have any questions or need more information, contact Dave Chiapete, 262-939-5914, [davidchiapete@hotmail.com](mailto:davidchiapete@hotmail.com).



### Men's Bocce Banquet

The annual Bocce Banquet will be held Monday April 25, 2011 in the Member's Lounge. Cocktails are at 5:30 and dinner at 6:45 p.m. The prime rib dinner will be prepared by Zuddy DeRose. For more information contact Dave Chiapete, 939-5914 or email [davidchiapete@hotmail.com](mailto:davidchiapete@hotmail.com).

### Celebrazione Italiana 2011 Tickets Available

The University of Wisconsin – Parkside is the site of this year's annual Celebrazione Italiana. Tickets for the Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> event are now on sale. Cost for individual tickets is \$65.00. The event honors contributions made by and for Italian-Americans in the Racine-Kenosha area and also serves to raise funds to support the Italian Student Exchange Program between Parkside and the University of Calabria. In addition to the presentation of awards, the program will also feature introductions of the students who have participated in the program along with entertainment by Parkside students. Reservations should be made by Friday, April 8 by contacting Dr. Carmel Ruffolo at 262-595-2174 or [carmel.ruffolo@uwp.edu](mailto:carmel.ruffolo@uwp.edu)

**The Seventh Annual  
Celebrazione Italiana**

*Celebrazione  
Italiana*

*Saturday  
April 30<sup>th</sup> 2011*

Ballroom  
University of Wisconsin-Parkside  
Kenosha WI  
Social Hour 5:30 p.m.  
Dinner 7:00 p.m.

**Honorees of the Evening**

*Senatore Renato "Ron" Turano  
and  
Umberto "Tony" Turano*  
UW-Parkside  
2011 Lifetime  
Recognition Award

*Honorable Wilbur  
W. Warren III*  
UW-Parkside  
2011 Excellence  
in Leadership Award

For more details contact  
Dr. Carmel Ruffolo at (262) 595-2022 or  
[ruffolo@uwp.edu](mailto:ruffolo@uwp.edu)  
[www.uwp.edu](http://www.uwp.edu)



### Funeral Service Calling Tree Service Schedule May 2011 – April 2012

The Calling Tree Committee has released the schedule for funeral visitations. If you are notified of a funeral during your scheduled month you are expected to attend to represent the Lodge. Other members are also encouraged to attend. There will also be a special Roma Lodge sign in book at the service for members who attend to sign in, verifying that they are fulfilling their obligation. This Calling Tree schedule is for those members whose names are listed on the Membership List between:

- |            |                                      |           |                                     |
|------------|--------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|
| May 2011   | Aceto, Christopher – Bonanno, Rick   | Nov. 2011 | Krause, Gary – Matson, Joseph       |
| June 2011  | Bonn, Anthony – Chiappetta, Arthur   | Dec. 2011 | Mattioli, Caesar – Patrizzi, Victor |
| July 2011  | Chiappetta, William – DeCheck, Grant | Jan. 2012 | Pelletieri, Richard – Porcaro, Mark |
| Aug. 2011  | DeCheck, Mark – Fentz, Barry         | Feb. 2012 | Porcaro, Ralph – Ruffalo, Emil      |
| Sept. 2011 | Ferguson, Thomas – Guida, Noah       | Mar. 2012 | Ruffalo, John – Stevens, Raymond    |
| Oct. 2011  | Haase, James – Krahn, Michael        | Apr. 2012 | Stolfi, Michael – Zupfer, Charles   |



### What is Roma Lodge Funeral Duty?

In recent months, we have seen the passing of several of our members. To honor our deceased members and their contributions to the Lodge, Section IX, Article II of the Roma Lodge By-laws states that "All members shall be duty bound to attend the funeral of deceased members when possible." To help implement this by-law and insure that we show proper respect for our deceased brothers, a Calling Tree Committee was organized. In the event that a family of a Roma Lodge member requests a Lodge service at the funeral visitation, members of the Calling Tree Committee will contact about 40 different members during each month. In addition to requesting their presence at a member's funeral visitation, they will be asked to help notify other members that a Roma Lodge Service will be held at a stated time and that it is the duty of ALL MEMBERS to attend. The service lasts about 10 minutes, but the service is deeply appreciated by the family, and at the same time affords you the opportunity to pay your respects to them and to your brother lodge member. Watch each issue of the Newsletter for your assigned month. For more information, contact John Anzalone, chairman, 262-637-2520 [anzalone.john@jwp.com](mailto:anzalone.john@jwp.com)



### In Memoriam

During this Lenten and Easter Season our thoughts are with those Roma Lodge brothers who died this past year:

James Aiello  
Alex Ciotti  
Tony Clementi  
Ralph Ferraro

Richard Keul  
Robert Morelli  
Earl Porcaro  
Sam Porcaro

Sam Pulice  
Adam Rossi  
Leo Ruffolo  
Mike Zicarelli



### Roma Lodge Funeral Service

Families wishing to have a Roma Lodge Service at the visitation need to call either John Anzalone at 637-2520, [john.anzalone@att.net](mailto:john.anzalone@att.net), Jim Angelici @ 694-7172, or Russ Missureli @633-6582, and request the service. This must be done in a timely manner, so it gives the Calling Tree ample time. The family should also include the time of the Roma Lodge Visitation Service in the newspaper obituary.

### **A Note from Roma Lodge brother Frank Fumo**

To all of my Lodge Brothers:

Thank you for the beautiful flowers, cards, thoughts and prayers. It made the sun shine in my sick room while it was snowing outside.

It is hard to explain how much I miss the great facility of ours – which we built with the help of the legacy left by our predecessors. They came as immigrants to this country to enjoy a part of the American Dream. They came and followed all the laws – worked hard at any job offered and became citizens without any demonstrations or demands for any entitlements. I especially miss my Thursday night Bingo duties and the occasional dinners in Zuddy's dining room [at Roma Lodge] where everyone meets and greets and visits with each other. It resembles a big house party.

How lucky we are to enjoy this magnificent monument we built to our Italian heritage. We can walk tall and command the respect we receive from citizens of Racine and also the surrounding Italian-American communities.

I would like to close with this famous quote (it was either by Vince Lombardi or Zuddy DeRose) which reads, "We must follow these paramount priorities in our life in this order: God – Family – and the Roma Lodge.

P.S. I would also like to leave you with this little gem – if our ill-educated parents and grandparents were running this great country today, there would have never been such a thing as a budget deficit.

Hope to see you soon.

Fraternally yours,  
Frank W. Fumo

### **EASTER TRADITIONS IN ITALY**



Uova di Pasqua



Although Italians may not decorate hard-boiled eggs nor have chocolate bunnies or pastel marshmallow chicks, the biggest Easter displays in bars, pastry shops, supermarkets, and especially at chocolatiers are brightly wrapped *uova di Pasqua*—chocolate Easter eggs—in sizes that range from 1/3 ounce to nearly 18 pounds. Most of them are made of milk chocolate in a mid-range, 10-ounce size by industrial chocolate makers. Perugina or Kinder eggs are the most popular.

All except the tiniest eggs contain a surprise. Grown-ups often find their eggs contain little silver picture frames or gold-dipped costume jewelry. The very best eggs are handmade by artisans of chocolate, who offer the service of inserting a surprise supplied by the purchaser. Car keys, engagement rings, and watches are some of the high-end gifts that have been tucked into Italian chocolate eggs in Italy.

Source: Valenti, Giada. "From Italy to NYC with Love" *Pasqua in Italy: Traditions and Memories*. March 28, 2010. Web. 16 March 2011. <http://giadavalenti.blogspot.com/2010/03/pasqua-in-italia-traditions-and.html>



## **Reminder – Deadline for Scholarship Applications is March 31, 2011**

Deadline for submitting applications for the Roma Lodge Merit Scholarship, Darryl and Jeana Sturino Lifelong Learning Scholarship, and the Russell and Helen Missureli Scholarship is March 31, 2011. The completed applications should be returned to Roma Lodge Scholarship Committee, Attn: Mike Kroes, Scholarship Chairman, 7130 Spring Street, Racine, WI 53406. **Applications are available:**

- 1) From a member of the Roma Lodge Scholarship Committee: Mike Kroes , chair [mpkroes@hotmail.com](mailto:mpkroes@hotmail.com); Charles Mazurek [kelmaz@ameritech.net](mailto:kelmaz@ameritech.net), Dan Cupertino [ncupe@yahoo.com](mailto:ncupe@yahoo.com), Jordan Gardina [gardina@joimail.com](mailto:gardina@joimail.com), Jerry Perona [gperona@wi.rr.com](mailto:gperona@wi.rr.com), and Mark Schneider [schne235@uwm.edu](mailto:schne235@uwm.edu)
- 2) On the Roma Lodge web page, <http://members.romalodge.com/scholarships.html>
- 3) By email from Jerry Perona, [gperona@wi.rr.com](mailto:gperona@wi.rr.com). **Please specify the scholarship application form(s) you require.**



## **TO OUR IRISH-AMERICAN ROMA LODGE BROTHERS**



We hope you had a very happy St. Patrick's Day in March – and while you were celebrating, you recalled the contributions that Italians made to Irish history and culture:



St. Patrick was descended from a Roman family living in England



The Irish love “fish and chips” introduced to Ireland in Dublin by Italian Giuseppe Cervi in the 1880's



Giambattista Cipriani designed the famous stained glass windows at Trinity College in Dublin



Charles Bianconi developed the road system throughout Ireland



Joseph Nannetti served as Lord Mayor of Dublin in 1906



Don Ferdinando d'Ardia Caracciolo founded the Dublin Grand Opera Society in 1941



Ice cream was introduced in Ireland by Italian immigrants

Source: La Malda, Concetta. "Italians in Ireland book." italovideonews.com, September 2010. Web. 19 Mar 2011. [www.italovideonews.com/uploads/2/0/4/1/2041256/part\\_2.pdf](http://www.italovideonews.com/uploads/2/0/4/1/2041256/part_2.pdf)

## **OTHER EVENTS IN THE AREA**



### **Le Comte Ory, by Gioachino Rossini – Saturday, April 9, 2011 – Kenosha and Racine**

This is another production of the New York Metropolitan Opera Company's Live in HD Movie Theatre series. This is a comic opera starring Diego Flores in the title role. This is considered a “trouser” comedy where men impersonate women to reach their goals, in this case the love of a lonely Countess Adele, singe by soprano Diane Damrau. Check local movie theater listings for times and ticket prices



### **Mostaccioli Luncheon – Sunday, April 10, 2011 - Kenosha**

**Italian American Society, 2217 – 52<sup>nd</sup> Street**

Come enjoy a delicious pasta lunch where all proceeds go towards Kenosha Tremper, Bradford and St. Joseph High Schools' Italian language classes. Event will be held on from 11:00 am - 3:00 pm. Tickets are \$8.00 each for the dinner which also includes meat balls, salad, coffee and bread and butter. Entertainment by student will also be featured. Tickets can be purchased at the door or ordered from Ralph Annina, 414-350-0730, [rannina@kusd.edu](mailto:rannina@kusd.edu).



### **A Taste of Italy - Sunday, April 10, 2011 - Milwaukee**

**Italian Community Center, 631 E. Chicago Street**

Anyone who loves Italian food will want to be at the ICC on Sunday, April 10, from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for the 16th annual "A Taste of Italy." This event offers attendees an opportunity to enjoy a wide variety of Italian entrée items, appetizers, desserts and beverages for only \$1.25 a serving. Open to the public. Both admission and parking are free. To learn more about the event, view [page 1 of the March 2011 Italian Times](#) (pdf). Contact Tom Hemman, 414 223-2189 [themman@italiancc.org](mailto:themman@italiancc.org) or Bob Ruggieri, 414 355-6625 [rjuggieri@sbcglobal](mailto:rjuggieri@sbcglobal) for more information.

**Milestones Of Italian American History**  
**Carnesecca leads St. John's University to Final Four appearance in NCAA Basketball**  
**Tournament and other notable coaches including Jim Valvano**



**Hank Luisetti**



**Lou Carnesecca**



**Rick Pitino**



**Tom Izzo**



**Jim Valvano**

Although Italian American participation in basketball in the first half of the 20th century was limited, it made a singular contribution via **Hank (Enrico Angelo) Luisetti**, who fashioned the one-handed shot into a formidable weapon in the 1930s. A few like **Ben Carnevale**, head basketball coach at Navy in the 1940s, also excelled as tutor and manager. The ethnic group made an even more visible impact in the role of coaches in the last third of the century.

Among those who established themselves in this regard is **Lou Carnesecca** who was born in New York City of immigrant parents and who began his coaching career in the CYO (Catholic Youth Organization). He went on to become the coach of the highly respected St. John's University basketball team from 1966-1970 and from 1974-1992, sandwiching in a three-year tenure as head coach of the professional New Jersey Nets team. Having 18 seasons in which his teams won 20 or more games were among the highlights of his long career that led one rating service to name him National Coach of the Year in 1981 and another in 1985. The capstone of his time at the helm of St. John's occurred in 1985 when his team advanced to the Final Four. In 1991 Carnesecca was elected to the Naismith Hall of Fame. He was also honored by the Italian government with the title of Cavaliere and was elected to the National Italian American Sports Hall of Fame.

Among many other Italian Americans who became famous basketball coaches was Newark, New Jersey-born **Rollie Massimino** who coached the Villanova Wildcats to the NCAA Championship in 1985. Born in Brooklyn, New York in 1952, **Rick Pitino** currently enjoys considerable prestige as one of the best basketball minds in the college basketball coaching fraternity. **Peter J. "PJ" Carlesimo** attained fame as coach of the Seton Hall University team that reached the final championship match of the NCCA in 1989. More recently **John Calipari** led the University of Massachusetts team to five straight conference titles while Michigan State's coach **Tom Izzo** has achieved preeminence among his peers. The account of Coach **Jim Valvano**, self-described "Italian kid from Queens" is a mixture of stunning success mingled with personal tragedy in 1975 he became head coach at Iona College and proceeded to completely turn around a second rate program into a national power. In 1980 he assumed the position as head coach at North Carolina State University energetically developing a program that led to an improbable NCAA victory in 1983. For several years he worked as a cable television basketball commentator that brought more fame. Valvano was able to bask in the euphoria of national collegiate championship for only a short period because in 1992 he was diagnosed with cancer that he confronted heroically until he succumbed in 1993.

Source: La Gumina, Salvatore, "1985 Carnesecca leads St. John's University to Final Four appearance in NCAA Basketball Tournament and other notable coaches including Jim Valvano". Milestones of the Italian American Experience 1492-2003. National Italian American Foundation, 2009 Web 20 March 2011 [http://www.niaf.org/milestones/year\\_1985.asp](http://www.niaf.org/milestones/year_1985.asp)

**OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION**



**Membership Applications Forms**

Application for Membership form along with the *Handbook for New Applicants and Proponents* is available from Doug Goebel, Membership Secretary, at 554-7316 or email [dggoebel@yahoo.com](mailto:dggoebel@yahoo.com). The non-refundable application fee is \$50.00. A check for the application fee must accompany the application. Screening of proposed new members is normally held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the Lodge.



**Roma Lodge Calendar of Events**

If you want to check on upcoming Roma Lodge events, the full year's list of events is available on line at <http://members.romalodge.com/calendar.html>.



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<b>Monday, May 2, 2011</b>	<b>Summer Bocce Begins</b>
<b>Tuesday, May 3, 2011</b>	<b>\$10,000 Raffle and Dinner</b>
<b>Friday, May 6, 2011</b>	<b>Membership Meeting</b>
<b>Friday, May 6, 2011</b>	<b>Scholarship Recipients Announced</b>
<b>Sunday, May 8, 2011</b>	<b>Mother's Day Brunch (RIWA)</b>
<b>Tuesday, May 10, 2011</b>	<b>Roma Lodge Presidents Dinner</b>
<b>Thursday, May 12, 2011</b>	<b>Senior Luncheon</b>
<b>Monday, May 30, 2011</b>	<b>Memorial Day</b>
<b>Tuesday, May 31, 2011</b>	<b>Board of Directors Meeting</b>