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ICS President's Perspective

Cari amici,

Sixteen years ago ICS was founded with a unique mission: to *bring together people who share a common interest in Italian culture and want to enrich their appreciation of the Arts and Culture of Italy.* In their wisdom, the founders were very careful to delineate exactly how this was to be accomplished:

The Society shall sponsor programs related to various aspects of Italian culture including: the Italian language, visual and performing arts, films, travel, literature and history, as well as social events such as luncheons and dinners.

In our continued effort to carry out this mission our Planning Committee and Board have put together an outstanding Season of events. This year we will highlight Naples and the Campania region. Two of our programs will explore the history, art and myths of treasured sites of the region. Another program is dedicated to the artist Bernini, who was born in Naples and went on to become one of the greatest sculptors and architects in the world.

There will be two concerts this year. The first in January will feature Neapolitan and Opera favorites by a cast of international musicians. I am especially excited that we have been able to bring in a young tenor who lives in Puglia, Italy to perform Neapolitan Songs at this event. The second concert will take place in April as part of the *Arts Naples World Festival*. We will present a program of familiar Italian Classical music which will be open to our members and the public at large.

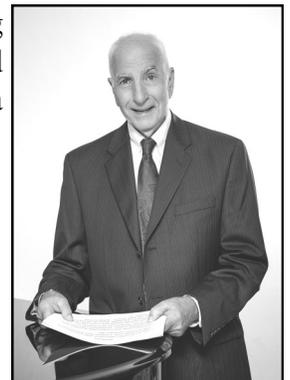
Our Columbus Day Luncheon will feature food from the Campania Region. The *Campania Christmas Dinner* and *La Festa Napoletana* will also feature Regional cuisine, and the committees have promised to create a magical Neapolitan evening complete with strolling musicians.

Thanks to the efforts of a dedicated and talented group of volunteers on the Planning Committee and Board it looks like another great year ahead. Mark your calendar and make reservations early. I look forward to seeing you at our programs and wish you a happy, healthy season.

Cordiali saluti,

Tom Turicchi

President



Campania...Our region of interest this season!



Five Provinces make up Campania, the second most populous region in Italy (Lombardy is first). They are the provinces of Avellino, Benevento, Caserta, Napoli and Salerno. Campania also includes three major islands: Ischia, Procida and Capri. After agriculture (especially tomatoes), other industries include fishing, some cattle raising, and crafts based on coral and ceramics, and there is limoncello and the most important source of revenue; namely, Tourism, including the famous Neapolitan cuisine with its pizza and sfogliatella..

Campania’s history is one of acculturation by foreign conquest: first in the 8th Century BC by the Ausoni (or Aurunci); then in the 6th Century by the Etruscans; then the Greeks between 524 and 474BC, followed by the Samnites and conquering Romans between 343 and 290 BC (note Pompei and Herculaneum). After the Romans came the Goths and Byzantines, then the Lombards in 570AD who established the Kingdom of Benevento, while Amalfi became a rich independent sea center. In 1139 the Normans conquered followed by the Anjou kings in the 13th century who made Campania a part of the Kingdom of Sicily, as did the Aragonese in the 1400’s; then came the Spaniards (1503-1707), and afterwards came the Austrians (1707-1734) until Bourbon Charles VII became King of Naples in 1734. Italy unified in 1860, and cholera broke out in 1884 causing a massive exodus of people to the North of Italy and abroad (think your great grandparents and grandparents). World War II devastated the area. English and American forces arrived 9 September 1943. And a few years later, America was conquered by Sophia Loren.

The ICS By-Laws require the Treasurer to present a financial statement to the membership each year (Art. V para. 4). The Board of Directors voted to disseminate the final statement by including it in the Fall issue of *Amici*. Below please find the ICS Operating Statement for the Year ending June 30, 2014.

Richard Delfino, Treasurer

Membership Income (Net)		17,967
Income from all Programs		124,345
Interest / Other Income		330
TOTAL INCOME		142,642
General Operating Expenses		18,357
Program Expenses		107,246
TOTAL EXPENSES		125,603
Income before Board authorized expenditures		17,039
<u>Authorized expenditures:</u>		
Pass discounts	5,109	
Program Subsidies and Enhancements	7,017	
New Member & Volunteer Receptions	3,871	15,997
Increase in Net Assets		1,042
Net Assets-beginning of year		50,171
Net Assets-end of year		51,213
Restricted	30,000	
Unrestricted	21,213	

“Columbus Day”

Columbus Day Luncheon
Monday, October 13, 2014

Campiello’s Restaurant
1177 3rd Street, Naples
Price: \$30

Chairs: Joanne Berenato and Irene San Giacomo
Doors Open 12:00 noon
Lunch 12:30 pm

This leisurely luncheon will allow ICS members to get re-acquainted and share stories of their summer activities. It will be held at one of Naples’ finest Italian restaurants, Campiello’s, which is housed in one of the city’s oldest buildings. The menu will include food from the Campania region of Italy, the featured region for the 2014-2015 season.

Please join us for this fun event which provides an opportunity to celebrate the memory of Columbus, one of Italy’s favorite heroes.



Cristopher Columbus

“Welcome Back Luncheon”

Welcome Back : Art, History, and Myths of Campania
Monday, November 3, 2014

Hilton Naples
Chair: Charlie Alaimo
Price: \$38

Speaker: Dr. Elda Buonanno Foley
Professor of Italian language and culture at Iona College.
Doors open at 11:00 am Talk 11:30 am



Caserta Royal Palace

Dr. Elda Buonanno Foley of Iona College will provide an overview of our featured region this year, Campania.

Dr. Buonanno Foley will present a cultural and folklorist picture of Campania and its main treasures. The presentation will begin with Capua and its world famous Provincial Museum, together with Caserta and its Royal Palace of the House of Bourbon.

The journey will then move from the ruins of Pompeii and Herculaneum to some of the most appealing images of Neapolitan art including the *Veiled Christ* in the Sansevero Chapel Museum in Naples. Then, the monastery complex of St. Martin’s Charterhouse, and the mysterious, unexplored world of the Naples underground located forty meters below the lively streets of the historic center will also be explored.

This talk will set the stage for a better understanding of Campania’s place in Italy and how the elements of this year’s ICS programs fit together.

“A Campania Christmas Dinner”

A Campania Christmas Dinner
Sunday, December 7, 2014

The Club Pelican Bay
Chairs: Sue and Fred Luconi
Price: \$75

Performers: Naples Brass Quartet,
Naples Carolers
Doors open 6:00 pm Dinner 6:45 pm

Join your fellow ICS members for a glorious celebration of the Christmas Season at the Club Pelican Bay. You will be greeted by a Brass Quartet playing Christmas music as you enter the lobby, beautifully decorated for Christmas. Later in the evening the *Naples Carolers* will provide you with traditional Christmas carols. You will enjoy an authentic dinner from the Campania Region, prepared by Joe Gross, the Head Chef at The Club Pelican Bay.



Buon Natale

Following dinner, ICS member, Francesca Mancuso (with a little help from her friends), will lead us in singing a traditional Italian Christmas carol or two.

Please come and join us in what promises to be a memorable start to the festive season of Christmas.

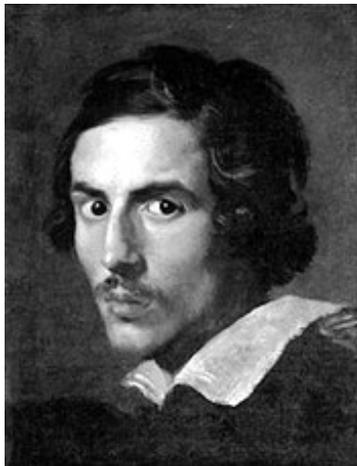
“The Great Bernini”

The Great Gian Lorenzo Bernini: Sculptor and Architect
Tuesday, January 13, 2015

Hilton Naples
Chair: Richard Cappalli
Price: \$38

Speaker: Carol Jonson
Doors Open: 11:00 am
Lecture : 11:30 am

Gian Lorenzo Bernini is considered one of the greatest sculptors of all time. His works are life-like and reveal intense psychological struggles. *Apollo and Daphne*, *The Rape of Proserpina*, and *David* found at the Villa Borghese are prime examples. Credited with creating the Baroque style of sculpture, his magnificent Baroque fountains beautify the Piazza Navona and the Piazza Barberini in Rome. His architectural designs include the Piazza of St. Peter's and the magnificent *Baldachin*, the sculpted, bronze canopy over the high altar within St. Peter's.



Bernini Self Portrait

Born in Naples, Campania, in 1598, Bernini later moved with his family to Rome where he worked productively until his death 81 years later.

A luncheon meal, typical of the Campania Region of Italy, will be served.

Our guest speaker, Carol Jonson, will provide a colorful description of Bernini's works as well as his place in Art History.

“Con Amore”

Concert of Neapolitan, Piano, and Opera Favorites
Monday, January 26, 2015

First Congregational Church of Naples
Chair: Marcia Campbell
Price: \$42

Doors Open: 3:00 pm
Concert: 3:30 pm
Followed by Reception

This year we are again presenting a live performance of Italian classical favorites. Join us to hear Neapolitan songs and some of Italy’s most beloved arias and instrumental works.



Marco Fiorante from Puglia, Italy

The theme for this year’s program will be *AMORE*...in all its forms (I love you; I long for you; I can’t stand you etc.) The love-themed selections will be performed by **an all-star cast of international artists** who, this past January, received an enthusiastic standing ovation for their performance at *Opera in the Afternoon*.

Featured artists will include: Lyric Tenor Marco Fiorante of Puglia, Italy, who will be accompanied by Accordionist, Vito DiSalvo; Concert Pianist, Dr. Alexandra Carlson of St. Petersburg, Russia; Soprano Karin White; Baritone, Ed Pember, accompanied by Dr. Ron Doiron.

A wine and cheese reception, catered by *The Wine Merchant*, will follow.

Campania’s Sites and Smells, Tastes and Tours

As of July 2014, among all the UNESCO Heritage Sites in the world, Italy surpasses every country with a total of fifty. Within the Campania region alone, there are many well-known sites worth visiting. They include the Historic Center of the region’s capital city, Naples (look for the tammurriata peasant courtship dance often performed in the streets), originally a Greek settlement named Neapolis founded in 470 BC. Also within the province of Napoli are the excavations at Pompeii with its streets of middle-class houses and graffiti-marked shops, and those of the wealthier city of Herculaneum and its wall paintings of the Villa Oplontis and the ruins of Torre Annunziata.

The province of Salerno boasts the Culenti and Vallo di Diano National Park and the archeological sites of Paestum and Velia as well as the breathtaking panoramic drive on the Costiera Amalfitana. In Ravello, also included as a UNESCO site, you will tour the Villa Cimbrone Gardens, the Villa Rufolo and the Cathedral of St. Pantaleon.

The province of Benevento is home to the ancient Aqueduct of Vanvitelli and the San Leucio Complex, while the province of Caserta is famous for the elegant 18th Century Royal Palace and Park which will be discussed in November’s Luncheon Program by our guest lecturer, Dr. Elda Buonanno Foley.

One cannot visit Campania without drinking the delicious limoncello of Sorrento and Capri and tasting some of the fine Campania wines which, among the whites, include from the province of Avellino: Greco di Tufo, Fiario di Avellino and Falarigluna, and from several Campania provinces, among the reds: Taurasi (called the Barolo of the South), Aglianico, Coda di Volpe and Lacrima Christi.

When it comes to eating, Campania’s rich and fertile land and proximity to the sea, allows for great diversity in seafood dishes, tomato-based sauces, olive dishes, cheese dishes. *Pizza napoletana*, *gnocchi alla sorrentina*, *insalata caprese* with *buffalo mozzarella*, *spaghettis* with all kinds of shellfish, are dishes that instantly roll off the tongue. Then there are the wonderful holiday desserts like *zeppole* on St Joseph’s Day, *pastiera* at Easter and *strufoli* at Christmas. Pastries like *baba au rhum*, *sfogliatella*, *torta caprese*, to name a few, are eaten anytime of the day or night at table or while taking *la passeggiata* by young and old.

All in all, the region of Campania is replete with historical, cultural and gastronomical experiences waiting to delight the mind and the palate of the culturally adventurous italoophile.

Italian Language Classes



Adult Language Fall 2014 Schedule

ICS offers Adult Language Classes at The Community School of Naples, 13275 Livingston Road (one traffic light north of Pine Ridge), Building N, 2nd floor on Tuesdays and Wednesdays through April in an effort to provide opportunities for adults to learn and speak *la nostra bella lingua*.

Contact **Donna Lenzi, Program Coordinator**, lenzidonna@gmail.com or **330-606-8822** to register or for more information. You are not registered until

you receive a confirmation email from the coordinator with your classroom assignment. Advance registration is required for all classes.

Please note: Classes are not sold individually and there is no refund for missed classes. Every effort will be made to ensure that students are placed in courses with skill levels that best meet their needs.

The program coordinator or our dedicated teaching staff can assist you with finding the right fit for you whether you are new to the language, a seasoned traveler or striving for fluency.

Fall Session, October 28/29 through December 9/10, has a one-session break the week of Thanksgiving. The six-week course (9 hours of instruction) is \$60 for members and \$70 for non-members. Checks made payable to Italian Cultural Society are collected at the first class by the instructor. Checks only please.

Italian I (4:30-6:00 pm Wednesday) is an entry level course in our Introductory Series for those with little to no experience with the language. The instructor guides students through pronunciation, vocabulary, greetings and essential simple verb tenses using ****Italian Now! L'italiano d'oggi!** by Marcel Danesi, (ISBN# 978-1-438000060), Second Edition, Level 1. Consider registering early for this popular class.

Italian II/III (4:30– 6:00 pm Tuesday) expands upon the introductory information and introduces expressions for shopping, dining small talk and additional grammatical elements. Italian I is the prerequisite for this class. ****Italian Now! L'italiano d'oggi!** is the required text.

Italian III/IV (4:30-6:00 pm Wednesday) provides increased conversational situations, expanded vocabulary and further opportunities for more advanced grammar using the ****Italian Now! L'italiano d'oggi!** text. Italian II or the equivalent is required for this class.

Advanced-Intermediate Italian (4:30-6:00 pm Wednesday) uses vignettes of everyday life from ****Avventure in Città** by Constantino and Wald published by Amsco. This is a structured class with specialized vocabulary and advanced grammar and specific topics to sharpen reading, writing and speaking skills. Weekly homework is assigned. Skill level: Advanced Beginner Conversation or equivalent.

Italian Language Classes (continued)

Pathways to Conversation (4:30-6:00 pm Tuesday) is a beginner conversation course using instructor-selected topics with thematic vocabulary to go beyond the Introductory Series grammar to acquaint students with conversational situations. Weekly homework assigned. The Introductory Series (Italian I-IV) or equivalent is a prerequisite for this class.

Intermediate Conversation (6:15-7:45 pm Wednesday) relies on grammatical and linguistic elements in Beginner Conversation to increase comfort in conversation situations. Students read, write and converse in Italian. Material prepared by the instructor introduces and/or reinforces vocabulary while offering insights into Italian cultural situations.

The beginner course **Pathways to Conversation** or a beginner conversation course is required for this course.

Advanced Conversation (4:30-6:00 pm Wednesday) is conducted exclusively in Italian. It emphasizes the natural connection between language and culture using discussion of a thematic nature initiated by the instructor. Homework assigned weekly. Intermediate Conversation or the equivalent is required for this course.

****Required text should be purchased by the student prior to the first class.**

Full course descriptions and Teacher Bios are available on the Language Page of our website.

Have Some Fun and Practice Your Italian!

Una Lettura : Due Studenti a Napoli

Il Golfo di Napoli è senza dubbio uno dei più magnifici d' Europa e del mondo, ed è anche uno dei porti più attivi del Mediterraneo. Napoli offre uno spettacolo indimenticabile a chi la vede per la prima volta: con il suo mare azzurro, la passeggiata lungo il mare, il Vesuvio, Capri e altre isole, Ischia e Procida, i suoi meravigliosi dintorni.

I due studenti sono a Napoli da tre giorni, ed hanno già visitato i posti più interessanti. Hanno fatto una gita a Capri e alla Grotta Azzurra; hanno fatto una gita ad Amalfi dove hanno mangiato un bel piatto di spaghetti alle vongole; hanno visitato la chiesa di Positano; hanno bevuto limoncello a Sorrento e comprato una spilla di cameo; hanno passato diverse ore a Pompei ed a Ercolano, e hanno visitato la bellissima Galleria a Napoli dove hanno preso una granita al caffè con una sfogliatella ed una baba au rhum, dopo avendo mangiato una pizza napoletana deliziosa. Interessantissima per i due studenti è stata la visita al Museo Nazionale (Archeologico.)

--Adapted from Speroni and Golino, *Basic Italian*

Translation.

A Reading: Two Students in Naples

The Gulf of Naples is without doubt one of the most magnificent in Europe and the world, and is also one of the most active ports in the Mediterranean. Naples offers an unforgettable spectacle to whoever sees it for the first time: with its blue sea, the walk along the sea, Vesuvius, Capri and the other islands, Ischia and Procida, its marvelous surroundings.

The two students have been in Naples three days, and have already visited the most interesting places. They have taken an excursion to Capri and the Blue Grotto; they have made a trip to Amalfi where they ate a great dish of spaghetti and clams; they have visited the church at Positano; they drank limoncello in Sorrento and bought a cameo pin; they spent quite a few hours at Pompei and Herculaneum; they visited the very beautiful Gallery in Naples where they had a coffee-flavored ice with a sfogliatella and a rum baba, after eating a delicious Neapolitan pizza. Most interesting for the two students was the visit to the National Archeological Museum.

Reservation Procedure

Information Line: 239-434-3323 for information.

To Pay By Check: For single events, be sure to write the name of the event on the check and mail check to:
Italian Cultural Society 1100 Fifth Ave. South, Suite 201 Naples, FL 34102

To Pay By Check with a Reservation Form: Download the Reservation Form from the ICS website and mail it, with your check, to the above address. We encourage you to use the Reservation Form and make multiple reservations using one check. All reservations will receive confirmation of payment received. Please note that we will continue the long-standing policy that a reservation is only valid when the check is received.

To Pay By Credit Card: Credit card payments will be accepted through our website using Pay Pal.

ICS does not accept credit card reservations on the Reservation Line.

Cancellation Policy: *NO Refunds will be given for any event.*

Reservations may be exchanged with other ICS members on the website.

Membership Information: ICS membership year: October 1-September 30. Please submit dues no later than November 1 to be included in and receive an updated directory. Dues are \$70 for couples and \$38 for individuals. Dues may be submitted at any time but must be received by November 1 for inclusion in the directory. Dues received after April 1 will be credited to the following year. Name badges are \$10 and will be mailed to all new members upon receipt of dues and badge fee. Members are requested to wear name badges at

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