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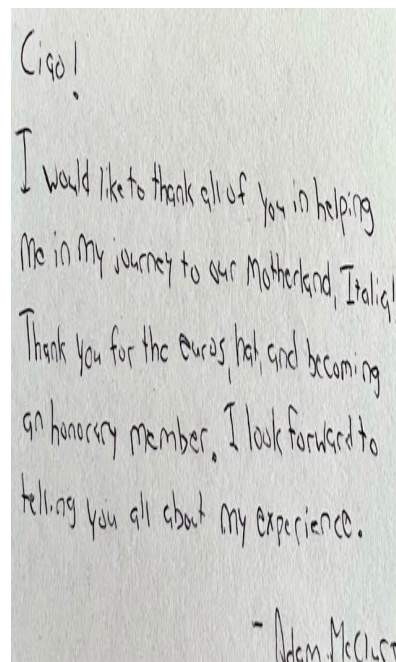
VOYAGE OF DISCOVERY PRESENTATION - Thursday, August 10

Honorary club member, **Adam McClure**, recently returned from his 2-week **Voyage of Discovery** trip to Italy. He has put together a power point recap of his amazing experience and would like to share it with us.

It will be held at the Village Grille, 801 Hoffman Road, Green Bay on Thursday, August 10 at 5:15. Adam's presentation will include pictures and videos followed by a question/answer time. We have reserved the small side room which has several TV's.

To reserve your spot, RSVP to Mar-

lene (Sparapani) Feira - 920-494-9641 or canavese1701@gmail.com
by Tuesday, August 8. Dinner will be from the menu.



CLUB ACTIVITIES FOR AUGUST

- * Monday, August 7 - \$6.00 pizza night at the Glass Nickel - 5:00 pm
- * Tuesday, August 8 - Scopa night at the G.B. Yacht Club - 5:15 if having a bite to eat, 6:00 if just playing cards.
- * Thursday, August 10 - VOYAGE OF DISCOVERY PRESENTATION & See article for details.
- * Saturday, August 12 - Conversation Club at the Kress Family Library in De Pere - 10:00 to 11:30
- * Wednesday, August 23 - LA TERZA PASSEGGIATA - **See attachment for details and directions.**

* Bocce— Every Sunday night (weather permitting) at Colburn Park at 3:30pm.

UPCOMING EVENTS - MARK YOUR CALENDARS

* On Thursday, Sept 7, Club Italo/Americano will be meeting at the Tarlton Theater 405-409 W Walnut St in Green Bay for a performance by the Green Bay Jazz Band. Doors open at 5:00 with the performance at 6:00. Admission is free. The Tarlton has a dinner menu with a bar. All are encouraged to order something.

Parking is available just west of the facility. No RSVP necessary. Hope to see you there!

* Dinner and a Movie - Wednesday, September 20, 2023

Unfortunately, an Italian movie was not scheduled for the Green Bay Film Society International Film Series at the Neville Museum this fall. In lieu of a movie at the museum, Chuck and Lenora Rhyner would like to invite Club members to their home [2430 Morning Star Trail, Green Bay] to view the movie "I'm Not Scared" (2003) following dinner at Gallagher's Pizza [1651 S. Webster, Allouez]. In this movie, a young boy discovers a kidnapped boy and learns that his family is involved.

Dinner at Gallagher's Pizza at 4:45pm. Please call Vicky (Piccione) Sobeck if you plan to have dinner at Gallagher's Pizza and/or view the film at the Rhyner's at 7:00pm.

Member Info

Club member **Sharon Charles** joined Club IA this past January. Here are some interesting facts about her: Growing up in northern Wisconsin (Marinette and our farm in Peshtigo), I always yearned to travel. My grandparents were Swedish immigrants which fueled this desire to especially spend time in Europe. After going to college and working in Arizona and California, I moved to Napoli, Italia.

My job was as a DODDS teacher, working for the 6th Fleet that is located in the area. It was love at first sight. During my 11 years living and working there, I became enamored with Napoli and all things Italian. I did extensive traveling while there, both in Italia and throughout Europe and the Middle East. My two children were born in Pozzuoli at the Navy Regional Medical Center. We moved back to Wisconsin, Appleton to be exact, when my children were ages 3 and 4 and I began teaching in the Appleton Area School District (for 21 years). Now I'm retired, my kids are grown, and I have three wonderful little grandchildren.

I return to Italia every few years and began Italian lessons at FVTC with our professore Massimiliano Verita since retirement. Our loyal "family" of students attend classes from August until May each year, one day per week. Feel free to join us.

I am delighted to be part of your **Club ItaloAmericano of Greater Green Bay** as well as **Angela's** Conversational Italian group. Looking forward to getting to know you better!

Grazie mille for sharing and benvenuta Sharon!

ARTICLES FOR OUR NEWSLETTER

Please feel free to submit articles or pictures for our newsletter. Information for each upcoming month needs to be submitted by the 25th. (think Christmas) of the month. You should email articles as an attachment in Microsoft Word and pictures in a jpeg format.

Questions— call me. Contact information is in our club directory.

CLUB MEMBERS IN BUSINESS

We have several club members that are in the restaurant business:

Luigi's Italian Bistro in Green Bay, Tarlton Theatre in Green Bay, Titledown Brewery in Green Bay Thumb Knuckle Brewing in Luxemburg and El Bistro Taco in Green Bay. 2ASolve, which specializes in personal computer, network & data support and consulting.

Whenever you visit these businesses, please mention that you are a member of Club ItaloAmericano as a support of their business and membership.

CLUB BUSINESS WEB SITES

2A Solve in De Pere, <https://www.2asolve.com/>

El Bistro Taco in Green Bay, <https://el-bistro-taco.business.site/>

Luigi's Italian Bistro in Green Bay, <https://www.luigisitalianbistrogreenbay.com/>

Tarlton Theatre in Green Bay, <https://thetarlton.com/>, <https://www.facebook.com/thetarlton/>

Titledown Brewery in Green Bay, <https://www.titledownbrewing.com/>

Thumb Knuckle Brewing in Luxemburg.

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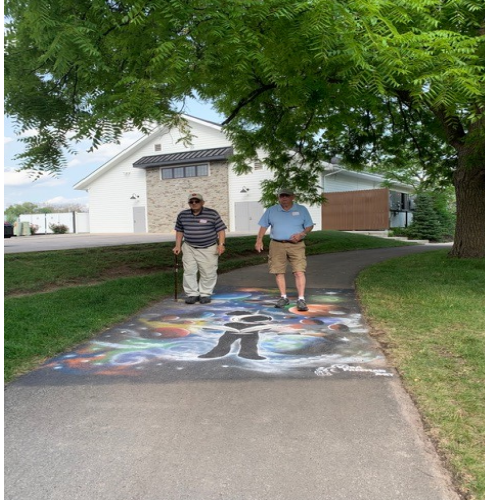


Italian Idiom

Sono sano come un pesce.

I'm as healthy as a fish.

(literally) I'm as fit as a fiddle.



LA SECONDA PASSEGGIATA - Recap

On a beautiful summer evening seventeen club members met at Ledgeview Park in De Pere for our second stroll of the season. Before we began, first time organizers Jean and Lou Lucci told us about the two murals painted on the trail by artist, Kiba Freeman. He uses the ideas of space and nature in his murals to inspire the imagination. Freeman's work can be seen throughout Wisconsin - Milwaukee, Madison, and Stevens Point. (See accompanying pictures.)

We also enjoyed a project called StoryWalk partnered by Ledgeview Parks and Brown County Library Bookmobile. Each month a book is displayed on yard signs along the trail complete with the story and illustrations. The book on display was "Up, Down, and Around" by Katherine Ayres.

Grazie mille Jean and Lou and kudos for a job well done!!



Our ItaloAmericano group has been having a good time playing bocce on Sunday afternoons. We have been having 10-14 members play our heritage bocce game most Sunday afternoons.

Pat Gattone is the member wearing the bocce t-shirt.

L'angolo delle ricette

If you find yourself in a bit of a hurry for a quick meal, there's nothing better than a simple sauce and your favorite pasta. Enjoy these recipes for "salse" (in the colors of the flag) from the Club Recipes Book! Next month's star will be "frutte", so send your best fruit recipes, regardless of how they are being used, to Karen Habel-Marshall. Grazie!

Pesto Genovese - Genoa Style Pesto



Ingredients

3 cups fresh basil leaves

1 clove garlic

3 Tbsp. pine nuts

1/2 cup Parmesan cheese

2 Tbsp. pecorino cheese

3/4 cup olive oil

Salt to taste

Directions

Step 1:

Chop basil leaves and set in a mortar (earthenware preferred to wooden). Chop the garlic and add to the basil. Also add the pine nuts. Work the mixture until you have a coarse paste.

Step 2:

Place paste mixture in a bowl and add some of the cheese. When mixture becomes too solid to handle, add a little bit of oil at a time. Continue adding cheese and oil. Add salt to taste. When using with pasta, add a couple of spoonful's of the pasta water before serving.

Besciamella - White Sauce



Ingredients

2 Tbsp. butter

2 Tbsp. flour

1 cup milk at room temperature

1 pinch nutmeg

Salt and white pepper to taste

Directions

Step 1:

Melt butter in a sturdy saucepan. As soon as the butter foams (before it gets brown) add the flour and reduce the heat. Begin to beat steadily with a wire whisk.

Step 2:

When the mixture is smooth, add the milk and continue beating with the whisk. Cook for about 2 or 3 minutes.

Step 3:

Add the nutmeg, salt and pepper to taste. *Add vegetables or cheese, if desired.

Salsa Marinara



Ingredients

- 1 1/2 Tbsp. olive oil
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 28 oz. can of Italian plum tomatoes, undrained
- 1/4 cup tomato paste
- 2 tsp. dried basil
- 1/2 tsp. sugar
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1/4 tsp. red pepper flakes, if desired

Directions

Step 1:

Heat olive oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add garlic and cook and stir for 3 minutes.

Step 2:

Stir in all remaining ingredients and simmer uncovered for 10 minutes.



Italian little Italies
**Cison di Valmarino, Veneto villas
and prosecco vineyards**

by I borghi più belli d'Italia

The borgo of Cison di Valmarino is dominated by the Brandolini castle (today a luxury hotel), called in the middle ages Castrum Costae. The fortified complex (XII century) was transformed by Brandolini with the addition of the Renaissance wing and the building of the external walls and ramparts.

It was Antonio Maria Brandolini, who died in 1530, to want the elegant faade in Venetian residential style, with beautiful windows and a park with a fountain.



Piazza Roma houses Palazzo dei Barbi (ex Venetian villa, now the town hall), and the Loggia, built in the 17th century as a court (today a theatre).

The Cantine Brandolini are a perfect example of proper recovery of historic building.

The church of Santa Maria Assunta is a jewel built in the 18th century, the east side overlooks piazza Roma with the statue of the patron saint, San Giovanni Battista. The angels sculpture of the altar and the 18th century paintings are beautiful and, outside the church, the other Venetian buildings embellish the borgo.

In the historical centre the blinds of the houses are almost all red or brown: a red which here is called "Brandolini red".

The scroll of the water into the borgo is fascinating, thanks to a dedicated path that connects the torrent Rujo with the old mills.



Don't leave Cison before having visited its fractions. Tovenà is a rural hamlet of pretty stone houses almost all recovered and Mura is similar. The hamlet Rolle will seduce your heart, it is surrounded by wooded hills and from the rock wall originates a small waterfall.

The name

The name Cison probably derives from the Latin *caesum*, "cut, deforested", in reference to the reclamation of the territory, perhaps after the work of the Cistercian monks.



Local products and dishes

Meat served with the spit is the typical dish. In this area a very good prosecco (Italian dry spar-



Italian land and nature
Siena Province and its Terme
by italia.it

Marvelous Medieval borgoes, lush nature that transforms into a dreamlike landscape, with hot springs immersed in the Tuscan countryside – these are the typical traits of the Province of Siena. Nature, art, relaxation, beauty and wellness combine to create the magic formula that has long attracted innumerable tourists to the most exclusive spots in Tuscany to enjoy the tranquility and charm of this green environment. Various public hot springs abound in this area, free and accessible to everyone; these are genuine oases for those seeking respite and ways to care for their wellbeing, set within a gorgeous ambience.

To begin with, Bagni San Filippo rises up near Monte Amiata, inside the splendid UNESCO World Heritage Site of Val d'Orcia.

Totally awash in nature, amongst trees and rocks that intersperse with waterfalls, the zone running toward the Valley begins to beget waters that spill into the Fosso Bianco, a creek inside a deep wood where more hot springs (some natural, some artificial) pop up one after the other. The symbol of this zone is Balena Bianca (or White Whale), the name of the most suggestive and evocative of the waterfalls here; the Balena Bianca seems but a large mass with a crustacean's mouth, a form that arose from the thermal water's sediments. Rendering the entire scene even more spectacular is the contrast between tones of green and white and the colors of the thermal waters that mix with the creek waters.

At the confine with Siena lies San Casciano dei Bagni, where visitors will find a total of 42 hot springs, making it the third-largest thermal complex in Europe based on water quantity. Known since Antiquity, its springs were discovered by the Etruscans, and loved by Emperor Augustus. Today these open baths hidden in dense, thriving forests, and the elegant private thermal centers located in pristine wilderness make San Casciano a preferred destination for spa lovers.

Fonteverde



Bagno Vignoni

Bagno Vignoni is another fantastic little Medieval village. With its characteristic piazza boasting an enormous 16th-Century thermal bathtub (no longer in use, however), Bagno Vignoni is truly fascinating. The town sits on a volcanic fault

line that, since Etruscan times, has meant its importance as a touristic destination. From the fault's high point originates a spectacular system of small waterfalls that carry water all the way to the underlying valley. Here boiling water collects in natural basins, and acquires a magnificent and cristalline shade of sky blue.

Finally, in the Comune of Monticiano are the Bagni di Petriolo, situated on the banks of the Farma stream that flows into the River Merse. Cited by both Cicero and Martial, these open terme can be found on an inlet of the stream; the waters, loaded with hydrogen sulfide among other compounds, arrive at a temperature of 43°C or 109°F. Around the 15th Century, the first thermal establishment was built in Bagni di Petriolo; during this age Renaissance, the baths

took on notable prestige, so much so that even members of the Medici and Gonzaga Families flocked here.

Besides its public hot springs, the Province of Siena exhibits a wealth of famous localities with grand private thermal centers: from Chianciano to Montepulciano and the magnificent sites along the beautiful Valdichiana. Not to mention the Comune of Rapolano, which has its own thermal locales.

This enchanting place offers a number of other astounding and breathtaking sights, such as the Crete Senesi that, together with the marvelous city of Siena (famous for its Palio), were declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

The entire territory is studded with typical Medieval borghes that are immersed in the quiet of Tuscan fields and pastures. First among them is the little city of Pienza, itself a UNESCO Site, primarily for its center.

Chiusi, a peaceful and cozy town, is one among several communities that include Montepulciano and Chianciano - in Valdichiana. Balena Bianca

Crete Senesi

