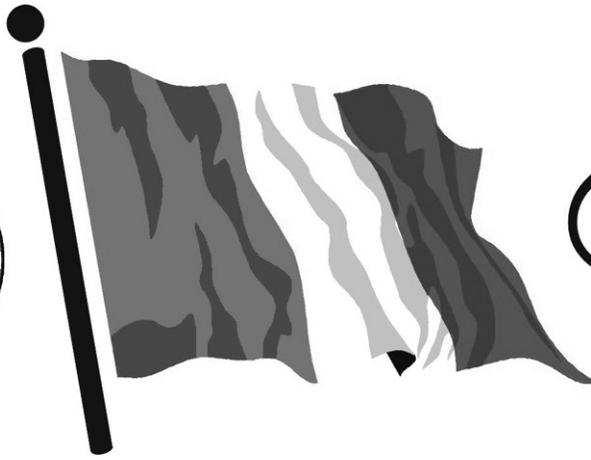




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# Italia

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## President's Message



The outdoor concert and festival season for Dane County officially begins on Memorial Day. Our annual Festa Italia welcomes in

the month of June. The weather this spring has alternated between unseasonably cold & wet or unbearably hot & humid. Once again this year, we were blessed with incredible weather. Other than a brief downpour at 10:30 p.m. on Saturday, we enjoyed partly cloudy skies, abundant sunshine and gentle breezes. McKee Farms park in Fitchburg once again hosted us, and worked closely with our Grounds Committee to prepare the park and make sure we had the necessary materials and supplies on hand for set up.

Check out the great pictures from this year's event in the body of this newsletter and on our website.

I'd like to recognize the members who played significant roles in the planning and execution of Festa Italia 2018.

### Festa Italia (June 1 - 3)

We welcomed thousands of guests to enjoy great food, incredible musical entertainment, a variety of activities for kids and the sights, sounds and tastes of Italian culture and Greenbush neighborhood history.

Festa Italia doesn't just happen. It's a large-scale outdoor festival that requires months of planning and scores of volunteers to execute. It's an immense undertaking for our club, and I want to personally thank all members who volunteered their time and effort, especially those who worked multiple shifts. I also want to express my gratitude for the many family members who volunteered their time to help.

I also want to recognize the leaders of our various planning committees.

Co - Chair **Ross DePaola** joined me in forming the executive committee. We shared committee management responsibilities, maintained open and regular communication and collaborated on critical decisions.

### Beverages

**Frank Alfano, Eric Holmes and Tom Smith** led a foray into the world of aluminum bottles and cans vs. kegs for beer. We offered a "Buy 5 get 1 Free" promotion throughout the weekend, and beer drinkers didn't miss a beat. We also had a nice selection of craft beers and our own *Bella*

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Miss Festa Liliana Re, daughter of Antonio Re, encouraged people to buy raffle tickets alongside John Caliva.



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# Golf

## ITALIAN CLASSIC BENEFIT

**WHERE:** Sun Prairie Golf Course  
**WHEN:** Sunday, September 23, 2018  
**TEE TIMES:** 12:00 noon – Shotgun Start  
**ENTRY FEE:** \$90 per person (\$25 of fee is tax deductible)  
**INCLUDES:** Green Fees, Golf Cart, Italian Sausage Lunch at 11:30, Steak Dinner, Complimentary Drinks, Prizes on Several Holes, Raffle Prize Drawings, and a Contribution to Badger Childhood Cancer Network.  
 (Dinner only - \$30. Dinner only guests must be listed on the back.)  
**WHO:** IWC Members & Friends, IAWC Members & Friends Welcome!

**SIGN-UP DEADLINE:** September 15, 2018 (Saturday).  
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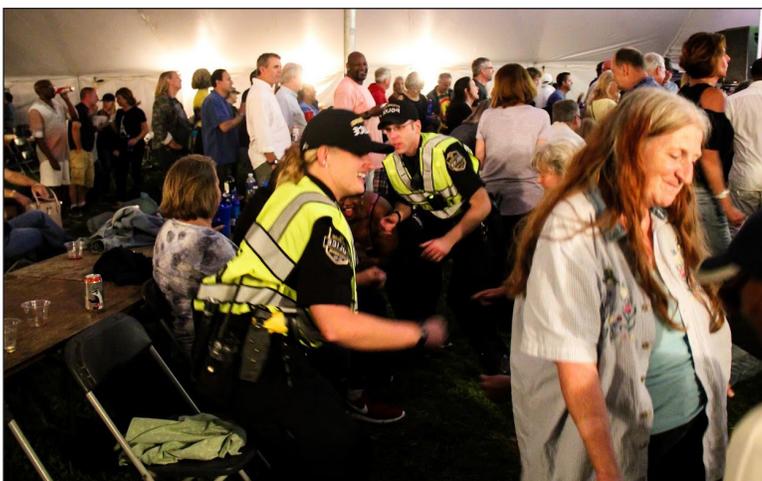
### Raffle Winners

Here are the 2018 Festa Raffle winners:  
 \$1500 - **Phyllis DeGioia**  
 \$1000 - Sue DePaola  
 \$100 - Carol Reuter  
 \$100 - Diane Piper  
 \$100 - Matt Fink  
 \$100 - **Joe Scarpelli**  
 \$100 - **Antonio Re**  
 \$100 - Jenny Walker  
 \$100 - Bev Trafficante  
 \$100 - Rosemary Sprenger  
 \$100 - Victoria Meiozzi  
 \$100 - Angela Balistreri



Upper right: Our two Little Miss Festas, Grace Stassi Sweeney (L) and Lana Patterson.. Below:

Brothers Greg and Chris Schroeder staff the drink ticket booth. Left: Even the Fitchburg police joined in the dancing.



# Scholarship Winners

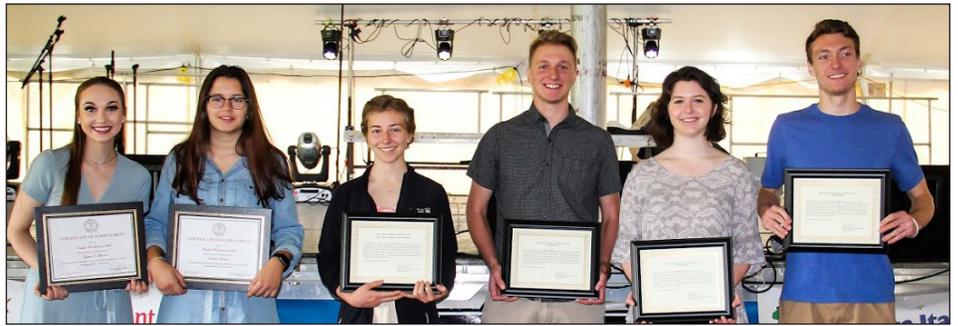
IWC provided five \$1,500 scholarships to high school students, and IAWC provided five \$1,000 scholarships. This year we saw a really strong range of applicants.

## IWC

Ian D. Bormett of Stoughton High School is the nephew of **Michael Bormett**. He will attend UW Madison to study electrical engineering. He's considering a master's degree. His main area of interest is renewable energy as he wants to reduce climate change. Ian's great-great grandfather migrated from the Lombardy region in 1904; upon arrival in this country, the family name was changed from Bormetti to Bormett. Ian has visited with relatives in Italy. Ian says that he could not ask for a better role model than his father.

Isabella Fiore of Cambridge High School is the granddaughter of **Tony Fiore**. She will attend UW Madison to study electrical engineering; she wants to bring electricity to developing countries that do not have it. Both of her parents have Sicilian ancestry. Isabella's great-grandparents from both sides were born in Sicily. She has grown up listening to stories of the Old Country. When she visited Sicily, she felt a sense of peace. She believes her lineage makes her unique and it brings her joy.

Paolo Gratton of Madison West High School is the son of **Claudio Gratton**. Paolo will attend UW Milwaukee where he will major in mechanical engineering and play soccer for their division 1 program. He gets some funding from the athletic department. After college, he hopes to either continue playing soccer or get a job as an engineer.



His father was born in Italy, and Paolo has spent time there. While in high school, he took Italian at UW Madison. Paolo and his father built a wood burning pizza oven in their back yard, and his father named him the family *pizzaiolo*, the pizza master. Paolo sometimes forgets that he was not born in Italy because the culture affects him daily.

Alyssa Puccio of Monona Grove High school is the granddaughter of **Joseph Puccio**. Alyssa will attend UW Stevens Point as a dance major. She plans to declare a second major. After college she would like to work for a dance company, and eventually open her own dance studio, or work in the medical field. Both sides of her family originated in Palermo. Her great-great uncle Jimmy Puccio opened the first Italian restaurant in Madison, Jimmy's Spaghetti House, later known as Rosie's. She says her Italian culture grounds her as a daughter, friend, and role model.

Colette Vitiritti of Stoughton High School is the daughter of **Luigi Vitiritti**. She will go to UW Madison to study pre-med as she wants to become an anesthesiologist. Colette's father migrated from Calabria at a young age. Each time she sees her nonna Assunta, Colette is told "*vita è bella*" (life is beautiful). Her nonna is a traditional Italian Catholic who attends Mass and cooks for her family: "Though she be but little, she is the head

Scholarship winners include (L to R) Isabella Fiore, Colette Vitiritti, Leta Landucci, Nick Esbeck, Isabel Mancl, and Justin Mielke. Not pictured are Ian Bormett, Paolo Gratton, Cole Pantano, and Alyssa Puccio.

of our house," says Colette. Her nonna tells her inspiring childhood stories from living in Italy, and they discuss Colette's father, religion, and their relationship with God. She believes being Italian is about caring, togetherness, coming together on holidays, Sundays, traditions, and celebrations.

## IAWC

Nick Esbeck of Middleton High School is the son of **Amy Campbell**. Nick plans to study politics and criminal justice at UW Eau Claire. He has often worked two jobs to save for college. In his essay, Nick notably wrote "If someone asked me if I was a lover or a fighter, I would just tell them I'm Italian." Nick at first didn't know he was Italian because his mother was adopted and brought up in an Irish family. When his mother found out she was Italian, the family celebrated and everyone started to learn about their biological roots. Nick had difficulty with the change at first, but eventually felt it made him more confident.

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# Amichevole Novita (Friendly News)

By Catherine Tripalin Murray



Back in 1997, as *Italia* editor, I had the great pleasure of featuring my good friend **Tony Bruno**

who had received the Columbian of the Year award for his many contributions to the Italian Workmen's Club and Madison's Italian community. Two years later, in January, 1999, another opportunity arrived to feature him as the IWC's newly elected President and, being friends, felt comfortable describing him as being a "Bush" baby which meant, with great pride, that his early days from birth on took place in the old Greenbush, a neighborhood that longer existed as before, but loved and remembered forever.

For those of you who didn't grow up with Tony and are relatively new IWC members from places well beyond the old "Bush," there are a few other memories of great importance to be repeated that begin with Tony's immigrant parents, Joe and Anne Stassi Bruno, both very active in the triangular shaped neighborhood through clubs and

church affiliations. Sandwiched in between were personal notes of Tony attending the long gone, but never forgotten, St. Joe's Catholic School near the intersection of Park and Regent Streets, graduating from Edgewood High School in 1955, receiving his Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Arts & Physical Education at UW-Platteville followed by a Master in Therapeutic Recreation from UW-Madison, and that Tony and his wife, Mary, were proud parents of three sons, Joseph, Thomas, and Brian.

Through many years that followed, Tony excelled in every phase of life and his career as a coach, teacher, lecturer, and concerned citizen and resident of Madison has been richly rewarded through praise and honors from his contemporaries in many magazines and professional journals is leadership in managing the Culture Tent each year during Festa Italia, chairing the charity Golf Outing benefitting Badger Childhood Cancer Network, liaison for Madison's sister city program with Mantova, Italy, and current Madison representative on the WisItalia board speak to his passion and commitment. And most recently, another exceptional highlight in his

career took place May 6 at the Roma Lodge in Racine when The Grand Lodge of Illinois & Wisconsin Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America honored Tony as a recipient of their Leonardo da Vinci Award of Excellence for his efforts to establish the brilliance of WisItalia and what it offers.



The premise of WisItalia began in 1999 when Tony met with **Giovanna Miceli Jeffries**, and Al Rolandi, then the Wisconsin representative for the National Italian American Foundation who had been in touch with the Consul General of Italy for the Chicago region for the benefit of establishing Italian language classes throughout the country. Presidents of Italian American Clubs in Wisconsin met at the ICC in Milwaukee with Frank Alfano joining Tony and Giovanna where the encouragement and results included Madison, Milwaukee, Racine and Kenosha, with Green Bay joining in later.

As a result and in cooperation with the IWC's Sister City committee, WisItalia has been able to exchange groups and individuals from Mantova with mayors and other officials. WisItalia hosted a nationally known architect, a musician known throughout Europe for his piano virtuosity, a U16 premier soccer team (members being 16 years and younger) that visited Madison LaFollete high school, several ESL teachers includ-

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# Condolences

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**Peter L. Macaluso** passed away on April 5 after a long struggle with multiple sclerosis. He was 74 and lived at the Wisconsin Veterans Home in King. The son of Peter and Florence Macaluso, Peter married Marilyn Hintz in 1968 in Madison. He was active in the U.S. Army and proudly served in the Vietnam War. Peter obtained a master's degree in criminal justice from the University of Louisville and advanced to sergeant with the Dane County Sheriff's Department. Peter enjoyed hunting, fishing, reading, history, traveling and his dogs. He especially enjoyed his annual fishing trip with his cousins. Peter was an active member of the American Legion and the Italian Workman's Club. Peter will be lovingly remembered by his wife, Marilyn; and his children, Cristina (Ryan) Murphy and Cathleen (Chris) Cooper. Peter

will also be fondly remembered by his four grandchildren, Elena, Curt, Bob and Gavin; as well as his sister, Marguerite Traino. Memorials may be gifted in Peter's name to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society at [www.nationalmssociety.org](http://www.nationalmssociety.org).

We have learned of the passing of Michael Vellucci, son of former IAWC member (and board member), **Roberta Vellucci**. Some of you long-time members will remember Roberta, and her husband, **Jim Vellucci**. They both were very involved members of the IAWC and IWC. Roberta and Jim moved to North Carolina several years ago. Please keep the Vellucci family in your thoughts and prayers. If you wish to send a card, their address is: Jim & Roberta Vellucci, 250 Woodlands Way #13, Calabash, NC 28467 ■

Leta Landucci of Middleton High School won the **Mary Troia** Memorial Scholarship. She wants to become a plant and biochemistry research scientist. One of her favorite weekends of the year is when 75 of her Italian relatives gather and make thousands of ravioli and fresh pasta into the wee hours of the morning. She's spent hours going through Italian dictionaries with her grandfather. She plans to take Italian in college, and either vacation Italy or study abroad there.

Isabel Mancl of Madison East High School will study vocal performance at UW Milwaukee. She hopes to become a professional opera singer. She sang her first classical Italian aria at 13. She plans to learn Italian in college, analyzing the intricacies that make it so beautiful. She will also study Italian history as it pertains to opera. Isabel is passionate about opera and believes Italian is the most beautiful language in which to sing opera.

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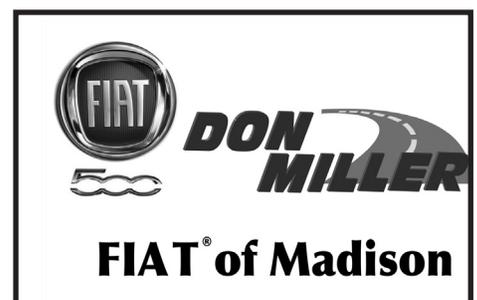
ing three who are currently on the staff at Victory Immersion School in Milwaukee, and four medical technicians who came to UW Hospitals to learn how to operate and maintain tomography machines. There is a current interest by water quality experts in Mantova who have been here to meet with the U.W. Limnology Dept., Wisconsin DNR, Madison and Dane County officials to learn about how we are trying to clean up our lakes, as the lakes surrounding Mantova are polluted. Frank and Tony take the IWC display to every public event to talk to people about the Club's activities and have recruited a few new members.

As President, Tony wrote the initial

IWC Mission Statement, developed the numerical scoring system for choosing the Scholarship winners, appointed the committee to develop the IWC website, and designed the Club shirt patch. Needless to say, Tony's pride in doing whatever is necessary for the benefit of the Italian American communities throughout Wisconsin have reached fruition in many ways and should be applauded. We congratulate him for his seemingly endless efforts to make a difference among Italians in Madison as well throughout Wisconsin.

To Tony Bruno, Congratulazioni!  
**Salute!** ■

Justin Mielke of Madison East High School is going to study journalism and mass communication at UW Madison. He has always dreamed of being a Badger. Sports are his passion, and he hopes to become a sports journalist. He wants to be a source that people can trust. His best friend is Italian, and that friend's mother treated him like one of her own, so that while Justin isn't Italian, he still belongs to an Italian family.



*Grano* brew on tap. Southern Italy imports provided a nice selection of wines and we experimented with selling wine by the bottle in our food area. **Antonio Re's** efforts resulted in incremental sales. Pepsi provided various soft drinks and bottled water along with new, impactful signage.

### Pasta Area

**Travis Hunter** once again organized this area and not only recorded record sales, but managed food supplies to minimize expenses and reduce waste. **Frank Vitale** worked every shift throughout the weekend to provide continuity and training for newcomers and several members worked multiple shifts to keep the lines moving and our guests well fed.

### Pizza Area

Roman Candle delivered four varieties of pre-sliced pizza at cost and our volunteers stored them in "hot boxes" and sold them to our guests. This arrangement was new for us, and despite some minor glitches it worked out very well.

### Fry Area

Dolci Italian American Sweets provided calamari, arancini, sfingi and mozzarella sticks along with fry equipment at cost. This was also a new arrangement. **Sandy** and **John Hunter** supervised the area and maintained a high level of consistent product quality while training volunteers in the art of frying and serving Italian delicacies to our guests.

**Steve Urso** was a constant presence not only in food preparation, but in helping to supervise two dozen high school student volunteers.

### Food Vendors

**Mike Alioto** managed the process of finalizing vendor contracts with Java Cat, Ben's Soft Pretzels, Sugar River Kettle Corn, CIAO and the IAWC. Each vendor reported good sales. CIAO and IAWC sold everything they had prepared. We signed FIB's (Finest Italian Beef & Sausage) to provide Italian beef and sausage sandwiches for our guests. Despite being caught short and running out of hot beef on Friday night, they recovered and reported brisk sales throughout the balance of the weekend.

### Administration

**Dan Dyer** obtained all necessary permits, licenses and insurance. Dan's a one-man show. He represented the club at Public Safety meetings, and deftly navigated the ever changing and always confusing food safety regulations and processes.

### Admission

**Joe Gmeinder** managed this area, where we welcome our guests. We increased the admission price from \$2.00 to \$3.00 and heard no complaints. The various volunteers did a great job keeping the traffic flowing and providing event schedules to our guests.

### Finance

Led by **John Benjamin**, **Jack Parrino** and **Anthony Gatti**, our entertainers were paid on site, the cash flow process was smooth and a quick year-to-year revenue comparison helped us gauge our progress. We instituted a tighter process for transferring cash from venues to the finance trailer and the reconcilia-

tion of beverage tickets used with revenue was nearly spot on.

### Marketing

**Al Falaschi** and **Ron Giordan** formed our marketing team. A three station tv buy, digital billboard ads and an increased use of highly targeted and extraordinarily efficient social media generated awareness. Live remote broadcasts by channels 3 & 15 stimulated spontaneous attendance. Our objective was to reach out to new audience segments and a cursory view of the grounds indicated that we accomplished that.

### Raffle

**Phil Clementi Jr.** and **John Caliva** managed our raffle again this year. Although member participation (buying at least some tickets) was still lower than we'd like, we still generated significant profit.

### Bocce

**Raul DeLuna**, **Gary Berger** and **Ron Gatti** once again managed this venue. This year, they took it to another level. As usual, the courts were meticulously prepared. The competition started with a friendly match on Friday evening between the Fitchburg Fire Department and Fitchburg government personnel. The trophy tournaments had great participation, spirited matches and female winners in both singles and doubles.

### Culture Tent

**Antonio Re**, **Tony Bruno** and **Tim Gatti** managed a variety of activities. **Travis Hunter** (Risotto) and **Antonio Re** (Marinara Sauce with Fish &

Artichoke omelettes) presented cooking demonstrations. Tony and Tim displayed the historic pictures and arranged for a Greenbush neighborhood discussion presented by **Katie LeTourneau**. Tony also set up the Catholic mass on Sunday morning. **Giovanna Miceli Jeffries** coordinated The Flags of Italy parade and presentation with twenty volunteers carrying the flag of their respective region.

### Grounds

**Charlie Belz, Joe Tripalin, Butch Pullara** and **Jim Trameri** managed everything from inmate manpower recruitment (both Oregon Correctional and Huber), security fence set up, rentals of tents, sound equipment and porta-potties to electrical power installation, post event tear down and on the spot problem solving. **Mike Stassi, Richard Alexander, Jack Parrino, Dan Dyer** and **Gary Berger** provided valuable assistance. The relocation of the Culture Tent and Bocce Courts necessitated by a pre-festa weather event gave the Festa grounds a more intimate feel.

Our courtesy cart shuttle was staffed by several volunteers. This FREE service is always welcomed by our senior guests, but given the heavy rain after our Saturday close, it was a service that all guests wanted to participate in.

### Staffing

**Greg Schroeder** used Sign Up Genius (on line sign up) to make it easier for members to volunteer. Greg was a constant presence, making sure all areas were staffed appropriately, and re-allocating

## IAWC Report

What a fantastic Festa Italia 2018!! The IAWC baked for 3 days to make over 2,000 homemade Italian cookies to sell in support of our scholarship program. This year demand overwhelmed our supply and we had sold out by mid-afternoon Sunday. What an achievement!! Next year we'll plan to increase our production and make more of your favorite cookies available all weekend.

We so thrilled to awarded 5 total scholarships at Festa this year to graduating seniors. Nick Esbeck, Isabel Mancl, and Justin Mielke, were our three general scholarship recipients. Cole Pantano was the recipient of the Ninfa Grinnell Memorial Scholarship and Leta Landucci was the recipient of the Mary Troia Memorial Scholarship. The IAWC is so proud of the over 60 scholarships awarded since 1998 in the amount of \$59,500.

We also recognized our longest serving IAWC member - Paola DePiazza, Joanne Jensen, Katie LeTourneau, Phyllis Masino, Jeanette Montalto, Catherine Murray, Jean Musillami, Doris Walsch and Katie West. We appreciate your dedication to the Club for so many years!!

Our next meeting is July 11th, I hope to see all our members there!

Thanks, Angela

resources when necessary. Greg also arranged for the West High Girls Swim Team to staff the Pepsi tent in exchange for an honorarium. **Steve Urso** did the same with the Sun Prairie football team, without whose help some of our food offerings would not have been possible.

### Security

**Jason Mascitti** contracted with Fitchburg Police and JBM to ensure that we provided a safe environment for our guests. He also contracted with Premier Golf Carts to secure our popular courtesy shuttles to remote parking areas.

### Entertainment

**Mike Cammilleri** did a masterful job of managing the contract process for a wide variety of musical acts ranging from a Reggae band, solo



The winner of the spaghetti eating contest, looking a wee bit full, received a hundred dollars from David Rizzo.

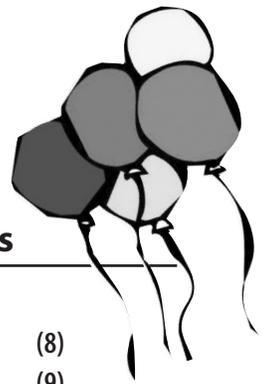
accordionist and Italian guitar and mandolin trio to funk, blues, soul, rock and rat pack sounds that attracted audience members of all ages . . . broadening our festival's appeal. In addition, our Italian Folk Dancers performed on Saturday and Sunday.

**Ross DePaola** secured a magician and face artist to entertain children.

## Katie to the Rescue!

by Ross DePaola

It was Saturday evening at Festa and right there on the schedule was “Greenbush Videos/Stories – Culture Tent.” I had set up a TV & DVD player earlier in preparation but **Tony Bruno** approached me and asked “where’s the DVD’s?” I said “what DVD’s?” Tony said there were people sitting in front of the TV waiting. Quickly, I dashed into the park shelter to see if anyone had brought along a set of DVD’s from the club, of course, there was nothing. Then I had a thought. I knew **Katie LeTourneau** was in the beer tent listening to music, so I dashed over and asked her if she could make her way over to the culture tent to talk with the dozen or so people waiting. She responded “sure!” As she made her way over, I wheeled the club’s PA system into the culture tent and set it up with a wireless microphone. I handed it to Katie and, at almost 101 years old, she proceeded to wow the crowd for almost an hour and a half recalling neighborhood events, people, places and dates. When she was finished, and after the applause, one of the attendees remarked loudly “Thanks for forgetting the DVD’s!” A big thanks to Katie – she came to our rescue! ■



## IWC Birthdays

### July

Robert J. Schiro	(8)
Henry Cuccia	(9)
Butch Pullara	(10)
Shawn Dugan	(14)
Joseph Cabibbo	(14)
Anthony Bonanno	(16)
Daniel Dyer	(16)
John Scalissi	(17)
Francesco Vitale	(21)
Michael Stassi	(22)
David Zanesco	(22)
Steve Loniello	(27)
Joseph Lombardino	(30)
Leonard Novara	(30)

### August

Alfred Falaschi	(5)
Robert Battaglia	(7)
Phillip S. Clementi	(9)
Keefe Bartz	(10)
Michael Heald	(9)
Tim Gatti	(12)
Joseph Cerniglia	(20)
Richard Alexander	(22)
Charles Belz	(23)
Eugene Urso	(27)

## IWC Birthdays

Charmaine Pellitteri	July 3
Paul Reif	July 6
Stella Cantini	July 12
Carolyn Bonanno	July 13
Doris Wallsch	July 21
Valerie Valenza-Rich	Aug 6
Kim Link	Aug 10
Mary Caravello	Aug 18
Kathy Nauman	Aug 27

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## 2018 Calendar

### IWC

July	Eataly and Little Italy Chicago (Sat. July 14)
August	Picnic (Chazen Museum)(Dates TBA)
September	Sauce Tasting (TBA)
October	Columbian Banquet (Oct 8)
November	Whiskey Tasting Night (Dates TBA)
December	Christmas Party (Membership meeting Dec 18)

### IADC

October	Columbian Banquet (Oct 8)
November	Corn (BINGO) Party
December	Christmas Tea/Cookie Exchange

**Mark Salerno** expanded the kid's games area that he created last year. With new games and stuffed animal prizes obtained by his door-to-door campaign, all of our younger guests were smiling from ear to ear.

### Sponsorship

**Jim DiUlio** secured sponsorship dollars by leveraging relationships and exploring new ideas. We welcomed back many of our 2017 sponsors and added several new ones.

### Stage Management

We saluted our most senior members.

We introduced Miss Festa and two Little Miss Festas.

**Joe Cabbibo** and his scholarship committee awarded five \$1,500 scholarships to deserving high school students.

We kept our guests informed and engaged without burdening them with an overabundance of speeches, and properly recognized our vendors and sponsors.

We measure the success of Festa by answering two questions.

*1. Did our members and guests enjoy themselves?*

**Yes!** Smiles were in abundance as our guests reveled in the combination of delicious food, fine wine, cold beer, wonderful music, interactive cultural exhibits and fun activities.

### Food

A delicious array of food options provided by:

IWC Pasta and Fried Food Venues  
FIB's Italian Beef & Sausage

The Roman Candle Pizza, Java Cat, Ben's Soft Pretzels

Sugar River Kettle Korn, CIAO, IAWC

### Musical Entertainment

Musical offerings for every ear:

Friday - Immigre, Kinfolk

Saturday – Jim Giacalone, Sicilian Serenaders, Natty Nation and Eddie Butts Band

Sunday – **Joe Scalissi** and The Jimmys

### Sports Activities & Children's Entertainment

Sports

Bocce tournaments

Pasta eating contest

Children's entertainers

Karen Wendt – Face painter

Wayne the Wizard – Magician

Kid's games

### Italian Culture

A display of photos of the Greenbush Neighborhood

Greenbush neighborhood presentation and discussion

Cooking demonstrations

Italian Folk Dancers of Madison

Flags of Italy parade and presentation

Member recognition

*2. Did we make money?*

**Yes!** We won't know the final numbers for a few weeks as we reconcile all expenses, but preliminary revenue estimates look good. Despite a shortfall in sponsorship dollars and some unexpected expenses, we should realize a solid profit, which will contribute to the scholarship fund

and help pay for necessary building maintenance without having to access our general business account.

## Updates

### Celebrate The Present

Come to our club picnic at McKee Farms Park on September 9th.

Sign up for our Golf Outing on September 23rd at Sun Prairie Golf Club.

### President's Mail Box

Send me an e-mail ([davidrizzo@me.com](mailto:davidrizzo@me.com)) or drop a note in the box I've provided in our club's office. If there's something you like or don't like about our club, I really want to hear from you. I can't promise that we'll address every need, or implement every idea, but I can promise you the courtesy of a response.

Alla prossima volta, statevi bene e Dio vi benedica.

David Rizzo 

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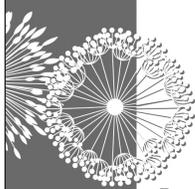
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