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IAHCSCD February, 2025 Newsletter (IAHCSCD bollettino mensile di agosto e febbraio 2025)

Message from the President (Messaggio da la Presidente)

Ciao Amici,

Finally the month of January is behind us and as always our January event was a great success. GAME NIGHT,LCR , proved to be very entertaining and loads of fun.

A big thank you to Paula CORSO for always coming up with fun things to do.

Our next event, CARNEVALE, will be even more entertaining. It will be catered by BELLA CAPRI RESTAURANT. We will also be entertained by Vincent Varrassi who will give us a feeling of being at a Venetian Carnival. Masks and Costumes optional. This event can now be viewed on our web site.

We are also in the process of donating to a few organizations in our community and we are dedicated in upholding our Italian Heritage which we must never forget.

Again, I thank each and every one of you for your continued support and hope to see you all soon.

Grazie Tanto,

Maria

“ TOGETHER LET US DO GOOD “

January Event

January has been a cold month, but we had an abundance of warmth, camaraderie, and laughter playing Left, Right, Center at the event. Some of us went home with winnings and some of us didn't. Oh well, that's the luck of the draw! But it was enjoyed by all who attended.

Marc Stirone from Southern Delaware Education Foundation gave us information about the non-profit, which provides scholarships for workforce training, apprenticeships and certification to those in need. IAHC Foundation is considering a donation to the organization sometime this year. To learn more about SDEF, go to www.sdefcares.org.

Everyone brought appetizers, which were Appetizing & Delish! Thanks to everyone who attended.

IAHCSCD Updates (Aggiornamenti IAHCSCD)

2025 Membership Renewal

Payment for the 2025 membership renewal dues have been extended to February 28.

\$30.00 for individual membership (one person).

\$40.00 for couples' membership (two people), both names, please.

Please mail your check to:

IAHC

PO Box 491

Nassau, DE 19969-0491

How to register on the IAHC Website

For those 2025 members who have not yet registered on the new IAHC website, please do so. This is the only way to access & remit payment for events. We will no longer be using the Evite system for events as of 1/1/25. **If you need instructions for registering on the website, please contact us at italiamia@iahcsd.com**

New IAHCSCD Members (Nuovi membri IAHCSCD)

Benvenuto!

Anthony Guasto & Cindy Boudoin

February Birthdays (compleanni di febbraio)

Buon compleanno!

Barbara Cilento February 1
Janice Meyer February 3
Peter Bosco February 4
Elsa Budd February 10
Tony Diaferia February 10
Joanne Bull February 10
Joseph Schiavo February 11
Donna Attanasio February 12
Elvira Caruso February 16
Dorothy Boyle February 24
Louis Trani February 25
Pete Donofrio February 25
Tina Donofrio February 28

Upcoming Meetings & Events:

SAVE THE DATE!

February 24, Monday ... Carnevale

- Beaver Creek Clubhouse, 27378 Covered Bridge Trail, Harbeson
- Event starts @ 5pm
- Music & entertainment by Vincent Varassi
- Catering by Bella Capri (Chicken Francais, Stuffed shells, Sausage, onions & peppers with potatoes, Penne with broccoli rabe, gluten-free ravioli, salad, bread, and desert)
- BYOB
- Costumes/masks optional
- \$35/per person, register & pay online @ www.iahcsd.com)

March 24, Monday ... IAHC Dinner meeting, Mingo & Pizza

- Beaver Creek Clubhouse, 27378 Covered Bridge Trail
- Event starts @ 5pm
- Mr. P's Pizza
- BYOB

April 27, Sunday ... Nonna's Sunday Afternoon Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner, more information to come!

May 19, Monday ... Lasagna cook-off, more information to come!

For your conversations (Per le tue conversazioni)

Love is in the air! ♡ ♡ ♡

La festa di San Valentino (Valentines Day)

Amore (Love)

Amato (beloved / loved)

Ti amo (I love you)

Ti adoro! (I adore you!)

Cioccolato (Chocolate)

Bacio (Kiss)

Coccola (cuddle)

Cuore (heart)

Dolce (sweet)

Così è la vita! (Such is life!)

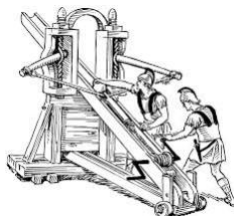
Italian History and Culture (Storia e cultura Italiane)

Firefighters: An Invention of Ancient Rome

Given the challenges faced by firefighters in Los Angeles while battling the ongoing wildfires, it seems both timely and fitting to honor their bravery, dedication, and commitment by looking into the origins of their profession, origins that have a very strong **Italian connection**.

Indeed, as with many foundational aspects of modern society, the concept of a dedicated firefighting force can be traced back to ancient **Rome**. The first organized firefighting unit, known as the **Vigiles Urbani** ("watchmen of the city"), was established in 6 AD by Emperor **Augustus**. Prior to this, Rome experienced frequent and devastating fires, worsened by its dense wooden structures and narrow streets. However, initial firefighting efforts were managed by private groups, which meant the safety of the community was not always paramount: a group led by **Marcus Licinius Crassus**, for instance, exploited fires for personal gain by purchasing endangered properties at reduced prices. Recognizing the need for an ethical and effective public solution, Augustus created the **Vigiles** to safeguard the city.

In addition to fighting fires, the **Vigiles** served as night watchmen, and patrolled streets to deter crime and enforce fire safety regulations. They inspected homes to ensure compliance with rules, such as maintaining accessible water supplies, and acted as a deterrent to criminal activity. Their responsibilities extended to apprehending thieves and runaway slaves, which reflected their dual role in maintaining both safety and public order.



The establishment of the **Vigiles** was a fundamental step in urban management, as their methods laid the groundwork for modern firefighting organizations all around the world. Their equipment was advanced for the time, featuring hand-operated water pumps (*siphon*) to project water onto flames; buckets made from rope sealed with pitch to transport water;

and hooks (*uncini*) and axes (*dolabrae*) to demolish nearby structures and prevent fire from spreading. Soaked blankets (*centones*) were also used to smother flames.

Out and About

Met Opera Live in HD: 2024-25 Season

The award-winning **Met Opera Live** in HD series is back for the **2024-25 season**. This exciting cinema lineup features a record-breaking seven new productions—including three Met premieres—and three favorite revivals, all transmitted live from the Met stage. With exclusive behind-the-scenes content, including backstage interviews hosted by your favorite Met stars, the Live in HD series creates a unique and immersive opera experience that you won't want to miss.

All live events take place on **Saturdays**, with encore presentations of select screenings the following **Wednesday**. Most live events begin at **12:55pm**. Call (410) 520-0040 or check online www.ocshowtimes.com for tickets, start times and more information.

Fidelio - March 15 & 19
La Nozze di Figaro - April 26 & 30
Salome - May 17 & 21
Il Barbiere di Siviglia - May 31 & June 4

Gold Coast Theaters
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Located in Gold Coast Mall

QUESTIONS, SUGGESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

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