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Top: Congratulations to elected Board members Jeff Clark, Helen Free, and Albert Paolantonio, with members of the nominating committee (from left), Joe Novello, Lucio D'Andrea, and Ennio DiTullio, November 20, 2016 general Society meeting..

Bottom: Tom Savage, Director of Business and Corporate Development, International Cellars, discusses the wines of Abruzzo and Molise at the November 20 meeting. *(photos courtesy of Giovanni Sciannameo).*

NEXT SOCIETY EVENT The next AMHS general Society meeting will be held on **Sunday, January 29, 2017** at 1:00pm, "Promoting the Italian Language – Italy's Rich Heritage", in Casa Italiana. *See inside for details.*

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Cari amici,



It is a most wondrous time of the year, as we prepare to ring in the New Year with family and friends. There is much that I am thankful for, including a very successful year for the Society (AMHS), in large

part due to your support and your generosity, especially those who have volunteered their time: the officers and the members and friends who have stepped up to help at general AMHS events and activities.

You should have received in the mail the 8-page booklet “The Gift of Scholarship Starts with Us”, which showcases the generosity of our members’ donations, over the period 2005-2015, to the AMHS Annual Scholarship Fund (ASF) and/or the AMHS Grant and Scholarship Fund (AMHSGASF, the Endowment). The booklet acknowledges members’ donations by level of giving, and includes an appeal for 2016 donations to the ASF and/or the AMHSGASF. We hope that you will consider making a donation this year so that the Society can continue to award two (2) \$4,000.00 scholarships in 2017.

I have every expectation that 2017 will be yet another successful year for AMHS, through our affiliation with The National Italian American Foundation; an ever-increasing membership; our scholarship fundraising campaigns; new and exciting programs; and the AMHS website and Facebook page, both of which have put the Society “on the map”, so to speak, in the DC area, and in the regions of Abruzzo and Molise. I look forward to working with the Executive Committee (EC) and Board of Directors to further the mission of AMHS, including new Board members Jeff Clark and Albert Paolantonio. I wish to thank Rocco Caniglia and Sergio Fresco for their service on the Board for three years, and to Maria Fresco, who served three years as Secretary and editor of the *AMHS Notiziario*. You brought sound advice and positive energy to the work of the EC.

I also wish to reiterate our urgent appeal for a member to consider serving on the EC as Secretary. The primary responsibility is to take the minutes at the EC meetings, which are held 6 times a year, and to disseminate the minutes to the officers for review. We know there is someone ready, willing and able to help!

I wish each of you the many blessings of this holiday season, and peace and prosperity in the New Year: *“May your troubles be less, and your blessings be more, and nothing but happiness come through your door”*.

Cordiali saluti,
Maria

UPCOMING SOCIETY EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

EMBASSY COUNSELOR TO DISCUSS “LA BELLA LINGUA”

By Nancy DeSanti, 1st Vice President – Programs

Our first program of the New Year will be a wonderful event featuring Italian Embassy official Catherine Flumiani, on the topic of “*Promoting the Italian Language - Italy’s Rich Heritage*.” The luncheon meeting will be held at Casa Italiana on Sunday, January 29, 2017, at 1:00 p.m.

Italian language classes are so popular today, even though Italian is not as widespread in the world as, say, Spanish, Chinese or Arabic. So there must be something that makes learning this beautiful, elegant language so popular. Now what can be done to make it more so? We decided it would be a good idea to find out the answer to that question.

So we turned to Ms. Flumiani to enlighten us. Ms. Flumiani is the First Counselor for Consular Coordination and Social Affairs, responsible for coordinating the activities of the Italian consular network in the United States. She will talk to us about the goals and strategies to further promote the teaching of the Italian language in both public schools and private schools in the United States. Our speaker will illustrate the tools that the Italian government has put in place in this regard and the importance of interaction and cooperation with the Italian American community and associations in this respect. (Please be sure to read additional details about this endeavor in the article “Promotion of Italian Language and Culture in American Schools: Strategic Plan for 2017”, which follows after Recent Society Events and Activities).

There will be an opportunity for comments and questions after Ms. Flumiani’s presentation, so we invite attendees to participate with their thoughtful remarks and questions.

Our speaker, Ms. Flumiani, arrived in Washington a few months ago after a distinguished career elsewhere. She is a native of Varese and graduated from the Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore di Milano with a degree in political science. Her areas of expertise include the Middle East and North Africa, the United Nations and the transatlantic relations. In 1997, she took her first overseas diplomatic post, in Amman, Jordan. Later, Ms. Flumiani was stationed in Berlin, where she held the important position of First Secretary for Emigration charged with assisting the 700,000 Italian immigrants in Germany, and in Brussels to the Italian Permanent Mission to the North Atlantic Council (NATO). Since coming to Washington a few months ago, Ms. Flumiani has hit the ground running, such as giving inspiring remarks at the Columbus Day ceremony at Union Station shortly after her arrival here.

Before Ms. Flumiani’s talk, we will enjoy a delicious lunch catered by Osteria da Nino, with a menu of mixed green salad; rice with mushrooms, in a parmigiano reggiano cream sauce; crispy Brussel sprouts in a beet puree with roasted pistachios; chicken marsala with fingerling potatoes and carrots; cavatelli in a lamb ragu; dessert (tiramisu and cannoli siciliani); and

homemade focaccia. We will also have a short business meeting whereby we will recognize outgoing officers Maria and Sergio Fresco, and Rocco Caniglia; and swear-in board members Jeff Clark, Helen Free, and Albert Paolantonio. We will also hear remarks from Nicholas Rao, one of the AMHS/NIAF scholarship recipients for the 2016-2017 academic years.

Paid reservations are due by January 26, 2017. Please reserve early to guarantee your place, and invite your family and friends to this wonderful event.

RECENT SOCIETY EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

NOVEMBER 20 WINE-TASTING DRAWS BIG CROWD

By Nancy DeSanti

During a beautiful crisp fall day, 90 members and friends turned out for the AMHS annual wine-tasting and luncheon which once again proved to be an outstanding success, with 10 winemakers participating. It was one of our best turnouts for this popular annual event.

Much credit must go especially to Jim Gearing, who organized the winemakers' participation. And we owe thanks to Sergio Fresco who arranged for a delicious lunch catered by the always-popular Three Brothers Restaurant. So, many thanks, too, to Mario Repole of Three Brothers.

Before the luncheon got underway, we held a short business meeting. Ennio DiTullio, representing the Society's nominating committee, introduced the slate of candidates to replace outgoing board members Rocco Caniglia and Sergio Fresco. Elected by acclamation were new board members Jeff Clark, Helen Free and Albert Paolantonio. We thank the outgoing board members for their generous service and welcome the new board members.

This year, as you may have noticed, we decided to forgo the usual porchetta for a couple of reasons. For one thing, there are still issues with using the Casa Italiana kitchen, and also, our go-to guy for the porchetta, Joe Novello, had just returned from a month-long Adriatic cruise and so he continued his time of relaxation a little bit longer. However, from the comments we received afterwards, the luncheon was enjoyed by everyone, with a delicious menu consisting of orecchiette with broccoli rabe in garlic and olive oil, sausage and peppers, rice salad, bread and dessert.

There were many varieties of wines to taste this year, made by Osvaldo Barsi, Carlo Clinton, Stefano DiGirolamo, Jack Grimaldi, Jaison Harris, Joe Ruzzi, Darrin Sobin, John Paul Maye, and Wayne Witowski,

Before the wine-tasting got underway, AMHS President Emeritus Lucio D'Andrea introduced Tom Savage, a wine importer who is very knowledgeable about the wines of Abruzzo and Molise and who gave us a fascinating talk about those wines but also about his travels to the regions to explore

the potential of these wonderful wines. Although everyone knows about the famous Montepulciano d'Abruzzo, he said there are many other wines which are underappreciated. He added that in Molise in a few years, sparkling wines, which are so popular nowadays, are expected to come onto the market. Tom also told us fascinating details of his trip to Abruzzo around the time of the August earthquake, and he said he was actually in Rome when one of the quakes struck and he could see the chandeliers swinging. As he pointed out, if sales of these wonderful wines can be increased through publicity and marketing, that would be a much-needed boost to the economies of these regions.

So for a couple of hours, we enjoyed good food and wine, got some good information, and enjoyed socializing with our families and friends. What better way to spend a nice fall afternoon?

We would like to thank the many people who contributed to the success of this event, and also all those volunteers who pitched in to do the setting up of the room and the serving of the food. And last but not least, we would like to thank the donors of the raffle prizes and all those who bought tickets for the raffle which brought in \$163 for our scholarship fund.

AMHS MEMBERSHIP

By Lynn Sorbara, 2nd Vice President - Membership

2017 Membership Renewal Campaign

The majority of AMHS memberships for 2016 expired at the end of December. Many have taken advantage of the membership renewal option available on the AMHS website; for those who have not, or do not have email (for membership renewal reminders), we will be sending 2017 membership renewal reminders, by mail, this month. So please keep a look out and if you have not already renewed for 2017, please do so. We appreciate your continued support of AMHS events and activities.

End of December 2016 Membership

We are pleased to report that there are 296 members of AMHS, including five new members. Thank you for your support of the Society's programs and activities. We have many wonderful events coming over the rest of the year and your membership makes them possible!

New Members

A warm welcome to our newest members: **Andrew Marotta, Kristine Massari & Enrico Granafei, and Joe & Clementina Marchegiani.**

Birthdays and Anniversaries

The following members celebrate birthdays and anniversaries in January and February. *Buon compleanno, buon anniversario e auguri!*

Compleanni a gennaio

Paul Fazioli, Jeffrey Petrino, Carmela Ventresca, January 2; Francesca Orfila, January 3; Delores Caniglia, January 5; Lenny Crump, Rose DelBorrello, January 7; Americo S. Allegrino,

Marilisa Battistella, Emma DiTullio, January 8; Carmine Carullo, January 10; Abraham Avidor, January 12; Monica Reed, January 18; Frank DelBorrello, Jacqueline D'Erme, January 19; John Villilo, January 20; Cecilia Fiermonte, Imara-Rose Glymph, January 21; Nicholas Campanell, January 23; Bess DiTullio, January 24; Lois Sandri, January 25; Margherita Amatucci, Nonna Noto, January 26; Cheryl Mitchell, January 27; and Geraldine Scott, January 31.

Anniversari a gennaio

Gaspare & Dolores Tirabassi, January 1; Ennio & Emma DiTullio, January 5; Attilio & Lucy Manzano, January 13; and Joseph & Lois Sandri, Carmillo & Gina Damiano, January 24.

Compleanni a febbraio

Mauro Chiaverini, Roberto Di Tullio, Dora Marinucci, Francesca Becallo, February 2; Madeline Bernero, Julia Long, February 3; David DeAngelis, Rev. Lydio Tomasi, February 6; Karen DiGiovanni, February 7; Carmen Ciccone, Jeffrey Dennison, Stacy Novelli, February 8; Louis Sacchetti, February 9; Stephan Carrier, Mark Lino, February 10; Sabatino Mazziotti, February 12; Julie Finigan-Dal Forno, February 14; Roy Morton, February 17; Elisa DiClemente, Andrea Balzano, February 18; Lana Nardella, Graziella Orfila, February 19; Francesco Isgro, February 21; Emanuele DeMarco, Gino Marinucci, February 22; Joe Marchegiani, Diana Del Grosso, February 23; Andrew Marotta, February 24; Luigi DeLuca, Lourdes Tinajero, February 25; Michele LaVerghetta, February 27; and Loreta Mastragelo, Shari Darnell Sanford, February 28.

Anniversari a febbraio

Sam & Maria D' Andrea Yothers, February 11; Michael & Dena DeBonis, February 15; Bruno & Joanne Fusco, February 14.

2017 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PERIOD NOW OPEN

By Ray LaVerghetta, Chair, AMHS Scholarship Committee

As many of our Society members know, the AMHS awards two \$4,000 scholarships annually – one to each of two highly qualified students. The AMHS and the National Italian American Foundation (NIAF) operate the program jointly. The application period for the 2017-2018 academic year opened on December 1st, 2016. Applications from eligible high school and college/university students, as well as all supporting documentation, must be received by NIAF no later than March 1st, 2017. The eligibility criteria for both organizations are found on their respective websites: <https://www.niaf.org/>, and <http://www.abruzzomoliseheritagesociety.org/scholarships/>

This program presents a wonderful opportunity for high school and college/university students, and we urge our members to tell their children, grandchildren, and relatives about it. Spreading the word makes it possible for young people in our own families to take advantage of this unique and rewarding program . Although membership in the AMHS is not a requirement for submitting an application, applicants must either be NIAF members themselves or have a parent or guardian who is a NIAF member. Bear in mind, however, that AMHS members

are automatically members of NIAF by virtue of the Society's official association with that organization.

As noted, AMHS and NIAF operate the scholarship program jointly. The job of screening the applicants and compiling a list of eligible candidates is carried out by NIAF, which has a full-time staff member charged with this task. NIAF forwards the list of eligible candidates to the AMHS, whose Scholarship Committee selects the two winning applicants by majority vote. Scholarship Committee members are Peter Bell, Lucio D'Andrea, Dick DiBuono, Ray LaVerghetta (Chair), Romeo Sabatini, and Lourdes Tinajero.

For additional information or questions concerning the program, please check the Society's website or contact any of the Scholarship Committee members.

SIAMO UNA FAMIGLIA

WELCOME TO THE WORLD, EMILIANA J. STERN



Jon and Katie Stern with baby Emiliana

Congratulations to AMHS Board member Jon Stern and his wife Katie, who welcomed their daughter Emiliana J. Stern on November 13 at 12:42 p.m. She weighed 7 pounds, one ounce. Mom, baby and dad are doing well and adjusting to life as new parents. *Tanti auguri, Jon and Katie. (submitted by Maria D'Andrea-Yothers).*

UP, UP AND AWAY!

On Friday, December 9, I had the great honor to attend the retirement ceremony for long-time AMHS member and officer, John Verna. John spent 40 dedicated years working in the Department of Commerce, Bureau of Industry and Security

(BIS), which was formerly known as the Bureau of Export Administration. BIS' mission is to advance U.S. national security, foreign policy, and economic objectives by ensuring an effective export control and treaty compliance system and promoting continued U.S. strategic technology leadership.



John Verna, at right, with Under Secretary Hirschhorn

John was honored for his remarkable years of service by the Under Secretary for BIS, Eric L. Hirschhorn, Dan Hill, Deputy Under Secretary for BIS, and Brian Baker, his immediate Supervisor. In addition, the Secretary of Commerce, Secretary Pritzker, wrote a letter of thanks to John for his service in the U.S. Government. (By way of background, I work for the Department of Commerce and had long known about the ceremony for John, so I was certain I would not miss it). Congratulations to John on his retirement; may he and Eileen enjoy many years of happiness together as they embark on new adventures and journeys. *(submitted by Maria D'Andrea-Yothers)*

CONGRATULATIONS TO MARIA D'ANDREA-YOTHERS ON RECEIPT OF DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE'S HIGHEST HONOR

On Tuesday, September 27, Maria D'Andrea-Yothers was part of a team that won the Department of Commerce's Gold Medal Award (the highest award distinction) for their collective work on the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) Agreement, which was concluded in October 2015 and ratified by the 12 TPP Partner countries in February of this year. Maria was part of the team that negotiated the special disciplines to govern trade in clothing and textiles – a challenging and complex task given the sensitivities of the domestic industry and the greater access to the U.S. market that was requested by U.S. apparel and footwear brands and retailers. Maria dedicated 6 years to the negotiations

and traveled extensively in the U.S. and to other TPP Partner countries.



Maria, 2nd from left, with textile team members Richard Stetson, Janet Heinzen, and Acting Under Secretary for International Trade Ken Hyatt, at an award recognition ceremony on November 10.

While the future of the Agreement is uncertain in Congress and the incoming Administration, Maria and the rest of the government team, who worked tirelessly to conclude a “21st century Agreement”, hope that it will be implemented in the future so that U.S. businesses can compete in the fast-growing Asia-Pacific region. *(submitted by Sam Yothers).*

PROMOTION OF ITALIAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE IN AMERICAN SCHOOLS: STRATEGIC PLAN FOR 2017

By Maria D'Andrea-Yothers

On Saturday, December 10, I attended a workshop at the Embassy of Italy on the Italian Government's goals to increase the number of students taking Italian language in American schools, and to enhance the quality of Italian language teachers in the U.S. school system. The Saturday workshop, led by Catherine Flumiani, First Counselor, Embassy of Italy, and Maria Fusco, Director of Education, Embassy of Italy, focused on strategies and ideas for promoting Italian language and culture in the DC, Maryland, and Virginia public and private school systems. The Embassy is looking for help and ideas from professors of Italian language in these school systems (at elementary, middle, high school and universities), as well as the Italian American community in the DC area, to achieve their goals.

Before the workshop started, the group was apprised of some recent statistics: there are 592 students in public and private schools in DC, MD and VA who are taking Italian language, in 3 elementary schools, 12 middle schools, and 21 high schools; and there are 128 students enrolled at Casa Italiana. In 2016, 2,554 AP Italian language exams were taken in the U.S., up 8% from the previous year (statistics that are better than students who took the AP language exams in French and German). Italy

ranks 2nd, behind the United Kingdom, for college students studying abroad (more than 3,300 students chose to do their semesters abroad in Italy).

The Embassy's 2017 strategic plan, to promote Italian language and culture in American schools, is reprinted, below:

GOALS:

1. Increase the quantity and quality of Italian courses in public and private schools in the United States.
2. Maintain a positive growth trend in AP Italian exams.
3. Continue to promote increasingly higher scores in AP Italian exams taken by students.
4. Promote a connection between the passing of the AP exam and the choice of a university course (Major or Minor) in Italian.

STRATEGIES:

Local schools and authorities

- a) Negotiate or renew memoranda of understanding and agreements with individual states or counties.
- b) Increase the number of middle schools that teach Italian, which are "feeders" to high schools.
- c) Activate Italian dual-language programs and enhance existing ones.
- d) Promote the teaching of Italian language, starting in kindergarten, by relying on those schools that use Italian pedagogical methods (e.g., Montessori and Reggio Emilia).
- e) Create targeted handbooks for school Principals, Superintendents, and Counselors, all of whom are key players in the American school system.
- f) Assign scholarships or prizes (including a possible travel prize to Italy) to the most deserving teachers or to those who contribute effectively to the creation of Italian courses.
- g) Encourage the passing of AP Italian exams already in 11th grade and the participation of "pre-AP" courses, already available in some schools.
- h) Develop training and refresher modules for teachers.

Work as one: increase cooperation and integration

- i) Relaunch the role of Language Observers at both the local and national levels.
- j) Involve Italian American associations and representatives of the community (e.g., COMITES, the Center for Global Integrated Education, elected representatives), both in planning and fundraising activities.
- k) Prepare an operational schedule for local observers indicating initiatives, actors, and the timetable for intended actions (what, who, and when).
- l) Involve interested parties of the Italian language system already present in the U.S. for promotion and fundraising activities.

Communication and outreach

- m) Increase information that is available via the website www.USspeaksitalian.org.
- n) Organize an event on an annual basis (e.g., Italian Language Day), to be held throughout the consular network and schools, to include fundraising activities.

- o) Publicize the benefits of speaking Italian through media, including social media, by involving Italian or Italian American celebrity spokespersons/people who are popular with the younger generation.
- p) Raise awareness among Spanish speakers of studying Italian language and culture.

Attending the workshop were Joe Lupo, Director of the Casa Italiana Language School; Francesca Casazza, Director of the Italian Language Program at the Italian Cultural Society; teachers and professors of Italian at the elementary, middle, and university levels; and representatives of COMITES DC; Italians in DC; the Lido Civic Club; the National Organization of Italian American Women; the Nativity Italian Heritage Society of Burke, VA; and myself, on behalf of AMHS.

The group plans to meet again in May 2017; the Embassy is open to suggestions on its Strategic Plan. If any Society member would be interested in working on this initiative, please email me directly, president@abruzzomoliseheritagesociety.org (especially any members who are teachers of Italian language). I can forward your names to Ms. Flumiani at the Embassy.

WHAT A WAY TO "LIVE AND LEARN ITALIAN"!

By Maria D'Andrea-Yothers

On Tuesday, December 6, a small group of AMHS members, along with Joe Lupo, Director of the Casa Italiana Language School and Maria Fusco, Director of Education, Embassy of Italy, enjoyed a presentation by Jenifer Landor, founder of Live & Learn Italian in Agnone (Molise), Italy.

Jenifer's grandfather was from Agnone; he had a distinguished career in nuclear physics, working with Enrico Fermi and Robert Oppenheimer as part of the Manhattan Project. Her grandfather's cousins are owners of Agnone's most important business, the Marinelli Bell Foundry (*Pontificia Fonderia Marinelli*) - the world's oldest bell foundry.



Jenifer Landor, at right, with AMHS members Albert Paolantonio (left) and Lucio D'Andrea

Jenifer gave a wonderful presentation on the town of Agnone and its importance to the region of Molise, in terms of culture, art, history and, of course, food! Jenifer then spent time talking about the program Live & Learn Molise. The program, which students can attend for one or two weeks, is held in four sessions (one in June, two in July, and one in September). Fifteen hours are spent in the classroom per week, and classes are taught by fully qualified native Italian teachers who work in groups (maximum of 6, generally 3-4; a maximum of 12 in the entire group). The program takes students out of the classroom and into shops, the market, small farms, the *centro storico* – to give them the opportunity to mix with the community and practice Italian throughout the day. One must have competency in the Italian language in order to be accepted to the program; there are currently no courses/programs for “beginners”. To learn more about the program, sessions for 2017 and prices, visit [Live & Learn Italian](http://www.liveandlearnitalian.com/): <http://www.liveandlearnitalian.com/> (Note to our members, that this program is a sponsor on the AMHS website!).

We were very pleased to have in attendance Lucio and Edvige D’Andrea, Helen Free, Albert Paolantonio, Margaret Uglow and myself, as well as Gina Gianoli, a teacher of Italian Language at Trinity School in Falls Church, VA who studied in Agnone about 5 years ago. We all enjoyed a light reception afterwards. Needless to say, the program piqued the interest of a few people (Albert, Helen and Maria) who are seriously considering attending the program in June 2017! Special thanks to Father Ezio and Joe Lupo for allowing us to use the Casa Italiana Language Library for the presentation, and to Helen Free for providing light refreshments and really good wine!

ITALIAN WOUNDED WARRIORS HONORED

By Nancy DeSanti

The Abruzzo and Molise Heritage Society was well-represented at a dinner held recently at Casa Italiana to honor a delegation of Italian wounded warriors. The event was held on December 1, 2016, to honor these heroes who were wounded in recent wars.

While awaiting the arrival of the special guests, about 80 attendees chatted among their friends who included Holy Rosary parishioners, representatives of the Embassy of Italy, and members of AMHS and the Lido Club, among others.

Then everyone enjoyed a delicious dinner (and a scrumptious *millefoglie* dessert with fresh berries) catered by Sorrento restaurant of Bethesda. The wounded warriors sat among the attendees at the various tables so that everyone would get a chance to chat with them while enjoying the plentiful food and wine (and share a *prosecco* toast).

Maria Marigliano, Holy Rosary’s choir director and AMHS member, started off the festivities by singing the Italian and American national anthems. Father Ezio Marchetto, Holy Rosary’s pastor, gave the welcoming remarks, and afterwards General Luca Goretti introduced the members of the wounded warriors delegation, who were also honored the previous evening at an event at the Embassy of Italy.

Members of the group included Gianfranco Paglia of Caserta, a paratrooper wounded in Somalia (the leader of the group, who won the Gold Medal for Military Valor); Marco Iannutti of Rome, in the Air Force; Antonio Cicatello of Secondigliano (spokesman of the group, stationed in Avellino who served in Kosovo and Lebanon); Salvatore LaManna of Sicily; Rino Bonaventura of Salerno, in the Carabinieri; and Monica Contrafatto of Rome (who lost a leg in Afghanistan and then went on to win a bronze medal in track this summer at the Paralympics in Rio).



AMHS members Tricia Maltagliati (left) and Eileen Verna with one of the wounded warriors.

After the dinner, a short film about Italy was screened which highlighted the discipline of the armed forces, the beauty and diversity of Italy and its cultural heritage, while at the same time poking fun at some of the stereotypes such as “mommy’s boys” and hand gestures. The film was warmly applauded by the audience.

Towards the end of the evening, there was a raffle of prizes including weekend stays at some of the leading hotels in Washington, and someone at each table won the beautiful flower arrangement. (Note: AMHS members Maria D’Andrea-Yothers and Sam Yothers, Luciana Caleb, and John and Eileen Verna were lucky winners of raffle prizes).

Casa Italiana looked lovely in a white and gold color scheme, with flowers and candles on each table and with Christmas trees twinkling in the background. Helping with the event were parish council members Simonetta Baldassari, Darlene DiBattista and Nancy DeSanti and also Concetta Goetzinger, and special thanks goes to General Goretti, for making the evening a big success.

IN THE FINAL MEETING OF TERM, BALTIMORE CITY COUNCIL VOTES TO KEEP COLUMBUS DAY

Excerpted from an article by Yvonne Wenger, The Baltimore Sun

In the final meeting of its five-year term, the departing City Council of Baltimore rejected an effort to rebrand Columbus Day.

In the council's final controversial act, members failed to muster enough votes to strip Christopher Columbus of his holiday. The bill to rename the day for indigenous peoples and Italian-Americans needed eight votes to pass, but the final tally was 7-6 with two members abstaining.

Italian-American heritage groups lobbied council members heavily to maintain the observance as Columbus Day, arguing that it was less about the Italian explorer and more about an opportunity to honor their heritage and the sacrifices made by their ancestors.

The Census Bureau has estimated 16,500 Baltimore city residents are of Italian-American descent. House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, daughter of Baltimore's first Italian-American mayor, Thomas D'Alesandro Jr., grew up in Little Italy.

Councilman Brandon Scott of Northeast Baltimore said he introduced the bill at the request of city school students. Many associate Columbus -- who never reached the land now known as the United States -- with enslaving, brutalizing and killing the native people he encountered.

Scott said he attempted to reach a compromise by proposing to rename the day for both indigenous peoples and Italian-Americans.

Councilman Spector said the council should not take the honor from Italian-Americans, calling it *"not American. It's not good for Baltimore. I would be embarrassed to take something away from people who earned it and deserve it."*

ITALY'S "NO" VOTE: WHAT IT MEANS FOR ITALIANS, ITALIAN AMERICANS, AND THE WORLD

Lisa Femia, NIAF Manager of Public Policy

On Monday evening, December 5th, Italian Prime Minister Matteo Renzi looked solemnly in the face of political defeat and submitted his resignation to Italian President Sergio Mattarella. Italian voters had decisively rejected his proposed constitutional reform plan in a referendum vote just the night before.

So tied was the resolution to the Prime Minister, that The Economist began referring to it as the *"Renziferendum."* Renzi had made it a top goal of his tenure in parliament, and promised to resign should it fail. Now, the moment had come. As he announced his resignation, he knew, as did the people of Italy, that this vote had been a rejection of him as much as his proposal.

Italians voted against the constitutional referendum by a surprisingly large margin. About 60% of Italian voters said "no" to a plan that would have reformed the size and scope of the national government and altered the nation's 68-year old Constitution. U.S. analysts are labeling it another victory for international populist, nationalist political movements, though in truth, it is far more complex than that.

Renzi faced opposition from multiple ends of the political spectrum. Establishment politicians, such as former Prime Minister Mario Monti, also argued against the referendum. In fact, it is not clear if the vote was a rejection of the referendum itself, Renzi, centralized government, or some combination of the three.

The rest of Europe—and much of the world—has turned its eyes towards Italy after the vote on Sunday. So too have Italian Americans, sitting at home in the United States, wondering what this means for their ancestral homeland, for global markets, and for the future of relations between Italy and the U.S.

WHAT WAS THE REFERENDUM?

The referendum would have changed 47 of the Constitution's 139 articles. The most controversial proposed change was a significant reduction in the size of the Senate and a shift in its role to a more consultative legislative body, giving the lower house increased freedom to pass bills without Senate approval.

The referendum would have also provided for the abolition of Italian provinces, the level of governance below the regions. Some powers currently retained by the regions—such as infrastructure, energy, major transportation, and civil protection—would then have been transferred to the national government. Other changes included abolishing the national council on the economy and labor that advises Parliament, amending the electoral process for selecting judges to Italy's highest court and Italy's president, and opening up channels for citizens to propose legislation.

Proponents of Renzi's plan argued that it would streamline Italy's legislative process, preventing bills from being stalled for months, if not years, as they often currently are. Italy has had 63 governments in 70 years, something Renzi's supporters claim is a result of gridlock in the country's political system due to the over influence of Senate power. Opponents, on the other hand, claim the referendum would concentrate too much authority in the hands of central government and allow a political party that merely won a plurality in the general election to completely dominate the system. The referendum, many argue, was thrown together sloppily and could have been more effective had Renzi introduced measures in pieces.

WHAT ARE THE IMMEDIATE EFFECTS IN ITALY?

Of course, the most immediate effect of the "no" vote in Italy is Renzi's resignation. Although President Mattarella asked Renzi to remain as Prime Minister until the 2017 budget is passed, the Prime Minister will ultimately step down. The pressing question in Italian politics is who will replace him. A couple names have been put forward, including Pier Carlo Padoan, a former finance minister in Renzi's cabinet, and Pietro Grasso, the former head of Italy's Anti-Mafia Commission. Regardless, it is more likely than not that an establishment politician will take over until the next election, which is currently slated for 2018. Parliament will undoubtedly argue over election laws, but that date is likely to remain the same.

Renzi's resignation, however, does leave the country with a political vacuum. Many experts think this could provide an

opening for the increasingly popular Five Star Movement, a populist party that supports an anti-globalist platform, including leaving the euro and returning to the lira as currency. Other experts think a Five Star takeover is still far from likely, given the popularity of the euro with Italians and the high probability that a majority coalition will be needed to form a new government in 2018.

The largest concern in the wake of Sunday's vote is the fate of the Italian banking system. The country's banks are in deep financial trouble, nursing \$385 billion in suspect debt among them. The vote on the referendum has lessened the banks' hopes of being recapitalized. Prior to Sunday's vote, the Financial Times reported that eight of the banks were at a high risk of failure should the referendum fail. Now, much currently hinges on the recapitalization of Banca Monte dei Paschi di Siena, Italy's third largest bank by assets, which is currently in talks with Qatar's sovereign wealth fund for funding.

This recapitalization plan, however, looks likely to fail. If the bank cannot get funding from private investors, it will need either a taxpayer-led bailout, a "bail in" of junior bondholders by turning their safe bonds into risky ones, or a Eurozone-level bailout. The European Central Bank could do this through its bond buying program.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR EUROPE?

Europe's most immediate concern is financial. There were early losses for the euro immediately after the vote, but the market recovered quickly. This was partly because investors predicted the result, partly because political instability in Rome is not unusual, and partly because it became clear the path to power for the Five Star Movement remains a difficult one. Still, another Eurozone bailout seems increasingly likely, and the financial situation moving forward is a thorny one.

More troubling for Europe, however, would be the rise of populist, anti-European Union sentiment in a politically tumultuous Italy. Italy is the third largest economy in the EU and, if it votes to leave, it could precipitate a massive financial crisis on the continent. After Brexit, there is fear among EU members of any political action or failure that emboldens anti-globalist movements. Once again, though, the referendum's failure in no way makes the rise of the Five Star Movement inevitable.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR THE UNITED STATES?

Right now, not much. U.S. banks experienced a boost on Monday when Italy's banking bailout became less likely, thereby increasing the appeal of U.S. markets. Even so, the U.S. should not experience any major financial or political effects in the short term.

However, the rejection of the referendum does open the door for future actions that could have a major impact on the U.S. and global markets. If the vote signals the continued spread of nationalist populism in Europe and allows for the rise of the Five Star Movement in Italy, the world could witness the breakup of the Eurozone. This could cause geopolitical unrest and a global financial crisis that would hurt U.S. investors. For

the moment, however, that still seems unlikely. All the U.S. and Italian Americans can do right now is sit, wait, and see what happens.

FROM THE REGIONAL CORNER

ORTONA, PROVINCE OF CHIETI, REGION OF ABRUZZO

By Nancy DeSanti

The beautiful coastal town of Ortona is located in the province of Chieti, Abruzzo, and rises on a hill, surrounded by vineyards.

The rather large town has 23,000 inhabitants, known as Ortonesi. This is a lively commercial and fishing town which is also a popular seaside resort and a leading artistic center of Abruzzo.

The origins of Ortona are a little murky, but it was probably first inhabited by the Frentani, an Italic people, in the 6th century B.C. Ortona was part of the Roman Empire for several centuries and then was annexed to the Lombard Kingdom of Italy in 568. In 1268, the relics of St. Thomas the Apostle were brought to Ortona by a sea captain named Leone Acciaiuoli. In the 15th century, Ortona fought a fierce battle with the nearby town of Lanciano. Twenty years later, warships from Venice destroyed the port of Ortona and afterwards the King of Sicily had a castle built dominating the renovated port, which became an important center for trade with the East.



The main feature of Ortona is its port, and its history is strongly linked with the events of its harbor. Ortona is surrounded on three sides by the sea. A recent modernization of the port has allowed the big cruise ships to stop there.

In more recent times, Ortona was the site of brutal fighting during World War II between the Germans and the Allies, and the ferocity of the battle led it to be called "Little Stalingrad." The town suffered severe damage to its architectural heritage as a result of the bombings. In fact, that battle has been cited by some historians as one of the fiercest battles in the history of warfare.

Nowadays one of the unique events that takes place in Ortona is the historic pageant held in May. Following a costume parade, the civil authorities reach the cathedral with keys that together

with the keys of church officials, allow the opening of the case containing the relics of St. Thomas the Apostle.

Another popular event is the celebration in January of the Feast of St. Sebastian, held in the main square outside the cathedral and featuring lights, fireworks explosions and luminous figures. The most popular part involves a small cardboard boat packed with smoke rockets and suspended by a wire. When the rockets are fired, the boat is propelled along the wire. The boat's successful travel is seen as an omen of a good crop and fishing catch. Afterwards, a traditional meal is served with "*puzzenette vruocchele e stocche*" (broccoli and cod).

Recently Ortona was in the news because of its well-publicized "wine fountain" dispensing free red wine from a fountain—the first of its kind in Italy and accessible 24/7. The "fontana del vino" is located along a popular route, the *Cammino di San Tommaso*. Thousands of pilgrims and tourists make the journey to Ortona to see the cathedral where the remains of the Apostle are kept. The new fountain is a joint project of a local vineyard and the non-profit organization which maintains the pilgrimage route. With all the publicity the wine fountain is getting, this seems to be a stroke of marketing genius!!

What to See

- Cathedral of San Tommaso Apostolo, the patron saint
- Church of Santa Maria di Constantinopoli
- Church of Santa Caterina d'Alessandria
- Tostiano Museum, dedicated to musician Francesco Paolo Tosti
- Former Convent of the Capuchins, with baroque altars
- Ruins of Castello Aragonese, with a panoramic road sloping down to the Adriatic coast
- Museum of the Battle of Ortona

Important Dates

- January 20: Feast of San Sebastiano
- May 13: Festa del Perdono (Forgiveness) in honor of St. Thomas the Apostle
- July: Festival of ham and melon
- August: "Maggiolata" with parade of wagons and folk choirs

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ORTONA, PROVINCIA DI CHIETI, ABRUZZO

Translated by Maddalena Borea, AMHS Member

La bellissima città costiera di Ortona, in provincia di Chieti, nella regione Abruzzo, sorge su una collina circondata da vigneti.

Conta 23.000 abitanti, conosciuti come Ortonesi. Città commerciale e dedita alla pesca, è anche famoso luogo di villeggiatura e famoso centro artistico.

Le sue origini sono incerte, ma si crede che, nel sesto secolo, prima di Cristo, fosse abitata dai Frentani, gente di stirpe italica. Si sa anche che fece parte dell'Impero Romano per vari secoli, e poi venne sotto il dominio dei Lombardi.

Nel 1268 alcune reliquie dell'Apostolo San Tommaso furono portate qui, via mare, dal capitano Leone Acciaiuoli. Nel quindicesimo secolo Ortona combatté ferocemente contro la vicina città di Lanciano, e, venti anni più tardi, una flotta di navi veneziane distrusse il suo porto. Il re di Sicilia si fece costruire qui un castello che dominava il porto restaurato, e fece di esso un importante centro commerciale per gli scambi con l'Oriente. Il porto e la storia di esso sono la caratteristica più importante di Ortona, essendo essa circondata da mare da tre lati. Recenti modernizzazioni del porto hanno dato ad esso la possibilità di ospitare grossi navi da crociera.

Più recentemente Ortona è stato teatro di feroci battaglie fra tedeschi e alleati, durante la seconda guerra mondiale. La ferocità di tali battaglie le conferì il nome di "Piccola Stalingrado." Gli intensi bombardamenti causarono danni non indifferenti alle antiche strutture architettoniche di Ortona. Alcuni storici ritengono quelle battaglie le più feroci della storia della guerra.

Oggigiorno un evento molto importante è la sfilata che ha luogo in maggio, alla quale segue un corteo di gente vestita in antichi costumi. In tale corteo le autorità del luogo conducono la folla verso la chiesa, di cui portano le chiavi in processione, dove si potranno visitare le reliquie dell'Apostolo San Tommaso.

Un'altra ricorrenza speciale è la festa di San Sebastiano. Tale celebrazione ha luogo nel centro della piazza principale, con luci, fuochi d'artificio, e figure illuminate. La parte più interessante della festa di San Sebastiano è una navicella di cartone, sospesa ad un filo e piena di razzi fumogeni. Quando i razzi vengono lanciati, la navicella è spinta attraverso il filo. La qualità del tragitto della navicella dirà alla popolazione se può sperare in un prospero raccolto ed in una prospera pesca. La festa si chiude con un gran pranzo a base di broccoli e baccalà, chiamato "*puzzenette vruocchele e stocche*"

Ha fatto notizia recentemente la creazione della fontana di Ortona che dispensa vino gratuito ventiquattro ore al giorno. "La fontana del vino" si trova in un sentiero molto popolare chiamato "Il Cammino di San Tommaso". Migliaia di turisti vengono qui per visitare le reliquie dell'Apostolo. La creazione della fontana è l'opera di un vigneto locale e di una organizzazione Non-Profit che mantiene in buon stato il sentiero del pellegrinaggio. Con tutta la pubblicità che la fontana del vino ha creato, ciò sembrerebbe proprio un colpo geniale di marketing.

Attrazioni del luogo

- La Cattedrale di San Tommaso Apostolo, Santo Patrono
- Chiesa di Santa Maria di Costantinopoli

- Chiesa di Santa Caterina di Alessandria
- Museo Tostiano, dedicato al musicista Francesco Paolo Tosti
- Antico Convento con Altari stile Barocco
- Ruderì di Castello Aragonese con vista panoramica di sentieri che scendono verso la Costa Adriatica
- Museo della Battaglia di Ortona

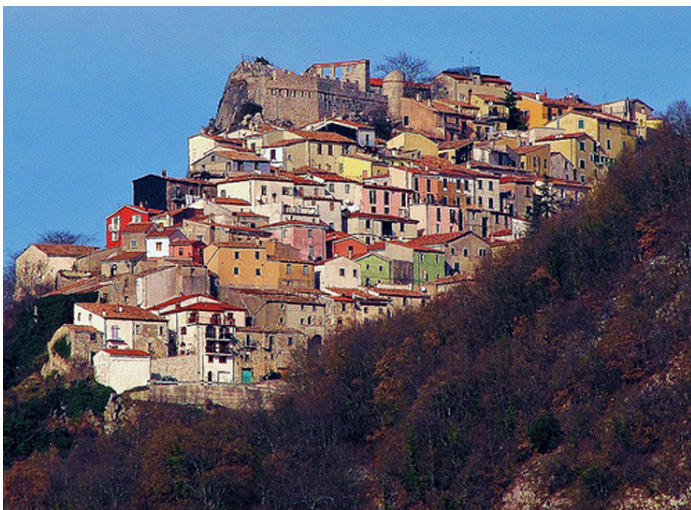
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- 20 gennaio: Festa di San Sebastiano
- 13 maggio: Festa del Perdono in onore di San Tommaso Apostolo.
- Luglio: La sagra del Prosciutto e Melone
- Agosto: Maggiolata. Festa con carri e canti folcloristici.

MIRANDA, PROVINCE OF ISERNIA, REGION OF MOLISE

By Nancy DeSanti

The picturesque small town of Miranda is in the province of Isernia in Molise and arises at the foot of Mt. Pietrerele, covered with a beautiful forest of oak trees called the "Bosco of San Leo."



The town has approximately 1,101 inhabitants. The name Miranda derives from the Latin gerund of the word mirare, meaning da ammirare (admire).

Miranda belonged to the feud of Isernia in Lombard times and then it was passed to the feud of Molise under the Norman and Swabian occupations. The first feudal lord was Andrea d'Isernia, belonging to the most powerful family in the region. In 1445, the lordship passed to the Di Somma family and then afterwards to the Caracciolo family, the last lords at the time when the feudal system was suppressed in 1806 was the Dei Medici.

Nowadays thanks to its beautiful scenic views, the town is developing a vibrant tourism industry. In August, an important art and photography exhibit takes place. To get an idea of the scenic beauty of Miranda, you can take a look at its spectacular waterfalls on YouTube... Truly breathtaking!! And you can do

yourself a favor and take a look at the colorful houses and panoramic splendor which can also be viewed on YouTube. It seems Miranda would be an idyllic vacation spot!!

What to See

- Church of Santa Lucia
- Church of Santa Maria Assunta, with inside sculptures by Colombo

Important Dates

- June 13: Feast of Saint Anthony of Padua, the patron saint
- August: Art and photography exhibit
- December 13: Feast of Santa Lucia

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MIRANDA, PROVINCIA D'ISERNIA, REGIONE MOLISE

Translated by Maddalena Borea

Il pittoresco villaggio di Miranda si trova in provincia di Isernia in Molise, e sorge ai piedi di Monte Pietrerele, coperto da un bellissimo bosco di querce, chiamato "Bosco di San Leo."

Conta poco più di 1.000 abitanti e il suo nome viene dal verbo latino Mirare. Miranda significa "Da ammirare".

In tempi lombardi appartenne alla contea di Isernia, e passò poi alla contea del Molise durante i domini normanni e svevi. Il primo Signore feudale fù Andrea d'Isernia, appartenente ad una delle famiglie più potenti della regione. Passò poi alla famiglia Di Somma e poi ai Caracciolo. Gli ultimi Signori furono i Dei Medici quando il sistema feudale fù abolito nel 1806.

Grazie alla sua incredibile posizione, l'industria turistica è oggi fiorente e promettente. Ogni anno nel mese di agosto si tiene a Miranda un'importante mostra fotografica. Per rendersi conto della bellezza scenica di questa cittadina e delle sue cascate si può visitare YouTube ...Semplicemente incantevole! Anche le sue belle case e lo splendore panoramico può essere osservato su YouTube. Miranda e' proprio un incantevole luogo di villeggiatura!

Attrazioni del luogo

- La Chiesa di Santa Lucia
- Chiesa di Santa Maria Assunta con sculture dell'artista Colombo

Date da ricordare

- 13 giugno: Festa di Sant'Antonio di Padova, Santo Patrono
- Agosto: Mostra di Arte e Fotografia
- 13 dicembre: Festa di Santa Lucia

SAVE THE DATES: AMHS CALENDAR FOR 2017

1. Sunday, January 29, 2017, 1:00pm, Casa Italiana. Presentation by Catherine Flumiani, First Counselor, Embassy of Italy, "Promoting the Italian Language – Italy's Rich Heritage"
2. Sunday, April 9, Casa Italiana, 1:00pm. Presentation by Ceil Lucas, Italian Language instructor at Casa Italiana, on her book "How I Got Here".
3. Sunday, May 21, Carmine's Restaurant, 1:00pm. Proposed presentation by Domenica Marchetti, food blogger and author of several cook books focusing on Italy and the region of Abruzzo.
4. Sunday, July 23, Casa Italiana, 1:00pm. Social meeting.
5. Ferragosto Picnic, Sunday, August 13, location, time and details TBD.
6. Sunday, September 24, Carmine's Restaurant, 1:00pm. Proposed presentation by Lynn Sorbara on medical research and wellness information.
7. Sunday, November 19, Casa Italiana, 1:00pm. Annual wine tasting.

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By Sarah Scott, AMHS Board Member

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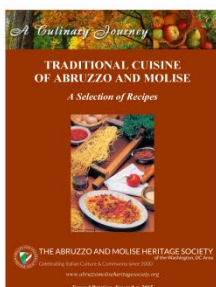
AMHS NOVEMBER 20, 2016 GENERAL SOCIETY MEETING



Top (left): Members of the AMHS nominating committee, from left, Lucio D'Andrea, Joe Novello, and Ennio DiTullio announcing three candidates for Board members. **Top (right):** A selection of home made wines.

Middle (left): Lucio D'Andrea and Maria D'Andrea-Yothers with guest speaker Tom Savage and guest/wine maker Jaison Harris. **Middle (right):** Another selection of home made wines.

Bottom (left): Sampling a large selection of home made wines. **Bottom (right):** AMHS members, from left, Lucio D'Andrea, Luciana Caleb, Maurizio Fontana, Roberto Severino, and Laura Gentile, with cheers of wine and homemade limoncello. (photos courtesy of Giovanni Sciannameo).



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❧ LUNCHEON MEETING ❧

“Promoting the Italian Language - Italy’s Rich Heritage”

By

Ms. Catherine Flumiani

First Counselor, Embassy of Italy

When: SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2017

Time: 1:00 p.m.

Location: Casa Italiana

595 Third Street, NW, Washington, DC

MENU: Lunch will be catered by Osteria da Nino, Shirlington, VA. Menu: mixed green salad; rice with mushrooms and parmigiano reggiano cream sauce; crispy brussel sprouts in a beet puree and roasted pistachios; chicken marsala with fingerling potatoes and carrots; cavatelli with lamb ragu; homemade focaccia; and dessert (tiramisu & cannoli siciliani). Beverages are included.

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