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**ATTENTION MEMBERS**

**NO GENERAL MEETINGS**

**JUNE & JULY, 2018**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**PICNIC**

July 8, 2018, Sunday

10:00 AM

Hidden Valley RV Park  
 844 NM-333  
 Tijeras, NM 87059  
 (505) 281-3363

Web site: <https://hiddenvally-rvpark.com/>

It's a potluck. Please bring a main dish, side dish or desert to feed 8 – 10 people. Meet at the picnic area.

For information: Joann Zito at 504-4789

Directions

1. Take I40 East.
2. Take Exit 178 toward Zuzax.
3. Turn right.
4. Turn left onto NM 333.
5. Hidden Valley Ranch is on the right behind the gas station.



**BOCCE TRAINING**

Bocce's basics can be traced back to games played in Egypt around 5000 BC.

**Lessons**

June 6, 13, 20, 27, 2018, Wednesday  
 9:45 am

N. Domingo Baca Park  
 7521 Carmel Ave NE, ABQ, NM  
 (505) 764-6475

**BOCCE TOURNAMENT**

June 16, 2018, Saturday  
 9:45 am

N. Domingo Baca Park

For Information: Joe Marchese  
 (505)



**2018 CALENDAR**

- Sept 9 – Picnic  
 N. Domingo Baca Park,  
 Albuquerque, NM
- Oct 7 – Spaghetтата  
 Albuquerque, NM
- Dec 9 – Christmas Dinner  
 Albuquerque, NM

See web site: [ClubCulturaleitaliano.org](http://ClubCulturaleitaliano.org)  
 for more events & information.



**BIRTHDAYS**

Dominick Lepore – June 8<sup>th</sup>  
Jack Coraci – June 12<sup>th</sup>  
Martin Crawford – June 19<sup>th</sup>  
Angela Pacelli – June 25<sup>th</sup>  
Cathy Paolino – June 29<sup>th</sup>

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Gabriel & Paula Papponi – June 10<sup>th</sup>

**GET WELL**

Our wishes and prayers for a swift recovery go to Joe Matonti, Jack Coraci, and Joe Marchese.

IF I HAVE MISSED ANYONE'S BIRTHDAY OR ANNIVERSARY, PLEASE LET ME KNOW.

**OUR MONTH'S THOUGHT**

For we walk by faith, not by sight “ 2 Corinthians 5:7

**DUES**

**Dues are payable on January 1, 2018 please mail your dues to our PO Box or bring them to our January 2018 meeting, we would love to see you there. Dues are \$50.00 for couples and \$25.00 for singles.**

**CLUB MEMBERS:**

If you would like to submit information (articles, recipes, news or other items) to Il Giornalino, please email it to:  
Jennifer Murphy  
Email: jenmurphyzq@yahoo.com  
Subject line: Information for Il Giornalino

Please be sure that all printed information submitted is legible and ready for print. No faxes will be accepted. **Deadline is the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.**

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- If you know of a member in need of a
- Get Well, Sympathy, any special
- occasion card, or just a phone call;
- please call **Jennifer Murphy** at 822-
- 1806
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- As the Club's Goodwill Ambassador,
- Jennifer will extend a greeting on our
- behalf.

## ITALIAN AMERICAN FATHERS & DAUGHTERS

Two women, Lorraine Mangione & Donna DiCello, have written a book "Daughters, Dads, and the Path through Grief... Tales from Italian America" about the relationship between Italian American fathers and daughters. It covers the whole trajectory of the relationship from childhood until after the father's death.

They interviewed 51 Italian American women, from ages 33 through 86. They wanted to know what Italian American women think of their fathers; what the fathers were like when they were children. They also wanted to know how the Italian American father-daughter relationship influenced the women throughout their lives.

### Early

Participants stated that throughout their childhood, their fathers were clearly central to their lives. They felt the importance of their relationship with their fathers. They recounted instances of shared activities that ranged from reading books to playing basketball. Many recalled these activities were marked by great affection and playfulness that sometimes included practical jokes. Most reported warm and close relationships in which they felt valued. Some fathers were particularly empathetic and compassionate.

Most participants reported receiving paternal support for their independence, interest in going to school and having a career. One participant told of her father taking her to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology to speak with the dean about college when she was very young. "It was a bit embarrassing" she said, "but stimulated her to think about getting a degree."

### Family

All the participants described their fathers as being "present and involved." Family was the center of the world for the fathers of most participants. Many saw their dads as family story-tellers and jokesters; wonderful sons to their elderly mothers; the fathers loved a good time with family on a Sunday afternoon at the park or during holiday dinners.

While many fathers worked long hours, and several were civic-oriented or spent time at Italian clubs, most had special traditions: going to church and then breakfast with just their daughters. Most of the women and their fathers had worked through tough times and were quite close.

The authors heard about fathers who worked hard and dreamed big. They generously gave to their families and their communities.

### Later Influence

Most women saw their father's influence extending throughout their lives. A lawyer's father always told her that she had "a good, strong background, nothing fancy but very solid." That stayed with her.

In adulthood, the daughters looked to their fathers for advice, values and their Italian heritage. One woman summed up what many expressed. "Italians ... have a sense of history and pride, and there's substance there." The authors resoundingly agree.

"Although parts of the book are definitely sad, or complicated, it is ultimately a celebration of the father daughter relationship, the importance of culture, and the bonds that remain even after death," Mangione said. For example, one daughter's father "visits" his daughter in dreams to talk over her most important decisions.

The women really validated what is called the "continuing bonds" view of loss, which means that the relationship does not end at death, that the relationship continues to be important and continues to be reworked. The authors felt they saw that over and over, and they felt this was the "Italian" in all the relationships.

There are stereotypes that Italian American fathers favor sons over daughters; dismiss education for daughters, and are punitive and harsh. Italian American fathers are rumored to be aloof and leave child-rearing to their wives. However, this study uncovered evidence that shattered these stereotypes. The evidence portrays Italian American men as real live human beings, with all their strengths and challenges. And their relationships with their daughters were close, loving, influential and rich in complexity.

So, let's salute the Italian American fathers. Let's wish them all a very Happy Father's Day.

Prepared by Jennifer Murphy

- [http://www.masslive.com/news/index.ssf/2015/12/northampton\\_psychologists\\_book.html](http://www.masslive.com/news/index.ssf/2015/12/northampton_psychologists_book.html)
- <https://www.antioch.edu/new-england/wp-content/uploads/sites/6/2017/01/Daughters-and-Dads-ItalianAmerica-magazine-article.pdf>

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