



# Club Culturale Italiano, Inc.

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## FEBRUARY 2018

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### HISTORY of ITALIANS IN ABQ

February 10, 2018, Saturday  
1:00 pm

Scalo Northern Italian Grill  
Cipriani Room  
3500 Central Ave., ABQ  
(505) 255-8781

Plan to attend Lynne Peckinpaugh's presentation on how Italians & their descendants have helped shape ABQ.



#### BOCCE TRAINING

Bocce is a Special Olympics sport. Try it.

February 7, 14, 21, 28, 2018,  
Wednesday  
2:00 pm  
N. Domingo Baca Park, ABQ

#### BOCCE TOURNAMENT

February 17, 2018, Saturday  
1:45 pm  
N. Domingo Baca Park, ABQ

#### OFFICERS & DIRECTORS ELECTION RESULTS

In November 2017, ballots were sent to all members, which were completed & returned. At the January 2018 meeting, the votes were tabulated. The elected Officers and Board Directors are listed below.

##### **Officers**

President – Joe Santangelo  
Vice President – Geraldine Coraci  
Treasurer – Anna Santangelo  
Secretary – Jennifer Murphy

##### **Board of Directors**

Chairperson – Joann Zito  
Director – Vito Coraci  
Director – Gerrie Lepore  
Director - Maria Albright  
Director - Lynne Peckinpaugh



### **2018 CALENDAR**

February 10 – July 29 – Da Vinci – the Genius, NM Natural History Museum  
<http://nmmaturalhistory.org/exhibits/>

March 13 - 18 - Italian Film & Culture Festival, Highland Theater, ABQ  
<http://www.italianfilmfest.org/>

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

### **ATTENTION MEMBERS**

#### GENERAL MEETING

**February 1, 2018**

**7:00 pm**

At the North Domingo Baca  
Multigenerational Center

#### NORTH DOMINGO BACA MULTIGENERATIONAL CENTER

7521 Carmel NE, Albuquerque, NM  
(505) 764-6475  
<http://northdomingo.weebly.com>

Beverages and dessert will be provided following the meeting.

#### Directions from I25 North

Take exit 232 towards Paseo Del Norte E  
Merge onto Pan American NE Frontage Rd

Turn first right onto Paseo Del Norte NE  
Turn left on Wyoming Blvd. NE  
Take the second left onto Carmel NE

#### Directions from I25 South

Take exit 232 towards Paseo Del Norte E  
Merge onto Pan American West Fwy NE  
Frontage Road South

Take the first left onto Paseo Del Norte E  
Turn left on to Wyoming Blvd. NE  
Take the second left on to Carmel NE

### **OUR MONTH'S THOUGHT**

"But let all who take refuge in thee rejoice, let them ever sing for joy; and do thou defend them, that those who love thy name may exult in thee." Psalms 5:11



**BIRTHDAYS**

Fausto del Fabbro – February 4<sup>th</sup>  
Joe Santangelo – February 10<sup>th</sup>  
John Wright – February 10<sup>th</sup>  
Regina Chaqvez – February 17<sup>th</sup>

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Connie & Charlie Santangelo – February 6<sup>th</sup>

**GET WELL**

Our wishes and prayers for a swift recovery go to Joe Matonti who had heart surgery and Joe Marchese who has been ill.

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

**NEW MEMBER**

We would like to welcome a new member, Eddie Castoria, M.A., J.D. He grew up in Albuquerque and then left for college. He has travelled the world for work. Now retired, he has returned to his home town. Let's make him feel at home.

**THANKS TO RETIRING OFFICERS & DIRECTORS**

We would like to thank the following members for their contributions and service to the Club. They are retiring from their positions as Officers or Board Directors.

Cindy DeLuca – Board Director  
Rosalba Maniaci – Board Director  
Angela Profera – Secretary

**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.**

The advertisement rate for Il Giornalino for non-members is \$50.00 per year.



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

As the Club's Goodwill Ambassador, Jennifer will extend a greeting on our behalf.

## VALENTINE'S DAY – ITALIAN STYLE

February, the month of Love, is every Italian's favorite month. In Italy, it is the only month in which more cards are sent than on Mother's Day. LOVE...Amore! Italians are in love with love. Let's see how they celebrate romance.

### City Celebrations

Verona in Love 2017



Florence and Venice are traditionally considered to be two of the most romantic places in Italy, but Verona is one of the top places for romance. Verona celebrates Valentine's Day with a four-day celebration of events designated "Verona in Love." In the center of Piazza dei Signori a giant red heart is painted on the street and illuminated heart-shaped lanterns are featured throughout the city center. Free concerts with romantic themes take place in Piazza dei Signori and there is a contest for the most beautiful letter written to Juliet. Local restaurants feature specially priced menus.

In the City of Turin, betrothed couple used to announce their engagement on the Valentine's Day. In the town of Terni, there is a month long festival of events related to the patron saint of love. Events include special Masses, art exhibitions, concerts, poetry readings, sporting events and fireworks. Terni also hosts an international marathon, usually not considered an Italian romantic tradition.

### Recreate Romance - How Italians Celebrate

Padlocks of love



Italian couples celebrate Valentine's Day like many American couples do. They usually go out for dinners at restaurants. They send cards. There is a strong tradition to exchange gifts like rose, perfume, and chocolates. Sounds a little boring doesn't it.

However, a new romantic tradition has started in Italy. Sweethearts profess their love for each other all year round by engraving an inscription on padlocks along with their names. They lock these padlocks or "lucchetti" to bridges, railings and lampposts, throwing away the key in the river below. This activity suggests that the couple will be in connected eternally. The tradition began about four years ago after the release of the best-selling book "Ho voglio di te" (I want you) by the Italian author Federico Moccia.

Rome authorities have issued a decree that the thousands of padlocks on the Ponte Milvio must be removed. In Venice the authorities removed hundreds of locks from the Accademia Bridge and announced their intent to do the same on the Rialto Bridge over the Grand Canal. In Florence police removed more 5,000 padlocks from the Ponte Vecchio.

Many cities have placed bans on having these locks on bridges. It is a criminal offense to lock padlocks on bridges. Nevertheless this doesn't stop this activity; the padlocks continue to appear anywhere they can be attached. Love conquers all seems to apply here as it is a losing battle with the Italian authorities.

Prepared by Jennifer Murphy

- <http://www.stvalentinesday.org/valentines-day-in-italy.html>
- <http://www.italys-villa.com/a-taste-of-italy/>
- <https://www.lagazzettaitaliana.com/heritage/7696-italian-lovers-celebrate-valentine-s-day>

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