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UPCOMING EVENTS



ITALIAN CULTURE & LANGUAGE GROUP

**APRIL 7, 2019, SATURDAY
2:00 PM**

**Mimi's Cafe
4316 The 25 Way NE, ABQ**

Linda Sassano Higgins will present a talk, "The Secrets of Florence." Linda is a licensed, professional tour guide specializing in the city of Florence.

2019 CALENDAR

June – Picnic
 Hidden Valley RV Park
 844-NM333, Tijeras, NM
 (505) 281-3363.
 Date to be determined.

September – Picnic
 N. Domingo Baca Park
 7521 Carmel Ave NE, Abq
 (505) 764-6475
 Date to be determined.

**ATTENTION MEMBERS
GENERAL MEETING**

April 4, 2019, 7:00 pm

**NORTH DOMINGO BACA
MULTIGENERATIONAL CENTER**
 7521 Carmel NE, Albuquerque, NM

Beverages & dessert will be provided.



BOCCE

BOCCE PRACTICE

April 4, 11, 18, 25, 2019, Thursdays, 2:00 pm

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

Bring your own Bocce balls.

BOCCE TOURNAMENT

April 20, 2019, Saturday
 2:00 pm

N. Domingo Baca Park

Information: Call Joe Marchese 294-6988

THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

04/12/753 BC – Rome was founded.

04/7/529 – The Codex Justinianus, which attempted to consolidate and reconcile contradictions in Roman law, was promulgated.

04/15/1452 – Leonardo da Vinci is born.

04/30/1989 – Sergio Leone, inventor of the Spaghetti western, dies of a heart attack

EASTER IN FLORENCE

Florence celebrates Easter with a bang, literally. On Easter morning, Florence holds a traditional ceremony, the Scoppio del Carro or the Explosion of the Cart, in the Piazza del Duomo between Florence's cathedral and its Baptistery. The ceremony dates back over 350 years, and today the ceremony is celebrated in the way it has been celebrated for centuries.



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flowers, slowly pull the wagon from its warehouse through the streets of Florence into the square.

Once in place, a metal wire is stretched from the cart to the high altar in the cathedral, and a mechanical dove called "La Colombina" is set on the wire. It is a rocket shaped like a dove.



<https://www.visitflorence.com/>

Within the cathedral, the recital of the Mass begins. Starting around 10am, a priest rubs Pazzino's three flints together until they spark and light the Easter candle; this, in turn, is used to light some coals which are placed in a container on the Cart and the procession delivers the Holy Fire to the Archbishop of Florence before Santa Maria del Fiore, better known as the Duomo. From the cathedral's altar, at around 11 am, when the "Gloria" is sung inside the church, the Archbishop uses the fire to light the dove.



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The dove speeds toward the cart with a whistling sound. The dove suddenly hits the cart, lighting the fireworks and setting off a thrilling pyrotechnic display. The crowd cheers as cart spills over with colorful sparks and billowing smoke, while the square rings with the sound of popping fireworks. The Colombina then returns to the altar. According to tradition, if all of the fireworks go off and if the Colombina returns all the way back to the altar, good luck is ensured for a good harvest for this year as well as for the city and its citizens

How the Tradition Started

This tradition finds its origins in events that are partly historic and partly legendary. A young Florentine named Pazzino, a member of the noble Pazzi family, apparently took part in the First Crusade in the Holy Land in 1099, where he gave ample proof of his courage. He was the first to scale the walls of Jerusalem and raise the Christian banner. When he returned to Florence, he brought back three flints from the Holy Sepulchre that he received for his act of courage. The three flints are today preserved in the Church of SS. Apostoli.

References

- <https://www.visitflorence.com/florence-events/explosion-of-the-cart-easter.html>
- <https://www.visitflorence.com/florence-events/easter-sunday-and-monday-in-florence.html>

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WELCOME

CCI would like to welcome a new member, Nancy Verna living in Rio Rancho.

BIRTHDAYS

- Anna Santangelo – April 11th
- Rose Coraci – April 12th
- Dennis Peckinpaugh – April 22nd
- John Paolino – April 23rd
- Ann Wright – April 23rd
- Cynthia De Luca – April 26th

ANNIVERSARIES

GET WELL

Our wishes and prayers for a swift recovery go to Joe Marchese who fell, Josephine Coraci who is recovering from an operation and those who are ill.

OUR MONTH'S THOUGHT

“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life” John 3:16

DUES

Please don't forget to pay your dues on January 1, 2019. We depend on the dues. Please mail your dues to our PO Box or bring them to our January 2019 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 15th 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
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- As the Club's Goodwill Ambassador,
- Jennifer will extend a greeting on our
- behalf.

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