

Casa Italiana

NAZARETH COLLEGE OF ROCHESTER * FALL 2004

Introducing the Casa's Newest Addition:

The Dominic J. Parrone Bocce Court

The Casa Italiana hosted the inauguration of the Dominic J. Parrone Bocce Court on Friday, May 21. The Parrone Bocce Court was donated to the Casa by Parrone Engineering on behalf of its founder, Mr. Domenic J. Parrone, with generous contributions from Waterford Tilling and Resurface Inc. The event included an hors d'oeuvre reception with the Parrone Family and Casa Italiana members. After the reception, attendees enjoyed a ribbon cutting ceremony followed by a lively game of bocce.

"This wonderful gift is a fitting way to honor Dominic Parrone," said Casa Director Stella Plutino-Calabrese. "It provides a setting for members of the Casa and Nazareth community to come together for relaxation and enjoyment. It also gives this traditional Italian sport a permanent place on the Nazareth College campus."

Mr. Parrone attended the ceremony held in his honor along with his wife Mary. Other family members attending included their children Edward G. and his wife Mary Kay Parrone, Dennis and Theresa Parrone, Paul and Miriam Parrone, Patty and Robert Tobin, Mark and Lisa Parrone, and Mary Jo and Thomas Faticone.

The evening ended with a wonderful opera concerto with tenor Stefano Algieri. Attendees were swept away with Algieri's beautiful performance accompanied by soprano Susan Cotroneo and pianist Isabelle Aubin. The tenor has performed at opera houses throughout the world since his 1977 debut, including the Metropolitan Opera, the Opéra Bastille in Paris, New York City Opera, and Staatsoper in Vienna.

Use of the Parrone Bocce Court is limited to Casa Italiana members and



Dominic Parrone, left, cuts the ribbon to officially inaugurate the bocce court named in his honor, surrounded by his family and friends.



With an attentive crowd watching, the first game is played on the new court. Left to right: Nazareth College President Robert Miller, Casa Italiana Director Stella Plutino-Calabrese, Dominic's son Edward Parrone, recently retired Nazareth Vice President for Finance Steve LaSalle, and Dominic Parrone.

the Nazareth community, and reservations must be made. For information or to reserve the court, please call the Casa at 585-389-2468.

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Mission Statement

The Casa Italiana of Nazareth College is a center for studying, appreciating, and celebrating the Italian and Italian American experience.

Cari Amici,

Can it be time to plan for fall activities at the Casa already? It is, and we have many that you will undoubtedly enjoy. From our first "Casino Night" to the ever-popular film series, we are offering events to whet any appetite. Particularly strong this fall are our artistic offerings, with the seventh *Festeggiamo le Arti* exhibit opening in September, as well as solo exhibits by two of our favorite artists: Carol Acquilano and Dan Neuberger. Our class schedule offers a wide range of activities for young and old alike, and we have several events to celebrate the holidays.

We are particularly excited by the addition of the new Dominic J. Parrone Bocce Court. It was dedicated with a grand reception and ceremony in May, and has now become a vital part of the Casa Italiana. Nestled in the grass hollow next to the Casa, the Parrone Bocce Court is a permanent reminder of this gracious game on the Nazareth campus. We're in the process of creating guidelines for the Court, which will be available for use by all Casa members and the Nazareth community. We'd ask you to call us to reserve a playing time. We hope that you enjoy this new addition to our facilities.

We also want to send out our thanks to the Frank DiMino Family Endowment Fund. Because of the generous support of Mr. DiMino, we will be able to host a beautiful concert every year celebrating Italian music. We are grateful, as well, to the Zollo family, our long-time supporters of *Festeggiamo*. Without our many friends, we could not continue these and other education and outreach programs. Thanks to all of you for your interest in the Casa. We wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, *Vi auguro un Buon Natale e un Felice Anno Nuovo*, and look forward to continuing to work in partnership with you to build a strong future for the Casa Italiana. *Grazie e a presto.*

Stella Plutino-Calabrese

Stella Plutino-Calabrese
Director, Casa Italiana

**Una serata di musica:
An Evening with the Music of Italy**

Sponsored by the Frank DiMino Family Foundation

On Saturday, November 20 at 8:00 p.m. the Casa Italiana will celebrate Italian music at the Nazareth College Arts Center's Callahan Theater. In a performance dedicated to Casa friend and supporter Frank DiMino, conductor Raffaele Ponti will present excerpts from Italian operas and popular Neapolitan songs.

Generous gifts to the Casa from the Frank DiMino Family Foundation will enable future generations to enjoy a broad range of the culture that has made Italy a center of art and music for centuries — both for Italians, and for all those who appreciate beauty.

Frank DiMino, a native of Grotte, Italy, arrived in America with his parents when he was eight years old. A well-respected leader in the Rochester business community, he is the owner of DiMino Enterprises. DiMino is active in many local philanthropic groups, including the Casa Italiana and Rochester Italian Charities. "Frank understands clearly the importance of passing on the wisdom and beauty of our Italian heritage to a new generation," said Casa Director Stella Plutino-

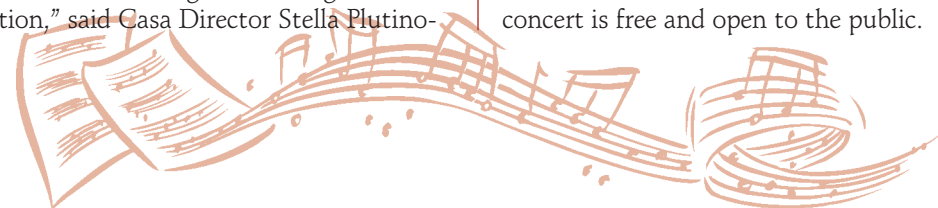
Calabrese. "We're truly grateful for his support and for his friendship."

According to the *Chicago Courier News*, "Ponti is a rising star, someone gaining international acclaim and attention. He has a tremendous zest for music, an exuberance recalling both the roar and rush of a roller coaster ride." He has conducted symphony and opera performances throughout the United States, Canada and Europe. Maestro Ponti is the music director and conductor of Italia Konzert Opera, the Genesee Valley Orchestra and Chorus, Genesee Symphony, Nazareth College Orchestra and artistic and music director of Festival di Musica da Camera in Torre de'Passeri, Pescara.

We hope that you will join us for this extravagant evening of some of Italy's most beautiful music, in honor of one of the Casa's most treasured friends. This concert is free and open to the public.



Frank DiMino



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Help Spread the Word

Do you have a friend or associate who might like to receive information on the Casa Italiana's programs? Let us know by calling 389-2468 or e-mail us at casa@naz.edu and we'll be glad to send them a copy of our newsletter.

NEW! HOTLINE NUMBER

For up-to-date information on upcoming programs or classes, call our new program hot-line at **585-389-2464** or visit us on the Web at www.naz.edu/dept/casa_italiana/

**Chef Venturo:
The Italian Influence on French Cuisine**

Did you know that the "Florentine" flair of French cuisine was a result of the marriage of Caterina de Medici to the soon-to-be-King Henri II of France? Caterina brought with her to the French court an entourage of Italian cooks who introduced cakes, cream puffs, artichokes, broccoli and peas along with menus and table manners, including cutlery for individual use. This Italian influence marked the beginning of the haute cuisine of France.

Rochester's own award-winning chef, John A. Venturo of the Martini Grille, will share his culinary knowledge at the Casa when he hosts a tasting on Sunday, October 10 at 3:00 p.m. in the LeChase lounge. Chef Venturo will offer us a taste of the Italian influence on French cuisine.

Chef Venturo will demonstrate the preparation of several different dishes and will invite the audience to taste. A graduate of the Culinary Institute of America, Chef Venturo is a Certified Executive Chef of the American Culinary Federation and a member of the invitation-only American Academy

of Chefs. He was selected the Chef of the Year for Rochester in 1994. He has served as Executive Chef at the Sheraton University Inn and Conference Center in Syracuse, The Hilton Inn in Syracuse, The Airport Marriott in Rochester and The Thousand Islands Club and Conference Center on Wellesley Island. He was the chef-owner of Les Belles Gourmandes for 12 years, which he re-opened as The Martini Grille four years ago. Chef Venturo has also shared his knowledge with the next generation of chefs, as a teacher in the adult education program in Oneida County.

Cost for attendance at this delectable program is \$25. Reservations and information are available by calling the Casa Italiana at (585) 389-2466.

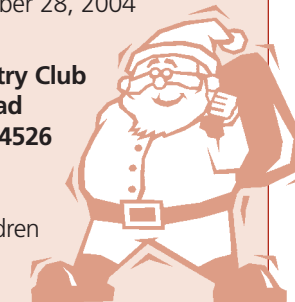


E' Natale alla Casa!

**Social Committee
Christmas Brunch**

Sunday, November 28, 2004
at 11:00 a.m.

Midvale Country Club
2387 Baird Road
Penfield, NY 14526



Adults and children are invited to this joyous occasion. Children are entertained with face painting, a visit by jolly old Santa Claus, and the traditional story of *La Befana* — the old woman who is still searching for the Christ child, and leaves sweets and chocolates in the stockings of well-behaved children.

For reservations or more information, contact chairperson Margaret Zanghi at (585) 377-7291.

*Supported by the
Sam and Rose Spoleta Fund*

**Social Committee
Community Service**

On Wednesday, November 17, 2:30-4:00 p.m., the Social Committee, under the direction of Sonia Cannito, will bring desserts and the music of Marco Amadio to the residents of Heather Heights of Pittsford, 160 W. Jefferson Road, Pittsford.

AND SPECIAL THANKS TO:

Mark Martino and family of Modern Kitchens of Syracuse (MKS) for donating an electric stove to the Casa Italiana. Thanks to this gift, the Casa will be able to create new programs on celebrating the exquisite Italian cuisine. Mille grazie!

**Casa Italiana
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SAVE THE DATE

CASA ITALIANA CASINO NIGHT!



On Friday, October 29 at 7:00 p.m. the Casa Italiana will have its first-ever Casino Night at Casa Larga Vineyards in Fairport, New York.

This event will have fine food, games, prizes, and casino stations if you wish to try your luck at blackjack or any other casino favorites.

Don't forget to mark your calendar for this exciting opportunity. For more information or to reserve your place at the gaming table, call the Casa at (585) 389-2468.

Holiday Gift Ideas from the Casa Italiana

This holiday season, keep the spirit of our heritage alive among your family and friends with these special gift ideas from the Casa Italiana.

- Consider giving a family member or friend a membership gift to the Casa Italiana. The individual will receive a nicely wrapped box with a note card acknowledging your thoughtfulness. Their membership will entitle them to receive news about Casa Italiana's programs as well as special discounts on some programs and classes offered in the coming year.
- Is there someone in the family who is interested in learning Italian? Surprise them with a gift certificate for an Italian class next year. They will learn in a relaxed, supportive atmosphere. Give the gift of education – a gift that will stay with them forever.

Buone Feste e Auguri!

Outstanding in Her Field: The Landscape Art of Carol Acquilano

She sits on the grass with the light of the sun behind her, working on a landscape carefully placed in front of her. With thick, careful lines she sketches out the scenery. Soon, Carol Acquilano will once again have created her own unique interpretation of nature's beauty. This winter, some of that beauty will be featured at an exhibit of the artist's work in the Casa Italiana LeChase Lounge.

A painter, printmaker and bookbinder, Carol was educated at the School of the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, and has a bachelor of arts from Empire State College. In 1981, she spent a semester in Cortona, Italy as a scholarship winner through the University of Georgia. Since then she has traveled extensively in Europe and Italy.

Carol's recognitions include grants from the Ludwig Vogelstein Foundation, the Constance Saltonstall Foundation and the Arts and Cultural Council of Rochester. She has been an artist in residence at both the University of Georgia Studies



Abroad Program and at the Art Complex Museum in Duxbury, Massachusetts.

For her show at the Casa Italiana, Carol will present landscapes from various locations in Rochester, Linwood Gardens in Pavilion, and Duxbury, Massachusetts. "Using traditional drawing media and sumi-e inks, these works represent a three-year intense focus on the study of values," explains the artist.

Please join us for an opening reception with the artist on Sunday, November 7 at 3:00 in the Casa Italiana LeChase Lounge. The show will remain open until Friday, January 7.

I giardini all'italiana (Italian Style Gardens)

Please join us on Friday, October 15th at 5:30 p.m. at the Casa's LeChase Lounge, as Professor Andrea Mariani presents a lecture on Italian style gardens.

Mariani is a faculty member of the Department of Literature at *Università di Roma* and is also an associate professor in the Foreign Languages and Literature Department at the *Università G. D'Annunzio in Pescara*, Italy where he specializes in Anglo-American literature.

We hope that you will attend this informative lecture, which is free and open to the public.

A joint program of Casa Italiana and the Nazareth College Department of Modern Foreign Languages and Literatures-Italian.

JOIN US FOR AN

Open House all'Italiana!

Come and sample authentic Italian food, play a game of bocce in our new Dominic J. Parrone Bocce Court and enjoy an afternoon of beautiful Italian music.



Thursday, September 16 • 3:30-5:00 p.m.
Casa Italiana LeChase Lounge and Courtyard
Free and open to the public

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ITALIAN LANGUAGE AND CULTURE CLASSES AT

Casa Italiana

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A gift from the Italian American community of greater Rochester, the Casa Italiana was established on the Nazareth College campus in 1978 as a center of Italian language, literature, and culture for both students and the general public.

To register for these classes, please call the Casa Italiana at (585) 389-2468 or visit us on the web at www.naz.edu/dept/casa_italiana/

Venite a parlare! **LEVEL I**

This course is designed for those who want to learn and practice the basics of the Italian language while also exploring interesting aspects of Italian culture. Emphasis will be on providing the student with a beginner's knowledge of Italian through situational contexts. Basic conversation skills and grammar will be covered. A great class for anyone planning to travel to Italy.

10 Tuesday sessions, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
September 21, 28
October 5, 12, 19, 26
November 2, 9, 16, 23
Instructor: Bruna Furguele
\$145.00 for members
\$155.00 for non-members
Arts Center, Room 137

Venite a parlare! **LEVEL II**

In this course students who have taken *Venite a Parlare!* Level I, or with equivalent language competence, will develop greater familiarity with informal and formal Italian. More complex syntax and vocabulary will be introduced. Plenty of conversation relating to daily contemporary Italian life will be included.

10 Monday sessions, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
September 20, 27
October 4, 11, 18, 25
November 1, 8, 15, 22
Instructor: TBD
\$145.00 for members
\$155.00 for non-members
Arts Center, Room 137

Venite a parlare! **LEVEL III**

In this course students who have taken *Venite a Parlare!* Level II, or those with equivalent language competence, will develop even greater familiarity with informal and formal Italian. More complex syntax and vocabulary will be introduced. The focus is a complete immersion into contemporary Italian language and culture by incorporating plenty of conversation that relates to daily life scenarios. Not only will topics of conversation include routine activities, but discussions of topics that concern Italian society today. This course is ideal for those who have participated in *Venite a Parlare!*, but also those who have not and want to continue on with their Italian studies.

10 Wednesday sessions, 7:00-9:00 pm
September 22, 29
October 6, 13, 20, 27
November 3, 10, 17,
December 1
Instructor: Elisabetta D'Amanda
\$145.00 for members
\$155.00 for non-members
Casa Italiana LeChase Lounge



Il Circolo

This Fall surround yourself in the warmth and splendor of Italy by joining our *Circolo* (circle) of Casa friends for an interesting, stimulating and fun approach to learning about the Italian language and culture. Through discussions, readings, music, slides, film and more, you will immerse yourself in the finest that Italy has to offer while making new friends who share your passion for things Italian. You will work on your conversation skills while improving language basics and learning expressions that are used in Italy. Our *Circolo* is perfect for those who want to connect with their Italian American heritage as well as for those who are preparing for or returning from a trip to Italy and want to share their experiences with others.

8 Wednesday sessions,
10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
September 22
October 6, 20, 27
November 3, 10, 17
December 1
Instructor: Elisabetta D'Amanda
\$50.00 for members
\$60.00 for non-members
Casa Italiana LeChase Lounge



La cucina italiana

Italy is considered one of the culinary capitals of the world. Each of its great cities exhibits its own identity and its own exciting and colorful cuisine. In this class, **Bernardina Masci**, a professional cook and native Italian, will prepare for you some of the regional cuisine that has made the Italian kitchen justly

famous. Sample and learn how to make some of the traditional homemade recipes as you would in an Italian home. The splendor of Italy and the wonders of its kitchen await you. Buon Appetito!

8 Tuesday sessions, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
October 12, 19, 26
November 2, 9, 16, 30
December 7
Instructor: Bernardina Masci
\$120.00 for members
\$130.00 for non-members
Casa Italiana LeChase Lounge

OR

8 Thursday sessions, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
October 14, 21, 28
November 4, 11, 18
December 2, 9
Instructor: Bernardina Masci
\$120.00 for members
\$130.00 for non-members
Casa Italiana LeChase Lounge

In giro per l'Italia (Touring Italy)

Enjoy traveling to a place that you have never been to before but with the ease and familiarity of wandering in your own hometown. This class teaches you the secrets of traveling in Italy like a native. This series of short clinics will highlight local customs and travel techniques that will ensure a pleasure-filled vacation with lasting memories and a desire to return. This class will focus on the Tuscany and Veneto regions with side trips to other regions. The class will include learning some basic conversation skills and grammar. It will also incorporate phrases that you will use in hotels, restaurants, museums and general interaction. Traveling in Italy is always fun, but this class will give you the skills to make it even better.

4 Thursday sessions, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
September 30,
October 7, 14, 21
Instructor: Katherine Sayer
\$45.00 for members
\$55.00 for non-members
Casa Italiana LeChase Lounge

CHILDREN'S CLASSES

Musica Maestro!

Ages 12 months through 3 years, with parent (or adult).

Using musical activities, and listening and repeating Italian words and songs, the young students of this course will be able to understand the meaning of words, simple phrases, and sentences. Movement to music, singing, dancing and simple rhythmic instrument playing will enhance the class experience.

8 Saturday sessions,
10:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
September 18, 25
October 2, 16, 30 (skip 9 & 23)
November 6, 13, 20
Instructor: Maria Hancock
\$75.00 per child. (Casa members may register a second child for \$65.00)
Arts Center, Room 72

A scholarship program is available for this course for those who qualify.

L'Italiano per i piccoli I

Designed for children ages 4-7, this course will introduce students to the Italian language and culture through music, games, songs, visual material and stories. In a fun and supportive environment, children will build their vocabulary through a variety of hands-on activities and exercises. Class supplies and a snack will be provided.

6 Saturday sessions,
10:30 a.m.-12:00 noon
September 25
October 2, 9, 16, 23 (skip 30)
November 6
Instructors: Elisabetta D'Amanda and Irene Forgens Hammons
\$110 per child (Casa Italiana members may register a second child for \$80)
Casa Italiana LeChase Lounge

A scholarship program is available for this course for those who qualify.



L'Italiano per i piccoli II

Using a variety of fun activities including games, songs, foods, holiday traditions and visual material, children ages 8-11 will have the opportunity to continue to build their knowledge of Italian language and culture. Students

Please fill out both sides of the registration form, tear along perforation, and mail.

will learn simple phrases and build their vocabulary using methods that are fun and creative. This class is open to children of all skill levels, from beginner to advanced. Class supplies and a snack will be provided.

6 Saturday sessions, 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.
September 25
October 2, 9, 16, 23 (skip 30)
November 6
Instructors: Elisabetta D'Amanda and Irene Forgens Hammons
\$130 per child (Casa Italiana members may register a second child for \$100)
Casa Italiana LeChase Lounge

A scholarship program is available for this course for those who qualify.

Il Coro Italiano

Does your child like to sing? How about enrolling him or her into our "Il Coro Italiano" (The Italian Choir). What

better way for your child to be able to sing and learn Italy's most popular children's songs? This class is coordinated by Maria Hancock, a native of Italy, who has many years of experience in leading children's choirs both in Italy and the U.S. This class is open to children aged 4 to 13.

6 Monday sessions, 4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.
September 27
October 4, 11, 18, 25
November 1, 8, 15
Instructor: Maria Hancock
\$60 per child (Casa Italiana members may register a second child for \$50)
Casa Italiana LeChase Lounge

* Students enrolled in the class may be selected to take part in a recording for a CD featuring Italian children's songs.

A scholarship program is available for this course for those who qualify.

REGISTRATION FORM

As you register for classes, consider becoming a member of the Casa Italiana and enjoy the benefits immediately!

Benefits include:

- The Casa Italiana Newsletter, published twice a year
- Special invitations to Casa-sponsored events and programs
- Trips and social events
- Discounts on selected programs
- Access to the Casa's reading room
- The joy of continued interest in the language and culture of Italy

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone (home): _____

Phone (work): _____

e-mail: _____

For Musica Maestro, L'italiano per i piccoli I & II, L'italiano, and Il Coro Italiano,

please include child's name and date of birth: _____

Please make checks payable to Casa Italiana and mail to:

Casa Italiana of Nazareth College
4245 East Avenue
Rochester, New York 14618

If you have questions, please give us a call at (585) 389-2468.

Refund policy for Casa Italiana:

A full refund is given in the event that we must cancel a class. If you cancel three days before the first class, you will be refunded all but \$20. If you cancel less than three days before the first class and before the second class, you will be refunded 50 percent of the class fee, minus \$20. No refunds will be given after the second class meeting.

Please register for individual classes on reverse side. →

Calling all Lovers of Italian Music!

The Casa will be producing a CD featuring local youngsters singing Italian children's songs, to be available in 2005. We are currently looking for donors to help us underwrite the cost of this CD. If you would like to be involved in this worthwhile project, please contact Stella Plutino-Calabrese at 389-2465. We will also be auditioning children for the CD this spring — if you'd like to have your child considered for participation, please contact the Casa.



Calling all Casa Members and Friends of the Casa

During the month of November we will be calling **YOU** during our annual Phonathon to ask for your support of the Casa Italiana for the 2004-2005 year.

Please keep in mind that your membership support enables us to continue offering a broad variety of high quality public programs, helping us all gain a deeper

appreciation of the Italian cultural heritage.

If you are not a contributor, please join us and other members of the Casa Italiana in supporting Italian language and culture in our community. *Grazie!*



REMEMBER THE CASA

One way you can help ensure a strong future for the Casa Italiana's unique educational mission is by remembering the Casa Italiana in your will. If you are drafting or revising your will, keep the Casa in mind. Remembering the Casa now can make all the difference in the future.

For more information about planning your gift to the Casa Italiana, contact:

Stella Plutino-Calabrese
Director, Casa Italiana
585-389-2465

or

Kelly Gagan
Nazareth College
Director of Development
585-389-2411

at: Nazareth College • 4245 East Ave. • Rochester, NY 14618

Ciao, Italia: Photography by Dan Neuberger

"The first time I visited Italy, as a six year old," remembers Dan Neuberger, "I fell spectacularly, hopelessly, and permanently in love with that beautiful and friendly country." Neuberger's love of the country he has since visited several times will be evident to anyone who views his fall show at the Casa Italiana.

Dan Neuberger's photography is well known to Rochesterians, as well as to lovers of fine photography throughout the country. His work can be found in the permanent collections of the Herbert F. Johnson Museum, Picker Art Gallery, and SUNY at Stony Brook. He has received numerous awards throughout New York State, including a best of show in 2000 at the Chautauqua National Exhibition of American Art (against 900 entries); three gold medals at the Kodak International Salon of Photography; and best of show at the Western Central New York Invitational at the Everson Museum in Syracuse in both 1982 and 1983.

The artist, a research scientist at Kodak Research Laboratories, has been fortunate in finding both a profession



and a vocation that allow him to pursue his two related loves: the scientific and the aesthetic aspects of photography. "Probably the most important facet of photography, and the one that gives me the greatest joy, is that it has made me much more aware of the world around me," he says. "With my images, I hope to influence people, to awaken them to observation, so that they, too, will seek visual enjoyment from the world around them."

Please join us at the Casa's LeChase Lounge for an opening reception with this exemplary artist on Sunday, September 26 at 3:00 p.m. The exhibit of his photographs will run through Friday, November 5.

Course listing & membership. Please check the courses for which you are registering:

Casa Italiana Membership

A one year family membership in the Casa is only \$50 — and is also a great gift idea. For those living outside the Rochester area, an Associate Membership is available for \$35. Please enclose separate payment for membership.

Number of memberships: _____

Amount enclosed: _____

Venite a parlare, level I

Casa members: \$145 Non-members: \$155

No. attending: _____ Amt. \$ _____

Venite a parlare, level II

Casa members: \$145 Non-members: \$155

No. attending: _____ Amt. \$ _____

Venite a parlare, level III

Casa members: \$145 Non-members: \$155

No. attending: _____ Amt. \$ _____

Il Circolo

Casa members: \$50 Non-members: \$60

No. attending: _____ Amt. \$ _____

La cucina italiana

Casa members: \$120 Non-members: \$130

No. attending: _____ Amt. \$ _____

In giro per l'Italia (Touring Italy)

Casa members: \$45 Non-members: \$55

No. attending: _____ Amt. \$ _____

Musica Maestro!

\$75 per child

No. attending: _____ Amt. \$ _____

Casa members may register a second child for \$65

L'italiano per i piccoli I

\$110 per child

No. attending: _____ Amt. \$ _____

Casa members may register a second child for \$80

L'italiano per i piccoli II

\$130 per child

No. attending: _____ Amt. \$ _____

Casa members may register a second child for \$100

Il Coro Italiano

\$60 per child

No. attending: _____ Amt. \$ _____

Casa members may register a second child for \$50.

It's Time to DEAL THE DECK
at the SOCIAL COMMITTEES

Card Party Luncheon!

Monday, October 4 at 11:00 a.m. • Midvale Country Club
2387 Baird Road • Penfield, NY 14526

There will be plenty of door prizes and raffles. If you're not a card player, please consider joining us for an exquisite lunch and afternoon of fun.

Tickets will go fast for this well-attended event. For reservations or more information contact chairperson Arline Liberti at (585) 671-5713.

Italian Beadwork Showcased at the Casa

On Sunday, December 5th from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Linda Lawrence, owner of BELLA Beads, will sell jewelry at the Casa Italiana which she makes in the Italian (Murano) tradition. Linda uses techniques such as *latticino*, *murrine* and *filigrana*. She teaches art in the Greece School District and teaches flameworking at her home studio in Irondequoit. Her work can be found at art festivals and galleries around Upstate New York. Recently, Linda gave a presentation at the Casa demonstrating some of her techniques.

Christmas Mass in Italian

Sunday, December 12 at 1:00 p.m.

At the Linehan Chapel of the new Golisano Academic Center (Formerly the SSJ Motherhouse)

Celebrated by Fr. Michael Costanzo



Music provided by
Coro Beatini (Beatini Choir).

A reception at the Casa Italiana will follow the Mass. Open to the public.

Casa Italiana Director travels to Italy with the RPYO



Stella Plutino-Calabrese with RPYO Music Director and Conductor Dr. David Harman.

In April 2004 the Rochester Philharmonic Youth Orchestra traveled to Italy to perform in four cities. Casa Director Stella Plutino-Calabrese traveled with 176 people, which included members of the Rochester Philharmonic Youth Orchestra and their families. The youth orchestra performed in locations including Salsomaggiore Terme, Cento, Imola and Universita' di Roma-La Sapienza. This was a first visit to Italy for many performers. The trip couldn't have been scheduled at a more beautiful time in Italy — Easter Week. According to Plutino-Calabrese, "I was honored to have been asked to be one of the companions for their trip, and thrilled to travel with such talented performers and their families to one of the most beautiful countries in the world."

FILMS AT THE CASA

By Dr. Frank Lanzafame

The Fall 2004 Film Series will consist of films which continue our examination of Italian life and culture. Francesco Rosi, the director of two of our films, has said that "cinema bears witness to, and is a mirror of, the society and reality which produce it." Join us as we take another look into this mirror Sunday afternoons at 4:00 p.m. in the Casa Italiana. The series is free of charge and open to the public.

Tre Fratelli (Three Brothers), 1981

*Directed by Francesco Rosi
Sunday, September 19*

In Italian with English subtitles, 113 min.

This beautiful film was nominated for an Academy Award for Best Foreign Film. Three brothers, who had emigrated from their hometown in Puglia to Naples, Rome, and Turin, are summoned for the funeral of their mother. Regional and class conflicts manifest themselves in the relationships of the three brothers. The father, Donato, lives in a world different from his sons. A man of faith, he has no part of the Northern/Southern Italian class conflicts. Remaining home, he has retained his values. While the brothers bicker, Donato and his young granddaughter explore the rhythms of the farm and grieve together. She brings out her grandfather's character, so representative of traditional values

Il Piccolo Mondo di Don Camillo (The Little World of Don Camillo), 1952

*Directed by Julien Duvivier
Sunday, October 3*

In Italian with English subtitles, 107 min.

Giovanni Guareschi's "Don Camillo" series made him a most popular writer. He depicted a small village by the River Po, where a strong parish priest, Don Camillo, and a Communist mayor, Peppone, have opposite views on all possible social, political, and moral issues. Don Camillo has frequent conversations with Jesus, who is forced to control Don Camillo's combative instincts. Despite the rivalry, this comedy has a warm chemistry between Don Camillo, played by Fernandel, and Peppone, played by Gino Cervi.

Il Viaggio di Capitan Fracassa (The Voyage of Captain Fracassa), 1991

*Directed by Ettore Scola
Sunday, October 17*

In Italian with no subtitles, 132 min.

This romantic comedy is based on a French novel by Théophile Gautier and set in the early 17th century about an impoverished young aristocrat who falls in with a troupe of traveling actors. The cast is outstanding, with Massimo Troisi's moving blend of naïveté and wisdom as the classical fool, Pulcinella, and Vincent Perez' impressive transformation as the insecure Baron de Sigognac, who becomes a lover and a performer of the theater. This is an exceptionally beautiful and entertaining film.

La Notte di San Lorenzo (The Night of the Shooting Stars), 1982

*Directed by Paolo & Vittorio Taviani
Sunday, October 31*

In Italian with English subtitles, 105 min.

This true story from WWII is told through the eyes of a young child. It focuses not on combat, but on the life-changing effects of war on the residents of a small village. It tells of a Nazi atrocity and the surrounding events which terminate in Allied liberation. The Nazis have mined houses throughout the town and have warned the citizens to gather in the local cathedral to escape destruction. Distrusting the Nazis, one group leaves the town in search of the American army. Those who leave undertake a journey that ends in bloody combat between partisans and Black Shirts in a wheat field near the banks of the Arno. This small but disturbing encounter with Italians killing Italians takes place between the retreating German Army and the advancing American Army.

Pane, Amore e Fantasia (Bread, Love and Fantasy), 1953

*Directed by Luigi Comencini
Sunday, November 14*

In Italian with no subtitles, 87 min.

This classic comedy tells of two courtships whose intertwining and parallels conclude in happy endings. In the first, middle-aged Marshal Carotenuto (finely portrayed by Vittorio De Sica) seeks the favors of Annarella, the municipal midwife. Carotenuto is neither immune to her charms nor indifferent to her mystery. Carotenuto's love (and honesty about his own amorous wanderings) is such that he

proposes marriage despite her tainted past. The second courtship involves a young carabinieri serving under Carotenuto. He seeks the hand of La Bersagliera, the poorest and most beautiful maiden in the town (played most energetically by Gina Lollobrigida). In love with La Bersagliera, he has been unable to pursue her because of the carabinieri's prohibition against romancing the women of a town.

Salvatore Giuliano, 1961

*Directed by Francesco Rosi
Sunday, November 28*

In Italian with English subtitles, 123 min.

On July 5, 1950, the body of bandit Salvatore Giuliano is found in an alley. Giuliano had been a leader of a separatist movement formed after allied forces released control of Italy back to Rome following World War II. The official version of the killing was that Giuliano was gunned down in a shoot-out with carabinieri trying to arrest him for his involvement in the massacre of communists celebrating May Day at Portella della Ginestra in 1947.

This film gave Rosi international recognition for his unique style of film making. The film is less about who killed the Sicilian bandit than the collusion between the government, the military, and the Mafia in the postwar struggle for control of Sicily.

Natale In Casa Cupiello (Christmas at the Cupiello's), 1977

*Directed by Eduardo De Filippo
Sunday December 12*

In Neapolitan with no subtitles, 133 min.

Written, directed, and starring Eduardo De Filippo, this charming comedy describes a few days in the life of the Cupiello family, set against the venerable Neapolitan symbol of Christmas, the *Presepe*, the home-made rendering of the manger. This is the story of one man's determination to build his *Presepe* despite his family's many squabbles. None of the family can understand why an adult would put such effort into something as childish as a *Presepe*. Eduardo's specialty is blending the tragic and comic in the warmth of an extended family. In the relatively short time since it was first staged, Casa Cupiello has become a traditional Christmas favorite among Neapolitans.

*For more information on this film series, see Frank Lanzafame's website:
<http://home.rochester.rr.com/flanzafame/>*

Casa Italiana Fall 2004 Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER

- 16, Thursday** **Open House all'Italiana.** Enjoy authentic Italian food, bocce, and music. 3:30-5:00 p.m. LeChase Lounge and Courtyard.
- 19, Sunday** Film: **Tre Fratelli.** In Italian with English subtitles. Introduction by Frank Lanzafame, Ph.D. 4:00 p.m. Casa Italiana LeChase Lounge. Free and open to the public.
- 26, Sunday** **Ciao, Italia: Photography by Dan Neuberger.** Opening reception at 3:00 p.m., Casa Italiana LeChase Lounge. Exhibit hours are Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Exhibit closes Friday, November 5.

OCTOBER

- 1, Friday** **Gala artists' reception. Festeggiamo le Arti!** 8:00 p.m. Foyer Gallery, Nazareth College Arts Center. Exhibit hours are Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.; Saturday-Sunday, noon-5:00 p.m. Exhibit closes Sunday October 31st.
- 3, Sunday** Film: **Il Piccolo Mondo di Don Camillo.** In Italian with English subtitles. Introduction by Frank Lanzafame, Ph.D. 4:00 p.m. Casa Italiana LeChase Lounge. Free and open to the public.
- 4, Monday** **Card Party Luncheon.** Midvale Country Club, 2387 Baird Road, Penfield. 11:00 a.m. For reservations or more information, contact chairperson Arline Liberti at (585) 671-5713.
- 10, Sunday** **The Italian Influence on French Cuisine.** A demonstration and tasting by Chef John Ventura. 3:00 p.m. Casa Italiana LeChase Lounge. Reservations are \$25 per person, and may be obtained by calling the Casa Italiana.
- 15, Friday** **I giardini all'italiana (Italian Style Gardens).** A lecture by Prof. Andrea Mariani. 5:30 p.m. Casa Italiana LeChase Lounge. Free and open to the public.
- 17, Sunday** Film: **Il Viaggio di Capitan Fracassa.** In Italian with no subtitles. Introduction by Frank Lanzafame, Ph.D. 4:00 p.m. Casa Italiana LeChase Lounge. Free and open to the public.
- 29, Friday** **Casa Italiana Casino Night.** Casa Larga Vineyards, 2287 Turk Hill Road, Fairport. 7:00 p.m. To reserve your place or for more information, contact the Casa at (585) 389-2468.

- 31, Sunday** Film: **La Notte di San Lorenzo.** In Italian with English subtitles. Introduction by Frank Lanzafame, Ph.D. 4:00 p.m. Casa Italiana LeChase Lounge. Free and open to the public.

NOVEMBER

- 7, Sunday** **Outstanding in Her Field: The Landscape Art of Carol Acquilano.** Opening reception at 3:00 p.m., Casa Italiana LeChase Lounge. Exhibit hours are Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Exhibit closes Friday, January 7.
- 14, Sunday** Film: **Pane, Amore e Fantasia.** In Italian with no subtitles. Introduction by Frank Lanzafame, Ph.D. 4:00 p.m. Casa Italiana LeChase Lounge. Free and open to the public.
- 17, Wednesday** **Social Committee Community Service.** Desserts and music at Heather Heights, 160 W. Jefferson Road, Pittsford. For more information, contact the Casa at (585) 389-2468.
- 20, Saturday** Concert: **Una serata di musica: An Evening with the Music of Italy. Sponsored by the Frank DiMino Family Foundation.** 8:00 p.m. in Callahan Theater in the Arts Center. Free and open to the public.
- 28, Sunday** **Social Committee Christmas Brunch,** Midvale Country Club, 2387 Baird Road, Penfield. 11:00 a.m. For more information contact chairperson Margaret Zanghi at (585) 377-7291.
- 28, Sunday** Film: **Salvatore Giuliano.** In Italian with English subtitles. Introduction by Frank Lanzafame, Ph.D. 4:00 p.m. Casa Italiana LeChase Lounge. Free and open to the public.

DECEMBER

- 5, Sunday** **Jewelry Showcase and Sale.** Linda Lawrence of Bella Beads will showcase work in the Murano tradition. 11:00 a.m. through 4:00 p.m. Casa Italiana LeChase Lounge.
- 12, Sunday** **Christmas Mass In Italian,** celebrated by Fr. Michael Costanzo. 1:00 p.m. Linehan Chapel in the new Golisano Academic Center (formerly the SSJ Motherhouse). Music by Coro Beatini (Beatini Choir). Reception to follow Mass.
- 12, Sunday** Film: **Natale In Casa Cupiello.** In Neapolitan dialect with no subtitles. Introduction by Frank Lanzafame, Ph.D. 4:00 p.m. Casa Italiana LeChase Lounge. Free and open to the public.

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CASA
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Celebrating the Arts!

For many years the Casa has honored the Italian contribution to contemporary art with numerous art exhibits both about and by Italians and Italy. This year the Casa presents its Seventh Biennial Exhibit of Works by Rochester Area Italian American Artists, or as it is more commonly known **Festeggiamo le Arti!** The show will open with an artists' reception and awards ceremony at 8:00 p.m. on Friday, October 1.

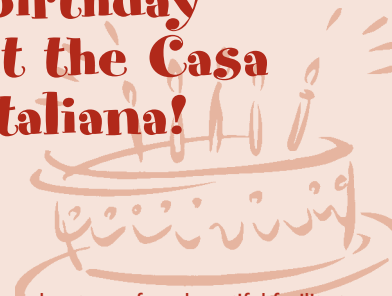
As in past years, this Casa tradition will be held in the Foyer Gallery of the Nazareth College Arts Center. Show hours are Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday hours are from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The exhibit has been funded through the generosity of the Antonio and Adelina Zollo Endowment Fund, and is free and open to the public.

This event features awards in six categories and includes monetary awards. The jurors include retired art instructor **Earl Kage**, art instructor and gallery owner **Pat Reni Rohrer** and painter **Jack Wolsky**, who will select their choices in each medium.

Festeggiamo le Arti is organized by local artist Carl Zollo, whose parents are honored through this endowment. Carl is a long-time Casa volunteer and established the fund with his brothers Anthony, Louis and Raymond. Their generous donation supports this event as well as other Casa programs.

"*Festeggiamo le arti* is one of our most worthwhile and enjoyable programs," said Casa Director Stella Plutino-Calabrese. "It's a wonderful example of what can happen when our local community gathers together to celebrate and support the arts and our Italian heritage."

Celebrate a Birthday at the Casa Italiana!



Take advantage of our beautiful facility to host a child's birthday party at the Casa. This service includes the use of the Casa, pizza, cookies, the birthday cake, and a small gift for each of the children. The Casa staff will organize games for entertainment. Let us be your party planners this year so that your child's birthday can be truly memorable. All you have to do is mail the invitations.

Birthday parties can be booked for a reasonable \$15 per child. For more information please call the Casa Italiana.