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**Italian American Civic League
of Fort Lauderdale
LA VOCE
Message from the President — Domenico Capurso**

Dear Members
Cari Membri

It has been a long time since we had our last newsletter. We miss seeing every one and can't wait for the time when we can all gather together like we use to do. We hope that everyone is doing well and staying safe. We would like to give you an update as to how we will move forward in the next few months.

Because of the Pandemic Covid-19 and as directed by the Florida Department Of Health (FDOH) the IACL of Ft. Lauderdale (The Club) has been shut down and all activities suspended. Presently the virus cases in South Florida have not decreased to a level that the FDOH will permit a total reopening. The officers and the Directors agreed to keep the administration in place until the new Officers and Directors can be sworn in. The plan is to start opening the club in September 2020. Dinner Dances are not permitted at this time. The Board of Directors will first meet and plan for a (Pasta Night) general meeting in late September

The telephone committee will contact the membership with the exact dates to see who will attend. FDOH guidelines presently permit only 50 people, therefore, the first pasta night will be restricted to 50 people, first come first served. The plan is to do the installation of the new officers and directors either at the September or October general meeting. The incoming officers and directors are as follow: President Linda Heron, 1st Vice President Paolo Salvo, 2nd Vice President Bill Ricco, Treasurer Deborah Capurso, Recording Secretary Leah Von Salvo, Corresponding Secretary Gloria Penberth. Directors will be Joe Martino, Silvio Quaranta, Alfonso Zulla, Rita Petreccia, Pat Ricco, Nick Zurzolo.

We were blessed this year to have 4 applicants for our Scholarship. All 4 applicants were extremely gifted and will be such an asset to their communities and our Country. Their parents and grand parents should be extremely proud of them, This year the scholarship was awarded to Nicholas Martino. He is the grandson of Joe Martino. His essay is featured in this newsletter.

Both Linda and I feel it is such an honor and a pleasure to be a part of this wonderful club. We are looking forward to the day we can say things are back to normal.

May God Bless of you.

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Incoming Board of Directors

Rita Petreccia 2 years
Pat Ricco..... 2 years
Nick Zurzolo2 years
Joe Martino.....1 year
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CONDOLENCE

**Francesca De Marco for the loss of her sister
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IACL Scholarship Essay

Our Scholarship Winner

By: Nicholas Martino

Despite being a small Country, Italy is known as having the largest influence on the world, culturally and historically. Even today, the Roman Empire is still one of the most impressive Civilizations to ever exist. Whether it's cuisine, music, architecture, art or concrete, Italy has given so many gifts to the world.

When I was 15 I was fortunate enough to go to Italy with my family. Despite, my young age, I remember feeling the profound sense that I was walking where my ancestors once stood. The weight it carried was immense. I remember going to see The David and not being able to comprehend what it took Michelangelo to create such a masterpiece. He worked tirelessly for 2 years until he had created the most impressive free-standing sculpture the world had ever seen. I learned that he stated he merely released from the stone, the art God created inside of it. I remember stepping into the ancient walls of the Pantheon and being in complete and utter awe at the mathematical and architectural feat of creating the first perfect dome. Never before had a man been able to construct such a building. The Romans saw this challenge and invented concrete as a solution. Not only is concrete the reason that ancient building is still standing, but it also allows us to have such impressive infrastructure in the modern age. In my family, concrete gave my grandfather away of life to help build structures in New York and to provide for a family of 7 boys. I remember gazing at the Colosseum, one of the 7 wonders of the world, and being astonished by the fact is ancient stone is still standing for my 21st-century eyes to gaze upon. This was the arena where gladiators fought, and where Roman Emperors sat. My young mind could barely comprehend what I was seeing. Since that trip, I have felt such intense pride in being Italian.

In high school, I continued to progress my knowledge of Italian art through classes, I have found that there is no one piece of art or architecture that can accurately depict the widespread accomplishments of the Italian people. Thus, I have concluded that Italians will be known as those who created the best collection of art and architecture man has every seen. While many may see Florence and Rome like a gallery of sorts filled with amazing art at which to be glanced at and then forgotten, I see it more as a symbol or beacon of what it means to be Italian. It is a symbol of the influence that Italians and Italian culture has over the world. I, as an Italian American, take that to heart. Although I do not plan a career in art or architecture, as I venture into my future studying government and political science, I will carry with me the hope that I can have the same overwhelmingly positive, graceful and deep impact on the world that my ancestors did.

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MESSAGE FROM THE TELEPHONE COMMITTEE

From time to time it is necessary to communicate with the membership and explain the purpose and duties of the "Telephone Committee".

The Telephone committee is made up of volunteers who assist the chairpersons of the various events. They attempt to call all the members to ask if they will attend the events.

The telephone system is not perfect . Sometimes we are not successful in reaching everyone, or leave a message. However, that does not mean that we have not tried.

Please let it be clear, It is the responsibility of the members to make reservations. Therefore, if you have not heard from the Telephone Committee, by Monday preceding the event, you should call us and make your reservation.

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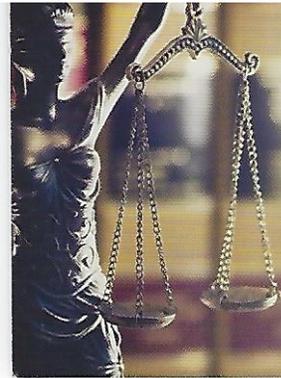
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