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ITALIAN HERITAGE MONTH NEWSLETTER

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ITALIAN HERITAGE MONTH 2006: A CELEBRATION OF GENIUS AND COURAGE

Dear Friends:

This year we celebrate as a community, for the eighth time, the contributions of Italians and Italian-Americans to our culture.

We are extremely pleased and proud to have a new President at the helm, Dr. Stephen Maio, who has ably served the Italian-American community of Boston for many years as President of the Pirandello Lyceum, and a distinguished new Consul General, Dr. Liborio Stellino, whose welcome letter is included in this Newsletter. President Maio and the Committee continue to enjoy the support of a strong team including Executive President Emeritus Lino Rullo, Chairman Emeritus Josepeh V. Ferrino, and Vice-Presidents Rina Crugnale and Sal Bramante. And special thanks to Dr. John Cristoforo who is coordinating our essay contest for students in Grades 9-12. All essays are due by November 1, 2006.

The 2006 Calendar is once again filled with a variety of cultural and social events that will appeal to a broad audience of Italophiles as well as others of discerning tastes. We encourage you to attend as many programs as possible. In particular, you should not miss the exhibit of Italian-American veterans who have been awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor, now on display at Boston City Hall, which then moves to the Dante Alighieri Center. Also, on September 30th, the Italian Consulate, our own Professor Luisa Marino, and a distinguished panel of academics including Professor Elvira DiFabio, Dr. Antonio Corbisiero, Professor Francesco Durante, with Dr. Carlo Cipollone will be presenting a special panel program entitled Emigratio at the Boston Public Library.

As always, the Dante Alighieri Society under the leadership of President Anna Quardri is hosting a number of wonderful events during the month of October. For example, on Friday October 6th, Dr. Albert Sacco, a distinguished Professor at Northeastern University and a former NASA astronaut will be speaking about his 16 day mission on the Space Shuttle Columbia in 1995. Our own Lucia Clark and Pamela Martino are presenting a program at the Dante on Friday, October 13th on the Languages of Italy that will offer insights into the many dialects among the regions of Italy. On Sunday October 15th, the noted teacher and Dante Scholar, Professor Lino Pertile, will be presenting a program in celebration of the 150th anniversary of the birth of the poet Giovanni Pascoli. An evening of Italian film also will take place at the Dante on Thursday, October 19th followed by an evening of Italian Operatic Arias the following night, Friday, October 20th. To round out that weekend, the Dante will again serve as our host on Saturday, October 21th by presenting a performance by Allessandra Belloni's dance company. Longtime Committee member and Professor Spencer DiScala will deliver a lecture on the Italian political system at the Dante on Thursday, October 26th. Finally, for an enjoyable evening of Southern Italian folk music come to the Dante on Friday, October 27th and hear Carmen Marsico and Angela Rossi lead a group a talented musicians. Please check the calendar for the details of these and other superb events scheduled throughout the month. We have established a tradition each year of recognizing special anniversaries of distinguished

Italians and Italian-Americans or events in our cultural history. This year, it is worth noting, that we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the birth of the celebrated theatrical and film writer and director Count Luchino Visconti. His film credits include Obsession (Ossessione) in 1943, The Earth Trembles (La Terra Trema) in 1948, Senso in 1954, Rocco and His Brothers in 1960, The Leopard in 1963, and The Damned in 1969. According to a British Broadcasting Corporation biographical note,

"Visconti towered over his contemporaries, not just because of his extraordinary skill as a director, but because of his powerful personality, and his equally revolutionary impact on Italian theatre and the previously moribund world of opera. As a young man he transformed himself from a member of one of Italy's oldest and wealthiest aristocratic families into an artist of international stature, adapted some of the finest works of European literature for the screen, turned a young soprano called Maria Callas into opera's greatest diva, and became a committed member of the Italian Communist Party."

We also celebrate the 150th anniversary of the distinguished poet Giovanni Pascoli. Pascoli suffered and struggled through the murder of his father and early deaths of his mother, sister and two brothers. He was educated at the University of Bologna where he studied under the Nobel prize winner Giosue Carducci. He developed a deep knowledge of classical antiquity which along with themes based on his reflections of sad childhood experiences are reflected in his poetry.

This year also marks two very important 500-year anniversaries. First, this is the 500th anniversary of the death of Christopher Columbus. Controversy swirls about Columbus because many historians and writers assign to him either full credit or full responsibility for all of the progress or devastation (depending on one's perspective) associated with the colonization of the Americas by Europeans. Christopher Columbus is worthy of study in any case because he was a man of extraordinary courage and nautical talent whose life is a bridge between two epochs in our history. In the words of the historian Samuel Eliot Morrison, author of the biography, Admiral of the Ocean Sea: A Life of Christopher Columbus,

"In his faith, his deductive methods of reasoning, his unquestioning acceptance of the current ethics, Columbus was a man of the Middle Ages, and in the best sense. In his readiness to translate thought into action, in lively curiosity and accurate observation of natural phenomena, in his joyous sense of adventure and desire to win wealth and recognition, he was a modern man."

It is interesting to note that a Spanish-led research team including Olga Rickards of Rome's Tor Vegata University Laboratory, is studying tissue samples from the brother and son of Christopher Columbus and comparing them to fragments attributed to Columbus from Seville in order to unravel one of the remaining mysteries about him—is Columbus buried in Spain or in the Dominican Republic. The answer is expected this year.

This year also marks the 500th anniversary of the Basilica of Saint Peter in Rome (Basilica di San Pietro in Vaticano). The cornerstone of the basilica was laid by Pope Julius II on April 18, 1506 and the anniversary was officially proclaimed by Pope Benedict XVI in his Easter message earlier this year. This celebration, of course, is but another occasion to celebrate the genius of several great Italians including Donato Bramante who conceived the plan for the great dome or cupola in 1503 but whose single shell design could not be executed. San Gallo who is credited with the idea for the double shell concept that was then improved upon by Michaelangelo who became the chief architect of the basilica in 1546. The dome was not completed until about 1593 as a result of the collaboration between the architect Giacomo della Porta and the engineer Domenico Fontana. The egg shaped dome rises nearly 400 feet high from the interior floor and is nearly 140 feet in diameter. It has served as a model for numerous other domes throughout the world. For more interesting material on the Basilica San Pietro see www.stpetersbasilica.org

In closing, it is important to bear in mind that while our culture has been indelibly marked by the genius and courage of artists and explorers like those mentioned above and so many others we have celebrated over the past seven years, we also owe an incalculable debt to many more Italians and Italian Americans who struggled and sacrificed to provide sustenance and opportunities for their families and who made it possible in a direct way for us to enjoy the blessings of liberty here in the United States—our parents and in some cases grandparents who immigrated to this country and without whom we are nothing.

Peter W. Agnes, Jr. Chairman



CONSOLATO GENERALE D'ITALIA BOSTON

Messaggio augurale del Console Generale d'Italia in occasione dell'avvio dell'"Italian Heritage Month" 2006

A poche settimane dal mio arrivo a Boston, desidero esprimere le piu' vive congratulazioni, insieme al mio convinto sostegno, al comitato organizzatore dell''Italian Heritage Month" per il ricchissimo calendario di eventi che anche quest'anno caratterizza la prestigiosa rassegna culturale.

Alla comunita' italo-americana viene data ancora una volta la felice opportunita' di visitare mostre, assistere a conferenze ed a *performance* teatrali, prendere parte ad appuntamenti musicali ed occasioni conviviali, per tornare ad esplorare con intatto entusiasmo le vaste tradizioni culturali italiane e ritrovare salde radici che parlano ancora oggi al mondo intero di pace e tolleranza.

Le molteplici iniziative che si snoderanno in altrettante localita' lungo tutto il mese di ottobre sono il segno dell'impagabile impegno di una comunita' laboriosa e vivace, attenta a preservare con orgoglio la sua speciale identita' ed a cui ci rivolgiamo con ammirazione e gratitudine.

Liborio Stellino

Congratulatory Message from the Consul General of Italy on the Occasion of the Launch of Italian Heritage Month 2006

At just a few weeks after my arrival in Boston, I would like to express my most vivid congratulations and wholehearted support to the organizing committee of Italian Heritage Month, for the rich calendar of events that again this year characterizes this prestigious cultural celebration.

The Italian American community will once again have the wonderful opportunity to visit exhibitions, attend conferences and theatrical performances, take part in musical recitals and social events, further explore with great enthusiasm the vast Italian cultural traditions, and rediscover the robust roots that speak of peace and tolerance to the entire world.

The myriad of activities that will unfold in multiple locations throughout the entire month of October is the sign of the limitless dedication of a hard-working and passionate community, which is committed to proudly preserving its special identity and to which we look with admiration and gratitude.

Liborio Stellino

Calendar of Events for October 2006

Date	Event	Location
September 15 thru October 15 and October 16 thru October 31	Exhibit of Italian-American Veteran Recipients of The Prestigious Congressional Medal of Honor ~ From The Civil War To The Present. An exhibit displaying photos in metal and biographies of the 26-plus Italian Americans who earned these precious medals. Opening Ceremony 12:00 p.m. at City Hall on 9/15/06. Sponsored by the Oct. Italian Heritage Month Committee and the Dante Alighieri Society. Special thanks to Comm. Tom Materazzo. Contacts: Judge Joseph Ferrino (617) 569-2110 or Dante Alighieri Society (617) 876-5160.	Sept. 15th to Oct. 15th displayed at Boston City Hall, Scollay Square Gallery, 1st Floor – Courtesy of City Hall Director of Exhibits, John Crowley Oct. 16th to Oct. 31st displayed at the Dante Alighieri Cultural Center, 41 Hampshire Street, Cambridge email: Cambridge@dantealighieri.net
Saturday, September 30	Emigratio, Conference & Lectures sponsored by the Italian Consulate and the Ministero Degli Affari Esteri. Speakers: Prof. Elvira DiFabio, Dr. Antonio Corbisiero, Prof. Francesco Durante and Prof. Luisa Marino. Moderator: Dr. Carlo Cipollone. In Italian with English translations. Free and open to the public. 9:45-12:00 p.m. Light refreshments.	Boston Public Library, McKim Hall, Room A, Copley Square, Boston Contacts: Prof. Luisa Marino (617) 868-6846 or Dr. Carlo Cipollone (617) 722-9409
Whole Month of October	In celebration of the 8th Annual October Italian Heritage Month, <i>Neiman Marcus</i> will feature Italian style and substance displayed throughout its beautiful Copley Place store. Refer to the last entry in the calendar for a complete list of events.	Neiman Marcus 5 Copley Place, Boston
Whole Month of October	Participate in the October Italian Heritage Month Committee's <i>Essay Contest!</i> Grades 9-12: 300 word essay on <i>Contributions Made by Italians or Italian Americans to World Civilization</i> . Prizes, cash awards and certificate of participation. Essays are due by Nov. 1, 2006.	Mail essays to 473 Appleton St., Arlington, MA 02476 Contact: John Cristoforo at Beagsley@rcn.com.
Sept. 27 thru October 25	<i>Italian Classes</i> every Wed. with Instructor Linda Merco 6:30–7:30 p.m. Sponsored by OSIA. Contact: Michael Schroth (978) 372-0023	Victor Emanuel Lodge, Haverhill
Sunday, October 1	The Annual Kick-off event this year will be held at Faneuil Hall at 2:00 p.m. Attend with friends and family and show your support for October Italian Heritage Month! Mayor Thomas Menino is the Honorary Chairman of this event. A proclamation by Governor Romney will be read. Honored Guest, Consul General of Italy, Dr. Liborio Stellino will attend. A wonderful program has been planned, so please join us! Free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.	Historic Faneuil Hall, 2 nd floor Boston Contacts: Dr. Stephen Maio (781) 245-6536 Lino Rullo (781) 862-1633 Hon. Joseph Ferrino (617) 569-2110 Hon. Peter Agnes (508) 647-6983
Sunday, October 1	An Evening of Italian Culture, Music, Prose, Poetry Art and Music. 7:00 p.m. Free admission. Walter Bacigalupo (original poetry), Judith Pistacchio Bessette, (original essay on Italian American life); Lucia Clark, (original prose and dialect translations); Franco Vitiello (poetry in Neapolitan dialect) Emma Cerasula Fried, (Italian and Italian American songs) and, Bernard Petruziello (original art reflecting North End scenes); also music by DJ Jimmy Bonno.	Caffé Paradiso 45 Palmer Street, Lowell (978) 454-6073 Contacts: Judith Bessette (978) 957- 8714 and Lucia Clark (978) 769-5040.
Sunday, October 1	Emigratio. The Italian Consulate and EDIAT present Edoardo Migliaccio, in arte Farfariello (1892-1946) in "Master of the Italian American Sketches of Little Italys" 5:30 p.m. Contact: Luisa Marino, Pres. of EDIAT (617) 868-6846 or Dr. Carlo Cipollone, Director of Education, Italian Consulate (617) 722-9409.	Dante Alighieri Cultural Center, 41 Hampshire Street, Cambridge www.dantealighieri.net/cambridge
Sunday, October 1	Grand lodge OSIA & the Winchester SOI <i>Steak Cookout</i> 2:00 – 8:00 p.m. Donations to benefit C&E Trust for Alzheimer's Disease. For tickets and more information, contact (617) 489-5234c	Winchester Sons of Italy Winchester
Sunday, October 1	Sunday <i>Kick Off Breakfast</i> . More details to be announced. Visit www.italianmonth.homestead.com.	Mt. Carmel Parish Hall Fenn Street, Pittsfield
Sunday, October 1	Honoring The 20 th Anniversary of the Italian Cultural Center of Western MA, Inc., Columbus Day and more. Rain or Shine 12:00 noon. <i>Italian flag raising, proclamations & celebration</i> in front of Garvey Hall on STCC Campus followed by STCC Parade Grounds with Food, Entertainment, Genealogy, Bocce, Italian Boutique, Italian Memorabilia in STCC Showcases.	Springfield, Western Massachusetts Contact: Roberta Page (413) 732-6569

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Sunday, October 1	Sons of Italy <i>Italian Festival</i> . 12:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Rick Piccone, Chairman. www.OSIAMA.org	Railroad Square, Haverhill, MA
Monday, October 2	Italian American Month Committee and Friends of the East Boston Library present guest speaker <i>Ray Barron</i> , former resident of East Boston, author, painter, musician, entrepreneur, journalist. 6:30 p.m. Light refreshments. Free and open to the public.	East Boston Branch Library, 276 Meridian Street, East Boston 617-569-0271
Monday, October 2	Italian-American Book Discussion Series presented by the Friends of the Medford Public Library. 7:00 p.m. This week's topic of discussion will be "Queen of the Big Time" by Adriana Trigiani. Free admission. Contact: Barbara Kerr, Assistant Director (781) 395-7950.	Medford Public Library 111 High Street, Medford
Monday, October 2	**Italian flag raising on City Hall Steps at 12:15 p.m. Proclamation, Italian **American National Anthems, other entertainment. Reception with refreshments follows in City Hall Mahogany Room.	Springfield, Massachusetts Contact: Roberta Page (413) 732-6569
Tuesday, October 3	Italy: The Birthplace of Opera. Fred Plotkin, one of America's leading experts on opera and on all things Italian, will present a fascinating lecture, with music, on how the fortunes of Italy and opera have intertwined in the past four centuries. He is the author of 10 books, including Classical Music 101 and Opera 101. A book signing and reception will follow his presentation. Sponsored by the Sandro and Lilian Lecture Series Fund. 7:30 p.m. Admission is free.	Fitchburg State College Kent Recital Hall (Conlon Building) For further information, contact Anna Mazzaferro at (978) 537-2172
Tues – Fri, October 3 thru Oct. 6	"The Art of Vacationing / In Giro per l'Italia" A photo exhibit by Barbara Lynch. 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Contact: Francesca DiBenedetto (617) 820-8885.	Northeastern University Curry Student Center Art Gallery Huntington Avenue, Boston
Wednesday, October 4	Italian Film Showing. Contemporary film (t/b/d) in Italian with English subtitles, courtesy of the Italian Consulate. 7:30 p.m. Free and open to the public. For further info. contact the Italian Heritage Month Committee (617) 499-7955 or Lino Rullo (781) 862-1633.	Dante Alighieri Cultural Center, 41 Hampshire Street, Cambridge www.dantealighieri.net/cambridge
Wednesday, October 4	An Evening with Christopher Castellani, author of "A Kiss for Maddalena" and "The Saint of Lost Things". Presented by the Friends of the Medford Public Library. 7:00 p.m. Free and open to the public. Contact: Barbara Kerr, Assistant Director (781) 395-7950.	Medford Public Library 111 High Street, Medford
Thursday, October 5	Destination World, a city-wide series of events that focuses on a different ethnic group every month, has chosen October as it's month to focus on Italy. 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. Among the many events, will be an Art Show and Ancient Roman food demonstration and "tasting" by Lucia Clark (5:30 p.m.) at the COOL Gallery on Market St. Also, a Dante Inferno presentation will take place at 8:00 p.m. at the Brush Gallery at the National Park Visitor Center, Market Mills, Lowell. Walter Bacigalupo will read a selected canto from Dante's Inferno. This will be John Ciardi's English translation. Prof. Mario Aste will read the same canto in the original Italian. These events sponsored by the October Italian Heritage Month Committee.	COOL - Cultural Organization of Lowell , 338 Market Street, #11A Pam Goncalves Event Coordinator (978) 446-7162. Please visit www.lowellevents.info/ for further information.
Thursday, October 5	"The Sunny Skies of Italy" starring Ruth Harcovitz, soprano. 7:00 p.m. No admission fee. Contact: (781) 505-4985.	Burlington Public Library 22 Sears Street, Burlington
Thursday, October 5	Indoor Bocce sponsored by the OSIA. For further information, contact OSIA Grand Lodge (617) 489-5234.	Lawrence Mixed Lodge Lawrence
Friday, October 6	Dr. Albert Sacco, Jr., Astronaut and distinguished Professor at Northeastern will speak about his experiences during a 16-day mission in space on the 1995 Space Shuttle Columbia. Dr. Sacco is one of the first Italian Americans to have gone into space with NASA! 7:30 p.m. Free and open to the public. Sponsored by the Dante Alighieri Society, Anna Quadri, President and the Italian Heritage Month Committee.	Dante Alighieri Cultural Center 41 Hampshire Street, Cambridge (617) 876-5160 Contact: Judge Joseph Ferrino (617) 569-2110.
Friday, October 6	The Mike Pusateri Night of Championship Boxing. Organized by Cappiello Promotions in association with the National Italian American Sports Hall of Fame of MA. Dinner, comedian, musical performances & live boxing. 7:00 p.m. Tickets \$65.	Shaw's Center, 1 Lexington Avenue in Brockton Contacts: Linda Costanzo (617) 584- 9126 or Jennifer Cobis (508) 587-3370
Friday, October 6	ITAM Dinner Dance. Proceeds go to Italian classes of Pittsfield & Taconic High Schools. Donation \$20 per person. Cocktails at 6:00 p.m. Dinner 7:00 p.m. For further details visit italianmonth.homestead.com	Sons of Italy ITAM Lodge in Pittsfield

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Saturday, October 7	Anniversary Dinner Dance Celebration of the Augusta Boston Club. High Achievement Award will be presented to a distinguished member and a scholarship will be awarded to a qualified student going to College. 7:00 p.m. Tickets \$55	Irish American Club 177 West Street in Malden Contacts: Sam Pustizzi (617) 776-9996 or Andrea Costa (781) 662-2752.
Saturday, October 7	"The Sunny Skies of Italy" starring Ruth Harcovitz, soprano. 12:00 p.m. No admission fee. Contact (617) 227-8135.	North End Branch of Boston Public Library, 25 Parmenter Street, Boston
Saturday, October 7	"Antonio Meucci – The True Inventor of the Telephone" 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Lecturer: Prof. Orazio Buttafuoco. Free and open to the public. Refreshments served. Contact: Orazio Buttafuoco (781) 331-4256.	Taft Public Library Broad Street, Weymouth
Saturday, October 7	Banquet & Dinner Dance honoring Italian Heritage Month & Serviam Award Recipients. 6:00 p.m11:00 p.m. Entertainment. Tickets \$35. Contact: Roberta Page at (413) 732-6569	Elks Lodge – 440 Tiffany Street – Springfield 01108
Saturday, October 7	Christoforo Colombo Regina Elena – Columbus Day Dinner. Sponsored by the OSIA: Contact OSIA Grand Lodge (617) 489-5234.	Knights of Columbus, Leominster
Saturday, October 7	Columbus Day Celebration of the Vittorio Veneto Lodge, Fall River – Annual Banquet. 6:30 p.m. Italian style dinner, music by Mike Moran, Brian Bigelow Trio. Miss Columbus 2006-2007 to be named. Contact: Dom Campochiaro (617) 733-1703.	Venus de Milo Swansea
Saturday, October 7 Sunday, October 8	OSIA Boston Lodge #208's Spaghetti Supper. 7:00 p.m. Donation \$10. For further info., contact OSIA Grand Lodge (617) 489-5234. Columbus Day Parade 1:00 p.m. in East Boston	St. John's School Hall, Moon and Sun Court Streets, North End, Boston East Boston
Sunday, October 8	Contact: Buddy Mangini, Grand Marshall (781) 629-3387. Parades! Check with the OSIA Grand Lodge for a list of various lodges participating in Parades throughout MA (617) 489-5234	Various cities and towns in MA
Sunday, October 8	8:00 a.m. <i>Mass</i> at Mt. Carmel Church with Wreath-Laying following at Columbus/Veterans' Statue (Locust & Main Streets). Reception immediately after at Mt. Carmel Parish Hall.	Mt. Carmel Church, Pittsfield Contact: Roberta Page (413) 732-6569
Sunday, October 8	Steve Solomon's <i>My Mother's Italian, My Father's Jewish & I'm in Therapy.</i> 4:00 p.m. Call the Colonial Theatre in Pittsfield for tickets (413) 997-4444, Tickets \$20-\$45.	Colonial Theater Pittsfield
Sunday, October 8	Flag Raising Kick-Off – Lawrence Mixed Lodge. Contact: OSIA Grand Lodge (617) 489-5234	OSIA Hall, Lawrence
Monday, October 9	Columbus Day! Check your local paper for parades taking place in many towns across Massachusetts.	Various cities and towns in MA
Monday, October 9	UNICO – <i>Taste of Italy</i> . 6:00 p. m. Contact: Steve Romano at Elm St. Hardware (413) 442-9558.	Eastover Resort, 430 East Street Lenox
Tuesday, October 10	"The Sunny Skies of Italy" starring Ruth Harcovitz, soprano. 2:00 p.m. No admission fee. Contact (508) 395-2670.	Briarwood Senior Community Center 65 Briarwood Circle, Worcester
Tuesday, October 10	History of the Italians in Wakefield presented by Daniel Calore; sponsored by the Wakefield Sons of Italy Lodge #1734. 8:00 p.m. Contact Joseph Racamato 781-245-5724.	Crystal Community Club 71 Preston Street, Wakefield
Tuesday, October 10	Secret Recipe Pot-Luck Supper. Fore more information, contact: OSIA Grand Lodge (617) 489-5234.	Norwood Sons of Italy Norwood
Tuesday, October 10	Judy Pistacchio Bessette will be presenting a slide show/lecture at the Salvatore Mancini Senior Center based on her research on the <i>Italian and Italian American community in Lymansville</i> (North Providence, RI). 10:00 a.m. Free and open to the public.	Salvatore Mancini Senior Center Atlantic Blvd location
Tuesday, October 10	Italian Financial Issues: Scandals And Credibility - a lecture by Prof. Lorenzo Rocco, University of Padova. Sponsored by the October is Italian Heritage Month Committee in cooperation with Prof. Saul Englebourg of Boston University. 7:30 p.m. Free and open to the public.	Boston University, CAS Building, 725 Commonwealth Ave., Boston Contact: Judge Joseph Ferrino (617) 569-2110
Wednesday, October 11	Prof. Marion Averbach Lecture on <i>Dante's Inferno</i> Canto XXVI and Canto XXX. 7:00 p.m. Contact Prof. Averbach (508) 548-5696 or Lino Rullo (781) 862-1633.	39 Raymond Street, Falmouth

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Wednesday, October 11	Roman Holiday - Enjoy Authentic Ancient Roman Recipes An Evening of Dining and Fun. 6:30 p.m. Tickets \$60, limited seating, advanced booking required. Sponsored by the October Italian Heritage Month Committee. Contact: Judge Joseph Ferrino (617) 569-2110 or Lucia Clark (978) 769-5040.	Ristorante Filippo 283 Causeway Street, Boston
Thursday, October 12	Italian Music Performance and Cookie Swap. The Sunny Skies of Italy, a performance of Neapolitan songs, opera, arias, and Italian popular songs by soprano Ruth Harcovitz. Before the performance, join us for an Italian Cookie Swap and Reception at 6:30 p.m The audience is invited to bake their favorite Italian cookies and bring them to the Magoun Room with the recipe. We will provide the beverages and copies of all recipes for guests to take home with them. Baking is not required to attend. Ruth Harcovitz is a New England Conservatory graduate and has been soloist with many opera companies, choral societies and orchestras. Join us for this fun filled night!	Medford Public Library 111 High Street, Medford Sponsored by the Friends of the Medford Library. Contact: Barbara Kerr, Assistant Director (781) 395-7950
Friday, October 13	The Languages of Italy, A Variety of Dialects organized and presented by Lucia Clark. 7:30 p.m. Free and open to the public. Contacts: Lucia Clark (978) 769-50406 or Pamela Martino (508) 879-0325.	Dante Alighieri Cultural Center 41 Hampshire Street, Cambridge (617) 876-5160
Friday, October 13	<i>"The Sunny Skies of Italy"</i> starring Ruth Harcovitz, soprano. Evening performance sponsored by the Friends of the Franklin Public Library. For tickets call Rebecca Maselli (508) 528-7148	Pippinelle's Restaurant Route 140 Franklin
Friday, October 13	Joe Avati Live! Italian-Australian comedian Joe Avati returns to Boston. Sponsored by Italia Unita. 8:00 p.m. Tickets on sale now, call 1-800-233-3123 or online at telecharge.com.	Emerson Majestic Theater Contact: Italia Unita at (617) 561-3201 or www.italiaunita.org
Saturday, October 14	Presentation of the Italian Heritage Month Cup to Bocce Tournament winners. This year's cup is courtesy of Dr. Ciro Morroni, Deputy Consul General of Italy. Contacts: Lino Rullo (781) 862-1633, Marcello Stisi (781) 891-5688 or Sal Pinzone (781) 894-5749.	Sons of Italy Piave Lodge, 520 Pleasant Street, Watertown
Saturday, October 14	"Italian Immigration – An Historical Perspective" 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Lecturer: Prof. Orazio Buttafuoco. Free and open to the public. Refreshments served. Contact: Orazio Buttafuoco (781) 331-4256.	Thayer Public Library Washington Street, Braintree
Saturday, October 14 Saturday,	Columbus Dinner Dance by the OSIA Lawrence Mixed Lodge. For further information, contact OSIA Grand Lodge (617) 489-5234. Ball sponsored by the OSIA Worcester Mixed Lodge.	OSIA Hall Lawrence Holiday Inn
October 14 Saturday, October 14	For further information, contact OSIA Grand Lodge (617) 489-5234. Harvest Fair sponsored by the OSIA Woburn Ladies Lodge. For further information, contact OSIA Grand Lodge (617) 489-5234.	500 Lincoln Street, Worcester St. Barbara's Church Woburn
Saturday, October 14	OSIA Billerica Mixed Lodge – Foxwoods Bus Trip. Leaves Town Hall at 7:00 a.m. For info contact OSIA Grand Lodge (617) 489-5234.	365 Post Road Billerica
Sunday, October 15	Giovanni Pascoli (1855-1912) Event Celebrating the 150th Anniversary of his Birth. Conference by Prof. Lino Pertile of Harvard University. 5:00 p.m. Contact: Prof. Luisa Marino (617) 868-6846.	Dante Alighieri Cultural Center 41 Hampshire Street, Cambridge (617) 876-5160
Sunday, October 15	"The Sunny Skies of Italy" starring Ruth Harcovitz, 3:00 p.m. No admission fee. Contact (508) 760-6219.	Dennis Public Library 5 Hall Street, Dennisport
Sunday, October 15	Winthrop Italian American Heritage Month Committee Breakfast. 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Special Guest Speaker, Adolfo Caso. Contacts: Jerry Falbo (617) 846-3433 or Joseph Ferrino, Jr. (617) 846-9511.	Winthrop Senior Citizen Center, Winthrop
Sunday, October 15 Sunday,	Wreath Laying Mass at 10:00 a.m. followed by Breakfast. OSIA Worcester Mixed Lodge. Contact Mike Sacco (508) 852-1849. Speaking Programs on Italian Culture and local Italian History. OSIA	Christopher Columbus Statue Worcester Heritage State Park, Lawrence
October 15 Sunday, October 15	Lawrence Mixed Lodge. Contact OSIA Grand Lodge (617) 489-5234 Regional Pastas of Italy Tasting sponsored by the Orsogna Woman's Club. 3:00 p.m. Tickets: \$15. For further information contact Rita Cornelio (781) 396-0710 or Roberta Cicollini (781) 321-7254	Orsogna Plaza Main Street, Everett
Monday, October 16	The US Constitution and Italian Contribution. Lecturers: Profs. Adolfo Caso and Orazio Buttafuoco. 6:30-9:00 p.m. Free & open to the public. Refreshments served. Contact: Orazio Buttafuoco (781) 331-4256.	Thomas Crane Public Library Quincy

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Monday, October 16	Italian-American Book Discussion Series presented by the Friends of the Medford Public Library. 7:00 p.m. This week's topic of discussion will be "A Kiss from Maddalena" by Christopher Castellani.	Medford Public Library, 111 High St. Contact: Barbara Kerr, Assistant Director (781) 395-7950.
Tuesday October 17	An Evening of Italian Song. This annual musical event, in which the audience joins in singing old and new Italian favorite songs, sells out fast because of its popularity and limited seating. 7:00 p.m. Tickets \$25 – all proceeds go to the Pirandello Scholarship Fund. Special gratitude to Filippo and Anna Frattaroli who donate the restaurant and delicious Italian food every year to support the Pirandello scholarships. Make checks	Ristorante Lucia, Winchester Contacts: email: PirandelloLyceum@aol.com Peter Ingeneri (781) 246-1910
	payable to the "Pirandello Lyceum" and mail to: Charles Greco, President, 50 Braintree Hill, Suite 200, Braintree, MA 02184.	Franco Vitiello (617) 489-1370 Rosario Cascio (617) 569-7388
Wednesday, October 18	Justinian Law Society sponsors a seminar on <i>Elder Affairs</i> by Alex Miscella and a seminar on <i>Dual Citizenship</i> by Costantino Corrao. 7:00 p.m. Call for tickets. Contacts: Phil Boncore (617) 561-0999 or Lino Rullo (781) 862-1633.	Boccelli's Restaurant Main Street, Medford
Thursday, October 19	Italian Film Showing. Classis film (t/b/d) in Italian with English subtitles, courtesy of the Italian Consulate. 7:30 p.m. Free and open to the public. For further information contact the Italian Heritage Month Committee (617) 499-7955 or Lino Rullo (781) 862-1633.	Dante Alighieri Cultural Center, 41 Hampshire Street, Cambridge www.dantealighieri.net/cambridge
Friday, October 20	Operatic Arias from Iacopo Peri to Giuseppe Verdi. Danute Mileika, mezzo-soprano, Lorraine di Gregorio at the piano. Commentaries by Maria Pia Antonelli. 8:00 p.m. Sponsored by the Dante Alighieri Society and the Pirandello Lyceum. Donations: \$5.00 Contact: Lorraine di Gregorio (617) 267-0816.	Dante Alighieri Cultural Center 41 Hampshire Street, Cambridge (617) 876-5160 www.dantealighieri.net/cambridge
Friday, October 20	Joseph Holmes in Concert: an evening with an outstanding tenor, Joseph Holmes. An evening of famous Italian songs and arias along with classics and Broadway favorites. With special guests performers Bradley Pennington, piano and Erica Pisaturo, violin.7:30 p.m.	Unitarian-Universalist Church, 326 Main Street, Wakefield Tickets \$15; Contact:(617) 424-0900 or www.josepholmes.com.
Friday, October 20	"The Sunny Skies of Italy" starring Ruth Harcovitz, soprano. Evening performance. For tickets call Dotty D'Onofrio (617) 539-3092.	Winthrop Sons of Italy Ladies Lodge Senior Center, 25 Harvard St, Winthrop
Friday, October 20	Mt. Carmel Bazaar. Italian Kitchen, Bake Sale, and Raffles. 5:00-8:00 p.m. For more information call (413) 442-3182.	Mt. Carmel Parish Center Fenn Street, Pittsfield
Saturday, October 21	XV Incontro della Federazione delle Associazioni Abruzzesi Inc., USA (FAA/USA). Scholarship presentation and a gold medal will be awarded to eight deserving association members. Dinner and dancing. 7:00 p.m. Tickets \$60. For tickets call Rosetta Romagnoli (617) 924-7641 or Domenico Susi (617) 742-2791.	Orsogna Plaza, Main Street, Everett
Saturday, October 21	Tarantata Dance of the Ancient Spider. Folk music and dance becomes a living history of Italian traditions in the dance and music of Alessandra Belloni, who is based in NY with her company "I Giullari di Piazza", but travels every year to her native Italy to research and teach seminars on the complex and ancient traditions of Italian folklore. 8:00 p.m. Sponsored by the IHMC and the Dante Alighieri Society.	Dante Alighieri Cultural Center 41 Hampshire Street, Cambridge (617) 876-5160 www.dantealighieri.net/cambridge Contact: Lucia Clark (978) 769-5040.
Saturday, October 21	"The Renaissance Art" a brief introduction by Prof. Orazio Buttafuoco followed by a video presentation titled "The Dawn of Renaissance Art: from Giotto to Masaccio." 2:00-5:00 p.m. Free and open to the public. Refreshments be served. Contact: Orazio Buttafuoco (781) 331-4256.	Taft Public Library, Weymouth
Saturday, October 21	<i>Mt. Carmel Bazaar</i> . Italian Kitchen, Bake Sale - \$1000 cash raffle drawing. 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. For further information call (413) 442-3182.	Mt. Carmel Parish Center, Fenn Street, Pittsfield
Saturday, October 21	Charitable & Educational Trust of the Grand Lodge of MA OSIA is sponsoring it's <i>Annual Walk-a-Thon</i> at 10:00 a.m. For more information, contact: (617) 489-5234.	Lake Quannapowitt Wakefield
Saturday, October 21	OSIA events – for further info contact Grand Lodge (617) 489-5234 - Anniversary Banquet, Quattro Eroi lodge, Franklin - 17 th Annual Road Race, Lawrence Mixed Lodge - Anniversary Banquet, Stella del Nord, Quincy Sons of Italy Hall	Franklin Lawrence Quincy

Date	Event	Location
Sunday, October 22	Celebration of Italian Music featuring Doris Marion Carlino, Soprano, with William Merrill, Piano. Songs by Tosti, Verdi, Rossini, and more. Sponsored by the Italian Culture Commission of the Sons of Italy Grand Lodge of Mass. 7:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served after the concert. Tickets: \$20.00 general public, \$15.00 for Seniors, and \$10 for OSIA members and students.	Stoneham Theater, 395 Main Street, Stoneham www.stonehamtheatre.org For tickets call the theater at (781) 279 2200 or contact Julia Cerra, Chairman of the Italian Culture Commission (781) 245-0231
Sunday, October 22	Gigi Padovani, a journalist for <i>La Stampa</i> , will speak about <i>The Slow Food Revolution</i> , a new Culture for Dining and Living. The event will open the VI Settimana della lingua italiana nel mondo, whose subject this year is Il cibo e le feste nella lingua e nella cultura italiana. The time of this event is t/b/d. The initiative will be realized thanks to the Italian Cultural Institute of New York and to Rizzoli International Publications and its President Marco Ausenda.	Dante Alighieri Cultural Center 41 Hampshire Street, Cambridge (617) 876-5160 www.dantealighieri.net/cambridge Contact: Prof. Maria Gabriella Podestà, Italian Consulate (617) 722-9201, ext 20.
Sunday, October 22	Scholarship <i>Fashion Show</i> by Lord & Taylor, Norwood Italian, Norwood. For further information, contact OSIA Grand Lodge (617) 489-5234.	Lombardo's in Randolph
Monday, October 23	A new book, <i>A Lesser Saint</i> discussion and book signing by author and Italian Heritage Committee member Rocco Fumento. 7:00 p.m. For further information, please call (413) 443-1792.	Bellissimo Dolce 444 North Street, Pittsfield
Monday, October 23	Brockton Sons of Italy is sponsoring a lecture by Holocaust survivor Thea Aschkenase. Contact: Ralph Fedele at (508) 584-4437.	Brockton Sons of Italy Brockton
Tuesday, October 24 Tuesday,	Mask Making Italian Cultural event. 7:00 p.m. Light refreshments. For further information, contact OSIA Grand Lodge (617) 489-5234. "The Sunny Skies of Italy" starring Ruth Harcovitz, soprano. 2:00 p.m.	Winthrop Lodge of Elks Washington Street, Winthrop Youville Place, 10 Pelham Road
October 24	No admission fee. Contact (781) 861-3535.	Lexington
Wednesday, October 25	"The Sunny Skies of Italy" starring Ruth Harcovitz. 3:00 p.m. No admission fee. Contact (978) 475-4225	Marland Place 15 Stevens Street, Andover
Wednesday, October 25	Sienna Horse Racing – Reg. Of Italy Braintree Ladies Lodge. For further information, contact OSIA Grand Lodge (617) 489-5234.	Braintree
Thursday, October 26	The Italian Political System – a lecture by Professor Spencer DiScala. 7:30 p.m. Free and open to the public. Contact: Prof. Spencer DiScala (781) 784-6569. Email: spencer.discala@umb.edu.	Dante Alighieri Cultural Center 41 Hampshire Street, Cambridge (617) 876-5160
Thursday, October 26	Polenta Dinner: chicken, sausage, salad, coffee & dessert. 6:00 p.m. Proceeds go to Scholarships – Donation \$12. Tickets available at the door. For further details visit italianmonth.homestead.com	Sons of Italy ITAM Lodge 93 Waubeek Road, Pittsfield
Thursday, October 26 and Friday, October 27	Exhibit on the promotion of the Italian Language and Culture. Thurs: 3:00 - 7:00 p.m., Fri: 8:00 a.m 4:00 p.m. During October, Casit is sponsoring a poster Contest, K - 2: Create a picture booklet that portrays a famous Italian person and his/her contributions. Prize: \$50. Grades 3, 4 & 5 (if elementary): A poster or essay option. Poster will reflect a famous Italian	Massachusetts Foreign Language Conference, Sturbridge Hotel, in Sturbridge
	and his/her contributions. Essay will be a 10-question interview of an Italian immigrant, resulting in a report. Prizes will be \$100 per option per grade. Middle School. A poster or essay option. Poster will reflect an important era in Italian history. Essay will be a 20-question interview of an Italian immigrant, resulting in a report. 1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd place prizes will be awarded for each option, ranging from \$150 to \$50.	Contact President Kathy Lopez-Natale: CASIT@lycos.com
Friday, October 27	Newpoli is back for an encore performance after the tremendous success they enjoyed last June. The inimitable Carmen Marsico and Angela Rossi will lead again a group of very talented musicians to another delightful night of Southern Italian Folk music. 8:00 p.m. For tickets information contact the Dante Alighieri Society.	Dante Alighieri Cultural Center, 41 Hampshire Street, Cambridge email: Cambridge@dantealighieri.net www.dantealighieri.net/cambridge
Saturday, October 28	"Romanticism From Literature to Opera"- A brief introductory lecture by Prof. Orazio Buttafuoco followed by a Concert of Operatic selections by Lorraine DiGregorio, pianist, and Mary Ellen Kelly, soprano. 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. Contact: Prof. Orazio Buttafuoco (781) 331-4256.	Thayer Public Library Braintree
Saturday, October 28	Halloween Party sponsored by the Lawrence Mixed Lodge. For further information, contact OSIA Grand Lodge (617) 489-5234.	Lawrence Mixed Lodge Lawrence

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Sunday,	FIERI-Boston presents keynote speaker Dr. William Marchione, who will	East Boston YMCA
October 29	give a presentation about <i>Italian Immigration to Boston in the Early 20th</i>	215 Bremen St., East Boston
	Century. 2:00-2:30 p.m. Registration, Networking & Light refreshment,	(corner of Bremen & Porter Streets,
	2:30-3:30 p.m. Dr. Marchione, 3:30-5:00 p.m. Caffé e Biscotti, and an	MBTA Blue Line to Airport Station)
	opportunity to browse our <i>Mercatino</i> , a little display of Italian specialty	
	products available for purchase. \$5 for FIERI members, \$10 for non-	
	members. Advance purchase only, no tickets will be sold at the door.	For tickets, email Ralph at ihm@fieri-
	Visit www.Fieri-Boston.org for the latest info.	boston.org or call 617-572-2577
Sunday,	Italian Wine Tasting. Guest Speaker Mark Newsome. Join us as we take a	Sons of Italy ITAM Lodge
October 29	trip to sunny Italy sip-by-sip. Tasting will include regional Italian wines and	93 Waubeek Road, Pittsfield
	appetizers to compliment the wines. Comprehensive discussion of wines in a	
	sit-down style tasting. Advanced sales only. 5:30 p.m. \$30.00 per person.	For tickets and info contact Tracy
	Cash or check. Don't miss this exciting evening. It's sure to be a sell-out!	Ballard (413) 499-2522.
Sunday,	OSIA events – for further info contact Grand Lodge (617) 489-5234	
October 29	- Sports Night – Lawrence Mixed Lodge	Lawrence
	- Lawrence Mixed Lodge, Speaking Programs, Italian Culture & History	Lawrence
	- Dinner Dance for Cooley's Anemia. 7:30 p.m. Piave & Fiume Lodge	Watertown
Monday,	Italian-American Book Discussion Series presented by the Friends of the	Medford Public Library
October 30	Medford Public Library. 7:00 p.m. This week's topic of discussion will be	111 High Street, Medford
	"Were you Always an Italian?: Ancestors and Other Icons of Italian	
	America" by Maria Laurino. There will be 2 additional book discussions in	Contact: Barbara Kerr, Assistant
	November as well (November 13 and 27).	Director (781) 395-7950.
Date to be	Reading panel from creative non-fiction magazine at Harvard University.	Location to be announced
announced	New England writers, Carol Bonomo Albright, Christine Palamidessi Moore	
	and Gianna Cenapari read their stories about Italian Americans from a	Contact: Dr. Stephen Maio
	special national issue of creative non-fiction to be published as both a book	(781) 245-6536
	and magazine during October 2006.	
Whole	Neiman Marcus salutes Italian Heritage Month. "Join us throughout the	Neiman Marcus
Month of	month of October as we celebrate the rich heritage of Italian style and	5 Copley Place, Boston.
October	design!" April Stern Riccio, Public Relations Manager.	
	Oct. 4 -9: Manolo Blahnik Fall Trunk Show in the Shoe Salon, Level 3	
	Oct. 5: "Cocktails and Armani" Event in The Man's Store, Level 1,	
	6 p.m8 p.m.	
	Oct. 6-7: HIP Event highlighting contemporary Italian designs by Dolce & Gabbana, Stefano Ricci, Roberto Cavalli, Miu Miu, Prada,	
	Loro Piana, Agnona, Armani Collezioni, Piazza Sempione, Gucci,	
	Tod's, Etro, Versace, Blumarine, Moschino and many more!	Contacts:
	Oct. 18: Prada Handbags and Sportswear Day, Level 2 and 3	Judge Joseph Ferrino (617) 569-2110
	Oct. 18: Prada Handoags and Sportswear Day, Level 2 and 3 Oct. 27 Loro Piana Day in Sportswear and Accessories, Level 2 & 3	Dr. Steve Maio 781-245-6536.
	Oct. 21 Loro Frana Day in Sportswear and Accessories, Level 2 & 3	DI. SIEVE IVIAIO /01-243-0330.

We hope that you will be able to make time to attend as many of these wonderful events as possible. Please spread the word to your family, friends, neighbors and colleagues. Attendance at these events is crucial to the success of October as Italian Heritage Month. To be added to the mailing list, or email distribution list, please contact Rina Crugnale, VP for Administration at (617) 499-7955 or email: ItalianHeritageM@aol.com. For updates or further information, please visit ItalianHeritageMonth.com.

The Committee wishes to thank the Dante Alighieri Society, through it's principal officers: Anna Quadri, President and Salvatore Bramante, Chairman, for their invaluable assistance in graciously hosting yet another year of committee meetings. So many people have played a part in so many ways to make this celebration a reality. A heartfelt thank you to those who have given of their time, ideas and energy to create this amazing list of events to celebrate October as Italian Heritage Month and to all those who attend the planning meetings and organize and work behind the scenes to make sure everything runs smoothly. Thank you to all who were able to contribute a monetary donation, know that as a result of your generosity, many events in October are free to the public, thereby reaching the greatest amount of people possible and your donations make it possible to distribute the Calendar of Events and this Newsletter across Massachusetts. *Mille Grazie a tutti*!

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