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## ICS PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE



**Monte Soratte in Lazio**, about 45 km north of Rome, was used by ancient tribes to worship Soranus, and it was mentioned by Horace, Virgil and Ovid in their writings. This church, built atop a pagan temple, was visited by Charlemagne while journeying to Rome for his coronation. It has been an active church for more than 1000 years and has frescoes dating to the 13th and 14th centuries on the interior walls.

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Cari amici,

Our 2010-2011 Season enters the last two months of programming. Since October 2010, we have presented our film series, lectures, luncheons, a new member reception, our adult Italian language classes, opera, an evening of Roman food, wine and music, as well as a trip to see the Vatican art exhibit in Ft. Lauderdale.

On behalf of our members, I express our appreciation to the volunteers who have worked so hard to make our programs such a success: Jean DiPierro and Ken Pedini, Co-chairs of Programming and Planning; Peter Scianna, Films and Opera Liaison; Donna Lenzi, Editor of *amici* and the Adult Language Program Coordinator; Sue Luconi, Chair of both Musicale and the Cristiana Pegoraro Concert; Paula Cappalli and Lorraine Galloway, Co-chairs of Hospitality; and Joe Martin, Membership Chair. I thank the many volunteers who have worked this year for the Society in support of our programs.

I want to express a special thank you to Anthony Abbate who has served the Society for more than six years as a director, officer, Membership Chair, and "utility player" for many tasks needed through the years to keep our Society operating. Tony's term concludes in April with six years of service on the ICS Board. We will miss him, but I know he will remain an active member and volunteer. Thank you Tony, for your efforts, advice and unselfish support.

As you read this last issue of *amici* for the current season, I would like you to pay particular attention to two very special events. Cristiana Pegoraro, world renowned concert pianist, is returning on March 14 for a special ICS concert beginning at 5 p.m. As you might remember from last year, Cristiana performed to a sold-out, members-only crowd. Last year's large waiting list prompted us to move this event to The Moorings Presbyterian Church Sanctuary which seats 300. This performance, which will be an

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entirely new program, will be open to the public, so feel free to invite as many friends as you wish. Plan to reserve early as this event was an outstanding success last year.

On April 5, we will hold our Annual Luncheon Meeting. The agenda for the meeting will include a review of the year's operation and financial position, a presentation of the future vision for the Society, the election of new board members, a preview of next year's regional focus, Sicily, and the preliminary outline of events and programs. The meeting will be held at Sam Bucco Bistro with a social reception on the patio before the meeting and lunch. This meeting is an excellent time for members to voice their opinions and ideas for the future of the Society and the events we plan.

I look forward to seeing you at our programs. Have a safe and healthy spring season.

Cordiali saluti,  
Adam D. Crescenzi  
President

## Italian Cultural Society Calendar of Events

**March 1**  
Tuesday  
**"Bread and Tulips"**  
**Norris Center at 7 p.m.**

**March 14**  
Monday  
**Cristiana Pegoraro Concert**  
The Moorings Presbyterian  
Church Sanctuary  
**5 p.m.**

**March 29**  
Tuesday  
**Dr. Borden Painter, Ph.D.**  
Country Club of Naples  
**Lecture and Luncheon 11 a.m.**

**April 2**  
Saturday  
**Opera Naples**  
Verdi's **"Requiem Mass"**  
**The Moorings Presbyterian**  
**Church Sanctuary at 3 p.m.**

**April 5**  
Tuesday  
Annual Meeting  
**Sam Bucco Bistro**  
Social hour 10 a.m.  
Meeting 11 a.m.

**April 5**  
Tuesday  
**"Ciao, Professore!"**  
**Norris Center at 7 p.m.**

**April 14**  
Thursday  
**Sicilian Wine Presentation**  
**Total Wines and More**  
**6-8 p.m.**

Please Note: **ICS** can no longer accept walk-ins for events because venues require a final count of attendees five days prior to each. Please call and make payments for events at least one week in advance of the event date to ensure your reservation.

Call early for reservations! 239-434-3323

## Cristiana Pegoraro Concert Set For March 14



Cristiana Pegoraro, internationally acclaimed concert pianist, will perform on **Monday, March 14 at The Moorings Presbyterian Church Sanctuary from 5 to 6 p.m.** in a very special musical event arranged by her Executive Producer, Luciano Morello, an ICS member and local resident.

Ms. Pegoraro, noted as one of the most gifted musicians of her generation, has performed in great concert halls throughout Europe, South America, Australia and the United States. Hailed by critics as among the best interpreters of Cuban and South American music, she blends her own compositions and her poetry into her truly gifted performances. She is the recipient of the 2007 Sebetia-Ter President of Italy Award, one of her many awards of distinction.

Attendees will be treated to Scarlatti, Chopin, Beethoven, and Piazzolla, as well as Pegoraro's own compositions woven into her entirely new repertoire.

A reception immediately following the concert will offer wine and hors d'oeuvres by Sauté Catering, a well-known Naples catering company. Last year's post-concert reception afforded attendees the opportunity to meet and chat with this great Italian-born talent and purchase her CDs in an intimate courtyard setting.

Cost: **\$39** for Members, \$49 for Guests

Concert will begin **5 p.m. sharp**. You won't want to miss a note!

The Moorings Presbyterian Church Sanctuary is located at 791 Harbour Drive in Naples. Take 41, turn West onto Harbour Drive which is North of Golden Gate Parkway and South of Pine Ridge Road.

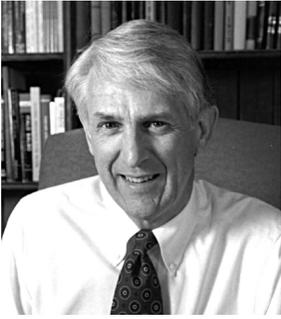
### *In Memoriam*

**ICS** members joined the family and friends of Corinne Dunne in January to celebrate the life of a truly remarkable and talented woman. Corinne, who always described herself as "the Viking with an Italian soul," lived in Naples for the last 25 years of her life. A former 15 year resident of Rome, Corinne wrote articles for various magazines and was well known locally for her contributions as the music and dance critic for the Naples Daily News.

Corinne's close friendship with Edith Coleman, Joe Delfino and Nick diRusso led to a passion for Italian culture, history, music, art and language that had to be shared. From these early efforts to promote and preserve Italian culture, our Society was born with Corinne serving as its very first Vice Chair. Through her contacts in the world of performing arts, Corinne and the "advisory committee" were able to sponsor presentations that would enlighten and entertain.

From those humble beginnings almost thirteen years ago, the Italian Cultural Society has grown to the organization it is now with the diligent guidance of Corinne, Edith, Joe, Nick and many others whose love of Italy and all things Italian have been entrusted to us.

# Mussolini and the Eternal City



*P*rofessor Borden Painter, President Emeritus of Trinity College and author of *Mussolini's Rome, Rebuilding the Eternal City*, is the featured speaker at the **March 29** ICS luncheon to be held at **11 a.m. at the Country Club of Naples**.

Professor Painter is an authority on modern Italy, especially the fascist period, and has contributed articles to historical journals on the subject. His slide presentation and lecture will elucidate how Mussolini transformed Rome for his own purposes.

Professor Painter, former Chairman of the History Department at Trinity, has served as a Professor of History, Dean of the Faculty, Director of the Italian Programs, as well as faculty member and Director of Trinity's Rome Campus.

The menu for the luncheon includes Balsamic Glazed Pork Tenderloin served over a bed of Roasted Mediterranean Vegetables, Sun-Dried Tomato Risotto, Italian Bread Loaf with Herb Olive Oil, Plated Brownies, Coffee and Tea. A vegetarian option is available upon request. Specify choice when making your reservation.

Cost: **\$29.00 per person**

Wine and drinks available with a credit card.

**11 a.m.** Social

**12:00 p.m.** Lecture and Luncheon

**The Country Club of Naples** is located at **185 Burning Tree Drive, Naples 34105**. Take 41, turn East onto Pine Ridge Rd, turn South onto Goodlette-Frank to Solana/Northgate Dr. Follow signs to Burning Tree Drive.



*I*n **Colonna, Lazio** the *Principe Pallavicini* winery can be found situated at the foot of the rolling Albani hills southeast of Rome. The 400 year old wine cellars occupy land that has been in the possession of one of Rome's oldest noble families, the Pallavicinis, since the 16th Century, but recent archaeological excavations show that wine has been produced there on the terraced vineyards guarded by the *Torre Pasolino* watch tower since Roman times.

Two Roman era wine presses, one of stone and one of marble, dating to the Republican and Imperial times respectively, can be found at the cellar entrance. The remains of a Roman aqueduct traverse the cellars, providing unique storage for maturing wine.

According to Princess Maria Camilla Pallavicini, who serves on the board with her two sons, *Principe Pallavicini* maintains its ancient heritage while embracing modernity making it one of the most innovative wineries in Italy producing high quality Latium wines. The Pallavicinis export 50% of their red, white and dessert wines to Europe and America.



### Pasqua è Pace

Vien un suono da lontano  
lieve lieve, piano piano.  
Entra dolce in ogni cuore  
pasquale, come un dono del Signore.  
Tutti quanti son felici,  
tutti quanti sono amici.  
Con la Pasqua del Signore  
c'è la pace in ogni cuore.

### Did You Know?

A typical symbol of Easter in Italy is a cake in the shape of a dove- *colomba*. The Easter dove, *colomba pasquale*, has its roots in the distant past. Around the 6th C., a raised ring-shaped loaf was offered to Alboin, the King of the Lombards, who was besieging the city of Pavia. The ingredients (eggs, flour, yeast) were simple compared to those of today, which include butter, sugar and candied fruit.

The official name for Easter Monday in Italy is *Lunedì dell'Angelo*, Angel Monday, however; it is popularly known as *Pasquetta*. *La Pasquetta è il giorno tradizionale che apre la stagione dei picnic in primavera*. Many Italians make trips to the countryside on this day.

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## Italian Language Classes Conclude For The Season

The Adult Language Classes, sponsored by ICS and held at the Community School of Naples on Wednesdays throughout the season, will conclude on March 30. Classes will resume again in November with **Italian I, II/III**, as well as, **Beginner and Intermediate Conversation** being offered.

**Italian I**, our most popular class, is for those adults with no experience with the Italian language. **Beginner Conversation** has Italian I, II, and III (or the equivalent course of study) required as a pre-requisite. Consider registering early for these two popular classes which will fill quickly. Classes run for 6 weeks in each of the three sessions (Fall, Winter, and Spring), and the 6-week session is \$60. No books are required for Beginner and Intermediate Conversation classes. ICS makes Berlitz *5-Minute Italian* (ISBN#978-981-268-625-1) available to Italian I, II and III students for an additional fee. This book is available for purchase locally for those who would like to study on their own.

Contact Donna Lenzi, Adult Language Program Coordinator, lenzidonna@gmail.com or 330-606-8822 to register or for more information. Details for all classes will be provided in the Fall issue of *amici*.

We close out the Adult Language Program for the season with kudos to our talented and much appreciated teaching staff. *Professoressa* Grace Mannino and *Professoressa* Nancy Menaldi-Scanlan handle the duties with humor, style, and professionalism. *Grazie e a presto!*

# Annual Meeting Slated for April 5

**ICS** will hold its **Annual Meeting** at **Sam Bucco Bistro** on **April 5**. President Adam Crescenzi will summarize the operations for the year and present the financial review and the Board's future vision for the Society.

At the General Meeting held on Feb. 1, Anthony Abbate, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented Sue Luconi and Richard Delfino for nomination to the Board. Since there were no nominations from the floor, Sue and Rich will stand for election at the Annual Meeting as required by the Society's By-Laws.

A sneak peek at Sicily, our regional focus for the 2011-2012 Season, will be presented in addition to a preliminary outline of events and programs for the year.

Lunch will consist of Roquefort Salad and a choice of Veal Marsala, Grouper Piccata or Pasta Norma, penne pasta with tomato sauce and eggplant. Platted Biscotti, Coffee and Tea will be available. Please specify your menu choice when making your reservation.



**Sam Bucco Bistro** is located at **14700 Tamiami Trail, Unit 5, Tamiami Plaza** just north of the intersection of Old 41 and Rt. 41.

**10 a.m. social**  
**11 a.m. meeting**  
**12 p.m. luncheon**

**Cost: \$35**



## ***Sicilian Wine Presentation***



To introduce our upcoming season, ICS will host a "Celebration of Sicily" wine tasting on **April 14 at Total Wines and More**. Hors d'oeuvres by Susan will again be offered to compliment the selected wines. The knowledgeable wine experts on staff at Total Wines will share their insights into good wines at good prices from the vintners of Sicily.

Reserve early as space is limited to ICS Members and their invited guests.

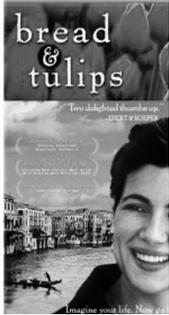
**Total Wines and More** is located in **Carillon Plaza** (near OfficeMax and Steak and Shake) at Pine Ridge and Airport Pulling.

**6-8 p.m.**

**Cost: \$20**



# Il Cinema Italiano



**ICS** extends a heart-felt thank you to screen writer, Jed Tullet, who introduced the winter and spring films in our series. Jed, a former teacher of Literature and Drama in England, a frequent magazine contributor and a screen writer, generously shares his vast knowledge of film and his passion for all things Italian with an appreciative audience. We are privileged to have had Jed's insights and expertise as an enhancement to our enjoyment of the Roberto Benigni films featured this year.



At the **February 1** General Meeting, Peter Scianna, ICS Film Coordinator, asked members to make recommendations for future films. Please contact Peter at [p\\_scianna@sbcglobal](mailto:p_scianna@sbcglobal).

All films are shown at the Norris Center in downtown Naples at 7 p.m. A \$5 donation is requested at the door. No reservations are needed to attend the films, and they are open to the public. Arrive early as parking is limited. Overflow parking is available at the Tennis Center with a short walk to the Norris Center.



**Self-Portrait** by Tom Cardamone was awarded Best in Show at the 5th Annual Juried Exhibition of The International Society of Acrylic Painters, in Tampa, Florida in December 2010.

**Amici** editor, Donna Lenzi, acknowledges Ann and Tom Cardamone for their diligent efforts over the past decade in preparing the ICS newsletter for printing. Ann and Tom, owners of TCA Graphics, bring their invaluable expertise to our publication which is a source of pride to our organization. On behalf of the ICS Board, Donna extends the sincere gratitude of the Society to the Cardamones. We look forward to your continued involvement in **amici** and the Society.

**TCA Graphics** on Shirley Street in Naples is also home to a collection of Tom's art which is on display in the studio/gallery. Open from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on weekdays and by appointment on weekends, the Cardamones welcome visits.

Congratulations to Tom for winning Best in Show at the All-Florida International Society of Acrylic Painters Competition in Tampa recently.

## FYI

**EUROMA2**, Rome's enormous new shopping mall in the city, has 240 stores and is the largest in Europe. This most elegant setting features marble floors and obelisks, a glass cupola, gold embellishments and stunning architecture. A supermarket, pharmacy, restaurants and bars, jewelry stores and shops for furniture, household items and gifts can all be found every day of the week. Parking for 4000 is free for the first three hours.



## **Reservations Procedure**

**24/7 Reservation Line: 239-434-3323.** Clearly state your name, phone number, the name of the event you are reserving, and the number and full names of your guests. Give menu choices, if options are indicated in *amici*, and your seating preferences. Reserve and make payments for all events as early as possible. **Payments may be made by credit card or with checks made payable to ICS. Feel free to book multiple events when using the Reservation Line.** Mail checks to

**Italian Cultural Society  
PMB 104, 6017 Pine Ridge Road  
Naples, FL 34119-3956**

**Cancellation Policy: NO Refunds will be given for cancellations made within four days of the event.**

## **Membership Information**

ICS membership year is from **October 1** through **September 30**. Please submit your dues no later than **November 1** to be included in and to receive an updated directory. Dues are **\$60** for couples and **\$35** for individual membership. Dues may be submitted at any time, but must be received by Nov. 1 for inclusion in the directory. Dues received after **April 1** will be credited to the following year. Name badges are **\$10**, and will be mailed to all new members upon receipt of dues and badge fee. Members are requested to wear name badges to all events. Membership forms will be available at all events and online. Visit the website at [www.italianculturalsociety.com](http://www.italianculturalsociety.com) for more information.

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