



CCI Newsletter No. 2 Vol. 1

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT Dr. Francesco Giacobbe

I am thrilled to inform you that on behalf of Mayor Byron Brown, the city has promised a donation of \$350,000 to the new CCI center! We plan to disseminate information on fundraising via multiple social media outlets. The goal is to reach as many potential donors as possible. Rest assured, members of the board and I are fully dedicated to the success of this endeavor which, in the end, promises to truly be the "jewel of North Buffalo!" Below is a rendering of the exterior by architect Mr. Briatico.



In other news, I am happy to report that the trip to Sicily is sold out, with 40 people registered for the tour of the island! I wanted to share with all of you some of the highlights of the trip.

The Palatine Chapel in Palermo and the cathedrals of Cefalu and Monreale house the world's most outstanding Byzantine mosaics.

Erice is one of the first Carthaginian colonies which at nighttime features views of Africa.

Over 2000 years old, the Greek temple of Segesta astounds the spectator with its splendor and is noted as one of the world's most preserved ancient temples.

Valle dei Templi in Agrigento boasts several Greek temples with spectacular nighttime views.

Piazza Armerina, my personal favorite, features floor mosaics dating back to 3rd century AD.

Recognized as a UNESCO world heritage site for its Baroque architecture, Southern Sicily is home to Siracusa- one of the most powerful cities of the ancient Greek civilization.

Visited by the world's most elite, Taormina continues to dazzle tourists with its Greek theater and breathtaking backdrop of the Mediterranean sea.

Mount Etna, the tallest volcano in Europe, and its nearby Alcantara Gorge are simply magnificent.

In short, this trip to Sicily promises to be an eye-popping experience, and I look forward to many more future excursions!

## CALENDAR

**April 18:** Lecture "Accadia and Buffalo: Anything in Common?" by Dr. Sebastiano Andreana at **7:30PM**.

**April 25:** Film Screening of *Il Postino* Dir. by Massimo Troisi at **7PM**.

**April 28:** Storytime in italiano for kids featuring *Prosciutto e uova verdi* (Dr. Seuss' *Green eggs and ham* in translation) at **4 PM**.

**May 9:** "Gnocchi night" at 31 Club, 31 Johnson Park Buffalo, NY at **6PM**.

**May 23:** Lecture "From a Labyrinth to an Open Work" by Prof. Antonella di Giulio at **7:00PM**. The talk centers on the evolution of musical writing among contemporary Italian composers and draws from Umberto Eco's theory of open work.

**May 30:** Film Screening of *Mediterraneo* Dir. by Gabriele Salvatores at **7PM**.

**June 27:** Film Screening of *Macherroni* featuring Marcello Mastroiani and Jack Lemmon at **7PM**.

All lectures, movies and story hours are held at 1510 Hertel Avenue and are free to CCI members. [Call \(716\) 832-2653](tel:7168322653) or [send an email to ccibuffalo@gmail.com](mailto:ccibuffalo@gmail.com) to reserve a seat!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ Each month, there will be an interactive, fun-filled story hour in Italian followed by crafts and treats for children. Event is free, open to all, and no prior knowledge of Italian is required!
- ◆ Our annual fundraiser "Gnocchi Night" is almost sold out!. Call (716) 832-2653 or send an email to [ccibuffalo@gmail.com](mailto:ccibuffalo@gmail.com) to make your reservation. The CCI values your contribution!
- ◆ Every last Wednesday of the month, the CCI features screenings of classical Italian films with English subtitles. Don't miss out on this wonderful opportunity to appreciate Italian culture through film!
- ◆ Check our website for updates at [ccibuffalo.org](http://ccibuffalo.org) and like us on Facebook!

## MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

**Paola M. (Giacobbe) Kersch, PhD**

I am thrilled to report that the newsletter was well received! Just a reminder that the newsletter will be mailed out on a quarterly basis, so you will receive the next one in July and then again in October. I encourage you to send any suggestions or comments to [kersch@dyc.edu](mailto:kersch@dyc.edu) or you may call me at (716) 829-7692. Grazie e buone cose!

## CCI MEMBER MARIA TERESA MOSCATO TURNS 100!

On Palm Sunday, March 25th, 2018 Mary Moscato, also known as Nana Mary celebrated her 100th birthday surrounded by friends and family at her Orchard Heights residence. She even had the opportunity to Facetime with her relatives in Licata, Italy. For more information on this incredible story, visit <https://www.wkbw.com/news/the-now/shes-still-dancing-at-100-years-old>

A story will also be featured in the upcoming issue of *Per Niente*.

