



CALENDAR

Feb 9 : Storytime in italiano featuring *Curioso Come George: Brrr La Neve! (Curious George: Snowy Day)*. Saturday February 9th at **4PM**.

Feb 20: Lecture "The Italian Renaissance" by Dr. F. Giacobbe at **7PM**

Feb 27: Film screening of *Johnny Stecchino*
Dir. By Roberto Benigni at **7PM**.

Mar 20: Lecture "What's New in Italian Politics?" By Mr. Renzi at **7PM**.

Mar 22: Storytime in italiano featuring *Prosciutto e Uova Verdi* (Dr. Seuss' *Green Eggs and Ham*) and a celebration of Dr. Seuss' birthday at **6:30 PM**.

Mar 27: Film screening of *Life is Beautiful* by Roberto Benigni at **7PM**.

Apr 17: Lecture "A Life-Time Experience" by Mrs. Saccomando-Freedman at **7PM**.

Apr 24: Film screening at **7PM**. Film TBD.

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!

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dr. Francesco Giacobbe

Good wishes to all CCI members for a healthy and Happy New Year 2019! The CCI is looking positively to the developments of our organization in the near future. Our Board has consolidated into new steering committees, new officers have been elected, and new ideas have been launched. We always welcome more ideas from all interested members and the community at large. The goal of this organization is not only to teach the Italian language and culture, but also, and most importantly, to serve our community. We embrace all, and look forward to the development of another new initiative -that of teaching ESL (English as a Second Language) classes to the area's new immigrant and refugee populations.

The architect is working on a front lawn project and it was suggested that we develop a "bocce court" on the North end of the property. Plans are underway to trim the trees to make the property more visible and accommodate this outdoor recreational feature. Councilmember Joel Ferolletto will be of great help in these projects. Former Mayor, the Honorable Anthony Masiello and city developer Rocco Termini have been similarly of tremendous help.

The CCI is also pleased to report that it has secured another scholarship of \$1,000 to the top student of Italian at Hutch Tech for an immersion program of 15 days in the High School of Torremaggiore, Puglia, Buffalo's sister city.

Planning a trip to Italy? Come with me in early September 2019 to Northern Italy. My trip to Sicily this past fall was beautiful and equally successful. The one still in the planning promises to be spectacular as it starts in Venice with a move to the Alps from east to west (Aosta Valley & Mont Blanc) with stops in various cities to appreciate the art of the Italian Renaissance. For more information, call the travel agent Mrs. Miriam Renzi at (716) 304-1476 or 812-6868.



CCI MEMBERS & FRIENDS VISIT SICILY

On September 24th, 2018 a group of 40 individuals accompanied by group leader and CCI President Dr. Francesco Giacobbe departed for an 11 day tour of the beautiful island of Sicily.



“Soundscapes from Italy”

On January 17th the CCI held its first concert at Ciminelli Hall at Buffalo State College. The event entitled “Soundscapes from Italy” featured a piano and voice recital presented by soprano Alessia Paolini and pianist Antonella DiGiulio. The event was well received , and the CCI hopes to offer more concerts in the near future.

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

**Paola M. (Giacobbe)
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- ◆ Please continue to submit your suggestions to kerschp@dyc.edu or (716) 517-5168
- ◆ Check our website for updates at www.ccibuffalo.org and don't forget to like us on Facebook!

La Befana Visits CCI!

On Saturday, December 15th, children learned about the Italian legend of La Befana through an interactive, bilingual and “in-character” reading of the story! CCI wants to send out a special thanks MaryJane Incardona for taking the pictures and helping out on this very special day.



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