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## CALENDAR

**May 8:** "Gnocchi night" at 31 Club, 31 Johnson Park Buffalo, NY at **6:00 P.M.**

**May 22:** Lecture "The Carusi: Life inside the Sicilian Sulphur Mines" by Angelo Coniglio and Joe DiLeo at **7:00 P.M.**

**May 25:** Storytime in italiano featuring *Prosciutto e uova verdi* (Dr. Seuss' *Green eggs and ham* in translation) at **3:00 P.M.**

**May 30:** Film Screening of *Ciociarà (Shoeshine)* Dir. by Vittorio deSica at **7:00 P.M.**

**June 15:** Storytime in italiano featuring *A caccia dell'orso* (Michael Rosen's *We're Going on a Bear Hunt!*) at **3:00 P.M.**

**June 19:** Lecture on Experience Abroad by CCI's Exchange Student at **7:00 P.M.**

**June 26:** Film Screening of *La Strada* Dir. by Federico Fellini at **7:00 P.M.**

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 EDITOR

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

My apologies for the delay in this month's newsletter. The next newsletter will be mailed out in July and then again in October. Send your feedback to: [kerschp@dyc.edu](mailto:kerschp@dyc.edu) or you may call me at (716) 517-5168.

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

**Dr. Francesco Giacobbe**

"What's going on with the North Buffalo library?" a colleague of mine asked not too long ago.

"It looks old, dreary, absconded by trees, and nothing has been done for over a year!" he continues. Well, let me give an update to all of you with similar concerns. Recently, our architect has produced several beautiful renderings of both the interior and exterior of the future building design. Through these close collaborative efforts with the architect, members of the CCI board, and the



feedback compiled by the surveys conducted in January, our vision for the future space promises a café, multiuse spaces that accommodate a variety of events and language instruction, a museum, a genealogy center, a kitchen, and an outdoor fountain. We have also contracted a fundraising agency and prepared our "Buffalo Italian Renaissance: Be a part of it!" campaign case statement with accompanying presentation. So, while externally and visibly, it may appear as though nothing has been happening, internally quite the contrary is true. Soon, you will see a lot of motion! This project has been for me a huge undertaking, but it is not unsurmountable. I am an interpreter of your wishes, and I know that you would love to see a luminous, resplendent structure for you to visit and be proud of. Our goal is to raise two million dollars, and probably more. It can be done, and with everyone's participation, we will succeed. In other news, our trip to Northern Italy is filling up nicely, and is going to be another spectacular and educational excursion. As always, I look forward to more exciting visits to Italy.

### CCI Lifetime Donors :

Each year, CCI recognizes lifetime donors at the annual Gnocchi Night celebration.

A Special Thanks to Our 2019 Lifetime Donors:

Mr. and Mrs. Robert & Kimberly Castiglione

Mr. & Mrs. Angelo Coniglio and Angela Bongiovanni Coniglio

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph and Angela Dispenza

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph and Nancy Tanzella

Mrs. Juliet Gentile Kline



### Northern Italy Trip

There are still openings for this year's Northern Italy trip, September 8-20.

Trip features visits to Milan, Turin, Aosta Valley, Lago Como, Verona, Dolomite Mountains, Venice, Padova & Ravenna.

For more information, contact Myriam Renzi at (716) 812-6868



### Mrs. Juliet Gentile Kline

CCI wishes to extend its warmest birthday wishes to CCI member, Mrs. Juliet Gentile Kline who celebrated her 95th birthday this month!  
Auguri Juliet, per cent'anni!