

# CENTRO CULTURALE ITALIANO DI BUFFALO



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**Dear CCI Members,**

Happy New Year and Buon Anno! As we embrace the start of a fresh year, I am delighted to share the latest developments at the CCI with you.

Thanks to our compassionate volunteers, devoted members, and supportive families, the vision nurtured by Dr. Giacobbe and his late wife, Renata, continues to flourish. It's heartwarming to see their legacy set to enrich countless futures.

Our commitment to Italian language and culture remains unwavering, with a vibrant array of events. Notably:

- **La Befana Festival:** Despite gusty winds, our beloved tradition drew a joyful crowd on January 6th, keeping the magic of our "good witch" alive.
- **Pop Up Chefs:** A fantastic and delicious event that flooded our building on Saturday, January 20th.
- **Cards & Cocktails:** A packed house for Italian card games led by our volunteers on Tuesday, January 23rd.
- **St. Joseph's Day Table:** Mark your calendars for a family-centric celebration on Saturday, March 16th.

The enthusiasm of our younger members is palpable, with an abundant of innovative events being programmed that embody the spirit of Italy.

Our educational offerings are expanding:

- **Listings Lecture Series:** Our most generous financial contributor to the CCI will enlighten us on his contributions to serve our community. Why we love the element Gold, Tesla: the making of and myths and truths.
- **Italian Language Lessons:** Our dedicated instructors are gearing up to begin their classes, continuing to bridge language barriers and foster connections.
- **Tourism Class with Pietro Mendola:** Already underway, this class has become a favorite, offering invaluable insights for the global adventurers among us.

The CCI is bustling with creativity and culture, from art workshops to children's activities, and the anticipation of wine tastings and culinary delights from renowned chefs like MaryRuth Rera.

Experience the ambiance of Piazza Navona right here at the CCI every Saturday – a place where fun, life, and all things Italian converge.

Sports enthusiasts, take note! After nearly two decades, the Italian soccer team returns to the U.S. Join us for live screenings on March 20th and March 24th, complete with cappuccino and cornetto, to savor the game in true Italian style.

We're excited to announce extended operating hours, soon to include nights and Sundays. Drop by to immerse yourself in Italian conversation, savor communal meals, and embrace Sundays as they're meant to be spent – among family and friends.

Your unwavering support is our strength, and we are infinitely grateful. For inquiries or suggestions, feel free to email me at [info@CCIBuffalo.org](mailto:info@CCIBuffalo.org)

May God bless you all,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Maria Renzi Foss'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'M' and 'R'.

**Maria Renzi Foss**

Centro Culturale Italiano di Buffalo President