



The Italian Cultural Institute of Louisville, Inc.
Istituto Culturale Italiano di Louisville

Notiziario for July 2010

Italian Language Classes – Proposed policy change

Language classes have been an important part of our Institute for many years. The classes have been successful because of the generous donation of time by our volunteer teachers. This has represented a huge commitment by these wonderful teachers and we wish to thank Clara Maddox, John Norton, Judy Robbins, and Marina Karem for getting our language program started.

Now we are preparing to take the language program to the next level.

The Board of ICI has set up a Committee to create a program of language classes for the Italian Cultural Institute. The goal is to eventually have a full scope of college level classes taught by credentialed native speaking instructors as well as shorter, more casual classes of general interest. The Committee is now in the process of interviewing and hiring an instructor for the beginning Italian class to start this September and will add other classes as soon as possible.

This will be an exciting and professional new program; however, there must now be a charge for Italian lessons. The lessons are priced competitively with other programs in Louisville and there is a significant discount for ICI members.

Watch for notices about our new classes.



Above, Dr Rocky Kolb, guest speaker, with ICI member Mimi Guarnieri before Dr Kolb's capacity audience talk at Rauch Planetarium. Below, L to R, Rachel Connolly, director, Rauch Planetarium, Dr Barry Padgett, associate professor of philosophy at Bellarmine and Christopher Graney, professor of physics at JCTC, the panel for the Galileo event at Melcombe June 20.



Save the Dates: Three Emperors

Three talks will be given in October, one on each of three Roman emperors, all by distinguished visiting scholars. The dates are all Wednesdays: October 13, Prof Thomas McGinn of Vanderbilt will speak on *Augustus*, on October 20, Prof Daniel Solomon, also of Vanderbilt, on *Hadrian*, and on October 27, Prof Daniel Gargola of U of K will speak on *Constantine*. All three talks will be at the Frazier Historical Museum and full details will follow.

Salotto di Clara

Will not meet in July and August but will resume third Thursday of September.

Biblioteca Italiana will next meet July 26 at Tom Van's house from 7 p.m until 9. Light refreshments will be served and the book will be Dava Sobell's *Galileo's Daughter*. Details and directions at 458-4642.

Membership renewal

Members whose renewal was due or overdue on June 30, 2010 will have received a notice asking them to renew either on the website www.icilouisville.org or by mail to PO Box 6253,

Louisville, KY 40206-0253. It is a great help if members do this promptly as it saves us time, and our bothering you.

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Italy under the Stars Mark your calendar for September 25 and here are some ideas how you can help

ICI's major fundraiser ***Italy Under the Stars*** will take place Saturday, September 25, once again at the lovely L'Orangerie in Glenview. This year's silent and live auctions will feature a fabulous selection of wines as well as luxury trips, vacation homes, private in-home dinners, cooking schools and other premium experiences.

The planning committee needs your help to make this fundraiser a success! Do you own a second home or know someone willing to donate a week's stay...have any rare or special wines in your cellar? Know someone else who does? Would you be willing to donate tickets to special events such as Actors Theatre or other arts? Breeders Cup, a box at Churchill Downs, a round of golf at Valhalla? Please contact event chairs: Bill and Barbara Juckett at 454-3075 or at bjuckett7735@aol.com. Grazie mille!

The annual fundraiser, formerly titled *A Palio Experience*, and now renamed ***Italy under the Stars***, raises funds for the Italian Cultural Institute's Scholarship Program which is now coming online in a very exciting way and will offer artist and artisan grants this summer. Deadline for applications is August 1, 2010. Read more below.

Artisan Grant Application Deadline Nears:

Judy Robbins, chair of the scholarship committee writes:

In keeping with its mission to celebrate Italy's unique history and culture through educational programs and events for the community, The Italian Cultural Institute is awarding artisan grants of up to a total of \$10,000.00. The application deadline for these grants is fast approaching, and members are encouraged to participate, either as applicants or as facilitators in getting the word out to the community at large. Complete information and application forms may be accessed through the ICI webpage (www.icilouisville.org).