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Community Calendar

SUNDAY, JULY 27

Santa Fara di Cinisi Golf Outing

Santa Fara Di Cinisi Detroit hosts its second annual golf outing at Golden Hawk Golf and Banquet. Registration is at noon with shotgun start at 1 p.m. Proceeds benefit Wish Upon A Star Autism Scholarship. Contact Michael Biondo at (586) 453-7878 or Damiano Evola at (586) 615-4551 for information. Registration deadline was Friday, July 18.

San Francesco Church

San Francesco Catholic Parish will hold its 3rd annual picnic starting at 11 a.m. on the church grounds (22870 S. Nunneley Road, Clinton Township). Everyone is welcome to attend! Admission includes picnic luncheon by Santino Polidori and friends, entertainment by Aaron Caruso, strolling accordion player, 50/50 raffle, basket raffle, bocce, corn hole and much more! For details, call Ann Burrell (586) 242-1981.

THURSDAY, JULY 31

Angie's Toy Chest Grand Opening

An open house for the grand opening of Angie's Toy Chest new office will be held from 4 to 9 p.m. at their new location: 24840 Harper, Suite A, St. Clair Shores. RSVP by July 24 if you plan to attend to (313) 591-5230 or info@angiestoychest.org

SUNDAY, AUG. 3

Santa Fara di Cinisi

The Santa Fara di Cinisi celebrates with a Picnic in the Park from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Chief Gene Shepherd Park, 2452 23 Mile, east of Dequindre, in Shelby Twp. The group will meet at the splash pad. Bring your family and friends to our annual picnic! Enjoy delicious food, outdoor games, and a sense of community while contributing to the important work of the Wish Upon a Star Autism Scholarship. Raffle prizes, bocce tournament, games and more. Bring your bathing suit and towel to enjoy the kids-only splash pad. RSVP to Michael Biondo at (586) 453-7878.

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Back to School

Local Italian Classes Available for All!

Whether you're a student or parent of one, the start of the school year is a time often marked by anxiety. Instead of stressing out over the upcoming school year, why not start getting into the learning mood now by signing up for an Italian class? Local Italian organizations, the Italian American Cultural Society and the Dante Alighieri Society of Michigan, will be offering Italian classes for both children and adults for varying levels of proficiency, along with Macomb Community College.

The Italian American Cultural Society will be offering several classes for both children and adults. The curriculum includes reading, writing, conversational skills and introductions to the Italian culture. The program will utilize workbooks and music to engage with young students, and promises to be a less stressful course without homework and test scores. Classes are taught by native Italian speaker to be held at the Cultural Society located at 43843 Romeo Plank Road in Clinton Township. For more information, including prices, call (586) 228-3030 or visit iacsonline.com/society/education

The Dante Alighieri Society of Michigan is also offering a wide variety of classes for both children and adults. All classes at the Dante Alighieri Society of Michigan are held on site at 4050 W. Maple Road Site #250 in Bloomfield Hills.

Adult classes are available online ad in person for both afternoons and evenings:

- An A1.1 Beginners Class will be held on Mondays, starting Sept. 22 from noon to 1:30 p.m. online
- An A2.1 Beginners Class will be held on Mondays beginning Sept. 22 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. online
- An A2.1 Italian Conversation Class will be held Fridays, beginning Sept. 5 from 10 to 11 a.m. online
- An Italian Thematic B1 Level class will be held Tuesdays beginning Sept. 23 from 3:30 to 5 p.m. in person.
- An Italian Thematic B1 Level Dante's Inferno class will be held Mondays from 3:30 to 5 p.m. beginning Monday Sept. 22 online.
- An A2.4 Conversational Level Class will be held Tuesdays beginning Sept. 2 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. online.

Children's classes are also available at the following times:

- An L1 Class for ages 7-8 will be held Saturdays beginning Sept. 20 from 11 to 12:30 p.m. in person.
- An L2 Class for ages 7-11 will be held Saturdays beginning Sept. 27 from 9 to 10 a.m. in person.

- An L1 Class for ages 8-11 will be held Saturdays beginning Sept. 27 from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. in person.
- A Pre-AP Italian Language and Culture class will be held Saturdays beginning Sept. 27 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in person.
- An AP Italian Language and Culture class will be held Fridays beginning Aug. 22 from 4:15 to 6:15 p.m. online.

For the very youngest age group of three years old to up to eight, the Dante Alighieri Society of Michigan will host MagiFiaba for ages three to five in-person that will focus on utilizing fairy tales, songs and fun art projects to teach Italian reading skills, and will be held from 10 – 10:45 a.m. Sundays.

MagiScuola, for ages five to eight, which acts as an Italian preschool program, will be held from 11 a.m. to noon Sundays.

The Dante Alighieri Society of Michigan also offers testing for PLIDA Italian language certification for each of its classes. These certificates can be vital for enrolling for school in Italy or even applying for Italian citizenship. Due date for enrolling is Sept. 1 with the exam to be held Sept. 10. With a PLIDA Certificate, you can...

- Obtain a certificate of Italian level B1 ("Citizenship through Marriage or Same-Sex Union")
- Indicate your knowledge level of Italian on your curriculum vitae;
- Enroll in an Italian university without taking the Italian exam (Level B2 or C1)
- Obtain a long-term residence permit.

The PLIDA certificate is an official diploma issued by the Società Dante Alighieri under an agreement with the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the University of Rome La Sapienza. It is recognized by the Italian Ministry of Labor and Social Policies and by the Italian Ministry of University and Research as a qualification for proficiency in the Italian language for foreigners.

The PLIDA certification is offered in six levels, corresponding to the ones suggested by the Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR). For details or to register, visit dantemichigan.org.

For more information regarding Italian classes at the Dante Alighieri Society of Michigan, including prices and registration, visit dantemichigan.org, or call (248) 250-8928. Students for all classes must be registered one week in advance.

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