



EFASCE DI PHILADELPHIA

Ente
Friulano
Assistenza
Sociale
Culturale
Emigranti

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Benvenuti al nostro incontro dei membri generale 2019!

Welcome to our 2019 General Member Meeting!

First and foremost, I would like to thank all the directors for their continued help and support. We have been working hard to try to keep our organization running smoothly and efficiently. I truly appreciate all the time, supplies and assistance all our volunteers have generously donated to EFASCE di Philadelphia.

Last year we celebrated our 10th Anniversary! We were able to continue many programs EFASCE di Philadelphia had already provided as well as try out some new events to get our members more involved with their Friulan community.

Our programs include:

- ... A quarterly newsletter to keep you to date on what EFASCE is planning and try to teach you a few new, fun facts, including: both Italian and Friulan language, tidbits about events and traditions celebrated throughout Italy, recipes, and book reviews.
- ... Three levels of Italian classes continue to be taught Monday nights at the Venetian Club;
- ... Our annual *Festa dei Friulani*
- ... New Social Hour networking event.

Without you and your families, we cannot impart the stories of our ancestors or the pride we have in our Friulan heritage to future generations. We don't want to lose important family traditions or stories because we get too caught up in today's current events and fast-paced lifestyle.

Please keep an eye out for our already planned events:

- ... April 6th - Polenta dinner in conjunction with the Venetian Social Club
- ... May -18/19 - Lecture by Vanessa Lovisa Gambin of Toronto, Canada on her thesis entitled *An Italian Immigrant Presence in Canada: Friulian Identity and Cultural Preservation, 1932-1990.* (Exact time and location to be determined)
- ... June - Picnic Italiano!
- ... July - Ri-Scoprire Friuli and the Young Adults Program in Friuli
- ... October - ***Festa dei Friulani*** and participation in ***Ciao Philadelphia***
- ... November - Social Hour

Don't forget to submit your Family Recipes, Remedies, Traditions and stories for our upcoming book! We are also looking for any stories you may have about the beginnings of EFASCE in Philadelphia and things you may want remembered about our first 10 years.

As we anxiously await *Primavera* (Spring) - I leave you with a few thoughts:

Terzo aprilante quaranta di durante -- as is the third of April so will be the next 40 days (a weather prediction)

(Remember April 3, 1077 is the *Patria del Friul* day!)

Godere di un'eterna primavera -- to enjoy mild, spring-like weather all year round

Mandi!



Lisa A. Roman, President

Segretariato EFASCE di Philadelphia

Financial Statement - Ending December 31, 2018

ASSETS:

Cash (Valley Green Bank)	\$17,922.39
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INCOME:

Dues	\$3,985.00
Donations	\$808.00
Italian Studies	\$8,817.50
Annual Dinner/ Social Events	\$9,347.01
Friuli Trip	\$24,830.00
Books/Pins	\$256.00

TOTAL INCOME:	\$48,043.51
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EXPENSES:

Insurance	\$930.00
Italian- teacher	\$8,817.50
Italian- supplies, rent	\$545.80
Annual Dinner/ Fall Social	\$7,176.26
Friuli Trip	\$23,848.31
Web	\$161.82
Office supplies/postage	\$70.47
Organization- GMM,rent,po box,wire transfers	\$316.83

TOTAL EXPENSES:	\$41,866.99
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NET:	\$6,176.52
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ENDING BALANCE:	\$24,098.91
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EFASCE di Philadelphia General Meeting March 3, 2019

Committee Reports

Membership Committee

The EFASCE di Philadelphia organization is the only 501c3 Friulan organization in the United States. We are very proud of the fact that our origin is in the Friuli region of Italy. Please help to keep our members united and bring in others who do not know about EFASCE. At this time, we have 144 members. We cover 12 states, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, England and have Three Honorary Members in Italy.

Robert J. Henry, Co-Chair Henryrj81@hotmail.com

Robert F. Roman, Co-Chair EFASCEdiPhiladelphia@verizon.net

Membership Committee

Entertainment Committee

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Anne L. Henry, Chairperson Entertainment Committee

Italian Studies Committee

2018 saw record attendance for our Italian classes. Our Fall registration was the highest ever with 43 people. We continue to meet on Monday evenings at the Venetian Social Club with classes at 6pm, 7pm, and 8:15pm. Class descriptions are available on our website and new students are always welcome.

Madalena Lorenzon, Italian Studies Committee

Youth Exchange Committee

In 2018 we had one participant attend the Young Adults Program held in Pordenone. Unfortunately, due to turmoil within the EFASCE board in Pordenone, the Ri-Scoprire il Friuli program was cancelled.

For 2019, Pordenone is again holding both programs to welcome descendants of emigrants to Friuli. We have 2 members participating in the Young Adults Program and 4 members in the Ri-Scoprire Program.

Madalena Lorenzon, Youth Exchange Committee

Library Committee

The Library Committee is working on a new book of old time Friulan remedies. We are waiting for a review from our Board of Directors. As soon as we can we will put this small gem into print.

In the future if you have any ideas on a publication that would be interesting to our members please get in touch with the Library Committee

Alessandra Cartelli Co-Chair ajcartelli@verizon.net

Robert Roman, Co-Chair efascediphiladelphia@verizon.net

Master Project Committee

2018 Friuli Adventure was held September 8-15, 2018. A wonderful time was had by all!

Bob Mack, Master Project Coordinator

Newsletter Committee

In 2018, we continued to report on the events of our local and parent secretariats, news regarding our members, and general information of interest to our Furlan community, including book reviews and links to Furlan videos.

Over the past year, we've worked on expanding the content of the newsletter. We've received comments from our members, and we thank them for their continued inputs and corrections. We hope the translations encourage you to use them with your family and friends, and that you find them useful during a trip to Italy. Photo submissions from our members are greatly encouraged! Is there something you would like to share with the memberships? Do you have a funny photo from the past? Is someone celebrating a special event? Can you stump the membership? Do you want help in identifying people in an old photo? Send us a copy of your photo and what you know about it, and we'll include it in a future newsletter.

Please help us make this newsletter informative and enjoyable for all our members. Send us your comments, corrections, ideas or suggestions, and keep us informed of any news that should be shared to the membership. We'd appreciate hearing from you. Thank you.

Robert J. Henry and Joseph Colussi, Co-Chairs, Newsletter Committee

Website Committee Report

We launched our new Website design in May of 2018, and since then have seen a steady increased usage. With our new WordPress design, theme, and technology, we have been trying to update content, and add new features monthly. We had a very large spike in August 2018, mostly from upgrading our Events page and accepting online payments for the 10th Anniversary Dinner. Another good traffic source was our Language Classes, which we expect to continue to draw interest. We encourage all our membership to take advantage of using the website for event and membership payments as it makes things much easier.

Visitors



We recently upgraded our integration with Facebook. We look forward to seeing more users interact through social media via our website and Facebook. Our Facebook page has also received some great feedback. We have over 115 followers and over 120 likes for 2018. Don't forget to visit our Facebook page and "Like" us!

We could use some help, so if you want to learn WordPress, and be a part of the Web committee, just email website@efasce.net. Don't forget to visit our Facebook page, and maybe your post will be seen on our home page feed!

Total Page Followers as of Today: 115



Daniel Giacomelli, Website Committee