



## EFASCE di Philadelphia QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

*The Friulan Entity for Social and Cultural  
Assistance to Emigrants*

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### President's Corner

Bundi!

I hope this newsletter finds everyone well!  
What a mild winter we are having!

There is a lot of information in this newsletter:  
First up - membership. Thank you to all those  
who have renewed their membership and  
grown with us through the pandemic. A gentle  
reminder for you if you haven't renewed - You  
don't want to miss out on our newsletter  
publications and future events.

Secondly, March 5th is our General  
Membership Meeting at the Venetian Social  
Club at 2pm. If you'd like to contribute to this  
year's raffle prizes, please bring a donation to  
the meeting.

Then, the Polenta Dinner is a go for this year!  
Don't miss out on this historic event that we  
share with the Venetian Social Club. More  
information is in this newsletter and keep a  
look out for the eblast about it.

Lastly, would you like to join the board of  
directors? Let us know at  
contact@efasce.net. Don't forget - if you wish  
to become more involved with EFASCE, please  
join a committee or contribute to the  
newsletter! We are always looking forward to  
new people, new ideas, and things to add to  
our newsletter.

Mandi,

Laura Lorenzon Maxwell

President, EFASCE di Philadelphia

### Upcoming Events

- **March 5, 2023: Annual General Membership Meeting** at the Venetian Social Club. 2 pm. If you'd like to contribute to this year's raffle prizes, please bring a donation to the meeting.
- **April 15, 2023: Annual Polenta Dinner** at the Venetian Club. A favorite, the Heimat Klange Band, has been booked for this event – mark your calendars. See the attached flyer. Please bring any donations for the raffle to the GMM!

### Notizie....

- Our Condolences to the Brun and Gavrushenko families on the passing of Rina Brun
- Our condolences to the DePaul Family on the passing of Peter
- *Auguri* to Florence and Lindi Giacomelli on the celebration of their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary
- Would you be interested in connecting virtually with other EFASCE members? EdP is interested in knowing if you'd like to reconnect with old friends and meet other members in a virtual social gathering. Let us know at [newsletter@EFASCE.com](mailto:newsletter@EFASCE.com) so we can plan!

## Roman Mosaic and Tile Company

Written by Robert (Bob) Henry

The Roman Mosaic and Tile Company (Roman Mosaic) celebrated its 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary last year. Roman Mosaic was founded in 1902 by Italian immigrant Angelo Trevisan from Sequals, Italy. Angelo started his company at 435 Green Street in Philadelphia. The company headquarters are now located in West Chester, PA, with branch offices in Quincy, MA, and Linthicum, MD. A subsidiary, ROMOCO Precast Products in Manheim, PA, manufactures pre-cast terrazzo products. Roman Mosaic is the oldest continuous family-owned terrazzo company in the United States.



I interviewed John Trevisan to learn about the family and business history. John is the Vice President of the company and is grandson to Angelo Trevisan.

Below is a list of past and current family members:

- Angelo Trevisan (1<sup>st</sup> generation)
- A. John Trevisan (2<sup>nd</sup> Generation)
- Albert Trevisan (2<sup>nd</sup> Generation)
- John A. Trevisan (3rd Generation)
- Paul Trevisan (3rd Generation)
- David Trevisan (3rd Generation)
- Michael Trevisan (4th Generation)
- Kevin Trevisan (4th Generation)

Angelo Trevisan worked in Germany before emigrating to the United States. Roman Mosaic began to specialize in terrazzo. Terrazzo is a poured-in-place composite material which is used for floor and wall treatments. It consists of a cementitious binder mixed with chips of marble, quartz, granite, glass, or other suitable material. After it is cured, it is ground and polished smooth to produce a uniformly textured surface. This work was all done by hand.

Marble chips were imported from many states, including Washington, Georgia, Texas, and Michigan.

Roman Mosaic experienced many busy and slow working times throughout its history. This cycle mirrored the United States economic times.

In 1923, Angelo purchased an early electric terrazzo grinding machine. This purchase started a trend of exploring and purchasing new technologies related to production. Angelo was also not afraid to travel to distant cities for employment.

In 1941, Roman Mosaic was awarded the building contract for the terrazzo work at the Pentagon. This project lasted seventeen (17) months. A satellite office and living quarters were constructed near Washington D.C. to support this effort. The late 1940's saw the first electric cutting saws being manufactured and Roman Mosaic purchased this equipment.



Roman Mosaic Crew at the original Pentagon installation in 1943. From <https://www.romanmosaic.com/visit>

The 1950's and 1960's were boom years for Roman Mosaic and the terrazzo industry. There were seven or eight terrazzo companies in or near Philadelphia. Schools and other public buildings were the main source of projects. The 1960's and 1970's also brought thin-set, or epoxy, terrazzo to the scene. The result was floor thickness was reduced to fractions of an inch, for example 3/8 to 1/4 inch. Second Generation A. John Trevisan purchased this new material and learned to work with it. This modern terrazzo provided a faster install with more variety in colors and thicknesses. A second innovation introduced at this time was the change from wet grinding to dry grinding.

In 1970's, most terrazzo companies went out of business. Second and third generation children did not want to work in construction, and nonprogressive companies could not financially compete to win projects. Roman Mosaic continued to travel for projects going as far as Denmark.

The 1980's saw a shift away from public buildings to pharmaceutical buildings and airports. Roman Mosaic was awarded many of these projects because they used modern construction materials and technologies. They also traveled throughout the country and the world. In the 1980's and 1990's, Roman Mosaic traveled to Ireland and Puerto Rico for terrazzo work. One project in Michigan (Chrysler Technology Building) was 300,000 square feet. In comparison, Philadelphia's Reading Terminal Market is 78,000 square feet.

A. John Trevisan recognized and acted on modern advancements in material, installation technologies and insurance trends. He also started a profit-sharing program for his employees in the 1960's for their well-being.

John Trevisan attended a meeting for the Italian Social Club where he was introduced to several members of EFASCE di Philadelphia. He has been a continuous member since then.

Michael and Kevin Trevisan now run the company. Kevin handles the tile side of the business and Michael focuses on terrazzo.

*Auguri* to the Trevisan family for their achievements and excellent work!

<https://www.romanmosaic.com/>



## Fine Friulian DOC Wines – Continued

In the four quarterly newsletters last year, we explored the first six DOC classes of wines from Friuli Venezia Giulia – Carso (Carso-Kras) DOC, Collio Goriziano (Collio) DOC, delle Venezie DOC, Friuli DOC, Friuli Annia DOC, and Friuli Aquileia DOC (numbered 5 through 10 respectively in the map below.) This year we continue our examination of Fine Friulian DOC wines beginning with the next DOC classification of fine Friulian wine – Friuli Colli Orientali DOC which is produced in a specific geographic area within depicted in dark orange (11) in the wine region map of Friuli below.

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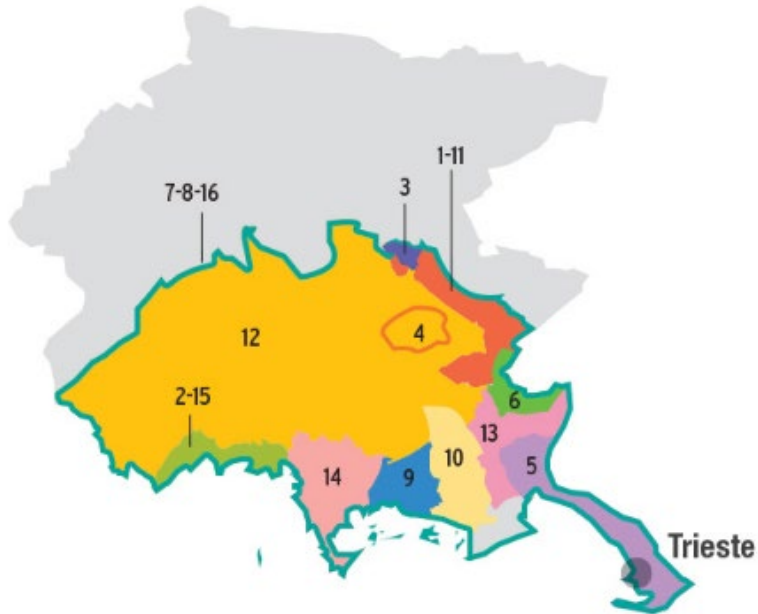
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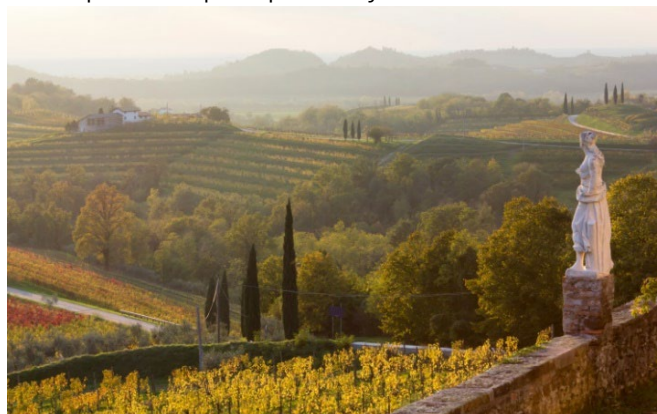
\* In the areas of: Pordenone, Udine, Gorizia, Trieste.

\* At 12 March 2018 this denomination of origin is subject to transient labeling regime, until the end of the approval procedure by the E.U.



### Friuli Colli Orientali DOC

Friuli Colli Orientali DOC, initially named the “Colli Orientali del Friuli” was established as an Italian DOC in 1970. In 2006 Colli Orientali del Friuli Picolit from this DOC was designated the first Friulian DOCG wine, and in 2011 when former subzones Ramandolo and Rosazzo also became separate DOCGs, the DOC was renamed Friuli Colli Orientali DOC. Despite its name, this DOC has nothing to do with the Orient. “Colli Orientali” refers to the “eastern hills” of the region, adjacent to Slovenia, arguably one of the finest wine cultivation parts of Friuli / Europe and quite possibly the entire world!





Like other Friulian DOC wines that we have explored, **Friuli Colli Orientali DOC** boasts an impressive number of different wines, including white (Bianco) and red (Rosso) wine blends, some of which are designated from a specific subzone (Cialla); as well as nineteen specific named white or red varietals; dessert (Dolce) wines; and reserve (Riserva) versions of either blended, varietal or dessert wines. The numerous varied wine style compositions of this DOC are summarized in the table below.

WHITE & DESSERT FRIULI COLLI ORIENTALI DOC WINES	RED FRIULI COLLI ORIENTALI DOC WINES
<b>Bianco:</b> Any proportions of Chardonnay, Friulano, Malvasia Istriana, Picolit, Pinot Bianco, Pinot Grigio, Ribolla Gialla, Riesling, Sauvignon Blanc, and/or Verduzzo Friulano	<b>Rosso:</b> Any proportions of Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Pignolo, Pinot Nero, Refosco, Schioppettino, and/or Tazzelenghe
<b>Bianco (Cialla subzone only):</b> Any proportions of Picolit, Ribolla Gialla, and/or Verduzzo Friulano	<b>Rosso (Cialla subzone only):</b> Any proportions of Refosco and/or Schioppettino
<b>Chardonnay:</b> Minimum 85% Chardonnay + OAWG	<b>Cabernet:</b> Min 85% Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon, and/or Carmenère + OARG
<b>Friulano:</b> Minimum 85% Friulano + OAWG	<b>Cabernet Franc:</b> Minimum 85% Cabernet Franc + OARG
<b>Malvasia:</b> Minimum 85% Malvasia Istriana + OAWG	<b>Cabernet Sauvignon:</b> Minimum 85% Cabernet Sauvignon + OARG
<b>Pinot Bianco / Pinot Blanc:</b> Minimum 85% Pinot Bianco + OAWG	<b>Merlot:</b> Minimum 85% Merlot + OARG
<b>Pinot Grigio / Pinot Gris:</b> Minimum 85% Pinot Grigio + OAWG	<b>Pignolo:</b> Minimum 85% Pignolo + OARG
<b>Ribolla Gialla:</b> Minimum 85% Ribolla Gialla + OAWG	<b>Pinot Nero:</b> Minimum 85% Pinot Nero + OARG
<b>Riesling:</b> Minimum 85% Riesling or Welschriesling + OAWG	<b>Refosco (Faedis subzone):</b> Min 85% Refosco Nostrano + OARG
<b>Sauvignon:</b> Minimum 85% Sauvignon Blanc + OAWG	<b>Refosco dal Peduncolo Rosso:</b> >85% Refosco dal Peduncolo + OARG
<b>Traminer Aromatico:</b> Minimum 85% Gewürztraminer + OAWG	<b>Schioppettino:</b> Minimum 85% Schioppettino + OARG
<b>Verduzzo:</b> Minimum 85% Verduzzo Friulano + OAWG	<b>Tazzelenghe:</b> (Rosso)
<b>Riserva:</b> (All White Varietals, Blends, or Dolce)	<b>Riserva:</b> (All Rosso & Red Varietals)
<b>Dolce:</b> Any proportions of Chardonnay, Friulano, Malvasia Istriana, Picolit, Pinot Bianco, Pinot Grigio, Ribolla Gialla, Riesling, Sauvignon Blanc, and/or Verduzzo Friulano	
<b>OAWG = Other Authorized White Grapes</b>	<b>OARG = Other Authorized Red Grapes</b>

Besides the Cialla subzone which includes named white and red blends and several varietals, other named subzones in this area of the eastern Friulian hills include Faedis (Refosco), Prepotto (Schioppettino), and Rosazzo (Pignolo & Ribolla Gialla), in addition to **Rosazzo DOCG** wine. Wines produced in subzones typically have more stringent aging requirements, and higher minimum alcohol content levels (12% to 12.5% minimum alcohol vs. 11% minimum alcohol for non-subzone wines of this DOC). Dessert (Dolce) wines typically from this DOC also must have a minimum 12% alcohol content level.

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### Our Members' Milestones

Congratulations to Florence and Lindi Giacomelli on their 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

This isn't Furlan, or even Italian, but us Furlans love birds- especially 'ucej e polenta'! So this time of year, be kind to your feathered friends, and the other animals. Besides food, consider putting out a source of fresh water for them. Many of their water sources may be frozen during winter. Today, I watched a flock of about 3 dozen robins take turns drinking from my birdbath. It was quite a spectacle, watching new birds squeeze in for a drink, while others stood their ground and defended their spot. The robins stayed for several hours- drinking and searching for bugs under leaves in my yard. I've also watched several other species of birds, squirrels and deer stop for a drink. It's very rewarding to watch what visits- give it a try!  
Joseph Colussi



### Do You Remember?

Below is picture from the 200 Saturday morning and afternoon Polenta dinner preparation.



Seated around table (clockwise).... Louie Colussi (Bianchini); Dino Franceschina; Joe (Bepi) Fabbruzzo; Dino Brandolisio; Louie Tome; Danny Del Zotto; Tini Brun; Javier Grossutti (visitor from Udine); Enzo Roman (visitor from Poffabro)

Standing (clockwise)... Rich Botto; Kurt Taboga; Richard Marcolina; Paul Roman; Peter Roman; Leo Roman, Philip Roman; Charlie Lorenzon

## *Il Maestro Benito – Benito the Teacher*

Benito Beltrame aveva 99 anni. Un mese fa aveva presentato il suo libro di articoli e memorie

### Addio all'ex sindaco di Frisanco che ha insegnato per tutta la vita

IL RICORDO

FABIANO FILIPPIN

È morto a pochi mesi dal traguardo dei 100 anni Benito Beltrame, figura storica di Frisanco, di cui era stato anche sindaco. Un fulmine a ciel sereno visto che soltanto un mese fa aveva presentato il suo libro "60 anni di articoli e memorie", alla presenza di decine di persone ed ex allievi, alcuni giunti appositamente anche da fuori provincia.

Nato il 6 settembre 1923, Beltrame ha dedicato la pro-

pria esistenza ai giovani e all'insegnamento. Lascia la moglie Manuelita Fasan, per tutti "Ita", coetanea e collega. Salvo alcune parentesi nel Maniaghe, il maestro ha quasi sempre operato nelle scuole della sua Val Colvera, mettendosi a disposizione dei rifugiati anche quando ormai era ultranovantenne. Qualche anno fa gli venne infatti chiesto di impartire i primi rudimenti di lingua italiana ad alcuni ragazzi scappati dalle atrocità della guerra.

«Un'esperienza che mi ha arricchito», aveva commentato di recente parlando di quell'ennesima avventura



Benito Beltrame, figura storica della Val Colvera morto a 99 anni

finita agli onori della cronaca nazionale. Ma la vita di Benito Beltrame è stata molto di più.

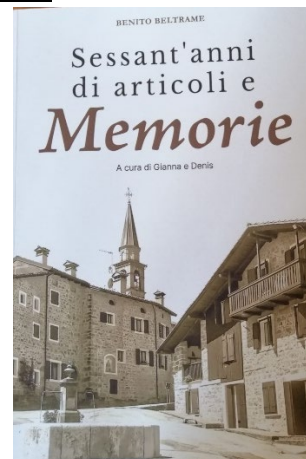
Negli anni Settanta ha svolto il mandato di primo cittadino di Frisanco. Si è dedicato al volontariato tanto da avere fatto della apicoltura un'autentica missione: si è recato in Africa per illustrare alle comunità più povere come trarre una fonte di reddito e di alimentazione dagli alveari. Credente convinto, il maestro Benito ha sempre collaborato attivamente con la parrocchia e con Don Luigi Coleman, curando per sei decenni "L'eco della Valcolvera". Il bollettino parrocchiale viene inviato agli emigranti che nel tempo sono trasferiti all'estero.

Ed ecco l'altra "passione" di Beltrame: i legami con le famiglie originarie di questa terra. In alcune occasioni l'insegnante è volato in America del Nord e del Sud per incontrare personalmente i locali Fogolârs furlans. La sua intensa vita è

stata anche al centro di un volume scritto dall'avvocato maniagheze Marco Sparti.

Nel 2015 il capo dello stato ha voluto insignire del titolo di commendatore dell'Ordine al merito della repubblica italiana, ma lui ha cercato di rifiutare l'onorificenza, non sentendosene degno.

«Purtroppo non sono parole di forma quando diciamo che ci mancherà – ha commentato ieri mattina l'attuale sindaco di Frisanco Sandro Rovedo –. Io stesso lo consultavo quando non riuscivo a ricostruire un passaggio del nostro passato. Lui pazientemente reperiva informazioni, ricordi e documenti. Era sempre gentile e vivace, non faceva mai pesare le sue innate capacità. È venuta meno la memoria vivente della nostra vallata, ma soprattutto un uomo di grandi valori umani e sociali». La data dei funerali non è ancora stata fissata. —



Article from *Messaggero Veneto*, February 16, 2023 (English Translation Below.)

Benito Beltrame was 99 years old. A month ago, he presented his book of articles and memoirs. Farewell to the former mayor of Frisanco who taught all his life

by *Fabiano Filippin*

Benito Beltrame, a historical figure of Frisanco, of which he had also been mayor, died a few months before the 100-year milestone. A bolt from the sky given that only one month ago he presented his book "60 years of articles and memoirs", in the presence of dozens of people and former students, some of whom also came specially from outside the province.

Born on 6 September 1923, Beltrame dedicated his life to young people and teaching. He leaves his wife Manuelita Fasan, for all "Ita", same age and colleague. Except for a few parentheses in the Maniago area, the teacher almost always worked in the schools of his Val Colvera, making himself available to refugees even when he was over ninety. In fact, a few years ago he was asked to impart the first rudiments of the Italian language to some boys who had fled the atrocities of war. "An experience that has enriched me", he had recently commented, speaking of that umpteenth adventure that ended up in the national news. But Benito Beltrame's life was much more.

In the seventies he held the mandate of first citizen of Frisanco. He dedicated himself to volunteering so much that he made beekeeping an authentic mission: he went to Africa to show the poorest communities how to draw a source of income and food from beehives. A convinced believer, Maestro Benito has always actively collaborated with the parish and with Don Luigi Coleman, curating *'L'eco della valcolvera'* for six decades. The parish bulletin is sent to emigrants who have moved abroad over time.

And here is Beltrame's other "passion": the ties with the original families of this land. On some occasions the teacher flew to North and South America to personally meet the local Fogolârs furlans. His intense life was also at the center of a volume written by the Maniago lawyer Marco Sparti. In 2015 the head of state wanted to award him with the title of commendatore of the Order of Merit of the Italian Republic, but he tried to refuse the honor, not feeling worthy of it.

"Unfortunately, they are not the proper words when we say that we will miss him" – commented yesterday morning the current mayor of Frisanco Sandro Rovedo – "I myself consulted him when I could not reconstruct a passage from our past. He patiently retrieved information, memories, and documents. He was always kind and lively, never weighing his innate abilities. The living memory of our valley has disappeared, but above all a man of great human and social values". The date of the funeral has not yet been set.

For a short interview with Benito, visit: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kftbVLw782M>

"Il Gesù Cristo ha detto non fate agli altri quello che non vorresti fosse fatto voi ma la possiamo trovare fatte agli altre quello che vorreste fosse fatto voi e io do agli altri quello che me e possibile dare. " "Jesus Christ said don't do to others what you wouldn't want done to you, but we can find do to others what you would want to be done to you and I give to others what I can give." -Benito Beltrame



## Membership Renewal



Please don't forget to renew your membership for 2023 and keep our membership committee up to date with your current contact information! We need any corrections and updates to ensure you receive all our mailings and information. If you know of anyone wishing to be a member, please contact [members@EFASCE.net](mailto:members@EFASCE.net), or to update your information.

### **Dues were due by January 31, 2023!**

If you have not yet paid your dues, they are in arrears! To keep up with rising costs, dues are \$35 per person or \$15 for youths 20 years of age or younger. Please visit our website for the Membership renewal form or, you may also pay on our website!

Questions can be directed to Membership co-chairs: Anne Henry 267-250-5678, Lisa Roman 215-740-9224 or [members@EFASCE.net](mailto:members@EFASCE.net)

## January Directors' ZOOM Meeting



## In Other News

- EdP has a library of donated books which are available for our members to borrow. If you'd like a list of available books or wish to borrow a book, please contact us at [contact@EFASCE.net](mailto:contact@EFASCE.net).
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