



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 you well. I can't believe the holidays are upon us!

I want to send a special thanks to our board of directors for all their support in my first 9 months of presidency. It has been a very different year and I appreciate all your dedication with our monthly meetings and your dedication to keeping our heritage alive generations after those who emigrated here.

I want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and joyous Holiday Season!

I look forward to seeing you on the Presepi Zoom on Sunday, December 4th, 2020.

Mandi,

Laura Lorenzon Maxwell, President



Notizie

- ❖ Welcome new member Amy Romesberg from Pittsburg, PA!
- ❖ Tanti Auguri, Gino Primus for celebrating his 90th Birthday!
- ❖ Our condolences to the Colussi family on the passing of Lina on October 28, just shy of her 100th birthday.

Upcoming Events

- ❖ The 'Eni & Leo Roman Memorial Polenta Dinner' for 2020 has been cancelled. The health and safety of our members is a great priority! Stay tuned for more information for next year's event, hopefully we will be able to gather for the fun evening in April.
- ❖ **Presepi** Contest Zoom on Sunday, December 4th, 2020. See page 3 for details!
- ❖ **EFASCE Italian language lessons**
 The EFASCE di Philadelphia sponsored Italian language lessons have continued this year via the ZOOM teleconferencing. Anna Maria Murray is running two classes: intermediate and experienced beginner. Thirteen experienced beginners log on at 6:00 pm, once a week, participate till 7:15 pm. Ten intermediate students log on at 7:30 pm and participate till 8:45 pm. The classes will run their full 10-week length and end on December 14th. Cheers to everyone for adapting and sticking to their night school learning. Anna Maria hopes to return in-house classes next year at the Venetian Club.
- ❖ If anyone is interested in getting involved with the EFASCE Entertainment Committee and help plan our events, please email events@EFASCE.com.

YOU could be featured in the next newsletter!!

Send information and/or photos to newsletter@efasce.net or our PO Box.

2021 Membership Dues

Because of the lack of many normal EFASCE functions in 2020, and because of the financial difficulties many are facing due to the pandemic, all memberships in effect at the end of 2020 will be carried through 2021 without payment of additional dues.

Voluntary payments will be welcome since EFASCE does have ongoing expenses to cover, but please be assured that dues payments for 2021 are *entirely voluntary*.

If you have any updates to your address, phone number, or email address, please send those directly to membership@efasce.net or include a note with your mailed in payment as soon as possible to ensure you receive all future correspondence.

Voluntary 2021 dues payments:

General / Affiliate (Ages 21+) = \$35 Junior Member (Ages 15-20) = \$15

Discount if paid before Jan 31: General / Affiliate \$25; Junior \$10

Corporate / Benefactor = Contact EFASCE

may be made in the "Annual Dues" Section of our website, www.efasce.net or please make out your check to "EFASCE di Philadelphia" and mail to EFASCE di PHILADELPHIA P.O. Box 625 Flourtown, PA 19031

Questions can be directed to: members@EFASCE.net or Bob Roman at 215-233-4063 or Bob Henry at 610-940-0170

Call for Nominations



In March 2021, EFASCE will try to hold our annual General Membership Meeting. The Board of Directors is currently researching ways to hold our elections in case we still are unable to gather together as a result of the pandemic.

Six of our directors will be up for reelection: Frank Brandolisio, Joe Colussi, Dan Giacomelli, Bob Mack, Laura Maxwell, and Linda McGlinn

If you or any current member you know would like to become more involved in the EFASCE di Philadelphia Board of Directors, please submit your nominations as soon as possible to Laura Maxwell at president@efasce.net or 215-783-7815.

Nominations are due by December 31, 2020.

Virtual Presepi Contest

Each year, a Friulan tradition celebrates the coming Christmas season by creating a *Presepio*, the scene of the stable where Jesus was born (Nativity). Many are created from things gathered nearby or that the creator already has sitting around. They begin their creations early in December with Mary and Joseph, and many villages have displays that bring visitors from far and wide. Jesus is added on Christmas Day, then the Wise Men on the Epiphany, or January 6th. The beautiful displays range from very simple to a complex recreation of an entire miniature village!



Submissions must be received via email by November 30, 2020 at 8pm, winners will be announced Sunday, December 4th, 2020 via Zoom.

Submit photos to president@efasce.net to be entered in the contest for a chance to win prizes.

The Presepio will be judged by *EFASCE di Pordonone President Gino Gregoris and Vice President Louisa Forte*.

Winners and their creations will also appear in the February Newsletter and be posted to our Facebook and Website pages.

Guidelines:

1. The event is FREE to all Presepio making designers of EFASCE di Philadelphia membership.
2. Two photos need to be submitted of your Presepio: One of just the Presepio for judging purposes and one of you with your creation. Photos must be submitted as a jpg or png file and email it to president@efasce.net. Please include your name, age, parent's/guardian's name (if applicable), phone number and email address, family name, and town in Friuli that your heritage is from.
3. Designers will need to provide their own supplies. Please look around the house and the yard for items that you can use to create a manger set. Any shape, color or size is allowed. Examples are provided above, or you can google "Presepi". You must make it so it may not be purchased. Three of the four attached are examples taken from our last trip to Poffabro in 2016. It was amazing how creative all the Presepi were throughout the village.
4. Only one entry per member. Please remember to send both pictures.
5. NO political designs or creations.
6. EFASCE di Philadelphia reserves the right to disqualify presepio that it deems offensive and/or inappropriate for a family event. The decision to disqualify a presepio from the "virtual" event is at the sole discretion of EFASCE di Philadelphia. All decisions are final.
7. ENJOY YOURSELF AND HAVE FUN CREATING.

Member Spotlight



Congratulations to Zach Giacomelli for making Eagle Scout!

Grazie!

Grazie, Andrea Justice, for your wonderful feedback about our newsletter and sharing this fun website jigsawplanet.com.

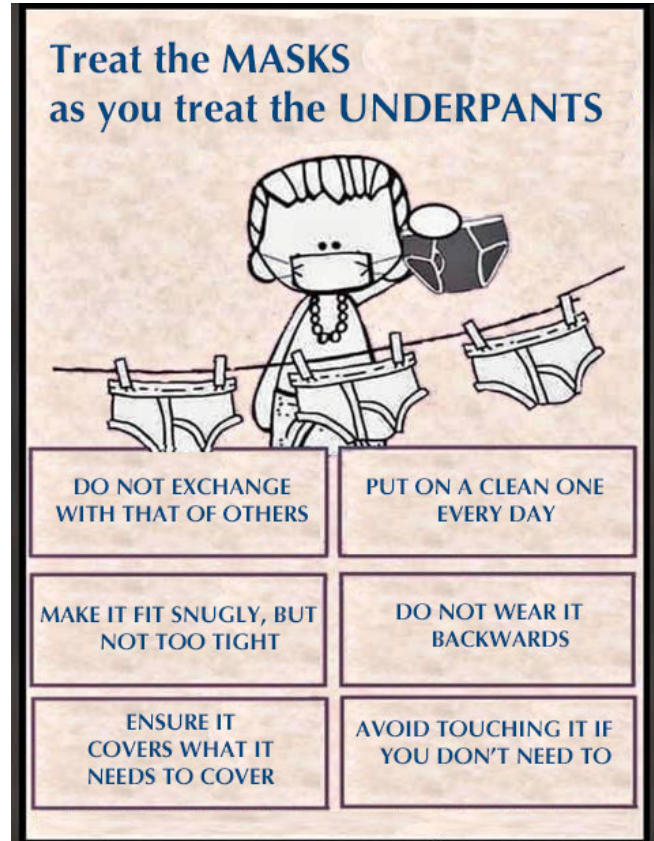
Andy mentioned "It's very user-friendly. You can challenge yourself with puzzles having just 12 pieces or puzzles having hundreds of pieces. You can search for specific topics as I did with "Friuli Venezia Julia" The site has about a half dozen puzzles of Friuli towns familiar to many of your members. Unfortunately, there's not one of Poffabro but maybe someone will figure out a way to add that to the choices." And it is free!

Grazie, Serge Roman of Joppa, MD who sent a copy of the *Voce Italiana*, The Italian American Gazette of Washington D.C.

The July issue mentions the new Robert A. Facchina Italian-American Museum scheduled to open at the end of the year in Washington D.C. Find more details in the latest issue online as well,

<https://issuu.com/ciaomediagroup/docs/voce-july-2020-web>

Learn Friulan!



The above image was found on Facebook by MaryAnn Fortunato and translated to English by Lisa Roman. Hopefully you find it as amusing as we do during these unprecedented times.

Have you also found Friulian on Social Media? Submit your interesting finds to newsletter@efasce.net!

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