



EFASCE di Philadelphia QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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

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President's Corner

Bondi to all our EFASCE di Philadelphia members and happy end-of-summer! I hope everyone had a wonderful summer season – and that some of you maybe even made a visit to Friuli. What a great past few months of Italian promotion here in the USA from the Times Square 'Io Sono Friuli Venezia Giulia' campaign to the *Frecce Tricolori* flying all over the U.S. skies showing how Italians do everything with style leaving their trails of their signature green, white, and red smoke behind them.

I went to do my personal American promotion with my annual visit to Friuli. It was hotter than normal even in the mountains but as always, a nice escape back to spend time with my family and friends. It's a place where nothing seems to change from the church bells that begin ringing at 6:00 AM each morning as a reminder to pray the Ave Maria to starting the day with friends over a white wine as early as 10:00 AM. Perfect.

Drop me a line if there are any events or things that might be of interest to the group. As we move into the fall season, maybe there is a little more time and opportunity to see each other and come together. Remember to spread the word and get your Friulian family members and friends to join our EFASCE community.

*Un grant salut e abbrac a ducj.
Sta mi ben e Mandi!*

A big greeting and hug to everyone. Stay well!

Rosemary Maieron Norwood
EFASCE di Philadelphia President

Upcoming Events

- **September 21:** Venetian Social Club_100th Anniversary Gala Dinner 4:30-10:30. Please join our sister club in celebrating! See the next page for all the details.

Notizie....

The Colussy Family in Pittsburgh, PA has welcomed Carlotta, an Italian foreign exchange student from Lake Como, Italy. Carlotta will be spending her 11th grade school year with the Colussys.

Dan Colussy wrote: "She will be attending the Polenta Dinner with us in the Spring when we come to Chestnut Hill. We think it will be a wonderful experience for her to see a thriving Italian American community and experience a taste of Friuli. Attached is a photo of us meeting her for the first time at the airport."

Benvenuta, Carlotta, e Bon lavoro!





YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED
TO CELEBRATE OUR

100TH ANNIVERSARY GALA

Saturday, September 21, 2024

VENETIAN SOCIAL CLUB

8030 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia



DOORS OPEN 4:30 PM - Cocktails, Hors d'oeuvres & Silent Auction
DINNER & TOASTS 6:00 PM
MUSIC & DANCING TO FOLLOW

R.S.V.P. by September 3 via email to 100th@venetianclub.org

Include: Name, Entree Selection (Chicken -or- Salmon -or- Shrimp & Scallops),
& Seating Preference (Ballroom -or- Founders Room) for each person attending

PRE-PAID RESERVATIONS REQUIRED | \$100 PER PERSON | CASH BAR

Pay Bartender by cash or check payable to "Venetian Club"
or Venmo [@TheVenetianClub](https://www.venmo.com/TheVenetianClub) (Attn: VSC 100th & include email address)



2024 EFASCE di Philadelphia Youth Essay Contest: “Why You Value Your Friulian Heritage”

The children and grandchildren of our EFASCE Members and our existing Youth Members are the future of our organization. We count on them to learn about our Friulian heritage and carry on our traditions. In support of this, the EFASCE di Philadelphia Board of Directors is sponsoring a 2024 essay contest to provide opportunities for our youth to share and express their views and experiences with their Friulian roots and traditions.

Contest Details

Participation: Member's children or grandchildren, or Youth Members between the ages of 14 – 22

Essay Topic: “Why You Value Your Friulian Heritage”

Format: Variable Length Up to the Individual; supporting pictures and graphics permitted

Deadline: June 30, 2024

Winning Award: \$100 prize will be awarded for winner in each of the following age groups:

High School Group: 14 – 17

Young Adult Group: 18 – 22



We are extending the deadline for this contest!

Winners to be selected by a Board of Director Vote, Announced in November 2024 Newsletter

Are you Interested in a Friuli Adventure in 2025?

EFASCE di Philadelphia Director Bob Mack is organizing a Northern Italy/ Friulian tour. If interested, please contact Bob via email Mack.robert.f@gmail.com. We have half of the number required to solidify the trip, so please contact Bob if you are interested, then precise dates will be set, and detailed planning will commence! A sample more descriptive itinerary PDF will be sent upon request. Please include a return e-mail address.

The itinerary will include the towns of: Maniago, Frisanco, Spilimbergo, Aquileia, San Daniele, Venzone, Gemona, Tolmezzo, Trieste/ Slovenia and Gorizia. Attractions include The Vajont Dam, Palmanova and the Villa Manin at Passariano.

The package in the past included:

- Meet & greet at the Venice Airport
- Transportation with private AC motorcoach (20 seats) throughout the itinerary
- 7 nights accommodation at Eurotel Maniago
- Breakfast and Dinner Included. Some Lunches
- One glass of wine per person per meal
- wine tasting
- Italian Speaking guide throughout the itinerary



Italia in the USA

Sightings by Lisa Roman

The Coalition of Italian American Organizations of Delaware County (CIAO DelCo) hosted the 14th annual Italian American Heritage Festival on Sunday, June 2, at Rose Tree Park in Media PA to celebrate Italian American heritage and culture in the Delaware Valley. This year, the *Sbandieratori dei Borghi e Sestieri Fiorentini*, or Flag-wavers of the Florentine Villages & Sections, came all the way to showcase the ancient discipline of flag waving from Medieval and Renaissance ages in Tuscany. You can learn more about the group on their website <https://www.sbandieratori.it/en/> Festivalgoers were also treated to Italian foods from local vendors, Italian-themed goods, an Italian Car show and a performance by New York crooner, Chris Ruggiero, who sang Sinatra-style songs from the 50's-70's.



Pictures by Lisa Roman

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After more than 30 years, the *Frecce Tricolori* (Tri-color Arrows) returned to North America this summer. Officially known as the *313° Gruppo Addestramento Acrobatico, Pattuglia Acrobatica Nazionale (PAN) Frecce Tricolori* ("313th Acrobatic Training Group, National Aerobatic Team (PAN) Frecce Tricolori"), is the aerobatic demonstration team of the Italian Air Force. One of the world's most prestigious acrobatic teams, they hold the Guinness World Record for the most jet aircraft in a military aerobatic display team! They made a 2-month tour, starting from their home at *Rivolto Air Base* in *Udine* with stops in Canada, California, Wisconsin, New York, Virginia and Maryland. They also graced New York City and Philadelphia with a colorful flyover of each city on October 12th!



Above Pictures by Lisa Roman & John Dearnaley; Below Aeronautica Militare Instagram



2024 Award Recipients

EFASCE di Philadelphia Student Award Winners

EFASCE di Philadelphia recognized Nazareth Academy High School students **Madison Matthews** and **Ava Pizzo** for their passion and dedication to the Study of Italian Language and Culture. Each recipient received a certificate and a small monetary reward for their hard work.

Auguri e Bon Lavoro!



In Other News *Altre notizie*

- 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
- **YOU** could be featured in the next newsletter! Send information to newsletter@efasce.net or our PO Box. Please, connect with us on our website, Facebook, and check your inbox / mailbox for our latest news!
- Please spread the word about EFASCE di Philadelphia to your family and friends and encourage them to consider joining our organization. As our president says, "There is no EFASCE without our members". For more information go to www.EFASCE.net . Also, please let us know if you have any ideas for improving our organization, or if you'd be interested in joining one of our committees.

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