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**L'ANGOLO DEL POETA
(POET'S CORNER)**

THE LEGEND OF LA BEFANA

According to Italian tradition and in some other parts of the world, La Befana, depicted as an old lady who flies on a broom, visits children on January 6 during the night of the Epiphany. She fills their stockings left hanging on the fireplace or near a window. In most cases it is tradition to leave a plate with refreshments for her, generally an orange, an anchovi, a piece of smoked herring or some pickled onions and a glass of red wine.

The contents of the stockings of the children who were good contain caramels, chocolates, oranges, nuts, dried fruit and small gifts. Those who were bad find coal in their stockings.

LA BEFANA

La Befana viene di notte

Con le scarpe tutte rotte

Col vestito alla romana

**Buon San
Valentino**

Viva, Viva La Befana!

Porta cenere e carboni

ai bambini cattivoni

ai bambini belli e buoni

porta chichi e tant doni!

(The Bafana comes by night

With her shoes all tattered and torn

She comes dressed in the Roman way

Long life to the Befana!

She brings ashes and coal

to bad nasty children

To nice good children

She brings candies and many gifts!)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Celebrate Carnevale

Carnevale will be held on Tuesday February 21, 2012 at Luigi's Italian Bistro 2733 Manitowoc Road Green Bay, Wi. The registration and social hour begins at 6:00pm with a buffet of traditional Italian foods set out at 7:00pm.



Entertainment will be by John Contratto along with an assortment of Italian games and activities.

Italian language students from Preble and East High Schools will be decorating Carnevale masks (Venetian style) which will be judged by attendees.

Think Carnevale for your attire with masks and beads provided upon your arrival.

The cost is \$25 per member or guest and \$16 for students. A non member for an additional \$10 can become a member of Club ItaloAmericano of Greater Green Bay.

RSVP by February 14, 2012. Space is limited to the first 45 paid reservations.

Send checks payable to Club ItaloAmericano c/o Vicky Sobek, Treasurer 1810 Oakhill Drive Green Bay, Wi. 54313.

Vicky's phone and email are: 920-865-7229, dvsobek@gmail.com

In case of inclement weather call Lynn Thompson @ 920-323-6543

for event updates.

Meet new Board member

Rosamaria Des Isles

I was born October 12 in northern Wisconsin and moved to Fond Du Lac with my two sisters and parents when I was six. My mother was a teacher in the school system and my father was area manager for World Book. They met during WW11 when my mother left her teacher job in Sheboygan Falls to join the War effort. She became a "Rosie the Riveter" building planes at Grumman where she met my father a tall dark and handsome French Irishman (I am sure there is some Italian in him).

I graduated High School in 1969 and received my BS in Fine Arts from the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh. I lived in Illinois, Minnesota, and Oklahoma before moving back to Wisconsin in 1980. In 1997 I attended the University of Tulsa for my Paralegal certification.

I own a home in Green Bay and work at Krueger International as an Inside Sales representative for Georgia.

My passion is cooking good food, painting, politics, the law and volunteering for the veterans. I was blessed in 2010 to be co-volunteer coordinator for LZ Lambeau. The first ever Welcome Home celebration for our Vietnam Veterans. I am on a committee through the Brown County VA that organizes events to recognize and help veterans.

Although I do not have children I am close to my six nephews and niece. My first "boyfriend" was Mario Friedel who's mother's parents came over from Sicily. Mario married my younger sister Jacqueline and had Salvatore and Elliott.

I am excited to be a part of Club ItaloAmericano.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

ITALIAN LANGUAGE CLASSES

Laurie Stimpson reports that there are 8 people signed up for the beginning Italian class and 5 for the intermediate class. Classes started Wednesday, January 25 for beginners and Thursday, January 26 for the intermediates. However, if you missed the first class, but still want to participate, call Laurie at 920-321-4066

MEMBERSHIP

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to our newest members: **Charles and Karen Hockers** who are friends of Merlin and Fatima (Traverso) Baenen and Todd Johnson whose grandfather came from Italy. **Benvenuti!!**

CLUB MEMBERS IN BUSINESS

We have several club members that are in the restaurant business, **Bilotti's** in DePere, **Luigi's Italian Bistro** in Green Bay, **Luigi's** in Abrams, **MexItally's** in Howard and **Sammy's Pizza** in Green Bay. Whenever you visit these businesses, please

mention that you are a member of Club ItaloAmericano as a support of their business and membership.

ARTICLES FOR OUR NEWSLETTER

Please feel free to submit articles or pictures for our newsletter. Information for each upcoming month needs to be submitted to me by the third Wednesday of the month.

You will need to email articles as an attachment in Microsoft Word and pictures in a jpeg format.

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Questions— call me at 612-360-8246

