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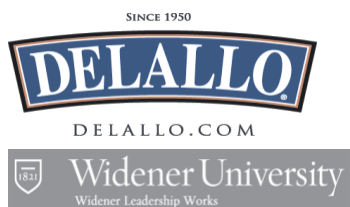
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Savor the poetry and melody of Italian favorite songs from our renowned performers that capture the ears and hearts of all with each performance.

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The Verdi Band 11:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

"Music is the Gospel of the Human Heart, the Soul of Humanity." These deeply moving words were often spoken by Professor Loreto Marsella, the man who founded the Verdi Band in 1920 at the peak of the immigration phenomenon. Prof. Marsella wanted to give the people something that would allow them to keep their heritage, their traditions and most of all, their faith. These then, were the driving forces which caused him to seek out men who felt as passionately about music as he did, and who shared the same desire to establish in their new country, the traditions of their motherland. And so, with about 30 men, he began the "Verdi Band of Norristown." And now, over 100 years later, his legacy and his music continue.



Opening Ceremony at the Stage by Mary Lou Koch and Melissa Cannavo – Marino 11:45 am to 12:30 pm

Mary Lou Koch has performed in theatre and does commercials in the Tri-state area. She appears on QVC; has directed for Murder Mystery Player; and has emceed at many ARA DelCo events.



Melissa Cannavo – Marino, Radio Personality
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National Anthems by members of the former "Coro"

ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE



12:30 p.m. to 12:50 p.m.

The group "Flag-Wavers of the Florentine Villages and Districts", provides a beautiful performance which highlights the historical re-enactment of some aspects of the military life of the Middle Ages and Humanism and shows the results of an ancient discipline and an austere martial art.

The performance is representative of a celebration of victory, which consists of the crossing of the trajectories of the flags, and a precise and multicolored flourish marked by the times indicated by the drums and trumpets.

For the group "Flag-wavers of the Florentine Villages and Districts", recalling the past is a way of getting to know oneself in the present, reconfirming one's qualities: commitment, civic sense, athletic exercise, discipline, will and decision in objectives. It also focuses on sacrifice, individual and group work and, above all, trust in life and a spirit of harmony.



1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Chris Ruggiero is a talented singer and composer known for his captivating performances of classic songs from the golden age of rock and roll. He takes his audiences on a journey through the timeless music of the 1950s, '60s, and '70s and breathes new life into beloved songs from that era making them resonate with listeners today. His performances include iconic hits that span multiple decades, and he has shared the stage with artists such as Bobby Rydell, The Duprees, The Drifters, and many more. He has been described as an "old soul" whose approach to concerts aligns more with artists from bygone eras than with those of his own generation.

Chris has released several albums and performs around the country delivering his unique brand of vintage rock and roll and sharing his passion for the classics.

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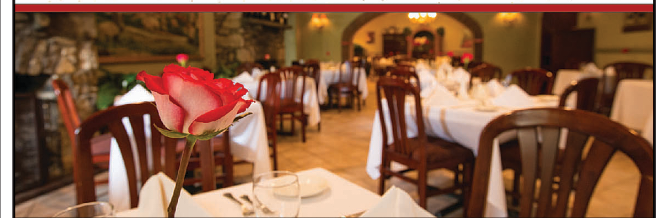
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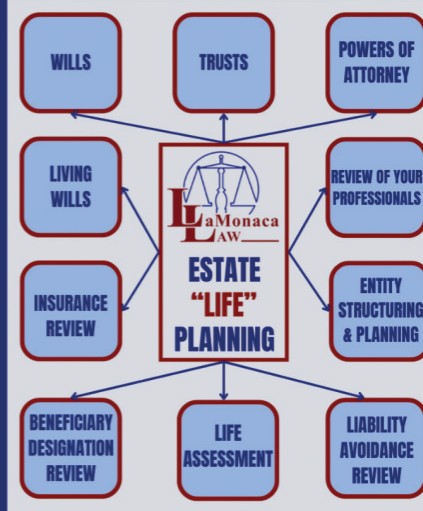
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- ❖ Lazaretto Italian Museum
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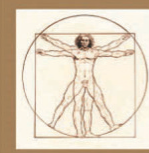


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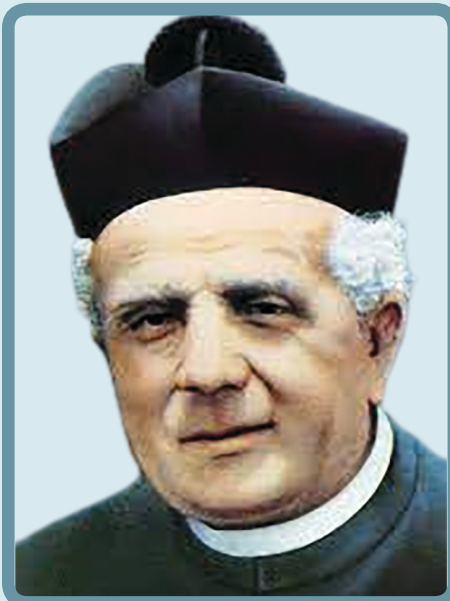
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This cherished space provides an ideal setting for our group to fulfill its mission of recording, preserving, and celebrating the contributions of Italians to the culture and history of American society.

Exhibit space on the second floor allows us to showcase the rich heritage and accomplishments of Italian-Americans. The space features carefully curated exhibits, artifacts, and multimedia presentations that delve into the profound impact Italian immigrants and their descendants have had on the social, economic, industrial, and artistic development of the United States and around the world. These exhibits connect visitors with the struggles, triumphs, and unique experiences of Italian-Americans throughout history.

Additionally, the Center is creating a specialized ancestral research room within the Lazaretto Building. This room will serve as a valuable resource for individuals interested in tracing their ancestry. For a small donation, we will conduct an initial research on a descendant's immigration including from where and when a family arrived in America.

Beyond the physical exhibit space and research room, the Center envisions hosting periodic cultural events and celebrations that showcase the vibrancy and diversity of Italian culture. These events will be open to the broader community, fostering cross-cultural understanding and appreciation.

The Italian Cultural Center of the Delaware Valley's home at the Lazaretto Building presents an extraordinary chance to create a lasting impact on the preservation of Italian-American history and culture. With the support of dedicated partners and donors, the Center is poised with remarkable exhibit and research spaces, enriching the cultural landscape of the region and inspiring generations to embrace and cherish their shared heritage.

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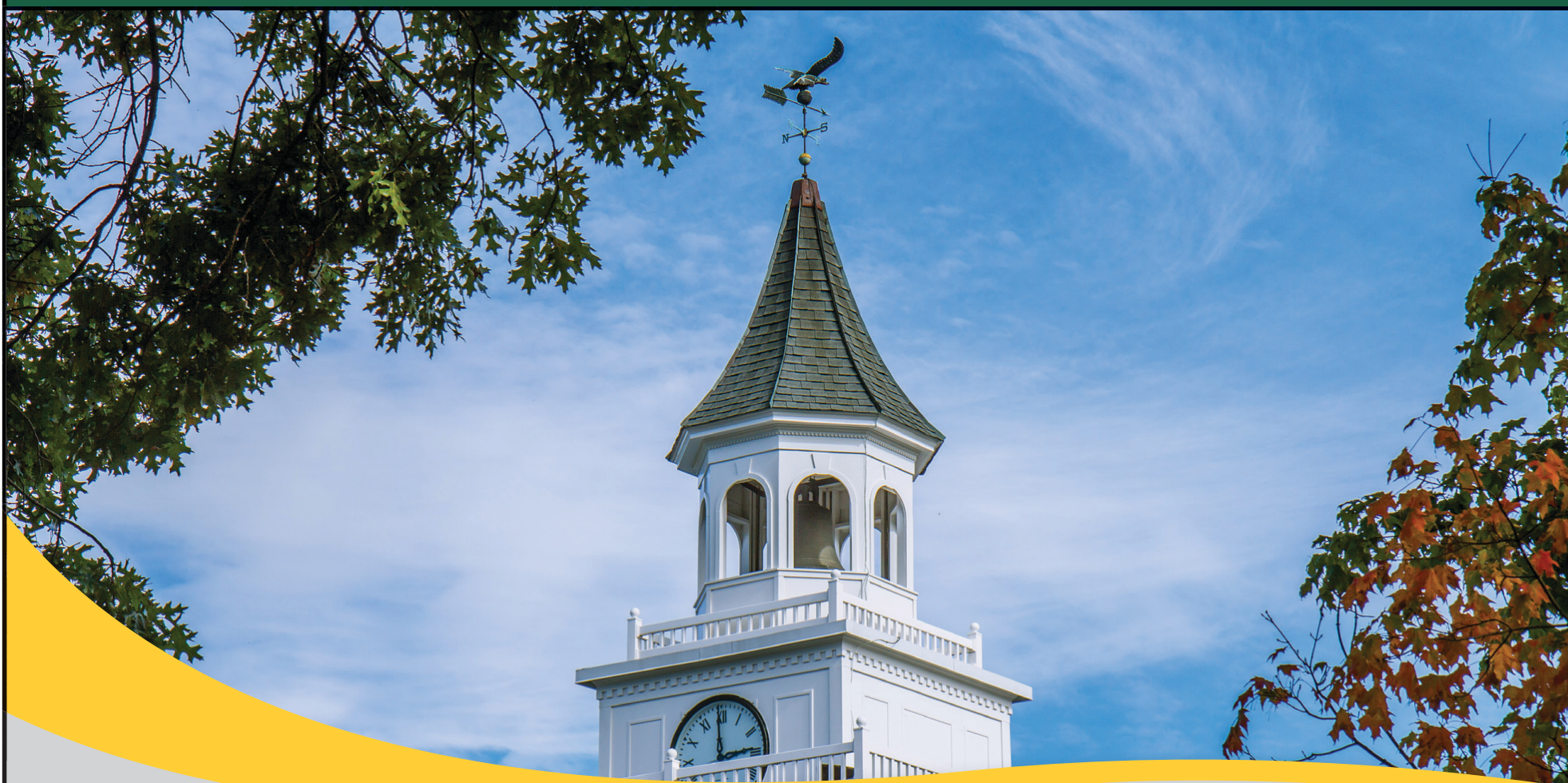
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Festa della Repubblica ... A secular holiday established to commemorate the birth of the Republic in Italy!

The birth of the Italian Republic dates back to the end of the Second World War. In fact, a referendum was held shortly after the end of the conflict to decide which form of government to give to the nation. The country, which until then had been a monarchy, was transformed into a republic. Following this event, the last king of Italy, Umberto II of Savoy, left for exile.

It is worth remembering that the days of the referendum, the 2nd and 3rd of June 1946, are also important because they marked the first universal suffrage vote in Italy.

The following year, June 2, 1947, Republic Day was officially celebrated for the first time with military parades in Rome.

In 1948, the monument of Vittorio Emanuele became one of the main sites for the annual celebration together with Palazzo del Quirinale in Rome. The

monument had been built to honor the first king of Italy and was inaugurated in 1911.

This day officially became a national holiday the year after, in 1949, and remained so only until 1977. In that year, to try to cope with a heavy economic crisis, Republic Day was moved to the first Sunday of June. It is on a Sunday again this year, a rare occurrence as the last time was in 2001.

Every year to celebrate the anniversary of June 2 in Rome, an important ceremony takes place, in which the highest office of the state, the President of the Republic, takes part.

The flag is raised at the Altare della Patria, then the President places a wreath of flowers in front of the site of the Unknown Soldier at the Vittorio Emanuele Monument. With the national anthem in the background this is always a very touching moment.



But the most spectacular event is undoubtedly the passage of the *Frecce Tricolori*, a patrol of ten planes, nine which fly in formation and one solo, leaving colored trails in the sky that reproduce the *tricolore* of the Italian flag.

Later, in Via dei Fori Imperiali, a military parade takes place. Finally, there is the opening to the public of the wonderful gardens of the Palazzo del Quirinale, the official residence of the President of the Republic.

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