

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Organizations and resources relating to Italian American activities in the Chicago area, including contact information for national organizations.

FEDERATED ORGANIZATIONS

CASA ITALIA

Located on 17 acres in Stone Park, Casa Italia is home for the Chicago-area Italian-American community. It hosts the ACLI Pension office, the offices of Senatore Turano, Italians in Chicago Exhibit, the Italian American Veterans Museum, the John Cadel Art Gallery, the Sicilian Museum, the Roselli Library, the Scalabrini Museum and the Savoia St. Peter's display. The offices of Fra Noi, the JCCIA, and many regional clubs are located on the premises. The complex includes a conference center with meeting rooms and over-night accommodations, Banquet Center, Festival Center and Concert Stage, the Chapel and the Calvary Hill Shrine. Italian-American organizations and individuals sponsor meetings, retreats, dinners, picnics, summer festivals, performances and other indoor and outdoor events throughout the year. Address: 3800 Division Street, Stone Park, IL 60165 Phone: (708) 338-0723. www.CasaItaliaChicago.net

JOINT CIVIC COMMITTEE OF ITALIAN AMERICANS (JCCIA)

Founded in 1952, the Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans has 55 member organizations. JCCIA also has a West Suburban Women's Division and Young Professionals' Division. Address: 3800 Division Street, Stone Park, IL 60165 Phone: (708) 450-9050 . www.jccia.com

JCCIA affiliate organizations can be contacted by calling the JCCIA offices:

AIDA

Alpine Country Club

Amici D'Italia

ARPA

ARPA-GIOVANILE

Calabresi in America Organization

Casa Italia, Inc.

CIACO

Columbian Club of Chicago

Elk Grove Village Italian Sister Cities

FIERI-Chicago
Flowers of Italy Club
Fra Noi Newspaper
The Gregorians
IANU Foundation, ISDA Midwest
IANU, James E. Coli Chapter #15
IANU, Club Calascibetta Chapter #75
IANU, St. Anthony Chapter #10
IANU, St. Joseph Chapter #319
I-A Civic Organization of Berwyn
I-A Executives of Transportation
I-A Human Relations Foundation of Chicago
Italian American Labor Council
Italian American Police Association
Italian American Political Coalition
Italian American Women's Club of Chicagoland
Italian American Women's Organization
Italian Catholic Federation
Italian Cultural Center
Italics Club
Italo American Soccer Club "Maroons"
Italo American "Maroons" Ladies Club
ITAM, Department of Illinois
ITAM, Department of Illinois, Ladies Aux.
ITAM, Filippo Mazzei Post #1
ITAM, Filippo Mazzei Post #1, Ladies Aux.
ITAM, Filippo Mazzei Post #2, Ladies Aux.
ITAM, Joseph Gentile Post #2
ITAM, Joseph Gentile Post #2, Ladies Aux.
ITAM, James Cuzzone Post #5, Ladies Aux.
ITAM, Guido Belmonte Post #4, Ladies Aux.
JCCIA West Suburban Women's Division
JCCIA Women's Division
JCCIA Young Professionals Division
Justinian Society of Lawyers
Justinian Society of Lawyers, DCBA
Marchegiana Society of Chicago Heights
Maria SS Della Croce di Triggiano
Maria SS. Lauretana Society
Mazzini Verdi Club, Inc.

Mazzini Verdi Club, Ladies Social Club
Old Neighborhood Italian American Club
Panormus Club
San Rocco di Modugno Society
Shrine of Our Lady of Pompeii
Sicilian American Cultural Association
Società Beato Giovanni Liccio
Società San Biagio Platani
Società San Francesco di Paola
Società San Giovanni Bosco di Ciminna
Società San Leoluca da Corleone
Società SS. Crocifisso di Ciminna
Società SS. Crocifisso Rutigliano
Society of Santa Fara di Cinisi
UNICO, Chicago Amerital Chapter
UNICO, Chicago West Suburban Chapter
UNICO, Greater Chicago Chapter
Veneti del Nordamerica

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

ARCOLIAN DENTAL ARTS SOCIETY

Founded in 1935. Phone: (773) 774-4611

COLUMBIAN CLUB OF CHICAGO

Founded in 1939, the Columbian Club of Chicago is, club whose members include professional and business leaders from Chicago's Italian American community.

columbianclub.org

ITALIAN AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE-MIDWEST

Founded in 1907, the Italian American Chamber of Commerce-Midwest (IACC) provides services to the Italian business community and to American businesses oriented to the Italian market. Address: 30 S. Michigan Avenue, Suite 504, Chicago IL 60603

Phone: (312) 553-9137. www.italianchamber.us

ITALIAN AMERICAN EXECUTIVES OF TRANSPORTATION

Founded in 1965, the Italian American Executives of Transportation have supported educational ventures. www.iaet-chicago.org

ITALIAN AMERICAN LABOR COUNCIL OF GREATER CHICAGO

Founded in 1966. Phone: (630) 853-9054.

ITALIAN AMERICAN POLICE ASSOCIATION

Founded in 1964. Address: 6351 W. Montrose Avenue, Chicago, IL 60634-1563.
Phone: (312) 370-5176

JUSTINIAN SOCIETY OF LAWYERS

The Justinian Society of (Italian American) Lawyers was founded in 1921.
Address: 734 N. Wells Street, Chicago, IL 60610 . Phone: (708) 338-0760 .
www.justinians.org.

CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF TEACHERS OF ITALIAN

Founded in 1924, the American Association of Teachers of Italian is dedicated to promoting the language and culture of Italy in North America. The Illinois Chapter offers opportunities for teacher re-certification and an annual conference in October.

Email: president@aati-illinois.org

AMERICAN ITALIAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

Founded in 1966, the American Italian Historical Association is an interdisciplinary association for the study of the Italian American experience. The association sponsors an annual conference each November and publishes the proceedings from the conference.

www.aihaweb.org

BEL CANTO FOUNDATION

The Bel Canto Foundation is dedicated to promoting the bel canto style of opera. The foundation sponsors a vocal competition in the spring that bestows \$40,000 in prizes.

Address: 3935 W. Devon Avenue, Chicago, IL 60659 Phone: (773) 588-3622.

www.belcantofoundation.org

CUNEO MUSEUM AND GARDENS

Cuneo was best known as the founder of the Cuneo Press and Hawthorn Melody Dairy. The Cuneo mansion is now a historic museum. Address: 1350 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Vernon Hills, IL 60061. Phone: (847) 362-3042.

www.cuneomuseum.org

FRA ANGELICO ART FOUNDATION

The Fra Angelico Art Foundation is dedicated to encouraging and promoting high-quality spiritual art. The foundation runs, gallery and gift shop at 30 East Ave., Riverside. Annual events include national college students' art competition in March. Phone: (708) 447-9695
www.angelicart.com

ISTITUTO ITALIANO DI CULTURA

The Istituto Italiano di Cultura is an office of the Italian Government that promotes Italian language and culture abroad. The Institute sponsors seminars, film screenings, presentations, cultural events, Italian language classes and language proficiency services.

Address: 500 N. Michigan Avenue, Suite 1450, Chicago, IL 60611. Phone: (312) 822-9545
www.iicchicago.esteri.it/IIC_Chicago

ITALIAN AMERICAN VETERANS MUSEUM

Established in 2006 at Casa Italia with the support of Fra Noi and the Italian American Veterans, the Museum depicts the continuous role played by Italian Americans in the US military, especially in World War II. Address: 3800 Division Street, Stone Park, IL 60165
Phone: (708) 338-0690

ITALIAN CULTURAL CENTER

Founded in 1970, the Italian Cultural Center is part of Casa Italia and contains the Florence Roselli Library, Cadel Art Gallery, The Italians in Chicago historical Exhibit, the Sicilian Museum,, miniature of St. Peter's Square, the Scalabrini Museum, Radio Maria studios meeting spaces and classrooms. It offers Italian language classes for children and adults and services for Italian citizens. Address: 1621 N.39th Avenue, Stone Park, IL 60165.
Phone: (708) 338-0723. www.CasaItaliaChicago.net

ITALIAN RADIO THEATER CLUB

Founded in 1968, the Italian Radio Theater Club puts on plays in the Italian language.
Phone: (630) 595-2119

ITALIDEA

Italidea is dedicated to promoting Italian language learning in America by raising

funds for the Italian Consulate General's Language and Learning for the Future program and by offering language and culture classes through the Istituto Italiano di Cultura. Address: 500 N. Michigan Avenue, Suite 1450, Chicago, IL 60611 . Phone: (312) 832-4053. www.italidea.org

OUR LADY OF POMPEII SHRINE

is open for visitation from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Annual events include, La Befana celebration in January. St. Joseph Table in March,, Grazie Maria dinner dance in May and Opera in the Park in June, Festa di Tutti, Santi in August, the Columbus Day Mass in and, Mary and Christmas concert in December. Address: 1224 West Lexington Street, Chicago, IL 60607.

Phone: (312) 421-3757. www.ourladyofpompeii.org

PURSUING OUR ITALIAN NAMES TOGETHER

Founded in 1987, Pursuing Our Italian Names Together is dedicated to individuals of Italian descent around the world who research their Italian origins. POINT hosts a biannual national conference, conducts meetings across the country, publishes a newsletter, maintains an extensive database of Italian surnames, and facilitates communication among members. Address: P.O. Box 14966, Dept. PWS, Las Vegas, NV 89114. www.point-pointers.net

P.I.P (POINTers In Person)

Chapter 1 meets at the Italian Cultural Center on the third Wednesday of every quarter to discuss genealogical issues. Email: pip1@yahoo.com

P.I.P.Chapter 27 meets on the second Saturday of every other month to discuss Italian genealogy research and exchange information. Email: famigliabari@comcast.net
www.chicagoitalian.org

ADVOCACY GROUPS

AMERICAN ITALIAN DEFENSE ASSOCIATION

Founded in 2000, the American Italian Defense Association makes the public aware of the positive contributions of Italian Americans to society and opposes defamatory depictions of Italian Americans in the media. Phone: (312) 704-7720

THE ITALIAN AMERICAN HUMAN RELATIONS FOUNDATION OF CHICAGO

Address: 624 N Western Avenue, Chicago, IL 60612 . Phone: (312) 962-0484 .

Email: info@iahrf.org. www.IAHRF.ORG

ITALIAN AMERICAN POLITICAL COALITION

Founded in 1994, the Italian American Political, a means of providing, political voice for the Italian-American community. Our aim is to screen and endorse Italian-American candidates and others who represent our values and interests.

Address: P.O. Box 804

La Grange, IL 60525-0804. Phone: (708) 338-0126 . www.iapcvote.org

SPORTS ORIENTED ORGANIZATIONS

HIGHWOOD BOCCE COURT

Founded in 1967, the Highwood Bocce Court serves has four indoor boccecourts, kitchen, banquet area and bar. Phone: (847) 926-8118

MAROONS ITALO AMERICAN SOCCER CLUB

Founded in 1929. Address: 7209 Grand Avenue, Elmwood Park, IL 60707-2054
Phone: (708) 453-9600

MAZZINI VERDI CLUB

The club has indoor bocce courts and banquet facilities. Address: 9230 W. Belmont Avenue, Franklin Park, IL 60131

NATIONAL ITALIAN AMERICAN SPORTS HALL OF FAME

Founded in 1977, this 44,000-square-foot facility features state-of-the-art interactive exhibits, a performing arts center, an events center, banquet facilities and, gift shop. Address: 1431 W. Taylor Street, Chicago, IL 60607. Phone: (312) 226-5566 . www.niashf.org

NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND LOCAL AFFILIATES

FIERI-INTERNATIONAL

Founded in 1984, FIERI-International is an organization of young professionals of Italian American descent with 13 chapters in the United States and Canada. Activities run the gamut from social, charitable and cultural; to educational, mentoring and networking; to the promotion of positive image of Italian Americans. FIERI's Chicago Chapter sponsors and participates in numerous social, cultural and charitable events, and lends support at the Shrine of Our Lady of Pompeii and Casa Italia. www.fieri.org/chicago

ITALIAN AMERICAN WAR VETERANS

Founded in 1932 and chartered by Congress in 1981, the Italian American War Veterans of the United States and its Women's Auxiliary assist American veterans of both genders and all national origins. Address: 115 S. Meridian Road, Youngstown, OH, 44509.

Phone: (330) 793-5213 . www.itamvets.org.

The Department of Illinois Command meets on the second Wednesday of the month and installs its officers at its annual convention over the Memorial Day weekend. It sponsors an essay contest in the spring and a Veterans Day Mass in November, provides color guards for parades and other special events, and hosts bingo sessions at Hines and North Chicago VA hospitals. Phone: (630) 548-2263 .

ITALIAN CATHOLIC FEDERATION

Founded in 1924, the Italian Catholic Federation is dedicated to preserving the Catholic culture and traditions of Italian Americans. National office is located at. On the local level, ICF chapters are parish-based, doing volunteer work and raising money to fund seminary education and other causes. Address: 675 Hegenberger Road, Suite 230, Oakland, CA 94621

Phone: (510) 633-9058. Email: ciminoa2@aol.com. www.icf.org

ITALIC INSTITUTE OF AMERICA

Founded in 1987, the Italic Institute of America is dedicated to promoting positive image of Italy and Italians through educational and cultural programs. Also publishes *The Italic Way*, annual magazine and bimonthly newsletter.

Address: P.O. Box 818, Floral Park, NY 11002. Phone: 516-488-7400.

www.italic.org

NATIONAL ITALIAN AMERICAN FOUNDATION

Founded in 1975, the National Italian American Foundation is the Italian-American community's voice in the nation's capital. Address: 1860 19th Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20009. Phone: (202) 387-0600 . www.niaf.org

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF ITALIAN AMERICAN WOMEN

Founded in 1980, The National Organization of Italian American Women is dedicated to raising public awareness of the accomplishments of Italian-American women. Address: 445 W. 59th Street, Suite 1248, New York, NY 10019.

Phone: (212) 237-8574. www.noiaaw.org

ORDER SONS OF ITALY IN AMERICA

Founded in 1905, the Order Sons of Italy in America is the oldest and largest national organization for men and women of Italian heritage in the United States. It encourages the study of Italian language and culture in American Schools and universities; preserves Italian-American traditions, culture, history and heritage; and promotes closer cultural relations between the United States and Italy. The Commission for Social Justice fights racism, prejudice, and stereotyping. Address: 219 E. St., NE, Washington, DC 20002. Phone: (202) 547-2900. www.osia.org.

THE ILLINOIS GRAND LODGE

The Illinois Sons of Italy Foundation meets quarterly and hosts a coin drop in May and fashion show annually. Local lodges include the Illinois Law Enforcement Lodge, the Chicago Heights Lodge, the Rockford Vigo Lodge, Kankakee Amerigo Vespucci Lodge, the Rosemont Donna Chesrow Lodge, the Evergreen Park Lodge, the Northwest Lodge, the Oak Lawn Southwest Lodge, the Orland Park, and the Leone d'Oro Lodge. Address: 333 N. LaGrange Road, Suite 9, LaGrange, IL 60526. Phone: (708) 352-9375 . Email: osiail@aol.com. www.osia-il.org

UNICO NATIONAL

UNICO National is the largest Italian-American service organization in the country. The organization bestows scholarships, presents awards in various fields of endeavor, supports the creation of university endowments in Italian and Italian-American studies, combats defamation in the media and entertainment industry through its Anti-Bias Committee, and donates to, host of charities through the UNICO Foundation. Address: 271 U.S. Highway 46 West, Suite A-108, Fairfield, NJ 07004. Phone: (800) 877-1492 . www.unico.org

ITALIAN SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA IANU FOUNDATION

Founded in 1930, the Italian Sons and Daughters of America is a national fraternal organization that provides a broad range of insurance and financial products to its members. Address: 419 Wood St., Pittsburgh, PA 15222. Phone: (800) 457-4732 www.orderis-da.org

The IANU (Italo American National Union) Foundation/ISDA Midwest District hosts the Michelangelo Award dinner. Address: P.O. Box 812, Hillside, IL 60162.

Phone: (708) 343-9885.

ITALIAN GOVERNMENT AGENCIES IN CHICAGO

ITALIAN CONSULATE GENERAL

The Consulate General of Italy maintains good relations with local Italian Americans and serves Italian citizens living abroad and those requesting visas and dual citizenship.

500 N. Michigan Avenue, Suite 1850, Chicago, IL 60611. Phone: (312) 467-1550. Fax: (312) 467-1335. Email: italcons.chicago@esteri.it. www.conschicago.esteri.it/Consolato_Chicago

ITALIAN GOVERNMENT TOURIST BOARD (ENIT)

The Italian Government Tourist Board promotes travel to Italy by providing promotional information to tourists and sponsoring trade shows for tour operators specializing in travel to Italy. Address: 500 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 2240, Chicago, IL 60610

Phone: (312) 644-0996. Email: enitch@italiantourism.com.
www.italiantourism.com

ITALIAN TRADE COMMISSION

The Italian Trade Commission promotes trade, and industrial and technological cooperation between the United States and Italy. Address: 401 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 3030, Chicago, Illinois 60611. Phone: (312) 670-4360. Email: chicago@chicago.ice.it.

www.ice.gov.it/estero2/usa

ITALIAN AND ITALIAN AMERICAN MEDIA IN CHICAGO

FRA NOI

Published monthly in English with an Italian section since 1960, Fra Noi is the newspaper of record of Chicago Italians. Phone: (708) 338-0690. Fax: (708) 338-0699. E-mail: franoinews@aol.com. www.FraNoi.com

AMICI JOURNAL

Chicagoland's Italian American Lifestyle Magazine is new on the scene. Address: P.O. Box #595, River Grove, IL 60171. Phone: 773.836.1595 . Fax: (773) 622-2766. Email: amiitalia@sbcglobal.net. www.amiciorgit.net

RADIO STATIONS OFFERING ITALIAN-LANGUAGE PROGRAMS

WEEF-AM-1430 AM

210 Skokie Valley Road
Highland Park, IL 60035
Phone: (847) 831-5440

WJJG-1530 AM

5629 St. Charles Road, #208
Berkeley, IL 60163
Phone: (708) 493-1530

RADIO MARIA

Broadcasts to specially equipped radios religious programming in Italian and Spanish. Email: info@radiomariachicago.com. www.radiomariachicago.com

ITALIAN LANGUAGE PROGRAMS

ELEMENTARY & MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Darwin Elementary School, Chicago
Elm Middle School, Elmwood Park
Elmwood School, Elmwood Park
Giles School, Norridge
Hester Junior High School, Franklin Park Indian Trail Junior High School ,
Addison
Jackson Language Academy, Chicago
John Mills Elementary School, Elmwood Park LaSalle Language Academy,
Chicago
Leigh School, Norridge
Lincoln Middle School, Schiller Park
Northwood Junior High School, Highland Park
Otis Elementary School, Chicago
Passow Elementary School, Franklin Park
Pennoyer School, Norridge
Pietrini Elementary School, Franklin Park
Roosevelt Middle School, River Forest
Rosemont School, Rosemont
Sayre Language Academy, Chicago
South Middle School, Arlington Heights
St. Lucia Catholic School, Chicago
St. Peter Cathedral School, Rockford

Union Ridge School, Harwood Heights

HIGH SCHOOLS

Addison Trail High School, Addison
Bloom High School, Chicago Heights
Driscoll Catholic High School, Addison
East Leyden High School, Franklin Park
Elk Grove High School, Elk Grove
Elmwood Park High School, Elmwood Park
Fenwick Catholic High School, Oak Park
Guerin Catholic High School, River Grove
Hersey High School, Arlington Heights
Highland Park High School, Highland Park
Kelly High School, Chicago
Kenwood Academy Chicago
Lane Tech High School, Chicago
Lyons Township High School, LaGrange
Maine East High School, Park Ridge
Maine South High School, Park Ridge
Maine West High School, Des Plaines
Marian Catholic High School, Chicago Heights
Morton East High School, Cicero
Morton West High School, Berwyn
Notre Dame High School, Niles
Oak Park/River Forest High School,
Prospect High School, Mount Prospect
Ridgewood High School, Norridge
Rolling Meadows High School, St Joseph High School, Westchester
St Viator Catholic High School
Arlington Heights High School
Schurz High School, Chicago
Steinmetz Academy, Chicago
Trinity Catholic High School, River Forest
Wells High School, Chicago
West Leyden High School, Northlake Whitney Young High School, Chicago
Wheeling High School, Wheeling
York Community High School, Elmhurst

COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES

College of Du Page

Columbia College
Dominican University
Harold Washington College
Loyola University
Northeastern Illinois University
Lewis University
Northwestern University
Oakton Community College
Triton College
University of Chicago
University of Illinois at Chicago

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Azzurra
Phone: 847 251 2046
azzurra@azzurramia.com
www.azzurramia.com

Italian Cultural Center
Phone: (708) 345-3842
www.CasaItaliaChicago.net

Italidea
Phone: (312) 832-4053
www.italidea.org

Language Stars
Phone: (866) 55-STARS
www.languagestars.com

Chicago Italian Language Meet Up Group
italian.meetup.com