



# Associazione Lucchesi nel Mondo

## Tuscany Club

Washington DC  
Founded 1977

REGIONE  
TOSCANA



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Buon estate tutti!

Another membership year has passed and we are finally getting around to sending membership letters. I hope everyone is enjoying the summer.

Our association is in a stagnant time as many of our board members are aging and are suffering from health problems. The youth have yet to step up and join us which continues to be a goal I struggle to achieve. With that in mind, I am looking to find methods to meet the youth where they are i.e. social media. One of the questions we will ask with this year's membership is what social media is used by your children/grandchildren. With an inbox on my e-mail having over 500 messages it is evident to me that e-mail is not necessarily the best mode for communicating with our membership and future members. So please ask them what they use Facebook, Pinterest, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat are a few.

Each year we have celebrated our Annual Dinner on the first Sunday in November (November 6<sup>th</sup>) and this year will be no different. We are working to find a restaurant which will respect our Tuscan traditions. If you know of a restaurant, please let us know. Also if you have an idea for a speaker that would also be beneficial.

Steve Balducci is already planning for our annual Christmas Cookie Exchange/Luncheon. We will return to Paradiso restaurant on the first Saturday of December (December 3) unless someone has a home they wish to open to our group for some early Christmas fun.

Carnevale is scheduled for Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>. The committee has already signed on our caterers from last year, Basilico-The Joy of Italian Cooking. For those of you who were unable to join us you missed out on a meal prepared by four women who treated us as if we were truly in Italy! We look to others in joining us to prepare for the Carnevale 2017.

Oswaldo Barsi will serve as chair for our Just Like Nonna classes. Our first class will be on Saturday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at the home of Larry Mansueti. Remember for all of the cooking classes space is limited so you must reserve a space. Please let Oswaldo know if you wish to host a class (obarsi@verizon.net)

Our webpage, [www.lucchesitoscani.org](http://www.lucchesitoscani.org), is pretty much up to date. If you click on the calendar, you can see many of the Italian events which are taking place in our community. Our events are also listed. The website also has photos, recipes and other information concerning our association. Please take some time to check it out and if you have any suggestions, let us know.

Membership is now open and you can join using Paypal through our webpage. You may have to extend the Paypal box a little. Or you can join using regular mail. If completing by mail, please correct the enclosed information sheet.

Hope to see you in this new membership year!

Sincerely,

Tricia Maltagliati, President