



# Casa Italia

*Home of the Italian Cultural Center*

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Casa Italia is coming together.

Casa Italia si sta unendo

Hello to all my friends and supporters of Casa Italia. It looks like winter is finally giving up and before you know it the flowers will be popping up all over. The work completed in the last 30 days has exceeded my expectations at our Community Center. Infrastructure repairs, roofing, demolition and modernization is all taking place as we speak, it is so very exciting! The mild weather has really helped us out as the new roof is being worked on while we speak. We are still shooting for the Community Center work to be completed by late summer but, remember it's an old building and you never know what you find inside of an old wall. We will be sure to keep our community updated with our progress.

My second time around as Chairman of Casa Italia has been incredible so far. We added three new directors to our existing board; Mr. Jonathan Zivojnovic, Mr. Mike Neri and Mr. Frank DiPiero. Each one of these gentlemen bring significant skills to Casa Italia, we look forward to their talents enhancing our already vibrant board. Following this correspondence are brief bios on each of these new directors, I am sure you will be impressed.

Over the last month, I have been trying my best to attend various Italian organization's meetings to tell them all about the vision of the board of directors, and what Casa will look like when our improvements are complete. **But let me be very clear, Casa Italia is open for business, alive and well!** While some of our exhibits are restricted due to construction, activities are taking place almost every day at Casa Italia. Some of the more recent highlights from last month were a presentation on Genealogy-Italian Citizenship and Festa di Carnevale, celebrating the traditions of Carnevale and mask making. Keep an eye on your email and our website for all our offerings and activities.

We are gearing up for our annual Summer Camp for children. The dates for camp this year will be the weeks of June 16<sup>th</sup> and June 23<sup>rd</sup>. The camp will be held on the grounds of Casa Italia utilizing the Pavilion and the Cultural Center facilities. We will teach our children all about our culture and keep our heritage alive for the next generation. Cav. Lyn Scolaro will be running our camp along with great instructors and aids. Sign up early to reserve your spot.

In conclusion let me restate our mission:

"Casa Italia is a home for all Italian-American Organizations in the Chicago area. Here, we meet to pursue common goals, preserve our past, celebrate our heritage and ensure passage of values to future generations."

May God bless you and your families during the Easter Season.

Buona Pasqua

Peter Volpe  
Chairman – Casa Italia



Festa di Carnevale



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