

¡¡HOLA!!! & CIAO!!! Similar Languages/ Different Cultures

Hispanic and Italian Heritage Months converge



Enzo Boscarino

Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15-October 15) converges with Italian Heritage Month (October) on Monday October first – a great day for a double celebration in the auditorium of the Silas Bronson Library at 6:30 p.m.!!! And you don't have to be of Hispanic or Italian origins to enjoy the music and lyrics presented by Enzo Boscarino, Dennis Castillo and Jose Rodriguez.

Tuesday, October 2 at 6:30 p.m. **“GROW YOUR OWN GARLIC: The History, Anatomy, Planting, Harvesting, Storing and Uses of this Incredible Plant”**

Al Avitabile and Dorothea DiCecco, retired UConn Waterbury faculty members, will present “GROW YOUR OWN GARLIC: The History, Anatomy, Planting, Harvesting, Storing and Uses of this



Incredible Plant” in the auditorium of the Silas Bronson Library . This free entertaining and informative lecture will cover the structure of the garlic plant, comparing it to other more "typical" plants, including the onion,

as well as advise on when to plant, how to tell when plants are ready and how to harvest, store, and even braid them. Nutritional and medicinal uses will also be discussed.

Al Avitabile is Emeritus Professor of Ecology and

Evolutionary Biology and is the co-founder of the Garlic and Harvest Festival which is held annually on Columbus Day Weekend in Bethlehem. Dorothea DiCecco taught microbiology and botany at UConn Waterbury for 40 years. The program is part of the library's Italian Heritage Celebration. Evening parking is free.



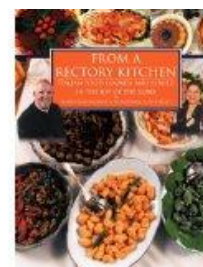
Tuesday, Oct 9 - 6:30 **JANE DOE NO MORE: My 15-Year Fight to Reclaim My Identity: A True Story of Survival, Hope, and Redemption**



Waterbury native **Donna Palomba**, will speak about and sign her new book **JANE DOE NO MORE: My 15-Year Fight to Reclaim My Identity: A True Story of Survival, Hope, and Redemption** and the struggle she endured with the Waterbury Police Department when her rape was not taken seriously. The case, which became the subject of an episode of the nationally televised program *Dateline* led to changes in the way police departments handle rape cases – and to the establishment of her foundation Jane Doe No More.

Wednesday, Oct 10 - 6:30 pm – **FROM A RECTORY KITCHEN Italian Food cooked and Served in the Joy of the Lord – Book Talk & Signing**

What happens when a woman from Cremona cooks for a priest with roots in Avellino? A great cookbook!!! Franca Bosio Bertoli and Fr. Matthew R. Mauriello will not only talk about how their cookbook **FROM A RECTORY KITCHEN**



evolved, but also serve free samples of tiramisu!!!!



Saturday, Oct 13 - 2:00 pm - 5th Annual Tribute to LUCIANO PAVAROTTI Encore performances by tenor **Matthew Cimino** and Waterbury soprano **Marissa Famiglietti** will be featured at the 5th Annual Tribute to Luciano Pavarotti as Mr. Cimino will sing such beloved songs from Pavarotti's repertoire as "Quanto e bella" from Donizetti's *L'elisir d'amore*, "M'appari Tutt' amor" from von Flotow's *Martha* and neopolitan favorites Santa Lucia, and Mamma. With Ms. Famiglietti, he will sing the first act duet from

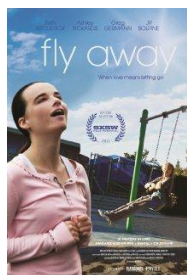
Donizetti's *Daughter of the Regiment*, and "Brindisi" from Verdi's *La Traviata*. Ms. Famiglietti will offer two Puccini arias, "Mi chiamano Mimi" from *La Boheme*. The concert always begins with a prayer for Pavarotti - this year, Schubert's "Ave Maria" - and closes with "Non ti scordar di me", a nostalgic song that Pavarotti often closed with. The audience is invited to join in on the second verse in honor of the late tenor who was born October 12, 1935 in Modena, Italy and died there September 6, 2007.



Tuesday, Oct. 16 - 6:30 pm - "The Unification of Italy and the sacrifice of Pontelandolfo: the shameful massacre of a peaceful town exposed 150 years later" will be the topic of a lecture by Dr. Bart De Petrillo. On August

14, 1861, during the war of unification of Italy, Pontelandolfo was torched after a barbaric massacre of its people. The number of the victims still remains a state secret. The nearby villages of Casalduni and Campolattaro faced a lesser tragic destiny. The sacking of Pontelandolfo was never investigated and the sacrifice of these peaceful towns remained unreported for 150 years, never appearing in school textbooks. Succeeding generations grew up unaware of the sacrifice paid by their forbearers. Dr. De Petrillo will revive the event with historic exactitude, paying tribute to those who lost their lives at the hands of those who sealed the unification of Italy.

A graduate of the high school of the famed Abbey of Monte Cassino, Dr. De Petrillo received his medical degree in Obstetrics & Gynecology from the University of Bologna, the world's oldest university. Now retired, he has presented numerous programs on Italian art and history at the Bronson Library.



Saturday, Oct 20 - 10:15 am - FLY AWAY Feature film written and directed by **Janet Grillo**. This is a poignant yet humor-filled story about the single mother of a teenager severely impacted by autism as she is forced to reckon with her daughter's future. As her child becomes an adult, what used to work, no longer does. What will sustain her daughter, and herself? A parent-child love story, when love means letting go. Meet Emmy Award-winning producer/director and autism advocate Janet Grillo, part of Waterbury's well-known Lanza family.

Tuesday, Oct 23 - 6:30 pm - "THE ARABS IN ITALY: Devastation & Legacy" Talk by **Dr. Bart De Petrillo** Arabs first arrived in the "Terra Lunga", (long earth) as they called Italy, 951 years ago. In 827 A.D., however, they landing in island of Sicily, remaining there as rulers/lords, until 1061 when they were replaced by the Normans. Although the Arab administration of Sicily was far from being egalitarian, it was not considered very harsh by

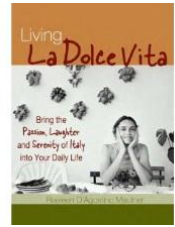


medieval standards. Under them, Sicily became one of Europe's most prosperous regions, intellectually, artistically and economically. In 1200, the Italian mathematician Leonardo Fibonacci da Pisa introduced the Arabic numeration, invented by the Indians, to Europe. The Arabs also made contributions in medicine, mathematics, philosophy and

Wednesday, Oct 24 - 6:30 pm - *LIVING LA DOLCE VITA: Bringing the passion, laughter and security of Italy into your daily life* Book talk and signing by self-help



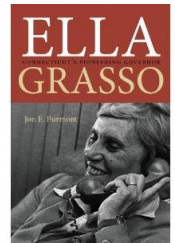
specialist Dr. Raeleen D'Agostino Mautner, holds a PhD in Educational/Cognitive Psychology and advocates preserving Italian lifestyle and traditions as the road to physical and emotional well-being. An internationally acclaimed author, speaker, former psychology professor, life coach, and stress-reduction interventionist at Yale University, Dr. Mautner is also the producer and host of "The Art of



Living Well" radio show on Mondays at 7am on WNHU 88.7FM (streamed on www.wnhu.net), the program the *New Haven Register* asserts "that can change your life".

Dr. Mautner's core is her Italian American family where warmth and love promote outward growth while maintaining a secure sense of belonging. Like a superbly spiced puttanesca sauce, she liberally seasons her philosophy with anecdotes (a very Italian trait), demonstrating values learned from her family, especially the Italian concept of the "bella figura" (beautiful figure), meaning "putting your best foot forward". Dr. Mautner pinpoints the qualities that make Italians seem so earthy, easy-going and yet, oh-so-worldly. Above all, she is a firm proponent of turning *Lemons into Limoncello*, the title of another book!!!

Tuesday, Oct 30 - 6:30 pm - *ELLA GRASSO, Connecticut's Pioneering Governor* Book talk & signing by **Jon E. Purmont**. When Ella Tambussi Grasso ran for governor of Connecticut in 1974, she had not lost an election since she was first voted into the state's General Assembly in 1952. The people of Connecticut chose her as the nation's first woman to be elected governor in her own right--the capstone of a long and successful career dedicated to public service, effective government, and the democratic process. During her tenure as governor, Grasso's leadership was tested in the face of fiscal problems, state layoffs, and budget shortfalls.



The daughter of Italian immigrants, she endeared herself to her constituents during the great Blizzard of 1978, when she remained at the State Armory around the clock to direct emergency operations and make frequent television appearances. Author Jon E. Purmont, who served as Grasso's executive assistant when she was governor, draws on his diary from that time, research in Grasso's archives, and interviews with Grasso's family and friends to give a rich and intimate portrait of this political pioneer who is probably the best-loved governor in modern times.

Although the book's official release date is November 6th, Mr. Purmont has graciously accepted the library's invitation to participate in the library's Italian Heritage Series.