



## April 2024 Newsletter

### Local Colors, Saturday May 11

No May meeting. Instead, we will participate in the Local Colors Festival on Saturday May 11 at Elmwood Park, from 11 am to 5 pm. Our booth is #24 (see attached map). Free parking is available in the parking deck or parking lot across Williamson Road from Elmwood Park. Walk across Williamson Road at the crosswalk (lower right on photo), up the paved area toward the library, and turn right at the walkway. We need help setting up the booth at 9 am and we need cookie bakers and volunteers to march in the Parade of Nations. Deliver cookies to the booth before 10:00 am or drop them off at the Canova's (2265 Sewell Lane, Roanoke City) earlier in the week. We line up for the Parade of Nations at 10:30 am. We'll also host a bocce court. Contact Bob Canova.

### April Dinner Meeting, Sunday April 14

Eighteen members and guests Jack and Joane White and Marcio Sene met for a dinner meeting at the Salem Senior Center on Sunday April 14. Brooke Gill, Program Manager for the Alzheimer's Association of Central and Western Virginia, offered a program, "Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia". She shared information about early symptoms and new medications. You can contact the Alzheimer's Association at (540) 632-0973 or [www.alz.org/cwva](http://www.alz.org/cwva) or call the 24/7 Helpline at (800) 272-3900.



### April and May Birthdays and Anniversaries

Molly Burke, Claire Privitera, and Frank Aprile celebrated birthdays in April. Elena Derosa and Frank Aprile celebrated an anniversary in April. Joan Pizzi will celebrate a birthday in May.

### Club Dues

If you haven't paid your \$10 dues for 2024, pay at the next meeting or mail check to Ed Tablett. Make check payable to the Italian American Heritage Club.

### Sunshine Committee

Remember our homebound members, Cecil Black and Joan Pizzi, and also Ed Tablett following the loss of his sister. New member Michael Adams is recovering well from a mini stroke suffered on April 12.

### Italian Language Lessons

The Italian language classes, led by Donna Esposito, are going well. Classes meet every Tuesday from 1:00 to 2:00 in the "Quiet Room" at the Raleigh Court Library. Contact Donna if you are interested in joining.

### Club Scholarship

Nancy Canova and Pauline Corso will attend the May 30 Roanoke Catholic Award Ceremony to present the club's \$500 scholarship to a college-bound student with Italian Heritage. Award is based on an essay about the student's immigrant ancestor and their new life in the United States.