

ITALEO Newsletter



"Supporting those who protect us"

REMINDER

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, June 6, 2023

6:00 PM

Sicilian Sports Club

1296 East Ridge Rd.

Rochester, NY 14621

See you there!

UPCOMING EVENT

ITALEO SUMMER PICNIC

Sunday, August 13, 2023

12:00 PM - 5:00 PM

St. Paul Exempt

690 Thomas Ave.

Rochester, NY 14617

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UPCOMING EVENT

ITALEO DINNER CRUISE

Saturday, September 23, 2023

6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

Colonial Belle

400 Packetts Landing

Fairport, NY 14450

More details coming soon!

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Celebrating 30 Years

JUNE IN ITALY:

June 2 – Republic Day (National Holiday)

On June 2, 1946, many Italians voted in a referendum to get rid of the monarchy and for the country to become a republic. The public was hostile to the monarchy, which had supported Benito Mussolini's rule. Around that time, the Italian royal family was also exiled from Italy. Republic Day is celebrated each year on June 2nd and is also known as *Festa della Repubblica*. Each year, a wreath is laid at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. The tomb which also has an eternal flame, was added to the one of Italy's largest national monuments, *Altare della Patria* (Altar of the Fatherland).

June 24 – Feast of St. John

The Feast of St. John (*La Festa di San Giovanni*) is an annual public holiday in the Florence, Turin & Genoa on June 24. It honors St. John, also known as John the Baptist. St. John (*San Giovanni*) is Florence's patron saint. He was a preacher & religious figure during Jesus' lifetime. Baptism rituals in the Jordan River were an important part of his ministry. St. John's birthday is celebrated on June 24 in many churches. It is believed that John the Baptist's ashes are kept at the Cathedral of San Lorenzo in Genoa.

June 29 – Feast of St. Peter & St. Paul

La Festa di San Pietro e Paolo is an annual public holiday in Rome on June 29. It honors the Catholic saints Peter and Paul. Each year, Rome celebrates its patron saints with various religious rituals. Other events include music entertainment, fireworks and fairs.

Courtesy of [Holidays Today and Upcoming Holidays in Italy \(timeanddate.com\)](http://timeanddate.com)

Please note that Father's Day is celebrated in March on St. Joseph's Day.

JUNE 18 — Father's Day

In the US, UK, Canada, and scores of other countries worldwide, Father's Day is celebrated on the third Sunday in June. Predominantly Catholic countries in Europe like Italy, Spain, Portugal along with other countries elsewhere in the world, celebrate Father's Day on March 19. Let's hear it for all the fathers out there!

Buona festa del papà



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ROCHESTER, N.Y. — Frustrated Kia and Hyundai owners could soon get some money back in their pockets.

Kia America Inc. and Hyundai Motor America, Inc. announced an agreement to resolve a class action lawsuit with owners of certain Kia and Hyundai models between 2011 through 2022 without push-button ignitions and immobilizers.

Those cars have been stolen at higher rates in part because of videos that have gone viral on social media. The cities of Rochester, Buffalo, and others have filed lawsuits against the two automakers, claiming they failed to add anti-theft technology so the cars are easy to hotwire with only a USB cable.

This impacts about nine million car owners in the U.S. and includes hundreds of people here in Rochester. With this \$200 million settlement, it's finally some good news for victims of car thefts.

One woman who recently had her 2012 Kia Optima stolen on Tuesday morning didn't realize she was a victim until police knocked on her door and told her they found her car around the corner from her home.

"The car is just sitting there, two busted windows and my ignition is totally messed up and he just ransacked the whole car," Abigail Murray said.

She is a mom of two and her kids rely on her for transportation. Murray also relies on her car to bring home the bacon. She's an Uber and Lyft driver.

The teen who stole her car was caught on camera.

"He walked straight in my yard like he knew exactly what he came to do," Murray said.

While her car is at a Kia dealership, waiting for repairs, she's already out nearly \$400 in just three days for a rental. Murray was told by the Kia dealership it may take a month and a half before she can get her car back.

"I've literally been crying about it all week. It makes me emotional," Murray said.

Another Kia owner, Imari Calloway is in the same boat but worse. She's out \$1500 for a rental so far and has been waiting three months for her Kia to be repaired.

"That happened back in February. It's now the beginning of May and we still don't know much about anything. We don't know when the parts are coming in," Calloway said.

A spokesperson representing Kia and Hyundai said the cash will be provided to customers who had their cars stolen and or damaged. Customers can be reimbursed for things like insurance deductibles.

So how much are we talking? Up to around \$6,100 for damages and up to around \$3,300 for things like insurance and rental car expenses. They will also provide reimbursement of up to \$300 for anti-theft devices.

"I don't even know if I would want a Kia because who knows if it's going to happen again. Who wants to go through this all over again," Calloway said.

A website will soon go live with more information on how to get compensated and the automaker says they will send a notification in the mail to owners.

<https://www.whec.com/top-news/kia-and-hyundai-agree-on-200m-settlement-for-car-thefts/>

Prayers requested for our member, Howard Merritt, who is recovering from a fall.



Please welcome Heidi Zimmer as our new Membership Coordinator. Heidi is an officer with the Irondequoit Police Dept. She takes over for Mark Ellis who served on the board since 2021. We wish Mark well in his new career as a Border Patrol Agent.

HISTORY OF BOCCE BALL

Bocce, an ancient sport little known in the United States, has finally begun to take root in the American sports culture. Stemming from the vulgar Latin, "Bottica", a direct root of the Italian word "Bocce". Bocce Ball was first documented in a 5200 B.C. painting of two boys playing, which was discovered by an English scientist, Sir Francis Petrial, in an Egyptian tomb. Bocce Ball spread throughout Palestine and into Asia Minor. In 600 B.C., Bocce was picked up by the Greeks and passed to the Romans. It was played everywhere, from the churches and castles to the city streets. People from all walks of life could play the game; young or old, man or woman.

In 1319 A.D., Bocce Ball was actually prohibited to people of lesser nobility because it was felt that it diverted attention from more important tasks, such as archery and war training. In 1519, Bocce became a public game. It was played in Flanders, Holland and Belgium.

Greek colonists brought Bocce with them to what is now modern Italy. It became so popular that it was once again threatened with prohibition, as people who were playing Bocce in the streets were hitting the knees of passing noblemen with the Bocce balls. Although unfortunate for the humbler people who played Bocce, this problem brought widespread attention to the sport among Italian noblemen and Bocce immediately became a favorite pastime.

It was Giuseppe Garibaldi, who, while unifying and nationalizing Italy, popularized the sport as it is known today. Bocce frequently lost and gained popularity throughout the ages. In 1896, during a resurgence of popularity, the first Bocce Olympiad was held in Athens, Greece. Bocce has been a part of international sports ever since.

Bocce has seen many changes throughout the ages. It has evolved from being a crude sport played with rounded rocks, or even coconuts, to the modern game with composite or metal balls. Bocce has been known under many names - lawn bowling, nine pins, skittles, pétanque, to name a few - and has seen many rule changes. The popularity of Bocce in America has been on the rise since it swept California in 1989. There are more than 25,000,000 Bocce enthusiasts that have heard of the sport, play recreationally, or play on structured courts in the United States today.

Bocce has also become a tournament sport. Tournaments are held weekly, some carrying large cash awards for their winners. It is now a part of the World Corporate Games, is an event in the Special Olympics, and is being proposed to be in the Olympics.



RECIPE CORNER

Sicilian Fiori di Zucca fritti

These Sicilian Fiori di Zucca fritti are a typical appetizer which is usually prepared in springtime and (especially) in the summertime. Making this recipe is very easy, the trick is to adjust the temperature of the oil in order to obtain light and crispy zucchini flowers.

Ingredients

16 Fiori di zucca
1.5 Cups Flour
2 Eggs
Salt & Pepper
Garlic

Steps:

1. Gently wash the flowers under a trickle of water and pat dry. Carefully take out the stigma inside the flower.
2. Two eggs beaten in a bowl with a little milk, mix well.
3. Place flour in a large bowl and season well.
4. Dip your flowers one by one into egg wash & then into the flour. Coat well & shake off excess flour.
5. In large skillet over medium heat place your oil in pan, make sure its hot enough & fry the flowers until golden brown.
6. Serve hot with lemon wedges & a sprinkle of sea salt.

<https://sicilianfoodculture.com/recipe/sicilian-fiori-di-zucca-fritti/>



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