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## HOLIDAY HAPPY HOUR DEC. 22

Bring an appetite and your singing voice on **Dec. 22**, at **3:30pm**, to the community room at [215 Oswego Summit](#) in Mountain Park. Once again, we'll do appetizers and dessert rather than a full dinner potluck. If your last name begins with A-H, you're bringing some kind of dessert. If your last name starts with I-Z, bring an *hors d'oeuvre* to share. If you want something other than coffee or tea to drink, bring that, too.

In addition to eating, drinking, talking and otherwise making merry, we'll have some holiday musical entertainment, courtesy of our friend Lucia Galizia. So, bring your caroling voice in addition to your potluck dish!

## LA BEFANA VISITS CARVLIN HALL JAN. 5

The annual Italian holiday tradition, *Festa della Befana*, takes place **Sunday, Jan. 5 from 2:00 - 4:00pm** at **Carvlin Hall at St. Philip Neri Church, 2408 SE 16<sup>th</sup> Av. in Portland**.

The Tuscan Association, *Amici d'Italia*, the Sons of Italy Vancouver, *Festa Italiana* and *Scuola Italiana di Portland* are joining forces on this event, aimed at children aged 3-10. Entertainment, crafts, goodies and a visit from *La Befana* herself are all part of the fun.

The epiphany celebration retells the story of an old woman who is too busy sweeping her home to help the three kings find the Baby Jesus. Eventually she tries to catch up with the procession, but she never finds the Baby King. Each January she picks up where she left off, in search of the Christ child, leaving gifts for all children along the way.

Children *must* be pre-registered for the event. To do so, please contact *Scuola Italiana di Portland* at [info@scuola.us](mailto:info@scuola.us).



## NEXT MTG:

**SUNDAY, DEC. 22, 3:30**

**215 OSWEGO SUMMIT**

*FESTA DELLA BEFANA*

**SUNDAY, JAN. 5 2:00**

**CARVLIN HALL**

## THE PREZ SEZ...

BY GEORGE LAFRAZIA

The holiday madness is upon us and Christmas is fast approaching. I hope in all the holiday rush you will not forget our Christmas party. We plan to have a sing-along with accompanying instruments and song lyrics. As usual we should have lots of tasty snacks and some holiday specials. To help with the variety of items, if your family name starts from A through H bring a dessert; I through Z bring an appetizer, all with an Italian influence. With help from everyone we will have a great afternoon and evening.

There are two important items I need to mention. Dues for the new year are due and you can send your check to Audrey Perino, or bring it on Sunday. Also, many of our members no longer drive at night or drive at all, so if you can provide a ride to a member please do so. If you are someone who needs a ride contact me at 360.944.6043 or Audrey at 503.246.6462 and we will try to help. Hope to see all members at our holiday gathering on Dec. 22.



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## L'ANGOLO ITALIANO

DI CARLO ILIO MANNOCCI

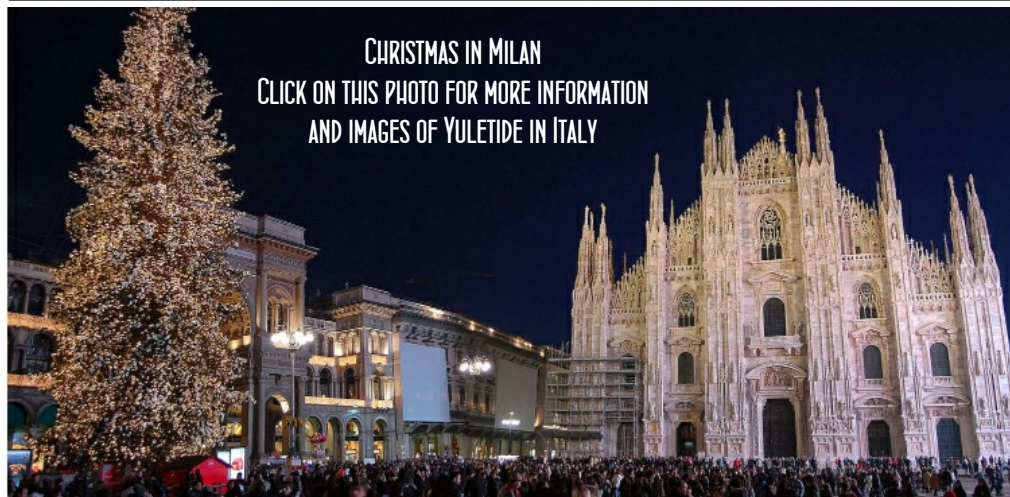


*Seguire la politica italiana odierna e' come assistere ad un film del Far West con cambi repentini di personaggi, imprevisi assalti alla diligenza del governo, adunate di "sardine" (ultima novita' sulla scena politica).*

*Non sto' a fare commenti positivi o negativi sulla situazione, vorrei solo che si guardasse alla realta' politica dell'Italia di oggi e saper affrontare i grandi problemi industriali e finanziari che assillano il paese.*

*A me sembra che vi sia una apatia generale e che invece di risolvere i problemi si improvvisino rimedi posticci sperando che... durino e che vadano bene!*

*Spero di rivedere tutti con piacere Domenica 22 Dicembre.*



CHRISTMAS IN MILAN  
CLICK ON THIS PHOTO FOR MORE INFORMATION  
AND IMAGES OF YULETIDE IN ITALY

## FOTOGRAFIA ITALIANA: WHAT SAYS "ITALY" TO YOU?

*La Lettera Toscana* continues sharing our members' visual triggers of Italy. This time newsletter editor **Ken Kane** reflects ... while he awaits *your* photo memory! Send your photo and why it makes you think of Italy to Ken at [ken@woodbloom.com](mailto:ken@woodbloom.com). We'll be sharing these visual memories of all things Italian – sights, food, people, etc. – right through the spring.

"Back in 2005 Audrey and I took a trip to Tuscany. One evening, outside of Montalcino, we came upon the 900-year-old [Abbey of Sant'Antimo](#). My nighttime photo doesn't do it justice. We decided to return the next day for



a closer look and when we did we happened upon the Benedictine monks conducting a service complete with Gregorian plainchants, their haunting sung prayers. Even now, when I think of Tuscany, I think of Sant'Antimo and the special morning we spent inside its cool, dark walls. And when I think of Sant'Antimo, I immediately hear those monks chanting!"

## YOUR DUES ARE DUE!

It's time for the Tuscan Association to collect annual dues. Dues are \$25 for singles and \$35 for couples. Annual dues help pay for coffee, tea, food, *La Befana*, our Website, printing, mailings and, especially, meeting space.

Audrey Perino will gladly accept your dues at the Dec. 22 holiday happy hour, or mail her a check made out to "Tuscan Association of Oregon." Send it to 37 SW Canby St., Portland, OR 97219.

