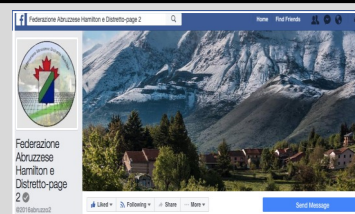




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Cari amici,

On behalf of the Federazione Abruzzese Executive and myself we want to take a moment to extend our warmest greetings to each and every one of you. This year has been a season of connection, tradition, and continued pride in our Abruzzese heritage.

A nome mio e della Federazione Abruzzese, vogliamo dedicare un momento per porgere i nostri più cordiali saluti a ciascuno di voi. Quest'anno è stato un anno di legami, tradizioni e continuo orgoglio per la nostra tradizione abruzzese.

Over the past few months, our Federation has continued to grow stronger through your participation, dedication, and love for our community. From our cultural gatherings and charitable efforts, to the joyful celebrations that unite us, we are reminded of the richness of our roots and the importance of passing these values on to future generations.

On April 12th we celebrated Abruzzo in Festa at Liuna Station. This year we honoured the dedication and contributions of a remarkable group of family physicians with Abruzzese roots, who have made a profound impact on the health and well-being of our community. On July 5th we celebrated our Italian culture and community at international night at the Forge FC soccer game. From the festivities before the game to the game itself, it was a great day enjoyed by all.

Looking ahead, we are excited about upcoming events that will once again bring us together in the spirit of friendship and unity. I encourage you to stay engaged, invite others to join, and share your ideas as we continue to honour the legacy of our ancestors.

Thank you for being an essential part of our Federation. Your support is what keeps our traditions alive and thriving here in Hamilton.

Grazie per essere una parte essenziale della nostra Federazione. Il vostro sostegno è ciò che mantiene vive e prospere le nostre tradizioni qui ad Hamilton.

Con affetto e gratitudine,

*Roberto Ricci
President*



The Federazione Abruzzese of Hamilton congratulates the Pettorano Sul Gizio Club, which celebrated its 40th anniversary on July 13th with a special mass event at St. Anthony's Church. Thank you to the Pettoranesi for 40 years of celebrations honouring their patron saints Santa Margherita and San Benigno.

Chi va fore, va luntane, nin si scorde de Pettrane.

FEDERAZIONE ABRUZZESE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE 2025-2027

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FEDERAZIONE ABRUZZESE OF HAMILTON & DISTRICT

Celebrate with us



50th Anniversary **ABRUZZO REGIONAL DINNER**

Menu

Assorted Rolls and Butter
Antipasto Classico
Rigatoni with peas and sausages
in a light tomato sauce
Chicken breast in a white wine sauce
Roasted Lamb
Roasted Potatoes
Sauteed Peppers, Zucchini
Tossed Salad
Caramel Cluster
Coffee/Tea/Decaf/Espresso

SEPTEMBER 17, 2025
LIUNA STATION
360 JAMES ST. N.
HAMILTON
6 PM
\$85



TICKETS ON SALE
NOW!

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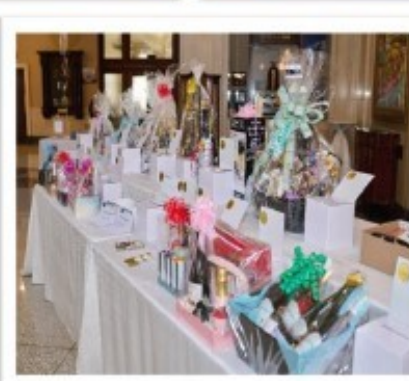
Abruzzo in Festa

April 12, 2025



The Federazione Abruzzese hosted a wonderful celebration at LIUNA Station honouring eleven family physicians of Abruzzese heritage. They each received the Premio Abruzzo Award, in recognition of their service and contributions to the Italian community in Hamilton. We wish them continued success and sincerely thank them for their efforts!

Congratulations!

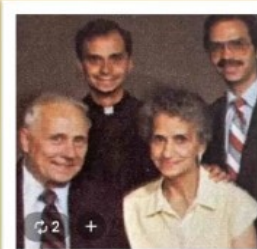


HABEMUS PAPAM!



On April 21st, 2025, beloved Pope Francis passed away, the day after giving his Easter Sunday blessing from St. Peter's Basilica in Rome. On May 7th, the conclave began to select a new pope and the following day, there was white smoke! On May 8th, the world welcomed the 267th successor to St. Peter, former Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost, now Pope Leo XIV. Born in Chicago on September 14, 1955, he is the first American pope in history as well as the first priest from the Order of St. Augustin.

As a child, Robert Francis Prevost knew he wanted to go into the priesthood. Dedicating his life to service in the church, he was ordained as a priest in 1982, served for forty years in the Order of Saint Augustin, became bishop of Chiclayo, Peru and in 2023, was elevated to cardinal by Pope Francis. His first words to the faithful after being elected as pope were "Peace be with you all", heralding his mission to build bridges, to advocate for the disadvantaged and to promote church unity and world peace. In this special Jubilee year, we wish Pope Leo XIV God's blessings for a very long, fruitful, happy and healthy pontificate as the Vicar of Christ!



Il Giubileo delle Associazioni Abruzzesi

Quest'anno e' il Giubileo Cattolico celebrato a Roma ogni 25 anni. E' un temp di rinnovo e speranza per la nostra religione e per il mondo.

Ogni anno invece si celebra anche la Perdonanza Celestiniana a L'Aquila in Abruzzo. Questa antica festa religiosa che inizio' Papa Celestino V nel anno 1294 e' una celebrazione di perdono.

CRAM (Consiglio Regionale Abruzzesi nel Mondo) invita tutte le associazioni Abruzzesi nel mondo a partecipare a un Giubileo delle Associazioni Abruzzesi che si terra' a L'Aquila, la Capitale del Perdono, come dichiaro' Papa Francesco l'anno scorso, questo 28 Agosto.

Il Giubileo e', per sua natura, tempo di cammino, di memoria e di speranza. Un tempo di grazia e di comunione, in cui ogni Associazione abruzzese, ovunque si trovi, e' chiamata a sentirsi parte viva di una storia collettiva che attraversa i confini e le generazioni.

La Federazione Abruzzese di Hamilton e' in pieno accordo con questa iniziativa e invia agli organizzatori di questo Giubileo auguri per un enorme successo.



The Jubilee of Abruzzesi Associations

This year, 2025, is the year of the great Catholic Jubilee celebrated in Rome every 25 years. Each year, as well, in the Abruzzese city of L'Aquila, is celebrated the Feast of Celestinian Forgiveness begun by Pope Celeste V in 1294.

CRAM (Committee of Abruzzesi in the World) is inviting all Abruzzesi organizations to participate in a Jubilee of the Associations to be held in L'Aquila, the capital of forgiveness as stated by Pope Francis last year.

A Jubilee is by its nature a time to walk, reflect, recall and hope. It is a time of thanksgiving and community when each organization of Abruzzese roots is asked to, in some way, acknowledge and participate in the Jubilee.

The Abruzzese Federation of Hamilton is in full support of this initiative and extends best wishes and thanks to the organizers for this event, wishing it great success.

For more information on the Celestinian Festival of Forgiveness 2025:

<https://www.santamariadicolemaggio.it/en/jubilee-2025/>

CLUB EVENTS

Gagliano Aterno Club



Family Picnic: Saturday July 26 -Christie Lake Conservation Area, 1000 Highway 5 West, Dundas, Ontario, Pavillion 1.
Per vehicle and driver: \$16.50. For each additional passenger over 5 years of age, fee is \$5.50.
Arrival at your convenience, departure at sunset.
For additional information, visit christie@conservationhamilton.ca.
Or call Franca Marini: 905-648-4035.



San Martino Dinner Dance: Saturday, November 15

King George Ballroom,
LIUNA Station, 360 James St. North, Hamilton.
Doors open at 5 p.m. Opening Ceremony 6:15 p.m.
Dinner service 6:30 p.m. DJ Music
Door Prizes and Raffle Prizes
\$100.00 per person.
For tickets contact: Franca Marini 905-648-4035
Mary Stodolak 905-512-6751

Introdacqua Club



64TH Annual Introdacqua Picnic

Sunday, August 3, 2025
Famee Furlane Park, 3457 Hendershot Rd. Binbrook
\$10 per person entrance fee, Children under 10 FREE

Picnic Schedule

9:00am	Park Opens
1:00pm	Bocce Tournament Begins
2:00pm	Mass and Procession – Father Francesco Cucchi
3:30pm	Kids Games
7:00 pm	Raffle, Bocce Winners, Bandasma and Music!

Associazione Brittolese Club Picnic June 29, 2025



WHEN ABRUZZO AND MOLISE WERE UNITED IN A SINGLE REGION

from visitareabruzzo.it



The short story of a divided land

On 27 December 1963 Molise broke away from Abruzzo and formed the twentieth Italian region. This split took shape with art. 1 of the constitutional law n. 3 of 27 December 1963, in which twenty regions appeared for the first time: "Article 131 of the Constitution of the Italian Republic is amended as follows: the following regions are constituted: Piedmont; Valle d'Aosta; Lombardy; Trentino Alto Adige; Veneto; Friuli Venezia Giulia; Liguria; Emilia Romagna; Tuscany; Umbria; Marche; Lazio; Abruzzi; Molise; Campania; Puglia; Basilicata; Calabria; Sicily; Sardinia. " From 1963, Abruzzo (or rather the Abruzzi) and Molise, which had long required its independence, were therefore identified.

The latter was initially represented only by the province of Campobasso, while the province of Isernia was established in 1970. It is the only case in the history of republican Italy of the formation of one region by detachment from another. Today, therefore, Molise is the twentieth and the youngest region of Italy.

THE LEGEND OF GRAN SASSO AND MAJELLA



Legend has it that Maja was a Goddess who lived in distant Phrygia, in the company of her only son, who was so big that he was no longer called by his name but simply the 'Giant'. One day, during a battle, the Giant was mortally wounded. The mother asked for help from an oracle, who spoke thus: "On a very high mountain, beyond the sea, at the foot of a Great Rock, a miraculous herb grows that can heal your son". Maja gathered her things, loaded them onto a ship together with her dying son and, accompanied by her servants, set off in search of the mountain and the miraculous herb.

They sailed for days until finally they landed in the port of Ortona. The mountain was still far away and after asking for directions, they set off again carrying the Giant's body on a stretcher. After days of hard walking, they arrived at the magical mountain, but the Giant, exhausted by the effort, died. Maja buried him at the foot of the Grande Sasso which, in honor of her son, was called 'the Giant' from then on. Driven mad by grief, she fled to the mountain opposite, from which she could see where her son was buried. She lived in caves, in the company of wild beasts, helped and fed by local shepherds, who were moved by her sad story. Upon her death, they buried her on the mountain where she had lived and which, in her honor, was called 'Majella', meaning 'mother', as it is still called today by the people of Abruzzo. The shepherds say that, when the storm rages on the Majella, together with the howling of the wind, you can hear the voice of Maja who desperately calls for her son. (Antonietta D'Ascenzo)



New Italian Citizenship Rules

Conversion Law No. 74/2025 of Decree Law No. 36/2025 amended Article 17, Paragraph 1, of Law No. 91/1992, allowing former citizens residing abroad, in specific cases and for a limited period of time (between July 1, 2025 and December 31, 2027), to reacquire Italian citizenship by personally signing a declaration before the competent consular officials.

For further information, click on the link below and read carefully the content of the webpage:

<https://constoronto.esteri.it/.../riacquisto-della.../>

La Legge di conversione n. 74/2025 del Decreto Legge 36/2025 ha modificato l'articolo 17, comma 1, della Legge n. 91/1992, consentendo ad ex cittadini anche residenti all'estero, in determinati casi e per un periodo di tempo limitato (tra il 1° luglio 2025 e il 31 dicembre 2027), di riacquistare la cittadinanza italiana presentando una specifica dichiarazione che deve essere resa dall'interessato personalmente, in presenza di competenti funzionari consolari.

Per informazioni su come procedere, leggere con attenzione quanto indicato qui:

<https://constoronto.esteri.it/.../riacquisto-della.../>

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Please inform a member of the executive committee of any milestone birthdays, anniversaries, and cards of condolences.



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