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#### Mission/Vision Statement

The Italian Community of Akron, Inc. (Ohio), Le Radici' wants to reach the entire Italian-American community and all those who love Italy. The main objective of our association is to organize and promote activities with the purpose of introducing to the Italian community the different facets of the Italian culture. This is why 'Le Radici' targets the whole community with no distinction of regional origin or age group. One of our most ambitious projects involves the construction of an Italian cultural center where various cultural and recreational activities would take place. Such a center would include an Italian library, classes for teaching the Italian language, a hall for theatrical shows, a museum, an indoor bocce court, an outdoor soccer field and tennis courts.

*'Le Radici' è un'organizzazione che si propone alla Comunità Italo Americana e di tutti coloro che amano L'Italia. L'obiettivo primario è quello di intraprendere iniziative di vario carattere che possono portare la comunità a contatto con le molte espressioni della cultura e tradizione Italiana. Uno degli obiettivi più ambiziosi riguarda la costruzione in questa zona di un Centro Culturale Italiano che potrà ospitare manifestazioni culturali e ricreative.*

## PRESIDENT REPORT

Please continue to pray for our nation as we go forward during these times of uncertainty.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our members, families and friends a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Log on to our web site for the current updates ([www.leradici.org](http://www.leradici.org))

**Tanti Auguri di Buon Natale**      **Best Wishes for a Merry Christmas**

**Auguri di Buon Anno**      **Happy New Year**

**Patrick DiLullo – President of Le Radici**

## LA CUCINA DELLA RADICI

Pizza Fritte Di Natale      Sally Dallesandro

8 c. all-purpose flour 3 eggs 4 1/3 c. water 2 oz. yeast figs, nuts

Mix as for bread. Rise 3 hours. Dough will be very soft. Roll into a small ball. Insert ¼ pc of fig or nut. Drop in hot oil, brown, drain and roll in sugar if so desired. Mangia!!

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

M. Rubino Georgeoff(2) E. DiOrio(5) D. Young(10)

N. Wolfe (14) S. Guistino(18) D. Ricci Raymond(21)

K. Chiapinelli Young(28)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 7 – Pearl Harbor Day Dec. 8 – The Immaculate Conception Dec. 19 – Winter Solstice

Dec. 25 – Christmas Day Dec. 31 – New Year's Eve.

## NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The next meeting of Le Radici will be on Tuesday ?. Board Meeting 5:30. Members meeting 7pm. @ Casa Di Le Radici. 3411 Wyoga Lake Rd. Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44221

## Christmas in Italy



One of the most important ways of celebrating Christmas in Italy is the **Nativity crib scene**. Using a Nativity scene to help tell the Christmas story was made very popular by St. Francis of Assisi in 1223 (Assisi is in mid-Italy). The previous year he had visited Bethlehem and saw where it was thought that Jesus was born. A lot of Italian families have a Nativity scene in their homes.

The city of Naples in Italy is world famous for its Nativity scenes. These are known as 'Presepe Napoletano' (meaning Neapolitan Nativity/cribs scenes). The first Nativity scene in Naples is thought to go back to 1025 and was in the Church of S. Maria del presepe (Saint Mary of the Nativity), this was even before St. Francis of Assisi had made Nativity scenes very popular!

Having Nativity scenes in your own home became popular in the 16th century and it's still popular today (before that only churches and monasteries had scenes). Nativity scenes are traditionally put out on the 8th December. But the figure of the baby Jesus isn't put into the crib/manger until the evening/night of December 24th!

Sometimes the Nativity scene is displayed in the shape of pyramid which can be meters tall! It's made of several tiers of shelves and is decorated with colored paper, gold covered pinecones and small candles. A small star is often hung inside the top of the pyramid/triangle. The shelves above the manger scene might also contain fruit, candy and presents.

One special thing about Neapolitan Nativity scenes, is that they always have extra 'every day' people and objects (such as houses, waterfalls, food, animals and even figures of famous people and politicians!). Naples is also the home to the largest Nativity scene in the world, which has over 600 objects on it!

In Naples there is a still a street of nativity scene makers called the 'Via San Gregorio Armeno'. In the street you can buy wonderful handmade Nativity scene decorations and figures - and of course whole scenes!

You can see some pictures of nativity scenes and figures from Naples on this page: [https://foto.portanapoli.com/napoli/presepe/presepe\\_lb2007\\_01.jpg.php](https://foto.portanapoli.com/napoli/presepe/presepe_lb2007_01.jpg.php)

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