

DO SOMETHING ITALIAN

Italian Americans have a lot of pride in being Italian. For some, being Italian means they are part of a culturally distinct people. For others it is pride in the accomplishments and contributions of Italian-Americans in every field of endeavor who have shaped America as we know it.

Italian culture is widely accepted and embraced in America and deeply ingrained in our culture. Yet, despite being a culturally distinctive people and having made enormous contributions to American society, the story of the Italian Americans is not always represented or even recognized in our history.

Experience has taught us that if we do not tell our story it will not be told. Fortunately, there are many Italian-American organizations across America engaging in activities that help tell our story and celebrate our heritage and history. Italian-Americans have their own network of newspapers, newsletters, magazines, scholarly journals, cultural centers and websites to help preserve and tell our story. **Organizations like the Italian Cultural Society offer programs to learn about our Italian heritage and culture and our collective accomplishments so we can educate ourselves on what it means to be Italian-American.** The programs offered at the Italian cultural center play an important role in maintaining our Italian heritage and pride.

Some of us have been fortunate to be raised in families close to their heritage where they are able to visit with family members, enjoy large family dinners, listen to stories of their grandparents, celebrate family traditions, speak Italian in the household, look through scrapbooks that hold photographs of family faces through out the generations and have traveled to Italy to meet living relatives. But we are not all that fortunate. For some of us, our direct links to our Italian heritage have weakened over time or have gotten lost for a variety of reasons, yet we desire to more fully connect with our Italian Heritage. The Italian Cultural Society offers a way for us to achieve a greater understanding and closeness to our Italian Heritage



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