



MONZA 2018

CHRISTMAS VILLAGE TRAIN



Note from the Editor

The Christmas Season is in the air. The theme this month will be the special season rather than a country. We will have our special Christmas Dinner and Christmas Raffle this month. Buy your tickets to win the special prizes and baskets.

Here's wishing you all the luck!!

Cheryl Stockman Chalouhi



The deadline for the February Monza News is

January 28, 2018

Please note that any Italian ladies who bring 3 (three) English speaking foreign ladies may join without being on the waiting list.

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Just a few words from the President

I always loved Christmas...the lights, the decorations, the gingerbread houses, the midnight service with Christmas carols and the feelings of serenity and happiness, celebrating with friends and family.

In the Benvenuto Club we come from different cultures and have different religions but the holiday season, sometimes during the year, has the same feeling of love all over the world.

May your holidays sparkle with moments of love, laughter, and goodwill and may the year ahead be full of contentment and joy.

Happy Holidays!

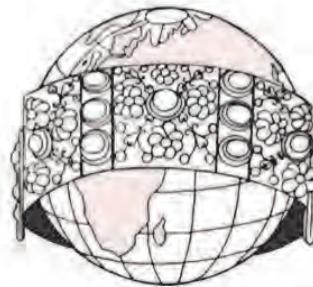


The Benvenuto International Club of Monza

Coffee Morning and charity raffle

**December 6th
9:30 a.m.**

Sporting Club Monza
Viale Brianza 39



BENVENUTO INTERNATIONAL CLUB OF MONZA

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AU



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If you are a newcomer and have not seen your picture here, please contact
Elda Elvedese to have your picture taken

Christmas Markets in Italy

Italy is known in most of the world as the garden of Europe for its scenery and culinary traditions but perhaps not everyone knows about the Christmas Markets in Italy. Here are a few of very renowned markets...

Monza - December 1, 2018 to January 7, 2019



Beginning with our own city, Monza fills the center with 30 wooden cabins that sell everything you could desire to put great gifts under the tree, like the enlightened Lebanese cedars that surround the area. A great program of entertainment with live shows and Santa's House will enchant children as well as a skating rink, for a small fee, in piazza Trento e Trieste.

Turin - December 5 to 23, 2018

Christmas Markets are strung throughout this regal city from Castle Place to Solferino Place, Borgo Dora and on to Maglio Court and Santa Rita Place.

Very precious items may be found to decorate a home or give to a friend.

There are also many events for charity.



Verona - November 16 to 26 December 2018



This 'Christkindmarkt' goes from Piazza dei Signori, Old Market Court and Via della Costa bringing a fablesque atmosphere where 60 wooden kiosks sell everything from glass, wood or ceramic Christmas ornaments to wool garments and traditional gastronomic specialties.

Bolzano - November 22, 2018 to January 6, 2019

The air is brisk in this Alpine contoured city famous world-wide for its Christmas Market, this city goes all out decorating and lighting up the whole city centre.



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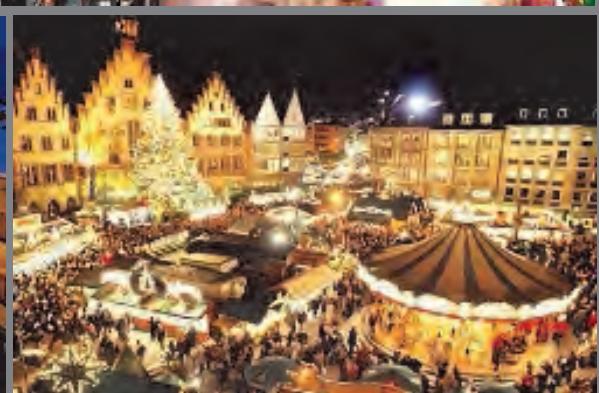
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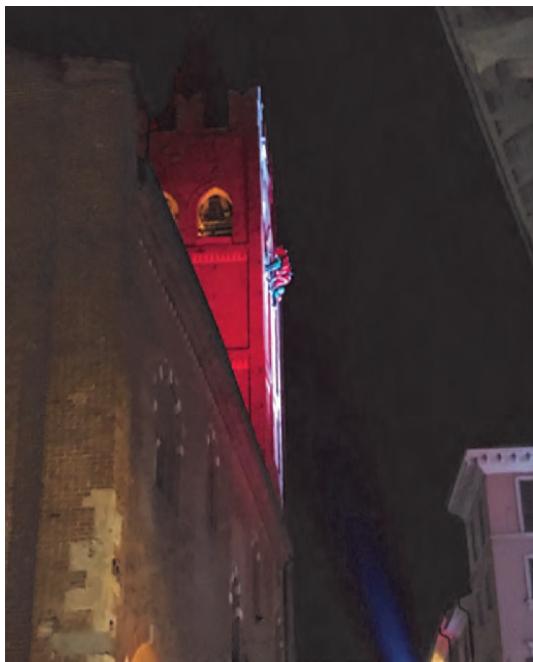
Italian Christmas Markets



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MONZA CHRISTMAS VILLAGE



DECEMBER 1 – JANUARY 6



Last Month's Coffee Morning



MAKING CHRISTMAS COOKIES AT IRMI'S HOUSE



Then lunch together

Theme of the Month Event



Past Event

Pakistani Exhibit and
Lunch 23 November





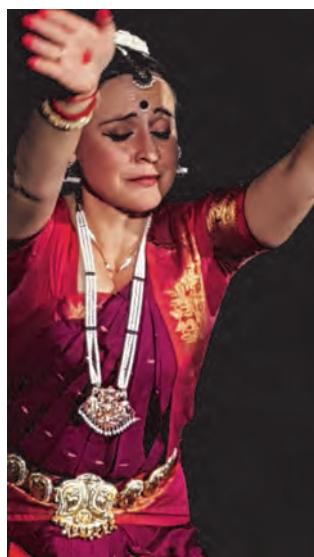
BHARATA NATYAM - PERFORMED BY LUCREZIA MANISCOTTI

The evening of November 16 we enjoyed a delightful evening with Lucrezia Maniscotti, a professional classical Indian dancer . She gave us not only an exhibition of dance but explained the history and meaning of the facial expressions, steps and gestures.

While there are eight classics, she gave us a piece of several different folklore dances with such facial expression and perfect steps to the various rhythms that we could feel the joy, desire and heart break of the character being impersonated.

It was truely a voyage into the life of those characters from the past in the far away country of India.

Our compliments go to Ivana for her organization of this theatrical presentation.



WORKING WOMEN APERITIF

30 December Newcomers and working women cocktail.

Reaching out to those who can't make it to the Coffee Mornings because they work and wanting to allow newcomers to get acquainted with others in a comfortable atmosphere, the monthly cocktail evenings have had great success. Here are a few photos of the November aperitif.



The Benvenuto International Club of Monza

Coffee Morning Belgium

Jan 17th

9,30 a.m.

Sporting Club Monza

Viale Brianza 39





January Theme Story

Belgium

The summer of 1995 my husband, three daughters and I drove to Liege, Belgium for the baptism of our friends' son. While we were there for four days, we had the unheard of luck to enjoy warm sunny days. We visited Bruges, Antwerp, Spa, and Brussels.



We stayed in an adorable bed and breakfast in the middle of a forest, as everything in Belgium that isn't urban is in the middle of a forest. We had breakfast in a room with bay windows and a bird bath in the centre of a quaint garden where birds actually bathed and chirped first thing in the morning.

The reception was held in a family members' back yard with a white tent, in case of rain. We learned that prevention is always wise there because it rains all year round. It might rain a few hours in the morning then the sun comes out for a while, only to hide again behind the grey sky. This is probably why everything is so green. Even though it was summer, the evening was chilly but pleasant. Our hosts were very lovely people, the Belgian aunt and Italian uncle of our friend. There were many Italian immigrants who worked in the coal mines, so this can be a common scene. Although, this wasn't their case. Cecil's aunt had actually met her husband in Italy.



My favorite city was Bruges. We took a boat ride through the picturesque city. Houses built right up to the river with flowers on every window. It was so peaceful riding along the water with ducks swooping down to rest on the water around us. Some refer to Bruges as the 'Venice of Belgium'. After the boat ride, we took a walk through town and stopped at shops that sold hand made laces for clothes, table cloths and various other things. I was so impressed by the very intriguing and precise tattering, amazed at how the women moved their hands passing the thread and creating beautiful scenes for pictures or collars and even baskets for candies as well center pieces. We had lunch at what I would have called a hotdog shop but there they called it a hamburger shop. I put what I thought was mustard but turned out to have a curry twist. I ate it and liked it but I was glad our friends warned us because my husband doesn't eat curry.



In Antwerp my husband and eldest daughter ate mussels, which is the typical choice, while I stuck to shrimp. The North Sea and white beach is breath-taking but so is the wind. We went for a brisk walk after lunch but we didn't dally.



Another day of sight seeing was spent in Brussels. We walked through the centre by the Beer Brewery and had lunch. One of the attractions my husband was surprised by was the statue of Manneken Piss. It is a rather small statue for so much fame. But it is the image of innocence, a little boy urinating in the all the glory of his birthday suit.



Spa was another surprise. As we drove through the woods we began to smell a very unpleasant odor. It was the sulphur in the water that people literally stood in long lines to fill a bottle then again, to get to a bathroom stall.

The last day we had breakfast at 10am and packed our things. Just as I was closing the lacy curtain of the window, it began to rain. At first it was a light mist but by the time we got everything in the car the clouds were closing in, as if the sun was saying "Fare well".

By Cheryl Stockman Chalouhi

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corso Magenta 63—MILANO

Tuesday 15th January at 10.30



Through 200 photographs
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in the private life of the great Kennedy family,
this exhibition also gives the public a glimpse of the complicity,
undercurrent of the love story between John and Jackie.

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INSIDE MAGRITTE

FABBRICA DEL VAPORE—MILANO

Via Procaccini 4



Thursday 22nd January 2019
At 10.30 am

Ticket: 12 or 14 euros

Digital and multi sensorial exhibition dedicated to the Belgian artist MAGRITTE

Info and sign in: specialactivities@benvenutomonza.com or Ivana 338 53 54 24



Theme Special Activities

ENJOY A TYPICAL BELGIAN DINNER

**Thursday 31st January
At 8 pm**

le vent du nord

Belgian brasserie



Via Sannio 18 Milano

27 €

Choice between two menus at the sign in

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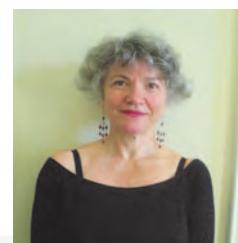


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Guests:

Members are welcome to bring guests to the Coffee Morning to introduce potential members to the Club. The same guest is only allowed to attend two Coffee Mornings and the Christmas meeting per year. The Guest Fee is €5. All guests will be given a nametag to wear during the meeting.

Name Badges:

Name badges are supplied to each member to be worn at each Coffee Morning. If Members forget their name badge they will be required to pay a fine of €1.

Commercial Sales and Logo:

Commercial sales are not permitted at Club functions but flyers may be posted only on the bill board during the Coffee Morning and in the Monza News for a contribution.

The Benvenuto Club logo is not to be used for any commercial purposes.

Privacy Policy:

The Club's Privacy Policy is available for consultation under Club Information on the Benvenuto International Club of Monza website: www.benvenutomonza.com.

CLUB RULES

The **Benvenuto International Club of Monza** welcomes English-speaking women from all over the world and fosters international fellowship through its various activities. A monthly Coffee Morning is the Club's principal social function. **The Club is non-profit, non-denominational and a-political.** English shall be the official language of the Club. All work performed by the Board and its committees is done on a voluntary basis.

Membership:

The membership year runs from **September through June** of the following year. The Membership Fee for current members is due and payable no later than the October Coffee Morning of each year. A full year's Membership Fee is payable by new members until February at which time new members pay €60. For any questions about membership contact the Membership Director.

A Friendly Ear

Member's Corner

If you need help getting settled or just want to chat please call us – our Friendly Ear Alliance is here to listen and support you!

Janu Soner 3482610278 or email janusoner@hotmail.com

Kate Icke 3488898349 or email kateicke@alice.it

If you think that your expertise would be useful and would like to join the team, please call Janu or Kate at the numbers listed above.



Just a reminder that you are very welcome to join the **Vimercate Neighborhood** group at:



LA CAMILLA in:via Dante - Concorezzo

every first Thursday of the month...**January will not be the first Thursday.**

Contact: Anna Bodini cell: 347.95.20.827



THE WRITERS GROUP has moved forward the announcement date for the winner of the new 'HER STORY's. The deadline for presentation will be February 28 so the announcement of the winner will be done at the March Coffee Morning.

Members can also join the **Facebook** group by contacting *Benvenuto International Club of Monza*

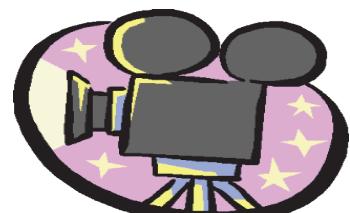
Membership Director. - Kate Icke - membership@benvenutomonza.com

If you have joined within the last 6 months and need information contact our

Newcomers Director - Janu Soner - newcomers@benvenutomonza.com



Cinema in English MONZA



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Showings at **15,00** and **18,00** or **21,00** or **21,15**.

3 DECEMBER SOLDADO	10 DECEMBER FIRST MAN	17 DECEMBER WINDOWS
7 JANUARY FANTASTIC BEASTS: THE CRIMES OF GRINDELWALD	14 JANUARY BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY	21 JANUARY THE OLD MAN & THE GUN
28 JANUARY COLETTE	4 FEBRUARY AT ETERNITY'S GATE	



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Medical Emergency National

Call Number: **840 500 092**

Recommendation*:

Listen to the recording (in Italian) and wait for an operator on the line.

If you don't speak Italian, ask for someone who speaks English.

Provide all of your personal information: name, address, telephone number and the description of your illness. Ask if there is a doctor who speaks English or your language.

They will have a doctor call you back in the next hour (usually faster). The doctor will tell you, if they need to make a house visit or if you should go to the nearest GUARDIA MEDICA. They will give you the address of the closest one to your location.

Visits usually free of charge. House visits may be different.

This service usually works very well for a quick diagnosis or to resolve a problem, and to obtain a prescription to go to the pharmacy.

* Many thanks to Marilena Nigretti, a local pharmacist, who provided much of the information presented here. Marilena has a Pharmacy (Farmacia Trevisan) in Usmate-Velate and she speaks fluent English.

Service	Telephone
City Police (<i>Polizia Municipale</i>)	Tel: 02 77 271
Central Police Station (Monza)	Tel: 039 24101
English-speaking tourist police	Tel: 02 863 701
Drugs	Tel: 800 58 854
Child Abuse Helpline www.114.it	Tel: 114
Women Abuse	Tel: 800 001 122
Italian Red Cross Ambulance Service (Available 08:00-20:00) www.crimilano.it	Tel: 02 331 29206
Anti-Poison (<i>Centro Antiveleni</i>)	Tel: 02 661 01029
www.centroantiveleni.it or www.tox.it	
Emergency Vet	Tel: 800 01 30 75
Pharmacy/Chemist On Duty	Tel: 192

Emergency Services

Free Call Numbers (*Numero Verdi*) These national emergency numbers can be reached from pay telephones, without the use of a phone card or money.

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