Bio for Joanne LaSalle

I am a first generation American. My dad, Benedict Annelio Itri survived the 1918 Pandemic and came to America through Ellis Island in New York from Naples in the early 20’s to provide his children with a better life.

He met my mom, Anna Josephine Ambrosio, after serving in World War II and they had 4 children. I grew up in Ozone Park, Queens, New York, moved to New Jersey for work and lived there for 17 years before accepting a position in California. After retiring, (sort of) at the age of 48, I moved to Arizona, and we have been here for over 20 years. All 4 of my grandchildren were born in Arizona.

My husband and I belong to a bowling league, I work part-time for a Lawyers organization, babysit my grandkids, play mahjong on occasion and travel as much as I can. This is my 3rd year with the club and have enjoyed meeting some very interesting people.

