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ITALIAN AMERICAN CLUB of JACKSONVILLE



Our Mission Statement – *The Italian American Club is dedicated to supporting American traditions in our community while maintaining our Italian heritage.*

President's Message

Dear Members,

We have already gone through half the year! Where does the time go? We are hoping the next half will pass a little slower and we will have more fun things going on your Club!

Recently we have had to deal with some major plumbing issues. They are not all resolved yet but will be quite soon. Thankfully we have a wonderful plumber that does incredible work. Some of you have had him do some work for you, so you know what I mean. When we are finished we will have a new faucet and sprayer in the kitchen. There will be shut off valves under that sink which were never there before. We have new faucets in the women's bathroom. The old ones leaked constantly. You may not realize it but that can cause the water bill to be higher. There will also be new pipes under the cabinet in the women's bathroom. The ones in there now are just dangling precariously. One little bump and we can have a flood on our hands. The handle on the men's bathroom sink has been fixed. I guess the guys don't know their own strengths in turning off the water! The shut off valve to the building will be fixed. At the moment we do not have full flow of water. Dan will raise it up off the ground so it will be easier to use just in case. All in all, the pipes were so corroded that something could have happened at any time so I'm glad we got it taken care of.

In July we will be having a pot luck Hawaiian themed dinner so dress up as if you're in the islands! The club will furnish hamburgers, hotdogs, buns and condiments.

We will try a Bingo night again in either August or September. We need 40 or more people attending to make it worthwhile for the prizes to be distributed and for the Club to open the doors. Unfortunately, **if we do not get a minimum of 40 people, we will have to cancel.**

Also in October we will plan a day of painting, cleaning and yard work. We need our membership to come together and volunteer to help keeping our building maintained so we can continue to have our good times there! Remember, **this is *your club*** and we need you to volunteer to help.

Last but not least, don't forget to send in your dues. The absolute deadline is July 31st. If your dues are not paid by the deadline, unfortunately, you will be dropped from the roster and a late fee will be incurred to continue your membership. We do not want to see that happen!

Take care all of you and see you soon!

Melanie

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News!



We are selling 50/50 raffle at the door and throughout the general meeting rather than going around to each table.

We're looking for a few volunteers to help sell tickets each month.

Send an email to rsvp@iacofjacksonville.com if you are interested in helping. You will need to be at the club and ready to sell by 12:30 PM on General Meeting days. Thanks in advance for volunteering!



Ann Barni

Dan Brazzano

Carlo Clemente

Club Maintenance Day

Saturday, October 7th

We are looking for volunteers to help with some painting of the interior walls and trim . The more volunteers we have, the easier it will be to get it done, especially laughing with your fellow members!

Also, the same day, we need volunteers to help clean up the Bocce Court. Vinnie Zammataro will be heading up this task and can certainly use volunteers to assist. We would like to get the Bocce court in shape for our members to enjoy it.

There is no Club Social this month because of the Holiday weekend.

Also, there is no Spaghetti to go this month or next month (August) as it is very warm and tough on the Spaghetti crew that works outside.



The donations for the July General Meeting bar tips will be put towards a DJ for the New Year's Eve Party and the recent plumbing expenses.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 NO SOCIAL THIS MONTH	4	5 BOD Meeting 6:30 PM	6	7	8
9 Gen Meeting 1:00 PM	10	11	12	13	14	15
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23/30	24/31	25	26	27	28 NO SPAGHETTI TO GO THIS MONTH	29

July General Meeting

Sunday, July 9 @ 1:00 PM.



MENU:
Hamburgers & Hot Dogs
Pot Luck Side Dishes/Desserts
Theme for this event is a "Luau"!
Luau Attire is Encouraged!!!



HOST:
IAC Board & Members!

DONATIONS:
Your generous donations at the door are greatly appreciated!
RSVP's are for maximum headcount of **80** people **OR**
Wednesday, July 7 WHICHEVER COMES FIRST
using **Evite (Preferred)** OR rsvp@iacofjacksonville.com
OR call the Club at **904-586-2700**



We cannot reserve tables for this event.

PLEASE DO NOT ANSWER WITH MAYBE. ANY MAYBE RSVPS WILL BE CHANGED TO NO.

Italian Heritage Best Hidden Gems in Italy

By Sal Santapola



Urbino (urˈbi.no) is a beautiful walled city in the Marche region of Italy southwest of Pesaro, which was a creative hub during the Renaissance. Nestled on a high and sloping hillside, Urbino was first a Roman then medieval town, eventually becoming the seat of the Archbishop of Urbino. Since 1998, the historic center of Urbino has been a UNESCO World Heritage site.



Urbino retains much of its picturesque medieval aspect. It hosts the University of Urbino, founded in 1506. Its best-known architectural piece is the Palazzo Ducale, rebuilt by Luciano Laurana. Urbino is probably the most recognized name on small town lists, but it certainly makes the case as a place to visit in Italy. Despite the fact that many people know the name, only a few will actually venture to visit Urbino, which is tucked away from the rest of the world. The town is a romantic place. The population is approximately 8,800, The distance from Urbino to Italy's capital Rome is approximately 127 miles.



The Palazzo Ducale, or Ducal Palace, is regarded as one of the finest Renaissance palaces in all of Italy. At one point, Urbino was one of the most popular, powerful places in Italy, and this palace was its central source of strength and wealth. Today, you can tour the palace and learn all about its history. While many of its Renaissance treasures were shipped off to Florence as a dowry centuries ago, this place is still beautiful and worth checking out. Most people will tell you that this is the best thing to do in Urbino.

Arguably, Italy's most beautiful art is its cathedrals. Every city you visit will likely have a stunning cathedral, and Urbino is no different. The Urbino Cathedral is just a stone's throw away from the Palazzo Ducale, and it is definitely worth checking out. Made of beautiful white stone, this imposing church sits right at the top of a square and is as beautiful on the inside as it is on the outside.



Raffaello Sanzio Italian Painter, is one of the most famous Italian artists of all time. They even named a Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle after him, so you know he is right there alongside Michelangelo. In many ways, Raffaello is the posterchild of Urbino and is one of the most famous people to ever be born in this city. Naturally, one of the best things to do in Urbino is visit the preserved house (museum) of its biggest superstar! If you have the time, this is really a can't-miss kind of place.

The Albornoz Fortress was built in the second half of the fourteenth century, at the behest of Cardinal Egidio Alvares, on the Piano del Monte. Its favorable position allows it to dominate the whole city. Over the years it was rebuilt and partially modified, due to various damages during the war. Today it is a wonderful fortress, in excellent condition and a stop you don't want to miss.

The Piazza Della Repubblica might not be the *main* square of the city, but it is definitely the most lively one. This square is lined with great cafes, gelato shops, restaurants, and stores. This is definitely the best part of the city to sit down and drink a coffee or have an aperitivo (Italian Happy hour).

Urbino is filled with gastronomy (little food stores) where you can purchase fresh cheeses, flavorful prosciutto, sweet breads, piadine (an Italian flat bread), and fresh pasta, like passatelli (delicious in truffle sauce).

Some of the traditional foods of the province owe much to history too. Many are no longer everyday fare, but can still be sampled on special occasions, such as granetti (corn bread), sheep's milk cheese such as caciotta, prized white truffles, fratterosa (baked guinea fowl), and all manner of meat sausages. Try formaggio di Fossa, a specialty cheese aged in cellars cut into the limestone mountains near Apecchio.



Holiday Pops

Tim Hankewich Conductor

Ryan Silverman Vocalist

Jacksonville Symphony Chorus

Dancers from Douglas Anderson School of the Arts



Date - December 9th, 2023 - 3pm Saturday Matinee

Cost - \$27 per person

Timing for Reservations - June 15, 2023 - July 31, 2023

68 seats reserved Sold 36 - Don't miss out!

As we had great success with Alhambra we invite you to join us for the Holiday Season for fun and fellowship at the Jacksonville Symphony Holiday Pops. Jacksonville's most vibrant holiday tradition returns with guest conductor Tim Hankewich, Broadway veteran Ryan Silverman, the Symphony Chorus and dancers from Douglas Anderson School of the Arts. Celebrate "The Most Wonderful Time of the Year" and rejoice in holiday classics as a stunning indoor snowfall swirls all around Jacoby Symphony Hall and the stage sparkles under the spotlight to discover true, magical wonder this holiday season.

**BOOK YOUR RESERVATIONS TODAY. MAIL YOUR CHECK TO:
ITALIAN AMERICAN CLUB PO BOX 600725 JACKSONVILLE, FL 32260
ATTN: HOLIDAY POPS**



In addition we are planning to follow up with dinner at **Carrabba's Italian Grill at 6:00 pm** which is located at 8137 Point Meadows Way off Bay Meadows Road and Highway 295. About a 20 minute drive from the Symphony. In seeking a restaurant that can handle a large group where you sit together, Carrabba's is able to do that. We will get a head count of those members who are interested in attending.

We also would recommend car pooling as there are parking lots in and around the Theatre.

Don't miss out as we already had a lot of positive feed back to attend the Holiday Pops performance. We need to book early to get the best seats before they sell out!

Last date to purchase tickets is July 31, 2023



Basic Italian Phrases

Reference [101 Basic Italian Phrases for Travel to Practise Before Your Trip \(untolditaly.com\)](http://untolditaly.com)

Useful phrases at Restaurants

No doubt your Italy trip includes a plan to enjoy a few meals at restaurants. And we're sure ordering a gelato or two is also high on your list. Let's get you ready with these essential Italian phrases you need for ordering food or at restaurants. These may be the times that you interact with Italians the most so practice your greetings too!

- ◆ Can I see the menu please? – **Il menu, per favore** – *Eel men-oo, pehr fah-voH-reh*
- ◆ What do you recommend? – **Che cosa ci consiglia?** – *Kay koh-za chee kon-seel-ya?*
- ◆ I'm allergic to... – **Sono allergica/o a...** – *Son-oh ah-ler-gee-koh / kah ah*
- ◆ Gluten / Dairy / Fish – **Glutine / Lattecini / Pesce** – *Gloo-teen-ay / Lah-tay-cheen-ee / Pesh-ay*
- ◆ House wine – **Vino della casa** – *Vee-noh del-lah car-sah*
- ◆ Red / white wine – **Vino rosso / bianco** – *Vee-noh ross-oh / bee-ahn-koh*
- ◆ A glass / bottle – **Una bicchiere / una bottiglia** – *OO-nah beek-kyeh-reh / boht-tee-lyah*
- ◆ Appetizer – **Antipasto** – *Ahn-tee-pah-stoh*
- ◆ first course – **Primo** – *Pree-moh*
- ◆ Second course – **Secondo** – *Sek-kon-doh*
- ◆ Dessert – **Dolci** – *Doll-chee*
- ◆ Two flavors please – **Due gusti, per favore** – *Doo-eh goo-stee, pehr fah-voH-reh*
- ◆ Where's the bathroom? – **Dov'è il bagno?** – *Doh-veh eel bahn-yoh?*
- ◆ The check (bill) please – **Il conto, per favore** – *Eel kon-toh, pehr fah-voH-reh*
- ◆ Can I pay by card? – **Posso pagare con la carta?** – *Pohs-soh pah-gah-reh kon la cahr-tah?*

Words to know when you are visiting Museums

Visiting museums and attractions is a big part of many Italian itineraries. In this section, we've given you some useful phrases in Italian to help you buy tickets and ask common questions.

- When does it open / close? – **Quando si apre / chiude?** – *Kwahn-doh see ah-pree / chee-oo-deh?*
- Two adults / one child – **Due adulti / un bambino** – *Doo-eh ah-dool-tee / oon bahm-bee-noh*
- One / two ticket/s – **Un / due biglietti/i** – *Oon beel-yet-toh / tee*
- One senior – **Un pensionato** – *Oon pen-seyoh-nah-toh*
- One student – **Uno studente** – *Ooh-noh stoo-den-teh*
- Where is the bag store / cloak room? – **Dov'è la guardaroba?** – *Doh-veh lah gard-ah-robe-ah?*

Next month's issue of the Newsletter we will discuss asking for directions in Italy.

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Board Meeting
Wednesday, July 5th, 2023 @ 6:30PM

General Meeting
Sunday, July 9th, 2023 @ 1:00 PM

