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ITALIAN AMERICAN CLUB of JACKSONVILLE



The May General meeting featured fantastic homemade pizza by John Corsi. Along with the pizza there was a fabulous olive and cheese tray, delicious strawberries and of course the fellowship of IAC members.



We applaud John and his wife Rebecca for the fabulous meals they provide for our general meetings. We are also grateful for the IAC members that volunteer in the kitchen and set up and serving. Don't miss out on the next general meeting and the fun!



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Membership Renewals

As our fiscal year-end approaches, this is a reminder that your annual membership will be due no later than July 1, 2022, or you will incur a late fee of \$15.00.

Emails went out in early May. If you did not receive an email, please contact us at 904-586-2700 or rsvp@iacofjacksonville.com.

We thank you for your continued support and look forward to your prompt response.

IAC Men's Lunch Group

On May 12th, we spent time at the club as John Borghese made his famous Lasagna and Joe Farina made the Salad. Seventeen members participated and it was the largest attendance we ever had to share with fellowship for lunch.

Thank you to Melanie who helped opening the bar as well as Vinny Zammataro who assisted in serving the beverages.



We cleaned up and set up the club for the Bingo event the next day. Teamwork!! Also, thanks to Mike Matrascia, treasurer, who stopped by and closed the building.

**Marilena
Blajian**



**Our deepest Sympathy to
Martha Bartlett on the
passing of her husband and
IAC member Ed. He will
be missed.**



Alhambra

theatre & dining

On Saturday May 14, 2022, Our Italian American Club members and guests attended the performance of 42nd Street at the Alhambra Theatre. We had fifty-eight that attended and enjoyed the afternoon show. The food, service and the show were outstanding. It was a wonderful time, and we look forward to doing this again. Thank you all that attended.



Italian American Club Polo Shirts



Port Authority Silk Touch Polos'

We are taking orders for IAC polo shirts through July 17th.

These unisex polo shirts are superior wrinkle and shrink resistance. Shirts are \$25.00 each. The shirts will be black with the colorful embroidered IAC logo. A Sample will be available at the June and July general membership meetings. We will accept check, cash or credit card. Please complete the order form below. Any questions, contact the IAC at 904-586-2700 or rsvp@iacofjacksonville.com

IAC Polo Shirt:

NAME: _____ Phone Number: _____

Email : _____

SIZES: S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL

of Polo Shirts: _____ @ \$25.00 each

Indicate size(s) for each shirt: Size(s): _____

Total Due: \$ _____

Deadline to order: July 17th. Order Forms and Payment must be received by July 17th.

Make checks payable to IAC / memo section: Polo Shirts OR

Mail order form and payment to:

Italian American Club / c/o Polo Shirts

P. O. Box 600725

Jacksonville, FL 32260

June 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 BOD MTG 6:30 PM	2	3 *Club Rented*	4 *Club Rented*
5	6 Club Social 1:00 pm	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 STG Prep	24 Spaghetti to Go	25
26 General Mtg 1:00 pm	27	28	29	30		

General Meeting

CRAZY HAT DAY!

Members & their Guests Only

Sunday, June 26th, 2022 @ 1:00 PM.

MENU:

Chicken Feta with Pasta, Salad, Rolls and Dessert

HOST:

John Corsi

DONATIONS:

Members: \$15, Guests: \$17, 8-17: \$8, 7& Under: Free

RSVP's are for maximum headcount of 96 people OR

Wednesday, June 22nd, 2022 **WHICHEVER COMES FIRST.**

using Evite (preference) OR rsvp@iacofjacksonville.com

OR call the Club at 904-586-2700

PLEASE, NO WALK INS IF YOU DO NOT RSVP

WEAR A CRAZY HAT FOR FUN AND

BE PART OF THE CRAZIEST HAT CONTEST!



Landscaping the Front of our Club

As you may know with have received a grant to help with the beautification of the exterior of our club. We are going to allocate \$3,000 from our Fund-Raising Reverse Draw Event to help pay for the landscaping. Your support of \$50 to play the game will be your way of giving back. In addition, you can win money or prizes and have fun. We have sold 77 tickets to date. Only 100 tickets to be sold in advance. **Don't Miss out.** You do not have to be present to win. See all the information below. Sign up, have fun, and help the club.

Save the Date

FUND RAISING REVERSE DRAW & DINNER

Saturday September 17, 2022 5pm - 9pm



\$1,500 IN CASH PRIZES

\$50 Donation
for each Ticket

**10 CASH
PRIZES
\$25—\$100
Plus
Other Prizes**

Sponsor a Table

Receive -

- 8 Reverse Draw tickets
 - 8 Heads & Tails
 - Table Sign
 - Recognition at the event
 - Name in the Newsletter
- Donation \$550

Includes:

- ♦ Entry into Raffle Draw for Cash Prizes & Dinner
- Only 100 tickets to be sold in Advance.*

SOLD 77 TICKETS TO DATE - DON'T MISS OUT

You don't have to be present to win!

Payouts will be adjusted based on total tickets sold

Sign up at general meeting or contact
the club 904-586-2700 rsvp@iacofjacksonville.com



Join us for a Fun
Evening

- ♦ Pasta Dinner
- ♦ Cash Bar
- ♦ Door Prizes
- ♦ Heads & Tails

Save the Date

ITALIAN HERITAGE FAMILY GATHERING

Sunday October 9, 2022—1pm





Italian Heritage

Best Hidden Gems in Italy

By Sal Santapola



Calabria [Ca-la-bri-a] is the toe of Italy's boot and is a region in Southern Italy with incredible scenic beauty along the rugged Ionian, and Tyrrhenian seas, pristine beaches, and a substantial number of historical and archaeological sites. With almost two million residents across a total area of approximately 5,877 sq miles. Calabria has twelve cities and six provinces. It is one of the oldest regions of Italy with the first evidence of human presence in the region dating as far back as 700,000 years B.C. Over the centuries, various



cultures, including Spanish, Arabic, and Norman, have influenced the region's culture, language, and architecture.

It is the up-and-coming holiday destination in Italy. Calabria has been unaffected by mass tourism and remains developed. It has mountains, three national parks (Aspromonte, Pollino, and Sila), 500 miles of coastline, turquoise waters, and rolling, green hills lined with olive, orange, and lemon trees. Calabria is agriculturally rich, with Italy's second highest number of organic farmers after Sicily. Despite its small size and low population, Calabria is responsible for producing a third of all the olive oil products.



The clear blue waters of the Tyrrhenian and Ionian seas are among the cleanest in Europe and the sunsets are spectacular. The beaches rival those of the Caribbean.

For a livelier experience, look to the cities Reggio Calabria, Cosenza, and the regional capital, Catanzaro, which is centrally located and therefore ideal as a base for traveling around. Soverato on the east coast or Tropea on the west coast.



The town of **Tropea** is among the highlights of Calabria with a lovely cathedral and many shops selling traditional Calabrian pottery and agricultural products, bars, and scenic trattorias. There are stunning views across the Tyrrhenian to the **Stromboli volcano** and perched upon a rock at the foot of the town is the convent church of "Santa Maria dell' Isola" also known as the "Coast of the Gods" a fourth century monastery that is accessible only by climbing up a winding flight of steps carved directly into the cliffside. Nearby **Pizzo** and **Capo Vaticano** offer a wide choice of excellent beaches.



The food of Calabria is simple: pastas and vegetables, complemented by olive oil and sausages. It combines the various shapes of dried pasta like spaghetti or penne topped with colorful sauces made with tomatoes, eggplant, and peppers. Additionally include spicy dried salami or other sausages such as pork *sopressata* or smoked *capocollo* and *n'duija* (hot pepper and pork spread of Spilinga) and you sum up the cuisine of Calabria. All these ingredients frequently make their way into hearty soups. Unique to Calabria is the frequent use of pepperoncino (hot, hot pepper) in many dishes on the Calabrian table.

For more information got to: [The Highlights of Calabria \(travelbroads.com\)](http://The Highlights of Calabria (travelbroads.com))

Next up Sperlonga, Lazio

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**Board Meeting
Wednesday, June 1st @ 6:30 PM**

**Club Social
Monday, June 6th @ 1:00 PM**



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