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# ITALIAN AMERICAN CLUB of JACKSONVILLE



## President's Message

Hello to all members,

Looks like things are moving at a pretty fast pace this year, we are already into July! And speaking of July, we will be having our **Summer Picnic on July 17th starting at 12:00 Noon**. The club will be providing hamburgers, hot dogs, buns and condiments. The members are asked to bring a dish to share with everyone. The donation will be \$5.00 per person. This has been successful in the past and I hope you all will enjoy it again. We will have corn hole ready to play, bocce outside, and other games if you want to participate. Let's make it memorable!

We will have a **Bunco Night again in August**. We are planning a **Cocktails and Dance night in September**. October is coming and so is **Festa Italiana!** We will only be doing one day this year and that will be **October 9th**. More info to follow. We are planning a **Halloween party** with a DJ on **October 30th**. More on that later also.

Would like to thank John and Terri Fitzgerald for their donation of a brand new DVD player to go with our new Smart TV.

Mark your calendars for the first Monday of each month to come and hang out with other members at our **Club Social** afternoon, formerly known as Open House. It's a great way to become familiar with other members that maybe you haven't met yet and we have a lot of new members who may attend for the same reason.

Spaghetti To Go will be put on hold for a couple of months after July. It's getting too hot for the boys to be out in the heat making the noodles. We resume STG in September and would really like to see more participation from the membership since this is something that really brings in money to help support the club.

I think you can see we are making plans to bring the club activities back to where it used to be. It's nice to know that we can get back to the norm!

Hope to see you all soon!

Melanie

## OFFICERS

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**BIRTHDAYS**  
**BUON COMPLEANNO!**

**July**

Michael Schurr	4
Andy Pirillo	7
Barbara Bain	7
Rosemary Allsopp	8
David Widell	10
Karen Lee Cosentino	11
Joanne Patchett	11
Joy Fashauer	13
Shirley Moore	15
JoAnn Gregory	16
Bill Easterling	17
Lawrence Daley	18
Carol M. Dodi	19
Darlene Verderane	23
Dom Addeo	23
Pete Casella	24
Joe Farina	28
Renee Dilorio	28

Correction: Happy June 4th Birthday to Kathy Easterling! We mistakenly had Bill Easterling listed instead of Kathy. We apologize!

*Welcome New Members !*

David & Patricia Ametrano  
Vito & Catherine Ditrapani  
Linda & Christopher Gerardi  
Grace Roberti  
Michael Shurr



**CLUB SOCIAL**  
**Monday, July 5th @ 1:00 PM**



**ANNIVERSARIES**  
**FELICE ANNIVERSARIO!**

**July**

Gene & Pauline Thomas	4
Jim & Terri Witkosky	4
Angelo & Michelle Giardino	20
Frank & Anna Mullaney	28

**Volunteer!**



**Have YOU Volunteered?**

**Get Involved!**

**Cooking, Serving, Cleaning,**

**Check in, Yard Work, Spaghetti to Go, Newsletter Contribution, Set Up, Club Sitting and much more.**

**This is YOUR Club!!**

# July 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 *Club Rented*
4 Fourth of July!	5 Club Social 1:00 PM	6	7 Board Meeting 6:30 PM	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17 Summer Picnic 12:00!
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 *Club Rented*
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

## Summer Picnic

Saturday, July 17th, 2021 @ 12:00 PM.

### MENU:

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs provided by the Club

Pot Luck and Side Dish items provided by our Members

### HOST:

The IAC Membership!

### DONATIONS:

Members & Guests: \$5.00 Under 8: Free

Please RSVP *no later than Noon, Wednesday, July 14th, 2021*

using **Evite** (preference) OR [rsvp@iacofjacksonville.com](mailto:rsvp@iacofjacksonville.com)

OR call the Club at **904-586-2700**



# Italian Heritage

## Best Hidden Gems in Italy

By Sal Santapola



In the April Newsletter we talked about the **Emilia-Romagna Region** and the city of Bologna. This northern region has another hidden gem to visit, the city of Parma.



Parma (**paar-muh**), is the 2nd largest city in the region with a population of 198,192 and famous for its, beautiful architecture, music, art, colorful gardens, medieval piazzas, prosciutto (ham), cheese and surrounding countryside. Parma is a microcosm of everything beautiful about Italy and definitely worth a trip. In 2015 Parma was designated a Creative City of Gastronomy UNESCO.

The historical center is divided into 3 parts: Piazza Garibaldi, Piazza Duomo and Piazza della Pilotta.

Piazza Garibaldi was designed since Medieval times to be the location of political power. Buildings around the square include the Town hall and the Governor's palace. The square is one of the busiest spots in town, a meeting place home to bars and elegant shops. It's the heart of city life at the junction of the main streets.



Parma Cathedral

In Piazza Duomo you will have the opportunity to visit the Cathedral, dedicated to the Virgin Mary and is considered to be one of the finest examples of Romanesque architecture in Italy. The interior of the Cathedral is shaped as a Latin cross. The walls are painted with scenes from the bible. There are other beautiful buildings in the Piazza; the Baptistery where they still have christenings, and



Dome of the Baptistery

the dome that is covered with saints and angels. Inside the walls have scenes from the life of Christ. The Bishop's Palace is the seat of the Bishop of Parma and inside the Bishop's Place is the Diocesan Museum which includes art works and artifacts that "narrate" the history of Christianity in the city of Parma.

Lastly is the Piazza dell Pilotta where you see the monumental Pilotta palace located on beautiful manicured lawns surrounded by modern fountains. The rooms in the palace host the Archaeological Museum, the beautiful Palatina Library, the National Gallery and the Farnese Theatre which is used for hosting a number of cultural events in the summer.



If you like opera visit Teatro Regio where many of native composer, Giuseppe Verdi's works have been performed.

We can't forget what Parma is really known for. It's famous for its delicious contributions to the Italian cuisine, prosciutto ham and parmesan cheese. There is a number of tours you can take to see firsthand how the products are produced or shop for them in local retail stores.



Parma is an easy city to get around and very walkable. You can observe the beautiful stucco houses, visit some of their shops and enjoy lunch at one of their restaurants. Enoteca Fontana is a restaurant where you can taste the local wine and enjoy a panini stuffed with delicious prosciutto crudo de parma.



For more information go to: [https://emiliaromagnaturismo.it/en#utm\\_source=ERT&utm\\_medium=Uk](https://emiliaromagnaturismo.it/en#utm_source=ERT&utm_medium=Uk)

Next up Ravello, Amalfi Coast, Campania

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**Monday, July 5th @ 1:00 PM**



**Board Meeting**  
**Wednesday, July 7th @ 6:30 PM**

**Summer Picnic!**  
**Saturday July 17th, 2021**  
**@ 12:00PM**

