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# ITALIAN AMERICAN CLUB of JACKSONVILLE



## President's Message

Dear Members,

We had another successful Spaghetti to Go event on October 30th. We sold out of meatballs within 75 minutes and could only sell pasta for the rest of the event. People were lined up outside waiting for the doors to open 30 minutes prior to 5:00pm. Many folks said how happy they were about the monthly event and were visibly disappointed when we told them this was the last one for the year. They were happy to hear we would be back in January. I want to thank all of the volunteers that work so hard to make the event a success and the members that help get the word out to the community, ensuring a great turnout. This event has brought in a good deal of much needed revenue this year, especially with the losses due to COVID-19, cancelled rentals and no Festa Italiana. Here's to things getting better in the coming months!

Our Octoberfest this past month was also a successful, delicious event. Kudos to Anne Stepp and Elizabeth Dore for preparing a tasty meal for all.

We have some exciting and important fundraising coming up for the end of the year. Steve Verigni is overseeing Wreaths Across America, wreaths for the graves of our fallen veterans. There is more information in this newsletter. We are also running our annual Pot of Gold raffle, headed up by MaryAnn Wetzel. Tickets are \$10 each and on sale now. They can be purchased at the November 15th General meeting or you can email [rsvp@iacofjacksonville.com](mailto:rsvp@iacofjacksonville.com) if you would like to purchase tickets. Your email will be forwarded to MaryAnn and she will respond to your questions and needs. The drawing will be held at our December 20th General Meeting/Christmas dinner. There will be more information about the December dinner in next months newsletter.

Ann Clemente will be overseeing the advance ticket admission for our New Year's Eve Party. Admission is \$35 per person and tickets can be purchased at the November 15th General meeting or again, you can email [rsvp@iacofjacksonville.com](mailto:rsvp@iacofjacksonville.com) to reserve a spot at the party. Emails and inquiries will be forwarded to Ann Clemente. Ann is also our Sickness and Distress coordinator so please, if you are aware of any of our members in need of well wishes and prayers, let Ann know.

Finally, when our rentals resume, we are in need of club sitters during rented events. Many events often take place in the evenings so we are encouraging male sitters for those events. Club sitting is a paid position. Talk to Anne Stepp for more in depth information of what club sitting entails.

I want to wish our treasured members and their loved ones a very Happy & Healthy Thanksgiving. It is an honor and a pleasure to be your president and I am looking forward to seeing **everyone** back at the club very soon!

il tempo trascorso con gli amici è tempo ben speso,  
(time spent with friends is time well spent)

*Melanie*

## OFFICERS

Melanie Matrascia  
**President**  
Vinny Zammataro  
**Vice President**  
Mike Matrascia  
**Treasurer**  
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**Secretary**  
Tom Cody  
**Club Chaplain**

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Ann Clemente  
Carlo Clemente  
Tony Di Benedetto  
Joe Farina  
Anne Stepp  
Al Zammataro





**BIRTHDAYS  
BUON COMPLEANNO!**

**November**

Edward Bartlett	1
Frank Pitruzzello	1
Paul Soriano	2
Salvatore Dilorio	4
Jaye Guarino	10
Annamarie Andriola	11
Mary Ann Baugh	13
Anne Orvos	13
John Dasta	16
Pete Monfilietto	18
Georgette Cornello	21
Carlo Clemente	21
Val Lyman	24
Gabriel Nero	30



**WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA**

We are asking for sponsors for Wreaths Across America as discussed at the last meeting.

You are able to sponsor wreaths for \$15 each. There is a wreath pair also available which is a wreath for the cemetery and a wreath decorated for Your favorite Veteran and delivered to them. The pair are \$40 approximately. They are special orders so don't delay. Cutoff date will be 11/21 for special orders. Any questions can be directed to [rsvp@iacofjacksonville.com](mailto:rsvp@iacofjacksonville.com) . Your email will be forwarded to me, Steve Verrigni and I will be happy to answer any questions you have.

Checks can be made out to IAC and sent to

**Italian American Club of Jacksonville  
PO Box 600725  
Jacksonville, FL 32260.**

Be sure to write "WAA Donation" in the memo field.

Donations will also be graciously accepted at the November 15th General Meeting where payment by credit card will also be accepted.

Ray Manzo and Steve Verrigni will represent at the St Augustine National Cemetery on December 19th, 2020. We encourage all to attend the ceremony and participate in decorating the graves of the fallen soldiers. Also K9s for Warriors and Firewatch will stand with us. We will have active duty military that have requested to attend with us. More information about the ceremony dates and time, as well as the organization information can be found by visiting the official website :

<https://www.wreathsacrossamerica.org/>

You can also visit their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/WAAHQ/>

Let us show our community how much our veterans and those who made the Supreme Sacrifice mean to us. \* **Remember \* Honor \* Teach \***

Respectfully  
Steve Verrigni



**ANNIVERSARIES  
FELICE ANNIVERSARIO!**

**November**

David & Beverly Widell	7
Peter & Helen Casella	22

**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!!**

*Welcome New Members!*



**Lisa Davis**  
**Paul Soriano**  
**George & Karen De Marino**



**Luci Rabbit Sujdak**



**Our thanks to  
Precision Cuts Tree Specialists  
for the excellent service  
provided to our club!**

Thank you to Dolce's Pizza for providing delicious pizza for our August Bingo night!  
For their full menu visit their website!  
<http://dolcespizzajax.com/>



**THE ITALIAN AMERICAN CLUB PHONE NUMBER IS  
(904) 586-2700**

# November 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 Board Meeting 6:30 PM	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 General Mtg 1:00 PM	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Thanksgiving	27	28
29	30					

## General Meeting/Dinner

Sunday, November 15th @ 1:00 PM.

### MENU:

Ham, Corn Casserole, Green Beans,  
Sweet Potatoes, Yeast Rolls & Pumpkin Pie

### HOST:

Elizabeth Dore

### DONATIONS:

Members: \$15.00 \* Guests: \$17.00 \* Children 8-17: \$8.00

\* Under 8: Free



Please RSVP *no later than Noon, Wednesday, November 11th, 2020*  
using **Evite** OR [rsvp@iacofjacksonville.com](mailto:rsvp@iacofjacksonville.com) OR call the Club at **904-586-2700**



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**Board Meeting  
Wednesday November 4th, 6:30 PM**



**General Meeting/Dinner  
Sunday, November 15th @ 1:00 PM**

