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ITALIAN AMERICAN CLUB of JACKSONVILLE



President's Message

Happy New Year!

Hello to our members,

I'll bet some of us never thought we would see this year let alone this century! I remember sitting in elementary school never once thinking of the 21st century but yet, here we are.

It was such a shame that we had to cancel our Christmas Dinner and New Year's Eve party. But some time in the year the Christmas dinner will be made up. It's not something that will be forgotten about.

Our first General Meeting will be on the 17th and in keeping with a new tradition it will be prime rib. There will be no installation of officers seeing that it was taken care of a few months ago, but I will introduce our officers to you all at the General Meeting just to make sure you all know us. Unfortunately, we will all have to be wearing our masks if we are away from our tables.

We will start up with Spaghetti To Go again on January 29th, so come out to support your club and buy your dinner for that night! Quick and easy!

The club is trying very hard to stay afloat since COVID-19 began and we are limited with rentals. We depend on rentals, but we also need to get a few people who are willing to club sit. Anne Stepp has been doing a fantastic job for all these years but she needs help. We need people who will be very diplomatic in handling the renters. Anne has spoken to a couple of our members who are willing to help out but we should have a few more who will help out. If you want more information in regards to our rentals, please speak with Anne Stepp.

We are hoping that this will be a year to where we can get back into the 'norm' and be able to do more things at the club. I would like to see open house start up again. I would like to see us having game nights. Maybe get that Bocci tournament going that we wanted to do previously, along with other things to bring our club alive again.

Let's all look forward to a year of happiness and health to all!

Buon anno a tutti!

Melanie

OFFICERS

Melanie Matrascia

President

Vinny Zammataro

Vice President

Mike Matrascia

Treasurer

Sal Santapola

Asst. Treasurer

MaryAnn Wetzel

Secretary

Tom Cody

Club Chaplain

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Ann Clemente

Carlo Clemente

Tony Di Benedetto

Joe Farina

Anne Stepp

Al Zammataro





BIRTHDAYS

BUON COMPLEANNO!

January

<i>Chuck Perrone</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Debra Register</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>Pete Carroll</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>Carol Schonenekase</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>Patricia Daley</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>Vincenzo Sicari</i>	<i>9</i>
<i>Annette Guarino</i>	<i>9</i>
<i>Teena Burchianti</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>Mella Carroll</i>	<i>17</i>
<i>Melanie Matrascia</i>	<i>18</i>
<i>John Amici</i>	<i>23</i>
<i>Verna Carrel</i>	<i>24</i>
<i>Vincent Burchianti</i>	<i>24</i>
<i>Helen Casella</i>	<i>27</i>
<i>Chris Clemente</i>	<i>31</i>



Phyllis Bonser

Mary Lee Meriwether

Linda Springsteen

Welcome New Members



Anthony Bertoldi

Antoninette O'Connor



ANNIVERSARIES

FELICE ANNIVERSARIO!

January

<i>Allen & Verna Carrel</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Joe & Georgette Cornello</i>	<i>11</i>
<i>Peter & Martha Calabrese</i>	<i>17</i>
<i>Edward & Mary Ann Wetzel</i>	<i>25</i>

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!!

January 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6 Board Mtg 6:30 PM	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 General Mtg 1:00 PM	18	19	20	21	22	23
24/31	25	26	27	28	29 Spaghetti to Go! 5PM to 7PM	30

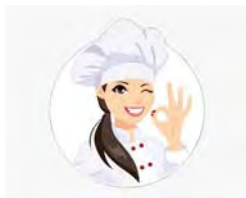
General Meeting/Dinner

Sunday, January 17th, 2021 @ 1:00 PM.



MENU:

Prime Rib, Potatoes, Asparagus,
Caesar Salad, Bread, Dessert



HOST:

Elizabeth Dore

DONATIONS:

Members: \$21.00 * Guests: \$24.00 * Children 8-17: \$18.00

* Under 8: Free



Please RSVP *no later than Noon, Wednesday, January 13th, 2021*

using **Evite** OR rsvp@iacofjacksonville.com OR call the Club at **904-586-2700**



WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA Remember Honor Teach

On Saturday, December 19th, volunteers placed veterans' wreaths in honor of millions at more than 2500 locations across the country. Our club was represented at the St. Augustine National Cemetery by Steve Verrigni and Ned Wetzel.

This year's ceremony was different than years past due to the pandemic, so attendance was limited.

The club raised \$356 to purchase wreaths for the resting places of veterans around the country. Steve generously rounded up the donations to reach \$400 dollars. Thank you to all who donated to this worthy cause.

If you missed the opportunity to donate, you can still do so in preparation for next year's ceremony and wreath distribution. Contact Steve Verrigni.

Those of you who would like to learn more about the history of this tradition can read about on the website at this url:

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



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Wednesday, January 6th @ 6:30 PM



Sunday, January 17th @ 1:00 PM

