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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.*

Message From The President...

Saluti Adesione,

I hope this finds everyone happy and well!

We are beginning to come into the busy part of our year with more things happening at the club. There will be some changes as we go along and they will be for the better. There will be some new lighting on the front of the building and eventually we will be getting a flagpole to proudly fly the American and Italian flags. I for one am looking forward to that!

We should be hearing soon about the grant for our landscaping. Hopefully, you have noticed the new plants in the front of the club. The good news is our **Reverse Draw Event** in September was earmarked to help fund the landscaping. We will raise well over \$3,000 and have fun doing it. This event will be a plus for our club in the future, as we can earmark what our needs are.

Unfortunately, we had to cancel the Cocktails and Dance due to the fact we did not have enough participation. We need to revisit this and get your feedback as many members had asked to have dances, but we seem to have a low turnout. Perhaps it was the timing as many people take their vacation during the summer months. Do you have suggestions for a better turnout? We value your input!

As you review our calendar for all our activities, our Club Social is the first Monday of the month and we usually have a nice turnout! We play games such as Left, Right, Center and really have a fun time. You can enjoy the company of friends, as that is what our club is all about.

We have some exciting activities in October, kicking off with our Italian Heritage gathering at our General Meeting. We want to get a lot of participation from you, our members. We plan on a Potluck Italian Style Luncheon, having open discussion and sharing where your family is from in Italy or experiences you may have had **and much more!**

Also in October, there will be a new version of **Bingo** and should be a lot more fun than usual. Details are in this newsletter on page 3.

The Halloween Party will have DJ Tom entertaining us. Dress up in your scariest or funniest costume. Join us for a fun night. We will have a photo booth, costume contest, and guess how many candy corns are in the jar among other activities! This is going to be a prepaid party and you can send in a check or pay in person at the club social. Ask a Board Member about paying your \$20.00 per person and receive your ticket. We have had some fun parties at Halloween!

Our Christmas Party will be December 11, more info to come on that. Our New Year's Eve plans are also under way. That will also be a prepaid party. We will bring more information to as we get closer.

Come and support **YOUR** club!

If you have any questions, please ask. There is always someone who can answer them for you.

Ciao for now,

Melanie

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The IAC is YOUR CLUB! Volunteers Needed

We know everyone loves to come to the club for a delicious meal and to break bread with friends, but the most important aspect of the Italian American Club is our Membership.

When you decided to become a member of the club, we're sure you wanted to be involved and get to know your fellow members. The best way to do this is to volunteer!

At our next board meeting we will address our needs for Committee Chairs and Volunteers. We will follow up at our General Meeting and in our Newsletter what are needs are.

Speaking of Volunteers...



We are looking for someone to head up the fundraising effort for Wreaths Across America this year. Each December on **National Wreaths Across America Day**, the mission to Remember, Honor and Teach is carried out by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as at more than 2,500 additional locations in all 50 U.S. states, at sea and abroad. In the past, the Italian American Club has raised money to donate to the purchasing of the wreaths for the ceremonies. This year's Ceremony date is December 17th, 2022.

Heading up the fundraising is not hard. It's a matter of keeping track of the donations. If you're interested, please send an email to rsvp@iacofjacksonville.com and more information will be sent to you.

Welcome New Members!

Carol Capone

Faye Szczepanik

Gerald & Joanne Potson

Nathan DiPietro

Daniel & Jocita Brazzano

Compassionate Corner



Our Sympathy to
Anne Stepp on the
loss of her brother
Rudy



Salvatore DiIorio

NEW BINGO EVENT!

Mark your calendars for **October 21st** for **BINGO** night at IAC.

The Board of Directors are excited to begin a new format to play BINGO. Rather than paying a \$5.00 admission fee, then another \$1.00 before the game begins then for each game pay a quarter for each board, in a basket, we will charge one fee when you arrive that

evening. This way you don't need to handle money all evening.

The new fee will be \$15.00 for three boards, collected when you arrive. You will select your three boards and play all three board for each game. We will play 10 games plus the cover all. If you want to play more than three boards each game, it will be an ad-

ditional \$5.00 for each additional board. After the 10 games are played, you will have an opportunity to purchase additional boards for the cover all. Each additional board will cost \$1.00 each.

An Evite will be sent to everyone and you'll need to reply your attendance prior to the event so that we have a head count and can plan the amount of cash distribution for each game. If you reply "yes" to attend, and find that you are unable to attend, kindly let us know by calling the club and leave a message at 904.586.2700.



General Meeting

Members & their Guests Only

Sunday, September 11th, 2022 @ 1:00 PM.



MENU:

Tuscan Chicken Farfalle, Salad, 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, September 7th, 2022 WHICHEVER COMES FIRST.

using **Evite** (preference) OR rsvp@iacofjacksonville.com

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



Wear Red White and Blue in honor of September 11th



Saturday September 17, 2022 5pm - 9pm

FUND RAISING REVERSE DRAW & DINNER

GRAND PRIZE

\$1000

\$1,500 IN CASH PRIZES

**10 CASH PRIZES
& GIFT**

CERTIFICATES

*You don't have to be
present to win!*

DOOR PRIZES

**Dolce's Italian
Resturant**

**CATERING
BAKED ZITI DINNER**



**This Event is for Members and Guests only who purchased tickets.
An email or mail will be sent 2 weeks before the gathering with full
details on how the game is played.**

Save the Date - October 9, 2022 Sunday - 1pm



**Open Discussions
of your Italy Experiences
Italian Pot Luck Lunch
AND MUCH MORE**



Bocce Court Maintenance

Thanks to many Italian immigrants, Bocce has flourished in the United States. During its beginnings in the U.S. there were as many versions of the game as there were towns the immigrants had left. Bringing some order to the game is the Collegium Cosmicum ad Buxeas, the preeminent bocce organization headquartered in Rome, Italy. Naturally we are proud to have a Bocce Court at our club, but it takes effort to keep it maintained.

In the near future we are hoping to solicit a few members to form a committee and schedule Bocce Court maintenance so we can enjoy playing Bocce and having tournaments at our events, including our monthly Club Socials.

If you're interested in participating in the Bocce maintenance, please send an email to rsvp@iacofjacksonville.com



IAC Halloween Party

Saturday October 29th, 2022



Do you like planning parties? We'd love to have some members (other than the Board) be involved with planning this year's Halloween Party. We'd love to have some ideas for decorating, games and overall fun for our event. We want to start planning early, so let us know right away if you'd like to be involved in making this year's IAC Halloween Party one of the best ever! Just email rsvp@iacofjacksonville.com and let us know you want to be a part of the planning and set-up!

CLUB SOCIAL

Monday, September 5th, 2022 @1:00PM

Come join your fellow IAC members for an afternoon of fun and friendship. Play games, snack a little and laugh a lot. An Evite will be sent.



Italian Heritage

Best Hidden Gems in Italy

By Sal Santapola



Le Marche (Ich mar-keh) is one of the neatest hidden gems in Italy. Embracing the Adriatic Sea, with breath taking landscaping and hilltops. This region is a wonderful place to visit. Marche extends over an area of 3,743 square miles of the central Adriatic slope between Emilia-Romagna to the north, Tuscany and Umbria to the west, and Lazio and Abruzzo to the south. Finding off-the-beaten-track gems is increasingly hard. Which is precisely what makes the region of Le Marche, Italy one of the favorite places to visit for Italians. The name "Marche" comes from the marches of Ancona, Camerino and Fermo, the name of this part of the region during the ninth and eleventh century.

You will enjoy the rolling hills of Le Marche in all shades of green, medieval hilltops, towns, tiny villages, with beautiful houses, vineyards, olive trees, wonderful beaches by the blue sea and an excellent variety of food to enjoy.

One city that you should stop and visit is Ancona a beautiful historic city which is characterized by the position overlooking the sea. Ancona a rich center of history and monuments, from well preserved semi-urban parks and beautiful surroundings. Ancona is a leading port for the fishing fleet: sole can be found in abundance, along with sea bass, sea bream, turbot and monkfish. Other types of fish; paranza fish for frying and soups, blue fish for grilling, claims, mussels, shellfish, and all kinds of mollusks.

Ancona has over 2400 years of history art and architecture, ancient churches, panoramas, green parks, and excellent cuisine. The historic center of Ancona is delightful and is enclosed within

the nineteenth-century walls. The best way to visit Ancona is by foot. You can walk pleasantly from one point of interest to another. You can start from the central square "Piazza del Plebiscito", The Church of San Domenico, located in the square, contains two masterpieces: the Annunciation by Guercino and the Crucifixion by Titian. The Government Palace, the Civic Tower with the clock and some beautiful noble palaces overlook Piazza del Plebiscito. Piazza del Papa is the heart of Ancona, also has bars, cafes, and restaurants.



Santa Maria della Piazza is the most important and oldest church in Ancona. In the fourth century BC there was an early Christian Basilica, as evidenced by the splendid mosaics in the floor that can be admired through the glass plates.

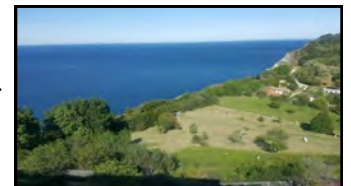


A visit to Ancona's Stunning **Arch of Trajan** should be something you don't want to miss. The monument was erected at the beginning of the 2nd century AD by the senate and people of Rome in honor of Emperor Trajan, during his reign. The arch stands on the harbor wall itself, built on a high plinth of a travertine stone base. The limitations of the existing width of the wall meant that it needed to be narrow but tall, allowing it to be clearly visible from both land and sea. It was modelled after the Arch of Titus in Rome. Inscriptions on the attic are executed on the side facing the city and proclaim the dedication to Trajan, as he who had "given ships safer access to Italy with the construction of this port at his own expense".



It was from this site that Trajan departed on his successful and famous battle against the Dacians, as commemorated in Trajan's Column in Rome. Few places in the world will you find such an important and handsome ancient monument easily and freely accessible to the public as this wonderful attraction in Le Marche.

Between the Guasco hill and the Cappuccini hill, you can admire the **Roman amphitheater** dating back to the first century BC. The amphitheater, which can accommodate up to 10,000 spectators. Another interesting place is the largest urban park in all of Ancona: The **Cardeto Park**, overlooking the sea, where you can take long walks to fully enjoy the luxuriant nature which, in the spring months, is covered in a wonderful flowery mantle.



There is no surprise at the prevalence of fish in the local cuisine in the region. A predominance that takes over when we talk about "brodetto" and "baccalà." The first one is a typical fish soup (it takes thirteen different varieties) to which tomatoes and toasted slices of bread are added. The baccalà (stockfish) competes with the brodetto for the role of the dish of the heart of the Ancona people, a key role given that an "Academy of stockfish" was founded in the city. Then there are "moscioli" (wild mussels), squid, anchovies, and all the fish from the Adriatic Sea. To oppose this prevalence of the sea there is the "vincisgrassi," lasagna of puff pastry with meat and tomato. Also worth mentioning are the famous "Ascoli olives," olives stuffed with a mixture of roasted and then minced meats, mixed with egg, grated Parmesan cheese, and nutmeg. They are fried and served hot. Enjoy some excellent wines Rosso Conero and Verdicchio di Jesi that will complement your meal.

For more information got to: Le Marche Italy off the beaten path - Wonderful March

Next up Trieste, Friuli Venezia Giulia

September 2022

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



SEPTEMBER

- Club Social - 5
- BOD Meeting - 7
- General Meeting - 11
- Reverse Raffle - 17
- Spaghetti to Go - 30

OCTOBER

- Club Social - 3
- BOD Meeting - 5
- General Meeting - 9
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- Bingo - 21
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