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ITALIAN AMERICAN CLUB of JACKSONVILLE



President's Message

Dear Members,

Hello to everyone! I'm hoping you are all doing well. Since the vaccines are out, it means that people are doing more with their lives now. That means there will be more people coming to the club to join us in our activities. We are looking forward to having fun activities! Our Open house will begin again on June 7th! Come and enjoy the people. Play some games, meet new people, get to know the members of the club.

Which brings up a question, are we an Italian Club or a restaurant? We want to be a place for fun and enjoyment. With so many of us retired, are we going to sit home all the time? Retirement is supposed to be the years we do things in life! Obviously we can't do something at the club everyday but, when we do have things going on, come and join in.

Last month we had a night of Bunco at the club. We had a fun night! I want to do that more often and would love to see us have lots of people come. Some of the ones who came had not played Bunco before and some hadn't played in a very long time. We all had a great time.

Please remember that our membership renewal fees are due very soon! Make sure to get yours in before the end date and avoid the late fee. Your membership is a big part of the money that keeps the club running.

Check the calendar to see what is coming up and be participants. Don't sit around and let life pass you by!

Ciao,

Melanie

OFFICERS

Melanie Matrascia
President
Vinny Zammataro
Vice President
Mike Matrascia
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Membership Dir.**
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Secretary
Tom Cody
Club Chaplain

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Ann Clemente
Carlo Clemente
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Eunice Manzo
Anne Stepp
Al Zammataro



BIRTHDAYS

BUON COMPLEANNO!

June

Bill Easterling	4
Alfred Zammataro	4
Vincent Zammataro	4
Ann Barni	6
Maurice Cooper	6
Edward Wetzel	7
Anthony Di Benedetto	13
Jim Witkosky	14
Marylin Sorrentino	15
John & Gail Dasta	15
Roland Ferrizzi	16
Merola Perlita	16
Martha Calabrese	17
Anthony Bertoldi	17
Allen Carrel	18
Sal Yacuzzo	22
Nicholas Cirillo	22
Frank Mullaney	25
Joe Cinotti	26
Linda Oberti	29
John Borghese	30

Welcome New Members !

Ramona Francis
 Don Massenzio
 Gene & Pauline Thomas



Get well soon!



Get Well!

Eunice Manzo
 Anna Mullaney
 Mary Ann Wetzel

With Sympathy

Our deepest condolences to
 Maria Nicholson on the passing of
 her beloved husband, a club member
 and our dear friend, George.



ANNIVERSARIES

FELICE ANNIVERSARIO!

June

Vincent & Teena Burchianti	12
John & Gail Dasta	15
Lou & Toni Bilello	21
John & Terri Fitzgerald	25
Gregory & Marilena Blajian	26

Volunteer!



Have YOU Volunteered?

Get Involved!

**Cooking, Serving, Cleaning,
 Check in, Yard Work, Spaghetti to Go, Newsletter Con-
 tribution, Set Up, Club Sitting and much more.**

This is YOUR Club!!

June 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Board Meeting 6:30 PM	3	4	5 Rental
6 Rental	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Gen Meeting 1:00 PM	14	15	16	17 Pizza & Bingo 7:00 PM	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 Spaghetti to Go 5-7 PM	26
27	28	29	30			

General Meeting

Sunday, June 13th, 2021 @ 1:00 PM.

MENU:

Bread, Salad, Baked Ziti,
Roasted Asparagus and Dessert. #

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HOST:

Elizabeth Dore and the IAC Board

DONATIONS:

Members: \$15.00 - Guests: \$17.00 - Children 8 to 17: \$8:00 - Under 8: Free

Please RSVP *no later than Noon, Wednesday, June 9th, 2021*

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

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

Pizza & Bingo!

Thursday, June 17th, 2021 @ 7:00 PM.

Come join us for a night of Bingo fun and delicious Pizza!



DONATIONS:

\$10 for all

Please RSVP *no later than Noon, Wednesday, June 16th, 2021*

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

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



Friday, June 25th, 2021 5PM to 7PM

Come join us on June 25th for our famous Spaghetti to Go dinners! We have a great time cooking, laughing and we serve a great meal! I want to thank all of our volunteers that help roll meatballs, cook the pasta and the sauce, take orders, pack orders, clean up, etc.! You are all fantastic and we couldn't do it without you! **Members, stop by, pick up a dinner, support your club and see what everyone is raving about!**



*A special thanks to those helped this month make the meatballs and served at Spaghetti To Go. This was a little bit of a difficult time because we were missing some of our regulars.

Thursday : Lucy Santos, Lisa Davis, David Francis, John Amici, JoAnn Gregory, Mary Ann Baugh and John Corsi.

Friday: Mary Ann and Ned Wetzel, Anne Stepp, Carlo and Ann Clemente, Brian Fossa, David Francis, Gabe Nero, Larry Daley, Annie Sheen and Mike Matrascia.

~ Melanie



Italian Heritage

Best Hidden Gems in Italy

By Sal Santapola



In the Northwest area of Italy, the spectacular Cinque Terre dominates the Liguria region. However, another hidden gem is Genoa (*pronounced jeh now uh*), the capital of the region with a population of 583,600, more authentic and less touristic. It is Italy's Sixth-largest city and is called "*La Superba*" (*the superb*) for its history and cultural offerings. The Port of Genoa is Italy's busiest seaport and major trading center. Genoa is also the birthplace of Christopher Columbus.



One of the best places to start your experience in Genoa is at the Piazza Raffaele de Ferrari. This main square contains a renowned, recently restored fountain at the center of the piazza and in the area is the Opera House and Doge's Palace. Look for the tiny house where Christopher Columbus used to live. Stop by San Lorenzo's Church, the 1500 year old black and white striped marble church.



Genoa was a rich financial center back in the 1400s. The wealthy built many palazzi's (palaces, public buildings or private residence). Genoa has over 150 palaces and many of them are very beautiful. Forty-two of these palaces became UNESCO World Heritage sites in 2006.

If you walk through the narrow streets of Via Garibaldi you will see swanky shops, galleries, boutiques, mansions and baroque palaces which give a glimpse of the rich Italian heritage of art and sculpture. Stop in at the Strada Nuova museums (**Musei di**

Strada Nuova) book store and purchase a ticket for about \$10 that will give you access to three of the most preserved palaces in the city. Palazzo Rosso, Palazzo Bianco and Palazzo Tursi.

Be sure to visit the Porto Antico (old port of Genoa) where you will find shops, restaurants, bars and events. A very popular tourist spot is the Maritime Museum "Galata" (*Galata Museo Del Mare*) which has the largest Aquarium (*Acquario di Genoa*) in the Mediterranean (a must see!). A landmark you don't want to miss is the Lighthouse (*lanterna*). It's a 384 feet tall beacon that is visible for 20 miles.



Genoa is built in tiers, there are lots of staircases that act as streets. A fun way to get between layers is the funicular. There are three of these inclined "elevators" that scale the various parts of the hill, so ride one up to the top for a fabulous view (as well as a fun rail ride!).

Seafood is very natural in this region. Popular fish are cod, mussel and cuttlefish. The best know dish is *burridda*, a stew slow-cooked with monkfish, squid, king prawns, mussels, garlic, onion and tomato. Salty anchovies is very popular, along with fried fish.

If you like pesto, you will like Pesto Genovese. A sauce made with pine nuts, basil, oil, garlic and cheese.



All over Italy you will find focaccia bread, but Genovese style is slightly different. It is less thick, flavoring is classic, with lots of oil and salt.

You can visit an old fisherman's village in the city called Bocadasse. There are many fishing boats. Lounge by the sea and enjoy the surroundings.



For more information about Genoa click on the link wikitravel.org/en/Genoa. Next up: back to the Region of Emilia-Romagna reviewing the cities of Parma and Ravenna.

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