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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...

Dear Members,

Hope you all had a wonderful Valentine's Day! We had a very nice General Meeting with a delicious meal of enchiladas, refried beans, cilantro lime rice and Soppapilla (Mexican cream cheese bars) with extras to go on the enchiladas. John Corsi has returned from his back surgery and is doing a great job! In March, we will have corned beef with all the trimmings.

You will receive an evite for the March events. As we have said before, the Evite will not allow us to eliminate the "MAYBE" response, so please don't rsvp with "Maybe" as your choice. It's yes, you will attend or no, you will not. If you are having trouble with the Evite, don't forget to check your spam/junk mail. If you have a question regarding the evite or other items, please send an email to rsvp@iacofjacksonville.com. If you call the club, please remember the phone is not monitored 24/7. The best way to communicate is through the email address so your question or concern can be distributed to the person best suited to help with your issue.

We are having some difficulties with no shows at the General Meetings and other Club events. We understand if an emergency arises. If possible please let us know. We buy food in advance for the amount of people who say they will attend. The club has been losing an average of \$200.00 a month with people saying they will attend and then don't come. This is your club folks! The club is run on volunteers, every one of us. We are working on your behalf to make it run smoothly. If it's not important to you, then let us know and we can start dismantling it.

Our 50/50 winners Greg and Marilena Blajian, donated their winnings to the club. It was greatly appreciated.

In this month of March we will have Bingo. We had a lot of positive feedback on the new way of doing it. Come join us!

Melanie

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De Santapola

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Al Zammataro



Welcome New Members!



Kathleen Maley

News!



We will now be selling 50/50 raffle at the door and throughout the general meeting rather than going around to each table.

We're looking for a few volunteers to help sell tickets each month.

Send an email to rsvp@iacofjacksonville.com if you are interested in helping. You will need to be at the club and ready to sell by 12:30 PM on General Meeting days. Thanks in advance for volunteering!

Justin Santos—Personal Chef/Catering

904-400-4599 ChefsantosJ904@gmail.com



SPAGHETTI TO GO!

Friday, March 31st, 2023

5PM to 7 PM

Stop by the Italian American Club on your way home from work, or wherever you're coming from and grab some dinner for the family! Pasta, 2 meatballs and bread!

Support YOUR Club!



Miranda Sparks—Realtor

904-449-0049

CLUB SOCIAL

Monday, March 6th, 2023 @ 1:00 PM

Come join your fellow IAC members to play some games, chat, snack just a little and spend times with friends!



March 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Board Mtg 6:30PM	2	3	4
5	6 Club Social 1:00PM	7	8	9	10	11
12 General Mtg 1:00PM	13	14	15	16	17	18 Club Rented
19	20	21	22	23	24 BINGO! 7:00PM	25
26	27	28	29	30 STG Prep	31 Spaghetti to Go 5PM to 7PM	

March General Meeting

Sunday, March 12th, 2023 @ 1:00 PM.



MENU:

Corned Beef, Roasted Potatoes,
Salad, Dessert, Bread

HOST:

John Corsi

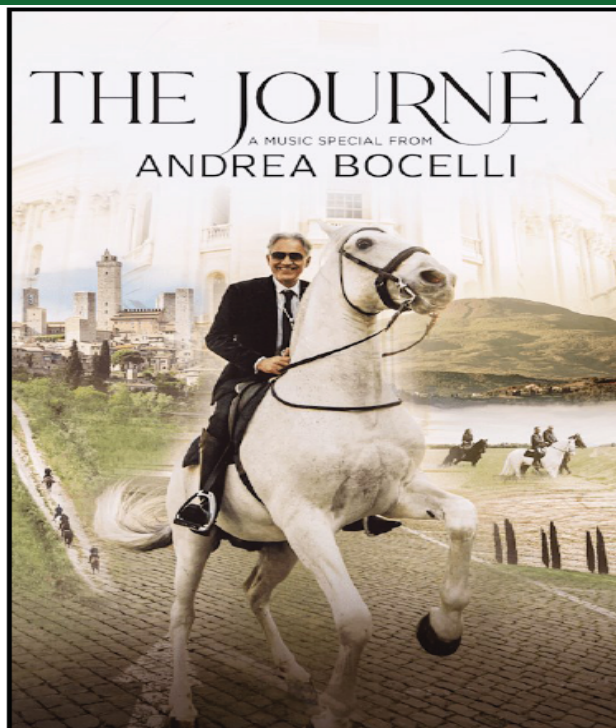


DONATIONS:

Members: \$15, Guests: \$17, 8-17: \$8, 7& Under: Free

RSVP's are for maximum headcount of 90 people **OR**
Wednesday, March 8th, 2023 WHICHEVER COMES FIRST
 using Evite (preference) OR rsvp@iacofjacksonville.com
 OR call the Club at 904-586-2700

PLEASE DO NOT ANSWER WITH MAYBE. ANY MAYBE RSVPS WILL BE CHANGED TO NO.



IN THEATERS APR 2 - APR 6, 2023

**The Journey:
A Music Special from Andrea Bocelli**

Combining world-class musical performances with intimate conversations across the awe-inspiring Italian countryside, **THE JOURNEY: A Music Special from Andrea Bocelli** is an exploration of the moments that define us, the songs that inspire us, and the relationships that connect us to what matters most.

Bocelli and his wife Veronica travel on horseback along Italy's Via Francigena, an ancient road traveled by pilgrims for centuries in the footsteps of the apostles and saints. Along the way, they are joined by friends Michael W. Smith, Tori Kelly, Tauren Wells, and TAYA for world-class musical performances in some of Italy's most magnificent venues and majestic locations.

Following a blessing from the Pope, Bocelli's children Matteo and Virginia make appearances in this amazing adventure, as well as musicians and singers Katherine Jenkins, Clara Barbier Serrano, 2Cellos, 40 Fingers, and many others.

You'll be swept away by THE JOURNEY of beautiful music, creation, faith, and love.

Thank you to Carol Capone for making us aware of this opportunity to enjoy this musical special.



BINGO!

Friday March 24th, 2023

7:00 PM

**Come and enjoy our “new”
version of Bingo and enjoy
some fun times with your
friends at the
Italian American Club!**

**Admission is \$15.00
per person**



Best Hidden Gems in Italy

By Sal Santapola



Gubbio [gubbjo] is in Umbria region, twenty-five miles northeast of Perugia and about 40 miles south of Urbino in the neighboring Marche region. The town is beautifully set on the lower slopes of Mt. Ingino. Gubbio is one of the most ancient towns in Umbria, remaining marvelously well-preserved over the centuries, with many monuments that bear witness to its glorious past. The town is one of the best preserved medieval towns in Italy. Architecturally it represents the zenith



of medieval civilization. Gubbio's compact town center has a good selection of mediaeval, Gothic and Renaissance structures built of gray limestone and has great views over the beautiful countryside.



The Eugubine Tablets (also known as Iguvine Tablets) are series seven bronze tablets with writing in the Umbrian language, preserved at the Civic Museum in Palazzo dei Consoli. The tablets discovered in 1441 near Eugubium, in Italy, containing inscriptions which supply a key to the original tongues of Italy prior to Latin.



The tablets contain religious inscriptions that memorialize the acts and rites of the Atiedian Brethren, a group of 12 priests of Jupiter with important municipal functions at Iguvium.



Gubbio wealthy and politically important families during the Renaissance greatly contributed to the development of arts and crafts. At that time the fame of Gubbio pottery increased enormously, thanks to Mastro Giorgio's luster plates which are among the most relevant pieces of Italian Renaissance art. Over the centuries Gubbio ceramics have always kept their unique character and a strong attachment to traditional techniques that has granted them a solid group of fans among pottery lovers and collectors.



The Roman Theatre of Gubbio is its most visited attraction. It was built during the reign of Emperor Augustus. During that time, it was the second-largest in the Roman Empire and was the earliest Roman theatre built entirely upon two-story hollow substructures.



The Palazzo dei Consoli is one of the most iconic medieval buildings in Gubbio, dating back to 1332 when it was built by Angelo da Orvieto. The palace is located directly on the Piazza Grande, the main square in Gubbio. From here, you'll enjoy beautiful views over the medieval town and some of the distant Umbrian countryside. A visit to the Piazza is a definite must of all the things to do in Gubbio.

On top of Mount Ingino is the Roman Catholic Basilica of Sant'Ubaldo, which was built in the early 1500s. Its name comes from Saint Ubaldo, the patron saint of Gubbio who lived in the 12th century. St. Ubaldo's sarcophagus is kept at the top of the Basilica's main altar on a marble plinth, surmounted by a glass case. The best way to get to the Basilica is by taking a one-person funicular or [Funivia Colle Eletto](#). This is no ordinary funicular, as it is open air and can only fit two people at a time while standing up. It takes around 6 minutes to get to the top of Mount Ingino. On the way up you can see all of Gubbio and its ancient Roman walls.



If you didn't already know, Umbria is the heart of Italy's truffle industry, producing the largest quantities of black truffles. Gubbio happens to be known for their superb quality white truffles. In Italy it is called Tartufo an Italian dessert. They have an incomparable aroma and flavor.



For more information go to: [Gubbio Is an Umbrian Hill Town in Italy \(tripsavvy.com\)](#), [5 things to do in Gabbio Italy](#).

Next up Little-Known Villages in Italy - Polignano A Mare



10-DAY CRUISE ON NORWEGIAN VIVA (New Ship)

September 30th, - October 10th, 2024

Mediterranean: Italy, Greece & Croatia

Ports start in Rome (Civitavecchia), Florence, Naples, Messina, Siracusa, Valletta, Corfu, Dubrovnik, Split, Koper & Trieste (6 ports in Italy)

Cruise begins in Rome and ends in Trieste, Italy where you will disembark.

Tour Name—Italian American Club

For Members, Families and Friends



SPECIAL PRE-BOOK PROMOTION for 2 in a Cabin

TIMING: January 24, 2023 - March 23, 2023

*** HOLDING SPACE FOR 10 INSIDE CABINS**

COST - \$1,707.19 per person \$3,454.38 for 2

Plus 2 Perks & \$100 on board credit per cabin

*** HOLDING SPACE FOR 16 BALCONY CABINS**

COST - \$2,495.20 per person \$4,990.40 for 2

Plus 4 Perks & \$100 on board credit per cabin

- ♦ **Studio For One Person \$2,650.64 Price Subject to change**
Plus 2 Perks

Perks are: Unlimited Open Bar, Specialty Dining, Shore Excursions Credits and Free WIFI

- . Note all other expenses are additional: Airfare, Transfers, pre/post hotels, Trip Insurance, Beverage Gratuity, Dining Gratuity and Prepaid Gratuities for the crew onboard.

All Prices quoted above includes cruise, port charges & taxes

Deposit \$125 per Person Due no later than March 23, 2023

Final Payment due on or before May 19, 2024

To book contact Suzanne Fisher at 904-260-3401 ext. #201 We need names as they are read on your passports and dates of birth. Also make sure to let her know if you have an NCL latitudes number and if you have sailed with them previously. The cabins must have 2 people to get that price. Any other questions Suzanne will be happy to help you.

NCL REPRESENTATIVE WILL BE AT THE CLUB THURSDAY MARCH 2, at 6:30PM



11571 San Jose Blvd., Unit 2 Jacksonville, FL 32223

Suzanne -904-260-3401 - X251

cruisenews@cruisecenterjax.com

Hours: M-F 9am – 5pm

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Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 1st, 2023 @ 6:30PM

Club Social

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General Meeting

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Bingo

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