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Your Cultural and Social Newsletter



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Buon Natale!

Buon Capodanno!

Gennaio 2010

la Parola del Presidente

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL! Well the holiday season is upon us and our 30th Anniversary celebration is behind us. The New Year fast approaches and we brace ourselves for the New Year's Eve Party. We have sold over 118 tickets and are looking forward to starting the new year off right. The club is thriving as evidenced by the increased attendance at our functions. All this is occurring because of the happy faces of our members. The children's party was a tremendous success thanks to Tom & Julie. Best in 2010 to all, ciao Bruce

30th Anniversary & Mortgage Burning

This celebration was an event produced through the work of many & enjoyed by over **145 guests!** The dining room was transformed into a sea of burgundy & silver glitter with "high top" tables, displays with "miles of memorabilia" in the photo albums, articles, DVD's & digital pictures enjoyed by all, punch & wine set-ups that encouraged conversation & sampling of the exquisite array of delectable hors d'oeuvres, rivaling the "Ritz", beautifully presented by very attentive servers.

The Mortgage was set aflame by the original signer, Lou Sclafani and is testament to the commitment of the Club members! Events like this are only possible with a membership that is willing to participate in planning, set-up, tear-down, clean-up & support. We are fortunate to have a membership of willing participants! The Club has survived & prospered for 30 years because of it's members and their continued involvement.

Chairpersons Bruce & Linda acknowledge that the list of helpers is long and space is limited so a heartfelt **Congratulations & Tante Grazie** goes out to each & every one of you!

The Italian American Club of Venice Presents...



**A "New Year's Eve"
Black & White Affair**
Thurs. Dec. 31st, 2009
Cocktails 7:00 pm
"Endless" Buffet 8:00 pm

Donation:	Before Dec 5th	Dec 5th to 15th
Members:	\$35.00	\$40.00
Guests:	\$40.00	\$45.00

Ticket #

If you don't have your tickets yet & want to come, we can add a few more to the list! Call Bruce or Linda 966-3857 (Cutoff 12/26)

Wed, Jan. 13th, 10-12 .Want to learn to weave a basket? Class limited to 20 members. Cost \$5.00 Contact Barbara Moccia 493-3204 or Diane Houston 426-3537

THANKSGIVING POEM Sunday, Nov. 22, 2009 by Betty Lou Cattelona

They came from all towns, excited and curious,
those who missed out, were totally furious!
Antipasto for all, so colorful and tasty,
Italians take time, no need to be hasty.
Lasagna then followed, quite and ethnic affair,
there was more than enough, with plenty to spare.
The turkeys were stacked by the oven with care,
they were seasoned, their legs tightly wound,
they came out of the oven, beautifully browned.
Green beans Italiano, mashed potatoes and gravy
oh such a feast, cranberry sauce, not forgotten,
was served last, but not least.
Italian cheesecake came next, we thought we would burst,
we all surely wondered, why couldn't this be first?
We laughed and we chatted, we shared and we knew,
what this day really meant, thanksgiving's all through.

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Editor's note: A wonderful dinner was served "family style" by our talented Chef's & servers to 120 "thankful" people! 15 Tables, 15 turkeys, trimmings, excellent cooks, servers, happy diners, a "not-to-be-missed" Italian Thanksgiving! Congratulazioni a tutti! Can we reserve for next year?

A Few Items of Interest

- Over 100 members enjoyed the "**Mingle & Mangia**" after the December general meeting. Thanks to Joe & the kitchen Cohorts for the delicious pizza.
- **Venice Holiday Parade** participants numbered in the 40's, beads dispersed were in the hundreds, onlookers in the thousands & Club Spirit was "priceless"! The float traveled the parade route with cheers of "Buon Natale" echoing through the crowds. The IACofV is alive & well!
- Tom needs some volunteers to help clean the kitchen and the storage shed. Willingness to work is the only requirement! Lunch will be provided.
- FYI: The FFIAC offers 2-\$1500 scholarships to member's children graduating HS in June. Ask Mario .

* Note!

2010
Membership
Dues of \$40
are due &
payable in
January.

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Benvenuti!

Welcome New Members:

Patrick Alfarano, James Douras, Maryanne Finkelstein, Loretta McFarland

Luce del Sole Get well soon!

Sophie Petracco, Gabe D'Angelo, Jack McEntee, Anne Bryson, Martha Giovanniello, Joy Serino
Condolences to the family & loved ones on the passing of Ted Bella. He will be missed by all.



Note: Please call **Barbara Terzi at 493-8883** if you know of someone needing the support of the members through cards, calls & prayers.

Buon Compleanno!

Enjoy one **Complimentary** Carafe of Wine During Friday Night Pasta Dinner for your Birthday in the Month of **Gennaio!**



Robin Blaisdell **1st**, Louis Digiovanni **4th**, Josephine Dittman, Jimmie Ann Rondello **7th**, Terri Peluse **10th**, Diana Nigro **11th**, Bruce Bastian, Georgia Cavigliano **14th**, Eva Berrish, Tony Mangino **16th**, Ralph Martinez **17th**, Phyllis Guith **18th**, Diane Houston **24th**, Rosemary Williams **25th**, Ed DeMattia **26th**, Mario Capecci **27th**, Al DeLuca, Amy Pershyn **28th**, Barbara Terzi **30th**.

*If we missed your Birthday, please call Barbara Moccia to update your information. Show ID at the Bar to add your name to the list for Jan.

Gennaio 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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January Notable Dates:

- Jan 6th– Cooking Class Call Pat 488-6233 11 am
- Jan 7th -General Meeting 7 pm
- Jan 13th– Basket Weaving Class Call Barbara 493-3204
- Jan 14th– Video: Cinque Terre, Siena, Assisi 7pm
- Jan 15-17th FFIAC Convention in Ft Myers
- Jan 27th– Pops Chamber Players Concert
- Jan 30th– Mega Garage Sale 9:00am to ?????
- Wednesday's Card Games Call Paul 408-7247
- Monday's Bocce— 3 pm to sundown
- Weekly Italian Classes/ Study of Italian Culture

*Save the Dates: Mark your Calendar

- Feb. 6th Valentine/Installation Dinner Dance
- Feb. 18th–21st: The Feast 2010 Questions? See Carl .
- Feb. 24th: Sarasota Mandolin Orchestra
- Feb. 27th: Jersey Boys In Ft Myers. **SOLD OUT!**
- March 7th: The "Magic Flute" Opera. See Gene for tickets.
- March 24th: "Wine Tasting" featuring Italian Wines.

***Members: Come to the Club before June 1st 2010 to receive your complimentary 30th Anniversary Key Chain! Remaining stock will be sold for \$1.00 each after that date!

Valentine Dinner Dance
 Installation of 2010 Executive Board
 The Italian American Club Of Venice
 Saturday, February 6th, 2010
 Watch for Details!
Reserve Tickets Now!

The Italian American Club of Venice
 Presents in Concert
 GULF COAST SYMPHONIC WINDS
****Pops Chamber Players****
 Wednesday, Jan. 27th, 2010
 7:00 pm
 A Musical Adventure and Fun
 Donation: **\$15.00** Ticket #

Mega
Garage Sale

The Italian American Club of Venice
 1375 Ringling Drive
 (Bus 41 to S on Avenida Del Circo left on Ringling Dr.)
Sat. January 30th, 2010
 9:00 am to ???
 Rain or Shine

No No No
Early Birds Please!

For more info:
 Call **JOY at 488-8869**



Drop-offs & all garage sale workers come to the PODS Jan. 2,9,16 & 23 from 11 to noon. On sale day, **Workers please come at 7am** for setup

This month's list for General Meeting goodies is **A to L**. Your contributions are greatly appreciated!

Sponsored by...

- Cooking Club resumes Jan 6th. See Pat Mazzola.
- **Plan your Spring Vacation:** Take a 7 day cruise with the FFIAC April 17-24, featuring a 3 day stay in Bermuda. Very reasonable rates. See **Lou Sciafani** for info.
- **Need a ride** to the General Meeting? Call **Bruce 966-3857**
- **General Language Forum** with Domenic Sundays 2-4 pm
- **Beginner Italian Class** with Domenic Tuesday 4-6pm
- **Intermediate Italian Class** with Bruce Monday 4-6pm
- **Study of Italian Culture** with Carlo Ferroni Wed 2 pm
- "Italy in the Spring": Travel with Domenic March 29th.

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