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Your Cultural and Social Newsletter



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la Parola del Presidente

It's hard to believe that my first year as your President is quickly coming to a close. 2009 was a difficult year for the economy in general but our Club has seen an increase in membership and participation in our many special events. This is a testament to your commitment as members, to making the Italian American Club of Venice one of the best in Florida! I am proud to represent you and look forward to a busy & productive second year as your President. Resolve to keep your enthusiasm, make suggestions, chair an event, join a committee, attend meetings—It's your Club! Ciao, Bruce

Reviews on Recent Happenings

Dec 19th: Children's Christmas Party was a major success! **98 smiling faces** enjoyed a wonderful time being entertained by elves, clowns, face-painting, crafts, and pony rides! Hot Dogs & Goodies filled all the tummies! A visit with & a gift from Santa & Mrs Clause (aka: Tom Aquila & Betty Martino) was the highlight of the day! Thanks to Julie Aquila and all her many, many helpers for making Christmas merrier for all those in attendance. Be sure to watch for the pictures at the next meeting— they are great and capture the spirit of the day!

Dec 31st: New Year's Eve Black & White Affair was enjoyed by **131** elegant party goers! Chairpersons Bruce & Linda Bastian want to thank all those who helped in making the last night of 2009 a memorable one. The Venetian Dessert table sweetened the moment for almost 100 still at the party as the clock struck midnight! All the best of Health & Happiness in 2010 is wished for all our members & their loved ones. Buon Capodanno!

Jan 17th: Birthday Celebration/Member Social was attended by **84** people! Chicago Beef, pulled pork, sliced ham, what a feast! "Tanti auguri a te" was sung to those celebrating January Birthdays as they blew out the candles on a **DiMarco 4 layer specialty cake!** Conversation & camaraderie was the order of the day. Next one is planned for **Feb 14th at 4pm....**
Join in to renew old friendships & make some new ones.
All are welcome to help celebrate with your fellow members!

Jan 15—17th: Florida Federation Of Italian Clubs (FFIAC) Held a Mini Convention in Estero, Fl. Many clubs from the State of Florida were in attendance. The IACofV was represented by President Bruce Bastian, FFIAC officer Lou Sclafani and Delegates Barbara Moccia & Linda Bastian. All Clubs are invited to come to the Annual FESTA at Wicker Park in Melbourne, Fl. Feb 5-7th. Italian Food, car show, carnival & entertainment. Future events include: Gala in Boca Raton March 6th, MSC Cruise in April, and the next Convention is in Orlando in September.
For info on these events see Lou Sclafani.

On A Sad Note: Condolences are offered to the families & loved ones on the passing of Jim & Rita **Spino's** son, Sgt. Ronald Spino who died while serving our country in Afghanistan.

And to the **Orientale's** on the sudden passing of Angie's sister, Mary Caracciolo

Also to Maria **Teckley** on the passing of her daughter, Nancy Luckey.

As well as to Nick & Paula **Cocomello** whose grandson Joseph Moore was killed recently in a car accident.



Sarasota Mandolin Orchestra

is coming to the club **FEB 24th at 7pm.**
Members \$10 Guests \$15
See the 2 Barbara's for tickets. They're going fast!

The Italian American Club of Venice
Presents

St. Patrick's Day Celebration!

Saturday, March 13th, 2010

Cocktails (Cash Bar) 5:30 pm Dinner 6:00 pm

Watch for Details!

Italians can be IRISH for a day!

A Few Items of Interest

- Joe DiMarco's **Italian Cooking Class** is heating up! A total of **55 people** attended the four classes so far. Delicious lunches following the class have included eggplant parmigiana, DiMarco famous Biscotti, home made pasta, potato gnocchi, pickled eggplant and almond brittle. Join us for the next lesson, lunch & good conversation! Cost is \$5.00, next class **Feb 3rd.** Call **Pat 488-6233** or Mazzola.patricia@gmail.com
- The Club was the recipient of some surprise donations recently. These gifts were very much appreciated.
*\$130 from **Anna Derrick**, a Life member of the Club
*\$100 in memory of **Ted Bella**, a fellow member, by friend, Wanda Jones

* Note!

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

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Benvenuti!

Welcome New Member: Tony Pastore

Luce del Sole Get well soon!

Anne Bryson, Martha Giovannello, Joy Serino, Julie Aquila, Mac Hanson



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

E-mail: justbarbt1@verizon.net

Buon Compleanno!

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



Vincent Loria Jr **4th**, Martha Bicknese **5th**, Joan Bivona **6th**, Pat Crapanzano, Vi Giancola, Frank Giamette **10th**, Carlenne Colaizzi, Roy Delorme **15th**, Tom Aquila, Paula Cocomello, John DeStefano **16th**, Patsy Santaguida **18th**, Margaret Maselli, Bob Pellegrini **24th**, Anthony Aquilino, Robert Ranieri **25th**, Liz Garand, Linda Selletti **26th**, Tom Burke, Shirley Santurri **28th**

*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 Feb.

Febbraio 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28						

February Notable Dates:

- Jan 27th— Pops Chamber Players Concert
- Jan 30th— Mega Garage Sale 9:00am to ?????
- Feb 4th— General Meeting 7 pm
- Feb 6th - Valentine Installation Dinner Dance
- Feb 10th— Peter's Video 7pm
- Feb 11th— Feast Meeting at club 6pm
- Feb 14th— Birthday Celebration— All welcome
- Feb 18th to 21st— The Annual Feast
- Feb 24th— Sarasota Mandolin Orchestra 7 pm
- Feb 25th— Executive Board Meeting 6 pm
- Feb 27th— Jersey Boys in Ft Myers
- Wednesday's Card Games Call Paul 408-7247
- Monday's Bocce— 2:30 pm to sundown
- Weekly Italian Classes/ Study of Italian Culture

*Save the Dates: Mark your Calendar

- **March 4th:** General Meeting 7pm
- **March 7th:** The "Magic Flute" Opera. See Gene for tickets.
- **March 13th:** St Patrick's & St Joseph's Day Celebration
- **March 24th:** "Wine Tasting" featuring Italian Wines.
- **April 10th:** 50's Party (if board approves) details later!

***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
Cocktails 6:00 Cafe Venice Buffet 6:30
Music by "Perfect Chord Productions" 8-11pm
Donation: Members \$25.00 Guests \$30.00 Tickets #

WE HAVE E-MAIL!

Dave & Colleen Allen, a handsome young couple joined us for New Year's & said: (Edited for space) Thank you for a magical evening. Our table was amazing, friendly & funny! The event was perfect. We returned for Pasta Nite 2 weeks later & felt like we had been friends for years. We can't say enough about how wonderful everyone in the Club was! We look forward to seeing you again soon.



** They were sitting with the **Rich's** and the **Angelastri's**. **Kudos** to you for making nervous newcomers feel so welcome! **Thank you!**

Mega
Garage
S a l e

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**



On sale day, **Workers please come at 7am** for setup.

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

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- Next Cooking Club **Feb 3rd**. Call Pat Mazzola 488-6233
- **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 Sclafani** 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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