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la Parola del Presidente

The proverbial "snowball" keeps rolling! The Fall activity at the club is in full swing! November saw the return of many snowbirds. They were welcomed back with an exquisite "in-house" dinner & entertainment, with over 90 Friday Nite workers in attendance! The Sarasota Opera Singers, the Elections, the monthly Birthday Celebration, a sold out Italian Thanksgiving dinner, a float in Venice's Holiday Parade, card games, Italian classes, Monday Bocce, meetings & busy Friday Nite Pasta dinners, whew, I'm tired! Rest up everyone! We're in for a great season! **Ciao, Bruce**

Nov. 4th Election Results: The club was buzzing with an eager crowd awaiting their chance to cast a ballot for their members of choice. In attendance were 126 voting members. The outcome was announced to the membership by the Election Committee Chair, Anthony Rondello before the adjournment of the monthly meeting. The new Executive Board will be installed at the Annual Valentine Installation Dinner Dance Feb. 5th, 2011. **The 2011 Board:** Tom Aquila, President; Tom Martorana, 1st VP; Lou Sclafani, 2nd VP; Richard Cattelona, Rec. Secretary; Barbara Terzi, Treasurer; Diane Houston, Cor. Secretary; Bruce Bastian, Past President. **Congratulazioni** to all and **Tanti Auguri** for success in the new year.

Sarasota Opera Outreach Singers Report Nov. 3rd.

By Diane Houston

This was the place to be Wed. Nov. 3rd. It was the hottest ticket in town. The Sarasota Opera Outreach Singers were exceptionally magnificent this year. Unbelievably talented young singers' voices numbering 7, instead of the traditional 4 filled this room with vigor and personality plus. Not only opera selections were sung, and "O Sole Mio" sung by a robust young baritone brought bravos and our record breaking audience to their feet. Just as in all our other events, our organization presented a classy evening of entertainment and our cultural committee, decked out in their white and black attire and bowties looked fantastico!!!! "Noi abbiamo fatto una bella figura!" We made a very good impression, the audience consisted mostly of non-members and the kudos were overwhelming. When I accepted this position from Mario, I had big shoes to fill but with his mentorship and knowledge, I can say I am very proud of last night's event and how well it went. Thank you, Mario. I know you were thinking of us last night. However, this event could not have run so smoothly if it weren't for the following members: Barbara Terzi, Barbara Moccia, Linda & Bruce Bastian, Bob Houston, Tom Aquila, Bob George, Justin Terzi, Viola Giancola, Lousie DiVecchio, Anthony & Jimmie Ann Rondello, Nancy Canto, Lou Sclafani, Gene & Angie Orientale, and Joe DeMarco AND : a special thanks to Bruce for his support, his expertise, and his enthusiasm through his numerous communications. He was always there when I had questions or concerns, a timely phone call or an e-mail away!!!! Mille grazie, Bruce. It was very much appreciated.



Children's Christmas Party

Dec. 18th, 10am to 1:00 pm

Children 12 years old & under welcome!

Featuring games, gifts & goodies!

****PONY RIDES**** from 10:30 to Noon

Children/grandchildren/nipoti/friends: bring them all!

Compliments of the Club!

The Italian American Club of Venice's

**New Year's Eve
2010**

Masquerade Ball
Friday, Dec. 31st

Donation: **Members \$40.00**
Guests \$45.00

Social & Cocktails

7:00 pm

Cash Bar

Buffet Dinner

8:00 pm

Venetian Table

at Midnight

*Complimentary Toasting
Champagne*

Ticket #

Join us to say "Arrivederci" to 2010 in "Venetian" style at the Club with fellow members & friends. A **mask** will lend some excitement & glamour to the evening!
Benvenuto a Due Mila Undici

Remember: Venice Holiday Parade Sat Nov. 27th

Ride on the Float or walk beside it.

Meet at the Club at 5pm. Wear red top, dark bottoms, comfortable shoes! Gather at the club following the parade for refreshments!



Halloween Party Reports: Oct 23rd was exciting for approximately 60 Venice area children, plus parents/grandparents! They were treated to pony rides, games, contests, delicious lunch & treats by the members, some in costumes! Good job Julie, who thanks all of her helpers! Attend the Christmas Party for more fun!

Oct 30th: 69 party goers enjoyed a night of fun & frivolity! The Boo-B-Q was delicious, the Moosic was lively & the costumes were "over the top" fabulous! Check out the Website for the proof in the pictures! Linda thanks everyone for helping to make this a very successful event! You are the best! Grazie a Tutti!

Grazie Paul!

The Club is very thankful for the generous donation of a new set of **BOCCE BALLS** by Paul Cosenza! Join us on Mondays to "roll the pallino"

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Benvenuti!

Welcome New Members:

Arlene Bonda, Loraine Castelli, Peter Iorio, Remo Norton

Luce del Sole Get well soon Richard Serino



Condolences to Marion Capecci & family on the passing of our dear member, Mario.

Mario Luigi Capecci age 77, passed away Nov.12/10. He is survived by wife Marion of 50 years, children Dawn, Pam, John (Becky) and Nancy (Michael), 4 grandchildren, and many relatives. He was a strong community leader & a committed educator for 32 years where he touched the lives of so many young people. As chairman of the IACofV's Scholarship & Cultural committee he continued to encourage the local students through scholarship awards each year and provided programs such as the Mandolins, Pops Concerts and the Annual Wine Tasting to the members & guests. Mario was most passionate about family, friends, food & wine. Funeral services were held in Aurora, IL. The "Mario Capecci Scholarship Fund" has been set up for those choosing to send memorial donations. (c/o the IACofV) Mario advocated that every child should have the opportunity to earn a college degree. Sincere condolences from all the members. He will be missed.

Buon Compleanno!

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



Gene Barattini, Alex Carpenter, Lydia Magnotti, Michael Sollitto, Salvatore Trofi, Donna Weissenberg **all on the 3rd**, Dominic Gatti **4th**, Carl Wilson **6th**, Peter DeVecchio **7th**, Judi Rider, Lou Mastro **9th**, Carol Sollitto, Steven Sudia, Colette Russell **10th**, Louise DeVecchio **11th**, Bob Rexroat **16th**, Jack Ulkis **18th**, Barbara Moccia **19th**, Richard Serino, Chuck Russell, Loretta McFarland **21st**, Elisabeth DeMattia **25th**



\$5.00

Thirtieth Anniversary Cookbooks
HOLIDAY SPECIAL ONLY \$5.00

Call Linda Bastian 966-3857

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Also Available Friday Nites & at General Meeting!

Coming Events!

DIVA & ITALIAN GUY will put on their **Unique Cabaret** following an Italian Pasta dinner on **Sat. Jan. 22nd**. "Serious singing & the rest is pure fun!" "This Gal can sing." "Glittering Entertainment." "Sebastian is a funny, funny man!" (previous press comments) Great opportunity for a dinner show in an intimate setting! Social 6:00pm, dinner 6:30pm & show to follow. Donation: Members \$25.00 Guests \$30.00. Tickets available at the Club or call **Barbara T 493-8883 or Barbara M. 493-3204**.

SUNCOAST CHORALE is a group of 70 singers who seek to expand and share the gift of music with Florida's residents & visitors. On **Wed. Jan 26th**, the Showtime Concert will hold many delightful pieces of music such as show tunes, The Music Man & Showboat, more popular music such as Moon River, Sing, Sing, Sing and Stardust and a very Patriotic Battle Hymn of the Republic. Bring your smiles & your friends to this amazing Performance. Donation: Members \$12 Guests \$17 Tickets available at the club or by calling **Barbara T 493-8883 or Barbara M 493-3204**

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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26	27	28	<u>29</u>	30	<u>31</u>	

December Notable Dates:

- **Dec 2nd**- General Meeting 7 pm
- **Dec 4th**- Christmas Celebration Dinner Dance 6 pm
- **Dec 12th**- Member Birthday/Anniversary Party 4 pm
- **Dec 18th**- Children's Christmas Party 10 to 1:00 pm
- **Dec 29th**- Executive Board meeting 6pm
- **Closed for Dinner Christmas Eve & New Year's Eve**
- **Dec 31st**- New Years Eve **Masquerade Ball**
- Wednesday's Card Games continue
- **Monday's Bocce**— 3 pm to sundown
- Weekly Italian Classes/ Study of Italian Culture

*Save the Dates: Mark your Calendar

Jan. 13th: Peter's Video "Italian Riviera/Tuscany Islands"

Jan. 22nd: Dinner & Diva & The Italian Guy

Jan. 26th: The Suncoast Chorale Pops Concert

Jan. 28-30th: FFIAC Mini Convention in Estero

Feb. 5th: Valentine/Installation Dinner Dance

Feb. 16th: Sarasota Mandolin Orchestra

Feb. 24th-27th: **The Feast 2011** flyer available & schedule next month. Questions? Call Carl Sellitti 493-6344

March 12th: "I Lombardi" Opera. See Gene for tickets.

March 23rd: "Wine Tasting" Wines to be decided.

The Italian American Club of Venice
Presents....

A Christmas Celebration

Saturday, Dec. 4th, 2010

Social 6:00pm Dinner 6:30pm Dancing 7:30pm

Donation: Members \$25 Guests \$30 **Ticket:**

THANKSGIVING "ITALIAN STYLE" Sun Nov 21st was a huge success! 140 diners were stuffed with a feast worthy of giving thanks for! Overflowing antipasto trays to start, followed by generous helpings of specially prepared lasagna and then the turkey and trimmings arrived! Some carved with the skill of a surgeon and others of a butcher! It was all good! Pumpkin pies on each table rounded out a perfect evening. Thanks to all the workers: Joe, Connie, Bob P, Patsy, Frank, Tom & Julie A, Diane, Barbara M, Barbara T, Justin, Linda, Bruce, Fred, Karl and everyone who picked up a plate, cleaned a table or helped put the room back in order! Thanks to Tom & Dee for selling cookbooks too! MILLE GRAZIE to all the members & guests who supported this event. **Happy Thanksgiving!**

This month's list for General Meeting goodies is **M to Z**.

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