

# Novità

Your Cultural and Social Newsletter



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## la Parola del Presidente

Ciao Fellow Members! Just to let you know I'm rolling up my sleeves and am ready to work for each and every one of you. We have a great crew who work very hard to make our Club a success. A special thanks to our past president, Bruce Bastian for a job well done. He is also chairman of the feast this year and is working very hard 24/7 to make it happen. Let's all give 100% support for our annual event. Let's not forget the fund raiser for the Bocce Courts. It was fantastic, great job Justin! The Dinner/Show was enjoyed immensely. Don't forget St Joseph's Day on March 19th. Thanks to Joe & his crew. Hope to see you there. Let's look forward to a healthy & prosperous year. Buona salute e la vera ricchezza. Addio, Tom

### The Italian American Club of Venice

1375 Ringling Dr. Venice, Fl. 34284

Presents.....

## A Wine Tasting

An Informative Wine Program



Featuring:

### "Wines of the Southern Hemisphere"

Tasting of Wines from South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, Chile & Argentina

Accompanied by Hors D'oeuvres to Compliment the 8 Wines

Souvenir Wine Glass to Keep

Complimentary Coffee and Biscotti following the Program

Commentary by Sommelier: Michel Carbonneau  
D'Vines Wine & Gift Emporium

**Wednesday, March 23rd, 2011**

**7:00 pm**

Seating limited. No Sales At Door.  
Admission by ticket only.

**Donation: Members \$12.00  
Guests \$15.00**

For Tickets call:

**Barbara 941-493-8883**

**Diane 941-412-4287**



### 2011 Executive Board

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Bruce Bastian Barbara Terzi Diane Houston Cor. Sec. Richard Cattelona Rec. Sec. Tom Martarano 1st VP Tom Aquila President

\*Missing is Lou Sclafani 2nd VP

### Sat. Feb. 5th: The Valentine & Installation Dinner Dance

We wish to thank every one who supported our Valentine Installation Dinner Dance. (Over 100). It was a very nice affair, our board looked confident, elegant, filled with enthusiasm in working for you this year. Thanks to Café Venice, the dinner was delicious and well presented. I would like to thank the chair persons Tom and Julie Aquila, also to those who helped: Bruce and Linda Bastian, Dick and Betty Lou Cattelona, Ivan and Irene Ciridnikov, Vi Giancola, Donna Sherman, Barbara Moccia, Barbara Terzi, Tony Rich, Gene Barattini, Linda Perhac, Franni Santilli, John Farrow & Anthony Rondello. Now unfortunately, some good things can come with a glitch. A sad one at that. So sorry the band did not attend due to a death in the family. Fortunately with our new sound system we were able to enjoy the remainder of the evening. Submitted by, Tom and Julie Aquila

### St. Joseph's Day Celebration

Epiphany Cathedral

**Saturday March 19th, 2011**

**12:30 pm Mass Celebrated in Italian**

All members wishing to attend, please wear club shirts and arrive by 12 noon. Volunteers will distribute bread after Mass. Volunteers welcome to help prepare bread at the club on Thurs Mar. 17th at 11 am. Call Joe DiMarco at 321-6523

**\*\*Reminder\*\***

**Have you paid  
your 2011 Dues  
Of \$40.00?**

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# Benvenuti!

**Welcome New Members:** Melinda Cook, Joseph Latona, Teresa Latona, Sara Lazara, Maria Murphy, Conrad Perkey, Christine Uttaro.



## Luce del Sole Get well soon!

Tom Martorana

**Thinking of You:** Sophie Petracco

**Note:** Please call Julie Aquila 941-240-8790 if you know of someone needing the support of the members through cards, calls & prayers.

**\*\*Special Thank You to Barbara Terzi** for being the "Sunshine" sender for the past 2 years along with being Treasurer! Your commitment to the club is much appreciated!

## Buon Compleanno!

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



Bob Palumbo **4th**, Peter Zazzali **5th**, Karl Bicknese **6th**, Tony Maggio **8th**, Leona Virzi **11th**, Anne Meeker **14th**, Patrick Alfarano, Carl Sellitti Jr. **15th**, Gert Carpenter **16th**, Noland Middaugh **18th**, Katherine Ostrovsky **21st**, Anthony Ciardi, Bob Houston **22nd**, Liz Maggio, Domenic Scotece, Christine Uttaro **23rd**, Pat Mastroilli, Thomas Santurri **24th**, Richard Dionisio, John Farrow **27th**, Sal Amati, Angie Orientale **29th**.

*\*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 March.*

## \*\*Reviews on Recent Happenings\*\*

### Sat. Jan 22nd: Diva & The Italian Guy

A **SOLD OUT** crowd was treated to a wonderfully presented & laugh filled evening of dining & entertainment in a cabaret style performance. Thanks to Justin and a myriad of helpers the evening successfully raised sufficient funds, along with matching funds from the Club, to be able to "renovate" the Bocce Courts! What's an Italian Club without Bocce Courts to be proud of? Will there be an official "opening" Tournament?

### Sun. Feb. 6th: Super Bowl Sunday

Unless you've been under a rock, you know the results of Super Bowl 45 (forgot my Roman numerals). If you were at the Club to watch the spectacle, you really know. The Giant screen and "wrap around sound" treated 25 Club members to super seats. The pool treated Barbara Terzi, Mike Alexandratos, Bruce Bastian and Gene Orientale super, in a financial way too! The pizza was good, NOT great, but we were on a limited budget. As it was, with the liquor drawings, cash bar, and the camaraderie, it's safe to say we scored! Kudos to Barb and Justin T, Marino, Karl B, Tony Rich, Linda B, for their invaluable help, putting us over the goal line. Yes, the Club netted \$120.00, and oh, by the way, **THE PACK WON**. Thanks to all for attending, **Dick Cattelona**

**Wed. Feb 10th: Peter's Video** featured regions of Italy and had about 100 people enjoying the new big screen. Plan to attend the next one on Australia March 16th at 7pm. Refreshments too!

**Sun. Feb. 13th: The February Birthday Celebration** offered Italian Beef buns & trimmings & a DiMarco Custom Cake to the **58** members in attendance, 6 were birthday celebrants. Birthday wishes were sung & the cake was enjoyed by all. It really is a nice way to get to know the other members and all are welcome! Mark your calendars for next month's celebration- March 20th, 4pm. See you there!

**Sun. Feb. 20th: Volunteer Appreciation Dinner** saw 79 hungry diners at Café Venice! Delicious food, excited workers who were thanked for their dedication to Friday Pasta Nites! Good job Frank & Lou!

## Marzo 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	<u>3</u>	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	<u>12</u>
13	14	15	<u>16</u>	17	18	<u>19</u>
<u>20</u>	21	22	<u>23</u>	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	<u>31</u>		

### March Notable Dates:

- **March 3rd**— General Meeting **7 pm**
- **March 12th**— Opera "I Lombardi" **8 pm**
- **March 16th**— Peter's Video Australia! **7 pm** Check it out before next week's Wine Tasting! Come to both!
- **March 19th**— St Joseph's Day at Epiphany Cathedral
- **March 20th**— Monthly Birthday Celebration **4 pm**
- **March 23rd**— "Wine Tasting" Southern Hemisphere
- **March 31st**— Executive Meeting **6 pm**
- Wednesday's **Card Game** continues.
- **Mon Afternoon Bocce**— Come & "roll the pallino"
- Weekly Italian Classes/ Study of Italian Culture

### \*Save the Dates: Mark your Calendar

**April 7th:** General Meeting 7pm

**April 1st-3rd:** FFIAC Mini Convention Punta Gorda. Why not attend the Dinner/Dance on Sat night! See Lou for details!

**Wed. Feb. 16th: Mandolins In Venice**

When you combine 14 mandolins and one operatic tenor voice, you have a truly Italian musical evening...una sera italiana di musica! The Sarasota Mandolin Orchestra, under the direction of Joseph Spinella, delighted our hearts by performing a magical program of classical, as well as popular Italian songs. Joseph's voice filled the room with powerful vocals that brought rousing applause, bravos from the audience, and a standing ovation at the finale. "O Sole Mio", "Torna a Surriento", and "That's Amore" were among the favorites, and then, "Non ti Scordar di Me" was sung in loving memory of Mario Capecci. There were many kudos by our patrons, which again put us out there as a viable cultural participant in our community. Everyone departed with smiles on their faces and memories to carry them through until the Mandolins return next year. The professional presence and dedication of our club volunteers made the whole evening run so smoothly. Because of their kindness, respect, warmth, and friendliness people love walking through our portals. Mille grazie a tutti !!! Members to thank: Barbara & Justin Terzi, Linda & Bruce Bastian, Tony & Jimmie Ann Rondello, Bob Houston, Dick Cattelona, Joe DiMarco, Steve & Denise Sudia, Viola Giancola, Nancy Canto, Domenic Scotoce, Tom Aquila. **By Diane Houston**. Congrats to Diane for chairing this very successful event!

**Feb. 24 to 27!** Best wishes to all for a successful **FEAST!**

- Included is a corrected copy of Page 3 of the Bylaws. Please insert into your booklet.
- 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

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

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