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la Parola del Presidente

The Club has become a very busy place. Let me walk you through a typical week! **Sundays** feature an Italian language forum & the once-a-month member's birthday/anniversary party; **Mondays** bring the Bocce players & Italian students for class; **Tuesdays** see two Italian classes; **Wednesdays** hold Italian Culture class, cake baking & evening Card games; **Thursdays** begin prep work in the kitchen for Friday nite, bread baking & the general/executive meetings; **Fridays** are buzzing with setting up, cooking, seating, serving, bussing & being ambassadors for the many patrons who continue to enjoy our Pasta Dinners; **Saturdays** are filled by our special events & often rentals! Add many Cultural Events, parties, holiday celebrations, morning coffee & meetings to the mix & we have a successful Club for all to enjoy! Your participation is invited & encouraged. **Ciao, Bruce**

The Italian American Club Of Venice Invites you to.....

A Wine Tasting



An Informative Wine Program
Featuring "Authentic Regional Italian Wines"

WED. MARCH 14th at 7:00 pm

Donation: \$15.00

Admission by Ticket Only. Limited Number Available. Ticket#

February Member Birthday on Sun the 12th was hosted by **Phyllis & Al Angelastri**. The menu: soup, salad, delicious herbed chicken thighs, almond green beans, roasted potatoes & of course, birthday cake by **Joe**. **82** people congratulated the Birthday celebrants attending. They were Vi Giancola, Frank Giamette, Martha Bicknese, Robert Ranieri & Patsy Santiguida. Helpers included Justin, Marino, Ken & Jackie McLean, Dick & Mary.

Thank you all for a wonderful meal!

Entertainment by the Lemon Bay Reader's Theatre topped off the afternoon with some smiles & chuckles from the appreciative audience. **Thanks to our very own actress, Kathy Amelia! You are multi-talented! Good job!**

Volunteer "Appreciation" Dinner took place at Ivy's Steak House on Sun Feb. 19th. There were **81** hard working volunteers (some family too) who enjoyed the terrific meal. It was really nice for them to be served & catered to!

Thanks to Frank & Lou for picking another winner.

Tropical Valentine Party held Feb. 4th was a very "colorful" event! All 120+ party goers were dressed in comfortable tropical attire adorned with flowers & leis of all colors. Umbrellas accompanied the special Margarita's, palm fronds decorated the walls, tables & front statues, skewers of strawberries & heart marshmallows for starters, delicious BBQ, fancy ambrosia & pineapple upside down cake rounded out the menu & provided the energy needed to dance the night away to "Sonny (Grass skirt) & Sable"! Everyone had a great time. Thanks to Bob & Diane Houston & Joe & Pat Mastroilli for chairing, Barbara Terzi for ticket sales, Joe for cake, Linda for decorations & helpers: Bruce, Roseann, Rich, Roy, Evelyn, Nancy & Al, Fran & Bob M.

Check out the pictures on the website!

The Italian American Club of Venice
Presents

St. Patrick's Day Celebration!

Saturday, March 17th, 2012

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

Music & Song by "Broadway Bruce"

Donation: Members \$17:00
Guests \$22.00

Ticket#

St. Joseph's Day Celebration

Epiphany Cathedral

Monday, March 19th, 2012

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 **Tues. Mar. 13th at 10:30 am**. Call **Joe DiMarco at 321-6523**

On Sun. Jan. 29th, **Sebastiano Liseo** presented an interactive talk with slides of "Italian Architecture in Paradise". The program was enthusiastically received by a full house! As Sebastiano says, "Italians have brought beauty to the world in music, arts & architecture!" Thank you for a most entertaining & informative presentation, enjoyed by all!

****Reminder****

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Benvenuti!

Welcome New Members: Paul Castiglione, Jeanette Castiglione, Hugo DeMartino, Ken McLean, Marilyn Murphy, Carole Schmitz, Karl Schmitz



Luce del Sole Get well soon!

Paula & Nick Cocomello, Judi Rider, Gert Carpenter, Fred Opie, Barbara Terzi

Note: Please call **Nancy Canto 925-3479** if you know of someone needing the support of the members through cards, calls & prayers. ncanto@comcast.net

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**, Leonard Caruso **10th**, Leona Virzi **11th**, Dan Robinson **12th**, Anna Meeker, Teresa Latona **14th**, Patrick Alfarano **15th**, Gert Carpenter **16th**, Noland Middaugh **18th**, Felicia Hock **19th**, Gilbert Morales **20th**, 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, Andy Resignato **29th**, Joe Fiorella **30th**

Special Invitation: All members are invited to attend the "CRACK THE PARM" event at **Whole Foods** in Sarasota on **MAR 10th at 3:00pm**. Featuring Opera music, tasting Italian wines & "cracking" of the 90 lb wheel of Parmesan cheese! This is a worldwide event. **March is "Italian Cheese Month"**
Remember the Wine Tasting Wed. Mar. 14th at the Club!

REPORT: Super Bowl Sunday 2/5/12 by Dick Cattelona
Thirty four members and 4 non members were treated to the most suspenseful Super Bowl ever played. The ticket price included pizza. Karl B and Bob H. manned our bar. Super snacks were brought by our generous members. The Giant screen and sound system guaranteed there were would be no bad seats. Our pool, run by Karl Bicknese, totaled \$200 in prize money. President Bruce won the 1st Quarter and the first half worth \$75. The third quarter, worth \$25 went into Mike Alexandratos' pocket. The grand prize of \$100 was split by Bob Houston and Joe Fiorella. Thanks to the helpings hands of Lou, Justin, Karl, Tom M, Marino, and Barbara T, Bob H., Linda B., Barbara M. (shrimp for snack). The Second Annual Super Bowl party was able to turn over to the Club's treasury a net of \$128.60. So as Lou has said, "get your tickets now, they are going fast." So, make your plans early to join us, everybody who came this year had a Pat hand! A special THANK YOU goes to "Coach Catt", **Dick Cattelona** for "quarterbacking" another successful event!

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- **General Language Forum** with Domenic **Sundays 2-4 pm**
- **Conversation Class** with Domenic **Tuesday 2-3:30 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**

Marzo 2012

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

March Notable Dates:

- **March 1st**— General Meeting 7 pm
- **March 4th**—Member Birthday 4pm Wilson's hosting
- **March 8th**— Peter's Video featuring Sicily
- **March 14th**— Wine Tasting : Italian Wines
- **March 17th**— St Patrick's Day Dinner/Dance
- **March 19th**— St Joseph's Day at Epiphany Cathedral
- **March 24th**— Sarasota Opera: Carmen
- **March 29th**— 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 5th: General Meeting 7pm

Watch for more events in the planning stages!

Peter's Video March 8th-7pm will feature scenes of **Sicily** including Mount Etna, Palermo, Catania & more! Last one for the season so try to attend to see the land of your ancestors & enjoy the "biscotti" too!

Sarasota Mandolin Orchestra Concert 2/8/12

By Diane Houston

When you combine 16 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", "Non ti Scordar di Me", and "Santa Lucia" were among the favorites. "That's Amore", "Chitarra Romana", and "Funiculi Funicula" evoked exuberant audience participation. "Parlami d'Amore Mariu" was sung especially to our own Maria Tims. How flattering was that!!!! 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, Bob Houston, Dick Cattelona, Joe DiMarco, Ron DeBacco, Viola Giancola, Nancy Canto, Louise DiVecchio, Angie & Gene Orientale,

Special thanks to the Bocce players who set up the concert hall: Patsy Santaguidda, Mike Alexandratos, Secondo Bortolotto, Marino Roncari, Franco Puri, Joe Mastroilli, Bob Pellegrini, Vinnie Valinoti, & Hugo DeMartino & to Joe DiMarco for "double duty" on the Biscotti!

Congrats to Diane for chairing this wonderful event.

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

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