February is a very cold month. If we were in Maine, Michigan or Montana we would be feeling the effects of REAL winter. But we aren’t, instead we feel the pressure of Friday night pasta dinners that exceed 500+ patrons. In fact, on the Eve of January 31, 2014 our Friday night crew did it. It had been done before, but more than 15 years ago. So on the eve of 1/31/14 our Friday crew handled 616 patrons. Wow, really the team that reached this level has to take a bow!!!! Our Club is growing in leaps and bounds. We are at a plateau that says, “look at me!”. What I am getting at is this. The City of Venice is having a session of civic leaders meeting to improve the services for the citizenry. I will be representing the Club in this “think tank”. I am duly honored and will be alert to foster the good name of the IACV. Finally, it is time for the Feast. Bruce and his merry elves will be on their toes to make this the best ever. If you are not working the Feast talk it up, get friends to go, but above all be proud to be an Italian-American. If you are working the Feast be proud to wear the colors and do the best you can to promote our fine Club. Ciao, Dick

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Saturday, March 15th, 2014

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

Music & Song by “Broadway Bruce”

Donation: Members $18.00  Guests $22.00

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

A Wine Tasting

An Informative Wine Program
Featuring “Authentic Regional Italian Wines”

WED. MARCH 12th at 7:00 pm

Donation: $23.00
Admission by Ticket Only. Limited Number Available.  Ticket #

The Italian American Club Of Venice Presents

Valentino Gala 2/9/14

* Rain date 3/30

St. Joseph’s Day Celebration

Epiphany Cathedral

Wednesday, March 19th, 2014

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 needed to help prepare bread at the club on Tuesday 3/18 at 9:00 am. Call Joe DiMarco at 321-6523

NOTE: Remember to Turn Clocks Ahead 1 hour Sun Mar 9th

Tampa Bay Downs Trip

Sun. March 9th

Bus/Dinner/Racing

Members $30  Guests $35

Reserve by March 5th (if spots available)

IACV Classic Car Show

Sat March 29th from 10 am to 2 pm

Food, Drinks for sale, Music & Free admission

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Welcome New Members: Donna Amato, Sally Altrocchi, James Bellino, Sandi Chance, John Cuomo, Geraldine Forzani, Rinaldo Forzani, Gilbert Giancola, Herbert Gieringer, James Leo, Junetht Lettner, Giuseppe Mastrandrea, Orazio Petrilli, Dale Strom, Jean Trapani Claudette Marino (new in January)

Luce del Sole  Get well soon!
Julia Griffith, Edmond DeMattia, Loretta McFarland, Gene Orientale
Condolences to Mike Piscopo on the passing of his father.

Note: Please call Vi Giancola 497-6942 if you know of someone needing the support of the members through cards, calls & prayers. Email : missvig007@comcast.net

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


*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.

February’s Member Birthday on the 16th was “over the top”! There were 109 of us enjoying salad, Joann’s chicken, ziti & sausage and a delicious strawberry topped marble cake by Joe D. Joann Tufaro made the chicken but was missing in action, hope you are feeling better soon. In her place was John T, John A, Kate A, Justin T, Marino R Dee M, Tom M & Karl B. Great job of presenting a tasty dinner! Thanks to all. Birthday celebrants were Robert R, Vi G, Heidi S, Martha B, Bob P, Patsy S, Donna R & Joann C. Anniversaries: The Russell’s 48th & the Birthday celebrants were Robert R, Vi G, Heidi S, Martha B, Bob P, Patsy S, Donna R & Joann C. Anniversaries: The Russell’s 48th & the Birthday celebrants were Robert R, Vi G, Heidi S, Martha B, Bob P, Patsy S, Donna R & Joann C. Anniversaries: The Russell’s 48th & the Birthday celebrants were Robert R, Vi G, Heidi S, Martha B, Bob P, Patsy S, Donna R & Joann C.

Don’t Miss it! Dinner & DooWop at the Beach Pavilian April 6th 4pm to 8pm Catered by Michael Music by DooWop Denny Limited Tickets Available soon Price TBD

“ITALIAN POW’S SPEAK OUT AT LAST” by Carlo Ferroni Our member, Dr. Carlo Ferroni is Professor Emeritus at Ashland University, where he taught for 30 years. He has two other works published regarding Italian contributions to society in general and Italy in particular. Work on this book began in 1989 in Italy and was published in 2013. This book is dedicated to the memory of Mario Capecci. Proceeds from initial sales will be generously donated to the Mario Capecci Scholarship Fund.

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March Notable Dates:
- March 2nd—Member Birthday 4pm
- March 4th — Mardi Gras Fat Tues 4:30 pm
- March 6th — General Meeting 7 pm
- March 9th— Tampa Bay Downs Bus Trip
- March 12th— Wine Tasting : Italian Wines
- March 15th— St Patrick’s Day Dinner/Dance
- March 19th— St Joseph’s Day at Epiphany Cathedral
- March 22nd— Opera “Il Trovatore”
- March 27th— Executive Meeting 6 pm
- March 29th— Classic Car Show at Club
- Mon & Wed Morning Coffee Club. All Welcome.
- Wednesday’s Card Game continues.
- Tuesday Mar 11 & 25th Play Bridge? Come at 7pm.
- Mon “After Coffee Bocce” Come & “roll the pallino”
- Weekly Italian Classes/ Study of Italian Culture

*Saves the Dates: Mark your Calendar
April 3rd: General Meeting 7pm
April 6th: Member Picnic at the beach! Flyer & tickets soon
April 9th: Million Dollar Quartet trip to Van Wezel

Sarasota Mandolin Orchestra Concert 2/12/14
By Diane Houston: When you combine mandolins, guitars, and one operatic tenor voice, you have a truly Italian musical evening...una sera di musica italiana! The Sarasota Mandolin Orchestra, under the direction of Joseph Spina, delighted our hearts by performing a magical program of beautiful 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”, the melodic, “Non ti Scordar di Me”, and “Torna a Surriento” were among the favorites. “Il Padrino” from the “Godfather” was a special treat. “That’s Amore” and “Funiculi Funicula” evoked exuberant audience participation. “Parlami d’amore Mariu” was sung especially to a “Guest, Maria”. How flattering was that!!!! There were many kudos from 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 Bastian, Bob Houston, Viola Giancola, Nancy Canto, Roseann Douras Ron DeBacco Special thanks to Joe DiMarco & Patsy Santaguida for baking the wonderful biscotti and to many of our Bocce players and members who set up the concert hall and then returned to reset the room:
Tom Santurri Jim Bar, Matt Prisutti, Giuseppe Mastrandrea, Secondo Bortolotto, Carlo Ferroni, John Antico, Ralph Maccarone, Roy Delorme, Marino Roncari. *Another SOLD OUT event! Grazie Diane!

This month’s list for General Meeting goodies is A to M.