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la Parola del Presidente

February is upon us and that means the FEAST will be happening soon. All members should be preparing to participate in helping the Club to enjoy a successful 4 days that bring in the funds that help sustain the workings of this fine club. Whether you volunteer to work for a few hours on site, or in the club kitchen, or by advertising or by attending, you can be proud of the involvement that the IACV has had in sponsoring this event for the past 27 years! That's a lot of spaghetti, sausages, pizza frita, eggplant & most of all...volunteer hours! You are all to be congratulated for your contributions. Looks like this year's funds may have to go to a major roof repair. With all the rain we've had, it has been tested & hasn't passed, so we may be faced with a large expense. Let's hope we've had enough rain & chilly weather so that we get back to our perfect Florida sunshine by mid February. There is presently a long list of prospective members waiting to join the club. He who hesitates is lost, so please remember, **your Membership Dues need to be paid this month.**

Ciao, Bruce

Upcoming Events!

The Italian American Club of Venice...Presents

A Return Performance
Duo Romantica
Songs from Broadway &
The Great American Songbook
Wed. February 3rd, 2016 at 7pm
Donation: Members \$15 Guests \$20
Last Chance!

The Italian American Club of Venice ...Presents

A VALENTINE CELEBRATION



Saturday, Feb. 13th, 2016

Social 5:00 Dinner 6:00

Music & Dancing 7 to 10pm

Donation: Members \$25 Guests \$30

Ticket #

ENJOY! 28th Annual Venice
Italian Feast & Carnival
February 18, 19, 20, 21. 2016

Starts at 4pm...Thurs & Fri

Starts at Noon...Sat & Sun

Free Admission / Venice Airport / Parking \$5

Food, Beverages, Entertainment, Midway

Educational & Cultural Displays

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Dinner SUN. MARCH 13th! More info & tix soon!

REPORT ON NEW YEAR'S EVE '16

Oh what a party! Our Cruise theme was well received, the seas were calm but the dance floor was rocking & rolling! We had a full house & from all reports, everyone enjoyed the menu of the evening & the music that kept the dance floor full. Ben P & John A gave an amazing "horn concert", Tom S made some "dance money" & the "Devil in the Blue Dress" boogied with the DJ! **Remember, what happens at the IACV, stays here!** Except for the pictures taken in the Mad Hatter Photo Booth because they were available on his Website! Thanks to Chairs Bob & Diane Houston, Bruce & Linda Bastian, tickets & seating Johanna Giordano, raffle Tom Martorana, who also picked up the ice & décor Linda B assisted by Anne Pflug & Johanna G. Thank you Anne for making the "portholes" & to Tony DiPietro for the "life preserver". Both gave an authentic vibe to our club cruise! Nice to have talented artists to call on! Much appreciated! Grazie to Ron DeBacco for help with next day clean-up & to Ralph Maccarone for room set-up & re-set. There were some disappointed people who couldn't attend since we "sold out" so make your plans early next year & don't be one of them!



*NOTE

2015

Membership

Dues of \$40 are

due & last day

to pay is

Feb. 29th.

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Benvenuti!

Welcome New Members:

No new members this past month.



Luce del Sole Get well soon!

Bruce Bastian, Barbara Terzi, Carol Maccarone, Connie DiMarco, Loretta McFarland

Condolences: to Linda Cipriano for the passing of her sister.

Thoughts: Are with Linda as well, as her son-in-law waits for a heart transplant.

And prayers are with Dick & Betty Lou Cattelona. Wishing you peace & comfort at this difficult time.

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

Buon Compleanno!

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



Joann Camardo 21st, Roy Delorme 15th, John DeStefano 16th, Michael Falivena 25th, Vi Giancola 10th, Herbert Gieringer 18th, Susan Guiffreda 21st, David Johnson 22nd, Lili Legg 16th, Ben Letizi 16th, Patricia Marchesi 24th, Doug McPeck 6th, Trish Monaco 14th, Charles Mossorofo 2nd, Bob Pellegrini 24th, Robert Ranieri 25th, Donna Rescigno 27th, Santina Roberts 12th, Pasquale Santaguida 18th, Heidi Severo 24th, Joann Tufaro 27th, Magda Welton 22nd, Gerald Ziozios 13th.

If we missed your Birthday, please call **Kate Antico to update your Information. Show ID at the Bar to add your name to the list for **Feb**.*

Member Birthday/Anniversary Party Jan. 17th, 2016:

There were **125** members (a few guests) in attendance for a delicious meal of Pasta Fagioli, pizza & turkey salad, provided to us by Joe DiMarco & the kitchen crew of Pasquale S, Randy P, Bob P, Frank U & Angelo T; set-up by Marion C, Marilyn M, George M, Dixie C & Susan P; bar by Bob H; Door, Linda B; Raffle, Tom M; MC, Bruce B. Beautiful double layer cake by Joe D! Birthday celebrants were Bruce B, Sarah L, Edmond D, Diane H, Peter B, Steve F, Erica A, Bob D, Peter M & Jim B. Anniversary celebrated by the Bortolotto's #54! Congrats to all! **Next one 2/28.**

****This article is worth repeating as we start a new year.****

Commentary For the Good of the Order

As you know, many members of this Club, whether a Friday Night worker, a chairperson of an event, a teacher of Italian, an officer on the Board, or someone who participates and gathers here in any other way to enjoy the camaraderie of this Club, requires our respect. It must be remembered that we are all volunteers who give of our time and talents to make this place, a very social place, a welcoming organization, for some, another home.

This should be a place of smiles, not frowns, and when you participate and share in our events you reap the benefit of being a member of a beautiful organization and a supporter of the Italian culture. Consider this Club a gift and embrace it. Those who volunteer and give of their time and talents and in some cases hard labor, cannot be judged or criticized, but rather, appreciated. For until you have walked in those shoes, you CANNOT criticize OR pass judgment. I ask you to please keep this in mind as we move forward into 2015 with dedicated leadership at the helm and months ahead of exciting events.

Read by Diane Houston at the General membership meeting on 1/8/15

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

February Notable Dates:

- **Feb 3rd: Duo Romantico New Show** Tix 468-5013
- **Feb 4th— General Meeting 7 pm**
- **Feb 8th— Feast Meeting Info/Shirts etc at club 6pm**
- **Feb 9th: Italian Immigration Story 2 at 7pm**
- **Feb 13th: "Dolce Notte A Venezia" Valentine Party**
- **Feb 14th— Member Birthday/Anniversary Party 4pm**
- **Feb 18th to 21st -The Italian Feast & Carnival 2016**
- **Feb 25th— Executive Board Meeting 6 pm**
- **Feb 28th— Appreciation dinner** Invites coming soon.
- **Tues, Wed & Fri morning coffee.**
- **Wednesday's Card Games** continues
- **Monday's IACV Bocce & Coffee: 9am** Join us!
- **Various Italian Classes** continue Mon, Tues, Wed & Thurs
- **Mahjong Wed 1-4 Maria for info: 497-0655**

*Save the Dates: Mark your Calendar

- March 3rd: General Membership Meeting 7pm**
- March 5th: Sarasota Opera "Aida"** Gene O for info.
- March 6th: Tampa Bay Downs Trip.** On hold. Info later.
- March 9th: Entertainer Ken McBride** Tix available soon.
- March 13th: St Patrick's Day Dinner** Celebration
- March 15th: "And they Came to Chicago"** Video Series 7pm
- March 19th: St Josephs Day at Epiphany Cathedral**
- March 20th: Member Birthday/Anniversary 4pm**
- March 26th: Executive Board Meeting 6pm**
- March 26th: "Jimmy Mazz"** Back by popular demand.
- Monday Bocce Fundraiser**
- March 31st: Executive Board meeting**

RECENT HAPPENINGS:

11/22 Italian Thanksgiving Dinner was the best yet! 107 thankful people enjoyed a delicious dinner with antipasto, pasta al forno & a turkey with all the trimmings on every table, followed by an Italian dolce! It was expertly prepared & served by Joe DiMarco & his crew of Marino R, Pasquale S, Tom S, Bob P, Ben P, Frank U, Randy P, Susan P, Shirley S, Ralph M. Bar: Bob H. Raffle: Tom M. Décor: Linda B assisted by Diane H. Tickets & Seating: Kathy C & Johanna G. This dinner is held on the weekend before Thanksgiving & gives members, guests & friends the opportunity to "break bread" & give thanks for all the things in life we are so fortunate to share.

1/20 Symphony Sampler brought a String Quartet from the Venice Symphony to our club for an evening of pure listening pleasure. Violins, viola & cello played some traditional Italian, some Danish & concluded with a medley of jazzy Frank Sinatra tunes. The crowd was very animated when the finale featured "New York, New York"! Comment from a ticket holder sums it up: **"Thank you for doing this. We appreciate being able to attend & get a feel for the cultural makeup of our community!"**

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