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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Well, the first month of the New Year has come and gone and it has been a busy and productive one. I would first like to thank everyone who helped with and attended the installation dinner and I am happy to say it was a success. Your board members and I have been working hard and we have many great things planned for the upcoming year.

We recently had the wooden walk replaced outside the club with a nice concrete one. This will eliminate the trip hazard that existed making it safer for our members and renters.

At the time of writing this we have not had our "Spaghetti Dinners to Go" or Pizza & Bingo Night but I'm sure they will be a success and enjoyed by all.

I want to remind everyone about the membership drive contest. This started 1/14/18 and will run through 6/14/18. We will be awarding prizes for the top 3 recruiters and although I will be recruiting also, I will not be participating in the contest. This contest is open to all club members who are in good standing.

I ask that everyone please update your personal information with Gina Mielech or myself so we have an up to date address, phone number and email address on file. I would also like for you to let us know if you wish to opt out of receiving the monthly newsletter via regular mail and receive it electronically. We will continue to send to those who want it mailed but I strongly encourage everyone that can to have it sent via email. This will help to save the club a significant amount of money yearly and every bit helps so we can utilize the savings for improvements and to keep our existence.

As I stated at the dinner we will start having Town Hall meetings once a quarter starting in March (Date to follow). I encourage you to attend so you can see what it takes to keep this club operating monthly. These will be in the evening and the club will provide coffee and dessert. Again I will keep you all informed as best as I can and please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, concerns, thoughts or feedback. Thank you all for allowing me to be your President and I am excited about the challenges and the year to come. God Bless.

Ciao,
James A. Ranieri
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BOOSTER CLUB

PLATINUM TIER - \$100

DIAMOND TIER - \$50

GOLD TIER - \$25

Mike & Melanie Matrascia 6/18
Edward & Mary Ann Wetzel 6/18
Vincent Zammataro 8/18
Vincent & Pat Ficarrota 1/19

Mena & Lou Vesce 2/18
Carlo & Anne Clemente 6/18
Sandy Smith 6/18
Ann Barni 7/18

Thank you to all the members who continue to support the Booster Club. Your donation helps with the cost of printing and mailing the Newsletter and Club Operating Expenses. Grazie.

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Get Well

* Georgianna Pionessa *

Thinking of You

* Pete Carroll * Joe Cinotti * Carlo Clemente *

Welcome New Members!

* Rodney Anderson * Sandra Richmann * Ann Sheen *

Our next volunteer date to serve @ Dining with Dignity is Thursday, February 8th, 2018.

Members are welcome to volunteer and feed the homeless. This is truly an eye opening event that will make you appreciate things more than you already do. You can find out more about the program by visiting <http://www.homeagainsj.org/> Also, you can email Jim Ranieri (j.ranieri@iacofjacksonville.com) or call the club (904) 586-2700 for more details or to volunteer your time and talents to this worthy cause.

**FOR CLUB RENTALS,
PLEASE CALL ANNE STEPP @ (904) 535-6339**

Jacksonville Italian American Club

THE ITALIAN AMERICAN CLUB PHONE NUMBER IS (904) 586-2700

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - FEBRUARY/ FEBBRAIO

DOMENICA	LUNEDI	MARTEDI	MERCOLEDI	GIOVEDI	VENERDI	SABATO
				1	2 Board Meeting	3 Club Rented
4 Super Bowl/ Pot Luck	5	6	7	8 Dining with Dignity (offsite)	9	10
11 Club Rented	12	13	14	15	16 Buddy Check 12 Luncheon	17 Club Rented
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 Camp I am Special (offsite)
25	26	27	28			



Join Us for Super Bowl LII
February 4th, 2018 @ 5:00 PM

MENU:

The club will be providing a 6 foot Hoagie Sandwich.



Please RSVP by February 2nd, 2018 and let us know what you are going to bring.

DONATIONS:

Members \$3 with a dish, \$6 without a dish
Guests \$5 with a dish, \$7 without a dish.

Please understand if we have too many of the same thing you may be asked to bring a different dish.

Watch the event with your IAC friends!

Want to party but not a huge football fan? There will be card games and other activities to enjoy!!

Please RSVP by Thursday, February 2, 2018
using Evite OR rsvp@iacofjacksonville.com OR call the Club at **904-586-2700**

We will be selling Buddy Check 12 Raffle tickets for the baskets at this event. Also, gloves, scarves, hats & socks are welcome donations that will be distributed at our next Dining with Dignity event.

**FEBRUARY/FEBBRAIO
BUON COMPLEANNO!**



- 1 Jennifer Burroughs
- 3 Joanne DeBenedetto
- 5 Anne Stepp
- 6 Beverly Widell
- 13 Maria Tomlin
- 14 David Pitruzzello
- 16 Joe Cornello
- 17 Stella Christian
- 19 Nancy Pitruzzello
- 22 Gregory Blajian
- 22 Emanuel Tasso
- 23 Joe Stypulkowski
- 23 Wanda Freay
- 26 Carl Volpe



**FEBRUARY/FEBBRAIO ANNIVERSARIES
FELICE ANNIVERSARIO!**

- 26 Dennis & Elizabeth Dore

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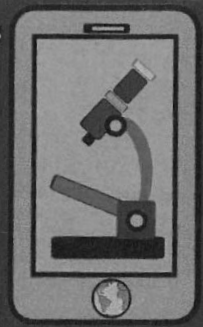
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BUDDY CHECK 12 LUNCHEON

Friday, February 16th , 2018 @ 10:30 AM

MENU:

Crab Corn Chowder Soup, Shrimp Salad Sandwich and Dessert



HOST:

Jim Ranieri



DONATIONS:

Members: \$7.00* Non Members: \$10.00 *

RESERVATIONS:

RSVP via Evite, use sign up sheets at club or send an to email RSVP@iacofjacksonville.com
or call (904) 586-2700

no later than 12:00 noon, February 14th, 2018

If you would like to be recognized by Jeannie Blaylock as a Breast Cancer Survivor at the luncheon please contact Linda Springsteen @ (904) 534-3745. This will be the last chance to buy raffle tickets. All proceeds from this will be donated to Buddy Check 12 for their portable mammogram machine.

2018 INSTALLATION DINNER



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Wed February 2nd – Board Meeting

Sun February 4th – Super Bowl/Pot Luck

Thur February 8th – Dining with Dignity (offsite)

Fri February 16th – Buddy Check 12 Luncheon

Sat February 24th – Camp I am Special (offsite)