



Jacksonville ITALIAN AMERICAN CLUB

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Saluti I miei amici (Greetings my friends and fellow members),

Well as April approaches we will be almost 1/4 through the year with several challenges accomplished and many more to come. Our membership drive continues and the leaderboard is posted. I need for everyone to keep up the push for new and old members.

We will be starting to plan our fall Festa this month and are looking at trying a few different things this year. We will be soliciting our volunteers as usual and the Festa will be the first weekend in Oct (6 & 7) which is also Columbus Day weekend so it will be very fitting, More to follow.

As I have mentioned, this will be our last Newsletter delivered by the US Postal service. If you attended our town hall meeting on 3/21/18 you know the reasons why we have decided this. We will continue to send the news letter via email so please ensure we have a correct email address on file for you. We will also post the newsletter to our website www.iacofjacksonville.com. Those who do not have an email address or Internet access, please contact Gina Mielech as we will send you out a quarterly calendar of events via the mail service if necessary. Please keep in mind that dates that far in advance may be subject to change so continue to keep in contact with the club or fellow members if you need to know anything. As always, you can phone the club and leave a message or phone myself if you need additional information.

We have several nice events coming up in the future so stay tuned. A special Thank You to all the volunteers for all their time and hard work that goes into making our events run smoothly. As always thanks for letting me be your President and God Bless.

James A. Ranieri
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Come and Enjoy Italian Hospitality • Food • Games • Music • Fun

CLUB DONATIONS

We are changing the format of announcing donations to the club. Donations will be mentioned in the newsletter once in the month(s) received. Thank you to all the members who continue to support the club monetarily, with gifts and with their time. Your donations help with the cost of Club Operating Expenses and mailings. Grazie!

Thank you to Lou and Mena Vesce for their donation in the month of March.

OFFICERS	BOARD OF DIRECTORS	Get Well * Pete Carroll * Georgianne Pionessa *
Jim Ranieri <i>President</i> 598-4496	Melanie Matrascia	Sympathy * Much sympathy to Lucy Burchianti on the loss of her sister * * Our condolences to Emanuel Tasso on the passing of his wife Edda Tasso, a Life Member of the IAC and sister in law of Lucy Cortese *
Vinny Zammataro <i>Vice President</i>	Mike Matrascia	Thinking of You * Dottie Ciotta *
Vinny Ficarrota <i>Treasurer</i>	Lucy Santos	Welcome New Members! * Shirley Brechler * Rose Burgess * Susan Tombarello * Jim & Chrissy This*
Gina Mielech <i>Asst. Treasurer</i>	Linda Springsteen	
Sandy Smith <i>Recording Secretary</i>	Anne Stepp	
Father Tom Cody <i>Club Chaplain</i> 704-8200	Mena Vesce	

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

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - APRIL/APRILE

DOMENICA	LUNEDI	MARTEDI	MERCOLEDI	GIOVEDI	VENERDI	SABATO
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Club Rented
8	9	10 Board Meeting 6:30 PM	11	12	13 Club Rented	14 Potato Gnocchi Class 1:00 PM
15	16	17	18	19	20	21 General Meeting Dinner/Dance 6:30 PM
22	23	24	25	26	27 Pasta & Bingo 6:30 PM	28
29	30					

IAC Presents:
Potato Gnocchi Class with Jim Ranieri
Saturday, April 14th 2018 @1:00 PM

Put on your chef's hat and enjoy a hands on class to learn how to make Potato Gnocchi. The class is Free to the first 5 Members who sign up as there is limited space. This is a **Members Only** offer. To reserve your spot, send an email to rsvp@iacofjacksonville.com or call the club at **904-586-2700** and leave a message. Since there are only 5 spots, call early!!

MUSIC & LYRICS BY COLE PORTER



Join your IAC fellow members at the Alhambra Theater for a matinee performance of Kiss Me, Kate on Saturday, September 8th, 2018 @1:15 PM (but you are encouraged to arrive at 11:00 am). There are 36 seats reserved for our club (tables B19-22, 24-25, some handicapped accessible). Tickets are \$57.00, which includes tax and gratuity. You must prepay. To reserve your ticket, please send an email to rsvp@iacofjacksonville.com OR call the club at 904-586-2700



Our next volunteer date to serve @ Dining with Dignity is Thursday, May 10th, 2018. You can find out more about the program by visiting <http://www.homeagainsj.org/> . Also, you can email Jim Ranieri at 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.

**APRIL/ APRILE BIRTHDAYS
BUON COMPLEANNO!**



- 4 Joseph Pecorella
- 7 Miguel Freay
- 13 Anthony D'Aleo
- 20 David Burroughs
- 23 Sandra Richmann
- 24 Theresa Gambardella
- 25 Georgianne Pionessa
- 27 John Dadabo
- 28 Linda Springsteen
- 28 Josephine Wilson
- 30 Ralph DeCicco



**APRIL/ APRILE ANNIVERSARIES
FELICE ANNIVERSARIO!**

- 6 Maurice & Patti Cooper
- 8 Michael & Melanie Matrascia
- 8 Wayne & Linda Oberti
- 8 Jim & Doreena Ranieri
- 27 Anthony & Carol Di Benedetto
- 30 Pete & Mella Carroll

For Members that have a business and would like your business name and phone number listed in our newsletter periodically, please send an email to:

rsvp@iacofjacksonville.com
with the information.

Sebastian Russo, Brookly
Pizza, Phone: (904) 880-0020
Gina Mielech, Wreaths for the Sky
(For custom wreaths, see Gina
at the club)

**New Member
Recruiting Leaderboard
as of 3-14-18**

Madaline Gagliano	3
Doreena Ranieri	2
Lucy Santos	2
Frank Pitruzzello	1
Sandra Richmann	1

JoAnn Leigh Gramm, P.A.

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Saturday Night Dance/General Meeting
April 21st, 2018 @ 6:30



MENU:

Appetizer, Tossed Garden Salad
Grilled Chicken Piccata
Homemade Gnocchi w/ Fresh Herb Sauce
Sautéed Seasonal Vegetable
Cannoli
Coffee & Tea



HOST:

Jim & Doreena Ranieri



DONATIONS:

Members: \$14.00 * Guests: \$19.00 * Children 8-17: \$8.00 * Under 8: Free

Please RSVP no **later than Noon, Thursday, April 19th, 2018**
using **Evite** OR **rsvp@iacofjacksonville.com** OR call the Club at **904-586-2700**



**Got a special song you want to dance to? Just let us know when you RSVP
and we'll do our best to get in the playlist!**





PASTA & BINGO

Friday, April 27th, 2018 @ 6:30 PM

MENU:

Chef's Choice of Pasta and Dessert

HOST:

Jim Ranieri

DONATIONS:

Members: \$7.00 * Guests: \$11.00 * Children 8-17: \$3.00 * Under 8: Free

RESERVATIONS:

RSVP via **Evite** OR send an to email **RSVP@iacofjacksonville.com** OR call the club and leave a message **(904) 586-2700**
no later than Wednesday, April 25th, 2018



"Jim, Thank you to your group for your generous donation to the fashion show. You made so many smile. I hope you all can come see us at camp this summer. Thank you again! Rebecca" ~ Rebecca Alman, "Camp I am Special" Camp Director, Jacksonville FL

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