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ITALIAN AMERICAN CLUB of JACKSONVILLE



President's Message

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

Well, it has a busy behind the scene month at the IAC. We have started the renovation of the bar area thanks to the hard work of Joe Farina and Vinny Zammataro. Hopefully this project will be completed by the time you receive this and our bar will have a new updated and functional look. We had many electrical/lighting upgrades thanks to Joe Stypulkowski and yard work done by Vinny Ficarrotta. Make sure to thank them when you see them. We also had the club pressure washed and will begin the painting soon. It should be completed before the end of the month. The Boy scouts have also started construction on our new bocce court and it should be ready by the end of August.

Our July Picnic was a good time had by all, with members bringing plenty of goodies and the club providing the entrée. Thanks to all that participated. August will be a busy and fun filled time at the club. Please do not forget to get your Casino Night Tickets for Aug 4th early. There will be plenty of fun, food, drinks and prizes to be had by all. Our next Dining with Dignity will be held on August 9th. Please contact Madeline if interested in helping. We will be hosting another Spaghetti Dinner to go on August 17th as this has been a good revenue maker for the club and enjoyed by the local community. I will have the sign-up sheets for the different Festa committees/stations at upcoming club functions. October is approaching rapidly. Last but not least please get your reservation for the Alhambra to see Kiss Me Kate on Sept 8th. It will be a good time for all. Please check out the website for more details and the menu. Contact Madeline or Vinny F for tickets.

As usual thank you for letting me be your President and God Bless.

James Ranieri
President
904 598-4496

OFFICERS

Jim Ranieri

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598-4496

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Melanie Matrascia

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Lucy Santos

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Mena Vesce





AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

BUON COMPLEANNO!

1	Michael Matrascia
6	Mario Cortese
7	Nancy Rubenstien
8	Dottie Ciotta
9	Patricia Ficarrotta
10	Lucy Cortese
10	Miryam Nicolosi
14	Angelo Giardino
16	Josh Gambardella
18	Mena Vesce
20	Tony Ciotta
21	Jim This
22	Al Abbatiello
24	Ann Sheen
26	Bruna Di Censo
26	Rose Sicari
29	Catherine Farina
30	Eve Gagliano
30	Angelo Pindilli



AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

FELICE ANNIVERSARIO!

6	Joe & Catherine Farina
9	Tony & Dottie Ciotta
21	Guido & Jackie Nicoli
22	Steve & Barbara Desorbo
25	Carlo & Ann Clemente
31	Frank & Lori Grassi

Alhambra

theatre & dining

MUSIC & LYRICS BY COLE PORTER



*Kiss me,
Kate*

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 (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. Final count and final payment are due on August 17th, 2018. To reserve your ticket, please send an email to rsvp@iacofjacksonville.com OR call the club at 904-586-2700

Alhambra Dinner Menu

First Course—Choice of One

Chilled Cucumber Bisque
shrimp & dill

Caprese Salad

diced tomatoes, mini mozzarella balls, pesto, balsamic glaze

Second Course—Choice of One

Southern Style Pepper Steak
with white rice

BBQ Chicken

baked mac'n'cheese, collard greens

Scallops Carbonara

penne pasta, sweet peas

Roasted Vegetarian Kabobs

yellow rice pilaf, smoked tomato sauce

Third Course—Choice of One

Raspberry Sorbet

with Meyer lemon cookies

Key Lime Pie.

AUGUST

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 Casino night!
5	6	7	8	9 Dining with Dignity –offsite	10	11
12 General Mtg 1:00 pm	13	14	15	16	17 Spaghetti to Go 5PM—7PM	18 *Club Rented*
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 *Club Rented*
26	27	28 Club in use for Polls	29	30	31	



General Meeting/
August 12, 2018 @ 1:00

MENU:

Garden Fresh Salad ,Meatloaf, Mushroom Gravy, Roasted Potatoes,
Green Bean Almondine, Rolls, Rice Pudding

HOST:

Lucy Santos

Salad prepared by Jim Ranieri, Rice Pudding prepared by Mena Vesce

Meal lovingly prepared by Officers and Board Members

DONATIONS:

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

Please come and enjoy this delicious meal with your fellow Club members.



Please RSVP no *later than Noon, Thursday, August 9th, 2018*
using **Evite** OR rsvp@iacofjacksonville.com OR call the Club at **904-586-2700**

Wreaths Across America

The collecting of contributions has started for the Christmas Wreaths for the St. Augustine National Cemetery. I will be collecting money until October, all contributions are accepted. Each wreath costs \$15.00 and will be placed on grave sites on 12/15/18 at 12:00pm.

Anyone wishing to volunteer to assist in this ceremony, please see me for additional information.

To those who contributed, thank you all for your generosity in showing we have not forgotten the sacrifices made by all who lie here. If anyone has not heard of this project please know; I am still collecting for the wreaths, no donation is too small and any/all amount will be appreciated. There is a donation bucket at the bar, and I have a basket at my table. Feel free to see me at any of our festivities.

REMEMBER ~ HONOR~TEACH

Lucy Santos



Our Sympathy

Our Deepest Sympathy to member **Doreena Ranieri & Jim Ranieri** on the passing of Doreena's beloved father, Richard Grote.

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Our Sympathy to the family of **Flora Horne**, a friend and member who passed suddenly. She will be missed.

Welcome New Members!

*Lee Bibeau*Phyllis Bonser*Eve Gagliano*

*Barbara Hagenah*Keith & Dina Kessler*

*Lisa Portes*Christen Reynolds*

*David Sanfilippo*Wanda This*



Thinking of You

Lucy Santos

Andre Varunok

Pat Cornelisse

Rosa Smith



Get Well

Guido Nicoli

Dining with Dignity

Our next volunteer date to serve @ Dining with Dignity is Thursday, August 9th, 2018. You can find out more about the program by visiting <http://www.homeagainsj.org/>. To volunteer your time and talents to this worthy cause, email Madaline Gagliano (mmgagliano1@aol.com) or call the club at 904-586-2700.

It is truly a humbling experience to serve those in need. For many, this is the only meal they will have all day. If you are physically unable to volunteer, you can also donate funds to the Club to be specifically allocated for the Dining with Dignity expenses (food purchases, etc).

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

UPCOMING EVENTS!

(Subject to Change)



AUGUST

4th- Casino Night at IAC

12th- General Meeting

17th - Spaghetti To Go

SEPTEMBER

8th- Alhambra Dinner Theater- "Kiss Me Kate"

OCTOBER

6th & 7th Festa Italiana!

NOVEMBER

18th- Car Show /Food



IAC Shirts!

We are taking orders for shirts with our IAC logo on them.

We are offering Men and Women's

Polo Shirts and Unisex T-Shirts.

Polo Shirts are \$25 and T-Shirts are \$18



They can be purchased at Club Events. See Sandy Smith for details and to order.



MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Remembrance of our Italian Heritage Bob & Lois Magno

Lois and I recently re-joined the Italian American Club of Jacksonville after a long absence. We have noticed changes to both the interior and exterior of the club but what still remains are the warm hearts and camaraderie of the present members and remembering all the joyful times we experienced in the past. Most of the members we knew have been called home to, I'm sure, a very large Sunday dinner with our Lord and Savior. No doubt somebody is teaching Him bocce. Our memories are many but one in particular stands out. Lois's mom, my mother-in-law, Anne Costabile. I always called her Annie, which she didn't like, but it was a bond between her and me. She was always ready to volunteer for dinner events and could be found in the kitchen stirring a BIG pot of Sunday sauce or rolling her meatballs. Old Timer's took her from us in 2005. She now resides in our home where she lived out her final days always with us and remembered with love. On the next page is her favorite recipe which has been made with remembrance of her along with her wooden spoon if you didn't make it right.

*Bob Magno



Anne Costabile, my mom and former Italian American Club member. She always enjoyed the club and preparing dinners for the members. We preserve her memory in our hearts and the recipes she gave us. She always preferred to be called Anne but my husband Bob was the only family member who could call her Annie and not feel the wrath of her wooden spoon. They were constant companions going here and there. She especially loved the trips to St. Augustine spending the day fishing and gathering sea shells. Love you mom! * Lois Magno



Membership Drive Winners!



1st Place: Doreena Ranieri 8

2nd Place: Madaline Gagliano 6

3rd Place: Carlo & Ann Clemente 4

Volunteer!



Have YOU Volunteered?

Get Involved!

Cooking, Serving, Bar Tend, Cleaning, Check in, Yard Work, Newsletter Contribution, Set Up, Club Sitting and much more. This is YOUR Club!!

ANNE'S CHICKEN & WINE OVER RICE (CHICKEN CACCIATORA MADDALEN)

Yield: 2-4 servings

Chicken Ingredients:

3 lbs cut up chicken
 1 small onion, minced
 1 tbs chopped celery
 2 small bay leaves
 ¾ cup white wine (Pinot Grigio)
 Salt & Pepper to taste
 1 tbs chopped parsley
 ¼ tsp rosemary
 2 tbs white wine vinegar

Rice Ingredients:

1 lb rice
 1 lb Cremini or white mushrooms, sliced
 ¼ lb whipped sweet butter
 1 clove garlic
 2 tbs minced onions
 ½ cup grating cheese

Chicken: Place onion, parsley, celery, garlic and oil in skillet. Sauté gently until onion is golden. Add chicken and brown on all sides. Add bay leaf, rosemary, wine and vinegar. Cover and simmer for 35-45 min. Add a little water if necessary.

Rice: Cook rice in boiling salted water 15-18 min. 5 min before rice is cooked, gently sauté garlic and onions in oil & half of butter until onion is soft. Discard garlic. Add mushrooms and cook over med heat for 4 min. Stir frequently. Drain rice and add to pan with mushrooms. Stir in remaining butter and cheese. Place portion of rice on individual plates, top with chicken and serve.



Italian American Club

WHERE: 2838 WESTBERRY ROAD, JACKSONVILLE

WHEN: 7PM - 10PM ON AUGUST 4, 2018

**DONATION \$30 - INCLUDES 1 DRINK & HORS D'OEUVRES
AND \$500 PLAY MONEY**

GAMES: ROULETTE, CRAPS, BIG WHEEL, SLOTS & BLACK JACK

WIN PRIZES & RAFFLES - FOR TICKETS CALL 904-728-2176

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July 31st—Board Meeting 6:30 PM



August 4th —Casino Night! 7:00 PM



August 12th — General Meeting 1:00 PM



August 17th — Spaghetti to Go 5 PM—7 PM



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October 6th & 7th