

Volume 23
Issue 214
September 2018

ITALIAN AMERICAN CLUB of JACKSONVILLE



President's Message

Saluto Tutto,

As we enter September of 2018, I hope and pray all of you are doing well. The board members and myself have continued to work hard to make many needed and appreciated changes to our club and we are not yet finished. The feedback we have received about the club's exterior, the bar and the bocce court has been very positive and we will continue to try and improve things for our organization and members.

I announced at our last meeting that we have selected a nominating committee for our upcoming election in November. If you are interested in running for an officer or board position, please feel free to contact any of the committee members listed inside the newsletter for additional information.

Our Casino Night was a success and thoroughly enjoyed by those who attended. I would like to thank our sponsors and volunteers who made it possible. I would especially like to thank Joy Fashauer for her hard work in the kitchen during that evening.

Dining with Dignity did us proud by serving a nice meal to over 70 people. Thank you Madaline and her crew.

Our fall Festa event (Oct 6-7) is approaching rapidly. This is a major fundraising event for us. Sign up sheets are available at all our events between now and then. We are in need of volunteers for the Kitchen, Outside Kitchen, Bakery, Bar, Ticket Sales, Souvenirs, set-up and clean up. If you are interested in helping, please feel free to contact me so I can put you in touch with the chair person for that area. This is also an opportunity for club members to volunteer and bake deserts to sell at the event. I am very excited to see this become the success it has been for us in years past.

I am also reviving one of our clubs previous practices, by appointing Mr. Vinny Russo as our club's Historian. Please support him as we share and learn more about our proud Italian heritage and history. I am sure that he would welcome your input and ideas. Feel free to contact him if you are interested.

As always I thank you again for allowing me to be your club President and may God Bless.

Ciao
J.Ranieri
(904) 598-4496
j.ranieri@iacofjacksonville.com

OFFICERS

Jim Ranieri

President

598-4496

Vinny Zammataro

Vice President

Vinny Ficarrotta

Treasurer

Gina Mielech

Asst. Treasurer

Sandy Smith

Recording Secretary

Father Tom Cody

Club Chaplain

704-8200

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Melanie Matrascia

Mike Matrascia

Lucy Santos

Linda Springsteen

Anne Stepp

Mena Vesce





SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

BUON COMPLEANNO!

- 1 Rose Burgess
- 5 Susan Tombarello
- 5 Edward Wetzel
- 8 Phyllis Bonser
- 8 Carole Peaver
- 13 Scott Arthur
- 17 Gary Barman
- 18 Albert Ferraro, Sr.
- 20 Rodney Anderson
- 21 Francesca Braccio
- 22 Carl Mione
- 26 Dennis Dore
- 29 Vincent Ficarrota



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

FELICE ANNIVERSARIO!

- 3 David & Jennifer Burroughs
- 3 Sal & Felicia Yacuzzo
- 6 Lou & Mena Vesce
- 30 Dom & Marylin Sorrentino



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

From Lucy Santos: Last month (August) I had the pleasure of preparing dinner for you, my fellow club members. To say I did this without the help of the people listed, would be a fabrication. So, I want to thank all of these hardworking, tireless, and generous members:

Angelo & Michelle Giardino, Tim & JoAnn Gregory, Bob & Lois Magno, Melanie & Mike Matrascia, Shirley Moore, Gabe & Giuliana Bremer-Nero, Jim Rainieri, Sandy Smith, Anne Stepp, Mena Vesce

A very special "thanks" to Madaline Gagliano for being my buss person clearing the tables and kitchen clean up.

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.

Order yours in time for Festa!!

SEPTEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Club Rented
2 Club Rented	3	4	5 Board Meeting	6	7	8 Alhambra Theater
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16 General Mtg/ Dinner	17	18	19 Town Hall Meeting	20	21	22 Club Rented
23/30	24	25	26	27	28 Bingo & Dinner	29



General Meeting

September 16th, 2018 @ 1:00

MENU:

Antipasto Appetizer, Tossed Salad, Pasta & Broccoli, Garlic Bread, Dessert

HOST:

Carlo & Ann Clemente

DONATIONS:

Members: \$13.00 * Guests: \$18.00 * Children 8-17: \$7.00 * Under 8: Free

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

Please RSVP no **later than Noon, Thursday, September 13th, 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. ~ Lucy Santos

REMEMBER ~ HONOR~TEACH

*Our Sympathy*

Our Deepest Sympathy to member **Rosa Smith** on the passing of her husband.

Our Sympathy to the family of **Ann Pino**, a friend and Life member, on her passing.

Our Condolences to **Linda Springsteen** and her family on the loss of her son-in-law Peter Leo Blanchard.

Much Sympathy to Moe Cooper & Mary Castaldi Cooper on the loss of Mary's brother (Moe's Uncle).

Thinking of You

Frank Pitruzello
David & Nancy Pitruzello
Annie Sheen

Welcome New Members!

Nancy Rubenstein



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

UPCOMING EVENTS!

(Subject to Change)

**SEPTEMBER**

- 8th- Alhambra Dinner Theater- "Kiss Me Kate"
- 16th- General Meeting/Dinner
- 19th- Town Hall Meeting
- 28th- Bingo Night

OCTOBER

- 6th & 7th Festa Italiana!
- 27th- IAC Halloween Party

NOVEMBER

- 18th- Car Show /Food

**IAC Casino Night**

What a great time was had at the 1st Annual IAC Casino Night! There was food, drink and Vegas Fun for all to enjoy. Over \$1000 worth of prizes were won. Two of the prizes were original paintings by James Ranieri (the IAC President's son), tattoo artist and owner of the Solid State Art Studio. The evening was a hit!

To see all the pictures and a short video of the event, go to our website www.iacofjacksonville.com and click on Club News & Social Events.





MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

An Early Teenage Memory from Carlo Clemente

We were talking among our family, just a few, because a good many have passed on. So, here are one of the things we reminisced about:

We had a very large family on both my mother's and father's sides. During the summer weekends we would go to Mountainview Lake in Singac, New Jersey, where we rented picnic tables for the season, under the shade trees. As many as sixty people would bring their Sunday gravy, gravy meat such as sausage, neck bones, spare ribs and meatballs, and pasta and all the other people would smell the Italian food wafting their way, while they ate their hot dogs and hamburgers. Our large, Italian families would look forward to these wonderful Sunday gathering at the lake.

My father built a large cabinet, which he chained to a tree at the lake. In it he put all the pots, pans and cooking utensils so we wouldn't have to transport them back and forth all summer.

We would fish, swim and join in all fun activities. My father would bring his guitar and everyone sang along. We had 24 aunts and uncles and about 40 cousins. Today, there is only one aunt left and she is 94, with whom I just had a telephone conversation.

In the evening, we would have our espresso coffee with home-made anisette and sweets, and even zeppole.

These good memories bring tears to my eyes.

These days, whenever we go to NJ, we plan a cousins' luncheon at a nice restaurant, and, of course, reminisce and laugh about the "old days."

Isn't it great to be Italian?

Volunteer!

Have **YOU** Volunteered?
Get Involved!

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



If you would like to volunteer your services, just send an email to RSVP@iacofjacksonville.com indicating your volunteer preference and chairperson will get back to you with dates and times.

2018 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The nominating Committee has been formed and chosen a Chairperson. This Committee has the important job of overseeing the Election of the 2019 Board of Directors for our Club. They will also seek out members to run for a position on the Board, be it an Officer position or a Director position. If you are interested in running for the Board, contact one of the committee members—or they may be contacting you!

Chairperson: Peter Carroll

Committee: Mella Carroll, Joe Farina, Madaline Gagliano, Bob Magno
& (alternate) Vinny Russo

Bingo & Hot Dogs

Friday, September 28th, 2018 @ 6:30



MENU:

Hot Dogs and Fixin's!

HOST:

Jim Ranieri



DONATIONS:

Members: \$5.00 * Guests: \$8.00 * Children 8-17: \$2.00 * Under 8: Free

Join the Club for a fun night of food, music and Bingo!!

Please RSVP no **later than Noon, Wednesday, September 26th, 2018**
using **Evite** OR rsvp@iacofjacksonville.com OR call the Club at **904-586-2700**

Volume 23
Issue 214 September 2018

Italian American Club
PO Box 600725
Jacksonville, FL 32260
904.586.2700



www.iacofjacksonville.com

September 5th —Board Meeting 6:30 PM



September 8th —Alhambra Theater 11:00 AM



September 16th —General Meeting 1:00 PM



September 28th —Bingo 6:30 PM



festa   
ITALIANA

October 6th & 7th