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# ITALIAN AMERICAN CLUB of JACKSONVILLE



## President's Message

### Membri Del Saluto

I hope this month's newsletter finds everyone doing well. It is a busy and exciting time of the year for the IAC with our 28th Italian Festa/ Columbus Day weekend and our upcoming elections in November for the 2019 IAC Board of Directors. Nominations for all candidate positions will remain open until our October 21st General Meeting. Nominations will close following the presentation of all candidates to the members during the general meeting. If you are interested in running for any position on the BOD, please contact Pete Carroll, Nominating Committee Chairperson, [iacnom@iacofjacksonville.com](mailto:iacnom@iacofjacksonville.com), prior to the general meeting presentation.

I have decided to run again as your club President. Please thank my wife Doreena for supporting me in this endeavor as she is a tremendous help to me and our club and she is my biggest supporter.

I am hoping and praying for great weather and a turnout for the Festa October 6th & 7th. The times and additional details can be found inside the newsletter and on our web page. As always I thank you for allowing me to be your President and may God Bless.

Ciao,

J.Ranieri

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### 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**





### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

**BUON COMPLEANNO!**

- 3 Denise O'Neill
- 3 Kay Winter
- 3 Michelle Giardino
- 5 Burt Davison
- 16 Barbara Harrington
- 20 Wayne Oberti
- 21 Lucy Santos
- 23 Luci Rabbit Sujdak
- 24 Pat Cornelisse
- 28 Rose Ilardi
- 30 Kathy Schmidt



### OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

**FELICE ANNIVERSARIO!**

- 2 Keith & Dina Kessler
- 14 Miguel & Wanda Freay
- 18 George & Maria Nicholson
- 21 Sal & Miryam Nicolosi



*The Italian American Club  
of Jacksonville  
presents their 28th annual*

## **FESTA ITALIANA**

*67 years of Italian American culture,  
tradition and service!*



Serving Italian food, beverages and desserts.  
Come for the homemade Italiano goodies;  
stay for the festivities!

**(904) 586-2700**

**[www.iacofjacksonville.com](http://www.iacofjacksonville.com)**

Saturday, October 6th, 2018 11AM—7:30PM  
Sunday, October 7th, 2018 12PM—5:30PM

**2838 Westberry Road, Jacksonville, FL 32223**

The 2018 Election for the Italian American Club 2019 Board of Directors will take place at the November 11<sup>th</sup> General Meeting. For those of you wishing to obtain an Absentee Ballot, please let us know by sending an email to [ballot@iacofjacksonville.com](mailto:ballot@iacofjacksonville.com) or calling the club at (904) 586-2700. A ballot will be mailed to you on October 22<sup>nd</sup> after the nominations are closed at the October 21<sup>st</sup> General Meeting. Absentee Ballots must be received by the club PO Box no later than November 11<sup>th</sup>. Instructions will be in your ballot envelope. If you have any questions, you can contact Pete Carroll, Nominating Committee Chair at [iacnom@iacofjacksonville.com](mailto:iacnom@iacofjacksonville.com)



# OCTOBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 FESTA!
7 FESTA!	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 General Mtg	22	23	24	25	26	27 IAC Halloween Party
28	29	30	31			

**General Meeting/Oktoberfest**

Sunday, October 21st, 2018 @ 1:00PM



**MENU:**

Tossed Salad, Grilled Bratwurst, Warm German Potato Salad  
Simmered Red Cabbage, Dessert, Coffee/Tea



**HOST:**

Anne Stepp & Doreena Ranieri

**DONATIONS:**

Members: \$14.00 \* Guests: \$19.00 \* 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, October 18th, 2018*  
using **Evite** OR [rsvp@iacofjacksonville.com](mailto:rsvp@iacofjacksonville.com) OR call the Club at **904-586-2700**

Nominations for the 2018 BOD Elections will be closed after Pete Carroll's presentation

**ITALIAN HERITAGE**

Vinny Russo

When I was a kid, early 1940s, in our all Italian neighborhood , we had a STREGA (witch) named PEPPINA.

We were always conscious not to make noise when we were near her house , for the fear of the mal occhio, (The Evil Eye).

We were usually noisy, rowdy kids but when Peppina walked by, we would hush up and make the sign of the cross.

There is an incident I will never forget. One day about 10 of us were playing and climbing in the only tree we had on our block, when Anthony Knock Knock " remember we all had nicknames ", falls out of the tree and breaks his arm. We were all around him , not knowing what to do , when Peppina walks up to him and says , " stupid, only birds belong in trees ". She then proceeds to look at his arm, takes a jar out of her purse and spreads its contents all over his arm. She then goes over to a horse drawn vegetable wagon , goes to the horse and cuts hair off its tail. She then proceeds to wrap all the horse hair around Anthony Knock Knocks arm and make a sling from a scarf she was wearing. She reminds Knock Knock that only birds belong in trees.

Lo and behold , Anthony Knock Knock was soon back to normal and we had learned our lessons. When ever we climb that tree , we did not talk except to say Tweet Tweet, Chirp Chirp. The lesson being that " ONLY BIRDS BELONG IN TREES."

Capisce?



*Congratulations*



To Frank and Anna Mullaney's  
Grandson Sean for his promotion to Tech Sgt.  
while serving his country in the US Air Force

**Thank  
you!**

Thank you to  
Carlo & Ann Clemente  
& their Crew  
for providing dinner  
at the September 16th General Meeting

*Welcome New Members!*

**\*Barbara Harrington\***



**Get Well**



**\*Maria Nicholson\***

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

**UPCOMING EVENTS!**

(Subject to Change)

**OCTOBER**6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Festa Italiana!21<sup>st</sup>- Oktoberfest General Meeting27<sup>th</sup>- IAC Halloween Party**NOVEMBER**11<sup>th</sup>- Election/General Meeting18<sup>th</sup>- Car Show**IAC Casino Night**

# Thank you

A big Thank You to all the Casino Night Sponsors. To see all the pictures and a short video of the event, go to our website [www.iacofjacksonville.com](http://www.iacofjacksonville.com) and click on Club News & Social Events.

**Table sponsors:**

Graci Tax &amp; Accounting, PA

SNC Square, LLC

Dom &amp; Marilyn Sorrentino

**Slot Machine sponsors:**

This and That Hair Creations

Trick or Treat Racing Stables

**Raffle prizes donated by:**

ACE Hardware - Purple Martin Gourds

Broudy's Liquor - Gift Card

Peter Clemenza - Double Cross Vodka

Julington Creek Golf Club - Golf Foursome with Cart

Legacy Insurance - Wine Gift Basket

Publix - Gift Card

James Ranieri - (2) Paintings

Ruth's Chris Steak House - Gift Card

Linda Springsteen - Stoneware Baking Bowl

This and That Hair Creations - (2) Hair Product Gift Baskets



**Volunteer!**

**Have YOU Volunteered?  
Get Involved!**

**Cooking, Serving, Bar Tend, Cleaning, Check in, Yard Work, News-  
letter 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](mailto:RSVP@iacofjacksonville.com) indicating your volunteer preference  
and chairperson will get back to you with dates and times.**



**Halloween Party**

Saturday, October 27th, 2018 @ 7:00PM

**MENU:**

Hamburgers & Fixin's  
Pot Luck

**HOST:**

Jim & Doreena Ranieri

**DONATIONS:**

Members \$3.00 and a Dish

Club will provide hamburgers and fixing's.

There will be Dance Music!

Wear your Halloween get ups! Prizes to be awarded for best costume and most original.

50/50 raffle. & Drink Specials

Please RSVP no **later than Noon, Wednesday, October 24th, 2018**  
using **Evite** OR [rsvp@iacofjacksonville.com](mailto:rsvp@iacofjacksonville.com) OR call the Club at **904-586-2700**



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October 3rd —Board Meeting 6:30 PM



October 21 —General Meeting 1:00 PM



October 27th —Halloween Party 7:00 PM



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**ITALIANA**

**October 6th & 7th**