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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 upcoming Board changes. We have 10 candidates to fill 11 positions so an actual election will not be necessary. We do not have a candidate for the position of Secretary. In accordance with our Bylaws, the President will appoint a Secretary after January 1st, 2019, when the new Board begins their reign. The Board will be officially announced at our November 11th General Meeting. We will be faced with many new and exciting challenges. I am looking forward to the upcoming year and what it holds. I hope and know you are as well.

I would like to thank everyone who volunteered and participated in the 2018 IAC Festa. I am very proud of what we presented to the public and of the success that we achieved this year. The donations for the Buddy Check Bras allowed us to participate in the First Coast News fundraising for the Buddy Bus and the opportunity for the Festa and Club to be promoted on television by Jeannie Blaylock. If you haven't seen the segment, you can view it by clicking [here](#). The Club will continue to raise money for this worthy cause at our upcoming events.

This month we will also be sponsoring our First Annual Car Show and we are hoping for a great turn out and superb weather. Please come out and support this free event, detailed in this newsletter.

I am glad as many of our members and guests have approached me with positive comments on the appearance and improvements we accomplished with the club this year. Thank you to all who have been working tirelessly in this effort. We will continue to strive to make improvements and proudly maintain our traditional image. Please feel free to provide the board and myself with your comments and feedback. Don't forget the suggestion box at the Club!

As always, I thank you for allowing me to be your President this past year and for the year to come. God Bless.

Ciao,
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**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS
BUON COMPLEANNO!**

- 1 Edward Bartlett
- 1 Madaline Gagliano
- 1 Frank Pitruzzello
- 5 Bob Santare
- 10 Jaye Guarino
- 13 Anne Orvos
- 16 John Dasta
- 20 Mario DiVasta
- 21 Carlo Clemente
- 21 Georgette Cornello
- 24 Val Lyman
- 30 Gabriel Nero



**NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES
FELICE ANNIVERSARIO!**

- 7 David and Beverly Widell
- 22 Peter & Helen Casella

Welcome New Members!

Edward & Martha Bartlett
Tom & Cathy Kennedy
Raymond & Eunice Manzo
Pat & Sandy Montesinos
Angeline Peloso
Sal Santapola



Italian Immigrants
Viny Russo



Italian immigrants who were not citizens of the USA, by time the WW2 started in December of 1941 were considered "enemy aliens".

My mother not yet a citizen fell into that category. Both my mother and father were immigrants, however, my father had started his papers while a merchant seaman long before they were married in Italy, March 1939. Shortly after their marriage, they migrated to America.

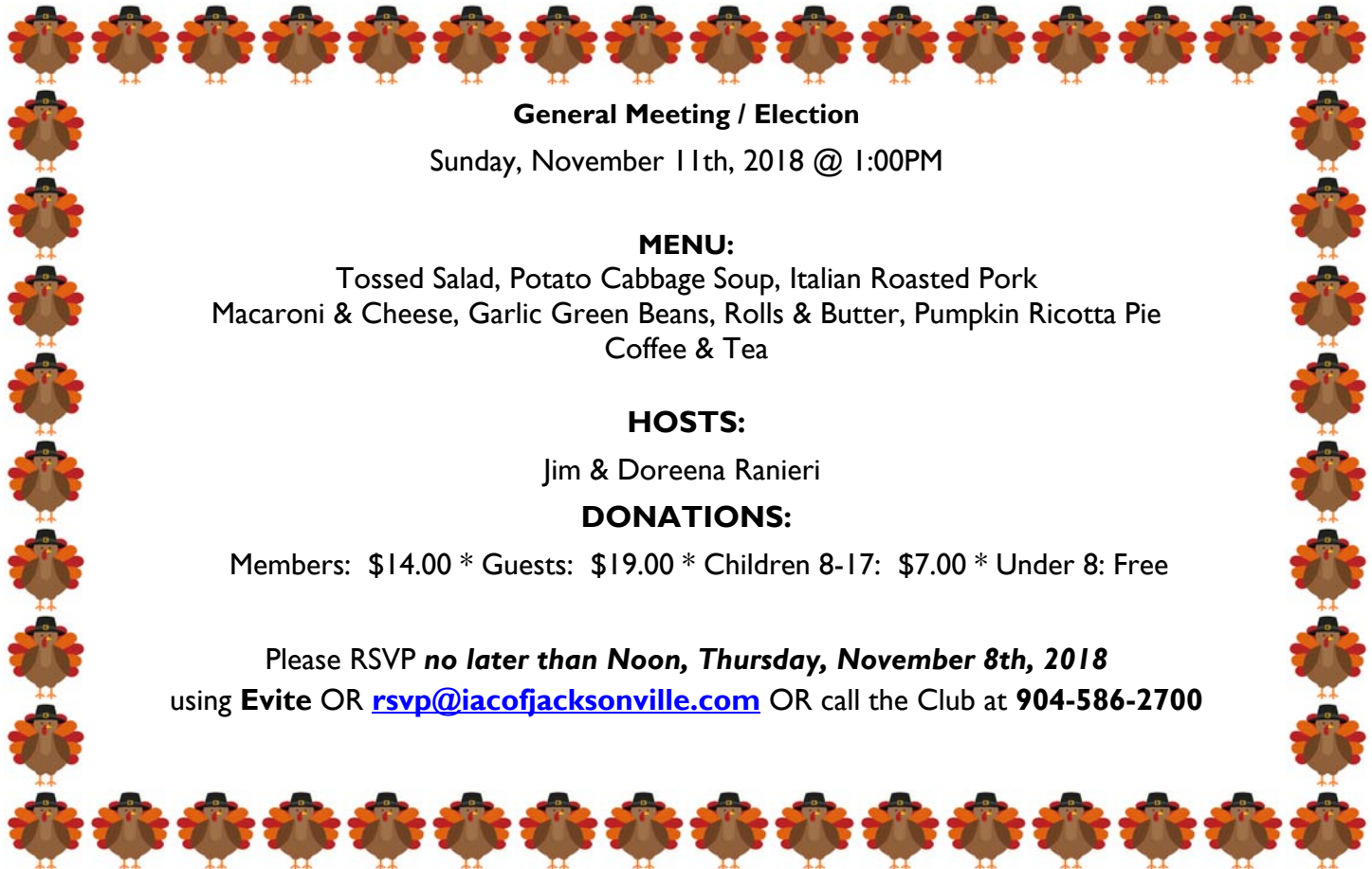
As an "enemy alien", my mother had to report to the State Department every month to prove her allegiance to the USA. While there, they would test her by asking questions about American history, such as who the first president was, etc. My father, in order to support my mother and show his devotion to their new country of choice, volunteered and became an air raid warden.

During the war, New York City, like most of the country were under blackout conditions in the evenings. Street lights, auto headlights and all illuminations were not allowed. My father's task was to walk his route every night to make sure no lights were showing from house windows. My father's nickname became "Frankie No Lights".

Shortly after the war, my mother was granted citizenship. As a benefit, I got the best school grades in American History because my mother would go over all the history questions she had to answer to the state department. We were all proud of our achievement in becoming American Citizens.

NOVEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Board Meeting 6:30 PM	3 Club Rented
4	5	6	7	8 Dining with Dignity—offsite	9	10
11 GenMtg 1:00PM	12	13	14	15	16	17 Club Rented
18 Car Show 11:00AM	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	2	28	29	30	



General Meeting / Election
 Sunday, November 11th, 2018 @ 1:00PM

MENU:
 Tossed Salad, Potato Cabbage Soup, Italian Roasted Pork
 Macaroni & Cheese, Garlic Green Beans, Rolls & Butter, Pumpkin Ricotta Pie
 Coffee & Tea

HOSTS:
 Jim & Doreena Ranieri

DONATIONS:
 Members: \$14.00 * Guests: \$19.00 * Children 8-17: \$7.00 * Under 8: Free

Please RSVP *no later than Noon, Thursday, November 8th, 2018*
 using **Evite** OR rsvp@iacofjacksonville.com OR call the Club at **904-586-2700**



This Is Halloween!

Our Halloween Pot Luck Party was a great hit. There was dancing, karaoke singing, delicious treats and prizes given for most original (Marilena Blajian, Naughty Nun) and best costume (Lucy Burchianti, Cute Pumpkin). Tasty treats and movin' feets. What more could you ask for?

I want to say Thank You to all that took the time to personally tell me what fun they had with the dance music and karaoke I provided. I had great fun and knowing everyone had a good time is what we all want for Our Club! ~ Gina Mielech



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.

Drink some Sunoco 260 high test gasoline and get your engines going for our 1st annual IAC car show. Well, on second thought, maybe you should just substitute the gasoline for coffee! There will be some fantastic cars, reminding us of cars we may have owned, or wanted to own. Cars on display will be all types - antiques, muscle cars and motorcycles. Owners & participants will hope you vote for their car to win a trophy.

Let's show support for our very own first annual car show. Come on out to enjoy the fall weather, and those wonderful cared for oldies! Food and drinks will be on sale.



1ST ANNUAL ITALIAN AMERICAN CLUB OF JACKSONVILLE CAR & MOTORCYCLE SHOW

November 18th, 2018 11:00am - 3:00pm

FREE ADMISSION

\$20 registration fee before
November 17th, 2018

\$25 registration the day of event

First Coast News Buddy Bra Table
Buy a bra — save a life

Food & Prizes

50/50 Raffle

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November 2nd —Board Meeting 6:30 PM



November 11 —General Meeting 1:00 PM



November 18 — Car Show 11:00 AM



UPCOMING EVENTS!

(Subject to Change)



DECEMBER

1st—Art Show
9th —IAC Christmas Party



A big "Thank You" to all who contributed to the National Wreaths Across America drive. The laying of wreaths on gravesites at St. Augustine National Cemetery will take place on December 15, 2018 at 12 noon. Anyone wishing to volunteer in this ceremony, please call me at 268-0969 or email lucyj0@att.net

There are 1,230 gravesites at this location, the number of volunteers from other organizations number 130. More volunteers are needed. Once again, thank you for your generosity. ~ Lucy Santos

