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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Buon Giorno Signone e' Signori, (Good Day Ladies & Gentlemen),

As we begin the second half of this year, I believe that the best has yet to come.

I am encouraged and delighted that, so many volunteers spent part of their summer break providing their services when called to do so.

On July 26th we went to Camp I Am Special and fed approximately 100 special needs young folks and the support staff. This event is near and dear to the Club. I must say that there are some IAC members that have contributed their time and talents in effort to make this event a success for many years. I am grateful for their support and hard work.

On August 10th, we were in St. Augustine participating in Dining with Dignity. We served 125 meals. We ran out of everything, except for the Baked Ziti. We returned to the Club that night with a much lighter load than we left with!

During the General Meeting that was held on August 13th we had some engaging conversation concerning the start time of our events. A motion was made to delay the start of the meeting until 1:15 PM. The motion was seconded and, after some discussion, was passed with a majority. It was agreed that members should try to be checked in and settled by 1:00 PM.

An outing to the Orange Park Kennel Club is to take place on September 16th. We have reserved the room for 20 folks and now we have 17 Members committed to go. There is plenty of room for more. Please send me an email if you are interested in joining us. Send your money (\$15 per person) to the Club PO box listed in the Newsletter.

Last, but not least, as we consider October, the one event that will need your Volunteering support will be the Festa Italiana. **WE NEED YOU!!** The Signup sheets will be available at the events being held at the Club. You can also call me and sign up.

Volunteers for the period of July 14 to August 16, 2017

Peter Calabrese, Mella Carroll, Peter Carroll, Lucy Cortese, Kathy Easterling, Vincent Ficarrotta, Pat Flaherty, Joann Gregory, Cirino Lombardo, Melanie Matrascia, Mike Matrascia, Gina Mielech, Shirley Moore, Nick Nasta, Giuliana Nero, Gabe Nero, Frank Pitruzzello, Doreena Ranieri, Jim Ranieri, Peggy Rose, Vinny Russo & Hunter, Lucy Santos, Sandy Smith, Linda Springsteen, Anne Stepp, Andre Varunok, Mena Vesce, Vinny Zammataro.

Thank you all for devoting your personal time in efforts to represent our Club in a very professional and endearing way.

Ciao,
Mario
E-mail: mfcortese@att.net

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BOOSTER CLUB

PLATINUM TIER - \$100

Mario Cortese 1/18
Lucy Cortese 1/18

DIAMOND TIER - \$50

Vincenzo & Rose Sicari 12/17
Mike & Melanie Matrascia 6/18
Edward & Mary Ann Wetzel 6/18
Vincent Zammataro 8/18

GOLD TIER - \$25

Mena & Lou Vesce 2/18
Carlo & Anne Clemente 6/18
Sandy Smith 6/18
Ann Barni 7/18

Thank you to all the members who continue to support the Booster Club. Your donation helps with the cost of printing and mailing the Newsletter. Grazie.

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Thinking of You

* Mario Cortese * Maria Tomlin * Mena Vesce *

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

Jacksonville Italian American Club

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS - SETTEMBRE/SEPTEMBER 2017

DOMENICA	LUNEDI	MARTEDI	MERCOLEDI	GIOVEDI	VENERDI	SABATO
					1	2
3	4	5	6 Board Meeting	7	8	9
10 Pot Luck Gen Mtg	11	12	13	14	15	16 Dog Track (Offsite)
17	18	19	20 Bingo Night	21	22	23 Club Rented
24	25	26	27	28	29 Western Line Dancing	30

For those interested in Bocce please contact Peter Calabrese at IACbocce@aol.com

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POT LUCK TAILGATE / GENERAL MEETING

Sunday, September 10th , 2017 @ 1:00 PM

MENU:

Whatever our wonderful members prepare!

HOST:

IAC Members!



DONATIONS:

There is no fee for this event, only a dish you wish to bring

RESERVATIONS:

Use sign up sheets at club or email Mario at mfcortese@att.net or call (904) 586-2700 and let him know what you are preparing. If there is too much of one item being brought, you may be asked to bring another type of dish. We thank you for understanding!

Please contact Mario no later than 6:00 PM, September 7th , 2017

ORANGE PARK KENNEL CLUB LUNCHEON - Saturday, September 16th . 2017

Off to the races and lunch at the Orange Park Kennel Club! Lucy Cortese/Anna Mullaney Chairs



WEDNESDAY BINGO NIGHT!!

BINGO ONLY

Wednesday, September 20th @ 6:30 PM

SNACKS AND BAR ONLY * DONATIONS: \$3.00 for Everyone

Use sign up sheets at club or email Mario at mfcortese@att.net or call (904) 586-2616

no later than 12:00 noon, September 7th, 2017

PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A WEDNESDAY NIGHT EVENT!

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SETTEMBRE/SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS
BUON COMPLEANNO!

- 5 Mary Ann Wetzel
- 6 Jeanne D'Amico
- 8 Carole Peaver
- 18 Albert Ferraro, Sr.
- 20 Linda Lombardo
- 21 Francesca Braccio
- 22 Carl Mione
- 29 Vincent Ficarrotta

SETTEMBRE/SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES
FELICE ANNIVERSARIO!

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

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IAC newsletter**

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for business card size ad**

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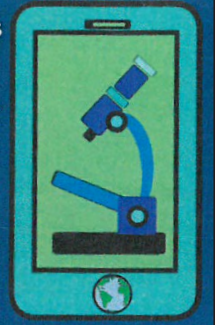
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PIZZA & COUNTRY LINE DANCING
Friday, September 29th, 2017 @ 6:30 PM



MENU:
Pizza, Fresh Salad, Coffee and Dessert

HOST:
Joe & Georgette Cornello



DONATIONS:
Members: \$7.00* Non Members: \$11.00 * Ages 8 – 17: \$3.00* Under 8 – Free*

RESERVATIONS:
Use sign up sheets at club or email Mario at mfcortese@att.net or call (904) 586-2700
no later than 6:00 PM, September 27th, 2017

Grab your Boots and Ten Gallon Hats and get in line after dinner! Dress up as your favorite Country star if you like!

Our Italian Heritage

Fall, Italian Style

My mom and past IAC Member, Anne (Pernelli) Costabile, and our family love the Autumn Season. In September, we always attend the annual family reunion in Mt. Pleasant, PA. A festive time with lots of Italian food of all varieties and games and prizes. Our family and relatives from around the U.S. have continued this Autumn tradition for over 75 years. A way to keep in physical touch with our roots. ~Lois Magno

MEMA'S GNOCCHI RECIPE

by Lucy Giardino Cortese

Italians love their pasta and gnocchi is a variation of the typical semolina type...it is made with potatoes. The name derives from the word *nocchio*, which translates to a *knot in wood*. Like other pasta dishes, gnocchi recipes vary from region to region of Italy. My Neapolitan mother perfected this one to delight *La Famiglia*.

INGREDIENTS

6 large unpeeled potatoes
2 eggs, beaten
1 t. salt

1- 1 1/2 cup flour
2 T. olive oil (EVOO)
garlic butter or pesto sauce

1. Boil potatoes in jackets; peel; put through a potato ricer or mash
2. Blend in eggs, oil and salt
3. Add flour a little at a time until all is thoroughly mixed
4. Knead dough lightly on a floured board; form little ropes
5. Cut each rope into pieces 3/4 inch long
6. Roll each piece on the back of a fork or cheese grater to form a curl
7. Cook in salted boiling water until gnocchi rise to the top
8. Boil for 2-3 minutes; do not overcook
9. Drain and serve with garlic butter, pesto or your favorite sauce
10. Sprinkle generously with Pecorino Romano or Parmesan cheese
11. Mangia, mangia!

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