



# Jacksonville ITALIAN AMERICAN CLUB

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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

First let me say how honored and proud I am to serve as your new Italian American Club President. I will also say that for all of our 2018 Board members. I would like to thank all the outgoing board members for all of their hard work and the dedication they showed in what they did for our club this past year to maintain and keep our traditions alive. We have a great board this year full of many new and returning members with new and exciting ideas, each performing their duties while holding our hearts and traditions close for all of us to enjoy.

As this year approaches we will be faced with many new and exciting challenges. I ask everyone as your President that you please keep open minds and hearts as we try some new things to help us progress forward in the way we do business. These things will not only improve our club for our members and guests but should help cut overhead and operating costs. As always we will entertain any suggestions and concerns you may have and I look forward to your input and suggestions. My phone is always open so feel free to contact me about anything you need also. One of my challenges for everyone this upcoming year is to go out and promote our organization and to recruit new and past members back into the club so we may continue our tradition for 67 years more. We will be keeping track of this and offering a prize for the person with the most recruits. There will be more to follow on this. So with that I will close for now as I like to keep things short and simple. I wish all of you buona fortuna e possa Dio benedica.

Grazie,

Jim Ranieri  
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## BOOSTER CLUB

### PLATINUM TIER - \$100

Mario Cortese 1/18  
Lucy Cortese 1/18

### DIAMOND TIER - \$50

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.**

#### OFFICERS

Jim Ranieri  
*President*  
210-6033

Vinny Zammataro  
*Vice President*

Vacant  
*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

### Get Well

\*Mario Cortese\*

### Sympathy

\*Much Sympathy to Wanda Freay on the loss of her Aunt\*

I would like to thank all of my friends at the IAC for their thoughts, prayers and Mass intentions on behalf of my husband, Frank. I know he is very happy in this regard. Thank you all from the bottom of my heart

**Carolyn Beach and Family**

**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 - JANUARY/GENNAIO**

DOMENICA	LUNEDI	MARTEDI	MERCOLEDI	GIOVEDI	VENERDI	SABATO
	1	2	3 Board Meeting	4	5	6
7 Club Rented	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 General Meeting/ Installation Diner	15	16	17	18	19 Spaghetti to Go	20 Club Rented
21 Club Rented	22	23	24	25	26 Pizza & Bingo	27
28	29	30	31			



**INSTALLATION DINNER/GENERAL MEETING**

Sunday, January 14th, 2018@ 1:00 PM

**MENU:**

Italian Appetizer, Tossed Salad, Prime Rib, Roasted Potatoes, Sautéed Vegetables,  
Dessert, Coffee, Tea



**HOST:**

Jim & Doreena Ranieri



**DONATIONS:**

Members: \$16.00\* Non Members: \$21.00 \* Ages 8 – 17: \$7.00\* Under 8 – Free\*

**RESERVATIONS:**

RSVP via Evite, use sign up sheets at club or send an to email [RSVP@iacofjacksonville.com](mailto:RSVP@iacofjacksonville.com)  
or call (904) 586-2700

***no later than 12:00 noon, January 10th, 2018***

**JANUARY/GENNAIO  
BUON COMPLEANNO!**



- 1 Antonella Pindilli
- 5 Anthony Lignetta
- 6 Pete Carroll
- 9 Vincenzo Sicari
- 12 Teena Burchianti
- 12 Lucia Bonavita
- 14 Peggy Rose
- 17 Mella Carroll
- 19 Melanie Matrascia
- 21 Bette Sarno-Mckinnon
- 24 Verna Carrel
- 24 Vincent Burchianti
- 24 Marci Larson
- 31 Chris Clemente



**JANUARY/GENNAIO ANNIVERSARIES  
FELICE ANNIVERSARIO!**

- 3 Allen & Verna Carrel
- 6 Vinny & Maxine Russo
- 8 Josh & Theresa Gambardella
- 11 Joe & Georgette Cornello
- 17 Peter & Martha Calabrese
- 25 Edward & Mary Ann Wetzell
- 28 Vincent & Patricia Ficarrota

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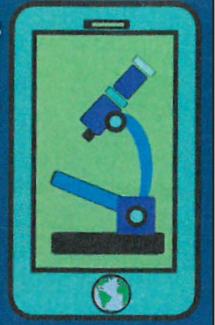
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**"On Top of Spaghetti..."**



**SPAGHETTI DINNERS TO GO!**

Friday, January 19th, 2018  
5:00 PM to 7:30 PM

Stop by the Italian American Club on your way home from work and grab some dinner for the family at our very popular Spaghetti Dinners to Go event! Pasta, 2 meatballs and bread for just \$7.00! Mangia! This event is open to the public so tell your friends!!



**PIZZA & BINGO**

Friday, January 26th, 2018 @ 6:30 PM

**MENU:**

Salad, Pizza, Dessert, Coffee, Tea

**HOST:**

Joe & Georgette Cornello

**DONATIONS:**

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

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***no later than 12:00 noon, January 24th, 2018***





**Announcing the Winners of the Pot of Gold!**

Sandy Smith \$500 winner with ticket #137

Mike Matrascia \$200 winner with ticket #73

Marilyn Sorrentino \$100 winner with ticket #140

Linda Springsteen \$100 winner with ticket #59

Lucy Santos \$100 winner with ticket #13



**Breast Cancer Awareness Fundraiser**



There was a \$500 donation sent for Channel 12 Buddy Bus project from our Breast Cancer collections! This will be allocated to the purchase of a mobile mammogram unit sponsored by Buddy Check 12.

\$250 was collected from raffle and purchases by our generous members and matched by the IAC!

Thank you for supporting this very important cause!

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**January 3rd – Board Meeting**

**January 14th – General Meeting/Installation Dinner**

**January 19th – Spaghetti to Go**

**January 26th – Pizza & Bingo**