MISSION STATEMENT
The mission of L’Unione Italiana is to preserve and honor the culture, traditions and heritage of the Italian Community and to maintain the historical facility as a functioning memorial to the working class immigrants. We will support this mission through the dues and contributions provided by the members, their families, friends, and government. In return we will add value to the membership by providing social activities, fellowship, Italian arts and culture; these activities will provide for growth and stability in the membership, creating a safe and comfortable environment for both members and employees. As the oldest historical leader and the voice of the Italian community, we will operate in an environment characterized by the highest ethical standards and provide open and honest communication with the members and the community.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY
July 3rd & 4th CLUB CLOSED (Holiday)
July 23rd Italian Club Spaghetti Dinner (see page 4)
July 28th Member Appreciation Night @ CRUSH Happy Hour

AUGUST
August 25th Member Appreciation Night @ CRUSH Happy Hour

SEPTEMBER
September 4th CLUB CLOSED (Holiday)
September 9th OGGL Gala (see page 15)
September 22nd Member Appreciation Night @ CRUSH Happy Hour

OCTOBER
October 6th Krewe Of Italia Anniversary Bocce Tournament
October 7th Italian American Women Of Excellence Event & Fashion Show (see page 27)
October 21st John Madiedo Jr. Italian Club Shoot (see page 5)

Don’t miss out on these events taking place in and around the Italian Club! Many of these exciting events are hosted and organized by your own fellow members. Please call the office for more info!
Ciao A Tutti Italian Club Members,

I am sure many of our members and friends are out and about enjoying the summer sun, albeit locally or traveling. As we roll through summer, we will be focusing on putting together some events that are focused for our members specifically. Our goal is to strengthen and grow our membership by hosting special events and outings that will instill value in the membership and allow us to come together for some fun with our families. The first of these events will be a Traditional Spaghetti Dinner, being held on July 23rd. This is an "old-style" event that we are bringing back to life and I hope to see many new and familiar faces there. We also planning to host a monthly "Member Appreciation Night" in conjunction with our CRUSH Happy Hour. Please see the listing of upcoming events for dates of our member appreciation events, and more information will be sent via email.

Another exciting venture that the Club has undertaken is joining the Downtown Tampa Partnership for Fourth Fridays. Fourth Friday is a celebration of Tampa’s rich arts and culture scene, that takes places in both downtown Tampa and Ybor City! Numerous venues in Ybor City and downtown Tampa will open their doors specifically to guests wearing special Fourth Friday wristbands. These wristbands allow you to tour cultural venues such as ours, and get specials at restaurants and bars that are part of the event. Anyone wearing a Fourth Friday wristband, will also be able to ride the TECO Streetcar for FREE in order to travel between Ybor and downtown. As part of this program, the Club will serve as a host location, and will provide "Fourth Friday" wristbands for FREE to anyone who would like to participate. This is a great opportunity for our Club to join into a community-based program, while simultaneously showing off our historic venue as both a cultural center and event venue. Please visit http://www.fourthfridaytpa.com/ for more information on this event/program.

Please remember that the Club relies on donations from our members and their families in order to keep our mission alive. There some areas in the building that are in need of repair/restoration, and any donations we can receive to help offset the costs are always helpful. Our historic building is beautiful, but beauty can be costly to keep up. Lastly, I’d like to wish everyone a safe, happy, and most importantly, a fun summer season!

Cordialmente,

Sal Guagliardo, President

BENVENUTO TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Anthony & Teresa Parrino
William & Patricia Guglielmi
Vincenzo & Grace Ferraro

Christopher & Jessica Belsha
Michael & Beth Piazza
Albert & Jill Calwhite

Welcome to the family!
Spaghetti Dinner

July 23rd
Starts at 2:00pm
1st Floor Cantina
$10 pp

The Italian Club of Tampa is bringing an old tradition back to life as we host a traditional spaghetti dinner, complete with rustic Italian salad, garlic bread sticks, and homemade spaghetti and meatballs. Bring your whole family for a delicious homemade dinner, served just the way your mama used to make it. A full bar will be available as well.

ADVANCED TICKETS ARE REQUIRED
Please contact the Italian Club Office at (813)248-3316 to purchase tickets. All major credit cards are accepted.
John Madiedo Jr Memorial Italian Club Shoot

OCTOBER 21ST 2017 AT 2:00PM

SAVE THE DATE

The Italian Club of Tampa will again host our Annual John Madiedo Jr Memorial Club Shoot on October 21st. Details are forthcoming – but we want to make sure our members and friends SAVE THE DATE for this event.
Maestro Anton Coppola
Turns 100 Years Young

Written and Submitted by:
Gilda F. Capitano,
Cultural Chair of the Italian Club
On Saturday evening March 25, 2017, Tampa was all abuzz with the presence of a 100 year old genius at the David A. Straz, Jr. Center for the Performing Arts in Louise Lykes Ferguson Hall. It was an evening to celebrate his 100th birthday and to honor his illustrious career as opera’s oldest working conductor and composer. The genius of course is Maestro Anton Coppola!

Opera Tampa League (this was a benefit for Opera Tampa) and Dr. Yi-Hwa Outerbridge M.D. and husband, Mr. Felix Cannella, Jr., were the lead presenters of this beautiful Gala, which went on from the live concert to a gourmet dinner served on the Morsani Hall Stage.

Maestro Anton Coppola was received kindly by Tampa folks that love him and classical music, lovers of opera and by those that want Opera Tampa to survive. Many members of the Italian Club attended the concert portion. His family truly support each other because I witnessed in Ferguson Hall two front rows of Coppolas in attendance, which included his famous film director nephew, Francis Ford Coppola, the director’s daughter, Sofia Coppola (a film director in her own right) her two young daughters, and his great-nephew, actor Nicholas Cage and of course Maestro’s wife, Almerinda, along with their grandchildren, were present as well.

Evening highlights began at 5:30 p.m. in the lobby of Carol Morsani Hall with a cocktail reception where every exquisite Italian deli-meat, fine Italian cheeses, along with shrimps, marinated mushrooms, and baby lamb chops were presented along with a silent auction. At this reception is where I spotted a man I thought I had seen before. He was sitting right near us resting awhile, very unpretentious. A young lady with two children was offering him a drink and some cappicolo. At 7:00 p.m., Coppola Conducts 100 Years Young concert began and so did the magic! Immediately following the concert, the Gala Dinner, Live Auction and Award Presentation took place on Morsani Hall stage.

As we entered Ferguson Hall for the concert, I spotted that same young lady from the lobby, whom I thought I had seen before, then it hit me...She is Sofia Coppola! She was still standing and I approached her without even looking for my seat, and asked, “Excuse me, is that Mr. Francis Coppola sitting on the end seat?” She gave it away by tilting her head and saying, “I really can’t say.” I mean she didn’t say, “Honestly, I don’t know.” Yes, yours truly ran to Mr. Coppola and struck up a conversation, followed in tow by IC member, Nancy Killian. But, when Nancy heard the gentleman in front of Director Coppola turn around and greeted him with, “Hi Uncle,” she knew he was Nicholas Cage; she then gravitated to Cage...but, he kindly asked her not to take photos. My conversation with the director was sort of pre-rehearsed in my mind (in hopes that I might speak to him) as I had recently read in Departure Magazine, he totally renovated a very old lodging structure into a beautiful, romantic hotel in the town where the Coppolas originally come from, a small town called Bernada.

In my nervousness, I blundered and said,” Mr. Coppola, I read about the “Boarding House” you have in Bernada. This didn’t sit too well. He explained it was not a boarding house and explained in detail where in Italy Bernada was located. But, we ended on a nice note, when I said so many are here this evening from the Italian Club of Tampa to hear the magic of his genius uncle, and we are as Italian = Americans so proud of him as a film director. He graciously thanked me.

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Maestro Coppola did his magic with a flute solo (he had composed), but was played by a lady flutist) to honor his brother Carmine, who was the father of Director Francis Coppola. By the way, Carmine was very instrumental with the music for his son Francis’s theme of the movie, “The Godfather.” There were seven Coppola brothers and all were required by their father to learn an instrument. Anton gravitated towards the piano and Carmine towards the flute.

Then Maestro premiered his very own composition of the ending of Giacomo Puccini’s Turnadot, since Puccini died before he finished Turnadot. Next came Maestro Coppola’s arias from his very own Opera Sacco and Vanzetti. In fact the first Sacco was present and we got to meet him back stage.

The end had come, or so we thought...as the CEO of Straz, Judi Lisi came on stage to announce a surprise from the Maestro. In dedication to his family, he composed a lovely piece called Barnada Bella and was sung by the Opera Tampa Chorale. I am sure the Coppolas did not have a dry eye. Then, Ms. Lisi came on stage again and announced another surprise Maestro composed for his wife Almerinda, who had turned 90. She was beaming sitting with her grandsons. This as well was sung by the choral group. It was beautiful!

How this 100 year old man can still compute and create such beautiful music is truly amazing! Bravo Maestro! Tampa salutes you! Special thanks goes out to Judi Lisi, CEO and President of the Straz. She has helped immensely to elevate the performing arts in Tampa. Brava Judi! Dear members of the Italian Club, thank you for coming out to support this very special night in Tampa.

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The Italian Club of Tampa and the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at the University of South Florida will once again be partnering for upcoming classes in the fall. These classes do fill up quickly, so please make sure to reserve your spot today. To reserve a spot, please contact the OLLI USF Office at (813) 974-5263. Below are the upcoming classes being held at the Italian Club:

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GET A FULL TANK OF FREEDOM

Marathon Proudly Supports The Italian Club of Tampa.
The Krewe of Italia extends a warm welcome to all new Krewe of Italia members! You are embarking on a great social organization with many facets. Our parades, bocce ball tournaments, social gatherings and other events allow for camaraderie, fun, business contacts, cultural exchange and a re-affirmation of the important heritage of the Italian Club (L’Unione Italiana).

We are all at a unique point in history as we observe a very special celebration this year. The regal, grand lady, the beauty queen of 7th Avenue, our own national historic landmark, The Italian Club building, turns 100 this year! (As we all know, the original Italian club building which was across the street, was built in 1912 and burned down three years later). We look forward to recognizing this milestone with our participation at many events and we will keep you posted.

Before then, the brutally hot days of summer are here and you can escape the heat with some cool beverages at two upcoming social events:

- **June 21st - 6:30 PM** Gaspars Patio and Grille - Temple Terrace (8448 N. 56th St)
- **July 19th - 6:30 PM** Gaspars Patio and Grille - Temple Terrace (8448 N. 56th St)
- We also anticipate an event in August with the exact date, time and location TBD.

Keep a sharp eye out the Krewe of Italia’s new look in the 2018 parade season.

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VACATIONS ARE THE GIFT WE GIVE OURSELVES & FAMILY...

Here’s a collection of wonderful vacation photos from our members to kick off the summer season and also to remind you of what’s important when you go on a trip. Some of our favorite memories consist of past family vacations; the funny incidents, the little mishaps, the closeness shared, all these weaved a good story in our hearts. And whenever we want to revisit those memories, we just close our eyes and drift off to our favorite vacation memories...

Italian Club member Peter Balaskas shared two photos from recent birthday trips he has taken.

The photo on the left is from his April 2015 to Newport Beach, California where he attended the Newport Beach Film Festival.

The photo on the right is from his June 2010 visit to Bryce Canyon, Utah.

Italian Club member Dena Royea-Jones submitted this photo from the family’s recent vacation to Las Vegas in June 2017.

From left to right: Makyla, Genea, Dena & Gerry Jones

Italian Club members Joe & Gina Wells shared these images from Gibraltar (Africa in background) circa May 2015.

Italian Club member Rosemarie Pollock Neville shared this photo from December 2, 2016 @ American Cemetery in Bastogne, Luxemburg.
"THE GOOD CEMETERIAN": MAN HONORS VETERANS BY CLEANING HEADSTONES

by PHIL MCCAUSLAND and KERRY SANDERS

One Florida man has taken it upon himself to help restore a Tampa graveyard and its veterans' headstones.

Though he has never served in the military, Andrew Lumish, 46, spends his little free time scrubbing and cleaning soldiers' gravestones — some dating back to the Civil War — in the L'Unione Italiana Cemetery.

Known as "The Good Cemeterian," Lumish found the headstones while pursuing his passion for photography. He thought they were beautiful but was bothered by the amount of dirt, mold and mildew that had overtaken them. Some of the men buried there did not have families to take care of their gravesites, so he stepped in to provide a little elbow grease and honor the fallen veterans.

"I trained myself on proper techniques that we utilize in all of our national cemeteries to begin restoring these monuments," Lumish, who has now cleaned more than 500 monuments, told NBC News.

Honored by the Department of Veteran Affairs for his efforts, Lumish coats the gravestone with the same product as those used by national cemeteries after soaking the monument with water. He then uses soft bristle brushes, a tooth brush and cotton swabs to scrub every detail of the stonework.

"The process will take one, two, three, four months total before restoration is complete," Lumish said.

Lumish has no personal connection to these men who fell in various American wars, but he has spent the last five years attempting to return some honor and dignity to their graves. Along the way he has learned a considerable amount about the lives of those in the graveyard and often shares their stories.

It's deeply personal and educational.

"I feel connected to them," Lumish said. "And it's very important for me to be able to tell their story and I love to be able to show these individuals and show their accomplishments." Many people have taken note of Lumish's work, which earned him his nickname, but it is the family of some of these soldiers who appreciate it the most.

When the family of fallen World War II veteran Joe Lazzara found out that Lumish had cleaned their family member's monument, they reached out to him. Lazzara's 90-year-old brother Sam was particularly touched.

"That's my flesh and blood there. My mother, my father, my sister's buried there — baby sister. And me and [my wife] will be buried there too," Lazzara said.

Lazzara isn't able to get to the graveyard so easily anymore, which makes Lumish an unexpected blessing.

God brought him down to us," Lazzara added.

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But Lumish will continue to scrub away whenever he can, uncovering forgotten histories and gaining a new perspective.

One of the stories he has gotten to know well is of Lewis Franklin Vaughan, who died at age 18 when a German submarine sank the U.S.S. Tampa during World War I. Lumish learned that Vaughan was the only surviving child of his family, which had lost three daughters before he was killed in action, because they also were located within the graveyard.

"I'm uncovering history," Lumish said. "I'm telling a story and probably indirectly I'm saying, you know, if you think you got it bad, if you think you got it tough, there's people, lots of people ... that aren't in our history books, like Lewis Franklin Vaughan."


Thank you for another successful comedy music spectacular!
The Cemetery Committee would like to express their appreciation for the many members, families, & guests who visited the Cemetery in honor of our Memorial Day Mass. The day and services were a perfect way to pause and reflect on the sacrifices of the many men & women who have given so much for our country. Special thank you the following supporters and contributors of this event: Loggia Mona-Lisa, The Ybor City Round Table, La Nuova Sicilia Unita Lodge #1251, Italian Club Ladies Auxiliary, Daughters of Italy Lodge #2825, and the Rough Riders 1st US Cavalry Regiment Historical Committee.
Notte del Gala

Sponsored by OGGI Italian

You won’t want to miss this exciting and new event coming to the Italian Club on Saturday, September 9, 2017 from 6-10 p.m. Here is a sneak peek at what you can expect:

6:00-7:00 pm - Cocktails and Hors d’oeuvres
7:00-8:30 pm - Three Course Meal w/Dessert featuring Celebrity Chef, Live Music and Live Dancers
8:30-10:00 pm - Theater to include Live Entertainment and Singers

Check out our Facebook page - Notte del Gala - more details to come!

Facebook @NottedelGala

For additional questions, please contact info@oggiitalian.com.
CRUSH Happy Hour has become the premier social event at the Italian Club. We welcome all members, friends, families, and guests to this unique happy hour experience unlike any other in Ybor City.

LOOKING & PLANNING AHEAD - BOOK YOUR PARTY WITH US AT CRUSH...

After over a year of operation, as you can tell from the photographs, CRUSH Happy Hour is the place to be! We have been so lucky to host an array of events, both for members and guests, bringing new and old faces into our beautiful historic building. As we look ahead, we’d like to encourage our members and their families to consider CRUSH Happy Hour for their next social gathering. The venue is perfect, with an atmosphere unlike any other location in Ybor. Booking a party at CRUSH, whether its a family party, business event, or reunion, means having a night unlike any other. We cover the cost of the live music and staffing each night, we will work with you on menus and bar packages, and we will provide seating for your guests if needed. No party is too big or too small! What better way to celebrate a special occasion while showing off your beautiful historic Italian Club!

If you would like to book an event, or have any questions, please contact Maria Pardo at CrushHappyHour@gmail.com or by phone at (813)267-7551. Make sure to join us on Friday evenings in the Italian Club Cantina from 5pm-9pm for CRUSH!
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Un Assaggio Delle Nostrre Cucine: "A Taste From Our Kitchens"

The Ladies Auxiliary is compiling recipes for the next edition of the Italian Club’s Cookbook. We would love to include traditional family recipes that have been passed down, or shared among friends. A copy of the recipe submission form can be found on pg.7 of this newsletter, or if you’d like to receive a copy via email, mark@italian-club.org.

Please Mail Your Recipes To:
Sharon Mangione, Ladies Auxiliary President
4601 West Bay Court Avenue
Tampa, FL 33611

FROM THE LADIES AUXILIARY...

Dear Friends of Mine,

I am so pleased and proud to have the privilege to be president of The Italian Club’s Ladies Auxiliary. They are an amazing group of ladies who dedicate themselves to supporting The Italian Club and strengthening Italian heritage, culture and community bonds.

As soon as they finish one endeavor, they begin the next. This describes their schedules just after volunteering with FESTA, they quickly began preparations for our 6th Annual Mother’s Day Themes ‘n Tea. Year after year, I am truly amazed by the talent, creativity and beauty the Tea Table Captains are able to express with their lovingly decorated tables. This year’s event was an early sellout with 26 tables participating. Please see the story submitted by Frances Pardo Anderson whom was a Tea Table Captain as part of our Mother’s Day Dedications about the pioneering hard working women that constituted her family tree.

After we all packed up the china from the Tea, the Ladies Auxiliary began their plans and preparations for Campo Italiano. This is a week of adventures for our children teaching them about Italy’s rich history, culture and traditions. We have so many dedicated volunteers who assist and support us to make this a successful and enjoyable event for all.

Currently, the Ladies Auxiliary are busy preparing for our combined Fashion Show and Italian American Women of Excellence Awards Program. Please see the Nomination Form included in this newsletter and on the Italian Club Website. Send in your candidate nominations in the categories of: Business/Professional, Civic/Culture, Education, and Government/Public Service by August 25, 2017. Then mark your calendars to join us in celebrating accomplished Italian American Women on Saturday, October 7, 2017.

I thank all the Ladies Auxiliary members who volunteer their time and talents to make our Italian Club such a special place! We welcome new members, please consider joining this dynamic group of Ladies.

Grazie and Have a Wonderful Summer,

Sharon Mangione
"I Remember Mama"

How vividly I remember my childhood days growing up in Ybor City. The cherished memories and "Yes", the lessons learned. As the first and only girl in my maternal grandmothers’ family, I inherited all the housekeeping lessons, embroidering, knitting and crocheting that was expected of every young girl raised in an Italian household. Today I hold all these memories in my heart with love and respect.

A tribute to the fortitude of the matriarchs of my family began in late 1890’s in a small village nestled high in the mountains of the Agrigento Province, known as Alessandria Della Rocca. At that time my forbearers, mother’s and father’s families were not united by marriage; however, as time evolved that small village produced all my family history.

My great-grandmother, "Francesca La Mendola", grew up in a family that was considered prominent land owners; her father owned almond groves and hired local men from all surrounding villages. As fate unfolded, she fell in love with my great-grandfather, “Antonino Ferraro”, who was a laborer, from the small village of Santo Stefano. In spite of her father’s refusals of marriage, she eloped and thus started my direct lineage of my maternal grandmother, “Maria Ferraro Pullara”.

The Ferraro family came to America through the port of entry, New Orleans. They settled in La Plaz, Louisiana. They worked on a sugar cane plantation. My great Nana, Francesca, decided to drive a second cane wagon in addition to the task of raising the family of six small children; she told my great grandfather this would earn the additional money they needed. I am overwhelmed by emotion to think how strong willed my great grandmother was in her time.

My paternal grandmother, “Francesca Marchetta Pardo” was left in Alessandria Della Rocca, with 5 small children while, my grandfather, “Vincenzo Pardo went to America with his cousins to work on the B&O Railroad, from New York through Pennsylvania, in order to earn enough money to go back to Sicily for the rest of his family.

It was a tremendous sacrifice for my grandmother to be able to hold the family together selling firewood and other means, until they were able to come to New York. This is why I admire the strong women of my family who showed us how to carry out the traditional values for our children and especially the girls of generations to come.

Con tutto il mio cuore,
Francesca Marie Pardo Andersen
FOLLOW UP FROM THE MOTHER’S DAY THEME’S N TEA....

The Ladies Auxiliary was pleased to host a sold-out crowd at our 6th Annual Mother’s Day Themes ‘n Tea. In total, 26 tables were lovingly outfitted with imaginative themes honoring past First Ladies, Great Grandmothers, and Great-great Grandmothers. We thank all who participated in this event not only to raise funds for our historic building, but moreover to build the bonds that foster community and friendship that make our Club special. We are especially appreciative of all those who worked behind the scenes to produce this elegant event year after year, particularly our cognoscenti of all things tea, Gilda Capitano. I’d also like to take a moment to thank Kazam Photo for capturing our Mothers Day Tea in photographs for everyone to enjoy. Please enjoy these snapshots from our tea, which show all the beautiful table decor and arrangements that made each table so uniquely beautiful.

Special thanks to all our table captains pictured above for their hard work in making this event so successful.

*Tea with Beauty & the Beast*
Tea Captain: Gilda Capitano

*Tea with Jackie Kennedy*
Tea Captain: Gilda Capitano

*Tea with Jackie O*
Tea Captain: Gilda Capitano

*Under the Sea*
Tea Captain: AnnMarie S. Hanecki

*Lavender Blue*
Tea Captain: Jackie Kasperski

*Tea with Rosenthal*
Tea Captain: Jennifer Lima

*Palm Beach Posh*
Tea Captain: Tamara LaBarbera

*Latin America Fiesta I*
Tea Captain: Roseanne Favata

*Crazy for Lemons, Limes, and Daisies*
Tea Captain: Nora Lamb
Lovingly Set By: Celeste Lazzara
“Tea with Beauty and the Beast”
Tea Captain: Mary Pinion

“Beach Babes”
Tea Captain: Rosalie Saladino

“Midnight Lace”
Tea Captain: Loretta T. Campo

“Red Hatters Tea Party”
Tea Captain: Kay Griffith

“Pretty in Pink”
Tea Captain: Mary Greco Smith

“I Remember Mama”
Tea Captain: Frances Pardo Anderson

“Sea Shells and Belles”
Tea Captain: Angie Caldevilla

“Golden Girls”
Tea Captain: Mary Greco Smith

“Voluptuous Vixens”
Tea Captain: Cathy Guagliardo

“Luce Della Lampada di Nana Lucia”
Tea Captain: Lynnette C. Stine

“Té Giapponese”
Tea Captain: Sharon Mangione

“Peacock”
Tea Captains: Donna Sardegna & Lorraine Zambito

Stella Pardo, Sofia Nassif and Mikayla Walls provided impromptu entertainment.

All photos courtesy of Kazam Photos. Prints are available by contacting Kelly at 813-770-7978.
Dear Members, Family and Friends,

Campo Italiano, sponsored by the Italian Club Ladies Auxiliary, was another success this year as we had 35 campers attend. Of those 35, 16 were returning and 19 were new campers! It is all worthwhile to see the joy on the children’s faces as they cook a small Italian dish or learn a new Italian word. The proof of their joy is that they go home to share all they did at camp with their parents and can’t wait until they come back the next day. The only complaint we heard was that the camp is too short…they want more camp weeks here at L’Unione Italiana.

It would not be possible to put such an endeavor together without the help of our many volunteers. We had 12 Junior Counselors volunteer this year and 9 of those were past campers!! Their main responsibility is to assist a group of campers with each station. Stations or areas of learning are Storytelling, Traditions, Language, Cooking, Arts and Crafts, Crotchet, Music and Dance. They loved camp so much, they wanted to return to help as counselors. Their past experiences helped us understand what they liked and gave us new ideas moving forward.

Our adult volunteers are what make Campo Italiano run smoothly. Each area has a lead teacher who preps volunteers and guides them in implementing our program. They do so with great enthusiasm and passion as they pass our Italian culture on to the next generations. Some of our volunteers have been at camp since its onset 13 years ago! Thank you to the new volunteers this year who stepped up to lead a station…you did a great job and hopefully we will see you back next year. Bravo!

Lastly, a big thank you to our sponsors! It is through their donations (monetary and/or product) that help us keep our costs down. Please support those that so generously gave to our camp: Joe & Son’s Olive Oils, Rose Barbie (member), The Cookie Queen (cookie snack), Rosalie & Manuel Perrone (member), Sharon & Sam Mangione (member), Iavarone’s Steakhouse & Italian Grill, Krewe of Italia, Italian Club Cemetery, Alessandro & Patricia Anzalone (member), La Segunda Bakery, Fuzion Group, Aguila Sandwich Shop, Stadium Café, Bernie & Lucy Menendez (member), Sunny Dairy Florida (spumoni snack and spumoni for luncheon), Vigo Importing Company (breadsticks snacks), AnnMarie & Darrell Hanecki (cream puff snack), Brocato’s Sandwich Shop (discounted luncheon), Anthony Cutrono, Jr., CPA, Angela Genco (cookies for luncheon), Maria Piazza (brownies for luncheon).

AnnMarie Susca Hanecki
2017 Campo Italiano Chair
THE GRAND MIGRATION
1870-1920

Many Italian immigrants sailed to America, totaling four million people. More than 95% of Italian immigrants entered America through Ellis Island in New York City, New York. Ellis Island was known as the Gateway to America.

Thousands of immigrants waited in the Great Hall for admittance into the U. S. It was confusing, chaotic and very crowded. Italians did not understand the language or customs and did not know where they were going unless they had a sponsor.

In spite of the many hardships Italians worked hard and did well. Some famous Italians are: Amadeo Pietro Giovanni founded Bank of America, Ettore Boiardi founded Uh Oh Spaghetti O, Charles Bonaparte founded the F.B.I. There are many, many more who achieved the "American Dream".

SPELL THE WORDS...
Poor - P_____
Hard - D________
Confusion - C________
Work - L_____
Life - V____
Immigrant - I________

Lavoro, povera, vita, immigranti, difficile, confusione
The 14th Annual Italian-American Women of Excellence Awards Banquet & Fashion Show will be held on October 7th, 2017 at the Italian Club of Tampa, located at 1731 E. 7th Avenue in historic Ybor City. At this event, the Italian Club Ladies Auxiliary, Inc. recognizes and honors outstanding Italian-American women in the Tampa Bay Area. Nominations are now being accepted in the categories of:

- Business/Professional
- Education
- Civic/Culture
- Government/Public Service

- Nominees may be from the public or private sector, business or industry, education, the arts, entertainment or hospitality, government or law, health or human services, volunteer, entrepreneur and other professions or community organizations.
- Nominees will have achieved outstanding success in their chosen fields, whether it is a traditional career or an active career of volunteer service.
- Nominees will have resided in the Tampa Bay Area (including Hillsborough, Pasco, Pinellas, and Polk counties) for at least five years.
- Nominees will have demonstrated well-rounded professional and community involvement. If the nominee has made volunteer service her primary avocation, the service should demonstrate an understanding of total community need.

Applications can be downloaded from the Club website at Italian-Club.org on the Ladies Auxiliary page under the membership tab - Please print, fill out the form and send to:

Italian Club Ladies Auxiliary, Inc.
IAWE Chair, Francine Susca,
14005 Basin Street, Tampa, FL 33625

**Please note: Only mailed application forms will be accepted. Absolute deadline August 25, 2017. Application forms are also available at the Italian Club’s Office, or via email at mark@italian-club.org.

FOR INFORMATION AND TO ATTEND THIS EVENT PLEASE SEND EMAIL TO FRANSUS10@GMAIL.COM
CONGRATS!
Rochelle is proud to announce her son, Tony, has graduated from Midland University with a double major in Criminal Justice and Sociology. He plans to attend graduate school at USF.

MILESTONES & ANNOUNCEMENTS...
If you would like to announce a Milestone in our next newsletter, please send an email to mark@italian-club.org notifying us of what type of announcement it is, who it’s for, etc. The more information you can provide the better (we may edit the content to fit). If you wish, you can also submit a photo.

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BRAVO!
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Seen here is Joe Capitano, Sr. with Mr. Lincoln Tamayo, Head of School of Academy Prep here in Tampa, Fl. On March 2, 2017, Joe was awarded the Paul L. Whiting, Sr., Service Award. This was to thank Joe for his years of service to Academy Prep Center of Tampa. Joe’s years of dedication for underprivileged children & aspiring them to higher straits is particularly well known here in Tampa. Academy Prep educates these students to gear them into college. Only 48o/o of children within a three mile radius in that area of Tampa have a high-school diploma. Thanks Joe for teaching us that education is where the answers are for these children.

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THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS! FESTA ITALIANA SCHOLARSHIP WINNER ANNOUNCED...

The Festa Italiana Scholarship Committee is excited to announce this year’s recipient is Drew Valenti (his acceptance letter is below). This year’s recipient is a graduate of Jesuit High School, whose grandparents grew up and worked in Ybor City after emigrating from Sicily. Drew will be attending Fordham University in New York this fall. We are honored to welcome Drew and his family into the Festa family. This $5,000 scholarship is awarded in honor of Nelson Italiano by Italiano Insurance Services, Inc.

Dear Scholarship Committee,

It is with great pleasure that I accept the Festa Italiana Tampa Scholarship. I have been attending Festa Italiana every year since I can remember. I am humbled by this award and would like to thank the committee for choosing me to be this year’s recipient.

I am looking forward to April 9th. Thank you again.

Kind Regards,

Drew Valenti