



**Happy  
Holidays**

# L'Unione Italiana

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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Club Office Hours:  
Monday-Friday  
9:00am-5:00pm

Gift Shop Hours:  
Monday-Friday  
9:00am-5:00pm

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Open Daily  
8:00am-3:00pm

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# upcoming EVENTS



Don't miss out on these member events taking place in and around your clubhouse! These exciting events are hosted and organized by your own fellow members. \*\* – Indicates events taking place in Ybor City but not affiliated with the Italian Club

## NOVEMBER

November 6th – Picnic With The Past (see pg.20)

\*\*November 16th – Ybor Holiday Tree Lighting

\*\*November 19th – 2016 Ybor City Cigar Festival

November 24th – Club Closed For Thanksgiving

November 25th – Dr. C Band @ CRUSH (see pg.11)

November 29th – Tribute To Legends (see pg.23)

Please note the club will be open for CRUSH Happy Hour on Friday, November 25th

## DECEMBER

December 4th – Breakfast With Santa (see pg.6)

December 8th – Italian Club Holiday Party (see pg.7)

\*\*December 10th – Snow On 7th Parade

December 11th – Santa Lucia (see pg.16)

December 24th & 25th – Club Closed For Christmas

December 31st – New Years Eve Gala (see pg.10)

## JANUARY

January 1st – Club Closed For New Years Day

January 22nd – Holocaust Remembrance Event

**CRUSH Happy Hour**  
Every Friday 5pm-9pm  
in Club Cantina

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# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Ciao A Tutti Italian Club Members,

It's hard to believe that we are nearing the end of 2016 already. We are going to be very busy at the club in the coming months, and we know you are going to be very happy with what we have coming up! We are happy to announce that CRUSH Happy Hour has grown to be one of the staple events at our Club. Make sure to stop by in the next couple months to check it out if you have not already done so. Mark your calendars for Friday, November 25th as well, as CRUSH hosts our own Italian Club member Buster Castellano and his band for a special live concert on Black Friday. More information on this event can be found on page 11.

We are also happy to report that we are once again hosting our Breakfast With Santa event on Sunday, December 4th. In addition to photos with Santa, we will have special guests in attendance including Santa's Helpers, Elsa and Olaf, and more. More on this event can be found on page 6. I am looking forward to seeing our members and their families for this annual event. We are working with Toys For Tots this year, and we encourage our members to bring a toy or two to this event and donate to the cause.

Our Italian Club Christmas Party and New Member Reception will be held on Thursday, December 8th at 7:00pm. We encourage our membership to join us as we welcome our new members into the family. We will have delicious food and a cash bar. More information on this event can be found on page 7. This will be another opportunity for our members to donate to the Toys For Tots program as well.

Lastly, I would encourage our members to get their tickets for this year's New Year's Eve event at the Club. This is an unbeatable deal, with hors d'oeuvres, dinner, live music, dancing, and an open bar. More information on this event will be sent to members directly in the mail, however some additional information can be found on page 10. I look forward to seeing you there!

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to wish each of you, and your families, a Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year!



Board President,  
Sal Guagliardo

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## BENVENUTO TO OUR NEW MEMBERS!

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*Welcome to the family!*

# FEATURED ARTICLE - IN MEMORIAM...



*"I am doing fantastic, I couldn't be any better" -  
Harold Leonard*

Submitted and Written by Gilda F. Capitano, with added verbiage by Harold's friends

Harold Leonard passed away on October 4, 2016 in Tampa, Florida. He was born December 17, 1949 in Bradford, Pennsylvania. Many of us got to know Harold by way of him working in the Italian Club with Waylon of Wayl of a Time Catering and then he stayed on when Irene took it over. His presence at the Italian Club was one of a very eloquent person, with genteel manners and a concern for making others feel comfortable. Harold was with our family whether it was Thanksgiving or Christmas; whether the holiday took place in my home or our sons Joe, Jr. or Frank David's. He would walk in and I would ask, "How are you today Harold?"...and he always answered the same words: "I am doing fantastic, I couldn't be any better." He set the mood in the kitchen, and then we knew we didn't have to worry about how the serving would be presented; as we are a very large family. He put the finishing touches on what we as a family had already started to prepare. He made it seem so simple! I am presenting a collection of words and thoughts from friends of Harold, work-colleagues' and from my family as well.

Alice Mueller, Past Manager of the Italian Club: "I was so sorry to hear of Harold's passing! He was such a positive person who was always smiling and always in a good mood. He was a hard worker, an entrepreneur and an avid learner. His passion showed when he shared his knowledge with others. He will be missed by all!"

Barbara Denti Pool: When I emailed Barbara to confirm Harold had passed on Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, (this Saint Francis who was gentle even to animals) her words were: "Perhaps Harold's passing on this special day was his "reward" for being such a gentle man. He was so very proper and suave"! He always did whatever I asked of him when I was President of Ladies Auxiliary."

Tom Salapa of Italian Club: "Harold's service was always meticulous! He absolutely was good with people and got along with anybody whether they were influential or everyday common folks. When we would go into HSN to cater, Harold caught the attention of their CEO. She was impressed with his services. When she had us cater for her personal parties in her luxurious condo in St. Pete, she never failed to request for Harold to be there to serve."

Mike (Hutch) Hutchinson: "I met Harold 15 years ago and we worked a long time with caterer Steve Gold and Wayl of a Time for many New Years Eves. He never left a stone unturned. If we had to stay till 2:00a.m or 3:00a.m. we would stay till every plate was washed & every pot cleaned. When we were done he would say: 'Come on kids. Let's go, let's roll.' He told me once that he had completed one year at Ohio State University. He was very giving to the professional food service. Harold had a positive influence on me and drove me to do my best."

Dona Crawford - Coile Manager of Italian Club: "One word sums it - up...Harold was a fine distinguished butler, and I would add, one that could've worked for the queen."

Joe Capitano, Sr.: "I am so sorry! He was always so caring what he did for others. He will always be remembered! He was always very polite to everyone at the Italian Club."

Frank David Capitano: "Harold was always so nice to us! Thank you Joe, Jr. for being there these past few weeks; as always you were a man for others"

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Celeste Capitano Lazzara: “He was always so kind and friendly to my family. He was a special man.”

Maria Capitano Pardo: “I am happy he passed knowing how much he was loved and appreciated! He inspired us to be our best. God Bless!”

Gilda F. Capitano: “Thank you to all who went to say good-bye to Harold. Thank you Joe, Jr. for being so attentive to him. Harold, our first Thanksgiving and Christmas without you...will be tough! You are missed!”

Irene, Previous Owner Of Wayl of a Time: “I am very saddened to hear of Harold’s illness and death! He was the one that taught me the most about our event side of the catering business. Harold had it down to a T and was very helpful to me when I first took over from previous owners. One thing I always noted was that he always the most positive person I have ever met. He was never negative in any way. Ask him how he was and he would answer always the same... ‘I am doing fantastic, I couldn’t be any better.’ What a great lesson from someone as humble as he. It was an honor to know Harold, to learn from him and to work with him. May he rest in peace!”

Joe Capitano, Jr.: “Thank you all who visited and for making Harold’s final days so loving and comfortable and surreal. God Bless!”



*“Goodnight, sweet prince, and flights of angels sing thee to thy rest”*

Spoken by Horatio in Shakespeare's Hamlet; Act 5, Scene 2

## BECOME A FRIEND OF L'UNIONE ITALIANA!

By now, most of you have seen the new design and layout of our bi-monthly newsletter, L'Unione Italiana. It is our sincere hope you enjoy this new layout and new design, as we have worked tirelessly to highlight our Club. The creation of this newsletter is a time consuming process; our staff dedicates countless hours to create each publication from scratch for each edition. Many of you may not know, but we also print our newsletter in our Club's office, which requires nearly two full days of printing, several reams of a paper, and a specialty copier & ink. And in order to make sure each publication gets to your home, our staff is responsible for bundling the newsletters and getting them mailed to you directly.

It goes without saying, this process is a costly endeavor, but so very valuable to our Club as it has become one of our best communication tools to reach our members. As you know, the Club relies on donations in order to keep our mission alive and thriving. With this new layout and design of our L'Unione Italiana newsletter, we are reaching out to our membership to help offset the rising costs of publication. For just \$30.00 a year, you can become a "Friend Of L'Unione." As a "Friend Of L'Unione", your name (either a single name, couple, or family name) will be listed in our newsletter as our way of saying "Thank You." If you would like to become a "Friend," please mail a \$30 check to the club, and make sure to write on the memo line "Friends Of L'Unione." We hope you enjoy the new design and layout of our newsletter!

# Breakfast & Photos with Santa



With Live Holiday Music by Bobby G., Special Performances by Bella Danza and Frank Rey Studios, & Photos with Santa!



Breakfast to include: Scrambled eggs, Bacon & Sausage, French Toast, Breakfast Potatoes, Sliced Fresh Fruit, OJ, & Coffee (Mimosas & Bloody Mary's Available For Adults!)

**TOYS FOR TOTS**  
COLLECTION SITE  
ACCEPTING TOYS FOR LOCAL CHILDREN



This year the Club is working with the Marine Corps Toys For Tots Program to help make sure every child has a toy to open on Christmas. To do our part, we are asking all those who attend to please bring a new, unwrapped gift or gifts to this event so that we can help those in need. The more toys we can collect, the more families we can help.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>**  
**11:00AM-1:00PM**

Adults: \$15.00 per adult

Kids: \$10.00 per child

(includes a 5x7 memento photo with Santa)

Tickets can be obtained by calling the Italian Club Main Office at (813) 248-3316. Tickets must be purchased no later than December 1<sup>st</sup>, so that we can get an accurate head count.

Italian Club - 1731 E. 7<sup>th</sup> Ave, Tampa, FL

# Celebrate the Season

You are cordially invited to attend the Italian Club Christmas Party and New Members Reception to be held on Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> in the Italian Club Cantina at 7:00pm. This event will include an Italian Dinner, Full Cash Bar, and 50/50 Raffle. **Please RSVP to the Italian Club by Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup> – RSVP is required in order to attend.**

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# FROM THE CLUB & AROUND TOWN



## Reminiscences

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR: This section of the Newsletter has published recollections of members and friends who wish to share experiences of their “earlier days” spent at L'Unione. These stories (some of which are handed down from past generations to us) are unique to specific decades from when L'Unione was established in 1894. It bears credence to the importance we still place in our heritage...that our ancestor's stories still exist in our hearts and minds. If you wish to submit articles about your family or about a famous Italian (or persona unknown to most folks) that you admire such as that presented below (or have us write them for you). So if you have a favorite person or event from the past to share we would be pleased to publish it here under your name.

### “Yet Another Famous Italian...Incognito”

#### Espera Oscar de Corti

(April 3, 1904 – January 4, 1999)

Submitted by Philip R. Lazzara, P.A.

Written by Barbara Denti Pool

When immigrants arrived in our country, it was not unusual for them to attempt to disguise themselves as Americans the latter of whom often looked down upon them! Although these immigrants were very proud of their heritage, spoke their mother tongue in their homes, mingled with others in school, workplace and public, some were very suspicious of Americans and chose to take on a new persona. “Cody” was one of those Italians who most likely learned from his parents to change his identity and he could not have chosen a more appropriate career...he became an actor and impersonator!

Espera Oscar de Corti (a/k/a/ Iron Eyes Cody) was born in Louisiana in 1904, the second son of Antonio de Corti and his wife, Francesca Salpietra, immigrants from Sicily. He had two brothers and a sister with whom he grew up in Gueydan, Louisiana where the family had a local grocery store. The family was separated, his father leaving the home. When the boys were teenagers, they moved to Texas where they joined their father, and changed their surname to “Cody.”

They moved on to California and worked as “extras” in the movies in the early 1930s. Cody claimed Cherokee-Cree ancestry, also naming several other tribes and frequently changed his place of birth. He appeared to live as if he were of indigenous Native American descent, on and off the screen, in Indian garb and headdress. He wholeheartedly supported their causes. In 1936 he married Bertha Parker, a Native American and an assistant in archaeology at the Southwest Museum, and they adopted two children said to be of Dakota-Maricopa origin.





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He appeared in over 200 films with such notables as John Wayne, Joseph Cotton, Steve McQueen, Richard Harris and playing the role of famous Native Americans, including Sitting Bull, Chief Big Cloud, War Eagle, Chief Iron Eyes, Chief Yellowstone, etc. He was featured in the television series "The Cisco Kid", "The Restless Gun", "The Tall Man" and played the title role in "The Burying of Sammy Hart" on the ABC western series, "The Rebel". A close friend of Walt Disney, Cody appeared in the Disney studio serial, "The First Americans", and in episodes of "The Mountain Man", "Davy Crockett" and "Daniel Boone". Cody was the "crying Indian" in a Public Service Announcement, "Keep America Beautiful" in the early 1970s which aired for many years.



Cody pursued his life as a Native American both on and off camera, despite a half-sister and other relatives that publicly decried his claims of indigenous heritage. His iconic status in the PSA gave him a platform to promote many Native American causes and pursue public speaking on their behalf. He provided costuming, props, and even trained horses for Hollywood "Indians." He also did movie soundtracks of "Indian whoops" and his chanting was featured in a 1988 Joni Mitchell song.

He died in January 1999 at the age of 94 and was honored with a Golden Palm Star on the Palm Springs, California Walk of Stars. Espera Oscar de Corti, a/k/a Iron Eyes Cody had audiences with many U.S. Presidents and even Pope John Paul II in Rome. He can be seen in his full Indian regalia, greeting the pope. Not bad for a man of Sicilian descent!!

A lot of interesting information is available on the internet if you are so inclined to read further about Iron Eyes Cody.



## TOYS FOR TOTS PROGRAM AT THE ITALIAN CLUB

We are excited to announce that the Italian Club will be working with the Marine Corps Toys For Tots Program this year. The goal of this program, is to help make sure every child has a gift to open on Christmas. There are so many families in our area who are not as fortunate. To do our part, we are encouraging our members and families please bring a new, unwrapped gift or gifts to our Breakfast With Santa Event and/or the Italian Club Christmas Party & New Member Reception. The more toys we can collect, the more families we can help.





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**ITALIAN CLUB**  
L'UNIONE ITALIANA

# NEW YEARS EVE

WALK THE RED CARPET  
INTO THE NEW YEAR...  
& AN EVENING OF  
GLAMOUR & GLITZ

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31<sup>ST</sup>

*Classic*

# HOLLYWOOD

8pm Cocktails and Hors d'Oeuvres  
9pm—1am Sit Down Dinner  
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# CRUSH

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EVERY FRIDAY

5pm - 9pm

@ the Italian Club

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# Black Friday with The Dr. C Band



November 25<sup>th</sup> - 5pm-9pm

Italian Club Member Buster Castellano and the Dr, C Band will be LIVE at CRUSH Happy Hour! This is a ONE NIGHT ONLY event, with no cover, delicious food, and the best drink prices in ALL of Ybor!

# CRUSH

*Happy Hour*

**No Charge To Attend!**  
**Drink Specials All Night!**  
**Homemade Food!**  
**Raffle Prizes!**

# "SEEN" AT OUR CRUSH HAPPY HOUR!

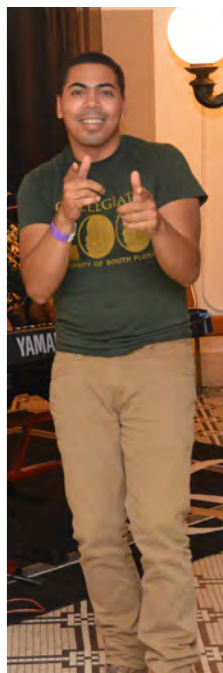
*Celebrate The Holiday  
Season With Us At*  
**CRUSH**  
*Happy Hour*

The holidays are a time to come together and celebrate with family and friends. CRUSH Happy Hour is the perfect place to bring everyone to enjoy live music, homemade food, incredible camaraderie, and the best drink prices in town! Whether it's a birthday, an anniversary, engagement, shower, high school reunion, or just a gathering of friends, CRUSH would love the opportunity to host your event during happy hour. With live music by Bobby G. Summers, and mouthwatering meals by Enzo Pardo with CRUSH Catering, we can work with you to make sure you have a space for your party, a delicious meal, and festive environment that is sure to impress your guests. No party is too big or too small!

We also welcome everyone just to stop by and see what we are made of. Please join us on Friday evenings in the Italian Club Cantina from 5pm-9pm

*We look forward to*  
**CRUSHing**  
*it with you!*

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# "SEEN" AT OUR CRUSH HAPPY HOUR!



# FROM THE CHEF'S TABLE TO YOURS!

## "Thanksgiving...Italian Style"

- 1 Turkey – of about 15 Lbs
- 2 Cups – Fresh Porcini Mushrooms or other type of fresh mushrooms diced in small pieces
- 2 Links – Hot Italian sausage
- 2 Links – Mild Italian sausage
- 1 Cup – Grated Romano cheese
- 1 Cup – Grated Parmigiano cheese
- 10 Chestnuts – Boiled
- 1/2 Cup – Bread crumbs
- 1 Cup – Arborio rice
- 2 Large onions
- 10 Cloves of garlic, finely minced
- 1 Tbs – Fresh parsley, coarsely chopped
- 1 Tbs – Fresh rosemary
- 1 Tbs – Fresh sage
- 1 Tbs – Fresh oregano
- 1 Tbs – Fresh thyme
- Hot pepper
- EV olive oil
- 2 Sticks of butter
- Chicken broth
- Dry white wine bottle
- 1 Head – Fresh celery
- 10 Carrots
- 1 Apple

Directions: There are three parts for the preparation of this recipe.

1. **Stuffing Preparation** (this recipe provides enough stuffing for a 15 lb. Turkey; adjust quantities for larger turkey):

- Saute in skillet about 5 Tbs of EV olive oil and one sliced onion until translucent, then add minced garlic.
- Chop the fresh rosemary, sage, oregano and thyme and add to the pan, adding enough chicken broth to prevent this from burning.
- Add the fresh Porcini mushrooms to pan, with some pepper if desired along with fresh parsley, coarsely chopped. Stir and salt as desired
- Remove the sausage from the casing and add to the pan, breaking into smaller pieces; saute.
- Add 1 cup of dry white wine; cover with lid and saute for about 10 minutes.

2. **Risotto Preparation:**

- In a large saute` pan, add 1/2 stick of butter and 3 Tbs of EV olive oil. On low heat, allow butter to melt.
- Slowly add Arborio Rice; stir continuously so rice will coat itself with liquids. Add 1 cup dry white wine and continue to stir. When wine is almost absorbed, add 1 cup chicken broth; stir; add the chestnuts and stir; then add grated Pecorino Romano cheese and stir.
- Add Parmagiano Cheese and stir. Mix well and cook for 2 more minutes.

3. **Assembly of the Turkey:**

- In a large Roaster pan with a rack, add carrots, the celery and one onion cut into large pieces.
- Add 2 cups of white wine and 2 cups of chicken broth. Fill turkey cavity with Risotto Stuffing. Close up the turkey neck with the apple, Tie legs and secure wings. Place turkey into roaster, then spread butter over the body of turkey.
- Cover the turkey with a dome of aluminum foil and place in the oven.
- Preheat oven to 400F. Cook the turkey at 400F for the first 20 mins., then lower to 300F and continue to cook for 20 mins. for each pound of the turkey.
- Every 30 mins. Baste the turkey with its juices..
- Once the cooking time has terminated, remove the aluminum foil and continue to cook the turkey until it browns to your liking.



Recipe compliments of "Cooking With Nonna," TV Show 2010

*Mangia!*

# ITALIAN CLUB LADIES AUXILIARY



## SEND US YOUR RECIPES!

*Un Assaggio Delle Nostre Cucine: "A Taste From Our Kitchens"*

The Ladies Auxiliary are 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. For a copy of the recipe submission form, please contact Mark Stanish at [mark@italian-club.org](mailto:mark@italian-club.org)

Please mail your recipes to:

Sharon Mangione, Ladies Auxiliary Vice President  
4601 West Bay Court Avenue

**OUR ITALIAN CLUB COOKBOOKS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE IN THE GIFT SHOP AT THE CLUB. THESE COOKBOOKS MAKE A GREAT STOCKING STUFFER FOR FRIENDS AND FAMILY.**

## BECOME A LADIES AUXILIARY MEMBER

The Italian Club Ladies Auxiliary is currently recruiting new members. The Ladies Auxiliary is an incredibly active group, hosting numerous events throughout the year. Many of these events have deep roots in the Italian Culture. Members of the Ladies Auxiliary are also the backbone of the Campo Summer Camp that occurs at the Italian Club.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Italian Club Ladies Auxiliary, please contact the Membership Chair, AnnMarie Susca Hanecki @ (813)277-6940 or via email at [ahanecki@gmail.com](mailto:ahanecki@gmail.com)

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# ITALIAN CLUB LADIES AUXILIARY

## SANTA LUCIA FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

Seeking Santa Lucia Candidates & Attendants for December 11th, 2016

This is an opportunity to connect with your roots. Santa Lucia Candidates must write a 100 word essay entitled "Why I Would Like To Represent Santa Lucia." Candidates must be aged 13-17. Essays are due no later November 28th, 2016. Winner will receive a \$100 Savings Bond.

Attendants aged 4-16, both boys & girls are welcome. Please contact Gilda Capitano @ (813)870-0789 or Sharon Mangione @ (813)244-8299. Please send all essays to 4601 W. Bay Court Avenue, Tampa, FL 33611 or email to smangion@tampabay.rr.com



LOOK AT ALL THE FUN THAT WAS HAD DURING LAX DIRTY BINGO! THANKS TO ALL WHO JOINED US!



Left Front: AnnMarie Hanecki, Darrell Hanecki, Lynnette Stine. Right Front: Jessie Wamsley, Katie Shafer, Riquette Ramsey, Rhonda Dinehart



Patty Merek, Alex Merek, Candace Perrone, Jorge Sanmiguel, Judy Perrone



Left Front: Lorraine Zambito, Tiffany Stanaland, Linda Stanaland, Julie Lomascolo, Vincent Rochelle Orr Right Front: Mrs. Sardegna, Francine Susca, Frances Vazquez, Lauren Vazquez





# DANCING THROUGH THE DECADES

The Ladies Auxiliary and Krewe of Italia enjoyed hosting "Dancing Through The Decades." Patrons arrived through a Studio 54 entrance and were treated to rocking music and table vignettes representing the 50's, 60's and 70's. The Ballroom was decorated with a life-sized Elvis, supersized glowing lava lamps, dancing shoes, soda shop and a hippie van completing the homage to the Decades. The celebration of music from across the Decades filled the dance floor from start to finish. Heavy hors d'oeuvres courtesy of Tony's Restaurant fueled the high energy crowd throughout the evening. Special Thank You's to the Planning Committee who produced this great event in friendship and fun: Sandra Alfieri, Carole Fedele, Mary Frances Granell, Jackie Kasperski, Sharon Mangione, Francine Susca and the leadership of the Krewe of Italia and Ladies Auxiliary, Tom LoCicero and Gilda F. Capitano.



# KREWE OF ITALIA INDOOR BOCCCE

Our Columbus Day Indoor Bocce Tournament was a huge success. We had 20 teams for the event, and all those in attendance had an absolute blast. While the teams were playing head to head, the spectators cheered them on, and enjoyed cocktails from the bar and delicious food from CRUSH Happy Hour. Thank you all those who came out and participated, and to all those who joined in the fun. And the winners are...

## 1st Place Winners

Heights Cigars; winners of a \$500 gift certificate from Hampton Inn

## 2nd Place Winners

Pardo Wines; winners of a \$200 gift certificate from La Terrazza

## 3rd Place Winners

LaCracka; winners of a Bocce Ball Set

Top prize from our raffle was a \$100.00 gift certificate donated by That's Amore Italian Restaurant on Harbour Island. We wanted to say a special THANK YOU to our event organizers, Debbie DiStefano and Rochelle Orr-Scaglione. They both worked tirelessly to make sure this event came together. In addition, we have to thank our Krewe of Italia volunteers, Don Bodie, Chris Bodie, John Barbie, Gianna Caravella and Joe DiStefano. And last but not least, thank you to our sponsors Mobile Meals, Gaspar's Patio Bar and Grill Temple Terrace, KCA, Silver Ring Restaurant, Tony's Ybor Restaurant, and Chadwell Supply for donating to the raffle.



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# KREWE OF ITALIA INDOOR BOCCE



# 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Picnic With The Past & Memorial Mass

## A Day To Visit The Resting Place of Our Loved Ones and Reminisce With Family & Friends

Cemetery Clean-Up Day  
Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> 2016  
10:00am-2:00pm

At L'Unione Italiana Cemetery  
(26<sup>th</sup> Street & 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue)

Join us to spruce up the graves, so  
those there can rest in peace.  
A complimentary lunch will be provided  
to all those who help clean up

Memorial Mass & Luncheon  
Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup> 2016  
11:00am Mass

At L'Unione Italiana Cemetery (26<sup>th</sup>  
Street & 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue) Joe  
Caltagirone to give a history of the  
Cemetery immediately after mass

Lunch Immediately Follows Mass  
**AT THE CEMETERY**

\$12.00/person; children 10 & under free

To purchase tickets contact the  
Italian Club @ (813) 248.3316

*Proceeds to maintain & preserve the  
Italian Club Cemetery*



### To honor a loved one at the Mass & Picnic

Please send their NAME & \$10 per loved one by Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>.  
Please make checks payable to The Italian Club Building and Cultural Trust Fund  
& Mail check to: Italian Club, Attn: Picnic with the Past, 1731 E. 7th Ave., Tampa,  
FL 33605

Please print names clearly: \_\_\_\_\_

I cannot attend, but would like to make a donation in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_.

# BOOK YOUR EVENT WITH US!

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## Looking for the perfect venue for an upcoming event? Are you part of an organization or charity that hosts events throughout the Tampa Bay Area?

The Italian Club Of Tampa is open to all members who wish to hold an event, or sponsor an event for a friend or family member. Located in the heart of historic Ybor City, the Italian Club Of Tampa is the ideal spot for a member to host any and every event they desire. We pride ourselves on being professionals in the event industry. From our unique and historical venue, to our knowledge of decor, entertainment, and exceptional guest service, your guests will remember your event at the Italian Club for years to come. Whether hosting a birthday, wedding/anniversary, luncheon, charity event, or lavish party, we are confident that our commitment to quality and attention to detail will exceed your expectations and provide you with a memorable and enjoyable event. Thank you for allowing us to be a part of your event planning endeavors. We would be honored to answer any questions you may have about our venue, services, and facilities. Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us. We look forward to creating a lasting relationship with you while helping to coordinate your very special day. If you have any questions, or would like to inquire about an event, please contact Executive Director, Dona Crawford-Coile at (813)248-3316 or via email at [dona@italian-club.org](mailto:dona@italian-club.org)



*All Members Receive 25% Off Room Rentals!*

# FESTA ITALIANA COMMITTEE UPDATE

**20**  
**April 6 to April 9, 2017**  
**YEARS**

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**MARK YOUR**  
**CALENDARS!**

The Festa Italiana Committee is excited to announce the dates for the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Festa Italiana in 2017! Please mark your calendars and tell all your friends and family to do the same.

Festa 2017 will take place April 6<sup>th</sup> through April 9<sup>th</sup>.

Details & specifics will all come in due time. But please save these dates! Being that this is the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Event we are going to make this the biggest event yet!

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**Tuesday • November 29, 2016**

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**Italian American Club of Tampa (L'Unione Italiana)**

**1731 E 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue (Ybor City) • Tampa, FL 33605**

**For tickets go to [www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2605494](http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/2605494)**

# MILESTONES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## DO YOU HAVE A MILESTONE OR ANNOUNCEMENT YOU'D LIKE INCLUDED?

If you would like to announce a Milestone in our next newsletter, please send an email to [mark@italian-club.org](mailto: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.



Karen Capizzi was a guest at Joe & Dora Caltagirone's home to celebrate Dora's birthday. As you may notice from the sign on the wall we dined in their home in a special room "Villa Dora"



Rosalie Saladino, pictured above, was also one of the guests celebrating Dora's birthday. Photo submitted by Karen Capizzi

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## HELP US GROW OUR FAMILY OF MEMBERS!

The Italian Club Of Tampa has become an integral part of the community, and we strive to fulfill our mission each and every day. That mission 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. Our most important method of honoring this mission is through the dues and contributions provided by the members, their families, friends, and local businesses.

As we move forward, we are looking to increase our membership and add new members to our already extensive family. As you may be aware membership dues are essential to the club's continued viability and revitalization efforts. On the next page, you will find a membership application to join the Italian Club Of Tampa – we ask that you please share this document with a family member, a friend, a neighbor, a local business, or anyone that you feel will help our family flourish. 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 their families. Membership privileges also entitle you to bi-monthly newsletters and mailers, discounts on facility rentals, preferred status and discounts on select Italian Club Socials and Ybor City functions.

We thank you for your support and we look forward to working with you to help our membership grow. Each and every one of you is part of a family, the Italian Club family, and together we can make anything happen. We ask that you please consider reaching out to a friend or family member and ask them to be a part of our history.

Membership application can be found on the reverse side of this page. If you would like additional applications, please contact Mark Stanish at [mark@italian-club.org](mailto:mark@italian-club.org)

## THANK YOU!

*Ringraziamento Felice - Happy Thanksgiving*

*Buon Natale - Merry Christmas*

*Felice Anno Nuovo - Happy New Year*



Sal Guagliardo - *President*  
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## Italian Club Membership Enrollment Application

**Please Print Information**

**Date Of Application:** \_\_\_\_\_

### GENERAL MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

Check membership category applicable to enrollment, please make checks payable to "The Italian Club Of Tampa" – please note dues are nonrefundable:

\_\_\_\_\_ Individual \$150      \_\_\_\_\_ Student \$50      \_\_\_\_\_ Family \$200  
 \*(Please provide copy of student I.D.)      \*(with dependent children living in household)

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I would like to assist the Club by serving on the following committees:

- |                        |                   |                   |                         |
|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
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If you have an area of expertise that would benefit our club, please let us know!

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# MAKE SURE YOU KEEP IN THE LOOP



## Join Our Mailing List!

As a member of the Italian Club, we want to make sure you are up to date and in the know when it comes to things going on at the Club. As such, it is important to maintain good communication with the membership and our best way of doing that is through emails! We send out emails on upcoming events, membership honors, happy hour information, and much more.

If you are not currently receiving our email blasts, please email Mark Stanish at [mark@italian-club.org](mailto:mark@italian-club.org) and we will send you the information to get you registered. Its very simple and quick.



The Italian Club Of Tampa currently operates three different Facebook Pages – all of which are used to share information about upcoming events, post pictures of events, and most importantly, to keep our membership up to date with what's happening here at the Club and in our community. We have also included the CRUSH Happy Hour page for members to follow. Please make sure you visit the four pages below and click on the "Like" button to get the latest updates!

L'Unione Italiana  
Italian Club Ybor City  
Crush Happy Hour

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