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Club Office Hours

Monday-Friday
9:00am-5:00pm

Cemetery Hours

Open Daily 8:00am-3:00pm
(Located at 26th St. & 24th Ave)

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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SEPTEMBER	
September 4th	CLUB CLOSED for Labor Day
September 15th	Celebrate September Birthdays @ CRUSH
September 22nd	Member Appreciation @ CRUSH
September 29th	Oktoberfest @ CRUSH
OCTOBER	
October 6th	Krewe of Italia Indoor Bocce Tournament
October 7th	The Beauty Of Fall Fashion Show & Italian-American Women Of Excellence Presentation
October 13th	NO CRUSH due to private event at the Club
October 20th	Celebrate October Birthdays @ CRUSH
October 21st	John Madiedo Jr. Memorial Italian Club Shoot
October 27th	Member Appreciation & Halloween Event @ CRUSH
NOVEMBER	
November 4th	Cemetery Clean Up Day (@ the Cemetery)
November 5th	Annual Picnic with the Past (@ the Cemetery)
November 18th	Casino Night @ The Italian Club
DECEMBER	
December 3rd	Breakfast with Santa
December 7th	Italian Club Member Holiday Party

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!



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Ciao A Tutti Italian Club Members,

I hope this newsletter finds you all doing well, and here's to hoping that the summer heat is behind us. The Club has been very busy through the summer, hosting a variety of events and getting some much needed work done in and around the building.

The photo on the cover of this newsletter is from a recent wedding that was held in our building. One of the most beautiful aspects of this photo is the rented chairs that were used for the event, called a Chiavari Chair. The Club is looking to purchase these chairs for our Grand Ballroom, which will enhance the decor of the room, while also allowing us an opportunity to increase our marketability as it pertains to events. **On page 4, you will find a promotional flyer detailing the Chiavari Chair Fundraiser. We are asking our members to donate \$50 (or more if you would be so gracious) to the Club as part of this fundraiser.** You will receive a tax contribution letter for the full value of your donation. Help is make our ballroom even more elegant and beautiful than it already is. Our goal is to purchase 300 of these chairs by the end of the year.



*Sal Guagliardo
Board President*

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The Club will be incredibly busy in the coming months, as we host numerous outside events along with our busy fall calendar. We are really making an effort to reach out to our members so that everyone has an opportunity to attend the events, which add value to your membership. **On page 2, you will see the list of upcoming events, which includes the Krewe Of Italia's Indoor Bocce Tournament on the Italian Club Ladies Auxiliary "Beauty Of Fall" Fashion Show, the Annual John Madiedo Jr. Italian Club Clay Shoot, and the Cemetery will be hosting both their Picnic with the Past and a Casino Night.** In addition to these events, our CRUSH Happy Hour will be hosting several special events on Fridays. As you can see, we have a very busy calendar ahead, and I look forward to seeing many new and familiar faces at these events.

As you plan you plan your holiday season, please keep the Club in mind for any business, social, or private holiday parties. All members in good standing receive a 25% discount on room rentals,

Cordialmente,

Sal Guagliardo, President

BENVENUTO TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Evan & Courtney Watson
Catherine Canzoneri-Lazansky
Larry & Barbara Breeden
Bill & Helen Trimboli

Christopher Alfonso Diaz
Edward & Marcia Austin
Mark & Jill Ugo

Welcome to the family!

CHIAVARI CHAIR

Fundraiser

We are looking for your support, as we look to enhance the beauty and elegance of our Grand Ballroom, with a classic Chiavari Chair, a design concept from the northwestern Italian Coast. The Club will need to purchase approximately 300 of these chairs to accommodate our large ballroom. Each chair, golden in color, with its own cushion, will cost approximately \$50. These chairs will be used for weddings, special celebrations, as well as member events that occur throughout the year.

We are reaching out to our incredibly generous members, families, friends, and neighbors to help us achieve this goal, by donating \$50 or more towards this cause. This donation will be 100% tax deductible, and all donations will be recognized by a framed piece that will be located in our building.



If you would like to help us achieve our goal, please complete the information below, and mail in a check for the appropriate amount. Each chair will be \$50, and we welcome multiple chair donations.

Please indicate how many chair(s) you would like to donate: _____

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number () _____

SAVE THESE UPCOMING EVENT DATES!...

Its hard to imagine, but the holidays will be here before you know it, but there are only 13 more Saturday's until Christmas. With the holiday season a busy time for all our members and their families, we want to make sure you mark your calendars for some very important upcoming event dates, Breakfast with Santa and the Italian Club Members Holiday Party

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3RD

11:00AM-1:00PM

all members, families, and friends are invited to attend. This event will be open to the General Public as well

Italian Club Members Holiday Party

Thursday,
December 7th

7:00pm-9:00pm

all members in good standing are invited to attend. More details in next newsletter

Grazie! Supporters Of The CULTURAL TRUST

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We would like to extend a special thank you to the following supporters for their monetary donations to help offset the cost of printing and mailing our newsletter:

Oscar Alvarez, Doug Dallio, Karen Capizzi, Eloian Family Mesropian Family, Tom & Valerie LoCicero, Barbara Denti Pool, Sam & Elaine Manna, In Memory Of Frank Accurso, Don & Debbie Bodie, Glenford & Graziella, Lambert Rosario Ciccarello, Edward Gervais

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."



John Madiedo Jr. Memorial Italian Club Shoot

All Proceeds To Benefit The Italian Club
Building & Cultural Trust Fund



October 21st 2017 at 2:00pm

At Tampa Bay Sporting Clays located at 10514 Ehren Cutoff, Land O Lakes, FL 34639



Admission

\$150 per individual shooter
\$750 per team

Teams Include 4 Shooters & Station Sign

Registrations Includes:

50 Clay Targets, 2 Boxes Of Ammunition,
Golf Cart, Ear Plugs, Italian Sausage,
Pasta Dinner, & Drinks



Sponsorship Opportunities Are Available

Title Sponsor

\$5,000 Donation
2 Four Man Teams
Station Sign/Score Sheet

Ammo Sponsor

\$2,500 Donation
1 Four Man Team
Station Sign/Score Sheet

Golf Cart Sponsor

\$2,000 Donation
1 Four Man Team
Station Sign/Score Sheet

Dinner Sponsor

Two Available
\$1,000 Donation
1 Four Man Team

Wine Sponsor

\$1,000 Donation
(Can Be In-Kind)
1 Four Man Team

Beer Sponsor

\$1,000 Donation
(Can Be In-Kind)
1 Four Man Team

Station Sponsor

Twenty-Eight Available
\$250 Donation

Score Sheet Sponsor

\$250 Donation

Make Checks Payable To The Italian Club
Building & Cultural Trust Fund

www.eventbrite.com/e/john-madiedo-jr-memorial-italian-club-shoot-tickets-36787741124

15th Annual

Picnic with the Past & Memorial Mass

Proceeds from this event go towards to maintenance and preservation of the cemetery, a registered 501c3

Memorial Mass & Picnic Luncheon

Sunday, November 5th

11:00am mass

The Cemetery Committee would like to invite all our members, families, and friends to join us at our historic cemetery, located at 26th Street & 24th Avenue, as we spend the day visiting the resting place of our loved ones, and reminiscing with family and friends. A Italian-style buffet lunch will take place at the Cemetery following the mass.

\$12.00/per person

(children 10 & under are free)

To purchase tickets – please contact the Italian Club Office at (813)248-3316

Cemetery Clean Up Day

Saturday, November 4th

10:00am-2:00pm

Join us at the cemetery, as we spend that day sprucing up the gravesites, so that those there can rest in peace. A complimentary lunch will be provided.



**ON
SALE
NOW!**

To Honor A Loved One

Please send their name & a \$10 donation per loved one, by Thursday, October 26th. Please make checks payable to the Italian Club Cemetery, Attn: Picnic With The Past Loved One, 1731 E. 7th Ave, Tampa, FL 33605.

Thank You For Your Support of the Italian Club Cemetery

Please Print Name(s): _____

TAMPA BAY Parenting



The daughter of Italian Club Members, Jamie & Mary Frances Granelli, Francesca Granelli, was recently featured in the Tampa Bay Parenting Magazine. The article, from the March 2017 issue, highlights the achievements of Tampa Bay Students who have made it big in NYC. Francesca Granelli, who has been cast in numerous tours and Broadway productions, is currently performing in the revival of "Cats" at the Neil Simon Theatre. The Italian Club would like to congratulate Francesca and her parents on this incredible achievement.

THE LIGHTS OF BROADWAY: Making it Big in NYC

Francesca Granelli: Cats Francesca Granelli isn't a kid anymore at 27 years, but the Tampa native wouldn't be where she is today without the guidance of her family, teachers and dance instructors in Tampa. Her passion for dance started at age 4 when she began taking lessons at Frank Rey Dance Studio in Tampa. The Gaither High

School graduate went on to earn her Bachelor of Arts degree in English Literature from Florida State University in 2012 before moving to New York City to pursue her lifelong dream of performing on stage. It was a good gamble. She was immediately cast in the national tour of "Shrek" and then went on tour with Green Day's "American Idiot" before taking on roles with several regional productions. She got her big break on Broadway in 2015 when she was cast in "Finding Neverland," but the chance of a lifetime came when she landed in a role in the Broadway revival of "Cats" last year. You can see "Cats" now at the Neil Simon Theatre in New York City. Learn more about the production at catsthemusical.com



1) What inspired you to perform on stage? I was inspired when I saw my first musical at the Straz Performing Arts Center at age 7 — "Carousel." I discovered a passion for singing and dancing at an early age, and I loved how you could do both in musical theatre!

2) How did your teachers and parents encourage you to pursue your dreams? My mom put me in dance classes at such an early age, and my teachers must have sensed how much I loved it, so they always supported me and pushed me to keep going. My mom took me on many trips to New York City and exposed me to Broadway shows and dance classes at Broadway Dance Center. For instance, I met my "Cats" choreographer Andy Blankenbuehler when I was only 10 years old in his week-long summer dance intensive. I've kept in touch throughout the years and taken his classes ever since. Now I'm fortunate enough to call him my boss.

3) What keeps you motivated in such a competitive field? It's important to not get caught up in comparing yourself to other people in the business. It's a very competitive industry, but it's important to stay grounded and supportive of your peers. We lift each other up. I still take class when I can and see as much theatre as I can so I'm constantly exposing myself to the world of art around me. You have to always replenish and let yourself remember why you love it.





4) Describe how it feels to be part of such an incredibly popular production like "Cats." It's pretty surreal. I literally cried everyday in rehearsal just from observing the sheer brilliance of everyone around me. It's a dancer's dream show. The music is epic. And I'm a swing, so every time I get on stage, I'm on for a featured role. It's the most exhilarating and exhausting physical feat I've ever been a part of. My favorite experience so far with "Cats" was when 150-plus alumni from the original companies of "Cats" were invited to see the show. They never stopped cheering us on from start to finish. The energy in the theatre was so electric, and it fueled us to dance harder than we ever have. It's a performance I'll never forget.

5) What advice do you have for kids who would like to perform? Or even just go after their dreams? The thing is, this business is hard. Breaking in is difficult, and roadblocks will get in the way, but you can't let a few "no's" stop you from pursuing what you love. It was not an easy road for me at first. I didn't get accepted into any of the musical theatre college programs that I auditioned for. I didn't get cast in any musicals at FSU. But I knew I wanted to do this, and the setbacks pushed me harder to prove to myself that I could. You just have to let that thirst fuel you. And take note of the little victories along the way.



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MANGIA! MANGIA!...

In mid-July, the Italian Club brought back an old tradition by hosting a Spaghetti Dinner. We welcomed a sold out crowd of nearly 170 guests, both members and friends of the Club. Those who attended feasted on a delicious meal of spaghetti and homemade meatballs.

Special thanks to our Krewe of Italia, along with the many, many members who volunteered to make this event so successful. Volunteers were an integral part of this event success, making over 500 meatballs by hand, along with homemade spaghetti sauce.

Being that this event was such a hit, we are definitely planning to host another event much like this in the future. Until then, we encourage everyone to attend the Picnic with the Past on November 5th. The Krewe, along with our Membership Chairperson Dennis Costantino, will be out at our historic cemetery preparing and serving another delicious family style Italian meal.





ITALIAN CLUB MEMBERS, FAMILIES AND GUESTS
ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE...

Krewe Of Italia

BOCCIE BALL

Tournament



SIGN UP NOW!

Friday, October 6th

Check in at 6:00pm
Food Available at 6:00pm
Games begin at 6:30pm
3rd Floor of the Italian Club
1731 E. 7th Ave., Tampa, FL 33605

Event Details:

4 Person Teams (\$150/team fee)
*entry fee includes heavy hors d'oeuvres

Sponsorships:

4 Court Sponsors (\$150/sponsor)

Prizes will be awarded

Refer to Eventbrite in the Krewe website to sign up! See you there!

KREWE OF ITALIA NEWS...



The Krewe of Italia have been enjoying their summer during CRUSH Happy Hour, which takes place at the Italian Club every Friday from 5pm-9pm. The Krewe also hosted a summer social, which was a huge success and a great time was had by all. Krewe of Italia joined forces with the Italian Club for a successful Sunday Family spaghetti dinner as well as volunteering for the Florida State alumni block party. Here are some highlights:

We also want to invite all our members, friends, and families to join us for our Annual Krewe Of Italia Indoor Bocce Ball Tournament. This event will take place on Friday, October 6th at the Italian Club of Tampa. This event is always a fun time, and sells out quickly. We are also looking for court sponsors for this event, if you would like an opportunity to promote your business or brand. Please contact Gianna Carravella if you have any questions.

Check out all the fun we've been having below!



CRUSH

Happy Hour

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. We are open every Friday, from 5pm-9pm.

CELEBRATE YOUR BIRTHDAY WITH US AT CRUSH...

On the third Friday of every month, CRUSH will be celebrating and recognizing the birthdays that take place in that month. Whether it's your birthday, a family member, a neighbor, or a friend, we welcome both our members and the general public. The venue is perfect, with an atmosphere unlike any other location in Ybor. 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 birthday!

**Birthdays
Anniversaries
Graduations
Engagements
Retirements
Reunions**

**After Work Events
Krewe Socials
Theme Parties
Holiday Parties
Celebrations
& MORE!**

Booking a party at CRUSH, whether its a family party, business event, or reunion, means having a night unlike any other. Our Happy Hour celebrates the unique atmosphere of our building, while also offering our guests a night out that you cannot find anywhere else in Ybor City. If you would like to book an event, or have any questions, please contact Maria 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!

Were you "SEEN" at CRUSH Happy Hour?

Check out the images below, courtesy of Kazam Photos. If you seen an image you like, please contact Kelly Walls with Kazam and ask about ordering a print. These photos are just a selection of what Kazam has taken over the last few months.



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Italian Club Member Appreciation Night

EVERY FOURTH FRIDAY...



CRUSH

Happy Hour

THE ITALIAN CLUB OF TAMPA WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE THE COMMITMENT AND SUPPORT OF OUR MEMBERS BY HOSTING

MEMBER APPRECIATION NIGHT

ON SEPTEMBER 22ND
& ON OCTOBER 27TH

TO MARK THIS SPECIAL OCCASION, WE WILL HAVE LIVE MUSIC ALL NIGHT LONG, AND WE WILL FEATURE THE FOLLOWING SPECIALS:

\$2 WELLS, \$3 DOMESTIC BEER

\$4 SPECIALTY DRINK, \$5 IMPORTS

\$6 TWO FOR ONE MASI WINE UNTIL 7PM

ALL MEMBERS WILL ALSO RECEIVE

\$10 HOMEMADE DINNER BUFFET, BUT

ONLY WITH AN ADVANCED DINNER RESERVATION. EVERY MEMBER WHO ATTENDS WILL RECEIVE A RAFFLE TICKET FOR ONE OF MANY PRIZES BEING OFFERED.

TO MAKE ADVANCED RESERVATIONS
PLEASE CONTACT MARIA AT

CRUSHHAPPYHOUR@GMAIL.COM






Oktoberfest
CRUSH
at Happy Hour

FRIDAY,
SEPTEMBER 29th
5:00PM-9:00PM

AUTHENTIC GERMAN CUISINE!

DRINK SPECIALS ALL NIGHT

Join us as CRUSH Happy Hour hosts its 2nd annual Oktoberfest featuring live music, delicious homemade food, and a full bar. The evening will include drink specials, alongside a homemade cuisine by CRUSH Catering to include pretzels and beer cheese, new potato salad with mustard cream dressing, schnitzel in creamy mushroom sauce with noodles, braised red cabbage, & rich german chocolate brownies

This Event Is Open To The General Public! Bring your family and friends!
While walk-ins are always welcome, if you'd like to make a reservation please contact crushhappyhour@gmail.com or call (813)267-7551.
Italian Club Of Tampa: 1731 E. 7th Ave, Tampa FL 33605

Italian Club Member Appreciation Night Presents...

Creepy Crush
On Freaky Friday, October 27th



ITALIAN CLUB L'UNIONE ITALIANA

CRUSH Happy Hour

Fourth Friday

Join us on Friday, October 27th from 5:00pm-9:00pm at CRUSH Happy Hour at the Italian Club as we celebrate Halloween in our own spooktacular way. With live music all night, the best drink specials in town, and a delicious home cooked menu, this will be an event not to be missed. This Event Is Open To The General Public! Bring your family and friends! While walk-ins are always welcome, if you'd like to make a reservation please contact crushhappyhour@gmail.com or call (813)267-7551.

Italian Club Of Tampa: 1731 E. 7th Ave, Tampa FL 33605

OSHER LIFELONG LEARNING INSTITUTE

OLLI-USF

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA

CLASSES START SOON

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:

<u>Class Schedule</u>	<u>Duration Of Class</u>	<u>Class Title</u>
9/18/17 through 10/9/17	Mondays & Wednesdays from 10:30am-12:00pm	Introduction to Conversational Italian
10/30/17 through 11/20/17	Mondays from 11:30am-1:00pm	Cucina Italiana: Love at First Taste
11/13/17 through 12/4/17	Mondays & Wednesdays from 10:30am-12:00pm	Conversational Italian II

The background of the entire advertisement is a repeating pattern of various casino symbols including roulette wheels, playing cards, and dice. In the top right corner, there is a red starburst graphic containing the text 'ON SALE NOW!'. The central focus is the word 'CASINO NIGHT' in large, gold, 3D letters with a diamond-studded texture. Above this text are several casino-related items: a fan of four aces (Ace of Hearts, Ace of Clubs, Ace of Diamonds, Ace of Spades), a red die, a black die, and two roulette wheels. A gold ribbon is draped across the scene.

ON SALE NOW!

Saturday, November 18th, 2017

Dinner from 6:00pm-7:00pm – Gaming from 7:00pm-10:00pm
Italian Club Ballroom: 1731 E. 7th Ave, Tampa, FL 33605

The Italian Club Cemetery is proud to be hosting a Casino Night as part of an ongoing fundraiser for our historic cemetery. Fundraising events such as these are vital to the operation and maintenance of this cemetery. This event promises to be an evening filled with delicious food, alongside an array of Las Vegas style gaming, to include Black Jack Tables, Craps, Poker, Roulette, and more! A cash bar will be available throughout the evening. For more information on event; please contact Rochelle Orr at (813)986-1517 or via email at shellorr@msn.com. Enter to win a Three or Five Night Cruise for Two on Carnival Cruise Lines - provided by Que Pasa Tours. Raffle tickets for cruise are just \$50 per ticket!

Event Tickets are \$40.00 per person

TO PURCHASE EVENT TICKETS, PLEASE VISIT THE EVENTBRITE LINK BELOW:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/casino-night-2017-tickets-29797929409>

Tickets can also be purchased by contacting the Italian Club Office @ (813)248-3316

All proceeds to benefit the Italian Club Cemetery

FROM THE CEMETERY COMMITTEE...


The Cemetery Committee would like to invite all our members, friends, families, neighbors, and the community at large to join us at our historic Cemetery on Sunday, November 5th as we host our 15th Annual Picnic with the Past. This unique event will begin with a mass at 11am to honor and remember our loved ones. At the conclusion of mass, the committee will host a family picnic under a large tent. As we have in years past, the Krewe of Italia, along with our Membership Committee, will join together to cook an Italian-style meal for all to enjoy. Tickets for this event are \$12.00 per person, and we do kindly request that you purchase tickets in advance so that we can make sure there is enough food for everyone.

Before the picnic, on Saturday, November 4th, the Committee request the help and support of our membership for a Cemetery clean-up day. Our beautiful historic cemetery takes quite a bit of work to maintain and preserve, and prior to the Annual Picnic, we like to take some time out to beautify the cemetery, the grave sites, and the walkways. Cemetery clean-up day will begin at 10:00am, and conclude at 2:00pm. We will serve a light lunch as well. This is a wonderful opportunity to see our historic cemetery and help us preserve the area so that our loved ones can rest in peace.

See You All There!

We also would like to invite our members to attend Casino Night on November 18th at the Italian Club. Fundraisers such as these are vital to the operation and maintenance of our cemetery. Tickets are \$40 per person and can be purchased either online at the Eventbrite link provided or by calling the office.

There are also sponsorship opportunities available for this event.. Sponsorships are recognized as a tax deductible donation. If you would like to sponsor this event, or have questions regarding sponsorships, please contact Rochelle Orr at (813)986-1517 or via email at shellorr@msn.com



The Italian Club Cemetery received donations in memory of the following individuals:

Audrey Denti Roes
Barbara Denti Pool

Nick Massari
Arthur & Sally Perla, Jr.
Anthony & Carmen Manali, Sr.
John & Joan Kutch & Family
Ken Ferlita
Philip Caltagirone & Family
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JOIN US FOR DIRTY

BINGO



Sponsored by The Italian Club Ladies Auxiliary Inc.

**SEPTEMBER 13, 2017
6:30PM-9:30PM**

Please join us for a Fun "Bingo Night Fund Raiser" sponsored by The Italian Club Ladies Auxiliary, Inc. The event will be held at Hamburger Mary's, located at 1600 7th Ave., 2nd floor of Centro Ybor. We will be offering 10 Cards For \$10! Please RSVP at 241-6279 as soon as possible. For further information, call Rosalie Perrone at 886-7595.

EAT, DRINK, AND BE MARY!



The Italian Club Ladies Auxiliary
invites you to celebrate...

The Beauty of Fall

A day of fun, fashion and friends

Join us at our
Historic Italian Club
Saturday, October 7th
1731 E. 7th Avenue
Tampa, FL 33605

\$50.00 ticket includes:

Marketplace
11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Fashion Show
12:00 p.m.

Italian Women of Excellence
Awards and Luncheon
1:00 p.m.

Silent Auction
11:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Checks payable to:
Italian Club Ladies Auxiliary
Mail to: Francine Susca
14005 Basin Street ~ Tampa, FL 33625

For more information contact Tamara LaBarbera @ 813-407-2613



**ON
SALE
NOW!**

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

While summer is now behind us, and children have headed back into the classroom, wanted to share some last minute vacation images that our members shared with us. We hope everyone had a great summer!



Russ & Lisa Rossi in the Colosseum in Rome
(with children Christian and Robyn)

Italian Club Members Russ & Linda Rossi recently visited the Colosseum in Rome, along with their children Christian & Robyn



Joe & Gilda Capitano, shared these images from their recent vacation in Italy with their son Frank David, his wife Christina, and their three sons (oldest to youngest) Demetrios (Deme), Alexander (Lex), Francis David Jr. (Franco). The two week excursion provided the family opportunities to check out the beautiful areas and tourist locations in Venice, Cortona, Florence, & Rome.



Maria & Enzo Pardo shared these images from their recent family vacation to Franklin, North Carolina, which is near the Highlands. The family trip included Maria, her husband Enzo, their children, Mia, Stella, & Vincenzo, along with their nephew Franco Capitano. Maria's parents, Joe & Gilda Capitano also joined them for the trip which included horseback riding, tubing, and zip-lining.



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.



Chris and Steve Antinori are so happy to announce the engagement of their son Chad Antinori to Alexandra Knoll. He is a Fire Medic for Hillsborough County and she is a Market Analyst with Integra Realty Resources. They will wed in October. Their rehearsal dinner will be at the Italian Club.



Roxanne Papia's grand-daughter, Ellie Violet Kirkley is turning 1 yr old 8/25. Core mia, mi pupa, Nana loves you very much



Christina and Nicholas Matassini's children, Gianni (7) and Costa (1) have birthdays October 13 and October 19.



Congratulations are in order for members Francis "Buzz" & Susan Bruno, who are celebrated their 41st wedding anniversary on August 21st.



Gianna Carravella would like to wish her mother Sylvia Tagliarini a happy birthday! Sylvia will be celebrating her birthday on September 26th! Buon Compleanno!



"Buzz" Bruno is happy to announce that he has retired for the second time (yes, second) effective August 31st! Let's see if he actually sticks to it this time!



Joe and Gianna Caravella's daughter, Francesca, is a countess in the 90 years old Latin American Fiesta Association. The appreciation reception that The Latin American Fiesta Association attended was for the Florida State Representative and a Florida State Senator who appropriated monies for the sustainability and refurbishment of several cultural societies to include The Italian Club. Over \$400,000 was given to the Italian Club. They also attended the Temple Terrace Women's Club summer tea as ambassadors of the 90 year old association by modeling their Spanish/Italian/Cuban themed dresses.



Happy 91st Birthday to Italian Club Member Dora Caltagirone! Pictured above, with her husband Joe Caltagirone.

Joe & Dora Caltagirone, both long time members, are celebrating their 69th wedding anniversary on September 12th! Congratulations to you both!



Karen Capizzi, pictured above in white, is celebrating her birthday on September 23rd.

Karen would also like to wish her "Florida Mom", Angela Genco (pictured above in black), a happy birthday. Angela's birthday is September 13th!



Long time member Frances L. Canto celebrated her 97th birthday on August 15. We are blessed to have you & we love you very much. Happy Birthday, Mom/Nana!

Italian Club Member, Philip Lazzara would like to recognize a few upcoming events. First, Philip himself will be 75 years old on October 28th. Philip's brother grandson, Evan Tyler Lazzara, will be turning 10 years old on October 12th. Lastly, Philip's brother Ralph Lazzara, III, will be turning 78 years old on September 12th. Happy Birthday to all!



Italian Club Member, Bob Abruzzese shared the photo above of his sons Antonio and Michael Abruzzese, who recently graduated from Newsome High School in Lithia, FL and are now attending Tallahassee Community College



Maria & Enzo Pardo would like to wish their son, Vincenzo a very happy birthday. Vincenzo will be turning 7 years old on October 26th. Buon Compleanno!



Lola Compton (left), Liam Compton (right), are gearing up for their first day of school at Roosevelt Elementary. Lola is starting 2nd grade and Liam is starting 4th grade. Lola & Liam are the grandchildren of Rick and Sandy Thomas and the children of Dick and Lauren Compton. Have fun and do your homework!



Stella & Vincenzo Pardo, pictured left to right, are celebrating their first day back at Roosevelt Elementary! Stella is entering the 5th grade, and Vincenzo is heading into 1st grade. Good luck you two!

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