

# L'Unione Italiana

**Celebrating 100 Years In Our Building**



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# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Ciao A Tutti Italian Club Members,

I'd like to take the opportunity to say "Thank You" and "Congratulations" to the Italian Club Ladies Auxiliary. The ladies hosted Campo Italiano in June, which was well planned, well executed and well received by the many children who attended and their families. The Ladies Auxiliary works very hard to ensure that our Campo Italiano is filled with Italian culture, traditions, heritage, and so much more. Our Campo was featured in a recent WFLA news broadcast too. Below are the two links to the stories:

1. [www.wfla.com/video/campo-italiano\\_20180606112941/1221856840](http://www.wfla.com/video/campo-italiano_20180606112941/1221856840)
2. [www.wfla.com/news/around-town/young-campers-learn-to-speak-italian-at-ybor-s-campo-italiana/1221638520](http://www.wfla.com/news/around-town/young-campers-learn-to-speak-italian-at-ybor-s-campo-italiana/1221638520)

The Club is also gearing up to host the 3rd Annual Summer Seafood Boil on August 12th - this event has been incredibly well received by our members, as it there really isn't anything like it in the local community. Chef Enzo Pardo and his staff have signed on to prepare this years feast, which he has done for the last 2 years. We are excited to have him on board helping us with this event and providing our membership with a unique one-of-a-kind event. The Seafood Boil is open to the public as well, so we encourage our membership to extend invites to any and all who may be interested.

With schools out and many of our members and families taking vacations, I'd like to wish you all happy summer and safe travels wherever you go. The Club, its staff and planning committees, will be busy in the coming months as we are in the final stages of planning our 100 Year Events. **Preliminary information on our 100 Year Fundraiser Events & Celebrations is published on pages 4 & 5 of this newsletter, but more detailed information will be mailed out to our members, friends, families, and sponsors in the coming weeks.** I kindly ask that you mark your calendars and do your best to attend these events. It goes without saying, that you only get the opportunity to celebrate events like these, every 100 years.



Sal Guagliardo  
Board President

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Lastly, as we celebrate our 100 Years, and embark on the journey into our next 100 Years, please remember that the Club relies on donations from our members and their families in order to keep our mission alive. One of the most important aspects of our mission is maintaining our facility as a memorial to the working class immigrants who helped transform our Club into the historical landmark that it is today. There are areas in the building that are in need of repair/restoration/renovation, and any donations or contributions we can receive to help offset the costs are always helpful. Our historic building is beautiful, but that beauty can be costly to maintain. The support of our membership, albeit through donations, contributions, or attendance at events - is vital to continued prosperity of the Club.

*Have A Great Summer!*

Sal Guagliardo, Italian Club President

# Celebrating 100 Years in our historic building



We are pleased to share with you that we have developed a series of events to honor our 100 Year Celebrations - which will recognize not only the milestone for our building, but also pay tribute to the culture and heritage of the Italian Community. Our committee has been working diligently to develop a series of events that are special for our Club and its members, but also events that would target and attract new individuals, from Tampa Bay and beyond into our venue to support the Club long-term. The

challenge is to modernize our focus, without abandoning or disregarding the rich heritage that has contributed to what we are today.

The committee has been working to prepare Sponsorship Opportunities in conjunction with our 100 Year Events. These sponsorships are so important for our Club, as we embark on a new century in our building, the cost to maintain and preserve the venue will no doubt increase as well. More information on these sponsorship opportunities will be forthcoming. If you are interested, or you know of a business or local group that would be interested, please email [mark@italian-club.org](mailto:mark@italian-club.org) - subject: 100 Year Sponsorship.

More the point - we are finalizing the details and plans for what will undoubtedly be some of the most memorable events we've hosted in our building in some time. We ask you to please mark your calendars for the dates (some dates have changed since the previous newsletter). All members will receive event packages in the mail soon, which will detail all of the events that we have planned. The support of our membership is vital to the success of these events, and invaluable as we celebrate such a milestone.



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**\*\*\*IMPORTANT: PLEASE READ, MARK YOUR CALENDAR\*\*\***

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**September 15th, 2018 - A Night at the Opera Fundrasier:** the Italian Club's 2nd Floor Theater once hosted world renowned entertainers and celebrities. We are reminded of Mrs. Norma "Tina" Russo, "Tampa's First Lady of Opera", who, in 1932, came to Ybor City, where she produced a variety of events such as recitals, concerts, and grand opera productions. She taught voice, managed an opera company, and helped many charitable organizations by producing benefit performances. To honor this tradition, and to celebrate to rich culture of Opera, we will partnering with the Straz Opera Tampa organization in hosting a night of opera. Our plan is to host a cocktail reception prior to the performances, with a variety of hors d'oeuvres available alongside a cash bar. (Cost of event pending)

**October 13th, 2018 - 100 Years, 100 Wines Fundraiser:** the relationship between Italians and their wines is celebrated worldwide, and we are most well known for being the home to many of the world's most incredible varieties. The Italian Club has long had success in hosting wine tastings in the past, and we are excited to grow on this success with the first ever fall wine tasting. We will be partnering with local distributors to offer an array of wines that would be available for purchase. We are also working on a plan to include local restaurants in the mix, in an effort to celebrate the incredible pairing of both food and wine in Italian culture. (Cost of event pending)

**November 17th, 2018 - 100 Year Celebration Reception:** the culminating event to honor our 100 Years will be honored with a more formal, Black-Tie Reception. This event will include a cocktail reception and with hand passed hors d'oeuvres in the Club's 1st Floor Cantina, followed by an elegant formal reception in the Club's 3rd Floor Grand Ballroom. Guests of this event will enjoy a wonderful sit down meal in a festive atmosphere filled with stories and camaraderie. The committee is also planning to recognize the contributions and dedication of our past Italian Club presidents, with a very special presentation. It is also the intention of the committee to once again revive the Paolo Long Award Reception during this event. As many of you know, this award is presented to a member or non-member of the Club, who has dedicated their life perpetuating Italian traditions, culture, and heritage throughout the community.

**December 9th, 2018 - Mass & Blessing:** the final event being offered as part of our 100 Year Events will be offered in conjunction with the Santa Lucia Program hosted by the Italian Club Ladies Auxiliary. This event will include a traditional mass, along with a ceremonial blessing. The intention of the committee is to honor the contributions and commitments of the many members who are no longer with us, and to blessing the building for the next 100 Years to come. Offering this in conjunction with the Santa Lucia Program, will be a wonderful way to marry young and old. Following the mass and blessing, the Ladies will host a social gathering with cookies and pastries with coffee, tea, and punch. This event will be free to attend.

**September/October/November Lecture Series** - a club such as ours is rich in history, much of which is passed down through generations. The committee is currently looking into 3 dates, one in each of the months of September, October, & November to host lectures. These lectures will be hosted by Dr. Gary Mormino, Honorable Judge E.J. Salcines, and Mayor Dick Greco. We are still busily working to finalize these dates, as well scheduling opening speakers. These lectures will be free to attend as well.

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# CONSUL GENERAL OF ITALY DONATION TO THE ITALIAN CLUB

The Italian Club recently hosted the Consul General of Italy, Gloria M. Bellelli, for a small gathering of local business persons for a meet & greet reception. Mrs. Bellelli was so touched by the welcoming of our members and with the mission of our Club, that she graciously donated two items from her private collection.

On June 5th, Consul General Gloria M. Bellelli, along with her spouse Luigi M. Tomasini, came back to the Italian Club, and proudly presented us with two items for our museum and displays. The first piece, "Pupo Siciliano", circa 1920 - the "pupi," from the Latin "pupus," or "little baby," were and continue to be characteristic puppets of the Neapolitan theater, popular in Naples and especially in Sicily beginning in the first half of the nineteenth century. In 2001, they were included by UNESCO in the Intangible Cultural Heritage List. The piece is being held by Consul General Gloria M. Bellelli and Mario Plaza in the photo above.

The second item donated, is a "Masciddari of a Sicilian Cart, from Sicily in the late 1800's. The walls of the wagon box are of wood, decorated with intricate, painted battle scenes typical of Provincial troubadour, a tradition born in Sicily during the reign of Frederick II, Holy Roman Emperor in the first half of the 13th century. The piece is being held by Gilda Capitano (Cultural Chair for the Italian Club), Salvatore Guagliardo (President of the Italian Club, and Vince Pardo (Agrigento Sister Cities Chairman) in the photo above.

We are so honored to have these items donated to our Club. We are working on finding a location in our Club that would honor these pieces, alongside their rich culture and heritage. Furthermore, we appreciate the generous donation from the Consul General, who has been one of the most accessible representatives of the Italian Republic ever to be assigned to this area.



*Pictured (left to right): Luigi M. Tomasini, Gilda Capitano, Salvatore Guagliardo, Vince Pardo (Agrigento Sister Cities Chairman), Mario Plaza, Consul General Gloria M. Bellelli*

# TAMPA MAYOR BOB BUCKHORN VISITS SICILY

In May 2018, Tampa Mayor Bob Buckhorn and Tampa-Agrigento Sister Cities Chairman Vince J. Pardo led a Tampa delegation to the Province of Agrigento, Sicily. During the visit, the delegation met with Sindaco (Mayor) Alfonso Frisco (Alessandria della Rocca), Sindaco Francesco Cacciatore (Santo Stefano Quisquina), Sindaco Calogero Firetto (Agrigento) and Sindaco Santo Alfano (Cianciana). The majority of the delegation members had ancestral ties to the cities visited.

The delegation of 21 people included Tampa City Councilman Guido Maniscalco, Tampa-Agrigento Vice Chairman Alfonso Belluccia and Sister Cities Board member Darlene Frisco. The trip was organized by Que Pasa Tours with assistance in Sicily from Agrigento Chairman Dario Danile and Alfonso Orlando. Alfonso Belluccia will spearhead a Sister Cities program of exchange students from the ancestral towns.

*Picture @ Left: Visiting the Ferranti Family Cheese Factory in Santo Stefano (cousins of Doreen Greco)*



*Meeting with Sindaco Cacciatore at City Hall*



*Meeting with Sindaco Frisco at City Hall*



*Having a mangiata with Sindaco Frisco*



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# "Benvenuto"

## TO OUR NEW CLUB MEMBERS

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The Italian Club of Tampa is always looking to grow and expand our extensive family of members. We encourage our members to invite family and friends to join our ranks!

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.

*Welcome to the family!*



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## Italian Club Membership Application (Please Print)

### 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)

### CONTRIBUTORY/BUSINESS MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

Check membership category applicable, please make checks payable to "The Italian Club Building & Cultural Trust Fund, Inc." - please note "Contributory/Business Memberships" are tax deductible, but nonrefundable:

\_\_\_\_\_ Patrons \$200      \_\_\_\_\_ Benefactor \$300      \_\_\_\_\_ DaVinci \$500

Primary Card Member's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (First, Middle Initial, Last, Suffix)

Business Name (for Contributory Memberships): \_\_\_\_\_

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Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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\*\*for family memberships, please list the name of the spouse and dependent children living in the household\*\*

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Child: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

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Employer /Occupation/School: \_\_\_\_\_

Please List A Member In Good Standing To Sponsor Your Application: \_\_\_\_\_

*if you do not have a sponsor you may leave this line blank and a membership committee member will be your sponsor.*

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

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|------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
| _____ Building         | _____ Food Prep   | _____ Insurance   | _____ Membership        |
| _____ Social           | _____ Cemetery    | _____ Fundraising | _____ Krewe Of Italia   |
| _____ New Year's Eve   | _____ Website     | _____ Cultural    | _____ Governance        |
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## ITALY'S OLDEST OLIVE OIL DISCOVERED IN PECULIAR POT

*Chemical analysis conducted on ancient pottery proves Italians started using olive oil 700 years earlier than what's previously been recorded*

Olive oil is a staple of Italian cuisine. It's been that way for thousands of years. And new chemical analysis conducted on

ancient pottery proves the liquid gold has existed in Italy hundreds of years longer than what anthropologists have previously recorded.

A team of researchers lead by Davide Tanasi, PhD, assistant professor of history at the University of South Florida, carried out chemical analyses to identify the content of a large jar, found in the 90s by Giuseppe Voza during the excavations at the site of Castelluccio. Conservators at the Archaeological Museum of Siracusa restored and reassembled 400 ceramic fragments, resulting in an egg-shaped 3 ½ foot storage container adorned with rope bands and three vertical handles on each side. At the same architectural site in Castelluccio in Sicily, researchers found two fragmented basins with an internal septum, indicating it was used to keep multiple substances together, but separate, along with a large terracotta cooking plate.

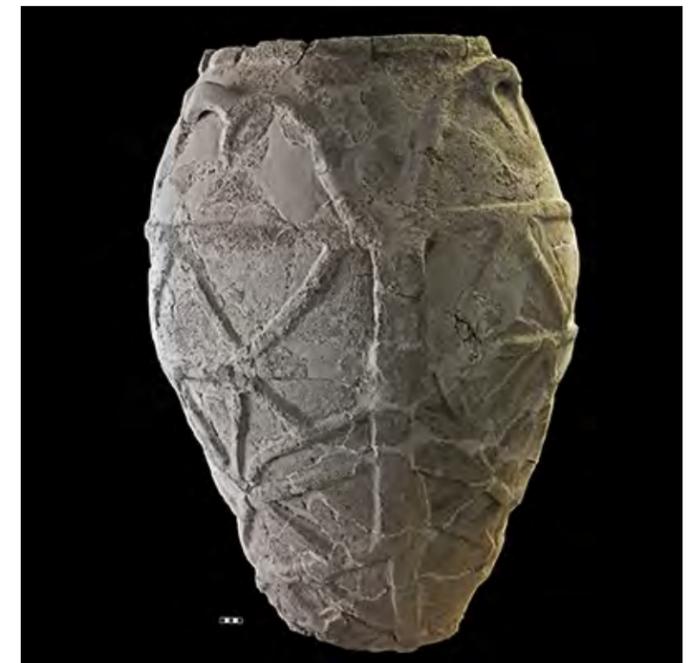
"The shape of this storage container and the nearby septum was like nothing else Voza found at the site in Castelluccio," said Dr. Tanasi. "It had the signature of Sicilian tableware dated to the end of the 3rd and beginning of the 2nd millennium BCE (Early Bronze Age). We wanted to learn how it was used, so we conducted chemical analysis on organic residues found inside."

This article was shared with us by Davide Tanasi, PhD, assistant professor of history at the University of South Florida. Davide is a member of the Italian Club, and has been involved in major archaeological work in Italy as well as other areas. The article was published on the USF website. Thank you to Davide for sharing!

In the study published in Royal Society of Chemistry, Dr. Tanasi tested the three artifacts using techniques traditionally and successfully used on archaeological pottery: Gas Chromatography, Mass Spectrometry and Nuclear Magnetic Resonance. His team found organic residue from all three samples contained oleic and linoleic acids, signatures of olive oil. They conclude the artifacts are from the Sicilian Early Bronze Age due to their location and peculiar shapes.

"The results obtained with the three samples from Castelluccio become the first chemical evidence of the oldest olive oil in Italian prehistory, pushing back the hands of the clock for the systematic olive oil production by at least 700 years," said Tanasi.

The only known identification of chemical signatures of olive oil are from storage jars discovered in southern Italy in Cosenza and Lecce believed to be from the 12th and 11th century BCE (Copper Age).



*Courtesy: Regione Sicilia - Polo Regionale di Siracusa per i siti e musei archeologici Museo Paolo Orsi*

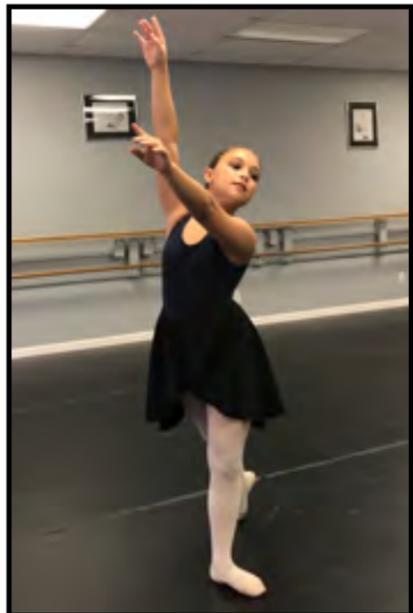
# MILESTONES & ANNOUNCEMENTS...

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).



### Three Generations of "Men for Others."

Carrying on the tradition, Joe Capitano, Sr. a Jesuit grad of 1956, seen here on May 30, '18 with his son Frank, a grad of Jesuit 1987, as Frank's son, Deme Capitano graduated with honors from Jesuit High School. Demetrius shown with his brothers, Lex a Junior at Jesuit & youngest brother Franco entering Jesuit this Aug. Deme will enter University of Florida in Aug as he continues his education.



CONGRATULATIONS STELLA MARIA PARDO! We are so proud of your your accomplishments in elementary school and wish you abundant blessings as you enter 6th grade at Coleman!



Italian Club Member Paul Wheaton is excited to share that his family has welcomed a new Grandson, born on April 4, 2018 to Jonathan Matthew and Torrie Wheaton.



Nick & Alessandra McGrath, Italian Club Members, got engaged at the Ritz Ybor went to HB Plant High School together and will be getting married at The Straz Center on November 22, 2019. Nick's dearly departed grandfather, Frank Cacciatore, was born in Sicily and owned Checkmate Barbershop on Euclid which is currently owned by his uncle Angelo Cacciatore. Although our engagement is "old news" we are excited to share our family story and engage our new Italian Club Family.



Member Julia Parrino graduated from Blake High School and will attend University of South Florida - St. Petersburg in the fall. Julia is a past volunteer at Campo Italiano.



Francis David Ferlita Capitano, Jr., graduated from 8th grade at the Academy of the Holy Names of Jesus & Mary, on May 25, '18. Franco received the Mother's Club Award given to a boy student who most expressed the values & beliefs AHN promotes. This is voted on by the faculty. Frank David, Jr. will be entering Jesuit High School in Aug. '18 as a freshman. Seen with him are his proud parents Frank & Christina Capitano.

## Un Compleanno Molto Felice, Filippo!

Here's wishing our amazing dad, Philip Perricone Caltagirone a very Happy 95th Birthday! Born as the eldest son to Alfonso and Angelina on June 27, 1923 and grew up in grand Ybor City.

Dad has seen a lot in his life's journey, including serving in the US Navy in the South Pacific and being a part of the Freedom Flight to Washington DC. Philip continues to be an active, longtime member of the Italian Club of Tampa and has made enormous contributions to the upkeep of the Italian Club Cemetery. Philip is a Lions Club Victor E. DiMaio Achievement Award recipient -- one who excels in promoting and enhancing the unique aspects of Ybor City heritage.

Dad and Mom, Jennie D'Elia, raised a full house of four children -- Michael Alfonso, Louis Philip, Darlene Aida and JoAnna Angelina, 7 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren!

On July 27, come one, come all, to Philip's gathering of family and friends for delicious cake at the Italian Club Cantina to celebrate this most wonderful, momentous occasion!

Amate la vostra famiglia! XOXO



Philip & Jennie



Philip, sister Carmen Manali and brother Joe Caltagirone



Louis, Michael, JoAnna, Philip, Jennie and Darlene



Philip & Jennie



Alfonso, Angelina and Philip at Anna Maria Beach (1940's) after his return home from service in the US Navy



Bob and Susan Salvaggio Gilmore welcomed their 1st grand child Alice Marie Gilmore on March 25th.



Congratulations to Francesca Valentina Lazzara who graduated in May from the University of Central Florida with a Bachelor Arts degree in Human Communication with a Psychology minor. Francesca is the proud daughter of Italian Club members Santo and Celeste Lazzara. We are so proud of you, Love Mom & Dad.



Italian Club Members, Sam and Sharon Mangione are proud to announce their son Christopher M. Mangione graduated with Honors from H. B. Plant High School. Chris will attend his father's alma mater Florida State University in August.



The Mangiones celebrated Christopher's graduation and entertained guests in the Italian Club Theater. Christopher Mangione is a fifth-generation Italian Club member as he is the grandson of Joseph and Joanna Mangione, great-grandson of Carlo and Jeannie Cacciatore Massaro, who met at an Italian Club Tea Dance, and the great-great-grandson of Onofrio and Giuseppa Pizzo Cacciatore who is pictured here and performed in the same Italian Club Theater many times.

*Photo Credit: Burgert Brothers Photographic Collection; Courtesy, Tampa-Hillsborough County Public Library System.*



# 3rd Annual SUMMER Seafood Boil



**August 12<sup>th</sup>**

Seating starts @ 1:00pm  
Food Service Begins @ 1:30p

Feast on snow crab, tender shrimp, clams, mussels, crawfish, smoked sausage, sweet corn on the cob, red russet potatoes, mixed with savory onions and celery. Just the right amount of spice and a pinch of amore, served perfectly boiled on your table, for a hands-on southern inspired family-style chow down! Delicious homemade bloody mary's with St. George's Green Chile Vodka will be available for purchase along with beer specials and full cash bar!

**\$40pp non-member**  
**\$30pp club member**

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**ADVANCED TICKETS ARE REQUIRED**

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# CRUSH

## Happy Hour

Check out whats happening in  
**July & August**

CRUSH Happy Hour has become the premier social event at the Italian Club. As we progress into the summer month's, we've decided to alter our schedule a bit - and offer Happy Hour bi-weekly. We recognize the hectic summer schedules of many of our members, and we hope that this small change will allow more of you to visit us as we work to schedule special guest chefs and great new & exciting entertainment. As always, if you have any questions or want to make a reservation, please contact Maria at [CrushHappyHour@gmail.com](mailto:CrushHappyHour@gmail.com)

- **Friday, July 6th** - No Crush This Week
- **Friday, July 13th** - CRUSH Happy Hour welcomes back special guest chef Linda Susca Stanaland. Linda was guest chef a couple months ago and is back by popular demand! Entertainment provided by Funkman & Friends!
- **Friday, July 20th** - No Crush This Week
- **Friday, July 27th** - CRUSH Happy Hour is excited to welcome back Gil Machin! Gil packed the Cantina in June when he was with us are we couldn't be happier to have him back!
- **Friday, August 3rd** - No Crush This Week
- **Friday, August 10th** - CRUSH Happy Hour welcomes Stevie Gonzalez Jr. from Catering By The Family, into our kitchen to prepare an incredible buffet dinner. We will welcome back DJ Party Doctor to entertain!
- **Friday, August 17th** - No Crush This Week
- **Friday, August 24th** - Join us for 4th Friday with Gil Machin, one of Tampa's best entertainers! Gil has packed the Cantina before - so get your reservations in early!
- **Friday, August 31st** - No Crush This Week
- **Looking Ahead - September 14th** - CRUSH Happy Hour is proud to welcome our long time supporter, Jo Ann Palchak, as our special guest chef - more information to come!



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## KREWE OF ITALIA UPDATES...

Krewe of Italia joined forces with The Italian Club as they took in a Sunday afternoon baseball game June 24th for Italian Heritage Night at the Rays vs. Yankees Game. Members were treated to a special gift from the Italian Club along with a Rays baseball cap. 110 Krewe and Club members met at 11:15 AM to travel by first class luxury bus.



On July 28th, Krewe of Italia will be invading downtown Tampa as they navigate all the sights on the Pirate Water Taxi. If you are interested in joining in on the plundering, email [koi.italianclub.com](mailto:koi.italianclub.com) for further information.

The Krewe of Italia is accepting membership for the 2019 Parade season. Go to [www.kreweofitalia.com](http://www.kreweofitalia.com) to complete the application and join in on all the fun. Come out and meet us every on Friday for Crush Happy Hour from 5:00 - 9:00 in the Cantina at the Italian Club. The Happy Hour schedule is posted in this newsletter!



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# FROM THE LADIES AUXILIARY...

Ciao amici,

The Ladies Auxiliary is actively fulfilling our Annual Event Plan of serving the Italian Club and its membership. In the last two months we have produced two of our larger events: Themes 'n Tea and Campo Italiano. Through each of these events we demonstrate our love and appreciation for our Italian heritage, traditions, and culture and the Italian Club.

I want to thank Gilda Capitano for her role as chair of the 8th Annual Mother's Day Themes 'n Tea. Through her dedication and the enthusiasm of all the Tea Captains who so lovingly decorate their "themed" tables, we showcased the unique beauty of the Italian Club building all the while reviving the appreciation for the art of conversation and our heritage of honoring the matriarchal head of Italian families, our Mothers, both past and present. This year, we had the special treat of the Tampa City Ballet under the artistic direction of Paula Nunez. They elevated the Tea to a new level with their dance performance and vocal performance of Ruben Celiberti. What an appropriate and beautiful ending to our program. I am truly thankful for all who participated and volunteered their time to produce this magical afternoon. Thank you to our

patrons who attended, enjoyed the day with us, and supported our efforts.

I want to thank and recognize, AnnMarie Hanecki as chair of Campo Italiano. This is another of the Ladies Auxiliary's annual events which serves children age 8 and older to learn the history, traditions, language, music, food, art, bocce ball, and dance of our Italian heritage. This is a week-long camp where we transform the Italian Club into a school complete with volunteer teachers who teach all these subjects to the next generation. This year, Michelle Ferlita, daughter of Ken and Madlein Ferlita, a Plant High School Senior, and leader of this year's Campo Arts & Crafts segment was awarded the Girl Scouts of West Central Florida's Gold Award for her project, "Getting to Know Your Heritage," which was based on how to interest today's generation on the importance of their heritage. As we begin to celebrate the Italian Club Building's 100-year history, Campo Italiano works to ensure we will be celebrating the Italian Club Building's 200-year history in the future. Thank you to the dedication of the Campo Italiano instructors, leaders, and sponsors whose support makes this program possible.



Looking forward, the Ladies Auxiliary will host a "Bananas, Bolita, and Bourbon Bash" on Saturday, September 29th at 8:00 p.m. in the Italian Club Ballroom. Join us as we celebrate the Roaring

'20s Ybor with a "bolita" raffle, Hors d'oeuvres, and giggle water, while dancing the night away. It will be the bee's knees, so be hip to the jive and contact us for your tickets now, early bird gets the worm!

October 10th is The Italian Club Ladies Auxiliary Night at Hamburger Mary's Bingo. Gather your group of besties, rev up your daubers, and enjoy an amusing night with the "Girls" and the Ladies. Proceeds that night support our historic building and cultural trust.

In this newsletter please see the Call for Santa Lucia Candidates. A girl aged 12 to 13 years old will be selected based on her 100-word essay, "Why I would like to represent Santa Lucia." Essay deadline is November 15. Boys and girls are encouraged to participate and the event will be

co-celebrated December 9, 2018 with a Mass blessing our 100-Year-Old Building.

Lastly, the Ladies Auxiliary is honored to be asked to produce this year's New Year's Eve Italian Club Party Ball. Our committee is working diligently to offer our membership an evening of fun, prizes, heavy hors d'oeuvres, dancing and DJ, and merriment culminating with a Midnight Champagne Toast and Breakfast Buffet. We encourage your group to attend in costume. Don't miss your opportunity to receive complimentary parking by making your reservations early!

Grazie, Sharon Mangione  
Italian Club Ladies Auxiliary President

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**SANTA LUCIA FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS**

**Seeking Santa Lucia Candidates & Attendants for December 9, 2018, 11:00 AM Mass**

This is an opportunity to celebrate our Sicilian Traditions!

Santa Lucia candidates must be 12-13 years old & submit a 100-word essay "Why I would like to represent Santa Lucia" which will be the basis for selection. **ESSAYS ARE DUE: Nov. 15, 2018 to [smangione89@gmail.com](mailto:smangione89@gmail.com).** Santa Lucia will receive \$100 and will participate in the Gasparilla Children's Parade (her parents included). Attendants: girls and boys ages 4-16 are encouraged to participate. If you have questions regarding the program, please contact: Program Chair, Lynnette Ciccarello Stine at 813-310-0203 or [Lmstine578@gmail.com](mailto:Lmstine578@gmail.com).

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**Italian Club Ladies Auxiliary**

# 7<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL THEMES 'N TEA...

The Italian Club Ladies Auxiliary held their 7th Annual fundraiser Themes 'n Tea on May 12, 2018 in the beautiful 3rd floor Ballroom of the Italian Club. All monies raised go towards the preservation of the Italian Club's 100-year-old building and the Italian Club Cemetery. Upon arrival, in the Cantina, the ladies' guests were treated to mimosas and given a "favor to take home" by the booth photography of Joe Photo.

All ladies participating as Tea Captain hostesses did an outstanding job with their tables. The following Tea Captains arranged the beautiful tables:

- Pat Steves; Tea at Tara in Gone With The Wind
- Gilda Capitano; Tea First Thing in the Morning
- Karen Capizzi; Friends of Rosalie
- Loretta Campo; Papillion
- Donna & Lorraine; May Flowers
- Frances Anderson; Mama's Pizzeria
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- Roseann Favatta; Carnivale
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- AnnMarie Hanecki; Starry Night
- Jackie & Sharon; Munchkin Land
- Jackie & Sharon; Emerald City
- Jackie & Sharon; There's No Place Like Home
- Cynthia Lamb; Odds 'n Ends
- Jen Lima; Silver, Tea, & Grace

Thank you so much as we know this is a passion of love and quite laborious. I, as Chair of the Tea Event greatly thank you!

Special thanks are in order for Chef Enzo Pardo who handled with his expertise, the beautiful presentation of our food. Also, thanks to our two Italian Club Presidents, Present & Past, Sal Guagliardo & Joe Capitano, Sr. who never cease to be there from early morning until the Tea is over with their help for the Ladies Auxiliary. Thanks to Jackie Kasperski who handled all reservations & seating arrangements. This is quite a task...thank you Jackie!

This year the Tea had entertainment & it was a hit! Thank you Maria C. Pardo who acquired for us the Tampa City Ballet whose Artistic Director, Paula Nunez was very happy to do this special performance for us. You could hear a pin drop while her dancers performed. And if you were present, how can we forget the Italian singer, Ruben Celiberti, an Italian-Argentine multi-talented artist. Ruben sang straight into your heart and pierced it with joy. Finally, but not least, thank you to our Italian Club Director, Mark Stanish, Jr. for his unending efforts to help us and any other event that is taking place at the Historic Italian Club in Ybor. Mark takes every event to heart and makes sure all runs smooth and perfect!

Ladies, I am proud of all of those who attended & those that prepared tea tables. Until next year ... Tea you soon! Tealiciously yours, Gilda F. Capitano - Tea Chair



Gilda Capitano  
"Tea First Thing in the Morning"



Jackie Kasperski & Sharon Mangione  
"No Place Like Home"



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"Latin Fiesta - Carnivale"



Donna Sardegna and Lorraine Zambito  
"May Flowers"

## Thank You to our Tea Captains

- Bottom Row: Lorraine Zambito, Donna Sardegna, Jackie Kasperski, Gilda Capitano, Karen Capizzi
- Second Row: AnnMarie Hanecki, Jennifer Lima, Frances Pardo Anderson, Deanna Richardson, Roseanne Favata
- Third Row: Terry Silver, Cathy Guagliardo, Sharon Mangione, Lorretta Campo, Pat Steves

# CAMPO ITALIANO - THAT'S A WRAP!

Dear Members, Family and Friends,

The Italian Club Ladies Auxiliary hosted another successful Campo Italiana with 34 campers attending. The children's joy of learning new Italian words and cooking special Italian dishes is why the Ladies Auxiliary continues to support this one week camp. We love hearing back from parents of how much their children love attending and can't wait to sign up again this year. This year was extra special as our camp was featured on Channel 8 and Channel 38. The children loved seeing themselves on TV. (See link on website)

We had several new Camp counselors this year as they moved from camper to counselor. Their main responsibility is to assist a group of campers with each area. Areas of learning are Storytelling, Traditions, Cooking, Language, Crochet, Music Arts and Crafts and Dance. We love when our campers return as counselors, as it shows how much they appreciate the program as well.

Thanks to our adult volunteers who make Campo run smoothly. We are fortunate to have them come back annually with such enthusiasm and love of children. Campo would not exist without them. Thanks Celeste Lazzara, Loretta Campo, Gianfranco Ferri, Michelle Ferlita, Angela Genco, Angelo Piazza (Our Bocce volunteer) and Jessie Wamsley.

Lastly a big thank you to our sponsors!!! It is through their donations that help us keep the cost of Campo Italiana down. Please support those that generously supported our camp. Loretta & Manuel Campo (member), Rose Barbie (member), Ann & Jack Sheehan, Sharon & Sam Mangione (member), Krewe of Italia, Italian Club Cemetery, Jay & Donna Anthony, Joe & Joann Russo, Mark & Theresa Anderson, and Gilda & Joe Capitano (member).

AnnMarie Susca Hanecki  
2018 Campo Italiana Chair



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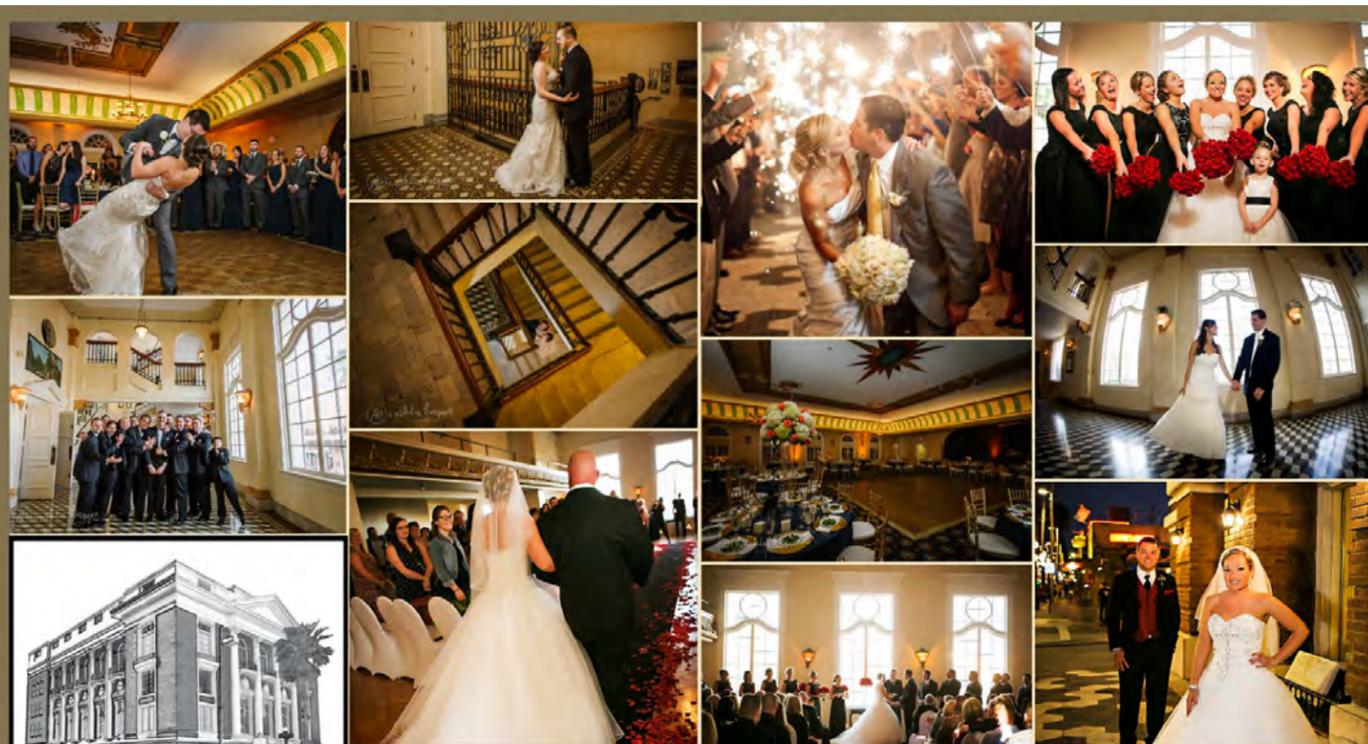
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