



L'Unione Italianiana

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L'UNIONE ITALIANA
The Italian Club
Toronto's first Italian heritage society
was organized April 8, 1901, during
the early years of mass Italian
immigration through cultural, social
and educational activities.
The club's members have been
instrumental in preserving the cultural
heritage of the Italian community.

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THE ITALIAN CLUB
L'UNIONE ITALIANA | TAMPA
Established 1894

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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.



NOVEMBER 2018

November 3rd	Cemetery Clean Up Day (Volunteers Needed)
November 7th	Lecture Series with Honorable Judge EJ Salcines
November 8th-11th	Aeon Theater: Bonnie & Clyde Musical Production
November 9th	CRUSH Happy Hour Guest Chef Night
November 16th	Sal Valentinetti Benefit Concert @ the Italian Club
November 17th	100 Year Dinner Reception & Awards Presentation
November 22nd	Happy Thanksgiving! (Club Closed)
November 23rd	CRUSH Happy Hour - Black Friday Special

DECEMBER 2018

December 2nd	Breakfast with Santa
December 8th	Snow On 7th Parade In Ybor City
December 9th	Blessing of the Building Mass & Santa Lucia
December 9th	Lecture Series with Mayor Dick Greco
December 13th	Italian Club Christmas Party
December 14th	CRUSH Happy Hour "Holidazzle Holiday Party"
December 25th	Merry Christmas! (Club Closed)
December 28th	CRUSH Happy Hour - "Rockin' New Years Pre-Party"
December 31st	New Years Eve Ball hosted by the Ladies Auxilliary

Looking Ahead...

January 1st	Happy New Year! (Club Closed)
January 4th	Krewe of Italia Indoor Bocce Tournament

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Dear Italian Club Family,

Over the last year, a small, but dedicated group of members have been working to honor and celebrate our building's 100 Year milestone. I had the pleasure of attending two of the most recent 100 Year events, both the Night at the Opera and the Uncorked Fall Wine Tasting. Both of these events were completely sold-out, an incredible achievement for our Club and the committee who organized them. These events combined brought nearly 1,000 people into our building, providing us the opportunity to show off not only our beautiful Club, but also to honor our culture and heritage in the process. I congratulate the committee for their hardwork, and I look forward what's to come.

That being said, we are in the homestretch - with just three more events remaining in the 100 Year series of events. The next event will welcome back to the Club, national recording artist Sal Valentinetti on Friday November 16th. This benefit concert will be a one-of-a-kind evening for our Club and our members. The next evening, on November 17th - we will host our 100 Year Dinner Reception and Award Programming, where we will not only recognize our past presidents, but also award the Paolo Longo award to two very deserving individuals. It is with great honor that I share that this year's recipients are Joe Capitano, Sr. and Rosalie Perrone. In addition to a delicious dinner, and the awards programming, there also be music and dancing to add to the celebration. If you plan to attend this event, please let us know as soon as possible. The last of our 100 Year events will be our Blessing of the Building Mass, in which the Ladies Auxiliary will also crown a new Santa Lucia, being held on Sunday, December 9th. This is a free mass and program, and we encourage you all to attend this very special ceremony. Details on these events can be found on pages 8-13 of this newsletter.

As we begin to wrap up our 100th Year in our building, and we begin to embark on what I hope will be another 100 Years to follow, I am happy to

share with you that we have given our ballroom a bit of a facelift. We have removed the old carpet, which served us well, and replaced it with a beautiful new, lighter design. We've also replaced our old dance floor with a brand new one, which is the same color as the hardwood that was once in that space. This beautification was made possible through the support of our members, friends, families, and supporters of the Club. Each one of you deserves a "Grazie" for your support of the Club and our events.

In closing, I'd like to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a Happy Thanksgiving, a Merry Christmas, and a very Happy New Year. Our Club has truly been blessed this past year - with a growing membership, many new and exciting events, and so much more! I look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming events.

Sal Guagliardo, Italian Club President



*Sal Guagliardo
Board President*

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"Benvenuto"

TO OUR NEW CLUB MEMBERS

Erika Bortolotti
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Jospeh & Audra Chiellini
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The Italian Club of Tampa has become an integral part of the community, and we strive to fulfill our mission each and every day. Our most important method of honoring this mission is through the dues and contributions provided by the members, their families, friends, and local businesses. We thank you all for your support of the Club!

Welcome to the family!

ITS TIME TO RENEW YOUR ITALIAN CLUB MEMBERSHIP FOR 2019...

2019 Membership renewals have been sent out in early November. This will be our 125th Year as a membership Club, and your support of the club is vital to the preservation of our Club's mission. We have an exciting 2019 in the works, with many events and programs for members. We are working diligently to ensure that members receive discounted pricing on events, along with other perks throughout the year. We look forward to having you as a member of the Club! If you have any questions, please contact the Italian Club Office at 813-248-3316

Grazie! Supporters Of The CULTURAL TRUST

DAVINCI (\$500 Donation)

Steve & Chris Antinori
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TICKETS ONSALE NOW!

Sal the Voice

Friday, November 16th

italian-club.org/events/

THE ITALIAN CLUB



ITALIAN CLUB LOOKING TO CREATE A PROFESSIONAL NETWORKING ORGANIZATION...

Being connected to your community means everything. It's the difference between just living in a place and feeling like you're really at home. We are looking to help professionals engage with the bay area's great people and businesses, accessible leadership and a vibrant social scene. The Italian Club is looking for young professionals to be a part of a local networking group. You do not need to be Italian to participate in this program, we are looking for an active group hoping to expand their professional network. This group of professionals will meet monthly to network, socialize, etc. They will be under the umbrella of the Italian Club and will have its support for activities, projects, networking functions, etc. If you would like to be a part of this new and upcoming group, please contact Gianna Tagliarini Caravella at koi.italianclub@gmail.com.

Ciao Bella Gente!
Conversational Italian, Enthusiastically

**Group & Individual Lessons
 By Club Member Leona**
 813.361.2576
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POSSIBLE ITALIAN LANGUAGE CLASSES AT THE CLUB...

The Italian Club is currently looking into the possibility of hosting scheduled, small group Italian Language Classes. These classes would be at a beginners level to start, and we would work from there. There would be a fee for the classes. The classes would be held in the evening, and run for approximately 10 weeks.

If you would be interested in enrolling in the classes here at the Club, please email mark@italian-club.org so that we can add your name to the list of potential students. Once we know if there is interest, we will create a student email list to contact you. Thank you!

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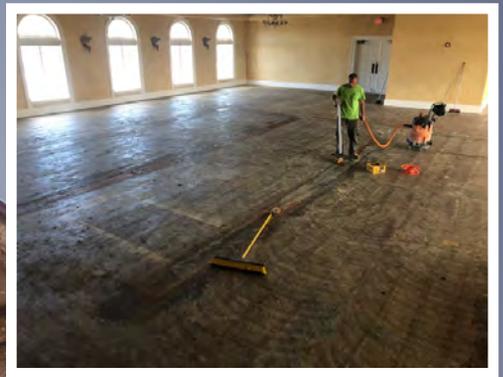
OUR GRAND BALLROOM TRANSFORMED...

We are beyond excited to share with you that our 3rd Floor Grand Ballroom received some long overdue attention. We have replaced the 30 year old carpet with a very high-end, elegant, one of a kind ballroom carpet. This project had been years in the making, and the design, color scheme, and overall appearance are unique to our ballroom. The new carpet has truly transformed the space into a much brighter and more regal space, allowing us to showcase the natural elegance of the room and beautiful architectural embellishments that adorn the space.

These projects are only made possible through the support of our membership, through dues and event participation, alongside the contributions from local families, businesses, and county/state grant funding. Thank you to all those who have supported us and made this possible.

BEFORE





The Italian Club of Tampa
proudly welcomes back for
a benefit performance...



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TICKETS
NOW ON
SALE

Sal the Voice

VALENTINETTI

Celebrating 100 Years
Friday, November 16th

1st Floor Check In at 7:00, 3rd Floor Showtime at 8:00pm

A jazz singer and crooner with the sound of a 1950s classic performer, Sal Valentinetti quickly rose to fame after appearing on season 11 of NBC's America's Got Talent. Valentinetti's initial audition instantly garnered attention and comparisons to music legends such as Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin. This event aims to provide audience members with an intimate and timeless experience. Proceeds to benefit the **Italian Club Building & Cultural Trust Fund** a registered 501C3 (ID: #59-2708291)

Tickets Available Online:
italian-club.org/events

This event will occur in the Club's Ballroom and will be set up cabaret style. Ticket Prices will vary from \$40 to \$60, based on seat location. All members will receive \$10% off their ticket purchase at check out using a special promo code.

Celebrating **100 Years** *in our historic building*



The time has finally arrived! The Italian Club Board of Directors would like to take this opportunity to invite our entire membership, along with extended friends and families, and our many supporters, to attend our 100 Year Celebration Reception & Paolo Longo Award Presentation. This event is the result of the hard work over the last year of our dedicated event committee, cultural committee, and many more individuals who have stepped up and helped along the way. Members have been sent information on this event, and we have included more information on page 10 & 11 of this publication.

In addition, we'd like our members to take note of the incredible lecture series that was coordinated developed by our Cultural Chair, Gilda Capitano. These lecturers have all welcomed the opportunity to speak about our Club and our history. Dr. Gary Mormino welcomed over 50 guests for his lecture in October, and we are excited for our November lecture with Honorable Judge Salcines, and our December lecture with Mayor Dick Greco. More information on the lectures can be found on page 13.

And lastly, but certainly not least, we are excited to share with you that we will be hosting a very special mass and blessing on the building, in conjunction with the Santa Lucia program on December 9th at the Club. Following the mass and blessing, the Ladies Auxiliary will host a reception of traditional Italian cookies and refreshments. All are invited to attend. More information on this special event, which is free to attend, can be found on page 12 of this publication.



Italian Club Board of Directors - 2018

Dear Italian Club Member;

It was with great excitement and much pride that we invite you to join us for our 100 Year Celebration Dinner & Awards Presentation, which will occur at the Italian Club of Tampa on Saturday, November 17th starting at 6:00pm. This event will serve as the culmination of a series of events honoring our historic building and the tremendous history that exists within our brick and mortar. As we come together for this celebration, we will also recognize our past presidents and present the Paolo Longo Award to two very deserving individuals, which has not been awarded in over 15 years.

As part of the event programming, we will recognize several of our presidents who have dedicated themselves to the betterment of our Club and its mission. Serving as President of our great Club requires not only dedication and hard work, but also a great deal of pride in our heritage, and a commitment to honoring the many men and women who worked to build our Club to the cornerstone of Ybor City that it is today. Our past presidents volunteered to ensure our Club's mission stayed strong in the Tampa Community, and for that, we will celebrate their contribution. **Those being honored at this reception will include past presidents, Vincent LoScalzo, Vincent Pardo, Charles Spicola Jr., Dennis Diecidue, Jamie Granell, Joe Capitano Sr., and our current president, Salvatore Guagliardo.**

We will also take this opportunity to revive the Paolo Longo Award, and present this year's award to two individuals who have worked toward the enrichment of the Italian culture in the Tampa Bay Community and who have reinforced the fervor of our Italian heritage and our Club's mission. **It is with great respect that we announce this years Paolo Longo Award recipients, Joe Capitano Sr. and Rosalie Perrone.** The Paolo Longo Award was established in 1987 to honor a dedicated past member who spent his entire life perpetuating Italian traditions and heritage in Tampa.

Our goal with this event is to bring together our over 1,000-member strong Club, along with family, friends, and supporters, to celebrate this momentous occasion. Guests will enjoy an extensive cocktail hour in the Club's Cantina, followed by a beautiful dinner reception in the Grand Ballroom. The menu and details of the event are printed on the enclosed invitation. Following the awards presentation, guests will have the opportunity to socialize, share stories, or dance the night away in our beautifully restored ballroom. This is a formal event, so "black-tie" is strongly encouraged. All tickets are \$100pp, which is inclusive of tax. All tables will seat 10 guests maximum. Please note, purchasing a full table (10 people) of is the best way to ensure that families are all seated together. **RSVP's are need by Monday, November 5th**

To Purchase Tickets: Please contact Mark Stanish at mark@italian-club.org, or 813-248-3316 to obtain a copy of the "100 Year Dinner RSVP", this can be used for those who are planning to attend, as well as for those who cannot but wish to donate to the 100 Year Celebration.

1. Please complete the form as indicated, it is very important to include your name and contact information so that we can provide appropriate seating arrangements.
2. If you are buy ticketing for multiple guests, please indicate the guests that will be seated at your table with you.
3. Please indicate if you would like to be seated with or near one of our honorees. The event committee will work diligently to accommodate as many of these requests as possible.
4. Return the form with full payment, with checks made out to the "Italian Club Building & Cultural Trust Fund", and mail it back to the Italian Club at 1731 E. 7th Avenue, Tampa, FL 33605
5. Tickets are \$100 each, which includes tax (ex. 10 guests, \$1,000.00)

Italian Club Members, Families, Friends, and Supporters are cordially invited to attend the

100th Anniversary Celebration Dinner & Paolo Longo Award Presentation

Saturday, November 17th

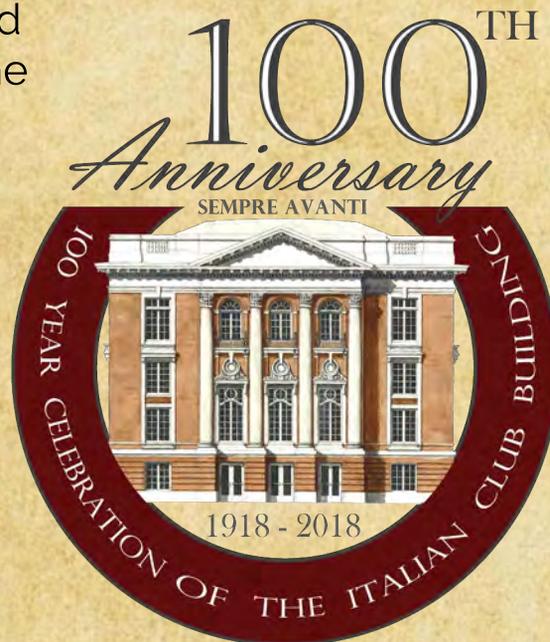
Cocktail Reception, 6:00pm-7:15pm
Blessing & Invocation, 7:30pm
Dinner Reception, 7:30pm-8:30pm
Awards & Recognitions, 8:30pm-9:30pm
Music & Dancing, 9:30pm-11:30pm

Black Tie Strongly Encouraged

Cocktail Reception in the Club's Cantina, with a full antipasto display station and variety of butler passed hot & cold appetizers, alongside a fully stocked cash/credit bar

Dinner Reception in the 3rd Floor Grand Ballroom, with an assortment of rustic Italian breads, crostini and caponata to start, followed by a served duet plate of Italian Braised Beef Bracciole (in tomato sauce) with Prosciutto & Fontina Stuffed Sicilian Chicken Breast (in a sage burr blanc), accompanied by local root vegetable zucchini provencal and Pasta alla Norma (with parmesan and basil). To conclude the dinner portion of the evening, guests will be treated to a trio of Italian desserts

**ADVANCED RSVP & TICKET
PURCHASE REQUIRED.
LIMITED SEATING AVAILABLE...**



Paolo Longo Awards & Presentations

Honoring the dedication and commitment of two individuals as this year's Paolo Longo Award Recipients...



Joe Capitano, Sr. Rosalie Perrone

Recognizing the hard work, commitment and contributions of our current and past presidents of the Italian Club...

Sal Guagliardo
2006 - Present

Dennis Diecidue
1990-1992

Joe Capitano, Sr.
1998-2006

Charles Spicola, Jr.
1988-1989

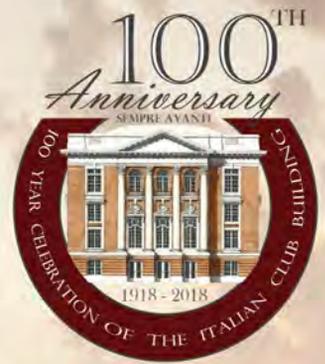
Jamie Granell
1992-1995

Vincent J. Pardo
1985-1987

Vincent LoScalzo
1983-1984

Join us for a
very special

Blessing of the Building



JESUIT
HIGH SCHOOL

& Santa Lucia Ceremony

Sunday, December 9th

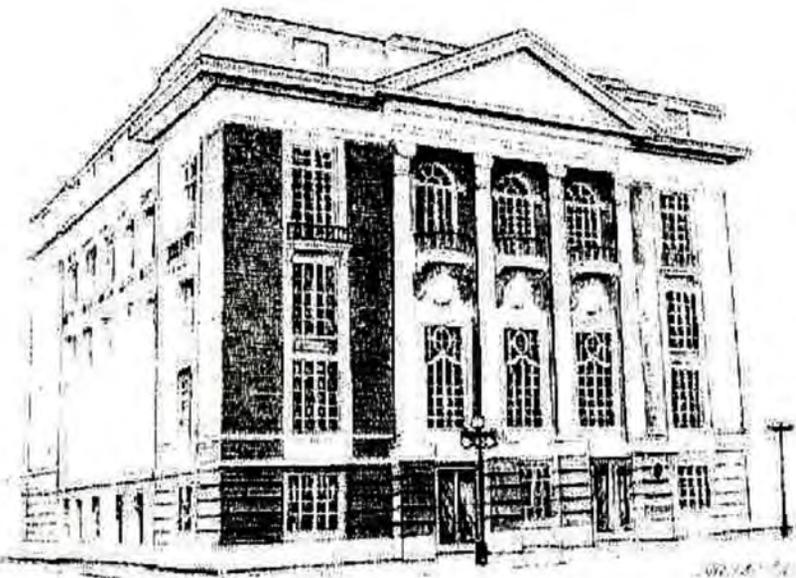
Services will begin at 11:00am
Coffee & Desserts to follow Mass

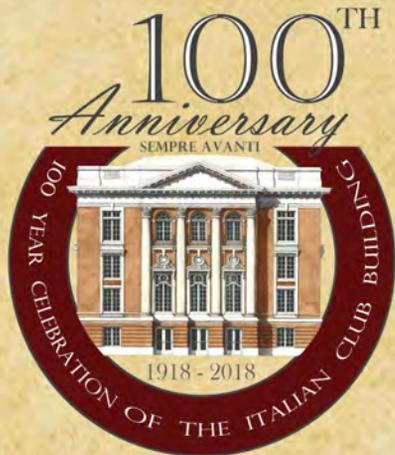


Join us as the Italian Club of Tampa closes their 100 Year Celebrations with a traditional Catholic Mass and Blessing of the Building Ceremony, along with the crowning of our new Santa Lucia. Father Angel Rivera-Fals SJ, from Jesuit High School, will be celebrating the Mass. This event is open to all members, families, friends, and supporters, and we will honor the many men and women who have dedicated themselves selflessly to our Club. We will also look to the future as we bless the building for the next 100 years, and the many generations to follow. Following the mass and ceremony, the Italian Club will host a reception of Traditional Santa Lucia Cuccia, Italian Cookies, and refreshments in the Club's Cantina.

Please kindly RSVP using the link below

<https://events.blackbirdsvp.com/italianclubmass>





You are invited to attend a complimentary

ITALIAN CLUB LECTURE SERIES

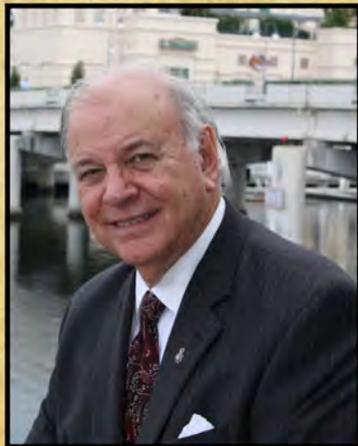


Monday, October 15th @ 1:00pm

Dr. Gary Mormino

"The History of Italian Food in Tampa"

A Frenchman said almost two centuries ago, "Tell me what you eat and I will tell you who you are." History Professor and Tampa Historian will trace foodways from Sicily to America, from Ybor City to Tampa, and beyond.



Wednesday, November 7th @ 1:00pm

Honorable Judge E.J. Salcines

"The History of the Italian Club in Tampa"

Honorable Judge E. J. Salcines will show his 25 minute documentary on the Italian Club to the audience which he researched & created himself. Afterwards, he will speak & also allow questions and answers.



Sunday, December 9th @ 1:00pm

Mayor Dick Greco

"The Way We Were"

How these immigrants were so proud, that they gave their all to have Architect Leo Elliot design this beautiful Greco-Roman building, to recreate, to house their Operettas, to house their HMO and of course including their beautiful Italian Club Cemetery, etc.

These lectures are offered at no charge. The Italian Club of Tampa is located at 1731 E. 7th Avenue, in the heart of historic Ybor City. Parking lots are located around the building, with a fee to park. If you have any questions, please contact Gilda Capitano at 813-781-4808 or at gildafcapitano@aol.com

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).



Frank's granddaughter Amy Shafer works at the Tampa Museum of Photographic Arts where they have a section for Tampa photos. Every few months the photographs are changed out. This time when going through new photos she has happily surprised to see her Grandpa in one of the photos. So she asked for me to take him to the museum and as he was looking at all the art he was so surprised and proud to see himself in the museum. Looks like Angela made the photo too. The photo above was taken during our Festa Italiana event.



During World War II, Angelo Mule was Honored and Awarded the Silver Star. He is interned in our Italian Club Cemetery. Recently, his daughter M T Mule honored his memory and service to his country by

asking Affordable Monuments to attach to his mausoleum door the Silver Star image and this citation wording.

US ARMY WWII SILVER STAR AWARDED - For gallantry in action while serving with the 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division, in action against the enemy at Normandy, France on 6 June 1944

The Mule' (Muley) family wishes all deceased service members to "Rest in Peace" and acknowledges their sacrifice to our great nation.



On September 18th the Capitano Family gathered in front of the Radiant office building on 13th Ave. in Ybor City. That portion of the street is now renamed The Nick Capitano Memorial Road. Nick is the founder of Radiant Oil Co., which he started in 1931 with one truck. For decades he was generous to the Boys n Girls Club, to the Ybor Optimist, to Jesuit Tampa High School, & to the Italian Club. Thank you to State Rep Janet Cruz, who made this special dedication possible.

Gilda Capitano shared this image Italian Club Members on their cruise to Canada, they stopped in Acadia National Park in Maine, where photo was taken; then they proceeded on to Bar Harbor and lunched on famous Maine lobster. Al & Josie Dato, Gilda Capitano, Dee Fulhum, Rosalie Rowe, Dr. Felix n Angie Cannella, Joe Capitano, Sr., Celeste n Santo Lazzara



Breakfast with **SANTA**

Sunday, December 2nd

Doors Open, & Photos With Santa, 10:30am-11:30am
Breakfast with Special Performances, 11:30am-1:00pm

Join us for our Breakfast with Santa event, taking place on the 2nd floor of the historic Italian Club of Tampa. This event will include photos with Santa and friends, along with special performances from Bella Danza, Entertainment Revue, On The Edge at Frank Rey Dance Studio, & more! The delicious buffet will include Scrambled Eggs, Bacon & Sausage, French Toast, and Breakfast Potatoes. Complimentary chocolate milk, OJ, & Coffee will be available. Limited seating available!

To Purchase Tickets: (813) 248-3316
italian-club.org/events/



Adults: \$18pp
Children 8 & Under: \$15

All price include sales tax and service charges. Ticket prices includes 5x7 memento photo with Santa, along with a gift bag for each child.



A NIGHT AT THE OPERA... & WHAT A NIGHT IT WAS!

What an incredible evening we had at our Night at the Opera in September. The event was a resounding success, with over 250 guests in attendance. Every guest in attendance walked away with a magical experience unlike anything we have held here in recent years. Our cultural committee chairperson, Gilda Capitano, welcomed our guests and shared with them the story of Ms. Norma Tina Russo, "Tampa's First Lady of Opera". The entire event was dedicated in her memory, as she was responsible for bringing opera into our building in the 1930's.

The Opera Tampa Singers brought back to life the beauty and theatrical elegance of Opera through a variety of performances lasting over an hour. Guests were treated to a wonderful evening in our 2nd Floor Theater, complete with a baby grand piano and dramatic lighting, which added to the ambiance. The evening ended with standing ovation for our performers and guests!

Thank you to all those who joined us for this event! Special thanks to Sickles High School Culinary Department and Chef Rick Ceglio who provided an incredible spread of food for our cocktail hour. And most importantly, thank you to Opera Tampa and the Straz Center for supporting this event and the Club.





UNCORKED

Celebrating 100 Years with 100 Wines!

Ernest Hemingway once wrote, "Wine is one of the most civilized things in the world and one of the most natural things of the world that has been brought to the greatest perfection, and it offers a greater range for enjoyment and appreciation than, possibly, any other purely sensory thing." And with over 600 guests at our Uncorked Fall Wine Tasting, I believe we can all agree!

For a first year event, we have to believe it was a success. We welcomed over 600 guests into our building for one of the largest wine tastings this Club has ever had. Through the support of Republic National Distributors and Southern Glazers Wine & Spirits, we were able to provide samples of over 125 wines, proseccos, and spirits. Guests also had the opportunity to sample recipes and bites from some of Tampa's best restaurants and caterers, all of whom donated their time, energy, talent, and product in support of our Club and our 100 Year Celebration!

The event provided us the opportunity to showcase our beautiful, historic building - while guests enjoyed an evening of music and delicious food and wine. To see more photos from this event, visit our Italian Club of Tampa Facebook page.





FROM THE 2019 FESTA ITALIANA COMMITTEE...

Cordiali Saluti

For 21 years, the Italian Club has celebrated the rich Italian culture and heritage of our community through hosting Festa Italiana Weekend. The Italian Club has been blessed to receive such broad community support throughout those 21-years that helped make our celebration of Italian culture and traditions in Tampa such a resounding success.

From our humble beginnings in 1998 as what started out as a small gathering with family and friends, Festa has enjoyed significant growth to become one of the region's most celebrated cultural events that draws thousands of attendees to the Ybor City district. It has been an honor and an extremely rewarding experience to organize a family-friendly event that has been so well embraced and loved by our community.

The production of an outdoor festival of our size and scope can be an arduous undertaking, requiring a dedicated team, long hours, and support from sponsors, local partners and the community. With the changing landscape and rising costs to produce an outdoor festival, it is important that Festa Italiana itself must change and adapt. Change may not always be easy, although at times it is essential for continued sustainability and success. In an effort to ensure that the legacy of showcasing Italian culture in Tampa continues into the future, we are excited to announce our new format for Festa Italiana in 2019.

FLAVORS OF ITALY on Saturday, April 6, 2019 will continue the spirit of the traditions of Festa, and will be a free admission day filled with cultural and fun activities for guests of all ages. Programmed activities at FLAVORS OF ITALY will include the annual bocce tournament and homemade vino competition, the Italian Club cooking tent, and a grape stomp. Our popular WINES OF ITALY on Sunday, April 7, 2019 will expand from a Thursday wine tasting party to a Sunday daytime wine festival.

With the Italian Club commemorating its 100-year anniversary, Festa Italiana looks forward to you and your loved ones joining us next April 2019 so that we can continue another 100 years of celebrating Italian culture and heritage in Tampa Bay together.

Con Molto Rispetto,
Festa Italiana Committee



Aeon Life Theater presents
AMERICA'S MOST WANTED!

BONNIE & CLYDE

a New Musical



Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow '33

Tickets
only \$25

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of Tampa
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Nov 8-11, 2018

Thurs, 11/8 @ 8pm
Fri, 11/9 @ 8pm
Sat, 11/10 @ 6pm
Sun, 11/11 @ 2pm

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Lyrics by Don Black
Music by Frank Wildhorn

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CRUSH

EVERY 2ND & 4TH
FRIDAY NIGHT
5:00PM-10:00PM

Happy Hour

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Celebrate Good Times!

Join us for the best Happy Hour in Ybor!

- Birthdays
- Retirements
- Theme Parties
- Anniversaries
- Reunions
- Holiday Parties
- Graduations
- After Work
- Celebrations
- Engagements
- Krewe Socials
- & MORE!

It's hard to believe its the end of the year already! If you are looking for a great night out with friends, family, neighbors or coworkers - the Italian Club's CRUSH Happy Hour is a unique experience full of great music, delicious homemade food, and unbeatable drinks prices!

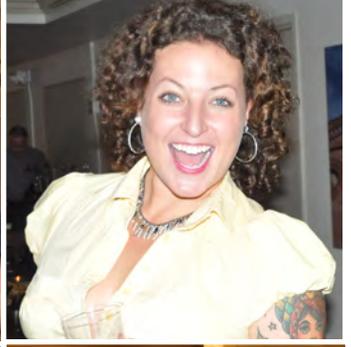
As we move into the end of the holiday months, our CRUSH team is working hard to plan some

special events to coincide with the season. More information on these special events can be found on page 24 of this newsletter. If you would like to book your a larger reservation, for your family or for a small business holiday event, CRUSH is happy to make accommodations for that. With live music, lots of room to dance, a great buffet, and a full cash/credit bar, CRUSH Happy Hour is the perfect destination for anyone looking for a night out on the town!

As always, if you have any questions or want to make a reservation, please **contact Maria at CrushHappyHour@gmail.com**

Happy Holidays from your CRUSH Family!





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CRUSH

Happy Hour

November 9th

Guest Chef Night with "Fellas in the Cucina"

CRUSH Happy Hour welcomes not one, but TWO very talented guest chefs into our kitchen for a very special "Fellas in the Cucina" Night. Our guest chefs for the evening will include Steve Marotta and Joe Capitano Sr. The combination of these guys will make for an incredible meal! Music for the evening will be provided by DJ Party Doctor! Guest can dance all night long!

November 23rd

Black Friday Special

CRUSH welcomes back local superstar Gil Machin for a night of live music with one of Tampa Bay's best known performers. We will also welcome John Barbie, from Tip Top Tanning as our chef for the evening, who will also set-up a small market space for anyone wanting to purchase items. We will proudly pour \$1 TOUCH Vodka Specials all night long! That's something to be thankful for!

December 14th

CRUSHmas Holiday Party

We are going to celebrate the season by hosting our own holiday party with the Krewé of Italia taking over the kitchen to prepare a delicious homemade meal. We will be partnering up with the Toys for Tots Program - and anyone who brings a gift to donate will receive a complimentary drink and a raffle ticket. Music and entertainment for the evening will be provided by DJ Party Doctor!

December 28th

Rockin' New Years Pre-Party

The CRUSH Happy Hour Team invites you to send off 2018 with a bang! We've had a great year, and we want you to join in the celebration! We will be offering a very special dinner that evening, alongside an array of specials at the bar. We are finalizing plans for very special entertainment that will rock the night away. Mark your calendars for a night you won't want to miss.

CRUSH HAPPY HOUR RESERVATIONS

Our new CRUSH Happy Hour schedule has resulted in very large turn-outs, and higher than ever attendance! As a result, we encourage our members, friends, and families to make reservations if you plan to dine. Walk-ins are always welcome, however advanced notice ensures we have enough food and are staff to accommodate.

Reservations: Maria at CrushHappyHour@gmail.com





Thanks To Uncle Vinny in Sunny Sicily

*a brand new album release by John Centinaro
featuring 11 new songs including the hit single. . .*

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Ybor City Holiday Events

11.28.18

**HOLIDAY TREE
LIGHTING 6PM**

PRESENTED BY ASHLEY
GLOBAL RETAIL

12.8.18

**SNOW ON 7TH
PARADE 6PM**

PRESENTED BY YBOR
COLLABORATIVE



www.ybor.org/snowon7th



FROM THE ITALIAN CLUB CEMETERY COMMITTEE...

The Italian Club Cemetery is open from 8:00am-3:00pm pm daily. The membership is welcome to walk the grounds and tour our historic cemetery and honor the many members and families of our Club. The Cemetery is located at 26th St. & 24th Avenue just outside the heart of Ybor City.



Heritage Highlights

Bringing the Past to the Present

Filippo Cagnina

(April 10, 1869-December 17, 1945)

Cagnina worked at the Italian Club as a “Billiard Man” and relied mostly on tips for his income. It was with great surprise after his death that he had commissioned a marble bust of himself, the only one in the cemetery.

Visit Cagnina’s private mausoleum in Zone 20 of L'Unione Italiana Cemetery



Remembered by the Italian Club Cemetery Committee

Cemetery Address: 3009 N. 26th Street, Tampa, FL 33605
Hours: 8:00am– 3:00pm 7 days a week



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L'Unione Italiana Cemetery

is an active, beautiful and historical cemetery in the heart of Ybor City. The cemetery is a celebration of our families and our Italian heritage.

Remaining inside the mausoleum are nine crypts and twelve niches available for purchase.

Additionally, there are 23 plots available throughout the cemetery.

For more information regarding space in the cemetery, contact the Italian Club at 813.248.3316 or

Vince Sinardi at 813.966.9634

Information regarding gravesite restoration or Adopt-A-Grave Program contact

Sarah Valdes at 813.340.8889

Historical Inquiries Contact: ItalianClubCemetery@gmail.com

Cemetery Address: 2520 E. 24th Ave, Tampa, FL 33605

Hours: 8:00am– 3:00pm 7 days a week



FROM THE ITALIAN CLUB LADIES AUXILIARY...

Dear Sorella,

We have so much to be thankful for in our lives: our health, our families, our friends, and our beautiful Italian Club which is celebrating 100 Years in our clubhouse, which was erected in 1918. The Ladies Auxiliary are so proud that one of our members, in fact she was President and served us well for many years, Rosalie Castellana Perrone, will be honored at the Paulo Longo award dinner along with Joseph Capitano, Sr. Rosalie tirelessly worked as the Ladies Auxiliary President for eleven years (1996 - 2007) and instituted a number of pioneering programs and events, Campo Italiano which teaches our young children the traditions, history, and culture of the Italians and Italian American Women of Excellence are two that come to mind. We are so thankful that Rosalie is still active with us today.



The Ladies Auxiliary will be joining the 100 Years Celebration on December 9th with the combined program of the Santa Lucia Celebration and the 100 Year Blessing of the Building Mass. The Ladies Auxiliary will serve refreshments and homemade cookies following the Mass. We encourage you to stay and join us at 1:00 p.m. as we hear former Mayor Dick Greco's lecture on "The Way We Were". Please contact us if you are interested in having your children participate in the Santa Lucia program. Included in this newsletter is information regarding how to submit an essay to be selected as the Santa Lucia.

Lastly, the Ladies Auxiliary is hosting the Club's New Year's Eve Celebration. Be sure to see the flyer in this newsletter and purchase your tickets early to receive free parking for couples.

Grazie, Sharon Mangione, Ladies Auxiliary President



Please make sure to go and "LIKE" our page so you can stay up to date on upcoming events and happenings!

Italian Club Ladies Auxiliary



Santa Lucia Festival of Lights

December 9th, 2018 11:00am Mass

Seeking Santa Lucia Candidates & Attendants

This is an opportunity to celebrate our Sicilian Traditions!

Santa Lucia candidates must be 12-13 years old and submit a 100-word essay "Why I would like represent Santa Lucia" which will be the basis for selection. ESSAYS ARE DUE NOVEMBER 15th to smangione89@gmail.com. Santa Lucia will receive \$100 and will participate in the Gasparilla Childrens 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, Lynette Ciccarello Stine at 813-310-0203
or lmstine578@gmail.com*

ITALIAN CLUB
LADIES AUXILIARY
PRESENT



\$75 per person
8:00 p.m. - 1:00 a.m.

Heavy hors d'oeuvres,
Champagne Toast
Midnight Breakfast
DJ/Dancing

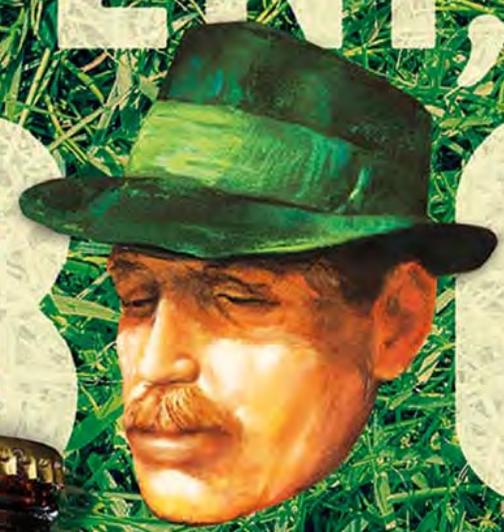
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New Year's
Eve
Ball

Couples receive Free Parking
if booked by 12/1. Email:
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On MONDAY
DECEMBER 31st 2018



VENI, VIDI, BIRRECCCE



Indoor Bocce Tournament

Friday, January 4th @ 6:00pm

4 Person Teams (\$150/team fee)
*entry fee includes heavy appetizers

Sponsorships:
4 Court Sponsors (\$150/sponsor)

Prizes will be awarded



KREWE OF ITALIA NEWS...

The Krewe of Italia would like to welcome our newest members as well as our new committee heads.

- Kristen Lista has been a member of the Krewe for two years and has recently been appointed as our IKC (Inter Krewe Council) Rep. Kristin attends all of the IKC quarterly meetings representing our Krewe as well as showing support for other Krewes.
- Jill Ugo, also a two year Krewe member, has recently been appointed a new position within the Krewe - Member Advocate. She will be the go-to person for new members and potential new members. She will also be reaching out to the many guests who participate with our Krewe during the parade season.

We are very excited to announce 8 new members joining the Krewe of Italia this year:

- Rossale Boutin
- Louis Distefano
- Patty and Vince and Capitano
- Randy and Anna Rumore
- Joey DeNicola
- Frank Brigaladore

Krewe of Italia will be participating in two more parades to finish out 2018. December 8, 2018, we will have our float during the Snow on 7th Parade. We been asked by YCDC to celebrate with them during the Outback Bowl parade on December 31st. Come out and cheer us on as we celebrate all that is Italian and Ybor City.

WANT TO JOIN THE KREWE?

Have you ever wanted to be in one of the many parades in Tampa Bay? It's more fun to be in one, than to be on the sidelines. The Krewe is accepting applications to join us! If are interested, please email Koi.italianclub@gmail.com

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We'd like to say thank you to our restaurant & catering partners who donated their time, energy, and talent for our recent Uncorked Fall Wine Tasting! These vendors have all donated their time to us in support of the Club's 100 Year Celebrations. The support of the local business community is vital to success of our Club. We encourage you all to check them out!

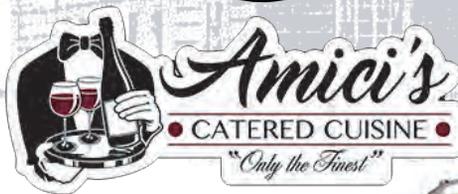
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