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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



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January 17th	Italian Club Networking Group Meeting
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January 20th	International Holocaust Remembrance Day
January 25th	CRUSH Happy Hour - Fourth Friday Night
FEBRUARY 2019	
February 8th	CRUSH Happy Hour - Guest Chef JoAnn Palchak
February 9th	Knight Parade Bleacher Party & After Party
February 22nd	CRUSH Happy Hour - Fourth Friday Night
February 23rd	72nd Annual Fiesta Day in Ybor City! (Club Open)
Looking Ahead...	
March 16th	Rough Riders St. Patrick's Day Parade & After Party
April 6th	Festa Italiana presents... Italian Heritage Day
April 7th	Festa Italiana presents... WineFest of Italy
May 11th	Ladies Auxiliary Annual Mothers Day Tea
June 10th-14th	Campo Italiano
September 14th	Krewe of Italia presents... Carnevale!

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Dear Italian Club Family,

My, my, my - what a year we had! The Italian Club Building's 100th Year Celebrations were incredible. I am honored to have presided over these events and to see our building come alive in such a beautiful and special way. It was a humbling experience to see so many of you at these events, supporting our Club, and supporting the mission that we strive to achieve each and every time we host an event. 2018, and our 100 Year Event Series were a resounding success and I want to take this opportunity to thank each of you who supported us. The event committee that put it all together, and our Cultural Chairperson, Gilda Capitano - came before the board nearly a year ago and told us we needed to highlight this 100th year milestone. I believe we can all rest assured, that our ancestors would be proud of everything we have accomplished.

As many of you already know, our membership charter was established in 1894, making our charter older than our current building. That also means, in 2019 our membership charter will have been in place for 125 Years. As we embark on another milestone year, we will work towards a renewed focus on our membership, and ensuring that our culture and heritage are at the forefront of our activities. As we have all now had the opportunity to learn more about our Club's history, we know that throughout the last 125 years our Club hosted large picnics, fundraisers, community events, shows, and so much more. As we kick-off 2019, our management, in conjunction with our members are busily working to develop member-focused events and activities that celebrate the Italian culture and heritage. More details to on that are forthcoming.

With a renewed focus on our membership, we are hopeful that we can continue our successes of 2018 into the new year. Our membership is the backbone of our events, which is evident by the sold out events during our 100 Year Event Series. Your support of the Italian Club, albeit through membership, or attendance at events, or through sponsorship, is vital to the achieving our goals. As one of, if not the, oldest and largest Italian Club in the nation, we have a duty to represent and preserve Italian Culture in our community. Our Club is located in one of the most diverse communities around, and we have an opportunity to put our culture and heritage on display for the masses, whether through food, drink, music, shows, or anything - I want to encourage each of you to share your thoughts and ideas on how we can do just that. Membership involvement and ideas are one of the best forms of outreach we have at our disposal.

I want to wish each of you a happy, healthy, and prosperous New Year! I look forward to seeing all of you, and I do mean all of you - at the Club very soon.

Sal Guagliardo, Italian Club President



*Sal Guagliardo
Board President*

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ITALIAN CLUB MAILING ADDRESS CHANGED

Effective December 19th, 2018 the Italian Club of Tampa will no longer utilize the PO Box 5054 mailing address. We kindly request that all our members, friends, families, and vendors please update your records. All mail, relating to the Italian Club of Tampa, the Italian Club Cemetery, Festa Italiana, and the Italian Club Building & Cultural Trust Fund, should be sent to the Italian Club's physical mailing address below

1731 E. 7th Avenue, Tampa, FL 33605

"Benvenuto"

TO OUR NEW ITALIAN CLUB OF TAMPA MEMBERS

The Italian Club of Tampa has become an integral part of the community, and we strive to fulfill our mission each and every day. 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!

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Welcome to the family!

2019 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE DUE

2019 Membership renewals have been sent out in early November 2018. 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, or if you did not receive your invoice in the mail, please contact the Italian Club Office at 813-248-3316. Thank you!



ITALIAN CLUB PROFESSIONAL NETWORKING ORGANIZATION - UPCOMING MEETING SCHEDULED...

The Italian Club Professional Networking Group had a very successful first meeting in early November. We are excited to have some fresh new faces that are interested in participating and we are working on outreach programs so that we can get some new professional connections. This group is focused on connecting both members and nonmembers with other local business professionals. The Group has scheduled a second meeting for Thursday, January 17th at 6:30 PM. Refreshments will be provided. If you are interested in joining, please email Gianna Tagliarini Caravella at koi.Italianclub@gmail.com. We encourage you to come, share your ideas, and help us grow this organization so that we can benefit our members and the community.

Learn Italian



The Italian Club is moving forward with Italian Language Classes For Beginners here at the Club. Italian Club Member, and language instructor Leona Xhara (<http://italiantutortampa.com/>) will be providing small group classes starting in January. The next session of classes will begin April 4th and last for 8 weeks, ending on May 23rd. Classes will begin at 7:30pm sharp, and will last one hour. The cost of the 8 week session is \$140, which includes an Italian Language For Beginners instructional book. **If you would like to sign up for classes, or have any additional questions, please contact Dennis Costantino at 330smg@gmail.com**

ITALIAN LANGUAGE CLASSES AT THE ITALIAN CLUB...



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SATURDAY

FEBRUARY 23, 2019

11AM - 6PM

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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).



New Italian Club Member, Captain Joe Chiellini retired from HCFR on December 9th after serving Hillsborough County for 27^{1/2} years. He will be hosting his retirement party at the Italian Club (where he and his wife had their wedding reception). Joe will enjoy his retirement by focusing full-time on his company Ameriscape Services (ASI)—a full service landscape/maintenance company with branches in Orlando, Hillsborough and Pinellas county.

Congratulations!



Italian Club Members and Krewe of Italia Members Ray & Kristen Lista were recently married on November 11th 2018 in Aruba! The newlyweds were surrounded by friends, families, and were supported by many members from the Krewe of Italia! The newlyweds will be having a mini-reception at CRUSH Happy Hour on January 11th 2019!



Stephanie Van Belzen shared these images of her son Xander, helping out at the recent Cemetery Clean Up Day. Thank you for all the help Xander!



Double Digits!

Congratulations to Sofia Grace Nassif who turned 10 on December 3rd. She celebrated with friends at the Mary Help of Christians Stables.

Keep shining bright & spreading love and laughter in this world! God bless you always. (Parents - Nicole and Matt Nassif and Grandparents Gilda and Joe Capitano, Sr.)

BUON COMPLEANNO



Buzz Bruno shared this photo of Feller! Feller was recently certified by Project Pup (Therapy Dog Certification Program). He is now a certified Therapy Dog - and he and Buzz have been volunteering at Moffitt Cancer Center - International Plaza every week.

Do you have a milestone you want to share? We'd love to feature it in our next newsletter!

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 20, 2019

Registration/seating starts at 2:00pm - Ceremony 3:00pm promptly

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We are happy to share this day with Holocaust survivor, Rifka Glatz of Sarasota and Mayor Rick Kriseman of St. Petersburg and other honorary dignitaries from around Tampa Bay.

PROGRAM

Proclamations
Welcome
Opening Remarks
Candle Lighting Ceremony
Reflections by Holocaust Survivor
Consul General of Israel
Closing Remarks
Bay Area Cantorial Association Cantors

LIMITED SEATING - FREE ADMISSION BY INVITATION ONLY

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WINE *fest*
of **ITALY**

**SUNDAY
APRIL 7**

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Tis The Season To Be Jolly

On December 13th, the Italian Club hosted our Annual Christmas Party in our beautiful ballroom. We welcomed nearly 160 guests for this annual event, and collected over 80 toys for our Toys for Tots Drive! In addition to the festive room, and delicious meal, guests were treated to a very special performance. Attendees were treated to a 15-minute performance by the Tampa City Ballet, who performed excerpts from the Nutcracker! We'd like to also thank DelGrosso Sauces, who donated the sauce for the evening, as well as 160 gift bags for all of the attendees.



TAMPA CITY BALLET





...and that's a

Wrap!



As we begin 2019, it is important that we take a moment to reflect back on the accomplishments the Italian Club had through 2018.

The series of events, which commemorated the building's 100th year, brought together many faces, both new and old, friends and families that have not attended events in our building for some time. These events truly marked a milestone for our Club, by showing us exactly what we are capable of when we come together to honor our rich heritage and cultural roots.

We should all look back on the series of events and be proud of what we accomplished. The small, but dedicated event committee, hosted a variety of events showcasing our building and our culture, in a new and exciting way each time. Whether it was the Night at the Opera which welcomed over 250 guests, or the Uncorked Wine Tasting, which welcomed over 600 guests, or the incredible benefit concert with Sal Valentinetti which was attended by nearly 350 guests - we sold out each event we had with fresh new faces each time. It is with that incredible support, along side the support of our community and local business partners, that we were able to achieve this monumental task.

As we look back, and as you look through the photos included in this month's newsletter, please know that your support of the Club's endeavors does not go unrecognized. We hope that as we begin 2019, and work on new and exciting events and activities, that we can continue to count on your support as we work together to celebrate our historic building, and most importantly, our Club's mission of preserving Italian culture and heritage.



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December 6, 2018

Dear Friends,

It is with great pleasure to extend congratulations to the magnificent and historic L'Unione Italiana Club in Ybor City on its centennial celebration. The Italian community in Tampa has come together to celebrate and recognize the important contributions of our rich and diverse past that has made our region great today and for generations to come. For the past century, the Italian Club has helped preserve our Italian heritage and served as the center of cultural and social activities. Our region is grateful to all of its members, supporters and visitors.

The Italian Club is a channel for promoting and displaying the unity of our Tampa Bay area, standing as an impressive monument to immigrant achievement. The Italian Club has had a significant role in community leadership and political history. Today, the building is listed in the national register of historic places.

On behalf of the constituents of the Fourteenth Congressional District of Florida, I once again congratulate you on this wonderful occasion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kathy Castor".

Kathy Castor
United States Representative
Florida, District 14

Sal Valentinetti: Celebrating 100 Years

Oh, what a night..!

On November 16th, the Italian Club of Tampa hosted national recording artist Sal "The Voice" Valentinetti for a benefit concert "Celebrating 100 Years". Many may recognize Sal "The Voice" Valentinetti, Heidi Klum's unforgettable 2016 Golden Buzzer recipient and finalist of America's Got Talent Season 11. The show was a hit, with Sal performing to a sold out audience of nearly 380 guests.

Guests were treated to a dazzling evening in the Italian Club's newly renovated 3rd Floor Grand Ballroom. The room was set up cabaret style, with guests seated at cocktail tables to enjoy the show. The ballroom was transformed, from a traditional event space to a sensational and classic performance space with beautiful lighting throughout the room. It was a beautiful setting for the show!

Sal, alongside a small 5-piece band, performed multiple songs by many of our favorites, including Frank Sinatra, Dean Martin, and many more. Sal Valentinetti, an Italian-American crooner known best for his flawless vocals, larger than life personality, and his heart of gold, had the audience singing along to numerous hits through out the night. The highlight of evening was when Sal welcomed our own local celebrity and Italian Club Member Andrew Arena, to the stage to perform a duet!

This was a first time event for the Club in recent history, hosting a national artist for a more intimate, private benefit concert. With the success of this event, and with the incredible response from our members, families, and the Tampa community - we are looking at hosting other artists very soon!
(Photos courtesy of Limelight Photography)





Italian Club Building 100 Year Gala

How do you capture an evening so grand, so beautiful, and so important in just a few paragraphs and photographs? There is no writer, or photographer that could capture how truly special this event was for our Club, or members, our honorees, and the nearly 300 guests in attendance.

On November 17th, the Italian Club hosted our Building's 100 Year Gala, recognizing the importance of our building and our Club, while also recognizing our past presidents and Paolo Longo honorees. The men wore their finest tuxedos, and the ladies dressed beautifully in ball gowns, enjoyed an incredible cocktail hour in the Cantina, surrounded by historical photographs and captions of our Club throughout the last 100 Years. Our Grand Ballroom was transformed into a simply breathtaking space, decorated so elegantly and beautifully, in honor of the special occasion.

While the celebrations were honoring our historical building, we took the opportunity to also recognize our living past presidents. The seven living past president honored included: Vincent LoScalzo, Vincent Pardo, Charles Spicola Jr., Dennis Diecidue, Jamie Granell, Joseph Captiano Sr., and Salvatore Guagliardo. All seven men were presented with custom medallions recognizing their commitment to our Club. In a very special moment, we also recognized our only female past President, Felicia Traina, by awarding a medal to her daughter, Italian Club member Loretta Campo. Our past presidents have all played a role in ensuring that not only is our building well preserved, but that our Club's mission is at the forefront of our continued efforts in the community.

In having this special gala, our Club also revived the Paolo Long Award, by recognizing two long-time Italian Club Members with this honorable achievement. Both Rosalie Perrone and Joe Capitano Sr. were presented to receive their awards, which recognized Tampa civic leaders who have worked toward the enrichment of the Italian culture in Tampa and who have reinforced the fervor of our Italian heritage. We'd like to once again congratulate both of these individuals on this achievement.

The evening concluded with a celebration - an evening of camaraderie, filled with members sharing stories of the past, and catching up with old friends. Attendees enjoyed an evening of music and dancing, truly celebrating our building's historic and remarkable milestone, and allowing us to turn the page, and usher us all into our next 100 Years. *(Photos courtesy of Limelight Photography)*



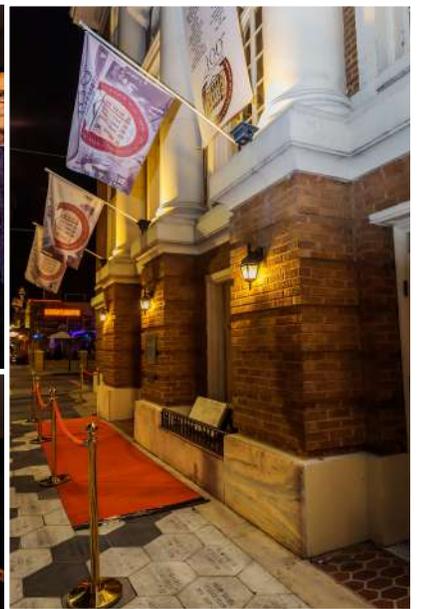
President's Award (left to right): Joe Capitano Sr., Jamie Granell, Vincent Pardo, Vince LoScalzo, Dennis Diecidue, Charles Spicola Jr., Salvatore Guagliardo



Paolo Longo 2018 Awardee, Rosalie Perrone (center), with our Paolo Long Award Committee, Jamie Granell (left) and Vincent Pardo (right)



Paolo Longo 2018 Awardee, Joe Capitano Sr. (second from left), flanked by Vince Pardo (far left), Sal Guagliardo (second from right), and Jamie Granell (right)









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KNIGHT PARADE

After Party

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH
9:00PM-12:00AM



The Krewe of Italia invites you to join us for our Annual Knight Parade After Party being held at the Italian Club of Tampa. We will have two floors of entertainment, along with fully stocked cash bars. No outside food or drinks will be allowed to be brought. Tickets are available at the door only.

\$5 for all attendees (CASH ONLY)



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CLUB BLEACHER SEATS

Italian Club Members: \$40

(Members; Call the main office for promo code)

Non-Members: \$50

The Italian Club will have LIMITED SEATING in our Club Bleachers. These seats are among the best on the parade route, with a front row seat on 7th Ave in front of the Club. At the conclusion of the parade, bleacher seat pass holders will also have complimentary entry to the Club's after party. Bleacher seats are available for purchase on-line, for the prices above - all fees are included (no refunds)

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KREWE OF ITALIA NEWS...

Felice Anno Nuovo from The Krewe of Italia!!!!



2018 brought in many new members as well as new Board of Directors for The Krewe. Welcome Frank Brigliadora, Flo Felicione, Matt & Lindsay Sinko, Patty & Vince Capitano, Randy and Ana Rumore, Jay and Yvonne Scalise, Hazel Vanderford, Ros Boutin, Louie DiStefano, Joe DiNicola, Kathy & Scott Dutton, and Jay Anthony. Stepping down from the board for 2019 is Rosemary Neville and Chris Bodie. The Krewe would like to thank them for their many, many years of volunteerism and service. Taking their place on the Board of Directors, will be Jill Ugo, who is also the New Membership Advocate Chair and Buzz Bruno. Kristen Lista is our new IKC Rep.

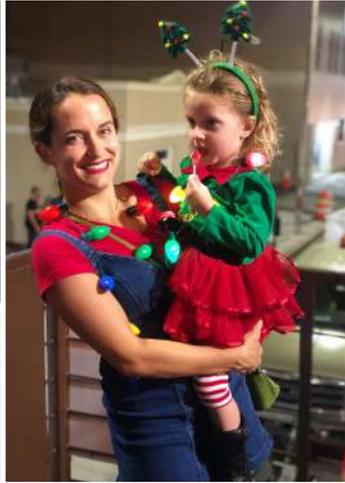
December 8th - The Krewe jingled their way down 7th in the Snow on 7th Parade. Monday, December 31st, Krewe of Italia represented Ybor City Krewe's in the Outback Bowl New Year's Eve Parade. YCDC and Krewe of Cigar City joined in for all the fun.

Krewe of Italia kicks off the 2019 Gasparilla Parade season with their popular indoor Bocce Tournament, Friday, January 18th at 6:30 P.M. Please note this is a date change to accommodate more players. To sign up a four-person team or become a court sponsor, visit www.kreweofitalia.com and sign up through Eventbrite. Team slots do fill up quickly so do not delay signing up.

Saturday, January 19th is the Gasparilla Children's Parade. Krewe of Italia's website for further information. Saturday, January 26th is Ye Mystic Krewe Gasparilla Parade. This year the Krewe will be performing their own flashmob at least twice during the parade. Be sure to check us out on the televised parade.

Have you ever thought about joining the Krewe of Italia? Contact The Krewe Board at koi.italianclub@gmail.com for more information. Not too sure about joining yet? Then you can be our guest! The Krewe of Italia has a guest program for \$150. This cost provides you with a costume, transportation to and from the parade, food, beer and don't forget..... a whole lot of fun. Visit www.kreweofitalia.com to register as a guest for one of the upcoming parades.

See you all on the parade route! -- Gianna Tagliarini Caravella, Krewe of Italia, President



CRUSH

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

Happy Hour

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOOD • DRINKS • MUSIC • FAMILY



2018 was a great year for CRUSH Happy Hour, as we begin our Guest Chef night series, which has become one of the most popular nights, with many members, friends, and families stepping up and putting their culinary skills on display. If you are interested in being a Guest Chef, please contact Maria at CrushHappyHour@gmail.com. We'd like to also take a moment to thank all our CRUSH Family with their support. Our Happy Hour is a unique atmosphere, filled with camaraderie and creating memories, and we look forward to having you all join us in 2019! Special thanks to Kelly Wallz with Kazam Photo for all the photos!

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

Looking To Host An Event *but without all the added costs?*

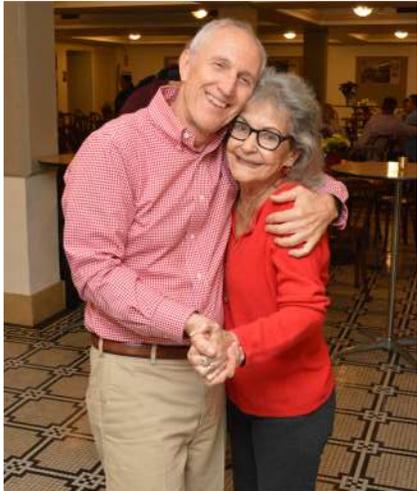
CRUSH Happy Hour is the perfect place to host an upcoming special event! There is no charge to rent the room, and we cover the cost of entertainment and staffing! Guests can enjoy a night of great music, great food, and incredible drinks, all in a beautiful historic, one-of-a-kind venue! If you have any questions or would like to book a party, please **contact Maria at CrushHappyHour@gmail.com**

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CRUSH

Happy Hour

Your Opinion Matters!
**Let Us Know
What You Think!**

As CRUSH Happy Hour rolls into 2019, we want to hear from our supporters and members about this event, both your likes and dislikes. Our CRUSH Happy Hour has become one of the best opportunities for our Club Members to meet and socialize, while also enjoying a delicious meal and great music. Happy Hour also provides our members an opportunity to invite family, friends, neighbors, and coworkers to our building to see what we are all about!

In an effort to ensure that our Happy Hour stays fresh and popular, we want to hear from you about what we can do to make it even better. Our goal with happy hour is to get our members into the Club, and provide you with a platform to meet fellow members, engage with other members for business or networking matters, and so much more.

If you would, please take a moment and provide us with your thoughts, ideas, and constructive criticisms, so that we can do better for our members and our Club.

Please email Mark Stanish at
mark@italian-club.org
to share your input & ideas!



FROM THE ITALIAN CLUB LADIES AUXILIARY...

Felice anno nuovo! Centoventicinque anni! Happy New Year! One hundred and twenty five years! Welcome to a new club year! As you read more about us you will see that we are a vibrant organization composed of a varied group of women who cherish the traditions, culture, and history of the Italian Club. The Ladies Auxiliary membership is diverse, with women of all ages and educational and professional backgrounds. The Ladies Auxiliary provides great opportunities to see friends, make new acquaintances, and participate in fundraising and FUN-raising activities for The Italian Club.



We sponsor a number of programs that varies from Themes 'n Tea and Campo Italiano to dances and events celebrating our culture and heritage. Our expanded mission also includes volunteering in The Italian Club Gift Shop and other Italian Club functions as well as authoring the Italian Club Cookbook Volume I, *"Un Assaggio Dalle Nostre Cucine"* and the



in-the-works next volume (Send in your recipes). Each year, the Ladies Auxiliary brings the year to a close with an elegant holiday luncheon in December. I and my Officers invite you to join us for membership, social activities, and a sense of community as we celebrate the 125th Anniversary year of our beloved Italian Club.

Per altri centoventicinque anni!

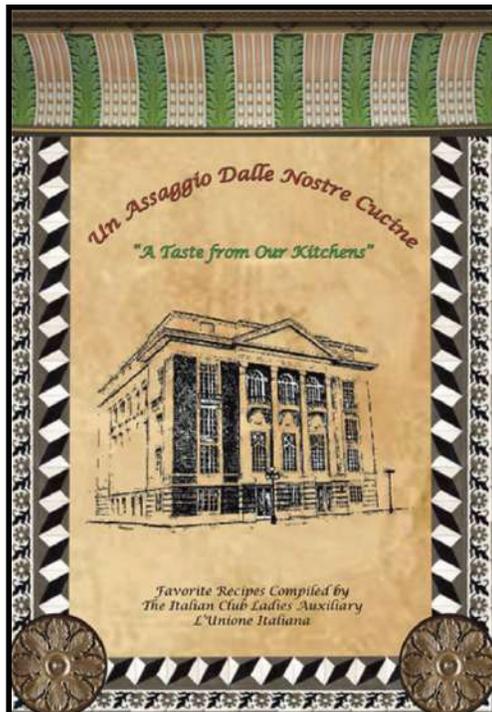
Sharon Mangione, Ladies Auxiliary President



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

SEND US YOUR RECIPES!



The Ladies Auxiliary is busy working to put together **Volume II of Un Assaggio Della Nostre Cucine** and we are still collecting recipes from our members, families, and friends. Next time you're gathered in the kitchen, please jot down one or two, or even three, of your favorite family recipes and send them to us by snail mail at the Club or via email to cstives@msn.com. And just because it's being published by the Ladies Auxiliary of The Italian Club, the recipes don't have to be exclusively Italian. We are a melting pot of nationalities, so many of you have Spanish, Cuban, Puerto Rican, German, Polish, English or Asian recipes that have special place in your family. There's even a space on the submission sheet for you to tell everyone why the recipe is special, if you want to. Feel free to ask your neighbor or friend, who makes a dish you really like, to submit his/her recipe. Everyone submitting recipes will be acknowledged in the new cookbook.



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.



The Italian Club Cemetery received the following "In Memory Of..." donations:

Frances Gravel

Perez Family (Skip, Kathy, Patrick, Anthony)

Heritage Highlights

Did you know?

There are approximately 3,474 loved ones buried in the L'Unione Italiana Cemetery.

Of the few thousand, there are several family names that adorn the most plots.

Leto- 76 headstones

Cacciatore- 76 headstones

Castellano- 64 headstones



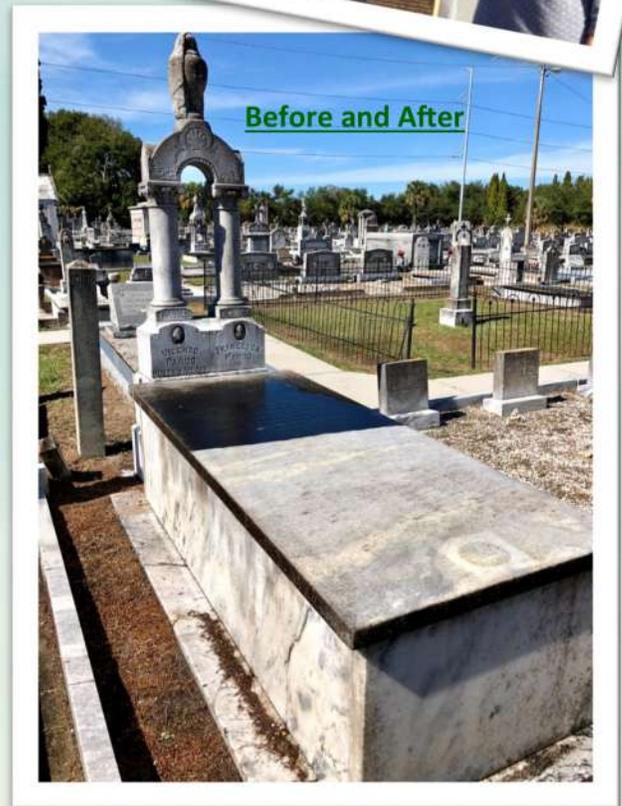
Remembered by the Italian Club Cemetery Committee

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

Hours: 8:00am- 3:00pm 7 days a week

Thank You

For joining the Italian Club Cemetery Committee for our annual L'Unione Italiana Cemetery cleanup day.



For more information on professional cleaning, contact Sarah Valdes at 813.340.8889

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

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To Italian Club Members and Their Families

Do you have fond memories of relatives that have passed on? The love and care they provided you and the times they comforted you are memories to be cherished. We all have these thoughts when something we see or hear reminds us of them. Your parents, grandparents, great-grandparents, uncles and aunts deserve to be remembered.

Most of these relatives were lovingly interred in a special resting place at The Italian Club Cemetery. Headstones were carefully designed to honor our loved ones. We mourned our loved ones in the beautiful location selected for them. In the past, visits to the cemetery, bringing flowers and caring for the headstones were frequent. Sadly, as time went by, the visits became less frequent and the care of the headstones wavered or simply ceased. As a result, the Cemetery is now showing its age and many of the headstones and grounds need attention and sprucing up.

The Italian Club's Cemetery Committee works hard to maintain the cemetery but cannot do it alone. Monthly maintenance expenses for the Cemetery are approximately \$3,000 per month / \$36,000 annually. These expenses cover common area grounds keeping, utilities and general infrastructure repairs. Even though family plots and headstones are the responsibility of family members, the Cemetery Committee has strived to assist in maintaining them. Volunteer cleanup days have been organized to assist with this effort, but much more needs to be done. This could easily be a family project where the expense could be shared.

To elicit family member and public support with the maintenance and esthetics of our historic cemetery, we have initiated the **ADOPT A GRAVE Program**. We ask that you participate in this program in the following ways:

Personally, maintain your family's gravesites including repairs (we can provide you with a source for repairs, pressure washing, etc.), and/or

Adopt one or more graves for as little as \$50.00 each annually. This **tax-deductible donation** can be made in memory of the name of your deceased love one(s). We will schedule cleaning and maintenance work on the neediest un-adopted grave sites.

Please consider having your loved ones' final resting place maintained. Contact the Italian Club (813-248-3316) or Sarah Valdes (813-340-8889) for more information and help us bring OUR historic Italian Club Cemetery back to its former glory!

Sincerely,

The Italian Club Cemetery Committee

I would like to adopt _____ grave sites for \$50.00 each annually for a tax-deductible donation of \$ _____ payable to: **Italian Club Cemetery, Inc.**

Donor Name:

Address:

Phone/Email Address:

Return to:

Italian Club Cemetery, Inc.
c/o Italian Club of Tampa, 1731 E 7th Ave, Tampa, FL 33605

Italian Club Building & Cultural Trust Fund, Inc.

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