

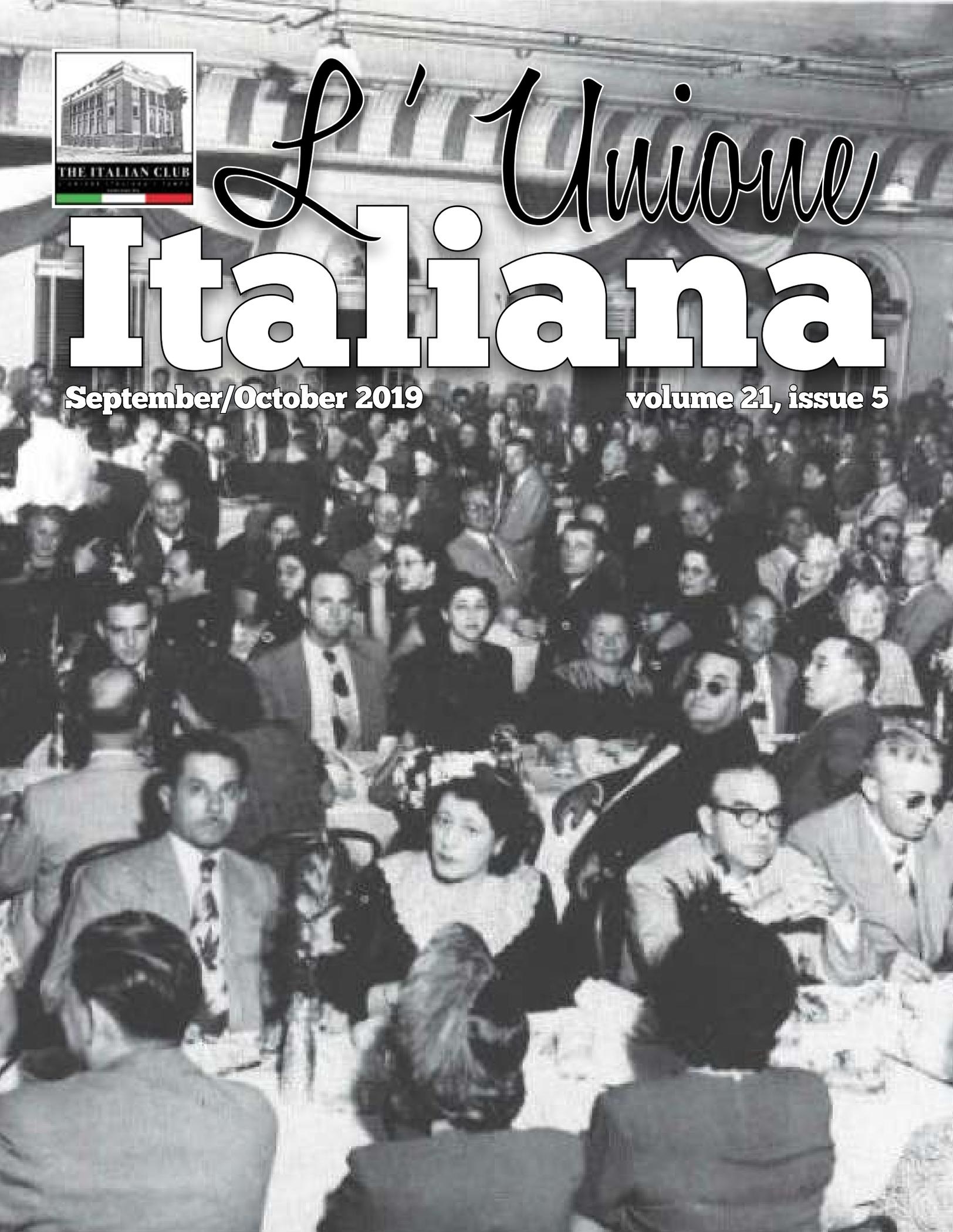


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CELEBRATING



YEARS OF L'UNIONE ITALIANA MEMBERSHIP

THE ITALIAN CLUB OF TAMPA

1731 E. 7th Avenue, Tampa, FL 813-248-3316 www.italian-club.org

Over a century ago, L'Unione Italiana was founded by a small visionary group who realized that by uniting together, the Italian community of Tampa could overcome many of the social and economic challenges that confronted those "turn-of-the-century" immigrants from Italy. Since reaching our 100 year anniversary of this venerable organization, we now become the turn-of-the-century Italians. Because of the courage, imagination, resiliency and pride that our ancestors brought to this country and instilled in us, we find ourselves, so much better off socially, economically and educationally than our immigrant ancestors were. The image of the gaunt, threadbare, and downtrodden immigrants carrying suitcases has been replaced by the appearance of thriving, fashionable, and confident entrepreneurs, educators and professionals carrying briefcases.

The significant transformation in both the status and the stature of Tampa's Italian-American community, now well into its fifth generation, has provided us with new challenges, evolving needs, and concerns much different than those which faced our predecessors. As a result, the formulas by which L'Unione Italiana has operated for over a century no longer effectively served the needs of modern Italians. Since L'Unione Italiana does indeed, aspire to serve the modern Italians as effectively as it served those early immigrants, we must re-direct our goals to reflect more accurately the interests, identities and profiles of today's Italian-American population. The challenge is to modernize our focus, without abandoning or disregarding the rich heritage that has contributed to what we are today.

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 our members, their families, and the community.

For more information on membership & events, contact mark@italian-club.org

Main Office Hours:

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

Cemetery Hours:

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT...

Dear Italian Club Family,

It's hard to believe that we are already moving into our Club's busy season. It seems like just yesterday that we were celebrating our building's 100-year milestone - and here we are about to embark on our Club Charter's 125th Anniversary. These milestones are a true testament to not only our Club's rich history, but also to our drive to succeed, grow, and adapt to the ever changing community around us. I am very excited for the event schedule ahead us, bringing history back to life, and enriching our Club's place in Tampa Bay. Please make sure to check out pages 12 through 17 of this newsletter for information on our 125-year celebrations. Please make sure you purchase your Dinner Cruise tickets early - as seating is limited for this special event. The backbone of these events is celebrating our membership, and we can't do that without you!

Monday, September 9th - Italian Club Open House
Sunday, October 13th - Members Picnic & Backyard Bocce
Friday, November 15th - Italian Club Dinner Cruise

In addition to these events, both our Krewe of Italia and our Ladies Auxiliary are hosting special events this fall. Our Krewe of Italia will kick-off September with their Carnevale on September 14th. This is a milestone year for them as well, celebrating 15 Years! Congrats to the Krewe on this achievement, and to all of you for your hard work and dedication to the Club. The Ladies Auxiliary will host their Italian-American Women of Excellence Program on Saturday, October 12th. The four honorees for this year have contributed so much to the Italian Community and to Tampa Bay as a whole. This is a wonderful event focusing on the important roles our four honorees made to the Italian Community. Thank you to the Ladies Auxiliary for hosting this very special awards program! It's great to see so much going on in the building, all of which adds tremendous value to our membership and to our Ybor community.

The preservation work on our building is moving along well. This is a huge project for the Club, making use of both County and State Matching Grant Funds to ensure that our physical building is preserved and maintained. By the time you read this, we will be nearly completed with the South, East, and West exterior brick work, window frame work, and painting. Our main rooms (Cantina, Theater, & Ballroom), should be nearly completed with new window frames, and a fresh coat of faux-paint on all the walls. In the coming months, our focus will be on the front facade of the building, with work taking place on both the interior and exterior simultaneously. There will be scaffolding on the front of the building, which will have a pass through under it. Please know that the Club will be open through this process - just don't mind the dust!

Again, thank you to all of you for the support and commitment to our Club and our endeavors. Our Club is growing each month and not many Clubs can say that. We truly are one big family - and I look forward to seeing you all soon..

Sal Guagliardo,
Italian Club President



Sal Guagliardo
Board President

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COVER ART IMAGE:

The photo depicts a Columbus Day Dinner held in the Italian Club's third floor ballroom back in 1949 - nearly 70 years ago. Notice the chairs? Those are our (still in use today) Cantina chairs. Notice the fans in the corners to keep everyone cool?

UPCOMING EVENTS



September

- 9th - Italian Club Open House
- 13th - CRUSH Happy Hour
- 14th - Krewe of Italia Carnelvale
- 27th - CRUSH Happy Hour

October

- 11th - CRUSH Happy Hour Guest Chef: Ybor Rotary
- 12th - Ladies Aux. Women of Excellence
- 13th - Italian Club Picnic & Bocce
- 17th through 20th - Aeon Life Theater Show
- 25th - CRUSH Happy Hour

November

- 2nd - Cemetery Clean Up Day
- 3rd - Picnic with the Past
- 8th - CRUSH Happy Hour Veterans Fundrasier
- 15th - Italian Club Dinner Cruise
- 22nd - CRUSH Happy Hour

December

- 1st - Breakfast with Santa (tentative)
- 12th - Italian Club Christmas (tentative)
- 13th - CRUSH Happy Hour Christmas
- 27th - CRUSH Happy Hour Pre-New Years
- 31st - New Years Eve (tentative)

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!

- Alba Rodriguez & Family
 Patti Italiano
 Michele Aquino
 Mario Piazza (Tile & Stone of Italy)
 Frank Kane
 David Kulju
 Francesco & Raye Armetta
 Kenneth Leviner
 Morris Fonte, Jr.
 Frank & Lynette Garcia



CIAO BELLA GENTE!

Connect to Italian Language, Culture, and Family

Classes occur every Tuesday starting September 17th through November 5th

We are excited to be expanding our Italian Language Classes as we move into the fall. Ciao Bella Gente! will now be offering both Level 1 and Level 2 classes - which will happen every Tuesday, starting September 17th and continuing for an 8 week period though Tuesday, November 5th. In order to

take Level 2, you must have already taken Level 1. Costs and additional information is below:

Level 1 - Beginners Class (\$175 cost), 5:45pm-6:45pm

Level 2 - Intermediate Class (\$160 cost), 7:15pm-8:15pm

Classes will be held in the Italian Club Board Room at the times indicated above. Level 1 Beginners classes are \$175, which includes the 8 week course, a course text book (which can be used for a Level 2 course as well, and parking pass for the 8-weeks). Level 2 classes cost \$160 and also include the parking pass. Lessons are open to members and non-members. Ask a friend to join you and introduce them to our wonderful club. Have you always wondered how you can begin? Have you been looking for an inexpensive and fun way to test the waters? Sign up now for your first lessons this fall. **If you are interested in signing up for our Italian Language Classes, please contact Mark Stanish at mark@italian-club.org**

“Salacious and Seductive”

Italian Club Members:
 Use Discount Code
“Italiana”
 for 25% off any ticket price!

AEON LIFE THEATER
 Italian Club of Tampa
 731 E 7th Ave. Tampa, FL 33605
 Thursday, Oct 17 at 8pm
 Friday, Oct 18 at 8pm
 Saturday, Oct 19 at 6pm
 Sunday, Oct 20 at 2pm

50% of Proceeds
 from the
 Oct 20th Performance
 to benefit the
 Italian Club Building &
 Cultural Trust Fund

Wild Party
 Oct 17-20

AeonLifeTheater.com/Tickets

A steamy 1920's prohibition tale of love, lust, and betrayal

Aeon Life Theater
 Book, Music, and Lyrics by ANDREW LIPPA
 Based on the Poem by Joseph Monahan Mason

THE WILD PARTY
 is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).
 All authorized performance materials are also supplied by MTI. www.MTIShows.com



Nearly 300 Italian Club Members, Friends, Family, and supporters of the Club traveled to Tropicana field in early July to enjoy ITALIAN HERITAGE DAY. Our group enjoyed an afternoon of baseball as the Tampa Bay Rays played the New York Yankees. Attendees received complimentary hats (the green and red hats in the photos), along with a voucher for food & drink. Our group, nearly 300 strong, took over nearly 3 sections of seating, and the Rays Organization provided us with a private party area along with a cash bar.

One of the highlights of this event was our own Italian Club Member, Andrew Arena, taking the field to perform the National Anthem. This was a true honor for the Club to select one of our members to perform, and Andrew honored our nation with an incredible performance. He did it in style too!

This has become an annual event for our Club members, and has been growing consistently. The Tampa Bay Rays are big supporters of the Club, donating numerous items to our silent auction, discounting our special package rates, and also make a charitable donation to the Club each year.

Thank you to Kelly Walls with Kazam Photos for all the great photos!



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).



Sierra Gonzalez married Joe Worth March 9th 2019. He is a Captain with the US Marines and Sierra is a 3rd Grade Teacher. They will be living in Swansboro, NC. She is the Daughter of Ray and Sharice Gonzalez, Granddaughter of Italian Club Members, Rose Marie Ferlita Fletcher and Lewis and the late Frank Suarez. Their Wedding Reception was held in the 2nd floor of the Italian Club. She is pictured showing the picture hanging on the wall in the Italian Club of her Great Great Grandparents - Angelo and Rosalia Ferlita.



Italian Club Member Stephanie Van Belzen shared these incredible photos of her son Xander (also the grandson of Felix & Angie Cannella), along with his cousin Franco Capitano who both recently enjoyed a summer pilgrimage through Europe with Jesuit High School. Franco Capitano is the son of Club Members Frank and Christina Capitano, and grandson of Club Members Joe & Gilda Capitano. The photo at right is of Deme and Lex Capitano (also the sons of Frank & Christina Capitano, and grandsons of Joe & Gilda Capitano), welcoming the group back after their two week excursion.



On May 11, 2019, Anthony Joseph Pestritto received his BA degree in Chemistry and Latin, Summa Cum Laude, from Hillsdale College in Michigan. He is the grandson of Club member, Anna Aresco Pestritto, and the son of Ronald J Pestritto, Jr., Ph.D, Dean of Hillsdale Graduate School and Barbara Fix Pestritto. From left to right pictured are Dr. Pestritto, Anna and Tony. Tony was awarded a full scholarship for PhD studies in Chemistry at Indiana University.



Don Ciccio! No, it's Joe Capitano, Sr. at Fiummefredo in Sicily where scenes of Godfather One were filmed. This is where Michael Corleone's car blows up with Appolonia in the car.



Congrats to Randy & Ana Rumore (pictured above right) who are now enjoying their time off after having both retired in May!

Also- a very Happy Birthday to Ana Rumore (pictured above left) who will be celebrating her birthday on October 15th!



Gina & Joe Wells are excited to announce the engagement of their daughter Aubrey Wells to Carlos Pazos, son of Carol & Carlos Pazos. Wedding will be held February 1, 2020 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Aubrey is a sales executive for FEDEX. Carlos is a prosecutor for the Hillsborough County State Attorney's office.



Ron & Rosemarie Klimley are excited to share that their daughter Kristin Klimley married Mark Margres on May 18th in Clemson SC. The happy couple will spend the next year in Boston MA where Mark will be completing a one year Fellowship at Harvard University. While there Kristin will be working at a VA hospital as a Doctor of Psychology.

MILESTONES & ANNOUNCEMENTS...



Mary Greco-Smith and Terry Smith celebrated their 53rd anniversary with their new friends in Rome. The cake commemorated the joining of Festa Della Repubblica, the United States, and our Sicilian heritage.

They first met Roberto Badiali, his wife Anna Maria, and their daughter, Vittoria at the Italian Club. The family was in the U.S. researching colleges for their daughter who is 15. They were walking down 7th Ave., saw the Italian Club building and

came in. It was Crush Happy Hour, and they thought it might be a private party. They stopped at a table, but could not speak much English. They were taken to Mary and Terry, who had taken Italian language classes in Sicily. It had been a while since their classes and unfortunately, they had not continued to practice Italian. They muddled through, and along with help from Giuseppe, everyone was able to make themselves understood. As luck would have it, it was a Spanish/Cuban dinner of yellow rice and chicken. No pasta! Not to disappoint, Rich Greco and his wife, Brigitte, invited them to their home the next day for a delicious pasta dinner. They were a delightful family!

Their family had toured universities from New England to Florida. Here in Tampa, they visited the Univ. of Tampa, and Univ. of So. Florida. They decided on USF! They were pleased that they had made a connection here, and felt comfortable that their daughter now had "family" here! While Terry, Mary, Rich, and Brigitte visited Rome in June, they had the pleasure to see them again! Roberto took them to his favorite restaurant in Rome, and even made them Sunday lunch at their home. He was quite a chef!

What a great friendship, started only because Terry and Mary were supposedly fluent in Italian! Lesson learned..... You never know how your life will be changed when you reach out to others!



Italian Club Member Nick Muley shared this very special birthday announcement for his aunt, Catherine Ficcio Mule who turned 96 in August! Catherine was born in Tampa, Florida on August 19, 1923. She was a dedicated educator and teacher in Hillsborough County Public Schools for over 40 years. The majority of her teaching years were spent at Desoto Elementary School in Palmetto Beach educating the youth of our Ybor City community. Catherine attended Sacred Heart Academy elementary and middle school and was a 1942 high school graduate of the Academy of Holy Names. She continued to Florida State College for Women (FSU) earning her undergraduate degree in secondary education (1946), but she found her passion and love teaching and mentoring in the elementary division. Pursuing that dream, she graduated from the University of Tampa with a special degree in elementary education. Catherine pursued and completed her educational achievements with her Master's degree from the University of South Florida. Catherine felt deeply about the advantage of mastering English and she taught all her students the love of reading. At the end of the day after completing their work assignments, the children enjoyed her reading stories of Curious George and she encouraged all her students to learn about the world through the knowledge of books. Catherine was a mentor to many of our first year teachers, and she instilled in all of them her passion to bring out the best in every child. She was an accomplished pianist and devotee of the Italian Opera. She continues to amaze us by her intellect and ability to recall people with dates, names, places, and times of events going back over 80 years. Catherine has been a long time parishioner and faithful supporter of Corpus Christi Catholic Church Temple Terrace, Florida. She is the aunt of Nick A. Muley and the godmother to Phyllis Posada Hoover.

NEW CONSUL GENERAL OF ITALY VISITS TAMPA

Newly appointed Consul General of Italy Cristiano Musillo visited Tampa in August along with Tommaso Cardana, President of the Italy-American Chamber Southeast of Miami. The trip was organized by Mario Piazza and Vince J Pardo representing the Italian Club and the Tampa-Agrigento Sister Cities Committee.

During his visit the Consul General had 2 meetings at the Italian Club with members and Italian businesses. He visited USF Research and Innovations, USF Moffitt Research Cancer Center and the Hillsborough County Aviation Authority. Positive meetings were also held with Mayor Jane Castor and Councilman Guido Maniscalco to discuss the City's support for establishing a Chapter of the Italy-America Chamber in Tampa. Meetings with School Superintendent Jeff Eakins and School Board member Steve Cona III discussed offering Italian language and culture at additional schools. The visit was capped off with a tour of the Vigo/Alessi plant.

As a result of the 3-day visit, Mario Piazza will work on establishing a local chapter of the Italy-America Chamber and we will follow-up with the School Board in 2 months. Businesses interested in joining the Italy-America Chamber should contact Mario at mplazza@tileandstoneofitaly.com

Club members Al Belluccia, Ken Ferlita, Joe Caravella, Katherine Pescante and Ron Christaldi also worked on this project.



Meeting with Mayor Castor



Gift from Mayor Castor and Tampa Sister Cities



The Partnership Begins



Musillo Speaks to Italian Club



Meeting with School Officials



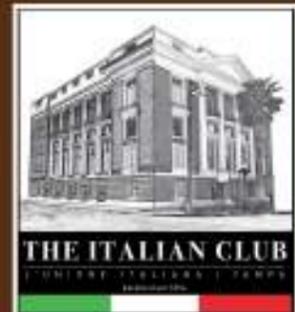
You're invited to join us as we kick-off our 125 Year celebrations with an Italian Club...

OPEN HOUSE



Italian Club Open House Monday, September 9th 2019, 5:00pm-8:00pm

As the Italian Club celebrates another milestone year, we are opening our doors to the Tampa Bay Community for an evening of education, culture, heritage, and camaraderie. This event will provide the community with an opportunity to learn about our role in the community and see just what our Club is all about! Come be part of "La Famiglia"!



Please Reserve Your **FREE** tickets at:
italian-club.org/events

This is a casual attire, family friendly event. We will have appetizers and refreshments available, along with a cash bar. We will also have Club members and representatives available for any questions.

Located at 1731, E. 7th Avenue, Tampa, FL 33605



- Learn about our Club and its' history!
- Guided tours of our 100 year old, three floor historic building
- Learn about your genealogy courtesy of Ancestry.com
- Find out about membership and programming, including exclusive deals & promotions
- Enjoy delicious Italian appetizers and drinks
- Meet our Board and members of the Club
- **FREE TO ATTEND!**



Let the 125th Anniversary Celebrations Begin!

Come one, come all - its time for us to celebrate the 125 Year Anniversary of the signing of our Club Charter. The Club, along with our planning committee and many volunteers, have worked diligently to develop a series of events that pay tribute to our membership through history. This year is all about our members - the human aspect that makes our the vibrant, diverse, and family oriented Club we are today.

In previous newsletters, we spoke about the historical significance of why the we chose to hold these events this year. Our past members, boards, and committees, placed great emphasis on our membership being a family, a community, that could look to each other for support, camaraderie, and fellowship. As we begin our 125 Year Celebrations, make note that all of these events are about coming together in different ways to celebrate the very core of our mission.

Our **OPEN HOUSE & MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**, being held on September 9th will kick off our festivities. This event, intended to celebrate Membership Drives held on 1911 and 1924, will welcome over 300 members of the Tampa Bay Community into our "home". This is our opportunity to show off not only the beauty of our physical building, but the social and community aspect of the Club we all belong to. (more information on page 12)

Our **MEMBERS PICNIC & BACKYARD BOCCE TOURNAMENT**, being held on Sunday, October 13th, serves a dual purpose. The first, is to pay tribute to the many picnics and outings our Club once held throughout our history. Whether it was picnics at DeSoto Park or outings to Anna Maria Island, our membership has always played an active role in participating in the Tampa Bay Community. This event will serve has an opportunity for our members to invite friends and family for a fun afternoon at one of Tampa Bay's hidden parks, Picnic Island. The second purpose of this event, is to commemorate Columbus Day - which for many years was one of the largest functions our membership had, as evidenced by this newsletter cover image. This picnic will also include a our first ever "Backyard Bocce Tournament", being offered in conjunction with our Krewe of Italia. There is very limited space for this tournament! Learn more about this event on pages 14-15.

Closing out our celebrations, will be our premier member event, the **ITALIAN CLUB DINNER CRUISE**, taking place on Friday, November 15th aboard the luxurious, Yacht Starship 1, the largest of their fleet. This event provides our members, friends, and families, with an evening of delicious food & drinks, music & dancing, and an evening that pays tribute to the hard work and commitment of our members, both past and present. For more information on this special evening, please see page 17

The participation of our members in these events is very important and we hope that you will invite friends and family for these very special celebrations. If you are interested in sponsoring these celebrations, or have



MOLTO GRAZIE!

We'd like to recognize the individuals and local businesses that have sponsored our 125 Year Celebrations:

- Vigo Importing, Co.
- Pardo Wine Grapes
- Amici's Catered Cuisine
- MLT of Tampa, inc.
- Law Office of R. Michael Larringa, P.A.
- Dutton Law Group
- Law Office of Jo Ann Palchak

Members Picnic

Picnic

& BOCCE

TOURNAMENT

@ Picnic Island Park!

Located at: 7409 Picnic Island Blvd., Tampa, FL 33616

Sunday, October 13th, 12pm-4pm



MEMBERS PICNIC & Backyard BOCCE

Sunday, October 13th. 12pm-4pm

We invite you to join us on **Sunday, October 13th from 12:00pm-4:00pm at Picnic Island Park** as we bring back to life our historic Member Picnic. These picnics were held by our Club to strengthen our membership and to display the strong Italian Community in the Tampa Bay region. We've selected Picnic Island Park, located at the southern-most point of Westshore Blvd., offers an expansive, beautiful park environment with shelters, grills, ample parking, and large open areas for our backyard bocce tournament and other outdoor games. Picnic Island also has a large beach for families and children located directly adjacent to our picnic and bocce area with shaded shelter areas. This event is open to our members, extended families, friends, and the greater Tampa community. This will be a family-friendly event, that is **FREE TO ATTEND.**



The Italian Club will be partnering with our very own Krewe of Italia for our "Backyard Bocce Tournament". The game will be structured the same as all our other tournaments, the only difference being that teams will be playing on standard grass rather than astroturf/carpet. This will make for a more exciting, unique, and challenging tournament. Space is limited for this event so sign up early! All teams are 4-person and cost \$180/team.

While our dedicated areas do provide complimentary grille space, we are excited to be partnering with GENERATION FOOD TRUCKS - who will be providing 1-2 food trucks in conjunction with our picnic. Members are welcome to bring coolers with snacks and sandwiches for the day if you prefer. We will also have delicious Italian Ice available for purchase, provided by Joey's Italian Ice Co., - a member owned and operated company. Italian Club Members Dr. Augie & Jean Mauser, of AJ's Cigars To Go of Tampa, will have a tent sent up selling cigars as well. We encourage you to bring lawn chairs, blankets, etc. as well and enjoy the afternoon in the park! We will be providing a DJ for the entire event!

DID YOU KNOW? -

In 1912, the Italian Club membership skyrocketed to 600 people. To celebrate this accomplishment, a grand picnic was held at DeSoto Park in Palmetto Beach. The tradition continued and in 1924, after an incredibly successful membership drive, L'Unione Italiana's 1800 members and their families gathered at the farm of Val Antuono - the cigar manufacturer - and posed for a panoramic photograph that still hangs at the Club today (see image above). To continue the tradition of Club picnics and outings in the community - we invite you to join us for our **FREE** members picnic & backyard bocce tournament at Picnic Island State Park!

REGISTER YOUR BOCCE TEAM NOW!

We have limited space available for Bocce Teams! All teams are 4-person, and cost \$180 per team. Sign up your team today!



Register today!

Interested in playing in the Bocce?

Sign up now to take part in the 1st Annual Italian Club Members Picnic "Backyard Bocce" Tournament. Backyard Bocce means that we will be playing on a traditional grass/lawn surface (not rolled out turf). This will make for a more exciting and challenging game. Space is limited to just 24 teams for this outdoor tournament.

\$180 per 4-person Team
\$500 - Court Sponsor
\$100 - "Sponsor A Spot"

Contact Mark Stanish @ mark@italian-club.org for more information!

FREE - PLEASE RSVP HERE: <http://MembersPicnic.rsvpify.com>

Italian Club of Tampa DINNER CRUISE

Friday, November 15th

Boarding Starts @ 7:30pm, Cruise: 8:00pm-11:30pm



Join us as for premier Italian Club event, a Dinner Cruise Celebrating 125 Years of L'Unione Italiana on Friday, November 15th 2019. This four-hour private-charter cruise will take place on Tampa Bay's Premier Cruise Line, Yacht Starship, with three decks of space exclusively for Italian Club members & guests to honor this special occasion. The evening will begin with a top deck cocktail reception with cash bar and a full antipasto display, followed by a buffet menu to include a Caprese Salad with bread/butter, Carved Prime Rib, Seasoned Chicken, and a Chef Attended Risotto Station. There will also be table-side cocktail service throughout dinner service. After dinner, guests can enjoy an evening of conversation and camaraderie, or take the party to the top deck to dance the night away on the top floor party deck with a DJ and bar!

Tickets: \$100pp



Tickets @ italian-club.org/events

Join us as we celebrate 125 Years of L'Unione Italiana ITALIAN CLUB DINNER CRUISE

Friday, November 15th 2019 - boarding at 7:30pm

We invite you to join us for premier Italian Club Member event for 2019, a Dinner Cruise Celebrating 125 Years of L'Unione Italiana on Friday, November 15th 2019. In 1911, our membership chartered a boat, "The Favorite," and embarked on a cruise to St. Pete and Anna Maria Island, where guests enjoyed delicious Italian recipes and much more. To honor our 125 Years, we are pleased to share with you that the Italian Club of Tampa is partnering with Tampa's Yacht Starship, to charter the largest of their vessels, for a private four-hour evening cruise complete with an array of food, drinks, and celebrations spread over three decks.



The evening will begin with a top deck cocktail reception from 7:30pm-8:30pm. Guests will enjoy cocktails and a full antipasto display as we embark on our cruise amidst the backdrop of downtown Tampa. At 8:30pm, you will be invited to take your seats in one of four dining areas in the 1st & 2nd floors of the boat. The buffet menu for the evening will include a Caprese Salad with bread/butter, Carved Prime Rib, and a Chef Attended Risotto Station. There will be table-side cocktail service throughout dinner service. After dinner, guests can enjoy an evening of conversation and camaraderie, or take the party to the top deck to dance the night away on the top floor party deck with a DJ and bar!

DID YOU KNOW?

L'Unione Italiana Members often sponsored excursions to Pass-A-Grille and Anna Maria Island on one of the Collier Line' boats. They would leave early Sunday morning from what is now the site of the riverside Hilton (on the Hillsborough River near the Kennedy Bridge) and return late at night. There would be music on board and many picnic baskets were taken to feed everyone. Back then, newspapers frequently noted these activities, such as one July 1911 Sunday outing - "600 Italians left on "The Favorite" yesterday at 9:25 am for St. Petersburg and Anna Maria Key." (note: "The Favorite" was likely the name of the vessel at that time. Pictured below is an image of one of the Collier Line vessels often used by Members of the Italian Club - notice it says "City of Tampa" on the back of one of the boats)

It is very important that tickets are purchased in advance of the event. Tickets are \$100 per person, which includes all taxes and service charges. We are limiting ticket sales to just 300 guests. The participation of our members is incredibly important to the success of the Club's events, especially this year as we are working towards bringing old events back to life with new ideas and new vision. All proceeds raised from the events go towards ensuring that our mission is at the forefront of our efforts, and our historical venue is preserved for generations to come.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Italian Club Office at (813)248-3316 or by email Mark Stanish at mark@italian-club.org.



ALL TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED ONLINE AT:

www.italian-club.org/events

FROM OUR KREWE OF ITALIA...

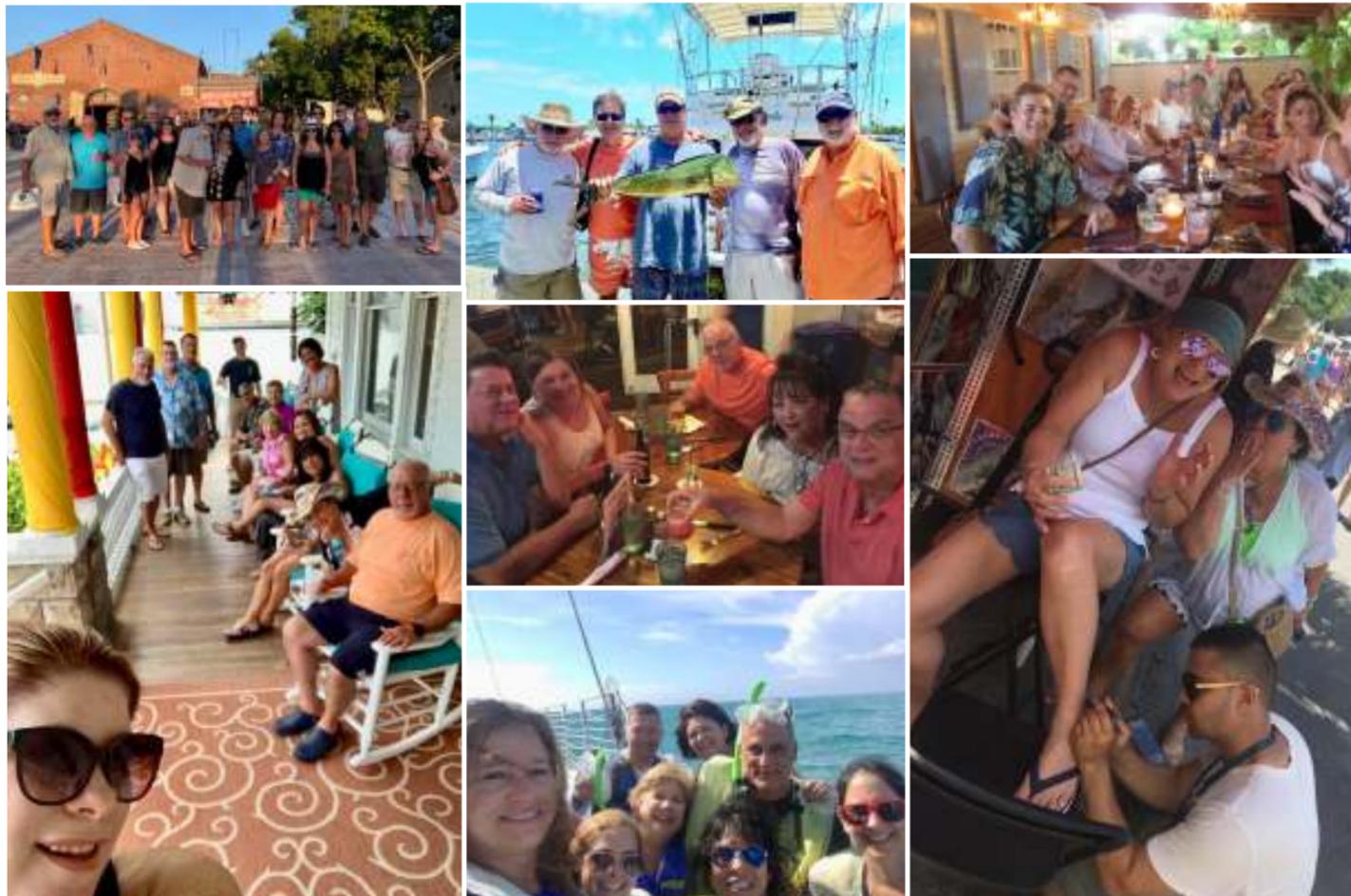
Krewe of Italia has had a great time during the summer socials. Two were held in July. First, The Krewe of Italia joined the Italian Club as we traveled to Tropicana Field for the Rays vs. Yankees game. New friends were made as we all enjoyed Andrew Arena singing our National Anthem. Second, Many memories were made as a group headed down to Key West to celebrate Debbie DiStefano's birthday. You know what they say - what happens in Key West (check out the photos below)

Next up - Krewe of Italia celebrates their 15 year anniversary by hosting their inaugural Carnevale' - A Masquerade Ball on Saturday, September 15, 2019 @ 7:00 PM. Visit their website at www.kreweofitalia.com to get your tickets now. Guests will enjoy heavy tapas and two signature Bacardi cocktails. There will be cash bars located throughout the venue. Taking the stage at 9:30 PM is Tampa's headlining entertainers - The Black Honkeys. Attendees are asked to wear black/white cocktail attire, Krewe Costume and who can forget - A MASK.

The Krewe of Italia will be co-hosting the "Backyard Bocce Tournament" on Sunday, October 13th in conjunction with the Italian Club Members Picnic. The Krewe will be supporting this 125-Year Event by organizing the Bocce Tournament portion. If you would like to participate, all teams are 4-persons, and cost \$180 per team. Please see pages 14-15 for more information on this tournament - space is limited!

Have you ever thought about joining the Krewe of Italia? Contact The Krewe Board at koi.italianclub@gmail.com for more information. To apply, the application is also in the newsletter. 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 a parade, food, beer and memories you won't forget! Visit www.kreweofitalia.com to register as a guest for one of the upcoming parades.

Krewe of Italia Board



A Masquerade Ball Carnevale



September 14th

7:00pm-11:00pm

Black Honkeys Live @ 9:30pm

The Krewe of Italia invites you to join us as we celebrate 15 years! Guests will enjoy an event - spread over two floors, with heavy tapas available, and entertainment in our 2nd Floor Theater. Guests will receive 2 complimentary signature cocktails served from multiple bars throughout the venue. Our headlining entertainment will be Tampa's premier live band The Black Honkeys - who will take the stage at 9:30pm. We kindly ask all attendees to wear a Masquerade Mask along with your choice of Black/White Cocktail Attire or Krewe Costumes,

Tickets on sale 8/1!

\$40pp before 8/16

\$50pp starting 8/17

\$55pp at the door

Proceeds to benefit the Italian Club Building & Cultural Trust Fund & Italian Club Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund

THE BLACK HONKEYS



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FROM THE ITALIAN CLUB LADIES AUXILIARY...

Ciao amici! The Italian Club Ladies Auxiliary next event honors Italian American Women of Excellence (IAWE) on Saturday, October 12 beginning at 11:30 a.m. for Registration, Networking and hors d'oeuvres. Read a brief profile of our Recipients in this newsletter and join us as we honor them in Education, Business/Professional, Civic/Cultural, and Government/Public Service categories. Their stories are fascinating and inspiring and will make you proud of your Italian heritage. Thank you to our IAWE committee leaders, Loretta Campo, Rosalie Perrone, Donna Sardegna, and Lorraine Zambito who have organized this special event!

Grazie - Sharon Mangione, Italian Club Ladies Auxiliary President



Business/Professional: Doreen Greco

Doreen has been a full time award-winning Realtor in Tampa for the last 38 years. In her career, she has provided guidance and assisted sellers and buyers in marketing and purchasing property, including determining a client's needs and financial abilities to propose solutions that best suit them while ensuring a fair and honest dealing. She has worked with numerous professionals including other real estate brokers, appraisers, escrow companies, lenders, title insurance companies, and home inspectors. Her ancestry originates from a family of Sicilian immigrants who believed in working hard, helping others, and giving back to Ybor City, and Tampa, for over 100 years. She's been influenced by family members, who were actively involved in the Italian Club and businesses in Ybor.



Government/Public Service: Ysidora (Dora) Cadrecha Noto

Dora was a Resource Specialist who produced large print and Braille books for visually impaired K-12 Florida students at the Florida Instructional Materials Center for the Visually Impaired for 38 years. She was frequently complimented on the quality of her work by teachers who utilized these materials for their students. Dora also served as the afternoon secretary at St. Joseph's Church before completely retiring in 2015. Dora credits her Italian heritage that created her strong work ethic demonstrated by her "attention to detail" and the "expeditious manner" in which she completed her work. Additionally, Dora, has promoted Italian heritage by serving in various leadership roles at the Sons of Italy Lodge.



Cultural/Civil Involvement: Vincenza DiLiberti

Vincenza, a Clearwater resident for 60 years, was an originator, producer, and announcer for the Italian Radio and Television programs "Giro D'Italia" and "Italia della Regioni." Additionally, Vincenza also founded two organizations for women of Italian ancestry in Florida, Le Italo-Americane Di Oggi and Daughters of Italy Lodge #2825 under the auspices of Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America which was the only all women lodge in Florida. Vincenza's Italian heritage has influenced her work of giving back through cultural events, scholarships, and charities support. She has made many people aware of the positive influence that Italian immigrants have had on their communities.



Educational: Leona Xharra Grebowski

Because so many people want to connect to Italy, Leona Grebowski has fashioned her Italian Language lessons in small, intimate, and creative settings. She feels this has facilitated her students' passion to flourish for the Italian language. Leona credits Italy for so many of her accomplishments including escaping the iron curtain in Albania. Due to the IAWE nomination process, she was able to trace and connect to her ancestor, an Italian Great-Grandfather on her Mother's side. Come and join us for the Italian American Women of Excellence Award luncheon to hear her complete and fascinating story.

2019 Italian American

Women of Excellence

Saturday, October 12th

The Italian Club Ladies Auxiliary invites you to join us in our historic ballroom for an afternoon luncheon honoring four Italian American Women of Excellence in the following categories:

- Government/Public Service
- Business/Professional
- Education
- Culture



- 11:30am - Registration, Networking, and hors d'oeuvres
- 12:00pm- Luncheon and Award Program

Cost is \$45.00 per person

Send reservations and nominations to Loretta Campo, Italian Club Ladies Auxiliary, mcampo1@verizon.net, 522 Garrard Drive, Temple Terrace, FL 33617



CRUSH

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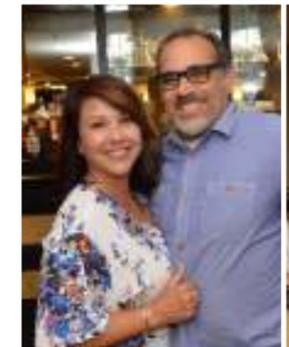
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We hope everyone has had a great summer season and enjoyed your time with friends and family. We are excited to be getting back to our normal schedule, with CRUSH Happy Hour taking place every 2nd & 4th Friday of the month. Our happy hour begins at 5:00pm and continues right up to 9:00pm. We have been busy putting together some really great evenings for our members, friends, and families - with special guest chefs, special entertainment, and so much more. Our CRUSH Happy Hour has become one of the Club's most popular opportunities for our members to come together in an informal atmosphere and enjoy a great evening of delicious food, great music, and so much more. Here's what's coming up for the next couple months at CRUSH:

- **Friday, September 13th** - CRUSH will welcome "Inperspective", a live 4-piece band, as our special guest entertainment along side a delicious buffet prepared by our CRUSH Catering Team.
- **Friday, September 27th** - We are excited to be hosting the "Island Brothers Trio", back by popular demand! This incredible trio played at our Havana Nights event in June! Chef Enzo and our CRUSH Catering Team will be preparing a mouthwatering Latin-fusion menu and a we will have drink specials all night!
- **Friday, October 11th** - CRUSH Happy Hour is teaming up with the Rotary Club of Ybor City to host a delicious buffet in conjunction with Columbus Day. Anthony Scaglione, the President of the Ybor Rotary and his team will prepare a delicious Italian Dinner in honor of the occasion. We will also have music and dancing.
- **Friday, October 25th** - You've been asking for it - and it's finally here! Italian Club Past President, Jamie Granell Sr. will step into the CRUSH kitchen to prepare his famous Crab Enchilau! We are also working on some very special entertainment for the evening!
- **Friday, November 8th** - CRUSH Happy Hour is teaming up with the Stano Foundation to collect items to send care packages to our troops. See page 24 for more information.

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



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Honoring Our Veterans



CRUSH Happy Hour

November 8th - 5pm-9pm

In honor of Veterans Day, the Italian Club of Tampa will be partnering with The Stano Foundation by collecting items to support their mission and provide our active duty and veterans with care packages. Items being collected include the following:



- Microwaveable Mac n Cheese cups
- Microwaveable Mug Cakes
- Tuna or Chicken Salad kits
- Protein Bars
- Peanuts/Trail Mix (individual size)
- Travel size baby wipes
- Men's Deodorant (regular size)
- Playing cards

"The Stano Foundation's mission is to support the Armed Forces, Veterans and their families through program based initiatives focused on enhancing their comfort and quality of life by providing them with a piece of home. Each year they send care packages to service members deployed, regardless of branch or where they are located. The bulk of the care packages are sent out right before Christmas. They are forecasting to send 500 care packages this year. These care packages are not only morale boosters but are truly "home in a box" for service members away from their families, friends and loved ones."

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The proceeds from our Festa Italiana Weekend benefit the Italian Club Building & Cultural Trust Fund - and our ongoing commitment to Italian Culture & Heritage in Tampa Bay! (A registered 501C3)

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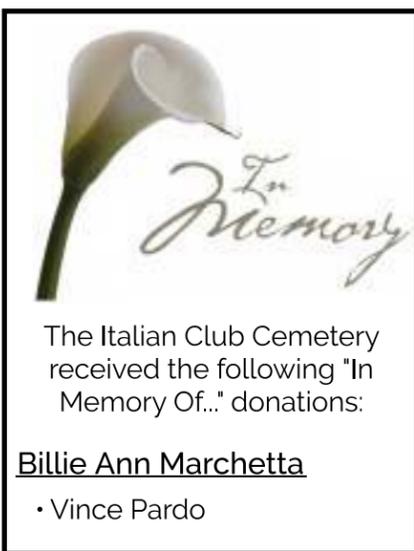
Remaining inside the mausoleum are 9 crypts and 11 niches available for purchase. Additionally, there are 7 plots and 21 premium plots available throughout the cemetery grounds.

For information regarding space in the cemetery, please contact the Italian Club Office at (813)248-3316 or Vince Sinardi at (813)966-9634.

For information regarding gravesite restoration or our Adopt-A-Grave Program, please contact Sarah Valdes at (813)340-8889.

The Italian Club Cemetery is located at 2520 E. 24th Ave, Tampa, FL 33605. The gates are open from 8:00am-3:00pm pm daily. You are welcome to walk the grounds and tour our historic cemetery and honor the many members and families of our Club.

For historical inquiries, please contact ItalianClubCemetery@gmail.com



*** SAVE THE DATES ***

CEMETERY CLEAN UP DAY

- Saturday, November 2nd
- 10am-2pm
- VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - Join us as we spend the afternoon sprucing up the cemetery grounds.

PICNIC WITH THE PAST

- Sunday, November 3rd
- Mass at 11:00am, Lunch to follow
- More information on this event will be sent via postcard to our members and families



Forget Me Not

The cemetery invites our members, families, and friends to include their loved ones on our "Forget-Me-Not" wall, located inside the Cemetery Mausoleum. This beautiful marble wall is a tribute and celebration to those who came before us. Each line contains 32 characters, including blank spaces and punctuation. For \$175, your loved ones will be etched on our marble wall forever!

For more information on this, please contact the Italian Club Office at (813)248-3316 or email mark@italian-club.org

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