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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 The image of the gaunt, threadbare, and downtrodden immigrants carrying suitcases has been replaced by the appearance of thriving, fashionable, and confident entrepreneurs, educators and professionals carrying briefcases.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.

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FROM THE CLUB PRESIDENT...

Dear Italian Club Family,

As I write this letter, we are less than a month away from our Club's premier event for 2019 - our **125th Anniversary Dinner Cruise**, taking place Friday, November 15th. As I know our members of a history of waiting until the last minute to get tickets, which I too am guilty of - I'd like to ask our members to get your tickets for this event so we can provide an accurate count to the Yacht Starship. This is a private event for our members, and we have exclusive use of the ship. **We truly need your support to make this event successful.** I am hopeful that we will get more of our members attending this celebratory cruise. More information on this can be found on page 4-5 of this newsletter.

I'd like to congratulate both our Krewe of Italia and our Ladies Auxiliary for their recent event held at the Club. The Krewe welcomed over 300 attendees for their first ever Carnevale: Masquerade Ball. In hosting this very successful event, the Krewe was able to donate over \$4,000 to the Italian Club & Cemetery. The Ladies Auxiliary hosted their Italian American Women of Excellence Event, with nearly 100 attendees for their bi-annual luncheon. Four very deserving Italian-American women received honors, and their Ladies Auxiliary hosted a delicious luncheon in our ballroom. Thank you to both these organizations for your commitment to your heritage and your Club.

As the Club wraps up our 125th Anniversary Celebrations in the coming months, I'd like to make mention of the two events that occurred that I was incredibly proud and honored to a part of.

- The first event, our **Club Open House and Membership Drive**, which was held back in September, was very much an event that represented our Club and our Building. No fancy bells and whistles for this event, just our members, our volunteers, taking pride in their Club and in their building and showing it off to over 250 attendees. As I sat back in the Cantina, with the smell of garlic and pasta in the room, I was very proud to see so much interest and pride in the Italian Club. I am excited to see this event grow and become an annual opportunity to expand our membership and show off our newly restored building.
- The second event, our **Members Picnic & Bocce**, which was held in October, really, truly brought history back to life, just as we had intended it to. Our management team selected the perfect park location for our Club to host a private members event like this. While I know it was unseasonable hot out there, the location right on the bay provided a great breeze, and the many shelters we reserved offered a shaded area to relax and enjoy the afternoon. The recreation of our historical photo was a special moment for me - as we gathered together, with pride for our Italian culture, pride for our Italian heritage, and pride for our Italian Club. We appreciate the members who joined us, and those that played in our Bocce tournament. With over 150 attendees at this first year event, I can only expect that this event will grow, and become a staple event for our membership.

In closing, as our restoration and renovation projects draws to a close - I'd like to thank our members, friends, and families for supporting the Club through the last 6 months of construction. Unlike previous restoration projects, the Club stayed open for business throughout the process - and while it was a challenge both to our staff and our members, I am happy that we were able to have a year of growth for our membership, while also securing and preserving our Club for generations to come. Happy holidays to all & I hope to see you all very soon.

Sal Guagliardo, Italian Club President



Sal Guagliardo
Board President

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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 for our premier event of 2019 - the Italian Club

DINNER CRUISE

Friday, November 15th 2019

Boarding: 7:30pm-8:00pm

Cruise begins at 8:00pm

Return to dock approx 11-11:30pm

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

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. 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.

7:30pm-8:30pm - Top Deck Cocktail Reception

Guests will enjoy cocktails and a full antipasto display as we embark on our cruise amidst the backdrop of downtown Tampa.

8:30pm - Dinner Reception Begins

Please take your seats in one of four dining areas in the 1st & 2nd floors of the boat. There will be table-side cocktail service available through out dinner. The buffet menu for the evening will include:

- Caprese Salad
- Bread & Butter
- Carved Prime Rib
- Blackened Chicken
- Chef Attended Risotto Station
- Dessert & Coffee Station

Approx 10:00pm - Music, Dancing, Celebrations

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 are \$100 per person, which includes all taxes and service charges. The participation of our members is incredibly important to the success of the Club's events, especially this event as the Club has reserved the ship exclusively for members, friends, families, and sponsors. 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.**

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED ONLINE AT: italian-club.org/events or by calling the Italian Club Office at (813)248-3316



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

- Valley Bank
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- Allegra Tampa
- Generation Food Trucks

Grazie!

UPCOMING EVENTS



November 2019

- 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
- 28th & 29th - CLUB CLOSED

December 2019

- 2nd – Spaghetti with Santa
- 7th - Snow on 7th Parade (Ybor Event)
- 12th – Italian Club Christmas Party & Ribbon Cutting
- 13th – NO Crush Due To Holiday
- 24th & 25th - CLUB CLOSED
- 27th – CRUSH Happy Hour Pre-New Years
- 31st – New Years Eve Event (tentative)

January 2020

- 1st - CLUB CLOSED
- 3rd - Krewe of Italia Indoor Bocce Tournament
- 10th - CRUSH Happy Hour (tentative)
- 18th - Gasparilla Kids Parade (Krewe Participant)
- 19th - International Holocaust Remembrance
- 24th - CRUSH Happy Hour (tentative)
- 25th Gasparilla Day Parade (Krewe Participant)

Important 2020 Dates To Note:

- 2/22 - Fiesta Day
- 3/21 - Atlantic City Boys Showcase
- 4/4 - Festa Italiana Weekend - "Italian Heritage Day"
- 4/5 - WineFest of Italy
- 5/9 - LAX presents, Mothers Day Themes-n-Tea
- 8/9 - Rays vs. Red Sox Game (Italian Heritage Day)
- 10/11 - 2nd Annual Members Picnic & Bocce

2020 EVENT CALENDAR

Be on the look out! When you renew your Club Membership, you will receive a new member card in the mail along with our tentative 2020 event calendar. As our Club events become more and more popular, this tentative annual calendar will provide our members the opportunity to see what's happening each month.

Our events are typically open to the general public, and we encourage our members to help spread the word! We are working diligently to develop events to are exclusive to our Members and their family as well.



Italian Club Members Christmas Party

& Grand Reopening Ribbon Cutting
with special presentation to Philip & Joe Caltagirone for their lifetime commitment to the Club's mission

With the Club's restoration and renovation project wrapping up, we've decided to host a special ceremonial ribbon cutting in conjunction with our Annual Members Christmas Party, being held on Thursday, December 12th from 6:00pm-9:00pm.

This event will also mark the end of our Club's 125th Anniversary, with numerous events celebrating our Club's members and our mission. In doing so, we would also like to formally recognize two of our life-long members, Philip & Joe Caltagirone,

The evening will begin at 6:00pm, with holiday music provided by DJ Ben Daniele, alongside a delicious homemade dinner buffet which will include:

- Stuffed Pork Loin**
- Rosemary Parmesan Roasted Potatoes**
- Seasonal Vegetable Blend**
- Dinner Rolls**
- Dessert & Coffee**

This event will be held in the Club's newly renovated 3rd Floor Grand Ballroom. Seating will be limited, so please make sure you get your tickets early.

\$15pp for members
\$18pp for non-members

Prices include tax and service charges. Please call the Italian Club Office to purchase tickets at (813)248-3316 or email mark@italian-club.org

Join us as we host three parties in one night!



CLUB MEMBERS CHRISTMAS PARTY

& Grand Reopening Ribbon Cutting

Thursday, December 12th from 6pm-9pm

Italian Club Members, friends, families are invited to join us as we host our Annual Members Christmas Party on Thursday, December 12th from 6pm-9pm. This year's event will be made even more special as we celebrate the grand reopening of our historic venue following nearly eight-months of restoration and renovation work. As we wrap up our 125th Anniversary Celebrations, we will also be recognizing Philip & Joe Caltagirone for their lifetime commitment to L'Unione Italiana, our mission, and the continued preservation of both our building and our cemetery. The evening will include a delicious Italian-style dinner buffet, with coffee and dessert along side holiday music and a fully stocked cash/credit bar.



\$15pp for members
\$18pp for non-members

Price Includes tax & service charge.
Call the Italian Club for tickets at (813)248-3316



SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN...

Mark your calendars! Get your tickets early - for the Club's Annual Photos with Santa event! We've made a change this year, and we are trying something different - instead of breakfast and show, we are hosting a delicious Italian dinner along side our traditional photos with Santa! This event is open to members, friends, & families!

**Monday, December 2nd, 2019
5:00pm-8:00m, Cantina**

Deck the halls - we're having meatballs! Santa's helpers will be dishing out homemade meatballs, alongside delicious spaghetti marina. And no Santa dinner is complete without homemade cookies for dessert! Tickets for this event are \$15pp, both children and adults. Every child tickets purchase will include a 5x7 momento photo with Santa, and a gift bag!

Tickets can be purchased by calling the Italian Club Office at (813)248-3316, or email mark@italian-club.org. Please make sure we know the number of kids are coming with you! We look forward to seeing you there!

**He's making a list...
He's checking it twice...
He's gonna find out...**

WHO'S COMING FOR MEATBALLS!



See promo at right, pg. 7

COMING SOON

ATLANTIC CITY BOYS

Coming to the Italian Club in March 2020!

Spaghetti with SANTA



Join us as the Italian Club hosts a traditional Spaghetti Dinner with a very special guest, SANTA CLAUS! Santa & his helper will be available for photos before dinner! This delicious dinner buffet will include: Spaghetti Marinara, Homemade Meatballs, Italian Bread & Butter, & Dessert. Seating is limited - so get your tickets today while they last!

December 2nd
Dinner available: 5:00pm-8:00pm
Photo with Santa: 5:00pm-7:00pm

Tickets are available by calling the Italian Club Office at (813) 248-3316 or emailing mark@italian-club.org

\$15

Ticket price includes 5x7 momento photo with Santa & Elf. All children receive a holiday gift bag from Santa. Ticket price also includes tax & services

Questions?
Please contact the Italian Club Main Office at 813-248-3316



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).



Meet the Italian Club's newest member... Jayce Alexander Bodie was born August 5, 2019 at 8:25 pm, weighing 7 pounds 11 ounces, and was 19 inches long. Parents, Jon and Shannon Bodie, and big brother, Bailey, are all doing well and so very happy with the new addition.



Grandparents, Don and Debbie Bodie, and great grandparents, Don and Ilene Bodie, are elated with their new grandson.

After 43 years, Tom LoCicero plans to retire from his engineering profession on December 31, 2019. Starting 2020, he and his wife, Valerie, hope to travel as occasions permit. First stop – trip to Las Vegas for New Year's with very close friends.



Sisters, Nicole Capitano Nassif and Maria Capitano Pardo at the Masquerade Ball seen here with IC Krewe Member Paul Ferlita. The sisters were adorned in incredibly beautiful gowns fit for the occasion.



Angelo and Lisa Lazzara are excited to announce the engagement of their son Nicholas Lazzara to Krista Loeper, daughter of Bob and Joanne Loeper. Wedding will be held April 25, 2020 at the Italian Club. Nicholas is a Firemedic for HCFR and Krista will be graduating from South University's Nursing School in June 2020.



On October 21, 2019, Francis "Buzz" Bruno received formal notification of his Dual Italian Citizenship by descent from the Commune Di Acri, Cosenza, Calabria, Italy through the Consolato Generale D'Italia Miami...

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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 are always looking to grow and expand our membership as we strive to support our mission within the community. We thank you all for your support of the Club!

If you know someone who would like to become a member, have them visit our website at italian-club.club-membership

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2020 MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

In the coming weeks you will be receiving your 2020 membership renewals in the mail. The Club, our Board, and our many volunteers have worked diligently to provide a Club that our members can call home - with events and activities that provide an opportunity to socialization, culture enrichment, and so much more. We are working on expanding our member activities and benefits as we move into the new year. Being a member of our Club means being a supporter of our Club's mission of promotion Italian culture, heritage, and traditions for many generations to come! We hope that you will continue to be a part of "La Famiglia" and continue your membership through 2020. Grazie!



ITALIAN CLUB'S ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE

For those of you who were able to join us on September 9th, the Italian Club Open House and Membership Drive was a huge success! Attendees were welcomed into the Italian Club by members of the Krewe dressed in fully Krewe attire. Italian Club Members Joe Caravella, Gio Fucarino, Dennis Costantino, and Kathy Perez-Dutton provided guests with incredible historical tours, showcasing our building and our Club's rich history. Guests were able to learn about various Club & Groups, like the Ladies Auxiliary, Krewe of Italia, and Cemetery Committee - while also learning about the many activities and programs available to members. The Cantina was filled with Italian music, and a delicious pasta station provided by Amici's Catered Cuisine. All the hardwork paid off - as we signed nearly 50 new members! This will definitely become an annual event for us!



Members Picnic

What a day we had! The Italian Club of Tampa brought history back to life on Sunday, October 13th, as we hosted our Member's Picnic at the beautiful Picnic Island Park! Attendees enjoyed a perfect afternoon with great music, great food, and most importantly, an afternoon filled with fun for the whole family! We had nearly 150 attendees out there for our 1st Annual Members Picnic & Bocce Tournament - and we'd like to thank all those who joined us to make this special event possible. We had 14 teams play in our Backyard Bocce Tournament, which was organized by our own Krewe of Italia! Congrats to winning teams!

Historically speaking, this event was traditionally a celebration that occurred in conjunction with large membership drives. As you can see from the photo(s) below, quite a bit has changed in nearly 100 years. Our membership has grown considerably in 2019 and we were so happy to see our membership get behind this event. Our group photo from this year (below) is available for purchase at <http://www.joephoto.com> - special thanks to Joe Photo Tampa for offering this and providing the photography at this event.

Special thanks to our event sponsors who helped make this all possible: Valley Bank, Vigo Importing, Co., Pardo Wine Grapes, MLT of Tampa, Inc, Law Office of R. Michael Larringa, Dutton Law Group, Law Office of Jo Ann Palchak, and Joey's Italian Ice, AJ's Cigars To Go, Generation Food Trucks, and Outside the Box Rentals!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: The 2nd Annual Members Picnic & Family Bocce Tournament will be held on Sunday, October 11th 2020! Feel free to invite your friends and families to join us for this event at Picnic Island Park!



Above: THEN - Italian Club Members Picnic in 1924



Above: NOW - Italian Club Members Picnic in 2019





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Friday, December 27th
6:00pm-10:00pm
2nd Floor Theater at the Italian Club

Beat the crowds and celebrate NYE with us at the Italian Club of Tampa! Join us as we raise a glass - to the successes of 2019 and kick off 2020 with your CRUSH Family. There is no cost to attend!

Guests for this special evening will enjoy a delicious home cooked meal for just \$15pp. We will host special LIVE entertainment for guests to enjoy and dance the night away. The drinks will be flowing all night long with special happy hour prices and featured drink specials.

This will be a busy night - so get your reservation in early! Reservations for dinner service are required. If you plan to join us, want to make a reservation, or have any questions, please contact Maria @

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Our CRUSH Happy Hour has become one of our most popular opportunities for our members, friends, and families, to come together and enjoy a great evening of delicious food, great music, and so much more. CRUSH Happy Hour begins at 5:00pm and continues to 9:00pm. We offer drink specials each night and low drink prices!

We have been busy putting together some really great evenings for our members, friends, and families. Here's what's coming up for the next couple months at CRUSH:

- **Friday, November 8th** - CRUSH Happy Hour is teaming up with the Stano Foundation, a local 501C3 Organization, to collect items to send care packages to our troops. *For more info, please watch your emails or contact the Italian Club Office.*
- **Friday, November 22nd** - CRUSH will be teaming up with "Champions for Children", a local 501C3 Organization to host a charity toy drive at the Club. *For more info, please watch your emails or contact the Italian Club Office.*
- **Friday, December 13th** - No CRUSH due to a scheduling conflict. Happy Holidays to all our CRUSH family!
- **Friday, December 27th** - CRUSH Happy Hour is closing out the year with a bang! Join us for one of our most popular evenings as we host our Pre-NYE Party on the 2nd Floor with special guest entertainment and delicious dinner fit for the occasion! Check out page 17 for more information. *More to info via email soon!*

Reservations are required for dinner service. If you have any questions or want to make a reservation, please contact Maria at CrushHappyHour@gmail.com





Tickets on sale Soon

Night Parade

BLEACHER SEATS & AFTER PARTY

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH



Pre-Party & Bleachers... 5pm-7pm

This exclusive pre-party will be available to all guests who purchase bleachers seats. We are working on providing food, music, and a cash bar. The parade starts at 7pm, and the Club will have 3 bleachers with seats available for purchase. More information soon!

Two Floor After Party... 9pm-12am

The Italian Club and the Krewe of Italia invite you to join us after the parade for Ybor City's best after-party, spread over two floors, with music, dancing, and cash bars!

MORE INFORMATION @ italian-club.org/events

FROM THE KREWE OF ITALIA...

Congratulations to Krewe of Italia member, Doreen Greco for being honored as recipient of the Ladies Auxiliary Italian-American Women of Excellence award for Business/Professional achievements. Many Krewe members attended to show support for such a prestigious award.

After taking the summer off, Krewe of Italia board of directors have been busy preparing for the upcoming parade season 2020. First on their agenda was welcoming our newest board members - Cynthia Lamb Dedyo, Secretary; Matt Sinko, Director; Randy Rumore, Director and Hazel Vanderford as newsletter chair.

Krewe played host to the Inter Krewe Council quarterly meeting on October 21st. Debbie Distefano cooked baked ziti as a complimentary addition to a full house of fellow Krewes! Many Krewe of Italia members were on hand to help serve and be the best Italian hosts. Thank you Debbie for the wonderful ziti.

Saturday, December 14th Krewe of Italia will be participating in the Snow on 7th Parade. This is a family, fun, short parade. We invite Italian Club members to join us as we walk down 7th Avenue. Please RSVP no later than November 20th if you would like to participate. Send an email koi.italianclub@gmail.com with names and ages.

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.

- Snow on 7th - Saturday, December 14th - Family friendly parade. Free - Italian Club members.
- Gasparilla Children's Parade - Saturday, January 18, 2020 - Family friendly parade.
- Gasparilla Day Parade - Saturday, January 25, 2020 - Must be 21 or older to participate. SPACE IS LIMITED
- Sant' Yago Knight Parade - Saturday, February 8, 2020 - Must be 21 or older to participate.
- St. Patrick's Parade - Saturday, March 14, 2010 - Must be 21 or older to participate.

Thank you to all our Krewe and Club Members for their support of the Krewe this past year as we celebrated our 15th Anniversary! We looking forward to seeing you all soon!

Grazie! - Krewe of Italia Board

Join us for the Krewe of Italia's Annual Kick-off to

Gasparilla BOCCE

Calling all bocce teams and players! The Krewe of Italia will be hosting their annual indoor bocce tournament at the historic Italian Club!



January 3rd 2020 @ 6:00pm

\$150 Fee Per Four Person Team
(fee includes heavy appetizers)

Court Sponsorships - \$100/court

SIGN UP AT - www.kreweofitalia.com



FROM THE CEMETERY COMMITTEE

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 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



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

Heritage Highlights

Grace Campisi-Maroccia was a lifelong Tampa resident. Her life, career and volunteering were devoted to the Tampa community.

Grace served on the Board of Directors for L'Unione Italiana and was involved in the restoration of the club building. Grace also served as the past President of the L'Unione Italiana Cemetery Committee as well as recognized as one of the "Women of the Year" by the Ladies Auxiliary.

As an Italian, she felt it was her duty to help Italian immigrants in need. As a member of Zonta International, she represented the Sons of Italy in America and assisted in the registration and job placement of Italian immigrants.

Grace passed away on July 15, 2016. She was laid to rest in Zone 4 of the main mausoleum at the L'Unione Italiana Cemetery.

Grace's commitment to the L'Unione Italiana and the Tampa community will forever be remembered.



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

THE FAMILY TREE

locate your ancestors on the
CEMETERY FIELD GUIDE

visit Italian-Club.org

search by first name, last name, birth date, death date or zone number

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MAY 1911	MAY 1917
AGLIANO, JOE AND ROSE	ANASTASI, JOHNNY & MARY
ANTIMORI, STEFANO AND MARIA	CACCIATORE, ANTONINO & DOMENICA
CASTELLANO, AUGUSTINO AND ROSALIA	JOE & CARMELA CACCIATORE
CASTELLANO, PETER - ANGIE MAGGIO	DORA C. & VINCENT LIMMYI PARDO
CAVALERI, MANUEE AND TERESA	ANNIE CACCIATORE LOPPEZ
COLLURA, STEFANO AND CARMELA	CALTAGIRONE, ALFONSO & ANGELINA
FRANK AND JONNIE COLLURA	PHILIP P. & JENNIE DITLIA CALTAGIRONE
JANIE C. AND BASIL SCAGLIONE	PHILIP & AIDA L. DITLIA
COSTANTINO, FRANK AND FAMILY	JOSEPH FERRECCONE CALTAGIRONE &
DICARLO, SALVATORE AND CONCETTINA	DORA SCOLARO CALTAGIRONE
LEE AND EUGENE McDONALD	DOMENICO & ANNA SIDLARO
CHESTER J. KUZA (THREVER +J)	CAMMARATA, FILIPPO & MARIA
FUCARINO, DOMINIC AND ELEANOR	JENNIE-JOSIE-CARMEN-AL & DON
FUCARINO, MORRIS D. AND DORA A.	CANNELLA, JOE P.
GIUNTA, FRANK V. & GRACE GRECO	CANNELLA, FRANCES F.
RICHARD S. EDWARD F.	DI CORTE, GIUSEPPE & ANNA
ANGELA A. SUSAN T. EDWARD T.H.	ROSARIO (SAM) C. & ALBERTA B. DI CORTE
KAREN E. STACY I.	JOSEPH PRONTZANO DI CORTE
GIUNTA, SALVATORE & VITTORIA V.	LITO, SAM D. & NINA P. & FAMILY
ANGELO, FRANK, DOMENIC, VINCENT	MAGLIANO, PIETRO & MARGHERITA
GRECO, SALVATORE & GIUSEPPINA O.	BATTISTA & TERESA MAGLIANO
JOE, FRANK, GRACE, ROSE, MAC	ROSE MAGLIANO BARDEI
JOHN AND LILLIE ROSE	DR. ALEXANDER ROSS HARVEY
LOSCALZO, ANGELO, ANNA AND NINO	ALEXANDER-FRASER-HEATHER BARDEI
LOWE, DIALARY I.	MIRRELLA, TOM T. & LENA B.
MARTINO, DAVID C. AND ROSE CIMO	NORA MIRRELLA LAMB & JACK R. LAMB
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MIRRELLA, NANCY - FRANCES C. CANTO	VINCENZO & CARMELA LOCCICERO PARDO
FERRICONE, LOUIS AND ANGELINA	DR. ANGELO & ROSALIE PARDO
FERRICONE, ROSA LICATA 1912-1994	SETTECASI, FRANK P. & MARIA SCOLARO
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SALARIO, LOUIS & ANGELINA	BELEN S. & DR. FRANK PIAZZA
SARDEGNA, CARI A. AND ANNIE F.	VIOLET S. & RICHARD DR. ROSAL JR.
SPODLA, CARLO AND LILLIAN	VALENTI, GIUSEPPE & ROSALIA
SPOTO, SAM AND JENNIE	NELSON VALENTI SR.
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TRAFFICANTI, SANTO	NELSON VALENTI JR.-1966
URSI, ROSARIO AND JOSEPHINE BRUNO	ZIMMARDI, JOSEPH A. AND DEBORAH

FROM THE LADIES AUXILIARY

Dear Sorelle,

What a wonderful program the Ladies Auxiliary hosted for the Italian American Women of Excellence! Over 100 people enjoyed the luncheon to honor four outstanding Italian American Women: Doreen Greco, Business/Professional; Ysidora "Dora" Cadrecha Noto, Government/Public Service; Vincenza DiLiberti, Cultural/Civic Involvement; and Leona Xharra Grebowski, Education. These ladies set the ideal examples of intelligence, courage, poise, and grace while promoting their Italian heritage and culture.

There are so many to thank who helped make this a special afternoon in our beautiful Italian Club Ballroom including the Committee of Loretta Campo, Rosalie Perrone, Donna Sardegna, Lynnette Stine, and Lorraine Zambito. A special thank you to Darlene Diaz Miceli and her talented orchestral students from Orange Grove Middle Magnet School of the Arts who's 37-piece orchestra played beautifully for our program. Our own AnnMarie Hanecki and her event company Outside the Box Event Rentals elevated the atmosphere of our Ballroom once again into a highly elegant affair. Please see our photos in this newsletter and like the Ladies Auxiliary Facebook page for more photos and posts of upcoming events.

Ciao, Sharon Mangione, Italian Club Ladies Auxiliary President



Doreen Greco Family & Friends



Doreen Greco Award Acceptance



Dora Noto and Family



Dora Noto Award Acceptance



Leona Xharra-Grebowski and Family



Leona Xharra-Grebowski Acceptance



Vincenza DiLiberti Family & Friends



Vincenza DiLiberti Award Acceptance

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There were many great photos from this event that didn't make this layout. But you can see more photos from the event on the Ladies Auxiliary Facebook Page.



Al Belluccia & Barbara Uberoi



Dennis Costantino & Guests



2019 IAWE Recipients Greco Noto DiLiberti Grebowski



2019 IAWE Recipients and Committee Lynnette Stine Rosalie Perrone Doreen Greco Dora Noto Loretta Campo Vincenz DiLiberti Sharon Mangione Lenora Xharra Grebowski Lorraine Zambito Donna Sardegna

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The Children and Grandchildren of Doro Noto
Alexa Ide



(Left) Our entertainment for the luncheon - Orange Grove Middle Magnet School of the Arts led by Darlene Diaz Michelli



Costantino Table



Ciccarello-Stine Table



Mia & Vincenzo Pardo



Nora Lamb Table



Patti Italiano Table



Lynette Ciccarello-Stine & Sharon Mangione



Greco-Smith Table



Krewe of Italia Table



Jeanette LaRussa Fenton & Rosalie Perrone



Mary Greco-Smith & Mario Piazza



Dorren Greco with family and friends



Lorraine Zambito
Donna Sardegna
Gianna Caravella



Tree Lighting

**Wednesday
November 20, 2019
5:00pm - 9:00pm**

5pm Holiday Market Opens
6pm Pre-show
6:30pm Announcements
6:50pm Countdown by Mayor Jane Castor
7:10pm Free Photos with Santa & Mrs. Claus

**Saturday
December 14, 2019
6pm PreShow | 7pm Parade**

Snow on 7th

Marching bands, dance teams, krewes and more!
Join us at this FREE family friendly event on Saturday, December 14th.

Fiesta Day

**Saturday
February 22, 2020
11:00am - 6:00pm**

10,000 Attendees, 100 Vendors
Promenade of Flags
Live Music & Performances
Celebrating the Culture and Heritage of Ybor City

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