

# L'Unione Italiana

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**ITALIAN CLUB LIFE IN TAMPA**

Tampa's Italians have supported a flourishing club life almost from their first arrival in the 1880's. L'Unione Italiana, the first mutual aid society, was organized in 1894. Initially located directly across the street, the club stood there until fire destroyed it in 1914. The Italian community replaced it with the present structure in 1918.

Centers such as this, La Societa Italia, and the Sons of Italy Lodge, have provided numerous cultural, educational and medical services since their founding and thereby have enhanced the quality of Tampa's life.

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# THE ITALIAN CLUB OF TAMPA

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 The image of the gaunt, threadbare, and downtrodden immigrants carrying suitcases has been replaced by the appearance of thriving, fashionable, and confident entrepreneurs, educators and professionals carrying briefcases.*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

2020 is shaping up to be a great year for our Club. I am so pleased to see our membership renewals are progressing well and I thank all of you for continued support of our Club. The support of our members and their families is crucial to our Club's continued success. Our committees and our staff have been working hard to develop extensive membership programming, along with a busy event schedule that provides an array of opportunities to visit the Club. We've seen incredible success with our Italian Language Classes, which are filling up each time we offer them. All of these events and classes are our way of providing value for your membership.

It goes without saying - but Festa season is upon us! It's all hands on deck as we prepare for the Club's largest annual fundraiser and community event. Please make sure you take a look at pages 10 through 13 of this newsletter to get latest information on our Festa Schedule of Events. Proceeds raised from our Festa Italiana all benefit our Club's Building & Cultural Trust Fund, which allows us the opportunity to continue to restore and protect our 100 year old Club. Festa Italiana is also one of the best ways to expose the community to our Club and the many benefits we offer. As members, each of you is an ambassador for our Club, and we encourage you to invite friends, family, coworkers, and neighbors to check out this annual event. Here is a quick snapshot of the weekends festivities:

- **Friday, March 20th - Atlantic City Boys Live!**
- **Friday, April 3rd - Krewe of Italia's 11th Annual Festa Friday Bocce Tournament**
- **Saturday, April 4th - Festa Italiana Presents... Bocce & Bellini's**
- **Sunday, April 5th - Festa Italiana Presents... WineFest of Italy**

One new event I would like to make mention of - is our new Member Social Night - which will take place every last Friday of the month from 5pm-9pm. With this event, our goal is to provide members with a no cost opportunity to visit the Club, while still offering the opportunity for food and drinks. We encourage you to bring friends and family to this event - as we will also be offering discounted membership opportunity during this event. If you are looking for a great opportunity to host a smaller birthday, anniversary, graduation, or family gathering - this is the perfect place to do it! We will offer a delicious home cooked Italian meal, but on a first come first serve basis. If you are planning to attend, or if you are a larger group - please feel free to let us know ahead of time. One of the most important pieces about this event is that 100% of the proceeds for Member Night will go towards our Club's Perpetual Care Fund. We hope to see you all there!

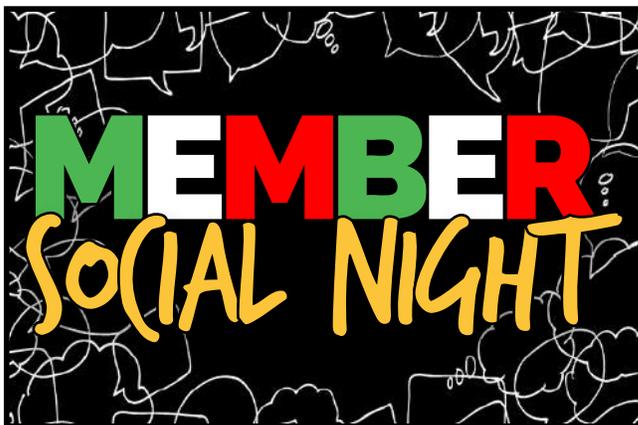
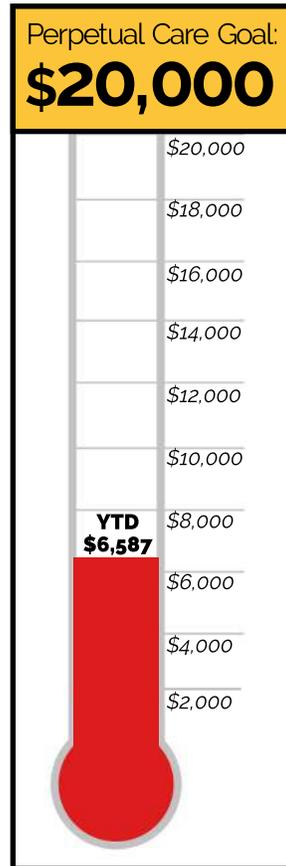
Many have asked "What is the Perpetual Care Fund"? The cost of ongoing and routine maintenance for both the Club and our Cemetery is often quite expensive, and this fund will help offset some of the items that "pop up" along the way. The Club is prepared for large scale restorations, much of which is done through state/county grants, but often time, we have situations that arise that require immediate attention (whether Club or Cemetery related) - that's what these funds are for. Also, it's important to remember that the Italian Club Cemetery is the responsibility of the Club, and the ongoing maintenance of that property, including but not limited to lawn care, grounds maintenance, utilities, etc. - is a costly endeavor. The perpetual care fund will be there for both the Club and our Cemetery should something happen that needs our immediate attention.

Lastly - I want to take this opportunity to express our condolences to the families and friends of the members who recently passed away. Sadly, we lost several members of the Italian Club over the last few months, many of whom have been members of the Club for decades. As our Club grows, and new members come into the family, it's important to remember those who were here when it all began - those who remember the struggles L'Unione Italiana faced through the years, and who ultimately played a big part in the revitalization of our Club. It is because of the hard work and commitment of our members, both past and present, that L'Unione Italiana is leading the way for organizations such as ours. In saying that - thank you to all our members, friends, & families - for your support of the Club through your participation, ambassadorship, and volunteerism.

Sal Guagliardo, Italian Club President



Sal Guagliardo  
Board President



## March 27th & April 24th 5pm to 9pm, food buffet starts at 6pm

This event will offer you the opportunity to visit the Club with family and friends, and enjoy a great evening of food, drinks, music, and conversation. The menu will focus on Italian flavors and recipes - and will be available on a first come first serve basis. The buffet style menu is just \$12.00 per person. We will have discounted drinks and specials each night. If you plan to join us, it's always good to let us know by calling the office or emailing [mark@italian-club.org](mailto:mark@italian-club.org). No party is too big or too small!

**The most important part about our Member Socials? 100% of the proceeds from all sales will benefit the Perpetual Care Fund.**



**March 2020**

- 5th - Ybor City Museum Architecture Hop
- 14th - St. Patty's Parade (Krewe Participant)
- 14th - St. Patty's Parade Bleachers & Parties
- 20th - Atlantic City Boys Live!
- 27th - Member Night at the Club
- *Note: We will not be hosting a Feast of St. Joseph this year, and instead will be supporting the Sons of Italy event.*

**April 2020**

- 3rd - Krewe of Italia Festa Bocce (Centennial Park)
- 4th - Festa Italiana Presents: Bocce & Bellini's
- 5th - Festa Italiana Presents: WineFest of Italy
- 16th-19th - Aeon Life Theater Show: CLUE
- 24th - Member Night at the Club
- 30th - Painting With A Twist Class

**May 2020**

- 9th - Ladies Auxiliary presents Theme's N Tea
- 29th - Member Night at the Club (*details pending*)
- 31st - Festa della Repubblica Celebration (*tentative*)

**Important 2020 Dates To Note:**

- 6/19 - Italian Club Bowling Night
- 8/9 - Rays vs. Red Sox Game (Italian Heritage Day)
- 9/12 - Krewe of Italia 2nd Annual Carnevale
- 9/14 - 2nd Annual Italian Club Open House
- 10/11 - 2nd Annual Members Picnic & Bocce
- 10/17 - Casino Royale Fundraiser Gala
- 10/22 - Ladies Auxiliary Bingo Night
- 10/24 - Italian Club's Madiedo Memorial Clay Shoot
- 11/14 - Paolo Long Award Reception
- 12/7 - 2nd Annual Spaghetti with Santa
- 12/10 - Italian Club Christmas Party
- 12/13 - Santa Lucia Ceremony & Reception



**NOW ENROLLING!**

**Wednesday, April 30th  
6:00pm-9:00pm  
Painting Begins at 6:30pm sharp!**

The Italian Club is teaming up with a local company to provide a quarterly "Painting With A Twist" class/event here in the 1st Floor Cantina! **UNCORK** your inner artist with a little bit of paint, a little bit of wine, and a whole lot of **FUN!** This event will offer our members, friends, & families with a fun night out, while creating your own masterpiece just like the great artists of Italy would do! The painting to the right will be our first work of art!



**Class Fee Includes:**

- **Canvas, Paint, Brushes**
- **In-person instruction in a fun social setting**
- **Two Glasses of Wine**
- **Social Appetizer**
- **Parking In Club Lot (Al's BBQ Lot)**

**\$45  
per person**

Fee includes all taxes and service charges. Class size is limited to 40 students. If you would like to reserve your spot - please call the Italian Club Office at 813-248-3316 or email our main office at [mark@italian-club.org](mailto:mark@italian-club.org).

**SAVE THESE DATES - NEW & EXCITING EVENTS**

**Italian Club  
Bowling Night**

Friday, June 19th  
Details Pending



**Rays vs. Red Sox  
Bus Trip**

Sunday, August 9th  
Details Pending



**Casino Royale  
Fundraiser Gala**

Saturday, October 17th  
Details Pending



*The Rough Riders*

**OFFICIAL**

St. Patrick's Parade

**BLEACHERS &**

**AFTER PARTY**



**MARCH 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Pre-Party & Bleachers... 6pm-8pm**

The Italian Club will be providing the BEST seats on 7th Ave for the watching the St. Patrick's Parade with bleacher seating located directly outside our venue. SEATING IS LIMITED. This package includes a special pre-parade party with a delicious home cooked meal, cash bar for drinks, and great music. Bleacher pass holders will also have free entry to the Club's two floor After-Party. Bleacher seats are available for purchase on-line only and includes all service fees. There are no refunds available.

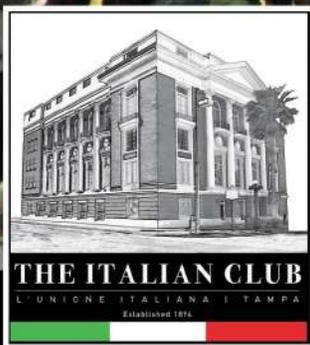
**Members: \$40 (with code)**

**Non Members: \$45**

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

The Italian Club will host the OFFICIAL Rough Riders St. Patrick's Parade AFTER PARTY starting at 9pm. We will have two floors of entertainment, along with fully stocked cash/credit bars. Tickets for the after party are CASH ONLY at the door (ATM available on site,

**\$5pp (cash only at door)**

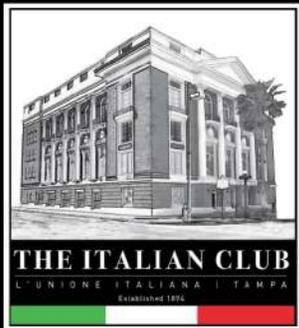


**Tickets: [italian-club.org/events](http://italian-club.org/events)**



# ATLANTIC CITY BOYS

FRIDAY, MARCH 20TH AT 7:30PM



The Atlantic City Boys are four dynamic lead singers who have wowed audiences at Las Vegas, Walt Disney World, Atlantic City, as well as cruise ships around the world. Their show is an exciting mix of world class vocals and interactive comedy -featuring the rock-n-roll harmonies of the Beach Boys, Drifters, the BeeGees, and of course, Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons. The boys have performed with many greats, from Jay Leno to Huey Lewis, Pattie Labelle and the Temptations!

This incredible live performance will include a seven piece band alongside the four performers, and will occur in the Club's 3rd Floor Grand Ballroom. The room will be set up with CABARET STYLE SEATING, with small tables for a more lounge style environment. Tickets closer to the front of the room will be a higher price. Tickets are limited for this event, so get yours early!



**TICKET PRICING: \$40-\$60**

(10% member discounts available by contacting the main office)

**Tickets: [www.italian-club.org/events](http://www.italian-club.org/events)**



# WELCOME OUR NEW ITALIAN CLUB 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 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 [www.italian-club.com/club-membership](http://www.italian-club.com/club-membership)

**Paul & Brenda Gigante**  
**Donald & Alison DiChristopher**  
**Carmen Minali**  
**RG Crew, Inc. (Anthony Rollo)**  
**Marcella Maria Zulla**  
**Matt Cuffaro**

**Luis & Marta Figueroa**  
**Sharc, LLC (Rita Holt)**  
**MaryJo Porzio**  
**Terry & Charlene Bjerken**  
**David Moyer & Sarah Martisek**  
**Robyne Rentz**

**Roy & Peggy DiLiberto**  
**Patricia Dunton**  
**Michael & Christine Batcho**  
**Ron Costanzo**  
**Michael & Rita Centorino**

## A NEW MEMBERS STORY...

I am honored and excited to become a new member of L'Unione Italiana. I first came to the United States from Germany in 2018. I was born and grew up in the Bavaria area of Germany. My father and his parents immigrated from Caserta, in southern Italy. They participated in the "guest worker recruitment agreement" between Italy and Germany. They planned on going back to Italy someday, but they never did.

One of the reasons I instantly felt connected to the Italian Club is it's objective in providing a "home away from home". As many early immigrants to the Tampa Bay Area, my Nonno also feared the prospect of dying in a foreign country. Sadly his wish of spending his last days in his home country could not be fulfilled. That fact left a deep imprint on me. Many questions about home and belonging resurfaced during this difficult time. Yet here I am doing the same thing. I left my country where my family had begun to set roots and came to the United States.

Today, I am a Ph.D student in Applied Anthropology at the University of South Florida. The main area of my research are issues related to home and identity. While I have not yet found a satisfying definition of "home", the one most convincing so far comes from my Nonna: "Home is where your dead and your children are. Nothing else matters!".

One of my first experiences at the Italian Club was attending the "Women of Excellence" luncheon. I enjoyed being in the beautiful ballroom and was impressed by the quality of the women being honored. My mother and I sat at a table with Mary Greco-Smith and her friends. I was told about the Crush Happy Hours and have made this a regular Friday night happening. I am excited to get involved and have volunteered to serve on the Cemetery Committee. The Krewe of Italia sounds like a lot of fun and a great way to meet new people. I am looking forward to exploring and learning more about my Italian heritage. - Marcella Zulla



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# ITALIAN LANGUAGE CLASSES!

*Connect to Italian Language, Culture, and Family!*

We are excited to be continuing with our Italian Language Classes here at the Club. Instructor, Leona Xharra, with Ciao Bella Gente!, will be offering both Level 1 and Level 2 classes starting in mid-March and continuing for an 8-week period early-May. In order to enroll in Level 2, you must have already taken Level 1. Classes will be held in the Italian Club Board Room located at 1731 E. 7th Ave. Costs and additional information is below:

- **Level 1 Classes**– Wednesday, March 18th through Wednesday, May 13th (note: no class on April 8th) from 6pm-7pm. \$185pp, 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**– Tuesday, March 17th through Tuesday, May 5th from 6:00pm-7:00pm. \$170pp and also includes a parking pass for the 8-weeks.
- **Level 3 Classes**– These classes are available through the instructor. However, this "Conversational Italian" class is perfect for students who already know some Italian and want to practice. Classes would occur outside of the Club, at a restaurant, a bar, or a coffee shop for example. The class structure would be more conversational/fun versus methodical/instructional.

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 - class sizes are limited. If you are interested in signing up for our Italian Language Classes, please contact our main office at [mark@italian-club.org](mailto:mark@italian-club.org), or call (813)248-3316. Thank you for your support of our language program!**



## MILESTONES & ANNOUNCEMENTS...

If you would like to announce a Milestone in our next newsletter, please send an email to [mark@italian-club.org](mailto:mark@italian-club.org) notifying us of what type of announcement it is, who it's for, etc. The more information you can provide the better (we may edit the content to fit).



Joe & Gina Wells proudly announce the marriage of their daughter Aubrey Wells to Carlos Pazos, son of Carlos & Carol Pazos on February 1, 2020. The wedding ceremony was at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Tampa, Florida. Reception was held at the Tampa Museum of Art. Aubrey & Carlos Pazos plan to honeymoon in Italy later this year. The happy couple will reside in Tampa.  
#pazostivelyforever



Paul Wheaton, shared these photos of his new grand-daughter Olivia Rose Wheaton, born on December 23rd 2019.

Congrats to Buzz Bruno who received his "Passaporto Italianna" at the Italian Consulate in Miami on January 4th 2020.





# Clue

ON STAGE

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**VIP: \$45**

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Based on the screenplay by  
Jonathan Lynn

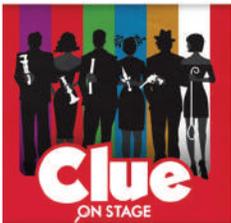
Additional Material by  
Hunter Foster, Sandy Rustin,  
and Eric Price

50% of Proceeds from the  
Sunday, April 19th performance  
to benefit the *Italian Club*  
*Building & Cultural Trust Fund*

**April 16 - 19, 2020**

**[AeonLifeTheater.com/Tickets](http://AeonLifeTheater.com/Tickets)**

**SAVE THE DATE**



**Clue: On Stage**  
April 16 - 19



**Haunting of Hill  
House**

Oct 29 - Nov 1



**Bright Star:  
The Musical**  
July 30 - Aug 2



**Elf:  
The Musical**  
Dec 17 - 20

*Festa* **ITALIANA** PRESENTS

# BOCCCE & BELLINIS

**SATURDAY**  
**APRIL 4**



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# BOCCE & BELLINIS OPEN PLAY BOCCE

**FREE BOCCE PLAY!** Come one - come all! This will be the first Krewe of Italia Community Bocce Play on Saturday, April 4, 2020 at Bocce & Bellinis in Ybor City.

\*Registration will be throughout the day at the Krewe of Italia Float located on 18th Street right next to James Joyce Pub. Limited teams available. Donations will be accepted for the Italian Club Building & Cultural Trust Fund.

Enjoy music by the awesome Ben Daniele - with The Mobile Disc Jockey's. Food & Cash Bar will be available.



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# BLOWOUT SALE!

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Women's T-Shirts  
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Hats/Visors

Tote Bags  
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Magnets  
License Plates  
Stuffed Toys

Jewelry  
Aprons  
Coffee Cups  
Dolls & Figurines  
**& MUCH MORE!**

**Saturday  
4/4**



Join us for the 11th Annual  
**Krewe of Italia**

**Bocce Tournament**

*Centennial Park, Ybor City*

**Friday, April 3rd**

*Check-in Starts at 5:30pm*

*Games Start at 6:30pm*



## Event Details

\$160 per four-person team- register early!

Food & drinks available for purchase

Spectators always welcome!

Register at [www.kreweofitalia.com](http://www.kreweofitalia.com) on the home page click on Eventbrite registration!



*Festa* **ITALIANA**  
ITALIAN FESTIVAL WEEKEND

# FROM THE KREWE OF ITALIA...

We ended 2019 participating in the Outback Bowl Parade – our guests, members of the Ybor City Development Corporation, joined in the fun – 7th Avenue was lined with visitors and supporters of both teams. After the parade many stayed in Ybor City to enjoy the offerings of our entertainment district and welcomed in 2020. It was a wonderful opportunity for us to showcase our Krewe and float. The Krewe of Italia is proud to represent The Italian Club of Tampa at these community events.

Did you see us on television??? The Krewe and its parade guests were televised during the live television broadcasts of both the Children's Gasparilla Parade and the Gasparilla Parade – We had a great turnout of La Famiglia at the Children's Parade – we all lunched on hot dogs, snacks and cookies. The Krewe members arranged for face painting and games during our stay in the staging area. Visitors from other Krewes stopped by and commented on our pre-parade activities. Our heartfelt thanks to Robin Galindo who donated her artist talent to the face painting booth – all the kids had a great time.

Gasparilla Day came early with Mimosas and pastries in the Club's Cantina. We then boarded the buses and headed to Bayshore Boulevard. Our pre-parade preparation group Greg Fagioli, Chris Dedyo and Matt Sinko had our float primed and ready to go – she looked beautiful. After enjoying a lunch catered by Brocato's we visited with other Krewes and enjoyed the beautiful blue skies. Before we knew it, we were moving down Bayshore towards the skyline of Downtown Tampa. The weather was perfect for a near record crowd screaming out for beads. We arrived back at the Club late in the afternoon; but the day was not yet over. Many of our members were found on 7th Avenue enjoying dinner and beverages at several of their favorite spots in Ybor City.

February 8th found us on 7th Avenue participating in the Knights of Santiago Parade. Pre-parade staging activities included snacks and beverages from our hard-working bartender. Thank you, guys! Before stepping off at 7:00 p.m. Jamie Granell led the Krewe in a heartfelt toast to the memory of Joe Caltagirone. Joe was dedicated to the Italian Club and spent his lifetime involved in the Club's activities. It was Joe's dream and vision that brought the Krewe of Italia to existence. The evening continued with hundreds of other Krewe members filling our Cantina and upper two floors dancing the night away. We are all looking forward to our next parades. We will return to 7th Avenue with the Rough Riders St. Patty's Day Parade on March 14, 2020. Pre-parade and post parade party tickets now on sale through the Club's office.

*Have you considered joining our Krewe?* The Krewe of Italia offers you the opportunity to participate as a float guest. Guest fees will provide you with a rental costume, food and beverage on the float and transportation to and from the parade route when available. Participating as a guest will introduce you to the fun and excitement of the Krewe parade experience. Guest space is limited for each parade – for more information contact Gianna Tagliarini Caravella or Jill Ugo – [koi.italianclub@gmail.com](mailto:koi.italianclub@gmail.com).

- **BOCCE AND FESTA ITALIANA**– The Krewe of Italia will kick off Festa Weekend festivities on April 3, 2020 with its 11th Annual Friday Night Bocce Tournament. This event is popular with our players and spectators and always an early sellout. Players and fans are welcome to join us for an evening under the stars in Ybor City. Teams may register at [www.kreweofitalia.com](http://www.kreweofitalia.com). Look for Krewe of Italia members throughout the park during Festa Italiana weekend scheduled April 4th and 5th.
- **DID YOU KNOW?** The Krewe of Italia was organized in 2004. During its early years the Krewe of Italia hosted the weekly Friday night Happy Hour in the Club's Cantina. The Krewe's talented home cooks prepared their best dishes to be shared with members and guests.

**Italian Parade Vocabulary:** Parade costume – costume da parata

Happy Spring/Easter Blessings - Buona Primavera e Benedizioni Pasquali - from the Krewe of Italia to you and your family



# FROM THE LADIES AUXILIARY...

Ciao Amici,

As you may know, one of the greatest benefits of our Italian Club are the bonds we form between us. It was my pleasure as a new member of the Italian Club to have been greeted and welcomed by Joe Caltagirone when I first joined the Italian Club. I was mesmerized by all that he knew of our L'Unione Italiana. The history, traditions, and stories that he shared with us all are now cherished memories. I hope that we all find the passion that Joe had for our Club. I am grateful that I knew him and collaborated with him to host the 2018 Italian Club New Year's Eve Party and that we played "cheek-to-cheek" music. May he be dancing in heaven to all the songs that he loved.

To enhance the Ladies Auxiliary traditions and support the formation of "bonds that tie," we are instituting a few new ideas. Following is our calendar of upcoming meetings, some of these will be "Social Meetings" that are actually fun activities. We are still volunteering for and hosting our traditional events. Please come support and join us!

- March 7 – Social Meeting, You Do the Dishes, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
- April 8 – Business Meeting, Italian Club, 6:30 p.m.
- May 2 – Business Meeting, Italian Club, 10:00 a.m.
- **May 9 – Italian Club Ladies Auxiliary Themes 'n Tea, 1:00 p.m.**
- June 6 – Business Meeting, Italian Club, 10:00 a.m.
- **June 8 – 12 – Campo Italiano, Italian Club**
- August 1 – Business Meeting, Italian Club, 10:00 a.m.
- September 12 – Social Meeting, TBD
- October 3 – Business Meeting and Officer Nominations, Italian Club, 10:00 a.m.
- **October 22 – Witches and Warlocks Bingo, Italian Club, 7:00 p.m.**
- November 7 – Business Meeting, Italian Club, 10:00 a.m.
- December 5 – Social Meeting – Annual Christmas Luncheon, TBD
- **December 13 – Santa Lucia Mass and Reception, The Italian Club, 11:00 a.m.**

One of first events for 2020 will be the Themes 'n Tea on Saturday, May 9th at 1:00 p.m. Our cherished Doyenne of Tea, Gilda Capitano will chair this event. As with all things that Gilda does, this will be a very elegant and enjoyable afternoon! Please see the flyer in this newsletter for information about tickets.

Grazie, Sharon Mangione, Italian Club Ladies Auxiliary President



*Joe Caltagirone; Jackie Kasperski, VP Ladies Auxiliary; and his wife Dora Caltagirone. New Year's Eve 2018, The Italian Club Cantina.*

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# Annual Mother's Day Themes & Tea

## Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup> 2020

Event begins at 1:00pm, 3rd Floor Grand Ballroom  
Italian Club of Tampa, Located at 1731 E. 7th Avenue, Tampa, FL 33605

*The Italian Club Ladies Auxiliary invites you to join us for an afternoon tea celebrating and honoring Mother's Day. Each table will have a designated captain, who will select and sponsor a theme for their table. Groups or Individuals without a captain are most welcome to join in the celebration as well. Come and enjoy a beautiful afternoon of themed tables, delicious tea inspired recipes, and special guest entertainment.*

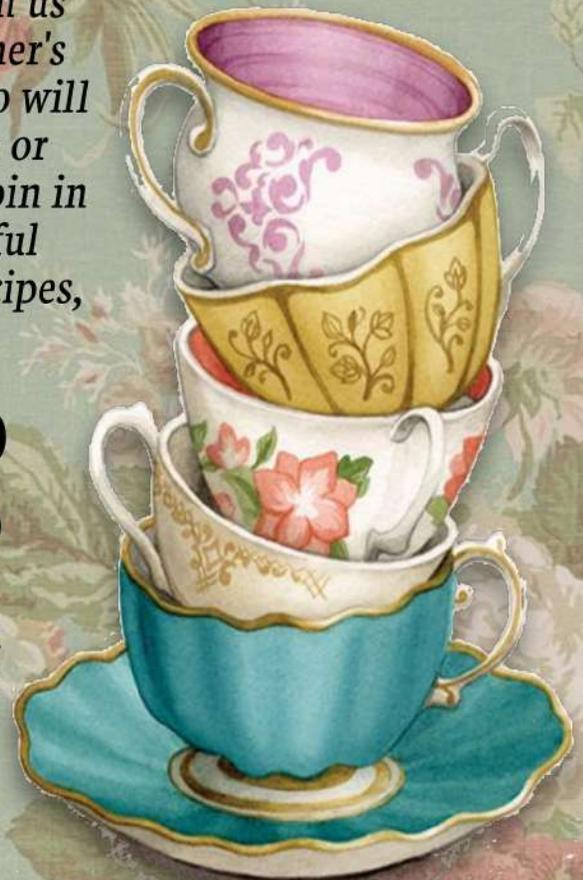
**Tickets: \$30.00pp**  
**Children Under 12: \$15.00pp**



### **To Make A Reservation?**

Please contact Sharon Mangione at  
[smangione89@gmail.com](mailto:smangione89@gmail.com).

Reservation checks are to be made  
out to the Italian Club Ladies  
Auxiliary, c/o Sharon Mangione  
and mailed to 4601 W. Bay Court  
Ave., Tampa, FL 33611



**Questions ?** Please contact the Event Chairperson, Gilda Capitano  
at 813-781-4808 or via email at [GildaFCapitano@aol.com](mailto:GildaFCapitano@aol.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 less than 6 crypts and 9 niches available for purchase. Additionally, there are 6 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](mailto:ItalianClubCemetery@gmail.com)





In Memory

*The following donations have been made to the Italian Club Cemetery in memory of loved ones who have passed away recently...*

<p><b><u>Sebastian Campisi Toledo</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vince Pardo</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Constance Glass</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rose Barbie</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Maria Pasetti</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ladies Auxiliary</li> <li>• Vince Pardo</li> <li>• Loretta Campo &amp; Family</li> <li>• Barbara Denti Pool</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Jean DiMarco</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ladies Auxiliary</li> </ul>	<p><b><u>Joe Tamborello</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vince Pardo</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Joe Caltagirone</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vince Pardo</li> <li>• Joan Kutch</li> <li>• Angela Guagliardo</li> <li>• Carmen Minali</li> <li>• Angela, Tony, &amp; Colleen Calabaro</li> <li>• Violet Massari &amp; Family</li> <li>• Joseph &amp; Joanna Piazza</li> <li>• Karen Capizzi</li> <li>• Philip Caltagirone &amp; Family</li> <li>• Arthur &amp; Sally Perla</li> </ul>
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**CEMETERY FIELD GUIDE**

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

Cemetery Address: 2520 E. 24th Ave, Tampa, FL 33605  
Hours: 8:00am- 3:00pm 7 days a week

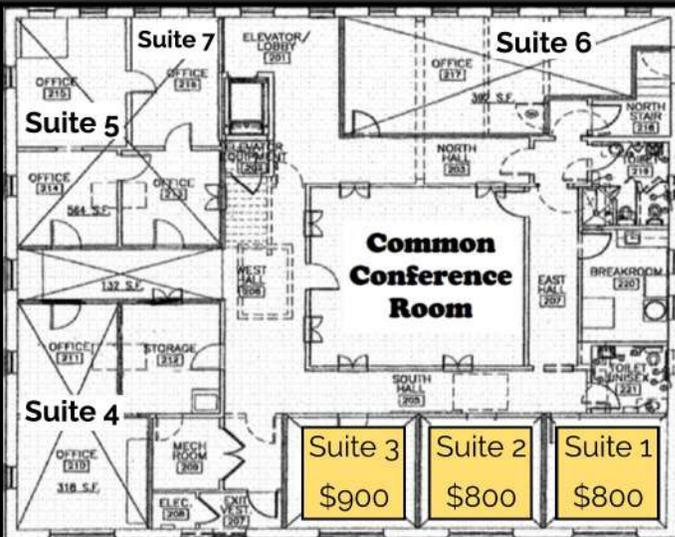
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Above: Floor Plan To The Annex Building of the Italian Club of Tampa

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