

LA VOCE DI GCICS

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I can't believe the summer is almost gone and the new GCICS season is about to begin.

Our first official event is our welcome back luncheon at Mattison's 41 on October 23rd. Chef Paul has created a menu for us that contains wonderful Italian goodies. Our Speaker is Dr. Joseph Polizzi. For his commitment to "all things Italian" we honor him as our "Person of the Year". We hope you will join us to honor this outstanding Italian American.

In an effort to secure Italian lessons for GCICS we have created a relationship with the Italian American Club of Venice. (See their brochure and schedule of classes inside.) There is no cost to our members to participate.

In addition, I am encouraging participation in SICE (Sarasota Italian Cultural Events). "Their purpose is to

achieve a deeper understanding and appreciation of Italian culture by sponsoring events of organizations that highlight Italian heritage and contribution in the greater Sarasota community." We will have copies of their brochure at the luncheon on the Oct 23rd. Membership in SICE is \$25 for a single and \$40 for couples.

The Fall Bocce Picnic is November 6th at Bay Preserve in Osprey where we were for the spring outing. Information will be forthcoming about what to bring etc. Thanks to Tom and Doris Hurban for chairing this fall event. Stay tuned!!!

I am looking forward to seeing everyone back in Florida and anxious to hear of all of your adventures over the summer.

Ciao, Sheryl Lazzarotti

ITALIAN CULTURAL HERITAGE MONTH

MESSA DELLA CULTURA ITALIANO

This year, the Gulf Coast Italian Culture Society has the honor and pleasure to fete Dr. Joseph Antinoro-Polizzi as Person of the Year.



Dr. Joseph Antinoro-Polizzi was a Fulbright Scholar to Italy in 1963-1964 where he studied at the University of Perugia and the University of Naples. He received his Master's Degree from Fordham University in 1962 and his Doctorate from Cornell University in 1967. Retired Professor Emeritus and Former Chairman, Department of Sociology, St. John Fisher College, Rochester, New York, he has, for the past 25 years, resided in Sarasota, Florida where, for more than a decade, he has served as Cultural Director and President of the Ausonian Society.

Dr. Antinoro-Polizzi is a member of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, The Ringling Museum of Art Foundation, Sarasota Sister Cities Association and The Order of the Sons of Italy. He has authored articles and books and mounted several exhibits on Italian subjects and themes, including the engravings of Piranesi, the works of the Tuscan "Macchiaioli" painters, and the architecture of Andrea Palladio. He is best known in Sarasota for his 1985 work Lady of Asolo, A Pictorial History of the Life and Times of Caterina Cornaro, which for years was a favorite publication offered at the gallery shops of The John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art.

Event: "GCICS Italian Cultural Heritage Month Welcome Back Luncheon"
Date/Time: Sunday, Oct 23, 2016, 11:30 - 2:00 pm
Location: Mattison's 41 Restaurant: 7275 So. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL 34231
Cost: \$33.00 all inclusive; make check payable to GCICS; **and write you're Entrée selection(s) on your check**
Mail Check to: Sheryl Lazzarotti, 7486 Edenmore Street, Lakewood Ranch, FL 34202
Reserve By: Oct 19, 2016
Point of Contact: Sheryl Lazzarotti, (908) 803-4400 slazzarotti@gmail.com
Speaker: GCICS member and Person of the Year Honoree, Dr. Joseph Polizzi

Program

Sheryl Lazzarotti, President - Presiding

Mary Amabile Palmer - Introductions

Paula Holleran - The Ausonian Society

Dr. Joseph Antinoro-Polizzi -

“Lemon Ice: Growing Up and Growing Old in Italian American Culture”

Menu



*Hors d'Oeuvres:

(Sharing platters on tables) Goat Cheese Bruschetta: marinated tomatoes and pesto goat cheese on crostini with basil olive oil and balsamic drizzle.

*Rosemary Focaccia, Flatbreads & Breadsticks: with olive oil, vinegar and spice dipping sauce

*Soup

Charred Tomato Bisque with grilled ciabatta and warm herbed goat cheese

*Entrée (Choose one of three):

Sachetti Pasta (Vegetarian): Ricotta & truffle stuffed pasta, golden tomato marinara, arugula, shaved parmesan.

Chicken in Chianti: Roasted with onions, tomatoes, celery, carrots, pine nuts, sultanas, and sage; Starch and Vegetable

Lasagna: House made lasagna with meat and red sauce; Chef's choice vegetable.

*Dessert

Cannoli, Biscotti, Tiramisu Shooters

*Beverages & Coffee included

CASH BAR

ITALIAN CLASSES



Because our Italian instructors retired from teaching, we needed to look for an alternative venue. The Italian American Club of Venice is welcoming our members to join their classes. Below is the schedule that the club provided to us.

The Italian American Club of Venice
1375 Ringling Dr, Venice Fl. 34286
Offers.....

Italian Cultural & Language Classes

Conversational: *Tuesdays 2pm to 3:30pm*
with Domenic
Beginning Oct. 11th, 2016

Basic Italian: *Tues 4pm-6 pm with Domenic*
Beginning Oct. 11th, 2016

Intermediate Italian: *Mondays 4:pm to 5:30pm*
with Bruce
Beginning Oct. 10th, 2016

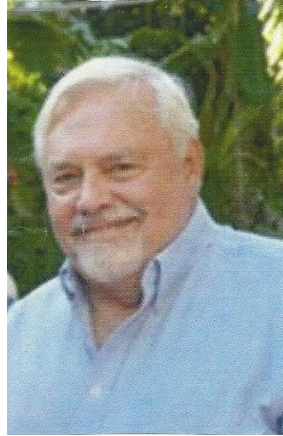
Study of Italian Culture: *Wednesdays 2pm to 3:30pm*
with Carlo Ferroni
Beginning Oct. 12th, 2016

NOTE:
All
Classes
Will be accepting
Students
at any time
throughout the year.
All Welcome.
Info:
Domenic 941-544-8965
Bruce 941-266-3317
Carlo 941-485-1359

All classes are held at the Club and are complimentary.

The objective is to foster and encourage knowledge of the language, art, culture and history of Italy, and to foster an understanding of that cultural heritage in our country.

MASS AND MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR ROBERT SPENCER



On Friday, September 9, 2016, a memorial mass to celebrate the life of Robert Spencer was conducted at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Roman Catholic Church in Osprey. Robert, the long-time companion and friend of GCICS Board Member Connie Campisi, laid down his earthly burdens on August 25, 2016 when he passed away after a brief period in hospice. The service was a moving and emotional tribute to Robert and included a series of pastoral readings as well as beautiful and touching hymns including the stirring “On Eagles Wings” and the spirited concluding hymn “Soon and Very Soon.” The officiating priest delivered a brief commemorative retrospective of

Robert’s life emphasizing his kind, loving nature and friendliness as well as his sense of patriotism, obligation and duty, having served a stint as a U.S. Marine. At the end of the church service, a military tribute was paid to Robert and the American flag, which he honored with his service, was given to Connie for safe keeping and was subsequently sent to his family. A lovely and thoughtful collation, consisting of sandwiches, fruit and pastries, was held in honor of Robert’s memory at Our Lady of Mount Carmel’s Parish House. Our heartfelt sympathies go out to his family and to Connie Casmpisi who organized the tributary mass in his honor.



BOCCE CORNER NEWS

Our GCICS had refurbished a bocce court at the Bay Preserve near Spanish Point in Osprey. We meet informally each Sunday at approximately 1:30, weather permitting, to play. Some stalwart members continued play over the summer thanks to Jerry Hall's maintenance. Please consider joining us. All are welcome and no experience is necessary! If you have any questions please call us at 908 507 3048.

Our relationship continues to grow with the Conservation Foundation [Bay Preserve] as we have volunteered again to teach bocce to the young people attending their Fall Family Festival on Nov. 5. It also gives our Club great exposure as over 1,000 people attend.

Tom Hurban

NOVEMBER WELCOME BACK PICNIC



Menu: Tom Hurban will be grilling up the meats.

What You Should Bring: A dish to serve 6-8; and whatever you wish to drink. Also bring chairs and hats for the sunscreen. The type of dish you should bring will be according to the first letter of your last name. Here are the categories that we will follow:

A – E: Side dish
F – M: Appetizer
N – T: Dessert

Title: Welcome Back Picnic
Date/Time: Sunday Nov 6, 2016 1:00-5:00 pm
Location: Bocce Court at Spanish Point
Point of Contact: Tom Hurban, 908-507-3048
Donation: Please RSVP so that we know how much meat to order. We are asking for folks to give a donation at the picnic to help defray the cost of the meat and paper goods.

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Clark Road	921-9600

GCICS PATCHES

GCICS has patches with our logo for sale. These are attached to a garment with a safety pin which is on the back. These will be great to wear at our events and bocce tournaments. Please contact Joe Moccia at 387-2039 if you are interested in purchasing one for \$7.