

LA VOCE DI GCICS

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Dear GCICS Members,

Let me begin by expressing my hope that all of you had a pleasant, restful, and rewarding summer. Now that "The Season" has once again started in Florida, it is time when GCICS renews its time-honored tradition of creating opportunities for our members and others in the community to become involved in Italian heritage and culture. Through these endeavors, we strive to enjoy comradeship, and occasionally raise funds to provide scholarships for college bound high school graduates of Italian heritage, and to make awards to Sarasota youth opera and ballet.

This year, the members of the board voted to change the venue of some of our events in order to attract greater participation of our membership. We hope that you can attend all of them, and we are looking forward to seeing you at many of these affairs.

As the newsletter editor, I hope that you find the new layout of the newsletter pleasing to read.

Al futuro,
Mary Rinaldi
Newsletter Editor

Dear Members:

I write to you, in place of our esteemed President who, along with his wife Kate, is near the end of a nostalgic revisit of many of the European sites they experienced during their honeymoon.

Our first Board Meeting of the Season considered several approaches aimed at enhancing the interaction of our members. Among those discussed was the development of a structured welcoming set of activities to take place upon the admission of a new member.

The Board at the October Meeting decided that the Membership Chair and the Newsletter Editor need to adopt measures to insure that the new member also receives, at a minimum, a copy of the current issue of *La Voce di GCICS*. The Board further determined that it would need to develop a standardized survey instrument designed to elicit background info for the preparation of a brief bio to introduce the new member to the rest of the membership. With the consent of the new member, the bio would be published in *La Voce di GCICS*, with the expectation that members, noting items of common interest, would reach out to the new member and hopefully develop a new welcoming and lasting relationship. Contemporaneously, the President will send the new member(s) his own welcoming letter as well as the current Membership Directory, the Charter and the By-laws of the organization.

A. (Tony) Cagliostro, Vice President

DINNER SOCIAL FUNDRAISER

On November 17, 2012, there will be a scholarship fundraiser event. A 'self serve' dinner party will be hosted by Kate and Bill Korp at their Lido Key residence. Kate and Bill will absorb the cost of the event including those of the valet service. All proceeds will benefit the scholarship fund.



MENU

Cocktails and Antipasti

Main Course

<i>Kate's Marinated Tomatoes</i>	<i>Insalata di Pomodori alla Kate</i>
<i>Veal Scaloppine & Sides</i>	<i>Scaloppine di Vitello e Contorni</i>
<i>Pasta & Mixed Vegetables</i>	<i>Pasta e Verdure</i>

Coffee & Desserts (Caffé e Dolce)

Choice of Wines (Vino a Scelta)

Date: Saturday, November 17, 2012
 Time: 6:00-10:00 PM
 Place: 156 Emerson Drive, Sarasota, Fl. 34236 (**must use provided valet service to avoid \$50.00 parking ticket**)
 Cost: \$35.00 per person including valet service
 Reserve: Make Checks payable to **GCICS Scholarship Fund** and mail to:
 A. Cagliostro, 500 The Esplanade N #704, Venice Fl., 34285.
 Please include names and phone numbers of all attending.

Upcoming Events

Christmas Party



The Christmas Party will be a "bring a dish venue". It will be a fundraiser for the scholarship fund. It will be at the Lakewood Ranch Country Club residence of Mary Rinaldi and her husband Jack Norman. The type of dish that you will bring will be according to the first letter of your last name. Here are the categories that we will follow:

- A – D is assigned an appetizer
- E – K is assigned a vegetable
- L - P is assigned a main dish
- R - V is assigned a desert

Mary and her husband will provide ham as a main dish. Also, the fundraiser will feature live music by Matt Coates and singer Tanya for dancing pleasure.

Date: Sunday, December 16, 2012
 Time: 5:30 – 9:30 PM
 Place: 13982 Siena Loop, Lakewood Ranch Country Club
 Cost: \$15 per person
 Reserve: Make checks payable to GCICS Scholarship Fund and mail to:
 Mary Rinaldi, 13982 Siena Loop, Lakewood Ranch, FL., 34202
 Include names and phone numbers of all attending

Annual Meeting and Film

As in last year after a brief business interlude, the annual meeting will be in a Town Hall format. During this meeting, the GCICS's Visions and new initiatives will be presented by our President Bill Korp. Then the meeting will be open to members to discuss their future vision and program preference. The meeting will be followed by an Italian movie. A light lunch will be served.

What: Annual Meeting
 Time: 12:00 PM
 Food: Light Lunch
 Cost: Free
 Where: Community Foundation of Sarasota County

2635 Fruitville Road, Sarasota, FL. 34237 (near Tuttle)

ITALIAN CLASSES

<u>Location:</u>	Gulf Gate Library, 7112 Curtis Avenue, Sarasota (off Gulf Gate Parkway near Beneva)	
<u>Class Section:</u>	<i>Italian Converation</i>	<i>Beginner's Italian</i>
<u>Class Leaders:</u>	Frank & Pina Pergolizzi (941) 497-5678	Patricia Novak (941) 753-9357
<u>Meeting Place:</u>	Conference Room	Conference Room
<u>Time:</u>	2:00 – 4:00 PM	2:00 – 4:00 PM
<u>Day:</u>	Wednesdays	Mondays
<u>Dates:</u>	November 7, 14, 21, 28	November 19, 26
	December 5	December 3

Note:

The library will close for renovations by the end of the 2012 calendar year, and we do not know when it will re-open. We are thinking of using the food court at the South Gate Mall (corner of Beneva & 41) for our meetings. We will advise you of the 2013 class dates in the December newsletter.

From The SUNSHINE LADY – ISABEL ISTORICO

The GCICS Board and members sent best wishes to Anthony Esposito, GCICS Treasurer for continued good health after a recent heart procedure.

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Scholarship Corner

I had such a wonderful first year of college, finishing both semesters strong with a 4.0 GPA.. Second semester was a bit tougher, though. As you know, I am on the Pre-med track, and I have to take multiple science courses, also casually referred to as “weed-out” courses. Second semester I took Evolution and Biodiversity, a great class. I was extremely interested in its subject matter, so I wasn’t too concerned about getting a good grade. The course consists of four equally-graded tests, the last one being cumulative. I studied hard for the first test and thought I was prepared, but I scored a greatly-discouraging 78%. I spoke with my professor after class, and she said that, for someone who hasn’t taken General Biology yet, I did very well. I asked her what I could do to improve, and she told me it would be very difficult because I don’t have much background in biology, and it’s not something I can just read and know--it takes time. She suggested reading course material slowly and in chunks. I took her advice and starting studying for the second test three weeks in advance. Additionally, over spring break I studied several hours each day and also taught myself what I should know from General Biology, which I will be taking this fall. I was eating, sleeping, and dreaming biology. When it came time for the second test, I knew I couldn’t have prepared more, and I was right; I scored a 96%! Later that week I learned the class average for the first test was 51%; my professor wasn’t kidding when she said that in comparison to my classmates I’d done very well. I finished the class with an A+.

I was invited to and accepted membership in Alpha Lambda Delta, which is the college level National Honor Society. I also joined Big Brothers Big Sisters and hopefully will have assigned to me a little sister when I return to school in the fall. This organization provides transportation from the University of Miami to the little sister’s elementary school and back. I’ll mentor my little sister once a week for at least an hour. I’m extremely excited to enter this relationship; eventually I might join the community-based part of the organization, in which I’ll go to my “little’s” home and take her out once a week. This way, I hope to build a stronger bond. I’ve heard of a few other clubs at school which I might be interested in joining as well; there are so many, it’s difficult to choose.

To help with school expenses, I have obtained a federal work-study job for Fall semester where I’ll be an assistant in the School of Education.

Overall I am really enjoying college. It’s so different from high school and from the college level courses which I took there. Living on campus is such a treat. Since I spend so much time studying, it’s nice to be able to study or take a break with my friends whose rooms are just down the hall. Speaking of friends, I found myself a great group of buddies who are also determined and goal-oriented, so we’ve picked rooms close to each other for next year as well.

This year flew right by for me; before I know it, I’ll be preparing for my next chapter in life, medical school.

I hope that you are proud of my accomplishments thus far. Thank you again for investing in my first year of college.

Francesca Tebbano
2011 Scholarship Recipient

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