

LA VOCE DI GCICS

GULF COAST ITALIAN CULTURE SOCIETY, INC.

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The Gulf Coast Italian Culture Society will welcome its members to its 2014 Annual Membership Meeting at noon on January 10th, at the Community Foundation of Sarasota County, 2635 Fruitville Road. We hope many of you will take the opportunity to participate as we review 2013 events and take your suggestions for the future. The Society is entering its twenty second year as strong as ever having had several outstanding 2013 events and several new single and family members. We will be hard pressed to surpass last year's successes.

We will be recruiting chairpersons from both new and older members for some of our committees. Our scholarship committee has been led by Tony Cagliostro for the past several years. The committee has successfully introduced and reinforced to the student applicants and Society members the rich Italian American influence on our country's

founding and development. Also, during Tony's tenure, the qualifying standards that scholarship applicants must meet have been raised while the number of qualified graduating seniors has increased. Alas, sooner or later, all good things come to an end. Tony tells me now is the time for him to prepare to give up the Scholarship Chair so he will be able to mentor a new Chair for 2015.

In closing out 2013, I want to particularly thank the Editor of La Voce, Mary Rinaldi; Tony C. for backing me up; Anthony Esposito for keeping the books straight; and Pat Astore for his wonderful photos. Let me also gratefully acknowledge the other directors and many members who volunteer their time to make GCICS successful.

Felice Anno Nuovo,
Happy New Year!

Bill

Korp

Annual Meeting and Film



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 preferences. The meeting will be followed by an Italian movie. Also, a light lunch will be served. In order to have a sufficient amount of food, please make sure you RSVP by January 7, to that we can give the correct number to the caterer.

WHAT:	Annual Meeting
WHEN:	Friday, January 10, 2014
TIME:	12:00 PM
FOOD:	Light Lunch
COST:	Free
WHERE:	Community Foundation of Sarasota County 2635 Fruitville Road, Sarasota, FL 34237 (near Tuttle)
RESERVE:	Ellen Roderick, 366-6756, by January 7, 2014

DINNER SOCIAL FUNDRAISER



On January 25, 2014, there will be a scholarship fundraiser event. A bring-a-dish party will be hosted by Connie Campisi at her Osprey home. All proceeds will benefit the scholarship fund. Please bring a dish and a bottle of wine. The type of dish that you bring will be according to the first letter of your last name. We will mix-up the categories. Here is the list that we will follow:

- A – E is assigned a main dish
- F – L is assigned a dessert
- M – P is assigned an appetizer
- R – Z is assigned a vegetable

DATE:	Saturday, January 25, 2014
TIME:	6:00 -10:00 PM
PLACE:	739 Shadow Bay Way, Osprey, FL
COST:	\$20 per person
RESERVE:	Limited to first 30 people

Make checks payable to GCICS SCHOLARSHIP FUND and mail to:
 Connie Campisi, 739 Shadow Bay Way, FL. 34229 (phone: 918-8969)

UPCOMING EVENT

Valentine's Day Dinner Dance



On Friday, February 14, 2014 the GCICS will celebrate Valentine's Day at the Lido Beach Holiday Inn. Dine and dance to live music. Please make every effort to attend and enjoy yourself with your fellow members!

MENU

APPETIZERS

CHEESE AND FRUIT TRAY

SALAD

Garden Salad With Choice of Dressing

ENTRÉE

(Choose One)

Served With Chef's Selection of Accompaniments

1. Roasted Sliced Tenderloin of Beef with Bordelaise Sauce
2. Baked Tilapia Filet with Artichokes, Basil, and Fresh Tomatoes

DESSERTS

Assorted Desserts and Holiday Cookies

Non-Alcoholic Beverages Include: Hot Coffee, Hot Tea, and Iced Tea

CASH BAR

WHAT: Valentine's Day Dinner Dance
When: Friday, February 14, 2014
WHERE: Holiday Inn on Lido Beach
TIME: 6:00 pm
COST: \$45 per person
RESERVE: Connie Campisi, 739 Shadow Bay Way, Osprey, FL 34229 (phone: 918-8969)
 Note: Write choice of entrée on check.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Anne Marie Tramoniamma Wolfe was born in Buffalo, New York of Sicilian parents. Her maternal grandparents are from Termini Imerese and her father was born in Serradifalco. Anne Marie spent most of her adult life in Lorain, Ohio raising 6 children who have given her the blessing of 10 grandchildren. She worked many years at a BF Goodrich R&D facility and helped her husband in his greenhouse business where they grew tomatoes. After selling the business, they moved to Bradenton in 2001. Anne Marie and her husband, Jim, sold their home and are awaiting the completion of an in-law suite which her youngest daughter and son in-law are building onto their property so that Anne Marie and Jim can help raise their 2 youngest grandchildren. She is looking forward to getting to know the members of GCICS and participating in its functions. Thus far, they have enjoyed the events and functions that they have attended.



For those of you who wanted the pumpkin cheesecake recipe, it is given below.
Thanks Ellen for your friend's recipe.

Pumpkin Cheesecake

Preheat oven to 325 degrees

1 graham cracker crust (homemade or store bought)

Mix together: 2 (8 ounce) packages of cream cheese (softened)

2/3 cup white sugar

2/3 cup pumpkin puree

2 eggs

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

1 teaspoon cinnamon

1/2 teaspoon nutmeg

Pour mixed ingredients into pie crust

Bake on the middle rack for 35 - 40 minutes until set

REVIEW OF THE 2013 CHRISTMAS PARTY

On Saturday, December 14, 2013 the GCICS held its annual Christmas Party at the home of Mary Rinaldi and Jack Norman. We listened and danced to the music of the “Chadburns”. Clark and Marge Chadburn provided great entertainment all evening long. The bring-a-dish food prepared by our members filled the wrap around counter in the great room with inviting and tasty foods. Some members even remarked that the food was better than going to an Italian restaurant because of the wide variety and authentic taste of the many fine treats and specialty dishes. Let’s give a hearty and well deserved round of applause to those who cooked such yummy and scrumptious food. The intimate and cozy group of 30 were happy, well fed, and eagerly looking to next year’s holiday gathering.

Photos by Pat Astore



Photos by Leita Davis



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ITALIAN CLASSES**2013-2014 SCHEDULE**

Both the language classes and the conversation classes will be held at The Landings in the Sarasota County Schools Administration Building located at 1950 Landings Boulevard (behind "Sweet Tomato Restaurant").

Basic Italian: Mondays, 2:00-4:00 pm

Instructor: Patricia Novak – 941-753-8357

Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27

Feb. 2, 10, 17, 24

Mar. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Apr. 7, 14, 21, 28

Italian Conversation: Wednesdays, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Instructor: Frank & Pina Pergolizzi

Cell: 203-583-2323

Phone: 941-497-5678

Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29

Feb. 5, 12, 19, 16

Mar. 5, 12, 19, 26

Apr. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

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