

LA VOCE DI GCICS

GULF COAST ITALIAN CULTURE SOCIETY, INC.

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President's Message:

To all a very happy and healthy New Year.

I can't believe that Christmas was just celebrated. The Calendar goes faster than we can all keep up with. The Christmas party at the home of Dr. Noel and Eileen Chiantella with Noel's sister Carolyn Chiantella was attended by 43 members and guests who gave rave reviews of the event. Many thanks to our hosts, Noel, Eileen and Carolyn for a wonderful evening and socializing in their beautiful and spacious home. We all appreciated their grand hospitality.

Coming up on January 31, 2020 is our Italian Film Matinee at the Community Foundation for which there are still seats remaining. See

page 2 for further information. After that we have the Bocce Tournament against our very talented rivals at the Cascades on February 8, 2020. We keep trying to win that trophy back! Let's hope we do it this time. All kidding aside we have a wonderful day filled with fellowship and good times. Stay tuned for the outcome.

We have many more activities planned for the coming months. Please be on the lookout for the announcements that will be emailed to you from Dr. Ellen Rodrick our secretary.

CAIO
Sheryl Lazzirotti
President

FILM PRESENTATION



We are delighted to announce that **Professor Scott Perry** has kindly agreed to lead another presentation of an Italian masterpiece of cinematography, the 1977 film “*A Special Day*” featuring the incomparable **Marcello Mastroianni and Sophia Loren** in the lead roles and directed by the great Ettore Scola. The film was met with great acclaim. For further information about the film visit Wikipedia at en.wikipedia.org.

Seating is limited (80) so if you plan to attend please RSVP via email to George Arfield (arfield@yahoo.com) typing "GCICS Film" in the subject line, including in the email the name/s you're reserving for.

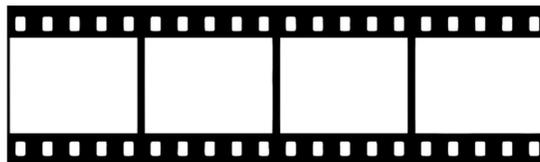
WHAT: Screening/Discussion of Italian Film Classic “*A Special Day*”, led by Dr. Jonathan Scott Perry, USFSM.

WHEN: Friday, January 31, 2020, 2:00 pm - 4:45 pm.

WHERE: Community Foundation of Sarasota County, 2635 Fruitville Rd., Sarasota FL 34237 (west of Tuttle).

RSVP: arfield@yahoo.com writing "GCICS Film" in the subject line and your name/s in the body of the email.

DEADLINE: Friday, January 24, 2020



GCICS BOCCE INVITATIONAL



You are invited to the 5th annual GCICS Bocce Invitational at The Cascades with Linda Ahern and Tom Hurban managing the function. Folks always have a great time at this function whether they are players or cheerleaders. So please read on. . .

- Event:** GCICS Bocce Invitational V
- Date/Time:** Saturday, **Feb 8, 2020**, commencing at 1:00 pm (please arrive at Noon if you are playing)
- Location:** The Cascades on Lockwood Ridge Road, Sarasota
- Cost:** \$17.00 per person; make check payable to GCICS
- Reserve:** Mail check to Tom Hurban, 931 Scherer Way, Osprey, FL 34229
- Deadline:** Reserve your spot with a check to Tom by Saturday, Jan 25, 2020
- Schedule:** 1:00-4:00 pm: Bocce Competition; 4:00 pm on: Dining and Dancing
- Menu:** Pizza, Wings, Antipasti, Salad, Wine, Beer, Coffee, Soda
- Dessert:** Please bring a homemade dessert for placement on the Dessert Table for sharing with the total group.
- Admittance:** Tell the person at the gate that you are attending the Bocce Tournament
- Lawn Chair:** Bring one for yourself.
- Teams:** There will be 4-person teams which will be set up ahead of time. Either you can do this or Tom can help arrange them.
- Sign Up's:** We will have sheets for sign up at the Annual Meeting on Jan 10th. If you are not attending the meeting, please contact Tom.
- Cheerleaders:** We need cheerleaders as well as players; so if you do not play Bocce, come and cheer on our GCICS team! And enjoy the dining and dancing after the playing is over.
- Practice:** The Cascades courts are quite fast compared to the one we use; we will have a practice session with date and time to be announced after Jan 1, 2020.
- Early Arrival on Feb 8th:** The courts are available for us to practice on the day of the tournament, Feb 8th at 12 noon. Tom is asking everyone to be early so we can review the rules and set up matches and begin play at 1:00 pm sharp. Each team will most likely play twice but competition will end at 4:00 pm so we can eat and party.
- Questions:** Call Tom Hurban at 908-507-3048; email is doristom@gmail.com



GCICS Mardi Gras/Carnevale Dinner Gala/Scholarship Fundraiser

Penny Thomas, GCICS Treasurer, has graciously offered her home for our 3rd Annual Mardi Gras/Carnevale Dinner Gala/Scholarship Fundraiser. You won't want to miss it. Members came in Mardi Gras adorned clothes or accessories (e.g., masks, beads, boas, colorful attire, and in one case costumes). Simply use your imagination. Penny feels she can accommodate 60 comfortably for socializing and dining. I would encourage you to sign up early since we have over 160 GCICS members. Here is the information:

EVENT: GCICS Mardi Gras/Carnevale Dinner Gala/Scholarship Fundraiser

DATE/TIME: Shrove Tuesday, Feb 25, 2020, 5:30 – 9:00 PM

LOCATION: Penny's home: 4112 Pinar Drive, Bradenton, FL. 34210 (941-755-9385) (very close to the IMG Academy)

COST: \$30 per person donation to the GCICS Scholarship Fund

ATTENDANCE: Limited to first 60 whose checks arrive.

RESERVE: Make check payable to GCICS Scholarship and mail to Judy Herman, 1362 Fortieth St., Sarasota, FL 34234

BRING: Wine/Beer/other beverage of your choosing and a food contribution based on the listing below and the first letter of your last name:

A – D: Appetizer

E – K: Vegetable/side dish (hot or cold), including salads

L – P: Main Course

Q – Z: Dessert

BADGES: Please wear your badge.

QUESTIONS: Call Judy Herman (941-360-1507) or email her (taxmadam@msn.com)

DEADLINE: RSVP with a check to Judy by Thursday, Feb 20, 2020



Charlie Papa

Mr. Charles A. Papa, "Charlie," 90 years old, of Gloversville, passed away Tuesday November 26, 2019 at Nathan Littauer Hospital Nursing Home. Charlie passed like he lived: surrounded by his loving family and friends. He was born April 3, 1929 in Gloversville, the son of the late Mario and Bridget Porto Papa. He proudly served in the US Army as a Sergeant. After returning from service, Charlie was Co-Owner and Operator of his family's business, Mario Papa and Sons, where he labored alongside many employees whom he cared for deeply. On May 5, 1955, Charles was married to the love of his life Beatrice Carbonelli. The couple shared 59 years of marriage in Gloversville where they lived, worked and reared their loving family until her passing in 2015.

Charlie is survived by his daughter Lisa (Don) Stanyon; his son, Charles D. (Rosemary Rice) Papa; two grandsons, Christopher and Jonathan (Angela) Stanyon; his step grandchildren, Melanie (Andrew) Lathrop with their son Carson, Amanda (August) Rosa with their children Ani and Allie, and Jeffrey (Mahgan) Town; his sister in law, Shirley Papa; along with several other nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family members and friends.

In addition to his wife and parents Charlie was predeceased by his five beloved older siblings, Alfonso (Marguerite) Papa, Dominic (Angeline) Papa, Madeline (Louis) Franco, Mary (Santo) Russo and Hortenzio Papa who

helped raise Charlie and were among the most influential people in his life.

Charlie was a Past Grand Knight and 4th Degree member of the Gloversville Knights of Columbus Council 265, the Chairman of the United Way Foundation, a member of the board of the Fulton County YMCA Board of Directors, Nathan Littauer Board of Directors, a member of the Church of the Holy Spirit's Holy Names Society and a member of The Eccentric Club. In Charlie's later years he was adopted by the Mendetta's breakfast club family with whom he routinely shared fond memories and companionship.

Charlie will be remembered as a magnetic figure bringing friends and family together through his sincere and generous personality.

The family will receive relatives and friends from 4:00PM to 7:00PM, Monday December 2, 2019 at Walrath & Stewart Funeral Home, 51 Fremont Street, Gloversville.

A Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 10:00AM, Tuesday December 3, 2019 at Church of the Holy Spirit, 151 S. Main St. Gloversville, NY 12078.

Interment will take place at Mount Carmel Cemetery, Johnstown following the Mass. Memorial contributions may be made in lieu of flowers to Church of the Holy Spirit, 151 S Main St. Gloversville, NY 12078; Nathan Littauer Hospital Nursing Home, 99 E State St. Gloversville, NY 12078 or to a charity of your choice in Charlie's name.

BOCCE CORNER NEWS



We are glad to have the main keeper of the court, Jerry Hall, back from Italy but sadly without one of our favorite regulars, his wife Caroline. We all miss her very much!

Ellen had sent out an e-mail blast earlier in December concerning our annual challenge bocce match with the Italian Club at the Cascades on February 8th. We will follow up with another blast soon. If you have not done so already please set aside that date for this fun day. I will be at the town hall meeting on Jan. 10 to give more details and answer questions for newer members. Linda Ahern, one of our Club members, resides at The Cascades and makes arrangements each year. Although a trophy is involved, the day is really just about FUN!! The best part of the day is what follows bocce. We have an antipasti, pizza, wings, wine, music and dancing party. All for \$17 per person. That money is just for the caterer, not for bocce. The one catch is that we are asked to bring a NICE dessert to share at a dessert table.

We hope to field 6-7 teams, 24 to 28 members playing. Those who cannot play we encourage to come and root us on as cheerleaders. Hopefully Linda can arrange for us to arrive earlier that day to try out their different surface. If you would like to set up your own teams ahead that's fine, but I can help assemble teams also. Experience is NOT required, but if playing, please come join us sometime at our court to become familiar with the game. Even our best players have a hard time at The Cascades because of the playing surface being so much faster than what we are used to playing. Bocce is from 1-4, party from 4-? I will be handling all details and checks for \$17/per person need to be sent to me at 931 Scherer Way, Osprey, Fl., 34229 by Jan. 20 so the caterer knows the number.

We play Sundays at 2:00 at The Gulf Coast Conservation Foundation at The Bay Preserve, 400 Palmetto Drive, in Osprey.

Tom Hurban, bocce chair
908 507 3048
dorisntom@gmail.com

REVIEW OF THE GCICS CHRISTMAS/HOLIDAY PARTY

Photos by George Arfield



It seems more than apt that with a name Noel that Eileen and Dr. Noel Chiantella along with his sister Carolyn hosted the GCICS Christmas/Holiday party at their lovely home in Venice.



Eileen, Noel, and Carolyn



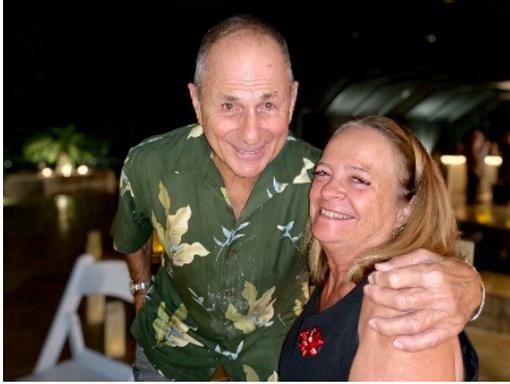
Mary Lou Ferrai, Pam Arfield, Carol Wilson



Linda Mercurio and Carolyn Chiantella



Vincent DeNicolas, Jerry Hall, Doris Hurban, Dr. Noel Chiantella



Joe Moccia and Beth Rose



Teresa and Joe Latona
With accordionist Joe Cerrito



Jack Norman and Mary Rinaldi
With accordionist Joe Cerrito



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William Korp	2010-2014
Anthony Esposito	2015-2016

GCICS Italian Language Classes

Led by Prof. Paola Tate, GCICS offers its members two levels of instruction in the Italian language:

1. Italian for Beginners
2. Italian Conversation for those having basic to advanced command of the language and who are willing to actively participate in the conversation to the best of their ability to communicate in Italian. Full fluency is not required but participation is. This is not a class for silent auditors.

Both of these classes are for GCICS members only. Please do not bring guests, friends or visitors. Space issues require us to request that those wishing to join either class FOR THE FIRST TIME contact either Prof. Tate (rstvideo@aol.com) or George Arfield (arfield@yahoo.com) to insure that there is space available.

The classes are held every Wednesday during "season" at the home of the Tate family: Italian for Beginners from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm and Italian Conversation from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm. The address is 4583 Atwood Cay Circle, Sarasota FL 34233.

Members in "Italian for Beginners" are asked to leave the Tate residence promptly before the "Italian Conversation" hour begins. Conversely, those attending the "Italian Conversation" hour are asked to not attend the "Italian for Beginners" class. In other words: attend one class or the other but not both.