

LA VOCE DI GCICS

GULF COAST ITALIAN CULTURE SOCIETY, INC.

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In 2011, the GCICS Board of Directors changed the theme of the annual October brunch from a Welcome Back Brunch to its "Italian Heritage Month Brunch" and used Liguria as the initial cultural heritage setting for the program and food. Last year, the focus of the brunch was Venice. As for myself, and I suspect many of our other members, we already knew quite a bit about Genoa and its history, and probably the same could be said for Venice and the Lagoon. This year we will be traveling south to Calabria to partake of dishes typical of that area and to learn about Calabrian cultural heritage as well as its history. Our program is more fully described on page 2 of this issue.

In response to the members' request to have a picnic-like social event as a Scholarship Fund Raiser, the Society is hosting a pig roast on Saturday November 16. The details of this event are on page 4.

Several new members have joined the

Bill Korp

Society over the summer as noted on page 6. They are invited to join with Mary Palmer and John Scalzi to greet the membership at the Heritage Brunch. Everyone should also take time to pick up their name tag before entering the venue for the brunch.

Our Board currently has thirteen members which means there are a couple of vacancies that we would like to fill. We generally meet on the second Wednesday, November through May. In October the meeting is held later in the month with prior notice. If you are interested, or even just curious, please contact me or any of the other Board members.

We hope that in the coming year each of you will consider helping extend the Society's outreach and expand our membership, while enhancing the quality of our shared experiences and activities. To this end we value your suggestions and help.



Italian Heritage Cultural Month

Mesa Della Cultura Italiana

President William Korp and members of the board of the GCICS announce the upcoming Celebration of Italian Heritage, which this year commemorates Calabria, the most southern region of Italy.



This year our guest speaker will be Rabbi Barbara Aiello, the first woman Rabbi in Italy, tracing her roots to Calabria. Her father, Antonio, was raised in the mountain village of Serrastretta, where in 2006, she organized the first active synagogue in southern Italy in 500 years since the Inquisition. She is the first in her family born in America. She is a graduate of Indiana University of PA receiving the distinguished Alumni Award and George Washington University receiving an MS degree. Rabbi Aiello was ordained by the Rabbinical Seminary International and the Rabbinical Academy in New York City. She was awarded the Washington of the Year Award for creating and directing the acclaimed Kits on the Block educational puppet program. Also, she is founder and director of the Italian and Jewish Cultural Center of Calabria, and has helped many Italian Jews. In this lecture, she will explore the story of the Jewish struggle in Calabria and Sicily.

- WHAT:** Italian Heritage Celebration
WHEN: Sunday, October 27, 2013
WHERE: Mattison's 41
 7275 South Tamiami Trail, Sarasota
TIME: 11:30 AM
HOSTED BY: John Scalzi,, of Calabrian decent, Meteorologist for ABC, Channel 07 AND Mary Amabile Palmer, Author of "Cucina di Calabria: Treasured Recipes and Family Traditions from Southern Italy". Both are very active members in our Society. Mary and John worked with Mattison's chef, in making up the menu, using mostly recipes from Mary's cook book. The chef was quite excited to learn about Calabrian cusine.



- COST:** \$30.00 per person
RESERVE: Reserve by October 22, 2013.
 Send checks to Mary Palmer, 888 Blvd. of the Arts #406, Sarasota, FL. 34236
 Please list choice of Pasta Sauce and Entrée and list of those attending on your check.



MENU

Antipasti

Caponata, Sweet and Sour Eggplant

Funghi Marinati con Olio e Limone, Mushrooms Marinated w/Extra Virgin Olive Oil & Lemon

Fagioli Bianchi con Pomodori Secco, Cannelini Beans w/Sun-dried tomatoes

Peperoni "Friarelli" Fritto, Fried Italian Peppers

Pasta (choose one)

Salsa di Pomodori, con Prosciutto & Capers, Tomato Sauce with Prosciutto & Capers,

Salsa Marinara, Pronto!, Mariner's Style Tomato Sauce—Quick, Easy & Perky

One glass of red or white wine

Entrée (choose one)

Pollo Alla Cacciatora, Hunter Style Chicken w/Red and Green Peppers, Onions & Tomatoes,

Pesce Al Forno, Baked White Fish with White Wine

Vegetable & Salad

Pasticcio di Spinaci e Uova, Spinach and Egg Pie (Served Family Style),

Insalata Mista, Mixed Vegetable Salad w/Italian Dressing (Served Family Style)

Italian Bread and Butter

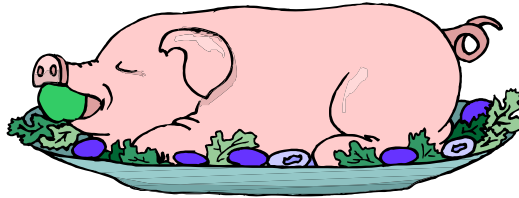
Dessert

Torta Crema Al Rum, Sponge Cake w/Custard Crème Filling, Drizzled with Rum

Coffee or Tea

UPCOMING EVENTS

PIG ROAST-NOVEMBER 16, 2013



As promised in the 2013-2014 Schedule, we are having a beach party pig roast! This event will take place at the home of AG and Shelia Spicola's beach front and bay front home at 1224 North Casey Key Road located in Osprey. Our own Vince Amoroso has enthusiastically volunteered to get up early on the 16th and begin the slow cooking process that takes about 12 hours. The whole pig is dressed so that it lies flat on the grill along with an apple in its mouth and a hat on its head. This will be a great photo opportunity so bring your camera. After grilling the pig all day, Vince will hitch the grill to his car and bring it out to Casey Key. Festivities will begin late afternoon and continue into early evening with a full moon expected. This is a Scholarship fund raising event. Look for details in the November La Voce newsletter. Contributions of food and wine will be gladly received and acknowledged. Contact Bill Korp at 941-388-2561 for more information.

DINNER CLUB-NOVEMBER 20, 2013



One of most popular events is our third Wednesday of the month Dinner Club. The way it works, in every month's newsletter, an entry will contain the name of the restaurant choice and date. All you have to do, a day or two prior to the date, is call the host and say how many people will be in you party. This way, the correct number of tables can be reserved. There is open seating, so each month you'll be sitting next to someone different. Individual checks will be presented. We will meet at one of the restaurants giving GCICS members a 10% discount. Those who have attended these events reported that they enjoyed meeting new people in a friendly and informal setting. Come join the fun! Details will be in the November La Voce newsletter.

PROUD PARENTS

Anthony and Mabel Esposito are extremely proud of their son David who served in the Iraq War earning a Bronze Star and acting as a Ranger Certified Platoon Leader from West Point. Recently, David has designed a game which builds ethic and morals in pre-teens and re-enforces Judeo-Christian values in our young people. The game was approved by the Catholic Church and as well as several Protestant denominations. This year the game has won the “Creative Game of the Year Award”. Advertised on television in New York, it is said to be the perfect game for grandparents to give to their grandchildren.

IN MEMORY OF *BERNADETTE MARIE BACIGALUPO*



It is with sadness that we report that one of our beloved members, Bernadette (Bernie to her friends) has passed away on August 9, 2013. She divided her time between Woburn, Massachusetts and Siesta Key, Florida. She was ill for the past year and residing at her summer home in Woburn, Massachusetts. Her and her husband Paul had been married for 54 years. Bernie is survived by her husband Paul, three children, and four grandchildren. Interment was at Woodbrick Cemetery in Woburn.

FROM THE SUNSHINE LADY – ISABEL ISTORICO

A note of condolences was sent to Marie McEntee, member of the Scholarship Committee, on the passing away of her brother, Leonard Rizzalo.

Best wishes for a quick recovery were sent to our President, Bill Korp, who fractured his left tibia in mid-August.

Condolences from the GCICS members were sent to Paul Bacigalupo and his family whose wife Bernadette (Bernie) passed away on August 9th. Paul and Bernie did not come to Florida last year due to her illness but kept their membership.

WELCOME

NEW MEMBERS

Mark and Karen Hildreth just completed their first trip to Italy having spent 10 days in Rome with their two sons. Their primary Italian connection has been a long term affinity for Italian wine and food. (Karen's Italian cooking is well-known among friends.) They both have their undergraduate degrees from Florida State University. Mark is an attorney and partner in the litigation practice group at Shumaker, Loop & Kendrick. Karen is a licensed mental health counselor and the owner of Sarasota Grief Counseling. They moved to Sarasota in 1991, have three children, and anticipate being "empty-nester" within the next year. In anticipation of their trip to Rome, they took Italian language classes and hope to be able to further study the language before they go back to Italy someday. In the meantime, they are looking forward to participating in the events of the GCICS as their schedules permit.



Delaney Kirk and fiancé Jim Maher are preparing for a month long trip to Florence in the spring of 2014. They are studying Italian in preparation for this trip. Delaney retired in August of 2013 as professor of business management from the University of South Florida Sarasota-Manatee. She was born in Lexington, Kentucky and moved to Sarasota after teaching at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa for eighteen years. Her interests include opera, contemporary art, and Tai Chi. She is currently researching and writing her second book. Jim is a retired executive from the banking/credit card industry. He is currently on the board of directors for Cary Audio Design. Also, he is an accomplished photographer who specializes in portrait and fashion photography.



Carole Apa loves anything Italian! She has travelled to Italy twice and now has a daughter living in Genoa, Italy. She is anxious to learn the language so that when she visits Italy she can communicate with the natives. When not studying Italian, she loves to play the piano, work on her tennis game, play golf, ride her bike and go to the gym. Carole enjoys meeting new people and is enthusiastic about becoming a viable member of the Gulf Coast Italian Culture Society.

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Patrick Corsentino 2001-2004

Arthur Castraberti 2004-2006

Marie Corsentino 2007

Mary Amabile Palmer 2008-2010

ITALIAN CLASSES

2013-2014 SCHEDULE

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

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

Instructor: Patricia Novak – 941-753-8357

Oct. 14, 21, 28

Nov. 4, 11, 18, 25

December no classes

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 – 203-583-232

Oct. 16, 23, 27

Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27

No Classes in December

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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