

LA VOCE DI GCICS

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WELCOME BACK SNOW BIRDS!!!

You missed a VERY hot summer.

What an exciting event to hear Dr. Joseph Polizzi reminisce about his family and career at our opening event at Mattison's 41 on October 23rd. Fifty-six (56) delighted attendees were entertained and thrilled to hear Joe speak so eloquently about his roots and experiences over the years. I was pleased and honored on behalf of all members to announce this "Person of the Year" selection for GCICS.

On Nov 6th we will once again have our "BOCCE PICNIC" at Bay Preserve near Spanish Point. Sausage and peppers will abound and the bocce games will be contested. The day before (Nov 5), some GCICS members will participate in the Family Day at Bay Preserve, teaching Bocce to one and all.

We are a little behind in Membership renewals. I encourage all of you to take a moment and send in your dues and contributions for the scholarship fund so that once again we may help some very deserving young scholars get a leg up in the college world.

Save the date of Dec 11th for the Christmas Party at Mary Rinaldi and Jack Norman's home in Lakewood Ranch. More

details to follow including what food item you should bring and where to mail your check. There will be live music and lovely food...Don't miss it!!!

We welcome Mary Lou Ferrari to the Board of Director as Recruitment Chair. As many of you are aware our club is not getting younger. Mary Lou has been charged with recruiting new members to our society. She has lots of experience in this arena.

As we welcome Mary Lou to the Board we also say goodbye to our long-time photographer and friend, Pasqual (Pat) Astore. He has taken some of the most exquisite photos of our events and we will miss him in this capacity. If anyone in our club is a camera bug who loves to take photos and could volunteer for this position, please contact me. slazzarotti@gmail.com or 908-803-4400 mobile

If anyone has a special talent and would like to share it with us on the Board of Directors, I would love to speak with you about volunteering to join us.

That's all for now.

CIAO

Sheryl Lazzarotti

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 will bring will be according to the first letter of your last name. Here are the categories that we will follow:

A – E: A side dish

F – M: Appetizer

N – Z: Dessert

Title: Welcome Back Picnic

Date/Time: Sunday Nov 6, 2016 1:00-5:00 pm

Location: Bocce Court at Bay Preserve, Osprey

Point of Contact: Tom Hurban, 908-507-3048

Donation: Please RSVP so that we know how much meat to order.

We are asking folks to give a donation at the picnic to help defray the cost of the meat and paper goods.

Holiday Party Fundraiser

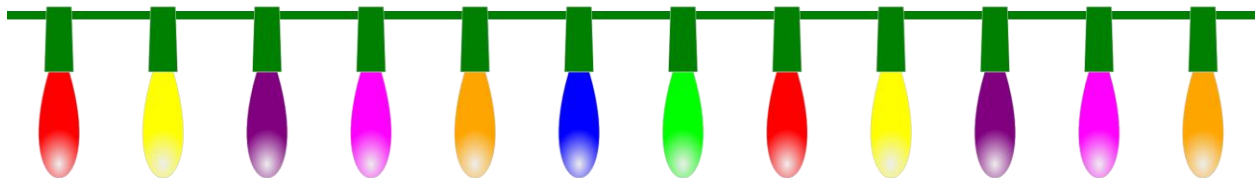


Once again, the Holiday Party will be a “bring a dish” event where members will bring a bottle of wine and a dish. It will be a fundraiser for the Scholarship Fund. It will be at the Lakewood Ranch residence of Mary Rinaldi and her husband Jack Norman. The type of dish that you will bring will be according to the first letter of your last name. Here are the categories that we will follow:

- A – D: Appetizer
- E – K: Vegetable dish (hot or cold; including salad)
- L – P: Main Course
- R – Z: Dessert

The host and hostess of this event will provide ham as one main dish. Also, Mary and Jack are funding the live band for the entertainment of all party-goers.

- DATE:** Sunday, December 11, 2016
- TIME:** 5:30 – 9:30 PM
- PLACE:** 13982 Siena Loop, Lakewood Ranch, FL., 34202 (Phone: 941-907-9056)
- COST:** \$25 per person
- RESERVE:** Make checks payable to GCICS Scholarship Fund and mail to:
Mary Rinaldi, 13982 Siena Loop, Lakewood Ranch, FL., 34202



ITALIAN CLASSES



Since our two Italian Class instructor have retired from teaching, we had to look for an alternative venue. The Italian American Club of Venice is welcoming our members to join their classes. Noted below is the schedule that we were provided with.

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.

BOCCE CORNER NEWS



We're back playing bocce ever Sunday about 2:00 at The Bay Preserve, 400 Palmetto Ave., Osprey. This is located behind Spanish Point. Please consider joining us for our second season of fun at this beautiful location right on the Bay. Remember to bring chairs and something to drink. Alcohol is permitted as are dogs. Absolutely no experience is necessary. We'll help you to understand this game that is growing in popularity across our country.

Last month we mentioned that our club has been asked to participate in the Conservation Foundation's Fall Festival (free) on Saturday, November 5, from 11:00 to 3:00. Stop by to see us and give us some encouragement!

You have all received an email blast from Ellen announcing our Fall Bocce picnic on Sunday, November 6. This is at The Bay Preserve at 1:00. It has been lots of fun in the past, giving us all an opportunity to gather and meet new members and catch up with our friends, while enjoying a free picnic. Remember to bring your chairs and drinks! We hope to see all of you at this event. See the announcement earlier in this newsletter. Call Tom Hurban with any questions you may have: 908-507-3048, or home phone 941-966-2745, or email dorintom@gmail.com



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Marie Corsentino	2007
Mary Amabile Palmer	2008-2010
William Korp	2010-2014
Anthony Esposito	2015-2016

RESTAURANTS OFFERING 10% DISCOUNT TO MEMBERS PLEASE PATRONIZE THESE RESTAURANTS

Café Amici	951-6897
1371 Main St., Sarasota	
Café Baci	921-4848
4001 Tamiami Tr., Sarasota	
D'Corato	330-1300
322 So. Washington Blvd., Sarasota	
Mona Lisa	377-6562
4989 Ringwood Meadow, Sarasota	
Phila. Cheesesteaks & Hoagies	926-0441
7523 S. Tamiami Tr., Sarasota	
Piatti Italian Bistro	923-5570
6630 Gateway Ave., Sarasota	
Primo Restaurante	359-3690
8076 Tamiami Tr., Sarasota	
Valentino's	
Cooper Creek Blvd.	359-6400
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.