

LA VOCE DI GCICS

GULF COAST ITALIAN CULTURE SOCIETY, INC.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear GCICS Member:

As this issue of La Voce is being prepared for the printer we are looking forward to the Italian Heritage Month Brunch that, this year, features typical food of Calabria and Sarasota's Rabbi Barbara Aiello as guest speaker. This is the third year of the Brunch featuring typical Italian local food, prepared by the chefs at Mattison's 41. Fortunately or unfortunately, depending on your point of view, this year we have outgrown the venue. Until this year the private dining room at Mattison's has been able to accommodate all who wished to attend the Brunch. Alas, a few days prior to the event, we are at 120% of capacity, bravo!

The cost of the Heritage Brunch to an attendee is exactly what the Society agreed to pay for the food and service. Mattison's does not charge us for the

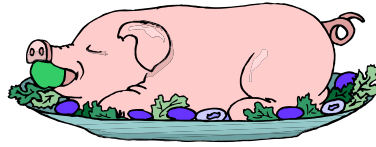
Welcome to *La Voce di GCICS*

room or equipment. We think it a bargain, but in order to raise funds for scholarships, we have to bring in more than we pay out. So, as is reported on page 2, on Saturday November 16 the Society will host its first ever (I think) young pig-roast - *arrosto del maialetto*.

As described in the report, the menu includes beer, wine, sodas, etc., and a selection of antipasti, bread, sides and desert. The cost is \$40 per person, 100% of which will go to the Scholarship Fund as we are seeking member sponsors to cover the cost of the food, beverages, rental of chairs and tables etc. And I am confident that by rollout we will be fully sponsored.

We hope to see many of you on November 16 at the *Arrosto del Maialetto*.

*Ciao,
Bill Korp*



PIG ROAST SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER

As promised we are having a beach party pig roast. It will be at the home of AG and Shelia Spicola on Casey Key. The pig will be slow roasted by Vince Amoroso, and transported out to Casey Key. Festivities will begin at 3:30PM. This is a Scholarship fund raising event. Contributions of food and wine will be gladly received and acknowledged.

THE MENU WILL INCLUDE

Cheese and Crackers
Antipasti
Roasted Pig
German Potato Salad
Mixed Greens & Veggies
Rolls
Wine, Beer, and Water

WHAT: Pig Roast = *Maialetto Arrostito*
 WHEN: November 16, 2013
 WHERE: The home of AG and Shelia Spicola
 1224 North Casey Key Road; Osprey
 TIME: 3:30 PM
 HOSTED BY: A.G. and Shelia Spicola
 COST: \$40 per person
 RESERVE: Send check, payable to "GCIGS" by November 8, 2013 to:
 Bill Korp, 156 Emerson Drive, Sarasota, FL. 34236
 Phone: 388-2561
 DIRECTIONS; Tamiami Trail (Rte 41) to Blackburn Rd. Turn West on
 Blackburn Road. Turn right on North Casey Key Road, about 1.4 mile.
 House on right.

REVIEW OF PAST EVENTS

ITALIAN CULTURAL HERITAGE

COUNTY PROCLAIMS OCTOBER AS ITALIAN CULTURAL HERITAGE MONTH

For the third consecutive year, the Sarasota Board of County Commissioners has adopted, at the behest of GCICS, a Proclamation declaring October, the month our nation celebrates Columbus' discovery of the western hemisphere, as *Italian Cultural Heritage Month*.

At the ceremony conducted on Thursday, September 24, 2013, in the County Commissioners' Chamber, the proclamation, signed by all five County Commissioners, was presented to GCICS Treasurer Anthony Esposito, and Board Member Patricia Novak.



(L-R) GCICS Treasurer Anthony Esposito, County Commissioner Joseph Barbetta, Board Member Patricia Novak (Courtesy Photo by Bd. Member Pat Astore)

VENICE HONORS ITALIAN CULTURAL HERITAGE

Venice Mayor John Holic, presented a City Proclamation declaring October as *Italian Cultural Heritage Month* to GCICS Vice President Tony Cagliostro, on Tuesday, October 22, 2013. The proclamation proposed to the Venice City Council includes the significant City Council finding that "an Italian Cultural Heritage Month program is consistent with its mission to promote and protect the welfare of its citizens."

UPCOMING EVENTS

CHRISTMAST PARTY FUNDRAISER – DECEMBER 14, 2013



Once again, the Christmas 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 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.

Date: Saturday, December 14, 2013
 Time: 5:30 – 9:30 PM
 Place: 13982 Siena Loop, Lakewood Ranch Country Club
 Cost: \$35 per person
 Reserve: Make checks payable to the GCICS Scholarship Fund and mail to:
 Mary Rinaldi, 13982 Siena Loop, Lakewood Ranch, FL., 34202; 907-9056

Again, this year, the host and hostess of this event, besides opening their home to all participants, have committed also to fund the cost of the live band for the entertainment of all party-goers. Jack and Mary we’re grateful!

AROUND TOWN

The Bradenton Herald in a story dated August 14, 2013 reports that organizers plan to bring the 75 DaVinci Machines Inventions Exhibit to Bradenton in mid-November. The exhibit, so far, has been scheduled in three cities in the United States, and Bradenton will be the fourth. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to see models of Leonardo’s discoveries and visions built by Italian artisans from Da Vinci’s sketches. It is scheduled to be at the Bradenton Auditorium (across from the South Florida Museum). For more information go to www.discoverdavinci.com.

SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

By Scholarship Chair Tony Cagliostro



Once again arrangements have been made to have our updated Scholarship Application for 2014 listed by the Department of Pupil Support Services of the Sarasota County School District in its 2013-2014 Scholarship Opportunities publication for graduating students. The Department has also committed to distribute copies of the application to the Guidance Office of each district school in December. GCICS will also distribute, in early December, copies of the Application and Guide to the other schools in our catchment area that encompasses high schools south of the Manatee River and West of the Myakka River.

The application and the guide for its preparation are the same as those of the past scholarship year, except for relevant dates and the required essay topic which this year, asks the applicant to "assess the life and works of Constantino Brumidi and his contributions to American culture."

Brumidi, who has come to be known as the Michelangelo of the US Capitol, was commissioned by the fourth Architect of the Capitol to provide a design for "a picture 65 feet in diameter, painted in fresco, on the concave canopy over the eye of the new Dome of the US Capitol."

Brumidi was contracted to paint the fresco and completed the work in 11 months, at the end of the Civil War. He called the work the "Apotheosis of Washington", literally, the deification of Washington, or more commonly, the glorification of a person (President Washington), as an ideal. In the central group of the fresco, Washington is depicted as rising to the heavens, flanked by the figures of Liberty and Victory. Thirteen females, representing the original colonies, arch around the three central figures.

Brumidi painted scores of frescoes and murals throughout the Capitol from 1855 until his death in 1880.

MAIALETTO ARROSTITO (Roasted Piglet)

By Wm. R. Korp

Our members know him as Vincent Amoroso, or simply Vince. On Saturday November 16, Vince will become the Rosticciere of a Maialetto on the Beach at 1224 North Casey Key Road in Osprey, the home of members AG and Shelia Spicola.

We are having a pig roast! A most unique roast in that **100%** of all proceeds will go directly to the Scholarship Fund.

The Spicolas, GCICS board members, and other members are volunteering to sponsor the costs of the food, preparation, presentation, and parking station. North Casey Key Road is a special place in Sarasota. When traveling on North Casey Key Road resolve yourself to not be impatient. After you have traveled longer than you expect, keep going, understanding that southbound traffic has the right of way and you may have to duck into a driveway to clear the way.

On arrival at 1224, expect a valet to take your car keys and hide your car, as there are few parking spaces. You will be greeted by who ever is around. You may head to the beach for shelling, bird

watching, wading, sunning or, whatever, **but don't touch the turtle nests.** Or you may organize or join a bocce game at the Spicolas' Bocce court, find a place to have a glass with friends or, more likely, watch the Rosticciere do his thing with the Maialetto.

It all starts at 3:30, with the serious food at around 5:00, and a rising full moon at 7 or so. In between, so far, wine, beer, sodas, Cheese and Crackers, followed by Antipasti, Caponata, Olive Salad and Bread. With the Maialetto, German potato salad, cannellini beans with tomatoes and spinach, rapini, green beans, roasted red peppers and onion salad, as well as mixed greens salad.

The wrap-up is dessert; we're looking for a volunteer sponsor here.

This is a wonderful opportunity for a family. Children and grandchildren under 11 are free; those between 12 and 16, \$ 20 each. Adults, \$40 per person.

Due to space limitations it is most advisable to send your check and reservations, as early as possible. For directions, check page 2



THE SUNSHINE LADY – ISABEL ISTORICO

Both Charles and Beatrice Papa were not feeling well. A note expressing our wishes for better health and to feel better was sent to both.



The Bacigalupo family sent the following thank you note.

During a time like this we learn how much our family and friend really mean to us. Your expression of sympathy will always be treasured. On behalf of our family thank you!

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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 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
 No classes in December
 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
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