

# LA VOCE DI GCICS

GULF COAST ITALIAN CULTURE SOCIETY, INC.

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As out-going president of our Gulf Coast Italian Culture Society, I would like to thank everyone in our organization for the opportunity to have served you these past four and a half years. The supportive Board and members who have dedicated themselves to our goal of helping to preserve Italian culture and traditions have made my tenure a very rewarding experience. We have accomplished much, we have had a good time and we have every reason to expect that our Society will continue to flourish in the coming years.

Though not claiming direct Italian ancestry, I have always felt rewarded by exposure to the gifts of Italy - the people, the art, the literature, the music, and even the republican system of government, which underlies all western culture. *And, don't forget the food and wine.*

You will note elsewhere in this issue the new Board members and officers appointed to serve you for the 2014 - 2015 fiscal year. My receptionist tells me that in Peru "*Esposito*" means "my little husband". My best wishes to Anthony who I am sure will "husband" our organization as it strives to maximize its great potential.

I have been asked to continue serving on the Board and have gladly acceded to this request since I have enjoyed my long association with GCICS and look forward to continuing to serve in whatever capacity that proves most useful.

Ciao,  
Bill Korp

## **Thoughts about GCICS: A Vision for Both Present and Future**



Ladies and Gentlemen of the Gulf Coast Italian Culture Society, your President, Bill Korp, asked me to write as President-elect of the Society to give you some insight as to my vision for our future together.

My goals will always be to encourage everyone to enjoy all the wonderful aspects of the Italian, and indeed all the European, cultures as well as grow the membership to include a broad spectrum of ages and personalities.

The challenge for all of us is to work together to collectively celebrate and honor these cultures while increasing the membership, so we can continue the good work of the Society and the Scholarship Committee.

Although scholarship is at the heart of the good work we do, we also must be open minded to other community needs and priorities where we can make an impact either with financial support or our advice and counsel.

We do have intellectual resources which can often be as meaningful and helpful as our financial support. Accordingly, I want to encourage each of us to think about how we, as a Society, can make a significant impact on the many aspects of the greater Sarasota community.

Now, accomplishing these goals will take real thoughtful effort. Therein lies the challenge for all of us: to stand together and demonstrate our gratitude for all the blessings God has bestowed upon us for the benefit of the greater good.

Thank you in advance for all your efforts to help our Society in achieving these ambitious and important goals.

Anthony Esposito  
President-Elect

## HOUSE PARTY PICNIC



As promised we are having a picnic. It will be at the home of Tony and Mabel Esposito in downtown Sarasota. Festivities will extend from 2 PM to 6 PM. Contributions of appetizers and dessert will be gladly welcome. To liven up the activities, there will be 6 door prizes. These door prizes will be for the benefit of any grandchild under 12 years old. Please note that the venue has changed because of the selling of the beach property. **NOTE: THE VENUE HAS CHANGED TO DOWNTOWN SARASOTA!**

### MENU

Hot Dogs and Sauerkraut  
 Bratwurst with all condiments  
 Assorted Italian and other cold cuts with rolls  
 Picnic Sandwiches  
 Potato Salad, Cole Slaw, Green Salad  
 Spare Ribs  
 Assorted Cookies, Cake, and Zeppole  
 Hot Coffee and Tea, Iced Tea, Soda, Beer, Scotch and Vodka

**WHAT:** Beach Party Picnic  
**WHEN:** November 15, 2014  
**TIME:** 2 PM – 6 PM  
**HOSTED BY:** Tony and Mabel Esposito  
**WHERE:** The home of Tony and Mabel Esposito  
 1771 Ringling Blvd., PH206  
**COST:** \$24.72 per person  
**RESERVE:** Limited to the first 50 people  
 Send check, payable to “GCICS”, by November 7, 2014 to:  
 Tony Esposito, 1771 Ringling Blvd., PH206, Sarasota, FL., 34236

## Festive Holiday Party Scholarship Fundraiser



In keeping with our recent tradition, 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 Whitfield Estate home of Joe and Micki Moccia. They will provide the Turkey, the DJ, and paper goods. 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:

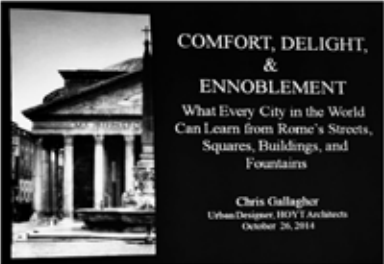
- A – D is assigned an appetizer
- E – K is assigned a side dish
- L -- P is assigned a main dish
- R – Z is assigned a dessert



- WHAT:** Holiday Party Scholarship Fundraiser  
**DATE:** December 13, 2014  
**TIME:** 5:30 PM  
**PLACE:** The home of Joe and Micki Moccia  
 705 Whitfield Ave., Sarasota, FL., 34243  
**COST:** \$30 per person  
**RESERVE:** Limited to the first 40 people.  
 Make checks payable to the GCICS Scholarship Fund and mail to:  
 Joe Moccia, 536 Ketch Lane, Longboat Key, FL., 34228  
**DIRECTIONS:** Take US 41 to ¼ mile north of the Sarasota Airport. Then make a right on to Whitfield Ave.

**REVIEW OF HERITAGE WELCOME BACK BRUNCH**

The brunch on Sunday, October 26, 2014 at Mattison’s 41 South was superb. The Roman inspired dishes were a delight to the pallet. All raved about the meal. Especially pleasing was the Poached Egg with Roman style pine nut sauce. When the cooks were called to take a bow for their wonderful work, they promised to put the recipes on their web site. The guest speaker, Christopher (Chris) Gallagher was interesting and enjoyable. Everyone enjoyed the entire program!



**GCICS Heritage Celebration**  
**Mattison’s 41      October 26, 2014**

# WELCOME

## NEW MEMBERS

Jonathan and Diane Greco are native Pennsylvanians who moved to Sarasota 3 years ago. They are childhood sweethearts, have been married 33 years, and have 3 children (Nathan in Sarasota, Amy in West Chester, PA, and Casey in Austin, TX). Jon is a physician and specializes in Regenerative Medicine (treating arthritis, sports-related injuries, and chronic back pain without surgery or drugs). He and his brother Joe formed Greco Medical Group and their office is located on Main St in Sarasota. Diane is a licensed dietitian/nutritionist and for the last 7 years has been working in the specialty infusion industry. Jon and Diane currently live in Lakewood Ranch but bought a piece of land on Siesta Key and look forward to building a home in the coming year. They love to travel, cook, and hang out with friends and family. They love Sarasota and rarely a week goes by when they don't say, "We're not on vacation...we live here!"



### NEW RESTAURANT DISCOUNT AGREEMENT



The following restaurant has agreed to give our members a 10% discount.

D'Corato Restaurant  
322 South Washington Blvd. (US 301)  
Sarasota, Florida 34236  
941-330-1300

Hours In Season:      Every day from 5:30PM – 10 PM      Summer: Tuesday through Saturday



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**Past Presidents**

Joseph Raffaele, PhD	1988-1992
Gabriella Thurston	1993-2001
Patrick Corsentino	2001-2004
Arthur Castraberti	2004-2006
Marie Corsentino	2007
Mary Amabile Palmer	2008-2010
William Korp	2010-2014

## ITALIAN CLASSES 2014-2015 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 off US 41. Turn left and park in the lot in front of the blue awning building, #1950. Sweet Tomato Restaurant will be across the parking lot. Take the elevator to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Classes are generally held in room 218, but check the easel each time for GCICS class location.

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

Instructor: Patricia Novak – (Home) 941-753-8357

Text and Publisher: Italian: A Self-Guided Study by

Eduardo A. Lèbano

John Wiley & Sons, Inc.

ISBN# 978-0-471-35961-6

November: 3, 10, 17, 24

December: no classes

January: 5, 12, 26

February: 9, 23

March: 2, 16, 23, 30

April: 6, 13, 20, 27

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

Instructor: Frank & Pina Pergolizzi –

Text: None

Cell: 203-583-2323

Home: 941-497-5678

November: 5, 12, 19, 26

December: no classes

January: 7, 14, 21, 28

February: 4, 11, 18, 25

March: 4, 18, 25

April: 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

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