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il Palazzo 132nd & Fort St.

Home of the American Italian Heritage Society

DANCE UNDER THE STARS 8PM NIGHTLY

# Friday, August 31

6:00pm-11pm, The 70's Band at 8pm Santa Lucia Marching Band, Local Entertainers

# Saturday, September 1

5:00pm-11pm, The Persuaders at 8pm Santa Lucia Marching Band & Local Entertainers

# Sunday, September 2

Noon-11pm, Taxi Driver at 8pm Santa Lucia Marching Band & Local Entertainers

FREE SHUTTLE PARKING FROM KELLEY PARK located at 126th & Fort St.

Experience Omaha's favorite Italian festival & celebrate the Italian heritage with 30 varieties of authentic Italian foods and great entertainment.

#### FOOD PAVILIONS

Mostaccioli & Meatballs Pasta Primavera w/ Chicken Sausage & Peppers Chicken Sicilian Italian Garden Salad Meatball Sandwiches Cheese Bread

#### PIZZA

Tomato & Cheese Italian Sausage

#### SEAFOOD

Shrimp Scampi, Calamari

#### FULL SERVICE BAR

Imported Wines, Beer, Cocktails

#### DELI

Cracked Sicilian Olives, Stuffed Peppers, Falso Magro, Fried Ravoli with Marinara +more

#### FRESH ITALIAN FRIED DOUGH

#### ITALIAN ICE CREAM

Sorbetto Spumoni

#### PASTICCERIA (PASTRIES)

Cannoli Ricotta Cannoli Biscotti Anise Bars Pizzelle

### ITALIAN COOKING

DEMONSTRATIONS

#### ENTERTAINMENT

Las Vegas Entertainers Santa Lucia Marching Band Dance Bands

#### CHILDRENS ACTIVITIES

Balloon sculptures, Bounce Houses, Face Painting +more

#### BOCCE BALL

#### NOVELTIES & T-SHIRTS

T-Shirts, Hats, Aprons & more

#### SUNDAY ITALIAN MASS

Mass Celebrant: Fr. Scott Hastings 10:15am

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Food items ranging from \$1.00 to \$7.00



\$5.50 Advance • \$7.00 Door Children under 12 FREE with an adult

Advance tickets available at all metro area Hy-Vee Stores, Fantasy's and Rockbrook Camera

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# **AUGUST MEETING SCHEDULE**

Membership Meeting: Monday, August 13 at 7:30 p.m.

Festa Captain Meeting: Wednesday, August 1 at 7:00 p.m.

# **JULY MEMBERSHIP MEETING SUMMARY**

The meeting was called to order by President Terry Bolamperti and the Pledge of Allegiance with veterans Terry Pirruccello and Vince Romano as flag bearers. The previous months meeting minutes were read and approved. Denny McGuire gave his Treasurer Report detailing the income and expenses for the month of June along with a 6-month (Jan – June) report. The profit was very low, and he reported that we need to get expenses down in the future and requested to members to tell family and friends to consider renting il Palazzo to help increase our income. The report was approved by members vote. Members did ask that the Board of Directors consider a certain percentage of a discount for AIHS members that rent the facility.

Old business was discussed including the Meat Curing Group who are currently processing prosciutto. The membership drive results were given with Dr. Terry and Dr. Ted getting the most members and Diana Cotten in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Each were congratulated. We did not reach our goal, but many new members were recruited and joined the Society. The June sausage fundraiser was reported on and Chairperson Wayne Moore was applauded for his efforts and organization of this event. All went very well and organized with several items that will be improved upon at the next fundraiser. Festa food prep was discussed. Many members volunteered to help with the upcoming cooking of the sauce, cheese grating, salad dressing along with meatball and sausage making. More volunteers are welcomed. The cannoli and biscotti are now completed, and we want to express thanks to Mary Kay Ford & Rose Koch for organizing the crew. Finally, the AIHS Bellino Fireworks stand was reported on. We hope in the future to make more profit on this if we can get volunteers to work the event.

New business was discussed which was consumed with the Festa. We need more volunteers, please call Dr. Terry or Diana at the office. Your help would be much appreciated. Booth captains are needed as well. Please step forward and take a leadership role. Festa entertainment was announced which should explain the weekend. Festa fireworks will be held on Friday and Sunday depending on the weather. Gene Crisafulli made a motion to adjourn which was seconded and approved. Piece of the pie winners were drawn and members enjoyed a light antipasto prepared and served by Wayne Moore & Tom Morinelli. All are welcome to our next membership meeting on Monday August 13<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you there. Ciao Submitted by Dr. Terry Bolamperti, President

#### MEMBERSHIP DUES

AIHS Membership Renewals were mailed in June. It is very important that you complete the form and mail in your membership payment today!

Additionally, you will find on the back of the sheet a Volunteer/Participation Form. As you know, volunteering is the backbone of the American Italian Heritage Society and it's members. Please take a moment to fill out. We ask you also include any suggestions and concerns. Please promptly mail your dues and form to the office at 5110 N. 132nd St. 68164





#### **FESTA FOOD PREPARTION**

- **FESTA SAUCE** Thanks to Dr. Ted and his crew for making the pepper sauce and all the spaghetti sauce for the pasta. Bob Peklo, George Grillo, Gene Crisafulli and Bob Rodino arrived early that morning to help as well. The process took three days to make more than 250 gallons of delicious spaghetti sauce.
- **FESTA MEATBALLS** Thanks to Dr. Ted and his crew for preparing 550 lbs of meatball mixture. Thanks to Dr. Terry and his crew for rolling and baking the meatballs. Volunteers did an excellent job. The process took half the day for rolling and baking and the other half cleaning the pans and bagging and boxing the meatballs. Thanks to Bob Rodino, once again, for cooking all 7000 meatballs. Special thanks to all that helped.
- SALAD DRESSING & CHEESE GRATING Thanks to Dr. Terry and his crew for volunteering to make 20 gallons of our own special Italian salad dressing. In addition, they grated more than 300 pounds of Stella Romano cheese for meatballs, pizza and garlic bread at the Festa.























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#### **FESTA VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We can't stress enough the importance of volunteers for Festa. We have many booths who are in need of volunteers, especially the food lines.

# PLEASE STEP UP AND VOLUNTEER!

Please call Diana at the office at 402.493.8888.



# **FESTA TICKETS**

Pre-sale Festa tickets will be mailed to all members very soon. Please try to sell as many presale tickets as possible. Additional tickets can be picked up at il Palazzo during office hours.

Tickets can also be purchased in advance at any metro area Hy-Vee Stores, Fantasy's and Rockbrook Camera. Advance tickets are \$5.50. Tickets at the gate are \$7.00. Children under 12 are free.

#### **ITALIAN MASS AT FESTA**

A traditional Catholic Mass will once again be celebrated at La Festa on Sunday September 2 at 10:15 a.m. This Mass is partly said and sung in Italian. Father Scott Hastings will be saying the Mass. Afterwards, coffee and Italian cookies will be served. Please plan on attending. It's a beautiful Mass. If you are volunteering, you will have plenty of time to get to your designated area.

**Singers & Musicians Needed:** Lucille Gibilisco is the choir coordinator and is in need of singers & musicians. Please contact her as soon as possible at 402.932.9826. Practice will be held at Assumption Church at 22nd & "U" August 7, 14, 21, and 28 from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

#### FESTA ENTERTAINMENT ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON

Daddy Mac & The Flank will be the main indoor entertainment at the Festa on Sunday, September 2 from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. & 5:00-7:00 p.m.



Led by saxist vocalist, multi-instrumentalist, Bucky McCann, the band has been playing around the Omaha area for over 15 year. Join us for a great afternoon of blues and rock'n'roll music, dancing and entertainment.

Check out their song list online at www.daddymacandtheflak.com.



### **FESTA BOCCE BALL**

**FRIDAY**- Celebrity bocce-TV/Radio/Newspaper/Sports personalities, local politicians and/or city reps. Competition begins at 7 p.m.

**SATURDAY-** Open competition. Bring a team of 2 to 4 players and go against another team for Festa bragging rights as best of Saturday night. Games start at 5 p.m. until dark.

**SUNDAY-** Three team challenge; Sons of Italy, Santa Lucia, and AIHS will compete in the round robin tournament starting at 5 p.m.

**Bocce captain is Tom Morinelli 402.312.5959** 





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# **Pasta Amore**

Lunch: Tues-Fri 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Dinner: Tues-Sat 4:30 p.m.-Close Closed Sunday & Monday

Rockbrook Village 108th & Center 402.391.2585

Come and enjoy lunch or dinner on our patio!!!



# **2018 LA FESTA ITALIANA BOOTH CAPTAINS**

Volunteers are an essential part of La Festa Italiana each year. We are still in need of volunteers for many of our booths. If you would like volunteer this year please call the booth captain listed below for the booth that you are interested in. If you would prefer to put your name on the most needed list please, call Diana at the office 402.493.8888 and she take your information and availability and find you a nice spot.

Information Booth	Ann Marie Falco-Marr 402.445.9022	Seafood Scampi	Salvatore Risicato 402.391.0778
Ticket Booth	Dennis McGuire 402.250.8543	Pizza	Larry Belfiore 402.393.7825 Sal Belfiore 402.630.7062
Money Room	Emma Leo-Mueller 402.953.8562	Sorbetto	Steve La Greca 402.558.5498
Outside Food Line	Fri- Gaye Capellupo 402.342.5783 Sat-Sun - Mary Kay Ford 402.238.3838	Sausage	Bob Peklo 402.980.0540
Inside Food Line	Fri & Sun 1st shift - Toni Bac 339.9886 Sat & Sun 2nd shift - Sam Troia 402.699.6995	Pictorial History	Lucille Gibilisco 402.932.9826 Diane Russo 402.345.8146
Fried Dough	Fri & Sun Micky Bolamperti 402.333.6815	T-shirts & Novelties	Sam & Lucy Marasco 402.891.1767
	Sat - Maria Filippelli 402.672.0346	Volunteer Dining	Sergia Muellner 402.672.1473
Paper Goods	Naina Schneckenberger 402.850.0218	Kitchen	Bob Rodino 402.650.3341
Bar-Stage	Wayne Moore 402.510.7056	Pastry	Rose Koch 402.991.0795
Bar-West Booths	Chris Pickett 417.299.4554	Deli	George Grillo 402.250.6047 Jimmy Caniglia 402.397.3186
Bar-Patio	Bob Eichelberg 402.290.6232	Children's Activities	Lisa Marescalco 402.210.5636
Bar-Inside	Ed Wortman 515.314.7056	Pickles	Mary Thompson 402.345.7605
Seafood Calamari	Dawn Bolamperti 402.880.3079	Food Demos	Larry Pence 402.740.4031



#### THURSDAY LUNCHES

Due to Festa prep, there will be no Thursday lunches at Palazzo until further notice. After Festa is over, we will revisit continuing Thursday lunch. We will keep everyone updated through the Newsletter, Facebook and Social Media.

# PRAYERS FOR OUR MEMBERS

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers our members who are ill, including George Scalise, Teri Carlino, Helen Rotella, Romana Olivotto, Ernie Mascarello and Rose Marie Longo-Chamberlain.

### **ITALIANS IN THE NEWS**

Congratulations to Italian professional golfer Francesco Molinari for winning the 2018 Open Championship in Scotland, his first major victory, and the first major won by an Italian professional golfer. Francesco is 35 years old, born in Turin, Italy.

# **FESTA TAILGATE PARTY**

Come for the Saturday Night HUSKER GAME and enjoy food and beverage specials whenever the HUSKERS score or get a turnover, or sack the quarterback. Enjoy viewing on our 2 Big Screens along with our Festa atmosphere. GO BIG RED!!!



#### AIHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chairman of the Board: Larry PenceBoard Members:President: Dr. Terry BolampertiJim LeonardoVice President: Wayne MooreTerry PirruccelloSecretary: Ed WortmanDawn AbboudTreasurer: Dennis McGuireMissy Orlando

# The Mission Statement of the American Italian Heritage Society

The fundamental purpose of the American Italian Heritage Society is to encourage, promote and preserve Italian culture and heritage with its activities centered upon Italian traditions, foods, language, culture, history, religion, folklore, customs, celebrations, music and family genealogy. Your president and board of directors are dedicated to this mission but we need your moral and financial support to be successful.

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