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The News

THE AMERICAN ITALIAN HERITAGE SOCIETY

A Nonprofit Corporation; Omaha, NE



Labor Day Weekend!

il Palazzo - 132nd & Fort St. Rain or Shine!
DANCE UNDER THE STARS

Friday, August 31

6:00 p.m. - 11 p.m., The 70s Band at 8:00 p.m.
Santa Lucia Marching Band & Local Entertainers

Saturday, September 1

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

Sunday, September 2

Noon - 11 p.m., Taxi Driver at 8:00 p.m.
Santa Lucia Marching Band & Local Entertainers

\$5.50 Advance - \$7.00 Door

Children under 12 are free with an adult

Festa tickets will be mailed to all members in July. Please sell to family, friends and co-workers. The success of the Festa is related to ticket sales.

Bellino Fireworks Friday & Sunday

More details to come in August Newsletter

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.

The News is a monthly publication of the American Italian Heritage Society, an independent, nonprofit organization, legally incorporated in Nebraska. The deadline for submissions is the second Wednesday of the month. Correspondence and articles can be sent to secretary@omahaitaly.com



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JULY MEETING SCHEDULE

Membership Meeting: Monday, July 9 at 7:30 p.m.

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

***Captain packets will be distributed at the meeting**

JUNE MEMBERSHIP MEETING SUMMARY

The meeting was called to order by President Dr Terry Bolamperti and was opened with the pledge of allegiance with veterans Terry Pirruccello and Vinny Romano as flag-bearers. The previous month's meeting minutes were read and approved. Our Treasurer was unable to attend so Dr Terry gave the Treasurer's Report including income, expenses and net profit for the Society and the Palazzo for the month of May.

Old Business was discussed including the meat curing group that is currently curing prosciutto. The Italian Language Class, "Lexioni di Italiano," presented by member Endri Dodali is now completed and was enjoyed by all those who participated in the class. Plans are underway to have another class in the fall. The second Sauce Cooking Class was held on June 2nd with 34 people attending. We once again thank chefs Rose Marie Longo-Chamberlain, George Grillo, Larry Pence and Terry Bolamperti for their presentations and preparation and for sharing their family recipes. Each sauce was delicious and distinctively different. Those in attendance requested that we have more cooking classes. The Members Summer Picnic was held on June 3rd and Chairman Wayne Moore was thanked for all his hard work in preparing the food, cooking sausage and hotdogs and setting up tables and tents. It was a great picnic and was enjoyed by all those attending. Lastly the Membership Drive was discussed and is about to come to a close.

New Business was discussed starting with the sausage fundraiser. Wayne Moore has agreed to Chair the event and he asked for volunteers and requested members to sell sausage. The fireworks stand for the Society will be run by Bellino Fireworks again and will be located just across the street (east) from the Palazzo on 132nd street. The Festa was discussed and organizational meetings are now regularly being held. The food prep has started with Rose Leo-Koch and Mary Kay Falco-Ford's crews busy making the Festa cannoli and biscotti. The other food preparations will be done in July.

Lastly, member Sam Troia announced that his daughter Gina was crowned the 2018 Santa Lucia Queen. Members applauded the news and Gina was congratulated for receiving this honor. The meeting was adjourned and a light meal was served after the Piece of the Pie winners, Tom Morinelli and Wayne Moore, were drawn.

All members are welcome to attend the next membership meeting July 9th, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. at the Palazzo.



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LA FESTA FOOD PREPARATION SCHEDULE

Volunteers are needed! Please call captains below if you can help:

Item	Date	Captain	Phone Number
Cheese Grating for Meatballs Dice and Sauté Onions Sauce Prep	Thurs. July 5	Terry Bolamperti	402.333.6815
Sauce Cooking	Sat. July 7 & Sun. July 8	Ted Bolamperti	402.572.7895
Salad Dressing Grate Cheese	Thurs. July 12	Terry Bolamperti	402.333.6815
Meatball Mixture	Thurs. July 19	Ted Bolamperti	402.572.7895
Meatball Roll & Bake	Sat. July 21	Bob Rodino	402.571.7751
Sausage Meat Cut	Thurs. July 26 & Fri. July 27	Wayne Moore	402.510.7056
Sausage Stuff, Link and Pkg	Sat. July 28	Wayne Moore	402.510.7056
Bracioles, Falso Magro	Fri. August 3	Rose Longo-Chamberlain	402.556.9071
Cracked Olives	Thurs. August 9	Larry Pence	402.740.4031

2018 FESTA ADVERTISING & SPONSORSHIPS

We are still looking for financial support for this year's Festa. Please help us spread the news of our advertising and sponsorship packages. This great family event can help companies promote their business to more than 15,000 people and demonstrate their community support and Omaha's Italian-American culture.

There are packages for any budget, which include prominent signage on Festa grounds, recognition inside the Festa Program and free tickets for customers or employees.

To learn about the packages, contact the AIHS office at 402-493-8888 or secretary@omahaitaly.com.



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MEMBERSHIP DRIVE - BENVENUTI!

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Membership Drive! We are happy to welcome our newest members of the American-Italian Heritage Society! We hope to get to know you and your family at our Society's events. New members are always welcomed. Please contact the office if you know someone who would like to join.

Pam and Ron Garofolo
Robert and Marian Carlson
Christine and Len Sagenbrecht
Sam and Anna Monico
Sam John Mazzuca, Sr.
Chris and Debbie Espinoza
John and Karen Jacobs
Bill Dudley and Lani Santos
Robert and Doris Palermo
Raydelle Meehan

Deb Santo
Endri Dadoli
Nancy Mangan
Lindsey Rookstool
Frances Gomez
Nic Peterson
Tyler Youde
Steve Gallucci
Darlene Burge

**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! Please make sure to include your home and cell phone numbers, home address and email. 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**



Photo curtesy of Brad Williams Photography

FINAL DAYS OF AIHS FIREWORKS SALE!

**NOW THRU JULY 4TH
132ND & FORT STREET
ACROSS FROM IL PALAZZO!**

Please support the American-Italian Heritage Society buy purchasing your 4th of July fireworks from the Bellino Fireworks stand located just east of il Palazzo. Proceeds go toward the Society. Please spread the news to your family, friends and co-workers.



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2018 FESTA PASTRY BAKING

Thank you and congratulations to Festa pastry booth captains Rose Leo-Koch and Mary Kay Falco-Ford and their wonderful group of volunteers for baking 5,000 biscotti, 4,800 cannoli and 1,500 anise cookies.



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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.

Our prayers and condolences go out to the families and friends of the following members who passed away this June: Joseph Gregory Sr., Vito Palmisano, Alfio "Fred" Cormaci, Jr., and Lee Pratt Burhman.

Joseph Gregory Sr. joined the Society in 1985. He was crucial to bringing back the St. Joseph's Day Celebration for the Society.

Vito Palmisano joined the AIHS in 1990. He was also a member of other local Italian clubs. You could always find Vito in festive clothing for any events associated with the Italians. We will miss seeing Vito and all his festive, colorful and unique clothing.

Alfio "Fred" Cormaci joined the Society in 1998 and has participated in many AIHS events.

All these members will be missed. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

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**CONGRATULATIONS!**

We commend the St. Lucia Festival for its record attendance this year. They had a great crowd and good weather.

Congratulations to Gina Troia for being crowned the 2018 Santa Lucia Queen. Her parents Sam and Marie Troia are members of the Society.





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AIHS MEMBERS SUMMER PICNIC

The Society held its annual Members Summer Picnic on Sunday, June 3rd on the Festa grounds at the Palazzo. Over 70 members, adults and children enjoyed a beautiful day with good food and drinks, fun activities and great camaraderie. The picnic was chaired by Wayne Moore who grilled fresh sausage and hotdogs. The Society also provided beer, pop and wine in addition to sausage buns and peppers. We want to thank Lou Rotella from Rotella's Italian Bakery for donating all the sausage and hotdog buns. Attending members brought a wide variety of side dishes for the pot luck, including a nice selection of side salads, entrees and desserts. The variety of foods brought was the best selection we've ever had at the picnic. Many thanks to our wonderful members who prepared and brought these delicious dishes to share. There were many fun activities including bocce ball, gunny sack races, and a bouncy house for the young children. Many had fun throwing and catching softballs. The children had the most fun throwing water balloons at each other and the adults, especially throwing at Wayne Moore as he was running the bases during the softball game.

We want to thank the picnic chairman Wayne Moore for all of his hard work in organizing and running this yearly event. Thanks also to the crew who helped Wayne including Traci Wheeler, Tom Morinelli and Lisa Marescalco-Keres. You all did a great job. Mille Grazie.

Submitted by Terry Bolamperti

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