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# *The News*

THE AMERICAN ITALIAN HERITAGE SOCIETY

A Nonprofit Corporation; Omaha, NE



**AUGUST 31**  
**SEPTEMBER 1-2**

**EVERYONE SHOULD BE ITALIAN**  
**AT LEAST ONCE A YEAR**



## **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](mailto:secretary@omahaitaly.com)



# BUONA FESTA



## DATES & TIMES

Friday Aug. 31 6pm - 11pm

Saturday Sept. 1 5pm - 11pm

Sunday Sept. 2 Noon - 11pm

## TICKET SALES

\$5.50 Advanced\* and \$7.00 at Gate

Children under 12 Free with an adult

\*Please sell as many as you can. Send in all Advanced Ticket sales by Sept. 13.

## PARKING & SHUTTLE

\$10 to park on site - limited spaces available

Free parking and shuttle from Kelley Park - 126th & Fort St.

## FOOD & DRINK

30 delicious, authentic Italian food items all prepared by AIHS volunteers at inside and outside food lines and booths. Imported Italian wine and beer available.



## ENTERTAINMENT

Santa Lucia Band - Friday and Sunday

Singer Anthony Anzaldo from Los Angeles  
Friday at 6:45 p.m.

Singer and guitarist Kim (Cortese) Eames  
Saturday 6:45 p.m.

Las Vegas entertainer Mike Gurciullo  
Sunday 6:30 p.m.

La Banda: Inside Friday and Saturday evening

Singing act Morello and Kathryn Bisanti  
Saturday at 6 p.m and Sunday at 3:30 p.m

Daddy Mac & The Flak will be the main indoor entertainment on Sunday from 1:00 - 7:00 p.m with short breaks during food demos.

Dance under the Stars starting at 8 p.m.

The 70's Band - Friday

The Persuaders - Saturday

Taxi Driver - Sunday





# BELLA FESTA

## HUSKER TAILGATE PARTY

Come for Saturday night's Husker game and enjoy food and beverage specials whenever the Huskers score, get a turnover or sack the quarterback! Enjoy the game on our 2 big screens.

## FIREWORKS DISPLAY

Celebrate the Festa with a bang on Friday and Sunday night with Bellino Fireworks. Saturday will be a bad weather backup date.

## CHILDREN ACTIVITIES

There will be plenty of fun for kids: face painting, Italian cutouts for fun photos, balloon sculptors, painting easels, and bounce houses for both children and toddlers.

## FOOD DEMOS

Learn how to cook authentic foods by the experts - Nonnos, Nonnas and professional chefs. Please see program for details.

## PICTORIAL HISTORY

Photos of the past, including World War II veterans, Society events, old wedding photos, school class photos and more.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are still in need of volunteers. Please call the office if you can help!



## 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 round robin tournament starting at 5 p.m.

## ITALIAN MASS

A traditional Catholic Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, September 3 at 10:15 a.m. This Mass is partly said and sung in Italian. Father Scott Hastings will be Celebrating the Mass.



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## 2018 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

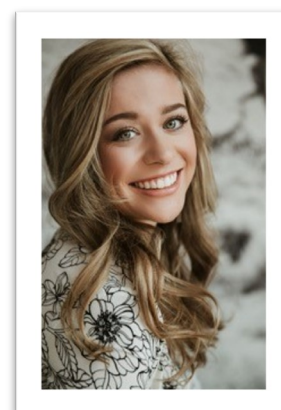
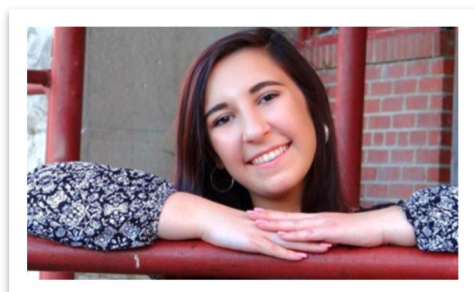
Three very promising students were awarded significant scholarship awards from the American Italian Heritage Society to farther their collegiate studies. They were selected by numerous involvements in various Society activities over several years, their exemplary academic performance, social and community services, an essay of the importance of Italian heritage, their future studies and why they were as good candidate for this award and the financial need for such.

The recipients are:

Jessica Mueller – daughter of Rick and Emma Mueller. Her future career is in media communication.

Laura Muellner – daughter of Donald and Sabrina Muellner. Her hope is to seek a degree in computer science.

Marissa Orlando – daughter of Scott and Melissa Orlando. Her hope is to achieve a major in pharmaceutical studies and maintain a Ph D.



The Society offers these scholarships to award individuals for the past services to the Society in hopes that they will continue to be involved with the mission of the Society in order to retain young individuals to perpetuate the Society.

## 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.

Say a special prayer for Subby Anzaldo who has recently been ill. Subby has helped with promoting and booking Festa entertainment for more than 35 years since the first Festa. Please tell Subby thank you if you see him at the Festa.



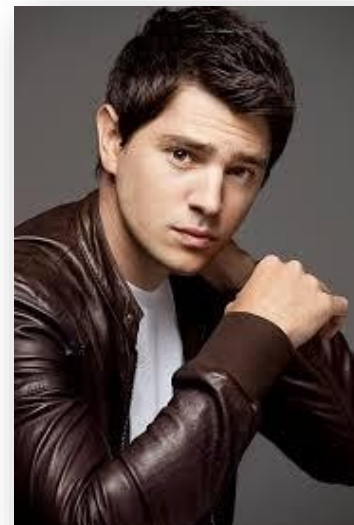
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## A STAR AMONG US

Nicholas D'Agosto, son of longtime members Alan and Deanna D'Agosto, is a rising star in Hollywood! After graduating from Creighton Prep High School in 1998, Nicholas moved to Milwaukee to attend Marquette University. In 2002, he graduated cum laude with a double major in History and Theatre. He later moved to Los Angeles to fully pursue his acting career. He has been in many movies and TV shows, including his most recent role in NBC's "Trial & Error" where he plays Josh Segal, a defense lawyer.

If you ask Nicholas he'd surely name "Trial & Error" as one of the major successes of his acting career. He said, "This is my first time ever being a part of something that felt like it has worked the whole way through. I've had very few projects in my career that I would say are 'charmed,' but this was a charmed experience from the beginning."

Watch the 2nd Season of "Trial & Error" Thursdays at 9 p.m. on NBC.



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## THE AMERICAN ITALIAN HERITAGE SOCIETY

**HAPPY 94TH BIRTHDAY, ELLIE!**

We want to wish a very Happy Birthday to our dear friend Elanore Loraine Morinelli. Ellie turns 94 years old on September 14<sup>th</sup>.

We hope she enjoys many more. When Ellie's father was 19, he left his home in Amorosi, Italy to come to the United States. Ellie's mother was born and raised in Bellevue. Ellie had one older sister and one younger brother. Ellie and her husband, Frank, met at her Grandma Barney's boarding house. Frank was staying there while he was on his first furlough from the Army. The two got married in 1944 in a double wedding with Ellie's sister, Betty, and Frank's brother. "Brothers married sisters," Ellie laughed. Frank and Ellie had five children - one girl and four boys. Sadly, they lost two of their children in their 40's due to heart conditions. Ellie has been blessed with six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren that she adores.



Frank and Ellie joined the Society in 1983. Ellie was one of the original Festa baking ladies. During Festa, you could find Ellie at the deli booth and Frank helping wherever he was needed. To this day, Ellie continues to volunteer at Society events. Although she has slowed down, she does spend the winter in Scottsdale, Arizona. For the past few years, Ellie has been spending Monday nights at the Ozone dancing to Michael Gurciullo and his band.

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**Diane  
Battiato**  
ASSESSOR/REGISTER OF DEEDS

**VOTE - November 6th - VOTE**

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and on Facebook

**Diane Battiato for Assessor/Register of Deeds**

Paid for by the Committee to Elect Diane Battiato

Ellie said how blessed she and Frank were, prior to his death in 1989, to be part of this organization of Italian heritage. They made so many new friends that became lifetime friends. She thanks the Lord for each day she is given and said she feels lucky to have seen the Society build il Palazzo. Ellie says it's a beautiful building with beautiful people!



**Congrats on the  
34th Annual  
La Festa Italiana  
from the Longo  
and Bellinghiere  
families!**





## THE AMERICAN ITALIAN HERITAGE SOCIETY

**AUGUST MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by President Terry Bolamperti and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance with veterans Jim Caniglia and Lou Buda as flag bearers. The previous month's meeting minutes were read and approved. Treasurer Denny McGuire was out of town so President Terry Bolamperti gave the Treasurers Report stating balances of all accounts and giving a brief summary of monthly income and expenditures. After discussion, the report was approved by members vote.

Welcomed were new members and those who haven't attended a meeting in a while. Gina Marus was welcomed. She has been a Society member since the early 1980's and she and her late husband Orfeo, have done a lot of volunteering for the Society over the years. Gina has helped with food experiences and other food preparations and she is mostly known for the delicious rabbit (coniglio) recipe that she and Lucia Bucchiere cooked for the AIHS game feeds for over 25 years. She was born in Friuli region in northeastern Italy. Her late husband Orfeo was a tile and terrazzo craftsman for years in Omaha. Also welcomed was Frank Insolera Jr. His family immigrated to Omaha from Carlentini Sicily. His father worked the fruit and vegetable stand at the Festa for years. His grandfather worked as a tailor located next to the Golden Goose restaurant on 13th and Williams Street. Next welcomed was Tony Tringalli, a new member, who originally grew up in Detroit Michigan. He came here for work and he loves Omaha. His family emigrated from Palermo Sicily. We welcome these fine new members.

Old business was discussed including the final two Festa food preps. Larry Pence and his crew were thanked for their efforts in preparing the cracked Sicilian olives. The farso magro or brociole was prepared for the Festa by Rose Marie ( Longo ) Chamberlain and her crew. They were thanked and now all food prep for the Festa is complete. Also it was announced that letters have been sent from the Society to Mayor Stothert and all Omaha City Council members requesting to keep fireworks sales to a ten day duration instead of changing to five days. Our profits would be much diminished if this time to sell fireworks is cut in half.

New business discussed was totally consumed with the Festa. Food items served and entertainment was talked about in detail. All members were asked to sell as many tickets as possible and as usual we are still in need of many volunteers for the Festa. Fireworks by Bellino will go off both on Friday and Sunday. We are planning to have a very successful Festa.

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and the meeting was adjourned. The Piece of the Pie winners drawn were Cookie Ladwig and Larry Pence. A light meal of pasta and red sauce was prepared and served by Wayne Moore and was enjoyed by all. **All are welcome to the next membership meeting which will be held on Monday September 10th.**

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