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# *The News*

THE AMERICAN ITALIAN HERITAGE SOCIETY

A Nonprofit Corporation; Omaha, NE

## **Finest Spaghetti, Meatballs & Sausage Dinner in Omaha**

**Sunday, November 4 from 12:00 to 6:00 p.m.**

Tickets: Adults \$9 - Children \$4.50

Please sell tickets to family and friends

Meal includes Italian salad, bread & butter

**\*\*Members please bring desserts or pastries for our Bake Sale\*\***

Take-outs available. We prefer you bring your own containers.



### **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).



## THE AMERICAN ITALIAN HERITAGE SOCIETY

**UPCOMING EVENTS****Spaghetti Dinner**

Sunday, November 4 - 12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

There will be no Thursday lunches for the foreseeable future. We thank everyone who supported our lunch fundraising and camaraderie.

Event Coordinator Azalia is no longer with us. Dallas Beams will be our event coordinator for weddings and events at il Palazzo. AIHS Secretary Diana Cotten can also answer questions about hosting an event.

**OCTOBER MEETING SCHEDULE**

**Member Meeting: Monday, October 8 at 7:30 p.m.**

**Board Meeting: Monday, October 29**

**SEPTEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES**

The General Membership Meeting held on Monday, September 10 was called to order by President, Terry Bolamperti. There were about 30 members in attendance. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance with veterans Lou Buda and Doug Webster as flag bearers. The minutes of last month's meeting were read and approved. Denny McGuire gave his Treasurer's report which was approved by membership.

Business discussed was the upcoming Spaghetti Dinner which will be held at Palazzo on November 4, 2018. We are in need of a Chair for this dinner. Call Diana if you can Chair this event. Please sell tickets and support the dinner. The Society is also considering a Language class and Cooking class in November. We are currently still searching for chairpersons or co chairs to run the Cooking and Language classes. Please call the office if interested.

Board Elections are coming up in November and we are now looking for members to step forward and run for the Board. We discussed the revision of our cookbook "A Taste of Italy". If you'd like to chair this committee please contact Terry Bolamperti. It was reported that Bellino Fireworks has given us a generous donation from the 4th of July Fireworks sale. Lucille Gibilisco asked that we consider getting more photos for the Pictorial History of Vietnam Veterans and vintage pictures of Italian families. If you would like to share these with us please contact Lucille or Diana at the office.

Lastly, the Festa was discussed at length. Dr. Terry thanked everyone once again for all the time they volunteered throughout Labor Day weekend. We had just over 400 volunteers for 3 days of Festa. Steve Bode took many pictures and a video of the Festa. We showed the video at the close of the meeting and it was enjoyed by all. We had great crowds again, especially Sunday. We don't have booth totals yet for Festa, however we should have them by the October membership meeting.

The meeting was adjourned and Piece of the Pie winners were drawn. Thanks to Wayne Moore and his crew for serving an excellent meal of Festa Pizza and salad. Hope to see you all at the next membership meeting. Submitted by Terry Bolamperti



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**URGENT: FESTA TICKETS & MEMBERSHIP DUES**

Please send in all money for Festa tickets and your AIHS Membership Renewal dues. Please submit payment to the office or mail to **5110 N 132nd St, Omaha, NE 68164**

**Checks can be made out to AIHS.** If you would like to pay with a credit or debit card, please call Diana at 402-493-8888 x1.

**If you have not submitted either of these items, you will be contacted by the AIHS office.**

**NEW MEMBERS JOIN AT LA FESTA!**

We extend a warm welcome to our 28 new members who joined our Society at this year's Festa. We hope to see you at our events and encourage you to attend our membership meeting and volunteer when you can. Please help us preserve and spread the Italian culture in Omaha by bringing your family and friends to events as well.

Thank you to Ann Falco-Marr and Mick John who signed up our new members and welcomed all Festa guests at the Information Booth.

**INDOOR BOCCE LEAGUE**

Indoor bocce is scheduled to begin in January 2019. League play will be on Wednesday nights from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. If you played on a team in past seasons, we are looking forward to seeing you again. New teams or individuals are always welcome.

The season will run approximately 12 weeks with some open dates due to scheduling accommodations. All matches will be played at AIHS il Palazzo.

Please let Tom Morinelli know if you or your team is planning to play this season. Call 402-312-5959 or email [tmorinelli@hotmail.com](mailto:tmorinelli@hotmail.com).

Let the Good Times Roll.



Tom Morinelli playing bocce with his grandsons at Festa.



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**34th La Festa Italiana**

**Huge Crowds - Great Fun - Authentic Italian Foods - Fine Wines and Beers -  
Delicious Desserts - Reminiscent Photos - Warm Camaraderie**

These words describe the Festa Italiana this year. The Festa Committee organized and planned a well-run Festa at the Palazzo. Operations ran smoothly and efficiently by Festa Chairmen Larry Pence and Terry Bolamperti. It was a great Festa with enthusiastic volunteers and huge, fun-loving, hungry crowds.

The AIHS would like to thank all those who took part in the Festa in any way. This includes all who helped in planning, food preparation, in moving equipment and supplies, in loading and unloading vehicles before the Festa, setting up the booths, setting up decorations, putting up signs and banners, setting up the kitchen equipment and for all the many volunteers at the Festa. Thanks also goes out to those who showed up on Monday for the Festa tear down when all of the enthusiasm and energy was nearly all gone. We were very short handed on Monday and thanks to all especially to those who stayed to help late into the night on Monday.

The 34th Festa Italiana was a huge success, with great food, fun and entertainment. It was an expression of Italian heritage. It was a taste of Italy. A big Mille Grazie. A thousand thanks goes out to all who helped or took part in any way.

**A more detailed Festa report will be posted in the November newsletter.**







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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 and Ernie Mascarello.

## RECIPE TO TRY THIS MONTH

There are a lot of great soup recipes in our Society's cookbook. This one is perfect for October - Pumpkin Soup 'Zuppa di Zucca'

1 cup of water  
3 cups of pumpkin,  
diced  
1 T sugar  
2 T butter  
3 cups of milk  
Salt to taste

Mix water, pumpkin, sugar and butter, cook slowly until very tender, adding more water if necessary. Remove from heat and press through a sieve or use a processor. Bring milk to boiling point and add pumpkin. Blend and add a pinch of salt. Reheat and serve with croutons. To fully get into the spirit of Halloween, add a swirl of cream in the shape of a spider web before serving.



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### NATIONAL ITALIAN HERITAGE MONTH

With October being Italian Heritage Month, we want to recognize our members who continue to carry out Italian traditions and share their traditions with generations to follow.

Dr. & Mrs. Ted and Jeaniene Bolamperti have been making wine for decades. Ted started making wine with his father-in-law. The picture on the left is Ted in 1972. In late September they received their cabernet grapes from California. About 300 bottles of wine will be ready by Spring.



### KNOW YOUR HERITAGE

Ever wonder which region of Italy your name came from or where relatives might be?

1. Go online to [www.gens.info/italia](http://www.gens.info/italia)
2. Click on the orange Cerca button on the map.
3. Enter your last name in the box labelled "cerca un cognomen" and click "trova" (find).

You will get a map of Italy with your name distribution! You can click on a region and zoom in. Submitted by Terry Pirruccello, AIHS Board Member.

### AIHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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