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The News

THE AMERICAN ITALIAN HERITAGE SOCIETY

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American Italian Heritage Society

The American Italian Heritage Society encourages, promotes and preserves Italian culture and heritage with activities centered upon Italian traditions, foods, language, religious fests, history, folklore, customs, celebrations, music, dance and family genealogy.

Membership Benefits

- Monthly Membership Meetings
Camaraderie with members discussing Italian interests. Guest speakers on such topics as history, culture, foods, travel, oral histories and genealogy.
- Sausage Sales
AIHS makes Italian Sausage three times a year as a fundraiser for the Society.
- Scholarships
Two generous College scholarships given out yearly to active members active children.
- Complimentary Events
The Summer Family Picnic and The Epiphany Celebration offer complimentary dinner and entertainment.
- Educational Classes and Membership Events throughout the year.
- Newsletter
Monthly Newsletter in color, the pipeline for information and communication of Society events and interesting articles on Italian heritage.
- La Festa Italiana
A Celebration of Italian Heritage for the Omaha community for over 36 years.

Please Join AIHS today! Call our office at 402.493.8888x1 or email to secretary@omahaitaly.com for an application. Our website is www.omahaitaly.com

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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UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Wine Tasting Experience
Saturday, May 4 at 6:30 p.m.

Annual Members' Picnic
Saturday, June 2, 1pm to 5pm

Santa-Lucia Festival 2019
June 6,7,8,9

Summer Sausage Fundraiser
Saturday, June 22

**Membership Drive
Enroll a New Member!**

The American Italian Heritage Society is having a Membership Drive from now until June 15th. The Membership Committee has a goal of increasing the membership by at least 25%. Encourage family members and friends to participate and become part of our organization. We are asking that all members recruit one new member (single or family) to join the Society. If all our members do this, our membership will double. Let's hope that happens.

Membership applications will now have a section designated to include "sponsor" which can be found at the bottom of the application. Contact Diana at 402-493-8888 x1 to request an application to be sent to you by either mail or email. If you enroll a new member, put your name on their application as the sponsor.

Member Renewals

Member renewal letters will go out soon. Please remember to send in your dues as soon as possible and recruit a new member to keep our Society going strong.

APRIL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

The membership meeting was held on April 8, 2019 and called to order by President Dr. Terry Bolamperti with 33 members in attendance. It was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance with veterans Lou Buda and Tom Clark as flag bearers. There was a moment of prayer for ill members and an update on the status and recovery of Dr. Ted Bolamperti as many members have asked how he was coming along since his hospitalization in January. New members at the meeting welcomed were brothers Tom Clark and Terry Clark. Both Tom and Terry have volunteered for many events in the last several years, most recently with food prep and event help for the St Joseph Day Celebration and the Spaghetti Dinner. Both have also helped immensely at the Festa. Tom and Terry were introduced to the Society by their good life-long friend, Jim Mazzei. Many thanks to Jim Mazzei. The March meeting minutes were read and approved. The Treasury Report was given and approved.

Old Business was discussed including The St Joseph Day Celebration and thanks were given to Co-Chairs Joe Gregory and Diane Wortman and to Fr. Carl Salanitro for his talk. Fr. Carl's meaningful prayer, "St Joseph Prayer for Parents" was then read by Dr. Terry to all in attendance. The Spaghetti Dinner was discussed during which we served over 700 dinners. There were many compliments on the food and the bake sale pastries. Dr. Terry thanked all the volunteers that helped in any way to make these two Society events successful.

New Business was discussed including the upcoming Sausage Fundraiser chaired by Wayne Moore. Much help is needed for this event and all were asked to sell more sausage, peppers and cracked olives. The Wine Tasting Experience will be held on June 4th and chaired by Tom

Morinelli. The menu was described, and members were invited to attend.

A Membership drive to recruit new members will take place until June. All members will be asked to recruit one new member to join the Society. Revision of "A Taste of Italy" chaired by George Grillo was discussed. The Members Summer Picnic will be held on June 2 in the Festa grounds.

Lastly the members of the AIHS are asked to walk in unison with the members of the Santa Lucia and the Sons of Italy in the celebration of Faith, Arch-Unité sponsored by the Archdiocese of Omaha. All parishes will also participate in this city-wide event. Further details will be in next month's Newsletter.

The Meeting was adjourned. The Piece of the Pie winners drawn were Frank Insolera and Bob Palermo. Members then enjoyed camaraderie and a dish of sausage and peppers prepared and by Wayne Moore Sam Troia and Tom Morinelli. Hope to see you all at the next meeting on May 13, 2019.

Submitted by Dr. Terry Bolamperti





WINE TASTING EXPERIENCE

il PALAZZO SATURDAY, MAY 4 AT 7 P.M.

We have a few seats still available

\$50/PERSON - RSVP BY APRIL 29

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Quaffing

Cheese, fruits, olives & bread paired with red and white Italian wines.

Soup & Salad

Fresh spring mix garden salad, grape tomatoes, dried cranberries and Italian Dressing. Navy bean and ham soup with vegetables paired with an Italian white wine.

Dinner

Beef Tenderloin Florentine with grilled asparagus and homemade Beef Ravioli Bolognese paired with an Italian red wine.

Dessert

Frangelico Sundae and homemade Biscotti paired



AIHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Chairman of the Board: Lisa Bolamperti-Garrett	Board Members:
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ANNUAL MEMBERS SUMMER PICNIC

**All AIHS members and their families
are invited to our annual Summer Picnic
Sunday, June 3-1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

Rain or shine -- Lunch will be served at 2:00 p.m.

Complimentary sausage and peppers, hotdogs, snacks, beer,
pop and wine will be served. Members are asked to bring side
dishes, appetizers, salads, chips or desserts.

We encourage kids of all ages to attend. Horseshoes and bocce balls will be
provided. Feel free to bring kid games, baseball bats, balls,
gloves, footballs or frisbees. **Chairs will not be provided.**

Please bring lawn chairs, light tables, coolers or blankets.

RSVP: 402-493-8888 x1 or secretary@omahaitaly.com

**A Gift out of Love**

You may have noticed some décor changes here at il Palazzo. Most notable the window dressings which were made possible by a sizeable gift of monies from Phyllis Olmo, wife of the late Dr. Raymond Olmo, who was married to Ray for over 40 years. Their sons Christian, Jeff and grandson Chandler are current members with the Society and have been involved with LaFesta Italiana for many years. In addition, they all are part of and enjoy our winter Bocce League.

Phyllis understood the love Ray had for the Society and his thirty some years of commitment to the mission of American Italian Heritage Society. Her generosity has enabled us to greatly improve the esthetics of the Grand Ballroom.

This gift was because of her love for Ray and his love for the Society. We thank her immensely for the gift of monies. We can't thank her enough for her kindness and following Rays dream promoting Italian heritage. This is truly a gift out of love.

Dr. Ted Bolamperti, Founder

THANKING ALL OF THOSE WHO CARED

By Dr. Ted Bolamperti

As many of you know, I have suffered a stroke on January 19th. I spent almost 6 weeks recovering in the hospital and I will continue rehabilitation for several more months as, I continue to improve.

My unshakable hope, in recovery, has been sustained by my faith in Christ, the many visitors, cards, prayers, messages and phone calls. The doctors, nurses, care givers, rehabilitation teams and other hospital staff has been superb in giving me great encouragement. They have exceeded their duties.

The impetus to this hope comes from my lovely wife Jeaniene, my children and their spouses and my 21 grandchildren as well as my 4 great grandchildren, my siblings and all my relatives. Wow! What a source of encouragement and strength. It's all about faith, family and friends.

I'm blessed to have all of you. I must show gratitude to those at American Italian Heritage Society who have taken on extra duties in my absence, Diana Cotten, Kim Neppl and Dr. Terry.

I plan to return to my duties and teaching at Creighton, American Italian Heritage Society, and my dental practice, which has been maintained by Dr. Terry, his daughter Dr. Talia and my son, Dr. Anthony, along with my wonderful staff. A great burden has been placed upon all who have extended themselves in helping me and my family. Gratitude and love to all of you. See you soon!

Isaiah 40:31 "but these who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint".



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BOCCE SEASON FINALS 2019

Indoor Bocce season ended April 10th with a tournament and a potluck dinner.

Seven teams with a total of 33 players competed on Wednesday nights from January thru April.

The League welcomed eight first time participants, this included Lou and Sue Buda, Joe and Shirley Evans, Ted Thomsen, Steve Heston, and Dan and Joe Gohr.

The Bocce league would like to congratulate **Team Vincini** for winning the league and tournament titles. Team members included Bruce and Sandy Acquazzino, Jane Shinn (not pictured) Jeff Welch, Jack McEachern and John Schmidt. (pictured)

The season was very competitive and enjoyable. New team members as well as established teams rolled well throughout the season.

The next American Italian Heritage Society Indoor Bocce Season is scheduled to begin in January 2020. Watch "The News" for updates. Any questions about Bocce can be directed to Tom Morinelli 402.312.5959 or tmorinelli@hotmail.com. Let the Good Times Roll!



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La Festa Italiana 2019 will be held once again at il Palazzo during Labor Day Weekend August 30th, 31st, September 1st.

The **Festa Captains Kick-off Meeting** is scheduled for Wednesday, **May 15th at 7:00 p.m.** Organizational meetings will be held periodically for the next few months. If you are interested in volunteering in any way, please contact the Festa Chairman Dr. Terry Bolamperti at 402-333-6815 or terry@bolamperti.com.

We really need volunteers for all our food preparation and baking. This is a good way to get to know Society members and learn how to bake our traditional Italian cookies. The schedule for Festa Food Prep will be in next months newsletter. Would love to see more members volunteering.

PRAYERS FOR OUR MEMBERS

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers our members who are ill, including George Scalise, Teri Carlino, Helen Rotella, Terri Wortman, Subby Anzaldo, Gary Ford, Jim Capellupo, Gary Wasinger, Ted Bolamperti, Romana Olivotto, Mick John, Joann Cozad, Doug Simpleman and Jim Leonardo. Please contact Diana at the office to add to this prayer list. 402.493.8888.

AIHS PARTICIPATING IN

Omaha Gives! Is a year-round online giving platform organized by the Omaha Community Foundation. Each year, there is a 24-hour online giving event to celebrate nonprofits. This year's giving day will take place on **Wednesday, May 22, 2019.**

- Go to OmahaGives.org/AIHS
- Make a donation of \$10 or more to AIHS on May 22!
- Spread the word! Tell your friends that you need their help.
- Share/Like the AIHS Posts about Omaha Gives! on Facebook.
- All donations are 100% tax deductible.

**TOM'S LIVE MARKET NOW HAS FARM FRESH POULTRY**

White Fryers, Young Roosters, and Old Hens

White Fryers - \$12.50 each – dressed 5# avg
Young Roosters - \$13.50 each – dressed 5 plus #
Old Hen (great for soups) - \$7.00 each

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SPRING 2019 SPAGHETTI REPORT

Our spring Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner was held on Sunday, March 31, 2019. It was a very successful event and over 700 dinners were served. We want to thank all the members who sold tickets and attended the dinner. In addition, we'd like to thank all the non-members, friends and neighbors who attended. All your support is truly appreciated.

The food was delicious and enjoyed by all who attended. We received many positive complements on the food by guests. We want to thank the volunteers who cooked the sauce. Thanks also goes out to the crews who made the meatballs, salad dressing and those who precooked the pasta. Thanks to Rose Leo-Koch, Mary Kay Ford and Cookie Ladwig and the Bake Sale crew, Missy Orlando, Emma Leo-Mueller, Ted Nestril, Mick John, Diana Cotten and Lisa Marescalco-Keres for running the front desk and specialty food sales. Also, we thank Wayne and Traci Moore who ran the bar and George Grillo and his crew who ran the Take-Out Serving area. Thanks also to the large crew who worked the serving line including Lisa Bolamperti-Garrett, Tony and Cherrie Tringali and daughters Melanie and Evelyn, Pat Peterson, Carmen Grosse, Toni Healy Joanne Risicato and Gino Crisafulli. Special thanks also go to Bob Rodino, Mike Bertino and Jim Caniglia for all their help in the kitchen cooking and preparing food for the dinner. Thanks to Terry Clark, Tom Clark and Micky Bolamperti who made salads throughout the dinner and Sal Risicato who greeted guests as they entered the dinner. A special thanks also goes out to all those who helped with set up, clearing tables, and those very few who stayed late with hall and kitchen cleanup.

At this dinner we also sold AIHS specialty foods which included spaghetti sauce, meatballs, salad dressing. Sincere thanks to all those that helped prepare and package all of these food products. We made a good profit on these items along with the profit made from the successful and busy Spaghetti Dinner.

It takes many, many volunteers to put on this event and we want to thank each and every one of you who helped in any way. The success of this spaghetti dinner is due to our wonderful, dedicated, hardworking volunteers. We can't thank you enough for all that you do for the Society. Many thanks once again to member Lou Rotella of Rotellas Italian Bakery for his generosity in donating the bread for the dinner. His continued support is sincerely appreciated.

Mille Grazie,

Submitted by President Terry Bolamperti

SAUSAGE SALE REPORT

We want to thank Wayne Moore for chairing the Sausage Fundraiser on April 13th. Everything went smoothly. It was a very successful sale. We again sold the spaghetti sauce, meat balls and salad dressings which many members were excited about. We want to thank all the members that came to help and especially our new members that joined us for the first time. We are always happy to meet the new members and this is a great way to meet everyone. If you have the time and are available during the day time hours, we need you!

We have some regular link and bulk sausage (no casing) available for purchase, (frozen). Please contact Diana at 402.493.8888 x1 or email her at secretary@omahaitaly.com. While supplies last.



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