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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 3 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.

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UPCOMING EVENTS**Spaghetti Dinner**

Sunday, November 3 - 12:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Call Diana at the office if you can volunteer.

October Membership Meeting

Monday, October 14 at 7:30 p.m.

Columbus Day

Monday, October 14

This day is to honor an Italian navigator who discovered the new World we know as America. Thank you Christopher Columbus for changing the World.

SEPTEMBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

The General Membership Meeting held on Monday, September 9, 2019, 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 Jim Mazzei and Tom Clark as flag bearers. Sharon Perron, a friend of RoseMary Mangiamelli, was welcomed as a new member at the meeting. Sharon's mother was a Salerno whose family emigrated from Carlentini and they ran a neighborhood grocery store. The minutes of last month's meeting were read and approved. The Treasurers report was given and approved.

Old Business was discussed which consisted of the Festa over Labor Day weekend. Terry Bolamperti reported that we had one of the most successful Festa ever and were blessed with perfect, comfortable weather all weekend. He thanked all Festa Captains and volunteers for all their hard work at the Festa. Details of the Festa were discussed later in the meeting.

New Business discussed was the upcoming Spaghetti Dinner which will be held at Palazzo on November 3, 2019. We are in need of a Chair for this dinner. Call Diana if you can Chair this event. Tickets will be mailed a couple weeks before the event. Please sell tickets and support the dinner fundraiser.

We are hoping to once again have language and cooking classes but we still have not had volunteers step forward to chair these events. The revised cookbooks completed by Toni Bac were sold at the Festa and are available for purchase for anyone interested. This cookbook is exactly like our previous cookbooks with slight changes in the format. We do have plans to make a new cookbook on our 40th anniversary which will include new recipes. This will be a work in progress over the next couple years.

Board Elections are coming up in November and we are now looking for members to step forward and run for the Board. Board members meet monthly and are responsible for discussing issues that are in the best interest for the Society and it's members. Elected Board members serve a three year term which begins at the December meeting. We would like to see some younger members step forward and consider these leadership positions. Please consider running or nominating another member to run for the Board. It was announced that nominations from the floor will be accepted at the next membership meeting in October.

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. Many other pictures were taken by Dawn Abboud and Tom Clark. We should have these up on the Festa Facebook page and on our website. We had great crowds again throughout the Festa. We don't have booth totals yet for Festa, however we should have them by the October membership meeting. We are very grateful for the successful Festa this year.

The meeting was adjourned and Piece of the Pie winners drawn were Terry Clark and Wayne Moore. Thanks to Wayne Moore, Tom Morinelli and Tom and Terry Clark for serving an excellent meal of Festa Pizza. Hope to see you all at the next membership meeting.

Submitted by Terry Bolamperti



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35TH FESTA ITALIANA

**Record Crowds - Perfect Weather - Great Fun, Entertainment and Fireworks
Authentic Italian Foods - Imported Italian Wines and Beers
Delicious Desserts - Reminiscent Photos - Warm Camaraderie**

These words describe the Festa Italiana this year. We had perfectly comfortable weather all three days with no rain during Festa hours. We were blessed. The Festa Committee once again organized and planned a well run Festa at the Palazzo. It was a great Festa with enthusiastic volunteers and huge crowds in a very festive mood.

We would like to thank all those who took part in the Festa in any way. This includes all those who helped in planning, food preparation, moving equipment and supplies, loading and unloading vehicles before the Festa, setting up and building the booths, decorating, putting up signs and banners, setting up the kitchen equipment and for all the many volunteers at the Festa. Special thanks goes out to those who showed up on Monday, Labor Day, for the Festa tear down when the enthusiasm and energy was nearly all gone. This was one of the biggest and most helpful Monday crews we've ever had. This resulted in getting done at a much earlier time.

The 35th 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 thousand thanks goes out to all who helped or took part in any way. Mille Grazie a tutti.

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

Submitted by Festa Chairman 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.

FESTA FOOD SALES

We have several food items left over from the Festa. If you are interested in buying some, call Diana at the office 402-493-8888 x1.



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God's Blessings,

Fr. Steven Boes
President and National Executive Director.

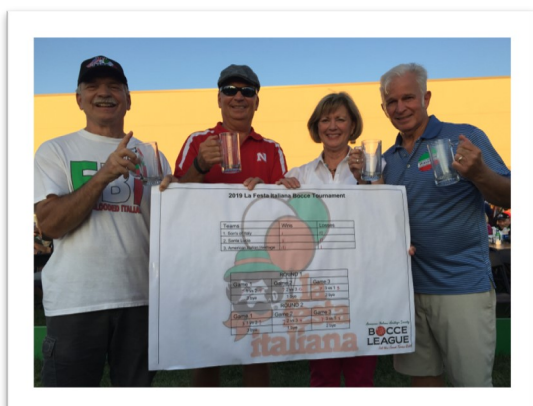


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FESTA BOCCE BALL WINNERS

The winning Festa Bocce team of the three team challenge was the American Italian Heritage Society. Team members are Jeff and Tom Morinelli and Sandy and Bruce Acquazzino. Other teams in the challenge were Son's of Italy and Santa Lucia.

Members of the Celebrity Bocce Challenge include Omaha City Council Member Aimee Melton, Omaha Parks and Recreation Director Brook Bench, Nebraska Congressman Don Bacon and Chair of the Douglas County Republican Party and former Nebraska State Senator of Dist. 6 Theresa Thibodeau.



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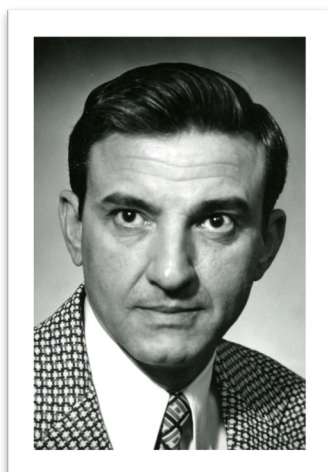


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PRAYERS FOR OUR MEMBERS

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers our members who are ill, including George Scalise, Teri Carlino, Helen Rotella, Gary Ford, Jim Capellupo, Ted Bolamperti, Romana Olivotto, Kim Neppl, Dick Wieler, Fred Pisasale, Marie Shafer, Lou Marcuzzo, Erin Venditte, daughter-in-law of Pat Sr. and Jan Venditte, David Harris, son of charter member Madeline Harris and Diana John-Cotten. Please contact Diana at the office to add to this prayer list. 402.493.8888.

JESSE MILONE MEMORIAL



Long-time member Jesse Milone passed away on September 20, 2019 at the age of 91. Jesse and his dear wife Jeraldine have been members of the American Italian Heritage Society since shortly after our Society was founded. Jesse Milone and his family grew-up on 9th street in Little Italy. He became a pharmacist and in the 1960's he ran Hickory Drug Store on 10th and Hickory Street. His dear brother, the late Bishop Anthony Milone celebrated many Festa masses for the Society throughout the years.

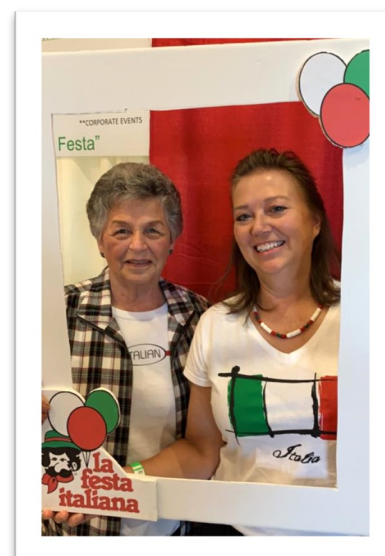
In the late 1980's Jesse worked for Kohl's Pharmacy and for over 25 years he sold Festa tickets at all locations in Omaha. He would distribute the Festa posters, flyers and tickets to all 7 branches of Kohl's Pharmacy. He helped promote the Festa for years and contributed to make it the success that it is today. We thank him and are grateful for all his time and efforts in giving service and support to the Society.

The Society wishes to express our sincere sympathy and sorrow and ask all to keep his wife Jeraldine and his family in their thoughts and prayers.

FESTA MEMBERSHIP TABLE

We want to welcome the 10 new members who joined the Society at the Festa this year. We look forward to getting to know you better at our monthly membership meetings and Society events!

Earlier this year, AnnMarie Falco Marr respectfully stepped down as Membership Captain. For many years she helped members get signed up, along with the help from her husband, Riley, and Mick John. We want to thank them for their years of service. AnnMarie kindly appointed Mitzi Mangiameli to fill her shoes. Her helpers were Jodi, her Mother, Rosemary Johnson, and Judy Franks. We thank Mitzi for agreeing to be the captain of the Festa Membership Table.





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