

SEPTEMBER 2 - 4, 2022



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DANCE UNDER THE STARS 8PM NIGHTLY

Friday, September 2

6:00pm-11pm, The 70's Band at 8pm
Santa Lucia Marching Band, Local Entertainers

Saturday, September 3

5:00pm-11pm, Eckophonic at 8pm
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Sunday, September 4

Noon-11pm, Taxi Driver at 8pm
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PIZZA

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Italian Sausage

SEAFOOD

Shrimp Scampi, Calamari

FULL SERVICE BAR

Imported Wines, Beer, Cocktails

DELI

Cracked Sicilian Olives,
Stuffed Peppers, Falso Magro
Fried Ravioli with Marinara +more

FRESH ITALIAN FRIED DOUGH

ITALIAN ICE CREAM

Sorbetto
Gelati

PASTICCERIA (PASTRIES)

Cannoli
Ricotta Cannoli
Biscotti
Anise Bars
Pizzelle

ITALIAN COOKING DEMONSTRATIONS

ENTERTAINMENT

Las Vegas Entertainers
Santa Lucia Marching Band
Dance Bands

CHILDRENS ACTIVITIES

Balloon sculptures,
Face Painting +more

BOCCE BALL

NOVELTIES & T-SHIRTS

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SUNDAY ITALIAN MASS

Mass Celebrant:
Fr. Scott Hastings
10:15am

Food items ranging from \$1.00 to \$7.50



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THE AMERICAN ITALIAN HERITAGE SOCIETY

UPCOMING EVENTS**August Membership Meeting**

Monday, August 8th at 7:30 p.m. at il Palazzo

La Festa Italiana

September 2, 3 and 4th

July 2022 Membership Meeting Report

The Membership Meeting was held on Monday, July 11, 2022 and called to order by President Dr. Terry Bolamperti with 24 members in attendance. It was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance with Vietnam War veterans Larry Belfiore and Lou Buda as flag bearers. There was a moment of prayer for ill members and for all deceased members of the Society.

The minutes of the June meeting were read and approved by members in attendance. The **Treasurer's Report** was given by President Terry Bolamperti which was also approved by those members in attendance. Old business was discussed. Members were reminded to send in their membership dues as soon as possible. Dues are delinquent after June 1st. A report was given on the successful **Sausage Fundraiser** held on June 25th, in which sausage, peppers, meatballs, cracked Sicilian olives, and Italian salad dressing were sold, all of which was made by Society volunteers. Thanks to all that helped in any way. This was the last Society fundraiser until the Festa.

New business started with a detailed discussion of the FESTA ITALIANA. The organizational committee has been busy planning this year's Festa. Entertainment is nearly finalized, and most Festa Booth Captains are set. We still have several booths that still need captains. Plans are to do all the food preparation in July and August. The schedule for the individual preps was in the July Newsletter with Chairmen and contact numbers. Volunteers will be needed for all food preps and members were encouraged to call the captains if they could help. As of the July meeting the pasta sauce and the cheese grating has been completed. Special thanks to Bob Rodino and his crew for making the sauce and to Larry Pence and his crew for grating the cheese. It was announced that the Festa Captains' Meeting will be held on Wednesday August 3rd at 7:00 pm, at which time the Captains packets will be distributed.

Members were encouraged to attend the 98th annual Santa Lucia Festival which will be held on July 21-24 on 10th and Williams St in front of St Frances Cabrini Church. The Sister-City Project is also involved this year. Attending the Festival this year is the Mayor (Sindaco) of Carlentini, Giuseppe Stefio, his wife and press secretary and Eleanora Formica who is the Carlentini representative for the Project. Please support the Santa Lucia Festival. Many of our Society members are also members of the Santa Lucia. The meeting was adjourned, and the Piece of the Pie winners drawn were Lou Buda and Terry Bolamperti. After the meeting members enjoyed camaraderie and pizza cooked by Larry Belfiore. We welcome all to the next Membership Meeting which will be held on Monday August 8, 2022.

Submitted by Dr. Terry Bolamperti

**FESTA Volunteers still needed! Please call Lisa@ the Office at
(402) 493-8888 x 1 to volunteer. We would really appreciate your help.
We work hard but have a lot of fun!**



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LA FESTA Booth Captains—Volunteers NEEDED**Volunteers are needed! Please call Captains below if you can help.**

Booth	Captain	Booth	Captain
Information Booth	Sam & Lucy Marasco 402-740-6449	Seafood Scampi	Salvator Risicato 402 391-0778
Ticket Booth & Volunteer check-in	Lisa Garrett 402 659-0990	Pizza	Larry Belifore 402 393-7825 Sal Belifore 402 630-7062
Money Room	Emma Leo-Mueller 402 953-8562	Sorbetto	Steve LaGreca 402 558-5498
Outside Food Line	Fri—Gaye Capellupo 402 342-5783 Sat/Sun OPEN *** Nikki Sandmeier 402-201-8604	Sausage	Joe Garrett 402-990-1560
Inside Food Line	Fri/Sun Toni Bac 402 339-9886 Sat/Sun OPEN ***	Pictorial History	Diane Russo 402 345-8146
Fried Dough	Fri/Sun Micky Bolamperti 402 333-6815 Sat/Maria Filippelli 402 672-0346	T-shirt's & Novelties	Mary Ann & Sally Sofio 402-491-0622
Paper Goods	Mary Kay Ford 402 –510-3002	Volunteer Dining	Sergia Muellener 402 672-1473
Bar-Stage	Wayne Moore 402 510-7056	Kitchen	Bob Rodino 402 650-3341
Bar-West Booths	April Belfiore 402-740-9324 Courtney Dice 402-505-0378	Pastry	Rose Koch 402 312-7127
Bar-Patio	Bob Eichelberg 402 290-6232	Deli	George Grillo 402 250-6047 Jimmy Caniglia 402 397-3186
Bar-Inside	John Portera 402 850-4483	Children's Activities	Contractor
Seafood Calamari	Dawn Bolamperti 402 880-3079	Pickles	Mary Thompson 402 345-7605
Set-up/Maintenance	Jimmy Mazzei 402 203-3530	Food Demos	Larry Pence 402-740-4031

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Volunteers:

Would love to see more members volunteer. If any members or members family have thought about running a booth, **NOW** is the time. Booth Captains and Volunteers are still needed. Please contact Terry Bolamperti or Lisa at the AIHS Office (402) 431-8888 X 1.

Volunteers make the Falso Magro for FESTA.



Falso Magro is just one of the many food offerings at **la festa italiana**. So, bring your friends and family to this Omaha Family wonderful event.

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Festa Volunteers Needed

The August Membership Meeting will be focused on the Festa and recruiting volunteers to help. If you are interested in helping, please come to August 8 at 7:30 pm at Il Palazzo for membership meeting. If you have church youth groups needing projects or **students needing service hours**, please consider signing them up to volunteer at this event. There is a week long of set up and also tear down. Many Scout troupes have assisted us in years in the past. Please contact the office if you have a group that can help.

Festa Tickets

Advanced Festa tickets were mailed out to all members. Please try to sell as many tickets as possible. Additional tickets can be picked up at Il Palazzo during office hours. Tickets can also be purchased in advance at any metro area Hy-Vee stores and Rockbrook Camera. Advance tickets are \$5.50. Tickets at the gate are \$7.00. Children 14 and under are free with paid adult.

Mass at Festa

A traditional Catholic Mass will be celebrated at la Festa on Sunday, September 4th at 10:15 a.m. Afterwards, coffee and Italian cookies will be served.

Bocce Ball

Bocce Ball court will be set up for open Bocce Play all weekend long! There will be Bocce Ball Tournaments on Friday and Sunday with open Bocce Ball on Saturday.



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FESTA ENTERTAINMENT

There will be dancing Under the Stars each night starting at 8 pm. In addition there will be entertainment indoors and outside. Including the Santa Lucia Band and other local entertainers. Food demo's will be held each day and sponsored by Pasta Amore.

PRAYERS FOR OUR MEMBERS

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers our members who are ill, including Ted Bolamperti, George Grillo, Cookie Mascarello-Ladwig, Teri Carlino, Geno Crisafulli, Lou Marcuzzo, Joe Daniels, Maria Leo, Margo Pirruccello, Kim Rodino and Dee Mascarello.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Thanks to the many members that have renewed their membership. There are still many who have not sent in their dues. **Please mail dues and form to the office at: 5110 N. 132nd Street Omaha NE 68164 or contact the office to renew over the phone at 402-493-8888 x1.**

AIHS COOKBOOKS FOR SALE

Our original cookbook "A Taste of Italy" is still available for sale for \$25.00, tax included. There are many great authentic, family recipes and Society specialties.

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The Mayor of Carlentini, Sicily Visits Omaha and Attends the Santa Lucia Festival

The 98th celebration of the Santa Lucia Festival was held in Omaha on July 21-24 in Little Italy on 10th and Williams Street in front of St Frances Cabrini Church. This religious celebration started 98 years ago in 1924 by immigrants from Carlentini Sicily. Most came to Omaha in the early 1900's to work for the busy Union Pacific Railroad. The celebration of Santa Lucia in Carlentini is in its 401st year. Saint Lucy has been venerated in thanks for the many miracles experienced in Carlentini over 400 years ago. The local Omaha immigrants from Carlentini continue this longstanding celebration of their heritage from their home town in Italy. What makes it so special this year is because the Mayor of Carlentini came to Omaha to visit and experience the religious celebration brought to Omaha from his home town. Mayor Giuseppe Stefio and his wife along with his press secretary and Eleanora Formica came with the assistance of the Sister City Project (Omaha-Carlentini) orchestrated by the local Sicula Foundation with the support of the major Italian organizations in Omaha, the Santa Lucia Festival Committee, the Omaha Chapter of the Sons of Italy and our American Italian Heritage Society. Sherry Kanger and the Sicula Foundation held fundraisers to make it possible to sponsor the visit of the Carlentini group to Omaha and hosted many activities here in Omaha. They offered tours around special to the group with a very busy itinerary. Most of this was done to progress with the Sister City Project. The Mayor of Carlentini met with Omaha's Mayor Stotherd several times. The highlight was when both mayors of the strongly connected cities addressed the crowd at the opening ceremony of the Santa Lucia Festival. They welcomed each other warmly. Mayor Stotherd will be returning the favor by visiting Carlentini, Sicily and Mayor Stefio in September next month. There will be many other cultural exchanges between the two cities soon. Mayor Stefio and his group were impressed by our city of Omaha and looks forward to welcoming our Mayor Stotherd and a large group from Omaha traveling to Carlentini. The group from Carlentini enjoyed their visit here but I think their warmest memories were meeting the people and the relatives of those who immigrated to Omaha from his hometown. They were at the Santa Lucia for all 4 days and attending the memorial mass at St Frances Cabrini for St Lucy and marching in the parade through the old neighborhood had to be a stirring memory as both cities have kept this tradition of Italian heritage alive for so many years and many so generations.



The Mayor of Carlentini Giuseppe Stefio and Alfio Gagliola and AIHS Members making Meatballs!



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**SOCIETY'S GENEROSITY REMEMBERED
for CARLENTINI EARTHQUAKE**

In 1992 there was a devastating earthquake in Carlentini Sicily. The AIHS had many members who immigrated to America from Carlentini and many had relatives still living in the destructed town of Carlentini. Member Alfio Gagliola contacted the Society's President at the time, Dr Ted Bolamperti, requesting that our Society have an event to raise funds for the Italian citizens of Carlentini. Our Society came to their aid by holding a spaghetti dinner at our home on 14th and Pine. It was successful as our members volunteered and supported the fundraiser. All of the money raised was sent to Carlentini to help the earthquake devastated town. Alfio Gagliola made sure it got to the proper channels in his home town.

Thirty years later at this years Santa Lucia festival, Dr Terry Bolamperti and his wife Micky, met the visiting mayor of Carlentini, Giuseppe Stefio and his wife Valeria LaRocca and guide Eleonora Formica. The AIHS was supportive of the Sister City (Omaha-Carlentini) Project who was instrumental in bringing Mayor Stefio to Omaha. Alfio was present and approached us and thanked our organization for all that we do as a Society for the Italians of Omaha. He then told Mayor Stefio (in Carlentini dialect) that we were the Italian organization that held a fundraiser thirty years ago for the earthquake devastated Carlentini and sent them the proceeds. Mayor Stefio instantly remembered the nearly \$4,000.00 donation our organization sent to the city in 1992. He was very excited, appreciative and grateful and could not thank our Society enough for our generosity. It was a heartwarming moment. Mayor Stefio immediately had a photo taken with Dr. Terry Bolamperti and himself with a hand shake of appreciation. Alfio translated for the Mayor stating that they were going to put an article on it in the Carlentini newspaper the next morning and also post it on the Carlentini Facebook page. It was so nice and gratifying that they remembered instantly when Alfio reminded them of our donation in 1992. They were genuinely appreciative. We thanked Alfio Gagliola for interpreting this story that our Society's generosity was remembered for over thirty years





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FESTA Pastries

Biscotti, Anise Bars, Cannoli, Ricotta Cannoli and Pizzelles will be available at the Festa. Below are some pictures of the Volunteers of the American Italian Heritage Society making Biscotti's.





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