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THE AMERICAN ITALIAN HERITAGE SOCIETY

A Nonprofit Corporation; Omaha, NE

Mostaccioli and Meatballs or Sausage Dinner

Sunday November 6th— Noon to 6 PM

Tickets: Adults \$11 and Children \$5.50

Meal includes Italian Salad, Bread & Butter



Tickets available at the door.

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

Take out is available.

Select apparel from FESTA will also be available to purchase.



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UPCOMING EVENTS**October Membership Meeting****Monday, October 10th, 7:30 p.m. at il Palazzo****September 2022 Membership Meeting Report**

The General Membership Meeting, held on September 12, 2022, was called to order by President Terry Bolamperti and was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance with veterans Lou Buda and Larry Belfiore as flag-bearers. Both were Vietnam War Veterans. There were 25 members in attendance. Members were asked to take a moment of silence to remember all of our members that are ill. We **welcomed** member Sonia Risicato who attended her first membership meeting. She works at Bank of the West. Her parents are Salvatore and Giovanna Risicato, both of which are from Vizzini, a town in Sicily close to Lentini and Carlentini. Sonia and her parents are longtime members and have been great volunteers for many Society events. They have ran the Scampi Booth at the Festa for years. Members welcomed Sonia warmly.

The **Treasurers Report** was given by President Terry Bolamperti, which was approved by members. He mentioned that wedding receptions and rentals of the Palazzo are much better presently and almost every weekend is booked now until December. **Old Business** discussed briefly was the Festa food prep done earlier in the month. All who helped in any way were very much appreciated. Then the **Festa Report** was given by Festa Chairman Terry Bolamperti. The Festa was a big success. We did nearly record business with numbers close to the pre-Covid record Festa in 2019. We were blessed with comfortable weather in the low 80's which was very enjoyable for the guests that attended the rain-free Festa weekend festivities. We received many compliments on the food and the entertainment. Dr. Terry thanked all the Captains and their volunteers that worked so hard all weekend to make the Festa a great success. Thanks goes out to the crew that set up all the Festa booths and prepared the Festa grounds. We are grateful to the Festa Organizational Committee for all their time and efforts in the weeks and months before and during the Festa. They accomplished so much in such a short period of time. Special thanks also goes out to those wonderful volunteers that helped with post Festa tear down and cleanup on Labor Day Monday. Dr. Terry expressed sincere gratitude to all members and volunteers that helped in any way. **New Business.** Next we have our fall **Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner** scheduled for November 6th. We will need volunteers to help. Members were asked to call the AIHS secretary, Lisa, if they are able to help. It was announced that **Board Elections** will be held at the November Membership meeting. Several members were mentioned as possible nominees as board members. Also mentioned was a Board formation of a Committee to young members for leadership positions. Members thought this was a good idea for the betterment of the future of the Society. The meeting was adjourned and the Piece of the Pie winners drawn were Terry Bolamperti and Mary Ann Sofio. After the meeting, members enjoyed camaraderie and Festa meatballs and sauce warmed up by Larry Belfiore and served with fresh Rotella's bread. We welcome all to the next Membership Meeting which will be held on Columbus Day, Monday, October 10, 2022. Hope to see you all there. Ciao.

Submitted by President Terry Bolamperti

Chairman of the Board: Toni Bac

President: Dr. Terry Bolamperti

Vice President: Jeff Ladwig

Treasurer: Joe Garrett

Secretary: Nikki Sandmeier





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La Festa Italiana 2022 38th Annual

Big Crowds - Comfortable Weather - Great Fun - Entertainment - Fireworks
Authentic Italian Foods - Imported Italian Wines and Beers
Tasty Desserts - Reminiscent Photos - Warm Camaraderie

These words describe the Festa Italiana once again this year. We had a very warm Friday but cooled off at night. We were blessed with no rain this year and with comfortable weather on Saturday and Sunday with high temperatures in the low 80's. This resulted in big crowds that attended this year's Festa. 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 were so happy to be able to celebrate another successful Festa this year.

We want to express our sincere thanks and gratitude to those who took part in the Festa in any way. This includes all those who helped in organizing and 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. We are especially grateful to the Festa Captains and their crews. Special thanks goes out to those who showed up on Monday, Labor Day, for the Festa clean-up and tear down when the enthusiasm and energy was nearly all gone. We had a great Monday crew that worked well into the evening. Thanks also to those few dedicated volunteers that showed up on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for the final details.

The 38th 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. We should all be very proud. Millie 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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A big thank you goes to the many AIHS Volunteers who worked very hard to make this year's FESTA 2022 a huge success. We work hard but have a lot of fun. Below are some pictures from this years La Festa Italiana 2022! We love our Volunteers!





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Festa Tickets

Advanced Festa tickets were mailed out to all members. Please make sure you return all your Ticket money to the AIHS Office promptly. You can also return your unsold tickets too. The AIHS Office is located at 5110 N. 132nd Street, Omaha, NE 68164. Or call Lisa at the AIHS Office and she will take your payment over the phone with a credit card.

Pasta Dinner Volunteers Needed

We need your assistance to make this dinner a success. Volunteers are needed during this dinner to serve food, sell bake goods and cookbooks, work the Membership Table, and collect money at the door. If you would like to Volunteer please email Lisa at secretary@omahaitaly.com or call the AIHS Office at (402) 493-8888 x1. Thank you.

Sausage Sale

The next Sausage Sale will be held on Saturday, December 10th at Il Palazzo. More information about this sale and the dates to make the sausage and meatballs will be available at a later date. Mark your Calendar. You won't want to miss this sale.



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Welcome New Members!

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new members. Thanks for joining the Society. We look forward to getting to know you. Please attend the next Membership Meeting and introduce yourself, held every 2nd Monday of the month at 7:30 PM. Welcome new members, Heather Hirko & Jonathan Jenkins, Kimberly Williams, Salvatore Romeo & Cora LeClair, Russell & KaSandra Baroni, Denette (Incontro) Heim, Dawn Marzorati, Rosanne Bosch, Maria Bertino & Madison Fischer, Julia Brecht Johnson, Amelia & Matt King, Lisa & Joe Hutchings and Vince Pretto.

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, Cecilia Bellinghiere, Dee Mascarello and Pat Peterson, Mary Jo Romano Petersen and Gary Wassinger.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Thanks to the many members that have renewed their membership. Please send in your dues ASAP. This may be your last newsletter, if you don't send in your 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. Thanks for your cooperation.**

ITALIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

October is Italian Heritage Month which coincides with Columbus Day on October 11th. Please support the Sons of Italy Columbus Day Banquet which will be held on Sunday, October 9, 2022.

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Toasted Ravioli

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Toni Capellupo Blazeovich

3 doz. Prepared Ravioli
1/2 C. Grated Romano Cheese
1 1/2 C. Italian Bread Crumbs
1/2—3/4 Garlic Salt
3 T. Fresh Parsley Finely Chopped

2 Eggs Beaten
2 T. Water
1 C. Oil
Prepared Spaghetti Sauce
or Marina Sauce

Beat eggs with water. Boil ravioli according to package directions or until done. Drain and separate on waxed paper. Mix together bread crumbs, cheese, garlic salt and parsley. Place in deep dish or shallow bowl. Dip prepared ravioli in egg wash, then dredge in bread crumb mixture. Place on clean waxed paper until ready to fry. Heat oil for deep frying (375 degrees). Gently lower coated ravioli into oil being careful not to crowd. Fry until golden and remove to absorbent paper. Serve with warmed spaghetti sauce on the side. Can be breaded earlier in the day. If so, place on waxed paper and set on a long pizza pan or cookie set. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate until ready to deep fry. A Taste of Italy Cookbooks are for sale at AIHS for \$25.



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The old-fashioned butcher shop has returned to Omaha! Family-owned Casanova's Butchery is open in Rockbrook Village, 108th & Center. Casanova's sells only Choice and Prime beef—nothing less. Plus fresh pork, poultry, awesome burgers, homemade sausages, and amazing charcuterie, all at reasonable prices. Skilled butchers custom cut and prepare your order right in front of you. It's the way butchery used to be! Shop choice meats and buy them just how you want at Casanova's Butchery, open every day.

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