



THE AMERICAN ITALIAN HERITAGE SOCIETY

A Nonprofit Corporation; Omaha, NE

## SAUSAGE SALE

### PICKUP

**Saturday Dec. 10th  
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Sausage \$32 / 5 pounds

Peppers \$14 / quart

Olives \$14 / quart

Spaghetti Sauce \$9 / quart

Frozen Meatballs \$22 / bag of 25

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email [secretary@omahaitaly.com](mailto:secretary@omahaitaly.com) or call  
402-493-8888 x1.

**Please include:** name, cell phone number,  
Regular or hot sausage and amount of the  
items you are ordering. Thank you!

### WE NEED YOUR HELP CUTTING MEAT!

Thursday, Dec. 8 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Saturday, Dec. 10th at 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
Call 402-493-8888 x1 if you can help.

### Mostaccioli and Meatball or Sausage Dinner —This Sunday

Sunday, November 6th — Noon to 6:00 PM

Tickets: Adults \$11 and Children \$5.50

Meal includes Mostaccioli, choice of a Meatball or Italian Sausage, Italian Salad, &  
Bread & Butter.



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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Pasta Dinner - Sunday, Nov. 6th, noon - 6pm

Membership Meeting Monday, Nov. 14th, 7:30pm  
Election of new board members

Sausage Sale Pickup  
Saturday Dec. 10th, 10:00am - 1pm

Italian Cookie Exchange at the December  
Membership Meeting

**Important Reminder:**

\* Please send in Festa ticket money and  
Membership Dues which were due in June.

**October 2022 Membership Meeting Report**

The General Membership Meeting was called to order on October 11, 2022 by President Terry Bolamperti and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance with veterans Lou Buda and Tom Clark as flag-bearers. There were 26 members in attendance. Members were welcomed and many Festa Captains were in attendance. The minutes of last month's meeting were read and approved by members. The Treasure's Report was given by Terry Bolamperti and approved by the membership. Old business discussed was the Festa Italiana. It was a record Festa for the amount of food sales and for revenue taken in. A detailed Festa report was given discussing booth revenues and all aspects of the event. As booth totals were reported, the Captain of each booth was individually thanked and applauded for a job well done. Festa chairman Terry Bolamperti once again thanked all volunteers that helped in any way making this record Festa a huge success. All members present at the meeting were very pleased and grateful to be a part of this successful event. Mille Grazie a tutti!

All were wished a happy Columbus Day. New business was discussed on this night of Columbus Day which including a short presentation by John Portera honoring Christopher Columbus on the holiday commemorating his Discovery of America. John reviewed the article he wrote that was published in the World Herald on Sunday. The month of October is Italian Heritage Month and all were asked to do things this month to enhance our Italian culture. Terry reported that the Sons of Italy held a very successful Columbus Day Banquet at their hall awarding scholarships to several very qualified students. Sherry Kanger gave a short report on the Sister City Project progress and the trip to Carlentini last month with a group from Omaha including Mayor Stothert. They were all welcomed warmly by the Italians from Carlentini. She announced that the Sicilia Italia Foundation will have a Gala Celebration on Friday December 9, 2022 at the downtown Doubletree Hotel. The AIHS fall Pasta and Meatball or Sausage Dinner will be held at the Palazzo on Sunday, November 6th and all were asked to sell tickets, attend and volunteer if possible to make it a success. Many signed up to help at the meeting. It was also announced that Society specialty food items will be sold at the Pasta Dinner including meatballs, sauce and salad dressing. We will also be selling Italian pastries and select Festa T-shirts and sweatshirts. It was also announced that Board elections will be held at next month's membership meeting. Nominees' bios will be in the November Newsletter.

The meeting was adjourned and the Piece of the Pie winner were Joe Garrett and Rose Leo Koch. Members were offered a selection of freshly picked tomatoes and peppers from Dr. Terry's garden to take home. After the meeting members enjoyed camaraderie along with a dish of crumbled sausage and peppers prepared and served by Larry Belfiore. Members were invited to come to the next Membership Meeting which will be held on Monday, November 14, 2022. Submitted by AIHS President Dr. Terry Bolamperti

**2022 AIHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Chairman of the Board:** Toni Bac  
**President:** Dr. Terry Bolamperti  
**Vice President:** Jeff Ladwig  
**Treasurer:** Joe Garrett  
**Secretary:** Nikki Sandmeier

**EPIPHANY CELEBRATION**

Mark your calendar for the AIHS Epiphany Celebration which will be held on Sunday, January 8, 2023 from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. The Epiphany is one of the best family events we hold. More information will be available in the December Newsletter.



## Mostaccioli & Meatballs or Sausage Dinner

Sunday November 6th

Noon to 6:00 pm

Tickets: Adults \$11

Children \$5.50

**Please invite family members, & friends for this dinner.** Meal includes Mostaccioli, choice of a Meatball or Italian Sausage, Italian Salad, & Bread & Butter.

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

## Special Election for Board of Directors

According to the Bylaws, Board Elections will be held at the **November 14th Membership Meeting**. Nominees are approved by the vote of the general membership. Members who are up-to-date on their membership dues will be given a ballot to approve/disapprove individual nominees. After voting, ballots will be counted and results will immediately be announced and reported to those in attendance. If any member is unable to attend, an absentee ballot must be returned to the AIHS office by the Friday, November 11th, in a sealed envelope marked **BALLOT** on the front with **both printed name(s) and signature(s) on the back for validation**. Absentee ballots will be validated by the Secretary and/or the Nominating Committee.

## April Belfiore

My name is April Belfiore and I have been attending La Festa since 1995 when my now husband Anthony Belfiore took me to my very first La Festa where we volunteered at the Pizza booth with my father in law Salvatore and cousin Larry Belfiore. My husband and I have been married for 22 years and have 3 beautiful and busy children. Anthony Jr, 19 attends Iowa Western Community College and is studying Automotive Technology, Aydan, 17 is a Senior at Papillion LaVista South High School and bowls for his high schools and Audrey, 12 is a 6th grade at Parkview Heights and also bowls and twirls baton competitively. My family always looks forward to La Festa every year and our children have join in the fun and volunteer too! In my spare time, you can always find me in a bowling alley where I am a bowling coach for 4-8th graders.

## Salvatore (Sal) Belfiore

My Name is Salvatore (Sal) Belfiore and I would like to be considered for an open AIHS board position. I'm a current member in good standing. I have volunteered on many occasions on various projects. I have worked the Pizza Booth at the Festa for many years and co-captained the last twelve. I'm 72 years old and live in Surprise, Arizona. I was born and raised in South Omaha and moved to Arizona in 2012. My education spanned from Lincoln School, Bancroft Jr. High, South High, and University of Nebraska Omaha. I served in the Army Reserves during the Vietnam conflict. I enlisted in 1969 and was Honorably discharged in 1976. I worked for the Union Pacific Railroad for 42 years and retiring in 2010. My positions in Finance were Manager, Analyst, Specialist, and Programmer. I am semi-retired and I'm the owner of SJB CONSULTING and I look forward working with the AIHS board members, if accepted.



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### Nick Bolamperti

My name is Nick Bolamperti and I graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln where I majored in Finance; I am currently enrolled at Loyola University Chicago School of Law. As a Bolamperti, and through my experiences volunteering, I am cognizant of how much time, effort, and passion is required to make AIHS operate successfully. I want to continue giving back to an organization that has given me so much throughout my lifetime, and it would be an honor to serve as treasurer. For me, I'd like it to be personal...and strictly business, I am a Finance major after all.

### Courtney Dice

Hello, my name is Courtney Dice and I would like to thank you for considering me to be part of the Italian American Heritage Society board. I have been working the Italian Festa for at least 21 years now. My Husband brought me on as part of the pizza booth the moment we started dating! Last year my cousin April Belfiore and I conquered as co-captains of the back bar, what a blast! About my family, I have been married to David Dice for 17.5 years now. Dave's mom, MaryAnn was a Belfiore before she got married. Her brother is Sal Belfiore and their/our cousin is Larry Belfiore. Dave and I have two boys, Louis (named after Dave's grandfather Louis Belfiore) is 15 and a sophomore at Papillion-La Vista High School and Hudson is soon to be 13, in 7th grade at Liberty Middle School (Lord help us with two teenage boys). We enjoy watching them in all their activities, baseball, tennis, football, concert band and jazz band. They keep us on our toes, and we would not have it any other way. About myself, I have been a cosmetologist for 22 years now and have my own salon, just myself. I am also a special education para in the Papillion-La Vista School district, I work grades K-6. I was a substitute for 7 years but took on the role full time last year and love being with those kiddos. Every other day I am at the salon and the other days I am at school; it is a great balance of two things I love to do very much. I have recently started creating designs for shirts also, my husband bought me a Cricut for Christmas a couple of years ago and I have taken to it like a fish to water and it gives me a great creative outlet. I love designing shirts for groups to match at outings or individuals to just support their kids at one of their own events.

I am very excited to be a part of the Italian American Heritage Society, as I am not 100% sure what my heritage is, I absolutely love that I get to take on my husbands' heritage and claim it as my own. I feel it is a good fit for me!

#### AIHS Absentee Ballot

For Board of Directors

Circle One

April Belfiore	approve	disapprove
Sal Belfiore	approve	disapprove
Nick Bolamperti	approve	disapprove
Courtney Dice	approve	disapprove

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### PRAYERS FOR OUR MEMBERS

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers our members who are ill, including Ted Bolamperti, George Grillo, Cookie Mascarello-Ladwig, Kim Rodino, Teri Carlino, Geno Crisafulli, Maria Leo, Gary Wassinger, Lou Marcuzzo, Dee Mascarello, Joe Daniels, Cecilia Bellinghiere, Pat Peterson, Mary Jo Romano Petersen, Margo Pirruccello and Ross A. Pesci.

### GRAZIE/THANK YOU

*The American Italian Heritage Society is a qualified 501(c) (3) non-profit corporation for Federal tax purposes. Please consider including American Italian Heritage Society in your estate planning.*

### FESTA TICKETS AND MEMBERSHIP DUES

Please promptly return Festa tickets/money and mail membership dues as soon as possible.

5110 N. 132nd Street Omaha NE 68164

Contact the Office to drop off Festa Ticket money or to renew over the phone.

### PLEASE CONSIDER ADVERTISING WITH US!

We are looking for additional businesses to advertise in our monthly newsletter. If you have a business or know of one that would like to advertise in our newsletter, we encourage you to call the office at 402-493-8888 or email secretary@omahaitaly.com.

### AIHS COOKBOOKS FOR SALE

Our original cookbook "A Taste of Italy" is still available for sale for \$25, tax included. There are many great authentic, family recipes and Society specialties.

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**Meatballs for Pasta Dinner**

We had a great crew rolling meatballs on Thursday, October 20 at il Palazzo. Everyone worked hard and then we enjoyed a nice lunch together. This great crew made over 4,000 meatballs for the upcoming pasta dinner on Sunday, November 6th. These meatballs turned out great so come out and enjoy some with us. Should be a great event. A special thanks goes to all our great volunteers who pitched in. We work hard but have a lot of fun. Mille Grazie!



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**Lentil Soup**

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**A Taste of Italy**

**Connie Romano**

- 1 lb. lentils
- 4 quarts Water
- 2 smoked ham hocks
- 2 c. chopped celery
- 1 c. chopped celery leaves
- 2 T. Mrs. Dash seasoning

- 1 garlic clove
- 1 c. tomatoes, seeds strained out
- 2 red potatoes, peeled & quartered
- 1/8 c. or less Italian seasoning mix
- 1 c. chopped onion



Wash ham hocks in running water. Place 2 quarts water into a Dutch Oven. Add ham hocks then remaining ingredients except lentils and potatoes. Simmer over medium to low heat for 2 hours. Wash lentils, removing any dirt or small rocks. Add potatoes and lentils to ham hock mixture. Cook approximately 2 more hours over medium to low heat. Serve as a soup or over noodles or dumplings.

**Volunteers needed for the Pasta Dinner and for the Sausage Sale. Call Lisa at the AIHS Office at (402) 493-8888 x 1 or email her at [secretary@omahaitaly.com](mailto:secretary@omahaitaly.com). Thank you!**



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