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# The News

THE AMERICAN ITALIAN HERITAGE SOCIETY

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## **FESTA is BACK for 2023** **Labor Day Weekend !!**

The Palazzo - 132nd & Fort St. Rain or Shine!

### **DANCE UNDER THE STARS**

#### **Friday, September 1st**

6:00 p.m. - 11 p.m., **The 70s Band** at 8:00 p.m.  
Santa Lucia Marching Band & Local Entertainers

#### **Saturday, September 2nd**

5:00 p.m. - 11 p.m., **Eckophonic The Band** at 8:00 p.m.  
Santa Lucia Marching Band & Local Entertainers

#### **Sunday, September 3rd**

Noon - 11 p.m., **Taxi Driver** at 8:00 p.m.  
Santa Lucia Marching Band & Local Entertainers

**\$5.50 Advance - \$7.00 Door**

**Children 14 and under are free with an adult**

Festa tickets will be mailed to all members in July. Please sell to family, friends and co-workers. The success of the Festa counts on ticket sales.



## **Bellino Fireworks** **Friday & Sunday**

*More details to come in August Newsletter*

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](mailto:secretary@omahaitaly.com).



## THE AMERICAN ITALIAN HERITAGE SOCIETY

**UPCOMING EVENTS****July Membership Meeting**

Monday, July 10th at 7:30 p.m. at The Palazzo

FESTA Food Prep—See Schedule

**Festa Captains Meeting:**

Wednesday, Aug 2nd, 7pm at The Palazzo

\*Captain Packets will be distributed at the meeting.

**June 2023 Membership Meeting Report**

The Membership Meeting was held on June 12, 2023 and called to order by President Dr. Terry Bolamperti with 28 members in attendance. It was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance with Vietnam War veterans Lou Buda and Joe Daniels as flag bearers. There was a moment of prayer for ill members and for members who have recently passed away. The May meeting minutes were read and approved. The Treasury Report was given and approved.

We had guest speakers at this meeting from the Greater Omaha Genealogy Society (GOGS). Dean Hayes, Ira Nathan and Larry Kramer were introduced and they said that they are reaching out to partner with other organizations like ours in regard to common interests like genealogy. They mentioned that they work with the Omaha Public Library which have massive amounts of genealogy information. Our Society, if we were joined theirs, would benefit with newsletter news exchanges, access to information sites and easier access to the Library files. It was an interesting discussion and there were many questions from members on genealogy. The Board will look into this and decide any cooperation with GOGS sometime after the Festa.

Old Business was discussed. All members were reminded to send in their dues as soon as possible. Membership payments were due June 1, 2023. The Members' Summer Picnic was held June 4th on the Festa grounds. We had a very nice crowd of 75 or more members attending, which included 20 children. We must announce that Mary Kay Ford is still the undefeated Picnic Horse Shoe Champion. Terry Bolamperti and Larry Belfiore promised to throw more horse shoes for practice for next year's horse shoe tournament. Tom Clark and Terry Clark and Larry Belfiore chaired this event and they and their crew planned a good time for all. Sausage and pepper sandwiches, hotdogs and beverages were provided by the Society and members brought side dishes to share. It was very rewarding having the members enjoy a relaxing time at the picnic in our Festa grounds.

New Business was discussed including the upcoming Sausage Fundraiser on June 24th. Much help is needed for this event and all were asked to sell more sausage and peppers. The Festa was discussed briefly and Dr Terry noted that we are still in need of Festa Captains for several booths. The Festa Food preparation schedule was discussed briefly and the schedule will be published in the July newsletter. We always need a lot of help to prepare the food for the Festa. Bellino Fireworks will once again do our Festa fireworks display. We are working on Festa entertainment currently. All Festa Captains from last year have been or will be contacted soon. Festa committee meetings are being held to organize the this years Festa. The Meeting was adjourned. The Piece of the Pie winners drawn were Toni Bac and Terry Bolamperti. Members then enjoyed camaraderie and dishes of sausage and peppers prepared by Larry Belfiore. Hope to see you all at the July 10th Membership Meeting. Ciao. Submitted by Dr. Terry Bolamperti

**2023 AIHS Board of Directors****Chairman of the Board:** Toni Bac**President:** Dr. Terry Bolamperti**Vice President:** Joe Garrett**Treasurer:** Jeff Ladwig**Secretary:** April Belfiore**Board Member:** Nick Bolamperti**Board Member:** Courtney Dice**Board Member:** Sal Belfiore

**We desperately need**  
**FESTA Booth Captains & Volunteers.**  
**Call Lisa at (402) 493-8888 x 1**  
**if you can help.**



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### 2023 AIHS MEMBER'S SUMMER PICNIC

The Members' Summer Picnic was held June 4th on the Festa grounds. The weather was beautiful at the start of the event, and we had a very nice crowd of 75 or more members attending, which included 20 children. We started off with beautiful weather with attendees playing corn hole toss, frisbees, waffle ball, bocce ball, and horseshoes. We must announce that Mary Kay Ford is still the undefeated Picnic Horseshoe Champion. Terry Bolamperti and Larry Belfiore promised to throw more horse shoes for practice for next year's horse shoe tournament. Tom Clark, Terry Clark and Larry Belfiore chaired this event and they and their crew planned a good time for all. Sausage and pepper sandwiches, hotdogs and beverages were provided by the Society and members brought side dishes to share. It was very rewarding having the members enjoy a relaxing time at the picnic in our Festa grounds. Many Adults and Children had fun throwing, catching, and hitting softballs and running the bases. The children had the most fun throwing over 200 water balloons at each other and the adults. Corn Hole and Bocce ball was also played by all who attended this fun filled family event. It was a fun time at the picnic for all those that attended.

Ten minutes before the meal was served, we had a heavy downpour which forced everyone inside. We brought all the food and drinks inside and all the attendees came inside too, to continue visiting and eating with everyone who attended this event. After the rain stopped. the people went outside again to continue playing games and visiting with each other.

We want to thank the picnic chairmen Larry Belfiore and Tom Clark, Terry Clark for all of their hard work in organizing and running this yearly event. Thanks also to the crew who helped Larry, Tom and Terry. A special thanks to Lou Rotella from Rotella's Italian Bakery for donating all the sausage and hotdog buns. Thanks to anyone else who helped in any way. You all did a great job! See you all at next year's Members Summer Picnic.

Mille Grazie. Submitted by Dr. Terry Bolamperti





LA FESTA FOOD PREPARATION SCHEDULE 2023

**Volunteers are needed! Please call Captains below or Lisa at the AIHS Office at (402) 493-8888 x 1 or email secretary@omahaitaly.com if you can help.**

Item	Date	Captain	Phone Number
Spag Sauce Cooking Completed	Sat. July 1st	Bob Rodino	402.571.7751
Meatballs Mixture Completed	Wed. July 5th	Larry Pence	402.740.4031
Meatballs Roll/Bake/Bag	Thurs. July 6th	Terry Bolamperti	402.333.6815
Grate Cheese	Thurs. July 13th	Larry Belfiore	402.960.6011
Pepper Sauce Cut & Saute Onion	Thurs. July 20th	Larry Pence	402.740.4031
Bracioles, Falso Magro	Thurs. July 27th	Lou Buda	402.290.0867
Biscotti Cut & Bake	Friday July 28th	Rose Koch Mary Kay Ford	402.312.7127 402.510.3002
Biscotti Finish, Frost & Pkg	Sat. July 29th	Rose Koch Mary Kay Ford	402.312.7127 402.510.3002
Sausage Cut & Meat	Thurs. Aug. 3rd	Terry Bolamperti Jimmy Mazzei	402.333.6815 402.203.3530
Sausage Stuff, Link & Pkg	Sat. Aug. 4th	Terry Bolamperti Jimmy Mazzei	402.333.6815 402.203.3530
Salad Dressing Crack Olives	Thurs. Aug. 10th	Terry Bolamperti	402 333.6815



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**AIHS Sausage Fundraiser**

A huge thank you to all our AIHS Volunteers for participating in the June Sausage Fundraiser. These volunteers cut pork butts, made the peppers for the pepper sauce, made the cracked olives and salad dressing. The huge crew also stuffed the Sausage on Saturday morning and manned the costumer pick-up line. We appreciate all the volunteers who made this sale a success.

If you didn't purchase your sausage, we still have a few hot and regular cased 5 pound bags of sausage left for sale at \$33 per bag. We also have spaghetti sauce, a few bottles of salad dressing and bags of 25 frozen meatballs for purchase. To purchase any of these items, contact Lisa at the AIHS Office at (402) 493-8888 X 1 or email at [secretary@omahaitaly.com](mailto:secretary@omahaitaly.com).

**Church Youth Groups or Students Needing Service Hours**

If you have church youth groups needing projects or students needing service hours, please consider signing them up to volunteer at this years FESTA 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 at (402) 493-8888 x 1 if you have a youth group that can help. Thank you!

**FESTA VOLUNTEERS****Biscotti Baking Volunteers Needed**

Volunteers are needed for baking Biscotti's on Friday, July 28th and Saturday, July 29th from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. Please call Rose Koch at (402) 312-7127 to volunteer. Thank you!

**Booth Captains and Booth Volunteers Needed**

Festa Volunteers are desperately needed for this year's FESTA 2023 which will be held on September 1, 2 and 3<sup>rd</sup> at The Palazzo. Booth Captions and Volunteers are needed to work and man the various booths during FESTA. The success of FESTA depends on all our wonderful Volunteers. So, grab your AIHS Members, Friends and Family and Volunteer today. Please call Lisa at the AIHS Office at (402) 493-8888 x 1 to or email her at [secretary@omahaitaly.com](mailto:secretary@omahaitaly.com) to Volunteer. We appreciate your help.





**PRAYERS FOR OUR MEMBERS**

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers our members who are ill, including Ted Bolamperti, , George Grillo, Cookie Mascarello-Ladwig, Lou Buda, Joe Daniels, Maria Leo, Margo Pirruccello, Geno Crisafulli, Sebastain Youde, John Potera, Deacon Steve Grandinetti, Ann Marie Falco-Marr, Kim Rodino, Cecilia Bellinghiere, Tara and Jim Virgilito and Judge Joe Troia.

**SANTA LUCIA FESTIVAL OMAHA**

The Santa Lucia Festival will be held August 3. 4. 5. 6, 2023 at 10th and William Street, in Omaha. This particular year, the Italian community commemorates the 98th annual Santa Lucia Festival. .

**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 x1 or email [secretary@omahaitaly.com](mailto: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.

**MEMBERSHIP DUES**

Thank you to all the AIHS members who have mailed in their membership dues. If you have not mailed yours in yet, there is still time to mail them in. When you mail your form in, it is very important that you complete and mail the information form with your current phone numbers and email addresses back to us with your check or credit card information. Additionally you will find on the back side a “**Volunteer/Participation form**”.

**Please mail dues and form** to the AIHS Office at 5110 N. 132nd Street, Omaha, NE 68164 or contact Lisa at the office to renew over the phone at (402) 493-8888 X 1

**TAGG (Together A Greater Good)**

The TAGG Mobile App is no longer available but you can switch to the improved TAGG.today. Just open the web browser on your device and visit TAGG.today. Then follow the instructions. Thank you.

**Businesses like Pasta Amore, Hy-Vee, Dragon Wok, Jimmy’s Egg, Mangia Italiana Vino Mas, Vic’s Corn Popper, Spirit World and DJ’s Dugout are a few businesses participating in TAGG.**



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### Pickled Banana Peppers

Page 154, A Taste of Italy

Paul Scalise

Banana peppers, hot or sweet	1-2 bay leaves
1-2 whole garlic cloves	1 t. salt per quart + 1/2 tsp. alum
1-2 stalks, celery, cut into 2 inch pieces	10 1/2 oz white vinegar
21 ounce water or fill to top of jar	



Thoroughly wash and rinse jars. Put vacuum lids in small pan; cover with boiling water. Use unblemished fresh peppers, clean with a damp cloth, cut lengthwise and remove seeds. Lay empty jar on its side; pack very firmly with cut peppers. Add to each quart jar a 1 or 2 whole garlic cloves, celery pieces and salt. In a large bottle, make a brine consisting of vinegar and water. Let brine come to a boil and immediately ladle the hot brine into packed pepper jar. Fill to within 1/4 inch from head of jar. Adjust hot vacuum lids to jars and screw bands on tight. Store in a cool dry place. Can be served after 3 weeks. **Note:** if sweet peppers are used, add a bit of chopped hot peppers to give a zing.



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