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THE AMERICAN ITALIAN HERITAGE SOCIETY

A Nonprofit Corporation; Omaha, NE

SAUSAGE SALE

SATURDAY, MARCH 23rd

PICK UP

10 AM TO 1 PM

Sausage \$33 / 5 pounds

Peppers \$15 / quart

Olives \$15 / quart

Spaghetti Sauce \$9 quart or

2 quarts for \$16

Frozen Meatballs \$25 / bag of 25

Italian Salad Dressing \$4.50 / 16 oz



Place your order by Wednesday, March 20th, email secretary@omahaitaly.com or call 402-493-8888 x 1.

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

WE NEED YOUR HELP CUTTING MEAT!

Thursday, March 21st from 8 AM to 3 PM and Saturday, March 23rd from 7 AM to 1:30 PM

Call 402-493-8888 x 1 or email secretary@omahaitaly.com, if you can help. If you are going to volunteer either day, please place your food order by Wednesday, March 20th. Millie Grazie!

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.



THE AMERICAN ITALIAN HERITAGE SOCIETY

UPCOMING EVENTS

March Membership Meeting
Monday, March 11th at 7:30 PM

Easter Sausage Fundraiser
Saturday, March 23rd 10 AM - 1 PM

Coffee & Conversation
Wednesday, March 20th at 9-11 AM

Spring Spaghetti Dinner
Sunday, April 14th 12 - 6 PM

February 2024 Membership Meeting Report

The General Membership Meeting, held on February 11, 2024 was called to order by President Terry Bolamperti and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance with veterans John Portera and Joe Daniels as flag-bearers. There were 24 members in attendance. Members were asked to bow their heads in silent prayer for those members of the Society that are currently ill. We welcomed new member, John Delano to the meeting. John and his family moved here from California. He attended Creighton University and he really enjoys living in Omaha. His Italian heritage came from his family that immigrated to America from Calabria. He currently owns and operates Mighty Dog Roofing Company. Members were asked to support his new business. Also it was mentioned to support all the advertisers in the Newsletter.

The Treasurers Report was given by treasurer Jeff Ladwig. The report was approved by the membership. Noted in the report was that our revenue was down this year due to The Omaha Event Group (OEG) decision to hold back a large part of their rent due to the Society. The OEG rented our facility for the last four years but as of 12/31/2023 they no longer have a lease with the Society and they have vacated the building in January of 2024. This was discussed at length with the attending members and we have hired PJ Morgan Event Management to manage the rental of the facility. The AIHS has also applied for a Liquor License which is being processed by the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission.

Old business discussed was the Christmas Sausage fundraiser that was a big success. Also the 2023 Dan Polley/Lou Buda Award winners, Sal and Cheryl Belfiore were announced at the meeting in December and listed in the January Newsletter. The Epiphany Celebration held on January 7th was a success with 175 people in attendance. We thanked Chairwoman Emma Leo-Mueller who did a wonderful job organizing the event and also Rose Koch and Gary Marasco, playing the parts of the Befana and Santa. Gratitude was extended to all the volunteers who offered their service and time to the Society helping for the events last month. Another successful Carnevale, held on February 13, 2024, was sponsored by the Society and held at Pasta Amore Ristorante.

New business was discussed. The St Joseph Day Celebration this year will not be held unfortunately due to very tight scheduling conflicts with the Easter Sausage sale food preparation and also since it falls this year on St Patrick's Day. We are planning an Easter Sausage Fundraiser on March 23rd and a Spaghetti Dinner on April 14th. We will need volunteers making meatballs, cutting sausage meat, preparing olives and pepper sauce. We are also planning a Wine Tasting Experience in May. We will be very busy the next 2 months. Please call Beth at the office if you would like to help out volunteering.

We announced that this year will mark the 100th Anniversary of the Santa Lucia Festival. There will be a lot of planned events for this celebration including a rededication of Dahlman Park, most commonly known by Italians in the neighborhood as "Mosquito Hill."

The meeting was adjourned and the Piece of the Pie winners drawn were Carmen Grosse and Anthony Espinosa. Camaraderie was enjoyed by all and members were welcomed to the next membership meeting which will be held on Monday, March 11, 2023.

Submitted by AIHS President Terry Bolamperti



ST. JOSEPH'S DAY CELEBRATION

The St Joseph Day Celebration will not be held this year unfortunately. Due to very tight scheduling conflicts with the Easter Sausage sale food preparation and also this year falls on St Patrick's Day. The Society has celebrated this great tradition for over 30 years to honor St. Jospheh, the patron Saint of Italy. We feel bad we are unable to host this event this year, but planning on next year.

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SPRING SPAGHETTI & MEATBALL DINNER

Sunday, April 14th

12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Tickets: Adults \$12 Children \$6.00

Please invite your family and friends.
Meal includes heaping bowl of Spaghetti,
2 Meatballs, Bread & Butter.
Refreshments available.

**Members please bring desserts or pastries for
our Bake Sale, at The Palazzo.**



Coffee & Conversations

Please join us for our first
"Coffee & Conversation!"

Wednesday, March 20th 9 - 11 AM

The Palazzo

Refreshments provided

Members & Guests Welcome!

CARNEVALE MARCH 2024

The 2024 Carnevale sponsored by the American Italian Heritage Society was held at Pasta Amore on Fat Tuesday, February 13, 2024. Those attending enjoyed a night of pageantry, live music and a delicious meal which consisted of delicious Italian Specialties. The New Orleans Bishop played by Jeff Soneck, opened the evening ringing the bell at 6:11 pm as cocktails and antipasti were served. The dinner was served at 7:11 pm by Pasta Amore. The dinner included Venetian Spritz – Prime Rib Ravioli, Sicilian chopped salad, Jambalaya, Tuscan Filet tips with Quattro Formaggio Fettucine, and Raspberry Zeppole (Italian Donuts) for dessert. Throughout the evening attendees were entertained by lead singer Johnny Fascianella along with Steve Kuzela who played the music on the keyboard. At 8:11 pm the Bishop of Carnevale rang the bell again and announced the pageantry would now begin. The King and Queen of Carnevale were announced to those in attendance.

The Bishop placed crowns and capes on the 2024 Carnevale King & Queen; John and Kristen LaMontia. All the people in attendance, many of whom wore costumes, really enjoyed the fun filled night. At 9:11 pm the Bishop of Carnevale announced the Carnevale pageantry and celebration would be coming to an end. He also reminded the attendees that the 40 days of Lent starts the next day on Ash Wednesday.

If you've never attended Carnevale before, please consider enjoying this unique and traditional Italian event next year. The Carnevale is always held in February on Tuesday before Ash Wednesday. Many thanks to Matt Burbank, Robyn Davis and the staff at Pasta Amore for preparing this delicious meal and hosting this event at their restaurant.

Millie Grazie.

Submitted by Dr. Terry Bolamperti





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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, Geno Crisafulli, Joe Daniels, Maria Leo, Sebastian Youde, Margo Pirruccello, Kim Rodino, Deacon Steve Grandinetti, Ann Marie Falco-Marr, Judge Joe Troia, Tara & Tim Virgilito, Cecilia Bellinghiere, Larry Bonacci, John Portera, Richard Bolamperti, Sam Marasco, and Lou Buda.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

AIHS SCHOLARSHIP: We will be offering two generous scholarships. Applications are now available to members' children attending a credited college. Must be paid members for 2 years.

THE JOHN SCIGLIANO SCHOLARSHIP: We are now taking applications for any AIHS members' children and grandchildren attending Creighton University in the science program.

If interested, please call the AIHS office at 402-493-8888 x 1 or email secretary@omahaitaly.com, for either application. Applications are due by the end of April.

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**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

We would like to warmly welcome our new members since the first of the year; John Delano, Greg & Katie Delano, Beth Gibbs, Amy Jorgensen, and Joseph & Lanae Bartolomei. We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.



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CABRINI is an upcoming American biographical drama film directed by Alejandro Gómez Monteverde and written by Rod Barr, based on a story by both. The film details the life of famed Roman Catholic missionary and future Saint Francesca Cabrini, portrayed by Cristiana Dell'Anna, as she encounters resistance to her charity and business efforts in New York City. The film will explore the Anti-Italianism faced by Cabrini and others in New York City during the late 19th century. Cabrini had a missionary heart which pointed to China, but her encounter with Pope Leo XIII reversed the compass; he advised: "Not to the East, but to the West." Meaning America, where millions of Italianos had emigrated and were impoverished. So, 1889, she and six of her Sisters embarked to the "New World."

DONATION AND NOTE OF THANKS

We received a generous donation with letter of thanks from Bobbie Carlson.

"We appreciate the wonderful programs you offer throughout the year. Thank you for all your hard work. We love keeping in touch with our heritage."

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OLIVE CHEESEBALL

Pg. 14

Tina Distefano Caniglia

1 (8 oz.) pkg. cream cheese, softened
1 (8 oz.) pkg. bleu cheese, crumbled
1/4 c. butter or margarine, softened

1 (4.5 oz.) can well drained ripe black olives
1 tsp. chives, minced
1/3 c. walnuts, chopped
Toasted diced almonds

Blend cheeses and butter together; stir in olives and chives. Chill slightly for easier shaping. Form into ball and chill thoroughly. Just before serving, sprinkle with nuts over ball. Trim with parsley and serve with crackers. Enjoy!

This recipe and many others can be found in our
“A TASTE OF ITALY” cookbook.
Please call the AIHS office at (402) 493-8888 x 1 for purchase.



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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St. Joseph's Day**

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