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# *The News*

THE AMERICAN ITALIAN HERITAGE SOCIETY

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## **AIHS SAUSAGE FUNDRAISER**

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Saturday, April 13 at 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

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### **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.

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****Winter Bocce Ball**

Wednesdays  
6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

**April Membership Meeting**

Monday, April 8 at 7:30 p.m.

**Sausage Sale**

Saturday, April 13  
10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Wine Tasting Experience**

Saturday, May 4 at 7:00 p.m.

**Fr. Salanitro's St Joseph Prayer for Parents**

"O glorious St Joseph, to you God committed the care of His only begotten Son amid the many dangers of this world. We come to you and ask you to take under your special protection the children God has given us. Through holy baptism they became children of God and members of His holy Church. We consecrate them to you today, that through this consecration they may become your foster children. Guard them, guide them in their steps in life, form their hearts after the hearts of Jesus and Mary.

St. Joseph, who felt the tribulation and worry of a parent when the child Jesus was lost, protect our dear children for time and eternity. May you be their father and counselor. Let them, like Jesus, grow in age as well as in wisdom and grace before God and men.

Preserve them from the corruption of this world, and give us the grace one day to be united with them in Heaven forever. Amen."

**MARCH MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES**

The membership meeting was held on March 11, 2019 and called to order by President Dr. Terry Bolamperti with 30 members in attendance. It was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance with veterans John Portera and Joe Daniels both as flag bearers. There was a moment of prayer for ill members and an update on the status and recovery of Dr. Ted Bolamperti as many members have asked how he was coming along since his hospitalization in January.

The February meeting minutes were read and approved. The Treasury Report was given and approved. Old Business was discussed including The Carnevale held on March 5th at Pasta Amore.

New Business was discussed including upcoming St Joseph's Day Celebration. Co-chair Diane Wortman invited all members to the event on March 17th and gave a short talk on the plans for that day. She reminded everyone that donations of money and canned goods would be given to St Vincent De Paul food pantry. The Spaghetti Dinner will be held March 31st and volunteers will be needed. Nearly 120 gallons of spaghetti sauce for the dinner was made this past Saturday. Dr. Terry thanked all

those who volunteered for this job including Larry Pence, Carmen Grosse, Gene Crissifuli, Teddy Bolamperti, Jim Mazzei, Wayne Moore and special thanks to Bob Rodino. The meatballs for the dinner will be made on Thursday, March 28th and volunteers will be needed. The next Sausage fundraiser will be held on April 13th. The Wine Tasting Experience will be held on May 4th and chaired by Tom Morinelli.

A Membership drive to recruit new members will take place till June. All members will be asked to recruit one new member to join the Society. A suggestion from the floor recommended that a committee be set up to proceed with the Wall of Honor to recognize donors to the Capital Campaign. Dr. Terry took the blame and apologized for the delay in proceeding with this project. The Board will set up a committee to start the process.

The Meeting was adjourned. The Piece of the Pie winners drawn were Cookie Ladwig and Bob Palermo. Members then enjoyed camaraderie and a bowl of pasta and meatballs prepared by Wayne Moore. Hope to see you all at the next meeting on April 8, 2019.  
- Submitted by Dr. Terry Bolamperti



THE AMERICAN ITALIAN HERITAGE SOCIETY

WE INVITE YOU & YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS TO AN ITALIAN  
**WINE TASTING EXPERIENCE**

AT IL PALAZZO SATURDAY, MAY 4 AT 7:00 P.M.

**\$50/PERSON - RSVP BY APRIL 29**

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**Quaffing**

Cheese, fruits, olives & bread paired with red and white Italian wines.

**Soup & Salad**

Fresh spring mix garden salad, grape tomatoes, dried cranberries and Italian Dressing. Navy bean and ham soup with vegetables paired with an Italian white wine.

**Dinner**

Beef Tenderloin Florentine with grilled asparagus and homemade Beef Ravioli Bolognese paired with an Italian red wine.

**Dessert**

Frangelico Sundae and homemade Biscotti paired with an Italian Moscato.



**AIHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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**ST. JOSEPH'S DAY CELEBRATION**

The Society held a wonderful St. Joseph's Day Celebration once again on Sunday, March 17, with approximately 80 members and guests in attendance. We want to thank our chair persons Joe Gregory and first time chair Diane Wortman for all their time and efforts in making the event so special. We also thank longtime past chair Lucille Gibilisco for offering her home for meetings and advice in holding a meaningful St. Joseph's Day Celebration. We were so grateful that she could come to this year's celebration as a guest to enjoy the event.



Thank you to all of our dedicated volunteers who helped with food prep, set up, serving, clean up and those who helped in any other way. We were truly blessed to have so many wonderful volunteers this year. We had more volunteers this year than any previous year. With so many helping it made the day easier and enjoyable. All attending enjoyed a delicious meal and desserts provided by attending members.

Diane and Joe set a beautiful traditional St. Joseph's Day dinner table with her good China, wine glasses, sterling flatware and special foods for the occasion. Lou Rotella of Rotella's Italian Bakery donated the beautiful loaves of bread shaped into crosses, staffs and wreaths. The bread was displayed very nicely on the table. Our beautiful statue of St Joseph stood on display for the event. We were honored to have Fr. Carl Salanitro join us for the blessing and talk about St. Joseph. Music and singing went on as a procession with St. Joseph, Mary, Jesus took place. Thank you to Steve LaGreca, his daughter Corrine and her son Kilian for playing the roles of the Holy Family and making the celebration more special. We also had many sweet little angels who took part in the procession including the LaGreca grandchildren, Gregory grandchildren and Lucille Gibilisco's great grandchildren and others.

Thank you to the members and guests who made monetary and canned goods donations. St Joseph is the patron saint of the poor and needy. All proceeds after costs will be donated to St. Vincent de Paul Society and food pantry. Fr. Carl Salanitro gave a very informative and inspiring talk honoring St. Joseph. We learned a lot of new facts about St. Joseph. It was a beautiful sunny day and Father Carl also recognized St. Patrick since it was March 17 th, St. Patrick's Day. Father closed his talk with a meaningful prayer that all could relate to "St. Joseph Prayer for Parents" - see page 2.





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**CONGRATULATIONS TO SOCIETY MEMBER LOU ROTELLA JR.  
2019 INDUCTEE INTO THE NEBRASKA BUSINESS HALL OF FAME**

We are very proud to announce that Society member Lou Rotella Jr. of Rotella's Italian Bakery Inc., has been inducted into the Nebraska Business Hall of Fame on February 7, 2019. Lou was selected for this honor by the Nebraska Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Selections were based on the inductees integrity, strength in ethics, innovations in industry and of course business success. Lou Rotella Jr., CEO and president of Rotella's Italian Bakery has devoted his career to product innovation and business development, propelling the family business from a local legend to a national leader. The Bakery began in Italy in 1850 and came to Omaha in the early 1900's. Lou's grandfather, Alessandro Rotella and his wife Maria Concetta opened a small bakery on 22nd and Pierce Street in Omaha in 1921 and delivered bread with a horse drawn wagon. Lou's father, Louis Rotella Sr., came into the business in 1947 and oversaw the 1989 opening of the 108th and Harrison facility in La Vista, which combined cutting edge technology with old world techniques. The fifth generation of Rotella's now sells more than 500 products through five states and also markets their products for wholesale across the country. Our Society wishes to congratulate Lou and Kathi Rotella and family for their success in transforming a small local Italian business into a national leader in the bakery business. With all the business success, Lou Rotella has still retained his down-to-earth demeanor and strong close-knit relationships with family and neighborhood friends. Our Society has always been grateful for his continuous generosity and we are honored to call him our friend. Submitted by Dr. Terry Bolamperti Watch Lou's acceptance speech online: [www.nechamber.com/nebraska-business-hall-of-fame.html](http://www.nechamber.com/nebraska-business-hall-of-fame.html)



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**PRAYERS FOR OUR MEMBERS**

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers our members who are ill, including George Scalise, Teri Carlino, Helen Rotella, Terri Wortman, Subby Anzaldo, Gary Ford, Jim Capellupo, Gary Wasinger, Ted Bolamperti, Romana Olivotto and Joann Cozad. Please call Diana at the office to add people to this prayer list.

**BABY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Congratulations to Aaron and Ariel Cotton on the arrival of their twins Paige and Peyton. Diana Cotton loves her grandchildren!

Congratulations to Daniel and Ali Ripa on the birth of their son, Theodore Ronald. "Teddy" is Dan and Gina Ripa's third grandchild and Ted and Jeaniene Bolamperti's third great-grandchild.

**AIHS PARTICIPATING IN OMAHA GIVES**

Omaha Gives! is a year-round online giving platform organized by the Omaha Community Foundation. Each year, there is a 24-hour online giving event to celebrate nonprofits. This year's giving day will take place on **Wednesday, May 22, 2019**.

- Go online to [OmahaGives.org/AIHS](http://OmahaGives.org/AIHS)
- Make a donation of \$10 or more to AIHS on May 22!
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CELEBRATION**



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**CARNEVALE MARCH 2019**

The 2019 Carnevale sponsored by the American Italian Heritage Society was held at Pasta Amore on Fat Tuesday March 5th. Those attending enjoyed a night of pageantry, dancing, music and a delicious meal. The Bishop of Carnevale played by Chuck Caniglia opened the evening ringing the bell at 6:11p.m. as cocktails and antipasti were served. At 7:11 p.m. the Bishop announced that the meal would be served. Leo Fascianella served a delicious dinner including a grilled Caesar salad followed by lasagna and a grilled beef tenderloin with grilled vegetables.

After dessert was served the Bishop of Carnevale rang the bell again and announced that the pageantry would now begin. Moments later the King and Queen of Carnevale were announced to those in attendance as the Bishop placed the crowns and capes on the King and Queen, Rick and Emma (Leo) Mueller. Pictures were taken and the King and Queen opened dancing to the live music. It's always a fun festivity seeing many in costumes and enjoying the evening. At 9:11 p.m. the Bishop of Carnevale announced that the Carnevale pageantry and celebration would be coming to an end soon and reminded all that Lent starts tomorrow on Ash Wednesday.

If you've never attended Carnevale before, please consider enjoying this unique and traditional Italian event next year. Many thanks to Leo Fascianella and his staff at Pasta Amore for putting on the delicious meal, providing live music and doing a great job of running the Carnevale. Mille Grazie Leo. Submitted by Dr. Terry Bolamperti





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