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**Friday, August 30**

**6:00pm-11pm, The 70's Band at 8pm**  
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**Saturday, August 31**

**5:00pm-11pm, The Britts at 8pm**  
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**PIZZA**

Tomato & Cheese  
Italian Sausage

**SEAFOOD**

Shrimp Scampi, Calamari

**FULL SERVICE BAR**

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**DELI**

Cracked Sicilian Olives,  
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Cannoli  
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**DEMONSTRATIONS**

**ENTERTAINMENT**

Las Vegas Entertainers  
Santa Lucia Marching Band  
Dance Bands

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Balloon sculptures, Bounce  
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**BOCCE BALL**

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**SUNDAY ITALIAN MASS**

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## THE AMERICAN ITALIAN HERITAGE SOCIETY

**AUGUST MEETING SCHEDULE****Membership Meeting: Monday, August 12 at 7:30 p.m.****Festa Captain Meeting: Wednesday, July 31 at 7:00 p.m.****JULY MEMBERSHIP MEETING SUMMARY**

The membership meeting was held on July 8, 2019 and called to order by President Dr. Terry Bolamperti with 38 members in attendance. It was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance with veterans Lou Buda and Steve LaGreca as flag bearers. There was a moment of prayer for ill members of the Society including member Kim Neppi who was recently hospitalized. The June meeting minutes were read and approved. The Treasury Report was given and approved.

Old Business was discussed including the June Sausage Fundraiser. All sausage orders along with olives and peppers were sold. We also sold all the Society specialty food items including meatballs, spaghetti sauce, salad dressing and Rotella's sausage buns. We want to thank all the members who volunteered to help make the sausage, olives and peppers and also the group that got together to make the meatballs sold at this fundraiser. We want to thank Barbara Pence who does a fabulous job at selling the Society's specialty food items that are not pre-ordered. Special thanks also goes out to Wayne Moore who chaired this successful Sausage fundraiser. He and all of his crew received a round of applause from the members.

All members were reminded to send in their yearly dues as soon as possible if they haven't already done so. Dr. Terry reported that the Spaghetti sauce and cheese grating for Festa has been completed. Special thanks was given to Bob Rodino and his crew for making the sauce and Terry Bolamperti and his crew for grating all the cheese.

New Business was discussed including the Festa food preparations. Dr. Terry stressed that we NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS for the huge job of preparing all the food for the Festa which includes (spaghetti sauce and grated cheese completed) meatballs, sausage, salad dressing, pastries including cannoli and biscotti along with cracked olives, pepper sauce and many other food items. Members were asked to refer to the Festa Food Preparation Schedule in the newsletter to see if they are available to volunteer.

The Festa was discussed briefly and Dr. Terry noted that we are still in need of Festa Captains for several booths and we are also in need of volunteers to work booths for the captains. Dr. Terry also asked for Festa Volunteers to help unload the supply truck and help set up the booths before Festa along with tear down and clean up after the Festa on Monday, Labor Day. It was announced that the Festa Captains meeting will be held Wednesday, July 31 at 7 p.m. at the Palazzo.

Steve La Greca announced that he is starting an Italian Honor Guard which will be similar to the Knights of Columbus. The Italian Honor Guard will participate in the Festa mass held at the Palazzo and also in the Santa Lucia procession starting at St. Frances Cabrini Church. Members from these two Italian Societies were invited to become an Italian Honor Guard.

Lastly, Dr. Terry announced that the management of the Palazzo rentals would be handled by a company called The Omaha Event Group. They manage several other facilities and the Board has voted to accept this new contract with them. In this contract the Society will retain its ownership and use of the facility for any events that we schedule throughout the year. It is anticipated that this will be a win-win situation. Several changes in the ballroom will be taking place.

At the close of the meeting the piece of the pie winners drawn were Wayne Moore and Cookie Ladwig. Pizzas were served and camaraderie was enjoyed by all. We invite all members to attend the next meeting which will be held August 12, 2019. Submitted by Dr. Terry Bolamperti



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**FESTA FOOD PREPARATION**

All food prep has been completed. We thank all the captains and volunteers for all their hard work. Good job!

**ITALIAN COLOR GUARD AND HONOR GUARD**

We are forming an Italian Honor Guard Chapter that will be a part of the Italian Honor Guard Group consisting of chapters from Sons of Italy and Santa Lucia. Each chapter will post colors and stand honor guard at their own functions.

We would like to have at least two to stand honor guard at our Festa Mass on September 1. To find out more about this new organization please call Steve LaGreca at 402 558-5498 or e-mail him at [zorba@cox.net](mailto:zorba@cox.net).

**MEMBERSHIP DUES**

AIHS Membership Renewals were mailed in June. It is very important that you complete the form and mail in your membership payment today! Additionally, you will find on the back of the sheet a **Volunteer/Participation Form**. As you know, volunteering is the backbone of the American Italian Heritage Society and it's members. Please take a moment to fill out. We ask you also include any suggestions and concerns. **Please promptly mail your dues and form to the office at 5110 N. 132nd St. 68164**



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**FESTA VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We can't stress enough the importance of volunteers for Festa. We have many booths who are in need of volunteers, especially the food lines. Even if you can help for just a few hours, you are needed! Please call Diana at the office at 402.493.8888.

**FESTA TICKETS**

Pre-sale Festa tickets will be mailed to all members very soon. Please try to sell as many presale tickets as possible. Additional tickets can be picked up at il Palazzo during office hours.

Tickets can also be purchased in advance at any metro area Hy-Vee Stores and Rockbrook Camera. Advance tickets are \$5.50. Tickets at the gate are \$7.00. Children under 12 are free.



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**ITALIAN MASS AT FESTA**

A traditional Catholic Mass will once again be celebrated at La Festa on Sunday, September 1 at 10:15 a.m. This Mass is partly said and sung in Italian. Father Scott Hastings will be saying the Mass. Afterwards, coffee and Italian cookies will be served. Please plan on attending. It's a beautiful Mass. If you are volunteering, you will have plenty of time to get to your designated area.

**Singers & Musicians Needed**

Lucille Gibilisco is the choir coordinator and is in need of singers & musicians. Please contact her as soon as possible at 402.932.9826. Rehearsals will be held on Tuesdays at Assumption Church on 22nd and U streets on August 6, 13, 20 and 27 at 7:00 p.m.



## THE AMERICAN ITALIAN HERITAGE SOCIETY

**FESTA BOCCE BALL**

**FRIDAY**- Celebrity bocce-TV/Radio/Newspaper/Sports personalities, local politicians and/or city reps. Competition begins at 7 p.m.

**SATURDAY**- Open competition. Bring a team of 2 to 4 players and go against another team for Festa bragging rights as best of Saturday night. Games start at 5 p.m. until dark.

**SUNDAY**- Three team challenge; Sons of Italy, Santa Lucia, and AIHS will compete in round robin tournament starting at 5 p.m.

**Bocce captain is Tom Morinelli 402.312.5959**



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**2019 LA FESTA ITALIANA BOOTH CAPTAINS**

Volunteers are an essential part of La Festa Italiana each year. We are still in need of volunteers for many of our booths. If you would like volunteer this year please call the booth captain listed below for the booth that you are interested in. If you would prefer to put your name on the most needed list please, call Diana at the office 402.493.8888 and she take your information and availability and find you a nice spot.

<b>Information Booth</b>	Ann Marie Falco-Marr 402.445.9022	<b>Seafood Scampi</b>	Salvator Risicato 402.391.0778
<b>Ticket Booth &amp; Volunteer Check-in</b>	Lisa Garrett 402.659.0990	<b>Pizza</b>	Larry Belifore 402.393.7825 Sal Belifore 402.630.7062
<b>Money Room</b>	Emma Leo-Mueller 402.953.8562	<b>Sorbetto</b>	Steve La Greca 402.558.5498
<b>Outside Food Line</b>	Fri- Gaye Capellupo 402.342.5783 Sat-Sun - Mary Kay Ford 402.238.3838	<b>Sausage</b>	Bob Peklo 402.980.0540
<b>Inside Food Line</b>	Fri & Sun 1st shift - Toni Bac 402.339.9886 Sat & Sun 2nd shift - Pat Peterson 402.493.4128	<b>Pictorial History</b>	Lucille Gibilisco 402.932.9826 Diane Russo 402.345.8146
<b>Fried Dough</b>	Fri & Sun Micky Bolamperti 402.333.6815 Sat - Maria Filippelli 402.672.0346	<b>T-shirts &amp; Novelties</b>  <b>Volunteer Dining Room</b>	Denise Adams 1.623.262.0305 Sergia Muellener 402.672.1473
<b>Paper Goods</b>	Naina Schneckengerger 402.850.0218	<b>Kitchen</b>	Bob Rodino 402.650.3341
<b>Bar-Stage</b>	Wayne Moore 402.510.7056	<b>Pastry</b>	Rose Koch 402.312.7127
<b>Bar-West Booths</b>	Chris Pickett 417.299.4554	<b>Deli</b>	George Grillo 402.250.6047 Jimmy Caniglia 402.397.3186
<b>Bar-Patio</b>	Bob Eichelberg 402.290.6232	<b>Children's Activities</b>	Lisa Marescalco 402.210.5636
<b>Bar-Inside</b>	John Portera 402.850.4483	<b>Pickles</b>	Mary Thompson 402.345.7605
<b>Seafood Calamari</b>	Dawn Bolamperti 402.880.3079	<b>Food Demos</b>	Terry Bolamperti 402.690.3636





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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, Subby Anzaldo, Gary Ford, Jim Capellupo, Gary Wasinger, Ted Bolamperti, Romana Olivotto, Kim Neppi, Fred Pisasale, Bill McDonald, Marie Shafer, and David Harris, son of charter member Madeline Harris. Our condolences for the family and friends of Frances Rieshl who passed away in July. She was a member of our Festa choir for many years. Our condolences to the family of Frank Marescalco, Lisa Marescalco's grandfather, who passed away in July. Please contact Diana at the office to add to this prayer list. 402.493.8888.



**Congrats on the  
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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 American Italian Heritage Society**

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