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The News

THE AMERICAN ITALIAN HERITAGE SOCIETY

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FESTA is BACK for 2021

Labor Day Weekend!!

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

DANCE UNDER THE STARS

Friday, September 3rd

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

Saturday, September 4th

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

Sunday, September 5th

Noon - 11 p.m., **Eckophonic The Band** 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.



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UPCOMING EVENTS**July Membership Meeting**

Monday, July 12th at 7:30 p.m. at The Palazzo

Festa Captains Meeting: Wed Aug 4th 7pm at The Palazzo

*Captain packets will be distributed at the meeting

June 2021 Membership Meeting Report

The General Membership Meeting held on June 14, 2021 was called to order by President Terry Bolamperti and was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance with veterans Lou Buda and Jim Caniglia as flag-bearers. Both were Korean War Veterans. There were 28 members in attendance. Members were asked to take a moment of silence to remember all of our members that are ill, and also for deceased members Diana Cotten, who was our Society Secretary for the last 7 years and Elinore Morinelli, mother of members Tom, Frank and Jeff Morinell.

The **Treasurers Report** was given by President Terry Bolamperti, which was approved by members. He mentioned that several wedding receptions will be held this month and hereafter since Covid restrictions have eased-up. **Old Business** discussed was the **Festa Pizza Fundraiser** held on June 5th which was a big success. Board member Toni Bac chaired the event getting a crew to make the Pizzas and by also running the Drive-thru Pickup. Thanks to all that helped in any way in this Drive-thru event.

We will have a **Sausage Fundraiser** on June 26th. The **AIHS Membership Drive** is resuming as dues statements have been mailed or emailed to all members in May. All were asked to enroll a new member and send in dues promptly.

The **Festa** was discussed, and the plan is to proceed on with the Festa on **Labor Day Weekend**. The Festa Captains are being contacted but we do need many volunteers for this huge event. It will be a very busy 2 and half months for planning and organizing the Festa. Food preparation will be done in July and August.

The meeting was adjourned, and the Piece of the Pie winners drawn were Joe Daniels and Lou Buda. After the meeting members enjoyed camaraderie and pizza cooked by Larry Belfiore. We welcome all to the next Membership Meeting which will be held on Monday, July 12, 2021.

Submitted by President Terry Bolamperti

We need more captains for Festa. Please consider being a captain, if you or your FAMILY would like to take over an open booth. It's a great way to support the Society while enjoying the excitement of the Festa. We are always looking for more volunteers. Please reach out to family and friends to help us with Festa prep, set up or managing a booth. Captains are the key to a successful Festa.



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LA FESTA FOOD PREPARATION SCHEDULE

Volunteers are needed! Please call Captains below if you can help.

Item	Date	Captain	Phone Number
Meatball Mixture	Wed. July 7th	Jimmy Mazzei	402.203.3530
Meatballs Roll/Bake/Bag	Thurs. July 8th	Terry Bolamperti	402.333.6815
Grate Cheese	Thurs. July 22nd	Larry Pence	402.740.4031
Bracioles, Falso Magro	Thurs. July 22nd	Dawn Abboud	402.212.2459
Spag Sauce Cooking	Sat. July 24th & Sun. July 25th	Bob Rodino	402.571.7751
Sausage Meat Cut	Thurs. July 29th	Terry Bolamperti	402.333.6815
Sausage Stuff, Link & Pkg	Sat. July 31st	Terry Bolamperti	402.333.6815
Cracked Olives and Pepper Sauce	Wed. August 4th & Thurs. August 5th	Larry Pence	402.740.4031
Biscotti Cut & Bake	Mon. August 2nd	Rose Koch & Mary Kay Ford	402.312.7127 402.510.3002
Biscotti Finish, Frost & Pkg	Tues. August 3rd	Rose Koch & Mary Kay Ford	402.312.7127 402.510.3002
Salad Dressing	Thurs. August 12th	Terry Bolamperti	402 333.6815



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Photos From Past Festas

The First Festa was in 1982 at Civic Auditorium. Lucia Bucchiere, with daughter Marilena, Sal and Carmen Nespoli, and Carmen Grosse.

We loved the outfits that they wore to celebrate their Italian Heritage. We never forget the many members and volunteers that helped make the AIHS the success that it is.

Volunteers Needed

Would love to see more members volunteer. If any members or members family have thought about running a booth, NOW is the time. Booth Captains are needed. Please contact Terry Bolamperti.

If you have church youth groups needing projects or students needing service hours, please consider signing them up to volunteer at this 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 if you have a group that can help.



3rd Festa 1985 at Peony Park The Distefano sisters with Dr. Ray Olmo, Jo Olsen, Fina Smith, Tina Caniglia, & Rosie Saitta.

AIHS NEWSLETTER AND WEBSITE HELP WANTED

We are still looking for someone to help with our monthly newsletter and Website. If you have experience writing and designing in Word/Publisher or Word Press, we ask you please consider volunteering. This is a great way to help our Society from home and it only takes a few hours a month. Please contact Tammy at 402-493-8888



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A Reception For Leo Fascianella

Nearly 200 guests celebrated the retirement of Leo from his 34 years as a chef-owner of Pasta Amore Restaurante. The Society offered the use of the Palazzo for the event due to Leo and Pat's generosity in allowing the Society to use their facility- kitchen and party room for meetings, sausage making, and other fundraising during the Society's "homeless" year of 1993 through July of 2014.

The Society's volunteers consisted of Dr. Terry, wife Micky and Bob Rodino in the kitchen helping Leo's son-in-law, Brian and Leo's long time sous chef Raul.

Ted and Jeaniene Bolamperti helped organize the event along with Pat, Leo's daughter Tiffany, their two boys, Joe and Johnny. Members of both Leo and Pat's extended families joined in with desserts, decorations, pictures, and such. The children and spouses of Ted and Jeaniene acted as host, servers, and bartenders. Tony and Ted II contributed their bar tips of \$218 to the Society in honor of Leo and Pat - a kind gesture from them.

Ted, Jeaniene, their children and spouses felt a commitment to offer their services for this celebration for all that Leo had done for them in arranging a once in a lifetime vacation around the beautiful island of Sicily in 2017 noting the culture, landscape, food, and friendliness of the Sicilians. Leo arranged for his relatives in Sicily to provide for us during a fourteen day trip "wow-what a trip- what an unforgettable experience".

The Society extends its gratitude to Leo and his family for their generosity and support. We congratulate Leo on his well deserved retirement and wish him Buona Fortuna.

Ted Bolamperti



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Pasta Amore Ristorante is now under new management, Leo Fascianella has retired after providing his patrons with unique and delicious authentic Italian meals for the last 34 years. New owner, Matt Burbach is committed to continue serving most all of Leo's menu items using the same recipes. So please continue to support Pasta Amore by making reservations for dinner.

**As always, please support all our
advertisers in the AIHS newsletter.**



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PRAYERS FOR OUR MEMBERS

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers our members who are ill, including Ted Bolamperti, Tom Morinelli, George Grillo, Cookie Mascarello-Ladwig, Ann Marie Falco-Marr, Pat Rodino, Teri Carlino, Lou Marcuzzo, Lou Buda, Dee Mascarello, Joe Daniels, & Maria Leo.

Memorial:

Long time member **Josephine Gregory** passed away January 13, 2021, please keep her and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

* Please call the office to alert us of the illness or passing of our precious club members*

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.

Membership Dues

AIHS membership renewals were mailed last month. 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 review and complete this form as well. Also see **"Suggestions and Concerns"** at the bottom of the sheet and take a moment to fill in suggestions or concerns you may have.

As you well know, **VOLUNTEERING** is the backbone for the American Italian Heritage Society and it's members.

We would not exist if not for our many volunteers through the years! Thank you!

Please promptly mail dues and form to the office at: 5110 N. 132nd Street Omaha NE 68164 or contact the office to renew over the phone at 402-493-8888 x1.

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 \$23.50, tax included. There are many great authentic, family recipes and Society specialties.

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Chicken Parmigiana

pg. 89 A Taste of Italy

Nancy Evon

4 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves

2 c. meatless spaghetti sauce

2 eggs, beaten

1/2 c grated parmesan cheese

1 c. Italian bread crumbs

8 slices of mozzarella cheese

1/4 c olive oil

Preheat the oven to 400. With a meat mallet, flatten chicken breasts to 1/4-inch thickness. Dip chicken into beaten egg and then into bread crumbs coating completely. Heat a medium skillet then add oil, cook chicken in oil until lightly golden brown on both sides. Pour sauce in baking dish. Place chicken on top of sauce,



Josephine Gregory

Long time member Josephine Gregory passed away January 13, 2021. She was very proud of being Italian and was originally from Boston, Massachusetts.

Her son, member Joe Gregory and family donated \$500 to the American Italian Heritage Society Scholarship fund in her memory.



Mille Grazie!

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