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# *The News*

THE AMERICAN ITALIAN HERITAGE SOCIETY

A Nonprofit Corporation; Omaha, NE

## SAUSAGE SALE

### PICKUP

**Saturday Dec. 11th**

**10 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

Sausage    \$30 / 5 pounds

Peppers    \$14 / quart

Olives      \$12 / quart

Place your order by Dec 7th

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**[secretary@omahaitaly.com](mailto:secretary@omahaitaly.com)**.

**Please include:** name, phone number,  
regular or hot sausage and number of  
peppers and olives. Emails will be replied  
to, phone messages will not.

### **We need your help cutting meat!**

Thursday, Dec. 9 & Friday, Dec. 10  
from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 11th at 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
Call 402.493.8888 if you can help.

### **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).



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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Pasta Dinner - November 7th, 2021 12p-6p**

**Membership Meeting November 8th 7:30 pm**  
**Election of new board members**

**Sausage Sale Pickup - Dec 11th, 2021 11a-2p**

**December 13th Membership meeting and Cookie Exchange 7:30pm**

**Important Reminder: Please send in Festa ticket money and Membership Dues which were due in June.**

**October 2021 Membership Meeting Report**

The General Membership Meeting was called to order by President Terry Bolamperti and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance with veterans Lou Buda and Joe Daniels as flag-bearers. There were 17 members in attendance. Members were welcomed and we were pleased to have longtime members Frank and Melissa Morinelli at the meeting. They are from Roseville California visiting family in Omaha. It was nice to see his brother Tom Morinelli who came with them. The minutes of last month's meeting were read and approved by members. The Treasure's Report was given by Terry Bolamperti and approved by the membership.

Old business discussed was the Festa. A detailed Festa report was given discussing booth revenues and all aspects of the event. Terry Bolamperti once again thanked all volunteers that helped in any way making our first Festa in 2 years a huge success. Mille Grazie a tutti!

New business was discussed including a short presentation by Terry Bolamperti and John Portera honoring Christopher Columbus on the holiday commemorating his Discovery of America. The month of October is Italian Heritage Month and all were asked to do things this month to enhance our Italian culture. Terry reported that the Sons of Italy held a very successful Columbus Day Banquet at their hall awarding scholarships to five very qualified students.

The AIHS fall Pasta and Meatball dinner will be held at the Palazzo on Sunday, November 7th and all were asked to sell tickets, attend and volunteer if possible to make it a success. Many signed up to help at the meeting. It was also announced that Society specialty food items will be sold at the Pasta Dinner including meatballs, sauce and salad dressing. We will also be selling Italian pastries and Festa T-shirts and sweatshirts. Lastly there were nominations from the floor for next months board elections at next months meeting. Both nominees declined acceptance.

The meeting was adjourned and the Piece of the Pie winner was George Grillo. Members were offered a selection of freshly picked cucuzza and peppers from our garden to take home. After the meeting members enjoyed camaraderie along with freshly baked Festa pizza prepared and served by Larry Belfiore and John Portera. Members were welcomed to the next Membership Meeting which will be held on Monday November 8, 2021.

Submitted by AIHS President Terry Bolamperti

**2021 AIHS BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Chairman of the Board:** Lisa Bolamperti-Garrett

**President:** Dr. Terry Bolamperti

**Vice President:** Jeff Ladwig

**Treasurer:** Nikki Sandmeier

**Secretary:** Toni Bac

**Board Member:** Melissa Orlando

**NEWSLETTER/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



## WANTED: AIHS Secretary

Part time (20+ hours per week) secretarial duties. Office skills should include general PC proficiency, Microsoft Excel, Word, Publisher, as well as Quick Books and Facebook. Handles payables and receivables. Sends out both electronic and paper member mailings, including monthly newsletter, annual membership renewals, tickets for member events, etc. Regular email blasts to various data base lists. Liaison with members and vendors. Reports to the Society President and has contact with the Board of Directors. Helps solicit volunteers for club events. Contact Terry Bolamperti if interested 402 493-8888. Salary commensurate with skills.

## Member Achievement Submit Member Achievements by 2nd Tuesday of the month .

### Violinist named to 2021 All-State Orchestra

Tony Garrett, son of Jim and Lisa Garrett was selected by the Nebraska Music Educators Association as the first Allstate violinist at Creighton Prep. Tony is a Junior at Creighton Prep. Since Creighton Prep does not offer orchestra in their curriculum, Tony has had to seek out additional time and instruction on his own to achieve All State. This is the first time the award has been presented at Creighton Prep. Tony hopes to continue his violin studies beyond high school. In addition, Tony offers his talents and time in the motto of Jesuit education "service to others" by instructing the less fortunate in violin at Holy Family Center, on 18<sup>th</sup> & Cuming Street, through the Omaha Conservatory of Music.

Congratulations Tony and Buona Fortuna!  
Submitted by Dr. Ted Bolamperti



## Remembering

### Rosie Saitta



A wonderful remembrance of Rosie Saitta. Almost all the members both young and old have a remembrance of the vivacious, fun filled and spunky member. You saw her as a colorful folk dancer with her partner and husband, Nunzio. Perhaps during the many Epiphany celebrations as she took the part of the Befana and danced among the tables singing in an Italian accent "Jingle Bells" tossing out candy to the crowd, then passing out the presents to the children. Even the adults were entertained by her antics.

Maybe you caught sight of Rosie as she worked the pastry booth at La Festa since the 1980s as she entertained both the workers and the patrons with her laughter, jovial spirit and stories. You may have sat with her or was close by during so many of the society social events adding to the festive mood or if you volunteered during pastry making. Rosie made the labor of love one of enjoyment.

Rosie's other side was caring, loving, thoughtful and sincere. Rosie you were everyone's "posey." We all loved you and appreciated your talents laughter, spirit and character. You impacted our hearts and memories. There was no duplicity in Rosie. You became somewhat of an icon for many of us. Love and blessings to you. Submitted Dr. Ted Bolamperti





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## Festa Recap

This year's Festa proved to be overall very successful. After cancelling last year's event due to Covid, this year's Festa gave us a much needed financial boost. We were blessed with good weather and ticket sales, resulting in great attendance. Our efforts paid off in a fun-filled successful Festa Italiana promoting our Italian heritage. We should all be proud to share in this accomplishment.

I want to thank everyone that volunteered for the Festa including those that helped with the organizational committee, the food preparation, the setting up and tear down, the mechanical, carpentry and electrical needs, the entertainment, all the booth captains and their wonderful crews and of course the kitchen crew.

Instead of listing volunteers by name this year we have included photos captured at the Festa of as many volunteers as possible in last month's and this month's newsletter.

Mille grazie to all of you wonderful volunteers that helped or took part in any way. You helped make this Festa a success. We should all be very proud. Submitted by Festa Chairman Terry Bolamperti







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## More Festa Volunteers





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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:**

Keep these members who have passed away in your prayers: Rose Saitta, .

**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.

**Festa Tickets and Membership Dues**

Please promptly return Festa tickets/money and mail membership dues as soon as possible.

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contact the office to drop off Festa Ticket money or to renew over the phone.

**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](mailto: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.

**TAGG (Together A Greater Good)**

Download the TAGG mobile app on your smartphone. Visit participating businesses, snap a photo of your receipt. Choose American Italian Heritage Society. Hy Vee is among businesses that donate a % to AIHS for your purchases.

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**Mostaccioli & Meatballs  
in house dining & entertainment**

**Sunday November 7th  
noon to 6:00 pm**

**Tickets: Adults \$10 - Children \$5**

**Please sell tickets to family and friends for in-person dinner**

**\*\*Members please bring desserts or pastries for our Bake Sale\*\***

**Take-out is available inside**

**AIHS specialty foods available**

**Meatballs bag 25-\$20 \* Spag Sauce Quart \$9 \* Salad Dressing (64oz) \$9**



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## Special Election for Board of Directors

According to the Bylaws, Board Elections will be held at the **November 8th Membership Meeting**. Nominees are approved by the vote of the general membership. Members who are up-to-date on their membership dues will be given a ballot to approve/disapprove individual nominees. After voting, ballots will be counted and results will immediately be announced and reported to those in attendance. If any member is unable to attend, an absentee ballot must be returned to the AIHS office by the Friday, November 5th. in a sealed envelope marked BALLOT on the front with **both printed name(s) and signature(s) on the back for validation**. Absentee ballots will be validated by the Secretary and/or the Nominating Committee.

### Joe Garrett

My name is Joe Garrett and I would make a great addition to the Board of the American Italian Heritage Society. I am 23 years old and I have been a lifelong member. My grandfather, Ted Bolamperti, taught me from a young age the value of maintaining our Italian heritage and culture. I have been volunteering at the Festa for as long as I can remember. I have always had a deep appreciation for my heritage, so I studied Italian for four years at Creighton Prep and then won the scholarship award in 2017. I took some more Italian classes during my time at Creighton University as well. These days I work in sales at a construction software company called Buildertrend.

I enjoy being involved in the different events the club puts on throughout the year and do my best to help out extra when needed. I also lead the youth group for a period of time for the club. I have helped with the spaghetti dinners and drive thrus, Festa prep, and sausage sales for many years. The last few years my uncles Teddy Bolamperti and Bob Peklo have been showing me what it takes to run the Sausage Booth at the Festa. I feel confident in my abilities to run the booth and I also really enjoy doing it as well. My mother, Lisa Bolamperti-Garrett, has served on the board for the last few years and that has given me a better idea of what it takes to be on the Board. I understand the time commitment and I am up to the task. I think that it is important for the Club to get more of the younger members involved and I believe that I am a great candidate. I bring a new perspective to the table and can help the connection to the younger members of our Club.

### John Portera

Longtime member John Portera, has been a member of the society for over 15 years. He was a South High graduate and joined the Army, he is a Vietnam war veteran. He married his high school sweetheart Kathy in 1975, and they were blessed with three children. John and his family volunteered for the Festa running the sausage booth for many years. John is currently a captain of the inside bar at Festa. John is a regular volunteer for many food preparations, he regularly helps making sausage and meatballs. He has also volunteered to bartend and help cook at the monthly membership meetings.

#### Absentee Ballot

For Board of Directors

Circle One

Joe Garrett	for	against
John Portero	for	against

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Joe Garrett	for	against
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