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The News

THE AMERICAN ITALIAN HERITAGE SOCIETY

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FESTA is BACK for 2022 Labor Day Weekend !!

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

DANCE UNDER THE STARS

Friday, September 2nd

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

Saturday, September 3th

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

Sunday, September 4th

Noon - 11 p.m., **Taxi Driver** 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 11th at 7:30 p.m. at The Palazzo

Festa Captains Meeting:

Wed Aug 3th 7pm at The Palazzo

*Captain Packets will be distributed at the meeting.

June 2022 Membership Meeting Report

The Membership Meeting was held on June 13, 2022 and called to order by President Dr. Terry Bolamperti with 23 members in attendance. It was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance with Vietnam War veterans Lou Buda and Joe Daniels as flag bearers. There was a moment of prayer for ill members of the Society. We welcomed new member Vince Pretto who attended his first AIHS Membership Meeting. He and his family are from Las Vegas, Nevada. Vince came to Omaha 6 months ago for his job. He works for TD Ameritrade and he's looking forward to attending the College World Series this month. Vince is all Italian with both sets of Grandparents immigrating to America around 1900 to New York and Chicago. His Italian heritage is from southern and northern Italy. His family came from Sicily and from Veneto and Genoa regions. Vince was welcomed warmly by members in attendance. The May meeting minutes were read and approved. The Treasury Report was given by Dr. Terry Bolamperti and approved by the membership.

Old Business was discussed. All members were reminded to send in their dues as soon as possible. Membership payments were due June 1, 2022. The Members' Summer Picnic was held June 5th on the Festa grounds. The weather was beautiful and we had a very nice crowd of 75 or more members attending, which included 15 children. Terry Clark and Larry Belfiore chaired this event and they and their crew planned a good time for all. Sausage and pepper sandwiches, hotdogs and beverages were provided by the Society and members brought side dishes to share. The Picnic was not held the previous 2 years due to Covid restrictions. It was very rewarding having the members enjoy a relaxing time at the picnic on our Festa grounds.

New Business was discussed including the upcoming Sausage Fundraiser on June 25th. Much help is needed for this event and all were asked to sell more sausage and peppers. Since we were low on meatballs, Dr Terry got a crew together to make meatballs to sell at the Sausage Fundraiser.

The Festa was discussed briefly and Dr Terry noted that we are still in need of Festa Captains for several booths. The Festa Food preparation schedule was discussed briefly and the schedule will be published in the July newsletter. We always need a lot of help to prepare the food for the Festa. Bellino Fireworks will once again do our Festa fireworks display. We are working on Festa entertainment currently. All Festa Captains from last year will be contacted soon. Festa committee meetings are being held to organize this years Festa.

The Meeting was adjourned. The Piece of the Pie winners drawn were John Portera and Terry Bolamperti. Members then enjoyed camaraderie and pizza prepared by Larry Belfiore. Hope to see you all at the July 11th Membership meeting. Ciao.

Submitted by Dr. Terry Bolamperti

Booth Festa Captains still needed! Please call Lisa @ the Office at (402) 493-8888 x 1 to volunteer. We would really appreciate your help.

2022 AIHS Board of Directors**Chairman of the Board:** Toni Bac**President:** Dr. Terry Bolamperti**Vice President:** Jeff Ladwig**Treasurer:** Joe Garrett**Secretary:** Nikki Sandmeier



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2022 AIHS MEMBER'S SUMMER PICNIC

The Society has not held its annual Members Summer Picnic for two years due to Covid 19 restrictions. This year we did hold the Picnic since the pandemic has eased up. The Picnic was held Sunday, June 5th on the Festa grounds at the Palazzo. Over 75 members, including 60 adults and 15 children, enjoyed a beautiful day with good food, drinks, fun activities and great camaraderie. The weather was very nice with a sunny comfortable day and temperatures between 75 and 80 degrees along with a light breeze. The picnic was chaired by Larry Belfiore and Terry Clark who setup and organized the event and prepped all the food. Terry & Larry volunteered and helped all day setting up tables and tents, stocking coolers, preparing food and grilled the fresh sausage and hotdogs. The Society also provided beer, pop and wine in addition to sausage buns and peppers. We want to once again thank Lou Rotella from Rotella's Italian Bakery for donating all the sausage and hotdog buns. Attending members brought a wide variety of side dishes for the pot luck, including a great selection of salads, entrees and desserts. Many thanks to our wonderful members who prepared and brought these delicious dishes to share. There were many fun activities including bocce ball, softball, and horseshoes. Many had fun throwing, catching and hitting softballs and running the bases. The children had the most fun throwing water balloons at each other and the adults. They especially had fun throwing water balloons at Society President Terry Bolamperti as he tried to outrun them. It was perfect timing also since it started to rain lightly 15 minutes before the end of the picnic and everyone missed the heavy downpour a half hour later. It was a fun time at the picnic for all those that came.

We want to thank the picnic chairmen Larry Belfiore and Terry Clark for all of their hard work in organizing and running this yearly event. Thanks also to the crew who helped Larry and Terry including Wayne Moore, Larry and Barbara Pence, Carmen Grosse, Lisa and Joe Hutchings, Micky Bolamperti, and Tyler Youde. Thanks to anyone else who helped in any way. You all did a great job! See you all at next years Members Summer Picnic.

Mille Grazie. Submitted by Dr. Terry Bolamperti





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LA FESTA FOOD PREPARATION SCHEDULE

Volunteers are needed! Please call Captains below or Lisa at the AIHS Office at (402) 493-8888 x 1 or email secretary@omahaitaly.com if you can help.

Item	Date	Captain	Phone Number
Spag Sauce Cooking	Sat. July 2nd	Bob Rodino	402.571.7751
Grate Cheese	Thurs. July 7th	Larry Pence	402.740.4031
Meatball Mixture	Wed. July 13th	Jimmy Mazzei	402.203.3530
Meatballs Roll/Bake/Bag	Thurs. July 14th	Terry Bolamperti	402.333.6815
Cracked Olives and Pepper Sauce	Wed. July 20th & Thurs. July 21st	Larry Pence	402.740.4031
Bracioles, Falso Magro	Thurs. July 28th	Dawn Abboud	402.212.2459
Biscotti Cut & Bake	Mon. Aug. 1st	Rose Koch Mary Kay Ford	402.312.7127 402.510.3002
Biscotti Finish, Frost & Pkg	Tues. Aug. 2nd	Rose Koch Mary Kay Ford	402.312.7127 402.510.3002
Sausage Cut & Meat Cut & Saute Onions	Thurs. Aug. 4th	Terry Bolamperti	402.333.6815
Sausage Stuff, Link & Pkg	Sat. Aug. 6th	Terry Bolamperti	402.333.6815
Salad Dressing	Thurs. Aug. 11th	Terry Bolamperti	402 333.6815



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AIHS Sausage Fundraiser

A huge thank you to all our AIHS Volunteers for participating in the June Sausage Fundraiser. These volunteers cut pork butts, made the peppers for the pepper sauce, made the cracked olives and salad dressing. The huge crew also stuffed the Sausage on Saturday morning and manned the costumer pick-up line. We appreciate all the volunteers who made this sale a success.

If you didn't purchase your sausage, we still have a few bags of sausage left for sale. We also have cracked olives, salad dressing and bags of meatballs for purchase. To purchase any of these items, contact Lisa at the AIHS Office at **(402) 493-8888 X 1** or email at **secretary@omahaitaly.com**.

Membership Dues

Thank you to all the AIHS members who have mailed in their membership dues. If you have not mailed yours in yet, there is still time to mail them in. When you mail your form in, 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 mail dues and form to the AIHS Office at 5110 N. 132nd Street, Omaha, NE 68164 68164 or contact Lisa at the office to renew over the phone at (402) 493-8888 X 1

Santa Lucia Festival Omaha, NE

The Santa Lucia Festival will be held July 21—July 24, 2022 at 10th and William Street. For more information visit their website at **<https://www.santaluciafestival.com/>**.

The Santa Lucia Festival Entertainment Schedule of Events can be found at

<https://www.santaluciafestival.com/2022-festival>

This particular year, the Italian community commemorates the 98th annual Santa Lucia Festival. Through the Siculo Italia Foundation, funds have been raised to host four delegates from our ancestral homeland of Carlentini, Sicily. Mayor Guiseppe Stefio, his wife, Valeria LaRocca, the mayor's assistant Salvo Palmeri, and our Carlentini Omaha Association counterpart, Eleonora Formica, will be in Omaha in July 17-25. During this time, the Omaha Sister City Association, Carlentini Committee, all Italian clubs presidents and delegates will be engaged in various activities, including a visit to UNO, Metropolitan Community College, Creighton University, and Walnut Creek Elementary in LaVista schools to discuss multiple educational exchanges. There are many events that the public may participate with and meet the delegates. The calendar will be available on social media.



PRAYERS FOR OUR MEMBERS

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers our members who are ill, including Ted Bolamperti, , George Grillo, Cookie Mascarello-Ladwig, Teri Carlino, Lou Marcuzzo, Lou Buda, Dee Mascarello, Joe Daniels, Maria Leo, Margo Pirruccello & Geno Crisafulli.

THANK YOU!

We received this note of thanks from Terry and Margo Pirruccello: "We want to thank all the members who prayed for Margo. Your prayers were answered! She is doing better."

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 x1 or email secretary@omahaitaly.com.

AIHS COOKBOOKS FOR SALE

Our original cookbook "A Taste of Italy" is still available for sale for \$25, tax included. There are many great authentic, family recipes and Society specialties.

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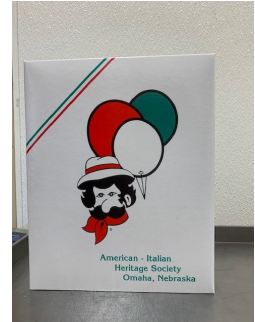
Black Raspberry Gelatin Cream Dessert

- 1 1/4 graham cracker crumbs
- 4 T. melted butter
- 1 (3 oz.) pkg. black raspberry Jello
- 1 1/4 c. boiling water

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- 1 (10-oz) pkg. frozen raspberries
- 2 T. lemon juice
- 1 c. miniature marshmallows
- 1 c. heavy cream, whipped

Maria D'Agosta



Combine the crumbs and butter. Reserve 1/4 cup of the crumb mixture for topping. Spread remaining crumbs in bottom of a 6 x 10 inch baking dish. Chill. Dissolve Jello in boiling water, add frozen raspberries & lemon juice. Allow to stand until raspberries are defrosted, stirring occasionally. Stir in marshmallows & chill partially set. Fold in whipped cream. Pour into crumbs and lined dish; sprinkle with reserved crumbs. Chill until set. To serve, cut into squares. Makes 8 to 10 servings.



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