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The News

THE AMERICAN ITALIAN HERITAGE SOCIETY

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AIHS "4TH OF JULY" SAUSAGE FUNDRAISER



Saturday, June 25th 10:00am-1:00pm

However you cook or grill Italian sausage, order yours fresh for the 4th of July.

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Information needed: Name, cell phone number, how many 5# bags, regular or hot, link or bulk, # of bags of meatballs, peppers & olives.

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VOLUNTEERS, WE NEED YOUR HELP!

We cut meat for sausage on Thursday June 23 8:00am-5:00 pm

Saturday, June 25 at 7:00am to 1:00 pm

We must start at 7:00 am on Saturday to ensure orders are ready!

Must preorder by June 22, 2022

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UPCOMING EVENTS**Member Summer Picnic June 5th****June Sausage Sale June 25****June Membership Meeting**

Monday, June 13th at 7:30 p.m. at il Palazzo

LA FESTA ITALIANA– Labor Day Weekend**May 2022 Membership Meeting Report**

The General Membership Meeting, held on MAY 9, 2022, was called to order by President Terry Bolamperti and was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance with veterans Lou Buda and John Portera as flag-bearers. There were 15 members in attendance. Members were asked to take a moment of silence to remember all of our members that are ill and for recently deceased longtime member, Joe Macchietto.

We welcomed new member and new AIHS Office Manager/Secretary, Lisa Santinoceto-Hutchings. She and her husband Joe have lived in Omaha for a long time and have three children, two daughters who graduated from Skutt Catholic High School and a son who graduated from Creighton Prep. Lisa's family grew up in Clearfield, Pennsylvania, near Pittsburgh, with many relatives still residing there. Her mother and father family names were Brigandi and Santinoceto, whose Italian roots came from Gioiosa Marea, Sicily and Carpineto, Romano, Lazio. She is excited about working for our Italian Society and she was warmly welcomed by members.

The **Treasurer's Report** was given by President Terry Bolamperti, which was approved by members. He mentioned that there were many wedding receptions booked at the Palazzo this Spring, Summer and Fall. Last month's **Membership Meeting minutes** were read and approved. **Old Business** discussed was the **Sausage Fundraiser** held on April 9th and the **Spring Pasta Dinner**, which was held on April 25th. Both were successful. Thanks to all that helped in any way at these events.

New Business discussed included the upcoming annual **Membership Summer Picnic** which will be held on Sunday June 5 at the Palazzo on the Festa grounds. The Membership Summer Picnic was cancelled the previous 2 years due to Covid restrictions. The **Festa** was discussed and the plan is to proceed with the Festa on Labor Day Weekend. Festa Captains will be contacted this month. Festa food prep will be done July and August. We will have the Fourth of July **Sausage Fundraiser** on June 25th. The **AIHS Membership Drive** is ongoing as dues statements will be mailed or emailed to all members in May. All were asked to enroll a new member and send in dues promptly.

The **Presentation of the Progress of the Omaha/Carlentini Sister City Project** was then given by Shari Kanger. This project enhancing Italian heritage will be promoted by the Santa Lucia Festival Committee, the Sons of Italy and the American Italian Heritage Society. There will be exchanges between the two cities. Representatives from Carlentini will visit Omaha this summer during the Santa Lucia Festival in July. Mayor Jean Stothert along with an entourage from Omaha, will travel to Carlentini in September. Exchange students from Carlentini and Omaha will study abroad in their Sister City. Exchanges of history, foods and ideas are also planned to be shared. This process is in its early stages and more information will emerge as the project expands and grows. The AIHS wishes success to this project and Shari Kanger was thanked for a well done presentation of the progress of this venture.

The meeting was adjourned. We welcome all to the next Membership Meeting which will be held on Monday June 13, 2022 at the Palazzo.

Submitted by President Terry Bolamperti

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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ANNUAL MEMBERS SUMMER PICNIC

All AIHS members and their families are invited to our annual Summer Picnic

Sunday, June 5th 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

- Rain or shine -- Lunch will be served at 2:00 p.m.
- Complimentary sausage and peppers, hotdogs, snacks, beer, pop and wine will be served.
- Members are asked to bring side dishes, salads, appetizers, chips or desserts.
- We encourage kids of all ages to attend. Horseshoes and bocce balls will be provided.
- Feel free to bring kid games, baseball bats, balls, gloves, frisbees and bean bag tosses.
- Chairs will not be provided. Please bring lawn chairs, light tables, coolers or blankets.
- Il Palazzo 132nd and Fort Street "Festa Grounds" Enter on the South side.
- Please RSVP so we will know how much food to prepare for.

RSVP: 402-493-8888 x1 or secretary@omahaitaly.com

Membership Dues

AIHS membership renewals have been mailed to all members. 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 AIHS Office at 5110 N. 132nd Street, Omaha, NE 68164 or contact the office to renew over the phone at (402) 493-8888X1



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LA FESTA ITALIANA

La Festa Italiana 2022 will be held once again at il Palazzo during Labor Day Weekend, starting Friday September 2nd, 3rd and 4th.

We really need volunteers for all our food preparation and baking. This is a good way to get to know Society members and learn how to bake our traditional Italian cookies.



The schedule for Festa food prep will be in next months newsletter. 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 youth group that can help.

June Fundraisers

SAUSAGE SALE pre-orders open May 31st -June 22rd PICK UP June 25th 10:00am-1:00pm.

Help is always needed, contact Lisa in the office at (402) 493-8888 X1 or email her at secretary@omahaitaly.com if you can help with prep or pickup on Thursday and Saturday.

Like all of our fundraisers, proceeds help our Society flourish and enable us to continue celebrating our Italian heritage and AIHS traditions. Please ask your family, friends and co-workers who aren't members if they would like to try our Fresh Italian Sausage. They won't be disappointed. Order for them or send them the details!

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 Lisa at 402-493-8888 x1.

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.



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AIHS Board needs YOU!

Are you looking for a leadership opportunity? Do you cherish your Italian Heritage? Are you an outside the box thinker? Are you a collaborative team player then . . .

The American Italian Heritage Society Nominating Committee is looking for you!!

Please call **Toni Bac (402-320-3328)** for more information if you are interested in helping us in our goal to evolve the board and promote innovative and fresh new ideas.

Children's Folk Dancing at the Festa?

We are asking members, their children or grandchildren who may be interested in performing Italian Folk Dancing at the Festa. If there is any interest we would like to hear from you. It would be nice to have around 10-12 children participate in a short program. We are hoping that a few parents can take part with organizing and practicing with the children for a short performance at Festa. Possibly we have a member who teaches dancing or knows someone who does. Let us know if you can help or know anyone who would step up and take part in this project.

If anyone is interested in this, please contact Lisa, our new office manager/secretary by phone at 402-493-8888 x 1 or email at secretary@omahaitaly.com

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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.

MEMORIAL : We would like to express our deepest sympathy to the family of member Joe Macchietto. He and his dear wife Edie have been members for over 26 years. Please keep the Macchietto family in your thoughts and prayers.

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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Marinated Mostaccioli Salad

Page 36 A Taste of Italy

Micky Bolamperti

2 lbs. mostaccioli

1 1/2 c. oil

3 c. cider vinegar

1 c. sugar

1 tsp. salt

1 tsp. coarsely black pepper

1 tsp. garlic powder

2 T. prepared mustard

2 cans pitted black olives,
chopped

2-3 cucumbers, sliced thin (opt.)

1 red onion, sliced thin

5-6 T chopped fresh parsley



Prepare mostaccioli according to package directions. Drain, cool and coat well with oil. Add chopped black olives, cucumber, onion and parsley. Prepare marinade (first 6 ingredients after mostaccioli) in large jar with lid. Shake well. Pour over all ingredients. Refrigerate for 24 hours before serving. **Note:** This recipe can be cut in half if desired as it makes a large amount; also the marinade can be used as you desire as it makes more than enough for the salad. I use 2/3 of marinade to pour over salad when preparing it and reserve 1/3 to add later if desired.

Mille Grazie to the Sponsors and Advertisers for the 40th Anniversary Gala

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