



THE AMERICAN ITALIAN HERITAGE SOCIETY

A Nonprofit Corporation; Omaha, NE

## SAUSAGE FUNDRAISER 4th of JULY

### **SAUSAGE SALE**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 29th**

#### **PICK UP**

10 AM TO 12:30 PM

Sausage \$33 / 5 pounds

Peppers \$15 / quart

Cracked Olives \$15 / quart

Spaghetti Sauce \$9 / quart or

2 quarts for \$16

Meatballs (frozen) \$25 / bag of 25

Italian Salad Dressing \$4.50 / 16 oz



Place your order by Wednesday, June 26th email  
secretary@omahaitaly.com or call 402-493-8888 x 1.

**Please include: name, cell phone number, regular or hot sausage and amount of other items you are ordering. Thank you!**

### **VOLUNTEERS, WE NEED YOUR HELP CUTTING PORK!**

Thursday, June 27th from 8 AM to 3 PM and Saturday, June 29th from 7 AM to 1:30 PM

Call 402-493-8888 x 1 or email secretary@omahaitaly.com, if you can help. Millie Grazie!



## THE AMERICAN ITALIAN HERITAGE SOCIETY

**UPCOMING EVENTS****Member Summer Picnic Sunday, June 2nd****June Sausage Sale June 29th****June Membership Meeting**Monday, June 10th Social Hour 6:30 PM  
Meeting 7:30 PM**LA FESTA ITALIANA– Labor Day Weekend****May 2024 Membership Meeting Report**

Prior to the meeting a social hour was held. Several members brought side dishes and desserts to enjoy. The food was delicious, and members enjoyed each other's company.

The General Membership Meeting, held on May 13, 2024, was called to order by President Terry Bolamperti and was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance with veterans Jim Mazzei and Nick Phillips as flag-bearers. There were 22 members in attendance. Members were asked to take a moment of silence to remember all our members that are ill and for those who have recently passed.

We welcomed member Julia Johnson. This was Julia's first time in attendance at our monthly meeting although she's been a member for some time. We were happy to see her in attendance. Originally Julia was from St Paul, Minnesota. Her maternal Italian roots are from Bari and paternal roots from Florence in Tuscany. Julia and her husband moved to Omaha several years ago as her husband was transferred here working for the railroad. Julia was a great volunteer at the Festa, and she has volunteered for several fundraisers. Julia has a friend who lost everything including her home in the recent tornado. In trying to help her friend with this tragedy, Julia is making and selling pizzelles and donating all the proceeds to this family. She is selling a dozen pizzelles for \$10.00 and would greatly appreciate anyone's support. (Please see the article on page 7 for details on how to order).

The minutes from last month's membership meeting were read and approved. The **Treasurer's Report** was given by Treasurer Jeff Ladwig and approved by the membership. There was much discussion on the cash flow issues since rentals at Palazzo are very low. The Omaha Event Group left our venue and took most of the scheduled events and rescheduled them at their venues. The Society is currently seeking new financing with banks to address our decreased cash flow. There was also discussion of the job performance of the new event management company since new bookings are very low. This will be handled by the AIHS Board of Directors.

**Old Business** was discussed including the successful **Spring Pasta Dinner** which was held in April. A very well attended **Wine Tasting Experience** was held on May 11. Those in attendance enjoyed a delicious meal cooked by Bob Rodino and his crew of volunteers. Five different imported wines were paired with each course of the meal. Many thanks to all that helped in any way at these events.

**New Business** was discussed including the upcoming annual **Membership Summer Picnic** which will be held on Sunday, June 2nd at The Palazzo on the Festa grounds. The Festa was discussed, and the plan is to proceed on Labor Day Weekend. Festa Captains will be contacted this month. Festa food prep will be done in July and August. We will have the 4th of July Sausage Fundraiser on June 29th. The AIHS Membership Drive is ongoing as dues statements will be mailed to all members in May. All were asked to recruit and enroll a new member and send in dues promptly. It was also announced that Santa Lucia will be celebrating its 100th anniversary on August 1-4th. It was also announced that we are asking for help at events and receptions this summer at Palazzo. If anyone is interested in volunteering or working as bartenders at these events, please call or email Beth at the AIHS office.

The meeting was adjourned, and Piece of the Pie winners drawn were Toni Healey and Terry Clark. We welcome all to the next Membership Meeting which will be held on Monday, June 10, 2024, at Palazzo.

Submitted by President Terry Bolamperti



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## ANNUAL MEMBERS SUMMER PICNIC

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

Sunday, June 2nd 1 PM to 5 PM

- Rain or shine -- Lunch will be served at 2 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 & bean bag tosses.
- Chairs will not be provided. Please bring lawn chairs, light tables, and pop-up tents.
- The Palazzo 132nd and Fort Street "Festa Grounds." Enter on the South side drive.
- Please RSVP to the AIHS Office (402) 493-8888 x 1, so we will know how much food to prepare by Friday, May 31st.

## 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. **Please send in your dues today.**

Additionally on the back side of this membership form you will find a **"Volunteer/Participation Form"** and a **Suggestions and Concerns**. Please review and complete this form as well. AIHS is always looking for ways to improve our communication process and our experience for our wonderful members. 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



## LA FESTA ITALIANA

La Festa Italiana 2024 will be held once again at The Palazzo during Labor Day Weekend, August 30, 31 and September 1st.

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 troops have assisted us in years past. Please contact the office at (402) 493-8888 x 1 if you have a youth group that can help. Thank you!

### June Fundraiser 4th of July Sausage

**SAUSAGE SALE** pre-orders May 31st—June 26th.

Pick up is Saturday, June 29th 10 AM to 12:30 PM.

Help is always needed, contact Beth in the office at (402) 493-8888 X1 or email her at [secretary@omahaitaly.com](mailto:secretary@omahaitaly.com), if you can help with prep or pickup on Thursday & 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. Please help to make this a record fundraiser!

### 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 Beth at 402-493-8888 x 1 or email at [secretary@omahaitaly.com](mailto:secretary@omahaitaly.com). Thank you!

### WINE TASTING EXPERIENCE

We held our wine tasting experience on Saturday, May 6th. Everyone enjoyed the meal and wines. We sold all of the wine we ordered. Thank you to all those in attendance. A special thanks to our incredible chefs and volunteers that helped make the night a success; Bob Rodino, Mike Bertino, Tom Morinelli, John Delano, Mike & Dianne Laferla, George Grillo, Beth Phillips, Sonia Riscato, Carmen Grosse, and Joe Gregory. Also to Mary Kay Ford for the decorations!





### **PRAYERS FOR OUR MEMBERS**

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers our members who are ill, including Ted Bolamperti, George Grillo, Cookie Mascarello-Ladwig, Geno Crisafulli, Joe Daniels, Maria Leo, Sebastian Youde, Margo Pirruccello, Kim Rodino, Deacon Steve Grandinetti, Ann Marie Falco-Marr, Judge Joe Troia, Tara & Tim Virgilito, Cecilia Bellinghiere, John Portera, Sam Marasco, and Lou Buda.

### **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS**

We would like to warmly welcome our new members; John Fisher, Lauren Orsi and Scott Moulton, Matthew & Michele Tripp, and Donna & Dan Smith. We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.

### **SANTA LUCIA FESTIVAL**

This year is the 100th year of the Santa Lucia Festival. Please go out and support them during their very special event this year.



Thursday thru Sunday August 1-4, 2024



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### Italian Potato Salad

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Rita Scalise

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| 2 lbs. potatoes                                   | 1 tsp. salt   |
| 1/2 c. olive or corn oil                          | Pepper to taste   |
| 1/4 c. red wine vinegar or<br>apple cider vinegar | 1-2 garlic cloves (opt.)<br>1-2 tsp. fresh leaf oregano |




Amounts of ingredients may be varied according to taste. Wash and boil potatoes in jackets until fork can be inserted in potato easily. Do not overcook; cut into bite-size or larger pieces. Can be peeled or left unpeeled, according to taste. Add salt, pepper, garlic, oil, vinegar and oregano; mix well. May be served warm or cold. Salad can be prepared several hours before needed and served at room temperature. Mix occasionally to incorporate flavor. Makes 4 to 6 servings. **Tip:** Pre-



### PIZZELLE FUNDRAISER

Our Society member, Julia Brecht-Johnson is having a pizzelle fundraiser to help support a co-worker who lost everything in the recent tornadoes. She will be baking and selling traditional anise pizzelles for \$10/dozen. You can place your order by emailing her at [jbrecht17@gmail.com](mailto:jbrecht17@gmail.com) or by text at 320-266-6187. Pick-up will be at The Palazzo, Saturday, June 22nd 10-1.

Please help support the tornado victims.



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