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The News

THE AMERICAN ITALIAN HERITAGE SOCIETY

A Nonprofit Corporation; Omaha, NE



FESTA is BACK for 2024 **Labor Day Weekend !!**

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

DANCE UNDER THE STARS

Friday, August 30th

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

Saturday, August 31st

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

Sunday, September 1st

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

\$6.00 Advance - \$7.50 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.



UPCOMING EVENTS

July Membership Meeting

Monday, July 8th Social Hour 6:30 PM
Meeting 7:30 PM

FESTA Food Prep—See Schedule

FESTA Captains Meeting:

Wednesday, August 7th at 7:00 PM

*Captain Packets will be distributed at the meeting.

FESTA—August 30, 31, September 1st

JUNE MEMBERSHIP MEETING REPORT

Prior to the meeting a social hour was held. Several members brought side dishes and desserts to enjoy. Sausage and peppers were also served. The food was good and members enjoyed the social interactions.

The Membership Meeting was held on June 10, 2024 and called to order by President Dr. Terry Bolamperti with 24 members in attendance. It was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance with Vietnam War veterans Larry Belfiore and Jim Mazzei as flag bearers. There was a moment of prayer for ill members and for members who have recently passed away. The May meeting minutes were read and approved. The **Treasury Report** was given by President Terry Bolamperti. Issues were discussed concerning possible problems with our rental bookings. It was mentioned that we should use our AIHS Secretary, Beth Phillips, for any showing that need to be done same day.

Old Business was discussed. All members were reminded to send in their dues as soon as possible as well as trying to enroll a new member. Membership renewals were due June 1, 2024. The Members’ Summer Picnic was held June 1st on the Festa grounds. The weather was beautiful at the start of the event and we had a very nice crowd of 75 or more members attending, which included 20 children. (We started off with beautiful weather with attendees playing corn hole toss, frisbees, waffle ball, bocce ball, and horse shoes). Larry Belfiore, Tom Clark and Terry Clark chaired this event and they were thanked for a great picnic. Sausage and pepper sandwiches, hotdogs and beverages were provided by the Society and members brought side dishes to share. 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 Saturday, June 29th. Much help is needed for this event and all were asked to sell more sausage and peppers.

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 currently working on Festa entertainment. Most all Festa Captains from last year will be contacted soon. Festa committee meetings are being held to organize this years Festa.

It was also announced that the Santa Lucia Festival will celebrate their 100th Anniversary. Their first one in Omaha started in 1924. We congratulated them at our meeting for their longtime celebration of Italian heritage. There are also plans with the final Sister City designation with both Mayors of Omaha and Carlentini, Sicily being present at the Santa Lucia. There will also be a dedication of the renovated Dahlman Park in the neighborhood. Please plan on attending the festivities.

The Meeting was adjourned. The Piece of the Pie winners drawn were Tom Morinelli and Wayne Moore. Hope to see you all at the July 8th Membership Meeting. Ciao!

Submitted by Dr. Terry Bolamperti



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2024 AIHS MEMBER'S SUMMER PICNIC

The Members' Summer picnic was held June 1st on the Festa grounds. The weather was beautiful for this year's event. We had a very nice crowd of 75 or more members attending, which included 20 children. Attendees started off playing corn hole toss, frisbee, waffle ball, bocce ball, and horseshoes. Larry Belfiore, Tom Clark and Terry Clark 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. Members brought side dishes and desserts to share. It was very rewarding having the members enjoy a relaxing time at the picnic on our Festa grounds. The children had the most fun throwing over 200 water balloons at each other and adults. It was a fun time at the picnic for all those that attended.

We want to thank the chairmen Larry Belfiore, Tom Clark and Terry Clark for all of their hard work in organizing and running this yearly event. Special thanks also to the crew that helped Larry, Tom and Terry. Thank you to Lou Rotella from Rotella's Italian Bakery for donating all the sausage and hotdog buns. Thanks to anyone else who helped in any way. You all did a great job! See you all at next year's Members' Summer Picnic.

Millie Grazie!

Submitted by Dr. Terry Bolamperti





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LA FESTA FOOD PREPARATION SCHEDULE 2024

Volunteers are needed! Please call Captains below or Beth 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	Saturday, July 6th DONE!	Bob Rodino	402.571.7751
Meatballs Mixture	Wednesday, Jul 10th	Larry Pence Jimmy Mazzei	402.740.4031 402.203.3530
Meatballs Roll/Bake/Bag	Thursday, July 11th 8 AM—4 PM	Terry Bolamperti	402.616.5077
Grate Cheese	Tuesday, July 16th	Larry Belfiore	402.960.6011
Pepper Sauce Cut & Sauté Onion	Thursday, July 18th	Larry Pence	402.740.4031
Salad Dressing Falso Magro	Thursday, July 25th	Terry Bolamperti Lou Buda	402.616.5077 402.290.0867
Biscotti Cut & Bake	Thursday, August 8th	Rose Koch Mary Kay Ford	402.312.7127 402.510.3002
Biscotti Finish, Frost & Pkg	Friday, August 9th	Rose Koch Mary Kay Ford	402.312.7127 402.510.3002
Sausage Cut & Meat	Thursday, August 1st	Terry Bolamperti Jimmy Mazzei	402.616.5077 402.203.3530
Sausage Stuff, Link & Pkg	Saturday, August 3rd	Terry Bolamperti Jimmy Mazzei	402.616.5077 402.203.3530
Gelato Crack Olives	Thursday, August 8th	Larry Belfiore Larry Pence	402.960.6011 402.740.4031

We desperately need
FESTA Booth Captains & Volunteers.
Call Beth at (402) 493-8888 x 1
if you can help.



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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 hot and regular cased 5 pound bags of sausage left for sale at \$33 per bag. We also have peppers, a few bottles of salad dressing and bags of 25 frozen meatballs for purchase. To purchase any of these items, contact Beth at the AIHS Office at (402) 493-8888 X 1 or email at secretary@omahaitaly.com.

Church Youth Groups or Students Needing Service Hours

If you have church youth groups needing projects or students needing service hours, please consider signing them up to volunteer at this year's FESTA 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 at (402) 493-8888 x 1 if you have a youth group that can help. Thank you!

FESTA VOLUNTEERS**Biscotti Baking Volunteers Needed**

Volunteers are needed for baking Biscotti's on Thursday, August 8th and Friday, August 9th from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. Please call Rose Koch at (402) 312-7127 to volunteer. Thank you!

Booth Captains and Booth Volunteers Needed

Festa Volunteers are desperately needed for this year's FESTA 2024 which will be held on August 30, 31, and September 1st at The Palazzo. Booth Captains and Volunteers are needed to work and man the various booths during FESTA. The success of FESTA depends on all our wonderful Volunteers. So, grab your AIHS Members, Friends and Family and Volunteer today. Please call Beth at the AIHS Office at (402) 493-8888 x 1 to or email her at secretary@omahaitaly.com to Volunteer. We appreciate your help.





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; Danielle & Ryan Mann, Mike & Debi Godek, Donna Mannello and Kimberly Allen. We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events!

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! 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 or contact Beth at the office to renew over the phone at (402) 493-8888 X 1

SANTA LUCIA FESTIVAL OMAHA

The Santa Lucia Festival will be held August 1-4 2024 at 10th and William Street, Little Italy in Omaha. This particular year, the Italian community commemorates the 100th annual Santa Lucia Festival.

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.

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Chocolate Zucchini Cake

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Milena Donelan

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| 1/2 c. oil | 1/2 tsp. salt |
| 1/2 c. margarine | 1/2 tsp. cinnamon |
| 1 3/4 c. sugar | 2 c. zucchini, grated |
| 2 eggs | 1/2 c. sour milk |
| 1 tsp. vanilla | 2 1/2 c. flour |
| 4 T. cocoa | 1/2 c. chopped nuts |
| 1 tsp. baking soda | 1/2 c. chocolate chips |



Mix all ingredients together except nuts and chips. Pour into greased 9x13 inch pan then sprinkle with nuts and chips. Bake at 350 degrees for 40 to 45 minutes. No frosting needed.

Our "A Taste of Italy" Cookbook can be purchased for \$25.



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