



AIHS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The American Italian Heritage Society encourages, promotes and preserves Italian culture and heritage with activities centered upon Italian traditions, foods, language, religious feasts, history, folklore, customs, celebrations, music, dance and family genealogy.

As we approach 2025 renewals, we want to remind all our members of the benefits of being part of the Society. Please take some time to think of others in the community, family members, co-workers and friends, who would be interested in joining. Membership renewals will be mailed this month.



Please make sure you pay your dues by the June 1st deadline.

Membership Benefits

- **Monthly Membership Meetings**

Camaraderie with members discussing Italian interests. Periodic speakers on such topics as history, culture, foods, travel, oral histories and genealogy. We have added a social hour before the business meeting for members to visit and enjoy a variety of foods.

- **Sausage, Meatball and Specialty Food Fundraisers**

AIHS makes Italian Sausage, Meatballs and other Society specialty foods three times a year as fundraisers for the Society. Two pasta dinner fundraisers offered in the spring and fall.

- **Complimentary Member Events**

The Summer Members Family Picnic, The Epiphany Celebration and the St. Joseph Celebration offer complimentary dinner and entertainment to our members.

- **Newsletter**

A Monthly Newsletter is emailed in color to all current members. This newsletter is the pipeline for information and communication of all Society events. This newsletter contains interesting articles on Italian Heritage and recipes from our Italian Cookbook.

- **La Festa Italiana**

A Celebration of Italian Heritage for the Omaha community for over 40 years! This year it will be held on August 29, 30, 31st. Our 41st FESTA!

- **Scholarships**

Two College Scholarships are offered annually to active members' children.

We have offered these benefits to our members for nearly 45 years!

Please Join the AIHS Today and Enroll a New Member!

Call our office at 402.493.8888x1 or email to secretary@omahaitaly.com



THE AMERICAN ITALIAN HERITAGE SOCIETY

UPCOMING EVENTS**May Membership Meeting****Monday, May 12th****Social Hour 6:30 PM****Meeting to begin 7:30 PM****Membership Drive - May*****Please enroll a new member!****Wine Tasting Experience****Saturday, May 3rd 6:30 - 9 PM****Pizza Night Friday, May 16th 5:30-7:30 PM****Members Summer Picnic****Sunday, June 1st 1-5 PM****APRIL MEMBERSHIP MEETING REPORT**

One year ago was the first membership meeting that we held a Social Hour before the start of the meeting. This idea was introduced by Beth Phillips, our Secretary. She made lasagna and several other members brought side dishes and desserts at the first Social Hour. Yum! Everything was delicious and members liked the new format and we've enjoyed the camaraderie, visiting and tasting homemade delicacies every month before the meetings for the last year. We always want to invite all members to come and enjoy this comfortable time to spend time visiting old friends and even make some new friends. Bring a dish side dish or dessert or anything if you can. Even if you don't have time to bring something don't worry. There is always enough for everyone.

The General Membership Meeting, held on April 14, 2025, was called to order by President Terry Bolamperti and was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance with John Portera and Joe Daniels as flag-bearers. Both John and Joe served our country during the Vietnam War. There were 22 members in attendance. Members were asked to take a moment of silence to remember all of our members that are ill and for any members that have passed away recently. The minutes of last months meeting were read and approved. **The Treasurers Report** was given by President Terry Bolamperti and was approved by members. Dr. Terry mentioned the rentals at the Palazzo were very low since the Omaha Event Group (OEG) has left our venue and took most of the scheduled events at the Palazzo in 2025 and told clients that they could not do their events at the Palazzo. They rescheduled most of these events at their other venues. This really hurt our business and our income from rental is down. The new event planner for the Palazzo, Catering Creations, is booking events now into the fall and in 2026 since most all weddings are booked nearly a year or more in advance. The majority of our income comes from the event fundraisers the Society puts on. It's very important for members to support all fundraisers the we have at the Palazzo.

Old Business was discussed including the March 16, 2025 Spaghetti and Meatball Dinner, which was very successful. It was a group that chaired the dinner with Bob Rodino running the kitchen. We also celebrated St Joseph's Day at the Spaghetti Dinner since overlapping days of the events resulted in a scheduling conflict. Joe and Jeanne Gregory chaired the St. Joseph's Table to honor the Saint. We thank all members that helped in any way. Also discussed was the Easter Sausage Fundraiser held on April 12, 2025 at which we nearly sold out of most items with only a few items that are still available for purchase. An awful lot of work goes into this event in the previous month along with the last couple days cutting pork and stuffing the fresh sausage. All volunteers were thanked sincerely for their efforts to make this fundraiser a success. We are blessed to have such great volunteers. Mille Grazie!

New Business discussed was the planned **Wine Tasting Experience** on May 3, 2025, at which 5 different imported Italian wines will be served and paired with a delicious Italian meal. See the article in Newsletter for details. The **AIHS Membership Drive** is approaching and dues statements will be mailed out to all members in May. All were asked to enroll a new member and send in the dues by June 1, 2025. The annual **Member's Summer Picnic** will once again be held on Sunday, June 1st at the Palazzo in the Festa grounds. The **Festa Italiana** was discussed and the plan is to proceed with the Festa on Labor Day Weekend. There will be contacts with Festa Captains in May to start organizing the event. Festa organizational meetings will start up in June. We are striving to increase young leadership Festa positions. Any member willing to get involved with help and organizing please call Beth-the AIHS office. The meeting was adjourned and the Piece of the Pie winners were Joe Daniels and Terry Bolamperti. All are welcome to the next Membership Meeting which will be held on Monday May 12, 2025.

Submitted by President Terry Bolamperti



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Come Wine & Dine With Us



AIHS WINE TASTING EXPERIENCE

**Saturday, May 3rd
Doors open 6:30 PM**

**\$85 PER
PERSON**



THE EVENING INCLUDES:

- **QUAFFING**- cheeses, fruit, olives, cured meats & bread
- **SOUP & SALAD**- Spring Mix Salad and Navy Bean Soup
- **DINNER**- Beef Tenderloin Florentine medallions, spinach, butter ravioli
- **DESSERT**- Tiramisu
- **WINES**- 5 different hand imported Italian wines paired with each course!



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FRIDAY PIZZA NIGHT

Please join us for Friday Pizza Night on Friday, May 16th 5:30-7:30 PM

\$10

2-3 slices Fresh Homemade Pizza & Italian Salad

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ANNUAL MEMBERS SUMMER PICNIC

AIHS Members & their Families are invited to the Summer Picnic

Sunday, June 1st 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM

- Rain or shine -- Lunch will be served around 2:00 PM
- 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, footballs or frisbees.
- Chairs will not be provided. Please bring lawn chairs & coolers. Feel free to bring pop-up tents.
- The Palazzo 132nd & Fort Street "Festa Grounds" Enter on the South side.

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Crab Meat Supreme

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Toni Wills

3/4 c. mayonnaise, not salad dressing
 1/4 c. finely chopped green pepper
 3-4 T. finely chopped onion
 1/2 tsp. dry mustard
 3 T. lemon juice
 1/2 tsp. salt

1/8 tsp. pepper
 2 c. cooked fresh crab meat or canned crab meat
 2 hard-boiled eggs, chopped
 4 med. unpeeled avocados, halved & pitted
 1 c. bread crumbs
 2 T. butter, melted

Preheat oven to 350. Combine mayonnaise, green pepper, onion, mustard, 2 tablespoons lemon juice, salt & pepper. Mix in crab meat and eggs. Cut a thin slice off bottom of avocado half so it will remain level in shallow baking dish. Brush cut surfaces with 1 tablespoon lemon juice. Mound crab meat mixture into each avocado. Combine bread crumbs and melted butter; sprinkle over crab meat. Bake for 10 to 15 minutes.



Congratulazioni

2024 AIHS Scholarship recipient Maggie Galligan has a 4.0 GPA at Oklahoma University. Not only is Maggie an A+ student, she's a student athlete on the OU Pom Squad.



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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, Geno Crisafulli, Maria Leo, Margo Pirruccello, Ann Marie Falco-Marr, Judge Joe Troia, Tara & Tim Virgilito, Cecilia Bellinghiere, Sam & Lucy Marasco, Lou Buda, Joan Gentzler and Kathy Eichelberg.

*****SUPPORT & PROMOTE THE PALAZZO!!!**

We need your help to promote our home, The Palazzo for rentals. Please call Beth at the AIHS office to schedule a tour and she will help provide information on our event planner. Members will receive 20% off rental for your next event!

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

WE NEED YOU!

We need a volunteer to chair the **Membership Summer Picnic** on Sunday, June 1st 1-5 PM.

You will have the help of other Society volunteers. Please call Beth at 402-493-8888 x 1.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Please help us grow our membership. If you can get two new members to join, we could double our membership!

FROM THE MAILBOX

Thank you to member Bobbie Carlson for the donation and kind words.

"We appreciate all you do to share our Italian Heritage with our community. Makes us proud and happy." Sincerely, Bobbie Carlson

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

AIHS SCHOLARSHIP: We will be offering two generous scholarships. Applications are now available to members' children attending a credited college. Must be paid members for 2 years.

THE JOHN SCIGLIANO SCHOLARSHIP: We are now taking applications for any AIHS members' children and grandchildren attending Creighton University in the science program.

If interested, please call the AIHS office at 402-493-8888 x 1 or email secretary@omahaitaly.com,



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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