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Novita' DECEMBER 2019

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Your Cultural and Social Newsletter



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Dicembre 2019

la Parola del Presidente

Well we made it through a very busy November! The "working" volunteers enjoyed a well deserved, delicious dinner at the Plantation G & C Club; many heard the beautiful voices of the Sarasota Opera Singers; member birthday featured Military Memorabilia; some of us golfed in an outing; many dined on turkey at our Italian Thanksgiving; many members will walk or ride the Gondola in Venice's Holiday Parade; and continuing are Italian classes, card games, mahjong, bocce, prepping & serving Friday dinners! Military Veterans, numbering **213**, were treated to a free dinner on Nov. 8th! What a turnout, our way of thanking you for your service. The Club continues to thrive & the December meeting brings election of the 2020 executive board. Those eligible to vote will make their choices or usher in those unopposed. Remember to come to the Christmas Member Pot Luck Birthday. Please pass the word along to friends with **children/grandchildren** about our complimentary Christmas Party. Enjoy a safe holiday season. Linda & I wish everyone all the best of health & much happiness for 2020. Buon Natale ...**Ciao, Bruce**



**CHRISTMAS BIRTHDAY
POT LUCK
SUNDAY, DEC. 8TH**



**What's
For
Dinner?**

For info regarding what to bring to share, please see/call
Karen Errico at 420-3488 or Email: klze61@aol.com
Note: If you bring a guest, the fee will be \$10. Grazie!

The Italian American Club of Venice
1375 Ringling Drive

Invites You along with, your Children/
Grandchildren/Niece/Nephew/Neighbor's Child
to a.....



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Children up to 10 years old
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****Games Galore!
**Great Gifts!
Goodies!

Join the fun! All welcome!

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SEASON'S GREETINGS from all the members!

For Information: Call Ben 201-874-2299



Executive Board of the IACV 2020

The Nominating committee presented a Slate of officers at the Nov 7th General membership meeting, as follows:

President: **Ron DeBacco**

1st VP: **Joe Bird**

2nd VP: **Ralph Maccarone,**

Treasurer: **Josephine Mihalopoulos**

Recording Secretary: **Johanna Giordano**

Corresponding Secretary: **Anne Brozosky (floor)**

Past President: **Bruce Bastian**

According to the By Laws of 4/15/18, Article XII Sec.1, Item G states: The election will be held at the December General Meeting & shall be held by secret ballot, in the Columbus room.

Roberts Rules state: if the bylaws require the election of officers to be by ballot & there is only one nominee for an office, the ballot must nevertheless be taken for that office, unless the bylaws provide for an exception in such a case. Our bylaws do not provide an exception, therefore there will be a secret ballot election on December 5th. There will be a provision for Write-In candidates for each office.

***Check By Laws for voting Eligibility**



***NOTE**

**NAME TAGS
AVAILABLE \$9.00
Call
Donna Sherman
587-1058**

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Benvenuti!

Welcome New Members

Watch for new members next month.



Luce del Sole Get well soon

Irene Ciridnikov

CONDOLENCES to Betty & Tony Rich on the passing of Betty's Mother. May she Rest In Peace.

Note: Please call **Vi Giancola 497-6942** or **missvig007@comcast.net** if you know of someone needing the support of the members through cards, calls & prayers.

Buon Compleanno!

Enjoy one **Complimentary** Carafe of Wine During Friday Night Pasta Dinner for your Birthday in the Month of **Dicembre!**



Rose Altreuter **28th**, Nicholas Barber **25th**, Joe Bird **17th**, Sarah Cesario **10th**, Anna Derrick **18th**, Louise DiVecchio **11th**, Diane Johnson **18th**, Carol Maccarone **20th**, James Maffucci **3rd**, Anthony Marchesano **18th**, Loretta McFarland **21st**, Marie Palagonia **23rd**, Randy Pistone **14th**, Susan Pistone **3rd**, Matt Prisutti **7th**, Mary Ann Ramirez **2nd**, Marcello Ranalli **20th**, Bob Rexroat **16th**, Dorothy Segowski **12th**, Carol Sollitto **10th**, Mike Sollitto **3rd**, Steve Sudia **10th**, Sal Trofi **3rd**, Jack Ulkis **18th**, Carl Wilson **6th**

*If we missed your Birthday, please call **Denise Riley** to update your information. Show ID at the Bar to add your name to the list for **Dec**.

NOV. 11th: Member Birthday/Anniversary party was attended by **118** enthusiastic people! Several Snowbirds have returned, nice to see them. Delicious dinner, special pork & rice, Cassandra's recipe, fixings & of course, yummy cake was on the menu.

Birthday celebrants were: John B, Tony D, Mary Kay M, Dennis H, Joanna S, Karen E, Linda F, Angie & Lee M, Jerry P, Janet P, Dolores T, Patty B & Carol R. **Anniversaries celebrated:** the Mazzilli's 15 yrs, Provino's 56 yrs & Santurri's 62 yrs! New Members in attendance: Carol Chichester & Carol Raffaele. Many thanks to all the workers: Kitchen: Cassandra assisted by Joe D, Marino R, Pasquale S, Frank U. Set-up: Dee M, Linda F, Emma T & Cassandra. Raffle: Tom M, Bar: Joe B & John B & Tony & Annette D. Door: Linda B, Cake: Joe D & Marino R.

A wonderful addition to the day was the donations of toys for Kids & gifts for Seniors by members! The boxes were overflowing! Karen E & Cassandra L want to thank everyone for their generosity. These gifts will be a bright light for many during the holiday season!

Talk of this becoming an Annual Tradition! YES!

Grazie to **Anthony Rondello** for organizing a display of **Veteran's Memorabilia** for all to see & enjoy. Many members are Veterans &/or had family members who were Vets as well. Perfectly fitting on this day! Thanks for your service!

*Next is the Christmas Pot Luck on Dec 8th! Get in the Christmas spirit! Ugly Christmas sweaters anyone? Don't miss it!

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Dicembre 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	<u>3</u>	4	<u>5</u>	6	7
<u>8</u>	9	<u>10</u>	11	12	13	<u>14</u>
15	16	17	18	<u>19</u>	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	<u>27</u>	28
29	30	31	HAPPY NEW YEAR 2020			

December Notable Dates:

- Dec 3rd– Book Club 1pm
- Dec 5th General Meeting /Election 7 pm
- Dec 8th– Member Birthday/Anniversary Pot Luck 4 pm
- Dec 10th– Book Club 1pm
- Dec 14th– Children's Christmas Party 1 to 3 pm
- Dec 16th– The Gondolier Barbershoppers 7pm
- Dec 19th– Executive Board meeting 6pm
- Dec 27th– Club Closed. Merry Christmas! Buon Natale!
- Monday Morning Coffee & Bocce 9am
- Tuesday morning coffee & Bocce
- Wednesday's Card Games continue. Mahjong 1-4 too.
- Weekly Italian Classes **NOTE: Study of Italian Culture on Wednesdays will be cancelled until further notice.**

Note: Vince Amato 234-0465 will be teaching "Introduction To Italian" beginning Jan. 9th - 3 to 5 pm Open to everyone– members & non-members.

*Save the Dates: Mark your Calendar

Jan 2nd– General Meeting 7Pm Swearing in 2020 Board
Jan 9th– Feast Captain's meeting 6pm
Jan. 12th: Tampa Bay Downs– Buffet & Bus Trip included!
Jan 15th– Lecture with Carlo Ferroni
Jan. 19th: Member Birthday/Anniversary Party 4pm
Jan 22nd– Lecture with Carlo Ferroni
Jan 23rd– Social Committee presents: JIMMY MAZZ
Jan 30th: Executive Board meeting 6pm
Feb 8th– Valentine Dinner Dance
Feb. 20th-23rd: The Annual Italian Feast & Carnival 2020 flyer available & schedule next month.
Questions? Call Charles Mossorfo 929-1952

Sunday Nov. 3rd: IACV Volunteer Appreciation dinner was held at the Plantation Golf & Country Club in Venice. There were **68** volunteers & guests lucky enough to qualify to attend. The surroundings & the meal were "second to none" & enjoyed by everyone! Thank you all for your hours of dedication to the club. Kudos to **Donna Sherman** & to her helper, Vi Giancola, as well as to Angelo Tulimieri for taking lots of photos. Our next Appreciation Dinner is planned for March. Date TBD.
 (Invitation only to qualified volunteers)



PHOTOS by Angelo Tulimieri Can be accessed on his Website: **www.venice.smugbug.com** Check it out for lots of great photos of IACV activities!

Thank you Angelo for making this available to us.

This month's list for General Meeting goodies is **N to Z**.

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Santurri's "62nd"!



Provino's "56th"!



Mazzilli's "15th"!





****Noteworthy News Items****

Did You Know.....???

December Novita'

- *Remember that Nametags may be purchased through Donna Sherman. Either give her a personal check or cash in advance with name as they want it to appear on the name badge. Usually ready in a week , but prefer to have a few orders at a time if possible.*
- *The next Volunteer Appreciation Dinner will be in March. Volunteers can earn one credit per week to go towards their dinner. Six must be credited from Nov. 1st to Feb. 14th to qualify for an invitation. Thank you for all you do, Donna Sherman*
- *Please note that the Italian Cultural Class with Carlo Ferroni on Tuesday afternoon has been **cancelled until further notice**. Try to attend the two lectures Carlo will be hosting at the club: **January 15th**: The first talk will cover the Italian POW experience using a few of the interviews . Should not last more than one hour--with time for questions to follow.
January 22nd: The second talk will cover our experiences with the local people focusing on the hospitality we received.*
- ***Join us** for an evening of song, the Social Committee presents
"THE VENICE GONDOLIER BARBERSHOP CHORUS
on Monday Dec. 16th at 7 pm.
Complimentary coffee & biscotti will be offered.
Free Admission!*
- *The Book Club has been very well received! Watch for additional dates!*
- *Plans are under way to make repairs to the Bocce Court carpets.*
- *The IACV has placed an ad in the FFIAC (Florida Federation of Italian American Clubs) Yearbook once again. It helps to keep the clubs in Florida acquainted with our information.*



Sarasota Opera



Rigoletto was enjoyed by twenty-eight of us on Sunday, November 17. Our wonderful Sarasota Opera Singers were part of this grand opera performance. There was complete silence during those last ten minutes while everyone awaited Gilda's last breath as she sang a farewell to her father. Afterward, we walked to Salute' for a delicious dinner.

The next opera is ***La Boheme***. This is scheduled for Saturday, February 29. There were only two matinees on the Opera House Calendar. The first one was booked very early. The price has increased to \$82.00 per ticket for Orchestra level, Section D, where we normally sit. I was only able to get thirty tickets, so I also reserved five mezzanine tickets for \$140.00 each. **This is important. If you want to go with the Club to see *La Boheme*, I absolutely have to know by Tuesday, February 4.**



Sarasota Opera Singers



What a delight to have these extremely talented young singers performing for our Club. This year we had ten performers! And they were all in *Rigoletto*, so we enjoyed them on November 13, and again as characters in that wonderful story by Verdi. I always wish even more members and non-members would come to listen to these beautiful arias. The evening was a definite success.

Book Club

Dates for the Book Club in December are Tuesday, December 3 and December 10. We will continue watching the HBO series, "My Brilliant Friend".

The book for January is *The Shape of Water*, by Andrea Camilleri. The Sarasota County Library has three book copies. They also have an audio book and an Ebook. So everyone should be able to get the book in some media form before the Book Club date of Tuesday, January 7.

Movie Night

It's coming! The date is Wednesday, January 29, 7:00 P.M. The movie is "Bread and Tulips", or "Pane e tulipani" is a comedy directed by Silvio Soldini. An Italian family is taking a vacation on a bus tour. The star, Licia Maglietta, is left behind at a rest stop. She gets tired of waiting for her family to get back to her, so she continues on her own vacation which lands her in Venice. It's in Italian with English subtitles. So please come for a fun, quirky story which I hope everyone enjoys.

It's free, cash bar will be open, we will have coffee available, and popcorn too.

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*****Children's Halloween Party 2019 Style*****

Kudos to **Mary Indovino** for chairing this annual event that allows the IACV to entertain the children of Venice compliments of the Club! There were several adult helpers as well as 30 costumed little ones enjoying games, balloon creatures, activities & the delicious Hotdogs, snacks & cupcakes! Every child went home with a goodie-filled backpack, compliments of Mary's daughter, Lisa, who provides the children with items to keep them safe & sound while they are trick or treating! Much appreciated!

Thanks to Mary & her group of willing helpers for once again providing the neighborhood children with a fun & creative Halloween party! The IACV is pleased to offer this complimentary event in our efforts to support & give back to the Community.

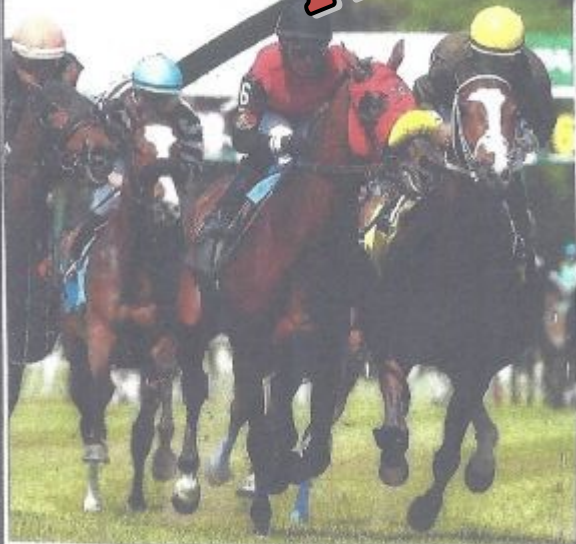
VENICE HOLIDAY PARADE Nov. 30, 2019



TAMPA BAY DOWNS

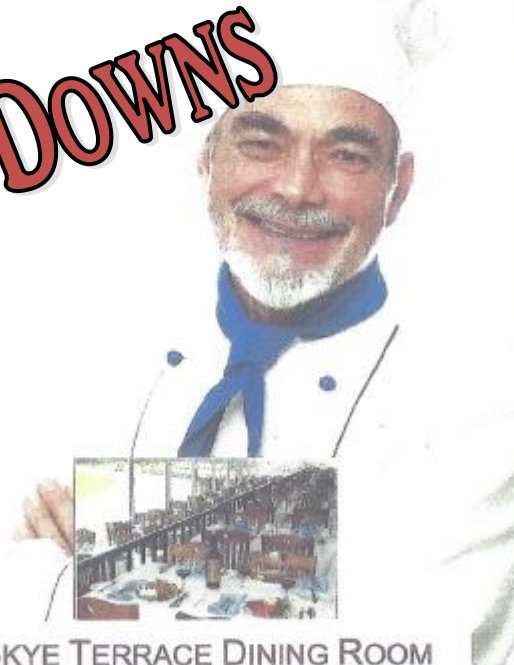
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Fresh Fruit Salad, Caesar Salad,
Chef's Vegetable Selections,
Homestyle Mac 'n Cheese, Country-Style Stuffing,
Chef-Carved Roast Beef & Turkey Breast,
Eclairs & Cookies, Freshly Brewed Coffee or Iced Tea

*Join us... **Sunday, January 12th, 2020***

Tickets On Sale Nov. 22nd, 2019

*****Members \$45 Non-Members \$50**

****No Parking Lot Fee **Bus Transportation **Club House Admission**

****Day's Program **Bountiful Buffet ** \$5 Top Shelf Liquor Raffle**

*****Info: Dick 941-876-3815**

*****Tickets: Delores 941-468-9029**