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# Novita' FEBRUARY 2020



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# Novità

Your Cultural and Social Newsletter



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Febbraio 2020

## la Parola del Presidente

I hope you enjoyed a wonderful Christmas, and may you and your family have a happy and healthy 2020. Our new Board was sworn in at the January General Meeting. We welcomed new members, Ann Brozosky and Joe Bird. Kudos to our out-going members, Dick Cattelona and Ben Petrone, for their dedication and loyalty to the club. We plan to swear in some 24 new members at the February meeting. As your president, and with your help, we will strive to uphold the high standards set by the Italian-American Club. Special thanks to Bruce Bastian for all of his hard work and strong leadership. We hope that you, the members, will support the many events that the club offers throughout the year. **Ciao, Ron**

## Upcoming Events!

**ENJOY! 32nd Annual Venice Italian Feast & Carnival**  
**February 20, 21, 22 & 23, 2020**

Starts at 4pm...Thurs & Fri

Starts at Noon...Sat & Sun

Free Admission / Venice Airport / Parking \$5

Food, Beverages, Entertainment, Midway

Educational & Cultural Displays

Favorite Entertainers Include

Jimmy Mazz & Bandana

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## A Valentine Celebration

Saturday, Feb. 8th, 2020

Social 5:00 Dinner 6:00

Music & Dancing 10:00

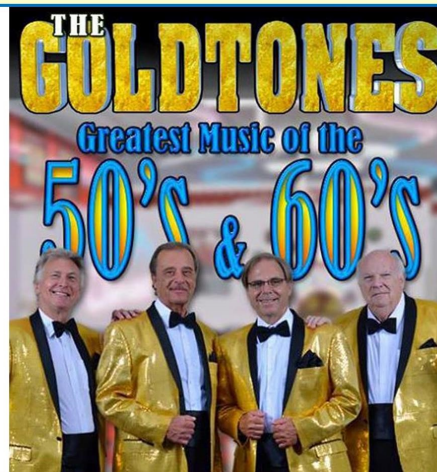
Donation: Members \$30 Guests \$40

Ticket #

**SOLD OUT!**



The Italian American Club of Venice ....Presents



**Wednesday, March 25th, 2020**

**7:00 pm**

\*Cash Bar Available \*Bar Snacks /Coffee & Biscotti Included

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### Welcome New Members:

No new members in January.

Watch for several at the February General meeting!



### Luce del Sole Get well soon!

Chuck Briguglio, Dee & Tom Martorana,  
Carol Alexandratos

To everyone suffering from the flu— get plenty of rest & drink lots of fluids & feel better soon.

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

### Buon Compleanno!

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



Lisa Bell **2nd**, Martha Bicknese **5th**, Sarah Bortolotto **8th**, Chuck Briguglio **21st**, Frances Cancellieri **12th**, Jean Cipriano **10th**, John DeStefano **16th**, Bill Ehrhardt **19th**, Michael Falivena **25th**, RuthAnn Galante **24th**, Vi Giancola **10th**, Rich Giardelli **17th**, Diane Johnson **22nd**, Mary Kettery **18th**, Carole LaGrego-Chichester **16th**, Cassandra Landry **9th**, Lili Legg **16th**, Patricia Marchesi **24th**, Doug McPeck **6th**, Cassandra Mohr **24th**, Charles Mossorofo **2nd**, Janet Nutting **4th**, Julie Packard **5th**, Bob Pellegrini **24th**, Robert Ranieri **25th**, Pasquale Santaguida **18th**, Shirley Santurri **20th**, George Veigh **22nd**, Sharon Veatch **28th**.

\*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 **Feb**.


### Member Birthday/Anniversary Party Jan. 19th, 2020:

Two play-off football games didn't hurt our January birthday party! There were **100** happy & hungry members & a few guests! Lentil soup by Maria Tims & roast pork loin, green beans & potato salad were on the menu! Biscotti & Spumoni satisfied our sweet tooth for dessert! Everything was Delizioso! Thanks to Johanna Giordano & Joe Bird for organizing this party with a host of other helpers! Bar: Bill E, Tony & Annette D; Door: Linda B; Table calling: Ben P; MC: Bruce & Johanna; Biscotti: Joe D; and the helpers, Bob & Karen E, Emma T, Jackie B, Carol Mc, Pasquale S, Fran O, Marino R, Anthony R & Mary I for her guidance. Birthdays were celebrated by Bruce B, Sarah Lazzaro, Steve Fornadel, Gaetano Giarmoleo, Sharon Rugh, Peter Boniface, Bob Dowling, Donna Amato & Robert Gilles. **Anniversary:**

**The Rich's 53 years and the Marchesi's 33 years!!** This special day was enjoyed by all! Please remember, it doesn't have to be your birthday month to attend! Come & help the others celebrate their special day. See photo page! **Next birthday is on February 9th at 4 pm. Doors will open at 3:40 pm. All welcome to come & "Be our Valentine"!**



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### February Notable Dates:

- Feb 4th— Book Club, Next Mar 3rd See Cultural Info
- Feb 6th— General Meeting 7 pm
- Feb 8th: "AMORE" Valentine Party...SOLD OUT!
- Feb 9th— Member Birthday/Anniversary Party 4pm
- Feb 12th— Free Movie ...all welcome See Cultural Info
- Feb 17, 18 & 19 Feast Set-up
- Feb. 20th to 23rd-The Italian Feast & Carnival 2020
- Feb. 24th & 25th Feast teardown- all hands welcome!
- Feb 27th— Executive Board Meeting 6pm
- Feb. 29th-Sarasota Opera **La Boheme** Get Tix by Feb 4!
- Wednesday's Card Games continues
- Monday & Tues. IACV Bocce & Coffee: 9am Join us!
- Thurs BOWLING 12-3pm See Secondo 941-480-1857
- Various Italian Classes continue Tues, Wed & Thurs
- Mahjong for members Wed 1-4 Info Maria 497-0655

### \*Save the Dates: Mark your Calendar

**March 1st: Mario & Maria's Wedding..Tix available**

**March 5th: General Membership Meeting 7pm**

**March 15th: Member Birthday/Anniversary 4pm**  
"Special St Patrick's Day Celebration"

**March 19th: St Josephs Day** at Epiphany Cathedral  
See Joe DiMarco for more information.

**March 25th: DooWop with the GoldTones! Tix available.**

**March 26th: Executive Board meeting.**

**April 5th: IACV Member Birthday /Anniversary 4pm**

**April 19th: Member Picnic at the beach! Details later.**

### Tampa Bay Downs Trip: Report By Dick Cattelona

A good time was had by the 44 attendees to the 16th annual Tampa Bay Downs bus trip on Sunday, January 12, 2020. All were treated to an educational discussion of horse racing past and present by Churchill Downs Owners' Association member, Larry Fisher. He gave many informational 'gems' to new and seasoned horse racing aficionados. All Around Tours bus driver, Larry, delivered the group to the track. The group received admission and a racing program, and were escorted to the comfortable Club House area. Reserved seating and a lavish lunch buffet were provided. Many members utilized Larry Fisher and Dick Cattelona and others in order to 'pick a winner.' The group returned happy but tired to the club in time to be "home by dark".

*Many thanks to Dick Cattelona for organizing this annual trip for the members & their friends once again. Your love of the "horses" is a bonus to everyone who went along for the ride! (On the Bus that is!) Win, place or show ...it didn't matter, everyone was a winner for just being there!*



This month's list for General Meeting goodies is **M to Z**.  
Your contributions are greatly appreciated!

# IACV Executive Board 2020



BRUCE

ANN

RALPH

RON

JOSEPHINE

JOHANNA

JOE



A MILLION THANKS & CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR IACV BOARD MEMBERS PAST & PRESENT

**Starters** choice of  
FLORINO'S SALAD walnuts, tomatoes, dried cranberries, red  
onion, parmesan, lemon balsamic vinaigrette  
CHEF'S SEASONAL SOUP

**Entrée** choice of  
CERTIFIED ANGUS BEEF RIBEYE  
PETITE FILET MIGNON our finest, most tender beef  
HOLD GLAZED CHILEAN SEA BASS sautéed with sesame-  
orange spinach & arugula, pickled red onion  
BREAST OF CHICKEN roasted, white wine, mushroom, leek and  
thyme sauce  
CHEF'S VEGETARIAN OPTION OF THE DAY

#### Shareable Sides

MASHED POTATOES  
MACARONI & CHEESE  
CREAMED SPINACH

#### Dessert

NEW YORK CHEESECAKE classic preparation, topped with  
caramel & fresh citrus  
KEY LIME PIE fresh key lime, graham cracker crust, chantilly  
whipped cream

*The IACV Board Members, both 2019 & 2020 & significant others, were treated to a special dinner at Fleming's Steakhouse as a gesture of appreciation for giving their time, efforts & talents to the Club. Missing were Ralph & Carol Maccarone.*

*The Membership is fortunate to have an enthusiastic & dedicated group representing their interests. Your support & encouragement is much appreciated.*





# JANUARY BIRTHDAYS



Happy Birthday



The Rich's 53 years!



The Marchesi's 33 years!

Happy Anniversary



# JANUARY BIRTHDAY FUN & FARE





## *\*Noteworthy News Items\**

*Did You Know.....???*

### *February 2020 Novita'*

- *The 2020 Executive Board was installed at the January general membership meeting.*
- *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*
- *Motion passed to make repairs to the Bocce Court carpets, to be done in March.*
- *Membership announced there will be several new members sworn in at the Feb. general membership meeting, after being accepted at the Executive Board meeting on Jan. 30th.*
- *Report on Jimmy Mazz Performance:*

Back by popular demand, **JIMMY MAZZ** appeared at the IACV on January 23rd with his wonderful **Songs Across America** Show. Eighty members and guests attended, expressing their enthusiasm and delight for the show. Jimmy's shows are always fun with great audience participation.

Thank you to the following members who helped make this event happen:

Social Committee - Carol Maccarone, Nancy Canto, Josephine Mihalopoulos, Julia Griffith, Diane Johnson, Barbara Lorio, Jean Cote. Advertising - Sandi Chance. Tickets & Flyers - Linda Bastian. Ticket Sales - Dolores Meyers, Patti Gilles and Josephine M.

Bar- Joe Bird. Biscotti Makers - Joe DiMarco, Bob Errico, Patsy Santiquida and Jim Dolimpio.

Biscotti & Coffee - Nancy Canto, Marion Capecci and Vi Giancola. Table Movers - Ralph Maccarone, John Antico and Dave Johnson. You are all much appreciated for helping to make this event a success.

To those who attended thank you for supporting your club.

Submitted by Kate Antico

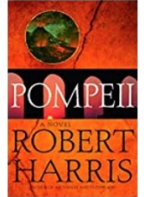




# CULTURAL OFFERINGS

## Book Club

The book for February, 4, at 1:00 P.M. is Pompeii, by Robert Harris. This is a book of historical fiction, but it gives vivid detail about the events leading up to the eruption of Vesuvius and the final hours. This book provides the reader with some very interesting issues involving corruption in ancient Rome and the way of life for slaves and the wealthy.



There will be other books available on Pompeii, and I hope members will share their experiences of visits to Pompeii.

Beneath a Scarlet Sky, by Mark T. Sullivan is our book for March 3, 2020, 1:00 P.M. It's a true story, and the Sarasota County Library has plenty of copies.

## Movie Night

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.

February's movie is "Life is Beautiful", or "La vita e' bella", Wednesday, February 12, at 7:00 P.M. This movie was nominate for seven Academy Awards and won three Oscars. Roberto Benigni plays Guido, a lovable but bumbling waiter, with an irresistible sense of humor. He uses this humor to save his wife and son during WWII. Don't miss this wonderful film. The bar will be open, and coffee and popcorn are complimentary.

## Sarasota Opera

The next opera is *La Boheme*. This is scheduled for Saturday, February 29. 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. If you haven't already contacted me about tickets, you need to do so ASAP! **This is important. If you want to go with the Club to see La Boheme, I absolutely have to know by Tuesday, February 4.**



## Pasta Grannies

I rarely write about cooking, recipes, etc. However I found a wonderful article in a magazine I receive about "Pasta Grannies", a show you can watch for free on Youtube. I mention PRIMO, the magazine, because I need to cite where I found the information.

A very creative British woman, Vicky Bennison, moved from London to the "Le Marche Regione" because property was less expensive. She found a schoolhouse with great views of the Sibillini mountains. That caught my attention, because my father's family is from Montegallo, which is at the top of the Sibillini forest.

Vicky Bennison started a new career searching for information on food anthropology. She found a partner, Livia de Giovanni, who was able to assist in searching and reaching out to families with grandmothers who are known to be quintessential Italian cooks. Bennison explained it wasn't always easy. Italian families were very protective of their grandmothers. Sometimes it took a lot of persuasion to actually meet the grandmothers and convince them to appear on camera demonstrating how they make their pasta.

Filming is done in the grandmother's kitchen. There is conversation between the grandmother, Bennison, de Giovanni, and an Italian cameraman. As the show began to have success, Bennison ventured far beyond Le Marche. So please take a few minutes to search for "Pasta Grannies" on Youtube. Watch Letizia who is 100 years old, or Giuseppa from Sardinia who is in her 90's. Sardinia also has Cesaria, age 97.

Now there is even a "Pasta Grannies" cookbook. I don't think many of us are still making pasta by hand, maybe more are using a pasta machine. But I do know that watching these active women still making pasta is an enjoyable way of spending some time. It might bring back lots of memories of your grandmothers' kitchens.

## Finally . . .

Speaking for those who attended, I want to express our thanks to Dr. Carlo Ferroni for spending two nights with us, discussing his book on Italian POWs and the hospitality these families offered him and his wife, Barbara. Dr. Ferroni's wealth of knowledge has been an asset to the Club.

***Thank you Sandi Chance for this submission.***



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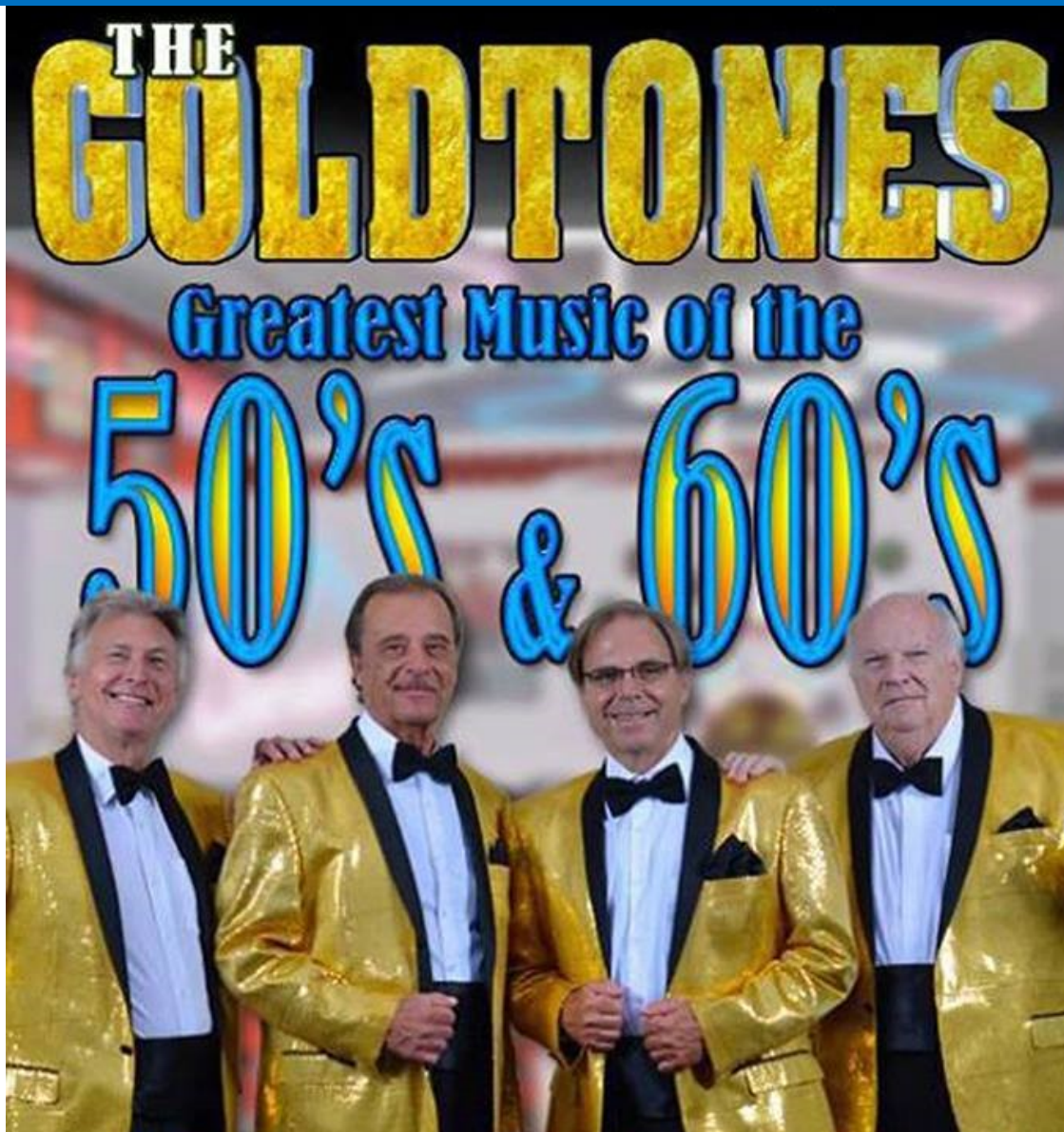
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