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# Novita' MARCH 2021



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## la Parola del Presidente

Ciao a tutti,

*We have been shut down for a year. No meetings, no poker, no Mah Jong, no Italian classes, no dinners on Friday night, and no events where we can party, dance and have a good time together.*

*Finally, things are starting to improve. Many of us have gotten our first (and some our second) vaccines. The Club is serving takeout dinners on Friday nights. With the proper precautions, we are hoping to open the dining room with limited capacity. The activities we love will soon resume for the enjoyment of all our members. This will bring us back together as a Family, which is what the Club was intended to be for so many of us.*

*No, we can't change the past or get back the year we lost. What we can do is create a positive, constructive future for the Club, for the benefit of our Family.*

*I've missed every one of you,  
Johanna*



### Feast of St. Joseph

Mass Celebrated in Italian  
By Bishop Frank Dewane  
Epiphany Cathedral  
Friday, March 19, 2021  
12:00 pm

*All are Welcome*

*Treats in the narthex following Mass.*



*Have you seen...*

*Ray Sherman's Video*

**Friday Night Takeout**  
**Sausage or Meatballs**

<https://youtu.be/MKyGbUzWvr4>

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**NOTE:**  
Turn  
Clocks  
Ahead 1 hour  
Sun Mar 14th



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*In Memoriam*  
**Victor Dina**  
**1928 - 2021**  
*He had a zest for life*



**Luce del Sole** Get well soon!

*Tom Martorana*

**Note:** Please call **Donna Sherman 587-1058** if you know of someone needing the support of the members through cards, calls & prayers. Email : [creationcardsbydj@gmail.com](mailto:creationcardsbydj@gmail.com)



**Buon Compleanno!**  
 Birthdays in the Month of **Marzo!**

Rosa Bellville **16th**, Karl Bicknese **6th**, Kelli Brooks **30th**,  
 Joe Cesario **29th**, Bill Charboneau **17th**, Anne Cuomo **15th**,  
 Rich Dionisio **27th**, Jim Dolimpo **27th**, Hugh Earls **22nd**,  
 Felicia Hock **19th**, Bob Houston **22nd**, Jim Leo **6th**,  
 Patricia Marcon **21st**, Peter Marietti **9th**, Doris McPeck **31st**,  
 Cathy Meyer **22nd**, Cassandra Mohr **21st**, Bob Monaco **9th**,  
 Patricia Pagano **7th**, Gail Palmer **23rd**, Tom Santurri **24th**,  
 Esther Sebesto **31st**, Patricia Smiley **24th**, Carol Tira **6th**

\*If we missed your Birthday, please call **Denise Riley** to update your information.

*Grazie!* ❤️



*Thank you to  
 Bruce & Linda  
 Bastian for  
 their longtime  
 leadership and  
 service to the  
 Club!*

## Marzo 2021

SU	MO	TU	WE	TH	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

### March Notable Dates:

- March 4th— General Meeting 7 pm
- March 19th— St. Joseph's Mass at Epiphany Cathedral 12 noon
- March 25th— Executive Meeting 6 pm

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

**April 1st:** General Meeting 7pm

**April 11th:** Annual Picnic In The Park 4-8 pm

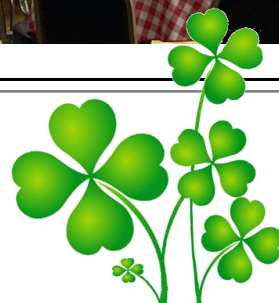
*Details to follow.*

**April 29th:** Executive Board Meeting 6 pm

## Benvenuti'

### Welcome New Members:

*Robert Ferraro, Dianne & Anthony Greco  
 and Toni Summers*



*Happy St. Patrick's Day*

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# Meet the 2021 Executive Board



**President Johanna Giordano** The Giordano family is celebrating 100 years on Philadelphia's Historic Italian Market, where I worked as a child. I'm a graduate of Philadelphia High School for Girls and the University of West Florida. My late husband and I owned and operated a Farm Market in New Jersey. I have three children and seven grandchildren. My family has been in Florida for 33 years.

Being the IACV President will be challenging, but I am excited and ready to take on this responsibility.



**First VP Lou Piazza** I'm from Chicago and moved to Venice, Florida in 2010. I've been a member for 11 years. I enjoy the Club, being on many committees and working the bar on Friday night dinners. I'm here to help the Club, enjoy the Club, and meet lots of people so the Club can be very successful. Thank you for your support.



**Second VP Ted Holmes** I lived in the Albany area until 2019 when I moved to Venice full time. My now deceased wife, Pat, and I were blessed with four children. I spent my professional career as a lawyer in New York State government from which I retired in 1996. During my years in Venice, I have enjoyed the social activities of the IACV and have been impressed by the charitable work that the Club performs, especially in the field of education. I have been a member of the Club for three years.

In my early childhood years, our family lived in my Italian maternal grandparents' home. They spoke very little English and so I had to learn Italian in order to converse with them. My focus on the Board will be the enrichment of the Italian language among us, as well as the promotion of our Italian heritage and culture.



**Treasurer Josephine Mihalopoulos** I was born Josephine Luisa Saccomanno and raised in Chicago. My paternal grandparents came from Calabria and maternal grandparents from Sicily. I was employed as a corporate and real estate paralegal in the beginning and end of my career. In between, I was a Real Estate lender at the Harris Bank in Chicago. I was widowed in 2014, have three children and three grandchildren.

I joined IACV in 2017. I came on the Board as 2nd Vice-President in 2019 and became Treasurer in 2020.



**Recording Sec. Linda Falco** I'm originally from Long Island, but Venice has been my home for 20 years. My career as an international corporate accountant fostered my love of travel. I've been on 43 cruises, visited 48 states and seen 21 countries as far flung as China. I am an avid walker and hope to someday hike across beautiful Tuscany. As a professional volunteer, I devote my time to several religious and civic causes, trying to be useful.

I was blessed to be adopted by the IACV family soon after being widowed. The love shared by our members makes us a special community. As a new member of the Board, I want to bring a fresh outlook and am enthusiastic about serving.



**Corresponding Sec. Ann Brozosky** Now retired from 40 years in the engineering field, my joy today is working as a volunteer and giving back to our community. In the past I've volunteered at Samaritan's Purse, Family Promise, and worked with children at In-Stride Therapy Horses; but I'm currently most active at the Epiphany Church Gift Shop, lead the Epiphany Memorial Garden Ministry, act as a volunteer coordinator at Mothers Helping Mothers, and attend Dee Martorana's crochet group. In addition, I love sharing my life with my husband George and our golden doodle Sophie. Working on the Italian American Board, I hope to build on the Club's success and assist in any way I can to optimize the wonderful spirit of the Club.



**Former President Ron DeBacco** I am from the Pittsburgh area and moved to Venice in 2004. Prior to retirement, I was an Educator for 40 years. I have been an IACV member for 14 years. During that time, I've served on the Board in a variety of positions, including two terms as President. It has been a privilege and honor to serve on the Board.

I know that 2020 was a difficult year for us all, but I look forward to working with the Executive Board to bring the Club back to its normal operation in the near future.



## 2021 EXECUTIVE BOARD



# Friday Night Takeout



## Servers

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