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la Parola del Presidente

May is always a beautiful month. I love it because everything is in bloom, although allergy sufferers may not be excited as I ám.

As Memorial Day approaches, we are called to remember the brave men and women who have given their lives to ensure that we continue to have the Liberties and Freedoms we enjoy today. There will be celebrations honoring their sacrifice. I hope we all take a moment to give thanks.

We are coming into the hot weather months, and many of our members have gone back to their summer residences to escape the long Florida summer. I can't blame them.

For those of us who are permanent Florida residents, enjoy the lack of crowds at restaurants, the lighter traffic on the roads, and the opportunity to enjoy one another at the beach.



Johanna





A recent AARP article "Inside the Fraud Factory" investigated the latest swindles and frauds. Many of the

scammers are located in boiler rooms in India. They operate by instilling fear and gaining the victim's trust. Often they pose as tech experts and gain access to the victim's computer. They will say ANYTHING to get money out of you.

Do not answer calls from numbers you don't know. If it's real, they will leave a voicemail.

Be safe and have a wonderful Memorial Day.

- Don't click through links in emails or texts from unknown parties. Don't allow anyone remote access to your computer.
- Only buy software from reputable dealers. Beware of downloading software off the internet.
- Scammers love gift cards and money transfers. Scrutinize money transfers from Venmo, Zelle and the like. Beware of someone "accidentally" sending you money and requesting it back.
- Credit card transactions provide more protection than debit cards.



Remember, the IRS, your bank and Social Security will NEVER call you.



Photo by Marino Roncari





EXTRA Bird Saves Bird

On April 27th, a live Osprey was found in distress at the edge of the bocce courts. Concerned players, Joe Bird key among them, called Sarasota Animal Rescue to respond. A deputy took the bird to be examined and cared for.

A great team effort by the Bocce Boys! Then back to the business at hand on both bocce courts.

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Guigno 2021

On Coving Memory



Photo by Angelo Tulimieri

Fred McCarthy 1934-2021

Talented photographer, distinguished academic and noted Parliamentarian. Fred was truly a gentleman and a scholar. His warmth made him a friend to all. He will be sorely missed.

Deepest sympathy to Neale and family.

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Guigno 2021

Howard Van Nostrand will be interred at Sarasota National Cemetery on June 4th at 2:30 pm. Celebration of Life at the American Legion Hall, 1770 E Venice Ave., on June 5th, 1 to 4 pm.

Please wear your red Club shirt.

Buon Compleanno!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY to June celebrants

Tom Accardi 6th, Mike Alexandratos 2nd, Phyllis Angelastri 5th, Bettine Brusca 30th, Eric Buck 11th, Anthony Capparella 28th, Paul Carlo 9th, Sandi Chance 14th, Anthony Curatolo 27th, Michael Davanzo 15th, Connie DiMarco 29th, Annette DiPietro 15th, Carl Galanti 1st, Dan Germaine 6th, Anthony Greco 22nd, Carol Karakashian 4th, Marlene Koshgarian 18th, Christine Longo 5th, Rich Longo 8th, Ralph Maccarone 15th, Phil Marcon 1st, Janice Miller 24th, Jean Nicastro 13th, Mark Oldani 2nd, George Palmer 28th, Antonio Pastore 15th, Lillian Patti 24th, Fran Provino 2nd, Norman Rao 22nd, Barbara Rao 23rd, Rocco Santurri 30th, Tina Sitkowski 16th, Frank Tortora 4th.

*Contact Membership Chair Kathy Carbone to update your info if you were missed.

Benvenui

June Notable Dates:

- June 3rd—General Meeting 7 pm
- June 20th—Happy Father's Day!
- June 24th—Executive Board Meeting 6 pm

Save the Dates: Mark your Calendar

- July 1st: General Meeting 7 pm
- July 4th: Independence Day

July 29th: Executive Board Meeting 6 pm



Luce del Sole Get well soon!

Kate Antico Carol McIvers

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

Welcome

New Members:

Ginny & Philip Borgia, Prudy Giannetto, Caroline Jaxheimer, Dennis Kaps, Joseph Lombardo & Maryann Regal

Introduce yourself when you see them!





Member of the Month

Sandi Prunty

Stepped Up During COVID Crisis

A Bronx, NY native and animal lover, Sandi Prunty has been a regular in the IACV dining room since 2017. She could be seen in the Spaghetti Booth each year at the Feast. But this year, there was no mistaking her contribution during the COVID crisis. Sandi



was key to refining order taking and meal delivery in the new high-volume takeout service. Leading the staff each week while tweaking procedures, from headlamps to laminating, Sandi's creativity and hard work continually improved the work flow and service to our customers. She even made Italian themed masks for all!

Grazie, Sandi, for your steadfast commitment to the Club!



Italians Stand Up for Columbus



On April 6th the Conference of Presidents of Major Italian American Organizations filed a lawsuit in U.S. Federal District Court against Mayor Jim Kenney and the City of Philadelphia for multiple acts of intentional discrimination against the Italian American community. The most unsettling of these was

Mayor Kenney's unilateral Executive Order issued this past January that changed Columbus Day to Indigenous Peoples Day in Philadelphia.

The mayor's pattern of anti-Italian American acts is a violation of federal law, which allows us to request a finding that would designate the Italian American community as a protected class under the Equal Protection Clause of the U.S. Constitution.



Dee Martorana's Almond Orange Biscotti

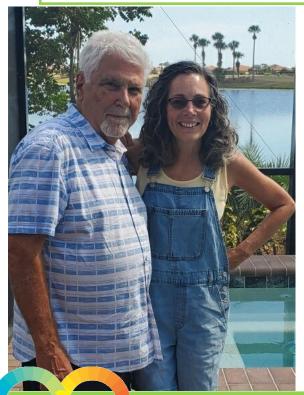
2 ¼ c flour 1 ¼ c sugar 3 large eggs ½ tsp baking powder Pinch of salt 1 Tbsp oil 1 tsp almond extract Zest of 1 orange ¾ c toasted almonds

Mix flour, sugar, baking powder and salt. Add remaining ingredients. With floured hands, shape into two loaves, 1 to 2 ½-inches thick. Bake 30 to 35 minutes at 350 degrees. Slice when slightly cool. Return to baking sheet and bake 15 minutes more.





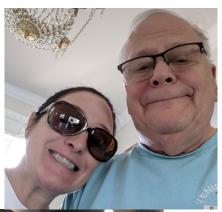
Our IACV multigeneration families



Left: John Burrafato and Daughter Gina Buck

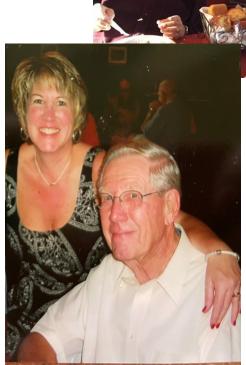
Right: Tiffany Palmer and Dad George Palmer

Below: Cassandra Landry and Dad Doug McPeek





We love our Dads FC







Donate Blood Save Lives

SunCoast Blood Centers and 107.9 WSRZ

Thursday, May 27th from 6am -7pm

Visit SunCoast Blood Centers to donate. Our local center is: Bird Bay Plaza, 539 US Hwy 41 Bypass

In appreciation for your donation, you'll get a free "Play" or "Plug" from David Jones & Meredith Michaels – your requested song played on 107.9 WSRZ that morning 6am-10am, or a free **PLUG** for your favorite local business or charity.

Why not plug IACV Friday Takeout dinner!

Donors will also receive a t-shirt and a limited edition Tervis Tumbler courtesy of sponsor Badger Bob's Services (while supplies last).

SunCoast Blood Centers is privileged to bring people together to save lives through innovative blood services and therapies. SunCoast Blood Centers collect, test, process, match, store and distribute blood and platelets to our community.

One donation saves three lives!



SUNCOAST BLOOD CENTERS



WORD SEARCH



Italian Towns and Cities

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Mah Jong



Bergamo Best Hidden Gem in Italy

If you're looking for a city which looks untouched by time, then you simply must head to **Bergamo** (pronounced Br Gaa Mo), known in Italian as **`La Citta` Dei Mille`** ("The City of the Thousand"). Bergamo is a beautiful walled city 37 miles northeast of Milan, and the fourth largest city in the **Lombardy region** with a population of 122,000. An authentic Italian city, Bergamo is a stunning destination in Northern Italy worth visiting.



Bergamo is divided into two parts. Citta Bassa, the busy and modern lower town, still has some buildings from the 15th century. Over the years elaborate

architecture was added and it is now a vibrant city with a wealth of shops, bars, excellent restaurants and has a number of beautiful churches, art galleries and museums.

The **Citta`Alta** upper town is a beautiful walled city with buildings that date back to medieval times with its rich heritage of art and history.

The very best view of Bergamo is to take the funicular (cable car) up the side of

the mountain and straight to the very top of the city where Bergamo's stunning position in the Alpine foothills really comes into its own.

The 16th century Venetian Walls surround Citta` Alta by 6 kilometers (3.8 miles). In July 2017, these walls were officially designated as UNESCO World Heritage Site that must be seen in person to truly appreciate them.

The center of Citta` Alta is the Piazza Vecchia ("the Old Square"). Full of buildings and monuments, as well as great cafés and gelaterias. The arches



are decorated with a unique center fountain with four magnificent lion sculptures. Don't miss out on a delicious gelato at the Café` del Tasso, considered the best gelateria in the town by the locals. While in the area visit the Cappella Colleoni. This church stands out with its colorful marble façade which features biblical scenes.

A must visit is to the Basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore. The basilica displays varied architectural styles, from early Christian to Baroque. The Colleoni Chapel is one of the loveliest buildings and has been acclaimed as one of the finest examples of Renaissance architecture in Italy.

You will experience a different type of food in Bergamo due to the cooler climate. Farm staples such as corn, root vege-



tables, mushrooms, meat and dairy are the main ingredients in a lot of dishes.

Risotto Alla Milanese is a popular Italian dish. **Polenta** is most well known, paired with stewed and roasted meats. Another popular dish is **Casoncelli**, which is a handmade pasta is shaped like a half-moon.

For the sweet tooth there is a **Gelato "Stracciatella**" flavor – one of the most loved gelatos in Italy. Of course, we can't forget the wine. The Lombardy region produces wines of exceptional quality with a distinct flavor profile.

For more information about Bergamo click on the link bestofbergamo.com.

