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# Novita' OCTOBER 2021



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## ***From the Editor***

October is Italian Heritage Month. We are proud to share more than our delicious food with the world. Italians are known for Art, Music, Fashion, Religion and the oldest University on Earth; not to mention our work ethic, family values and focus on education. We are passionate people. So don't get excited when we yell about the issues of the day or whether it's gravy or SAUCE.

Election Season is here as we begin a new membership year. Be sure to pay your dues in a timely manner to keep your membership current. Upon the resignation of our President, each Executive Board member has taken on additional responsibilities until she is replaced in the General Election. Grazie mille, Johanna, for leading us through difficult times in this unprecedented year with compassion and strength.

Activities are in high gear at the IACV. Try your luck at monthly **BINGO** beginning October 14th. Our annual **Golf Outing** is coming up at the end of the month. But this week, be sure to get your tickets to the **Columbus Day Dinner Dance on the 9th**. Tell your neighbors and friends. It promises to be the Event of the Season!

## *The Italian American Club of Venice* **Columbus Day Dinner Dance**

**Saturday, October 9th, 2021**

**Social & Cocktails - 5:30 pm**

**Dinner Catered by Valenti's - 6 pm**

**Music & Dancing - 7 to 10 pm**

**Featuring The Cruiser**

**Tickets: Call or text Dee**

**941.468.9029**

**Members: \$30      Guests: \$40**

**On sale through October 1st**



**Lake Venice Golf Club**

1801 Harbor Drive South, Venice

**Thursday, October 28th**

**Tee time: 8:30 am shotgun**

18 holes including cart

Lunch with beverage at IACV  
Catered by Darrell's Restaurant

Prizes: Best Drive, Closest to Pin, Lowest Team Score

**\$50**

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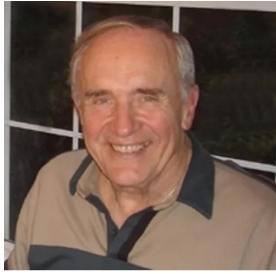
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# October 2021

## In Loving Memory



Norman  
Pokorny  
1934-2021



## Deepest Sympathy

To Gaetano Giarmoleo upon the passing of his son.  
Please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30



## October Notable Dates:

- Oct 7th—General Meeting 7 pm
- Oct 9th—Columbus Day Dinner Dance 5:30 pm
- Oct 14th — BINGO 7 pm
- Oct 17th—Birthday/Anniversary Celebration 4 pm
- Oct 28th—Golf Outing 8:30 am  
Executive Board Meeting 6 pm



## Luce del Sole Get well soon!

Gaetano Giarmoleo, Cirino Lotta,  
Patti Marcon, Donna Sherman,  
Maria Tims and Sandy Vecchione

**Note:** Please call **Donna Sherman 587-1058** if you know of someone needing the support of the members through cards, calls & prayers.

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## Buon Compleanno!

### Birthdays in the Month of **OCTOBER!**

Vince Amato **9th**, Richard Bartone **17th**, Dee Boniface **6th**, Diane Caldararo **29th**, Dolores Cekola **21st**, Ivan Cridnikov **17th**, Charles Derrick **6th**, Joe DiMarco **29th**, Mary Elinsky **27th**, Mark Fusco **3rd**, James Guerra **5th**, Toni Link **16th**, Renato Marchesi **20th**, Michael Matarelli **10th**, Tiffany Palmer **7th**, Annmarie Parzych **14th**, Yolanda Perri **16th**, Judy Piccirilli **26th**, Betty Rich **24th**, Amy Rose **3rd**, Tom Rossi **3rd**, Lou Sclafani **8th**, Shelley Talarico **22nd**, Emma Tarhalla **16th**, Frank Tobey **28th**

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

\*Free small carafe of wine during your birthday month\*

## \*REGULAR ACTIVITIES\*

- BOCCE** Mondays and Tuesdays **8:30 am**
- MAH JONG** Wednesdays **1-4 pm**
- POKER** Wednesdays **7 pm-???**
- BINGO** 2nd Thursday **7 pm**
- CULTURAL EVENTS** 3rd Thursday **7 pm**

## November - Save the Date

- Nov 4th—General Meeting 7 pm
- Nov 9th—Jewelry Cleaning & Checkup 11 - 3
- Nov 11th — BINGO 7 pm
- Nov 21st—Birthday/Anniversary Celebration 4 pm

**Pot Luck** A to M please bring a dessert to share at the General Meeting, store bought or home-made.



# Benvenuti'

## Welcome New Members:

*Beverly & Chuck Azzaro, Jim Cavigliano, Phil Caroleo, Lina Decrescenzo, Pat Marchesano, Jackie Mitch, Doreen Palucci, Storm Scott and Jennifer Kay*

*Photo by Ann Brozosky*



**Reminder!**

## 2022 DUES

Per ByLaws Article XVII, "Annual dues are due and payable on **October 1st** of each year." "The dues shall be \$50.00 per annum."

Mail to: IACV, PO Box 1986, Venice, FL 34284-1986 or drop in Membership mailbox in the Columbus Room.

# Member of the Month



## Dee Meyers

### Taking on Leadership

Dolores Meyers is one of our most active members. She works 90 percent of Friday night dinner services (curbside during the Takeout Only phase) as a server, busser or seater in the Dining Room.

You can find her other times selling event or raffle tickets with a huge smile. She is one of the few people that no one has to ask to help clean up after birthday celebrations or the general meeting. Dee just shows up and pitches in. She truly believes we are a Club to which we all belong and should help maintain. Lately, Dee has stepped forward to lead activities. She single handedly put together a novelty sale in the driveway to raise money from old inventory. Now she is co-chairing the upcoming Columbus Day Dinner which is an involved event requiring much coordination. We all love her sense of humor and uplifting nature. She makes everyone feel at ease with her easy laugh. **GRAZIE, Dee!** you are appreciated for all you do, great and small.



# ELECTIONS

## Summary of Election Rules. See Bylaws for complete Rules.

At the September Board Meeting, the Board will appoint two members in good standing to the Nominating and Election Committee. At the October General Meeting, three additional members will be added to the Nominating Committee from the floor. The NEC will seek a slate of officers to present for election. The slate is presented to the Board at their October meeting and to the membership at the November General Meeting. At the November General Meeting, any final nominees from the floor may declare their candidacy. The election will be held at the December General Meeting by secret ballot in the Columbus Room. All eligible members in good standing can vote for the election of officers. Officers will be installed at the January General Meeting.

Officers shall be elected by members in good standing at the annual membership meeting each year. **Qualifications for Office:** In order to run for or be elected to The Board, **you must be of Italian descent.** A candidate must not have a criminal conviction. He/she must be free from any upheld Club grievances. A candidate must have attended 75% of all meetings during the months beginning with October 1 through September 30 of the following year. This 12 month period is deemed the election calendar. He or she must not have missed 3 consecutive membership meetings during this election calendar period.

Any members, current in their dues, having been a member for at least a year, and attended at least half of the current year's meetings, and with no grievances or convictions on his/her record are considered in Good Standing.





**Birthday and Anniversary Celebration  
October 17th - 4pm**

*Sponsored by Jackie Briguglio and Sandi Prunty*

**Enjoy Beer, Brats and More!**

**RSVP REQUIRED**

Look for an email invitation and respond to  
[Communications@italianamericanclubofvenice.com](mailto:Communications@italianamericanclubofvenice.com)

**COMING SOON to your INBOX**



**Second Thursday of the Month**

**Starting October 14th**

**Doors open at 6:45 pm**

**Early Bird Game at 7 pm**

**10 Games - 2 are Winner Takes All!**

**The Bar will be OPEN**

**Info:**

**Linda Falco**

**LGFalco1120@gmail.com**

**941.323.4214**



**IACV Supports Epiphany Cathedral School  
With Sold-Out Restaurant Night**

On September 17th, IACV served 340 delicious dinners in a well advertised fundraiser for Epiphany Cathedral School. Our Treasurer is busy calculating the net proceeds for the evening, 25 percent of which will go to the School.



Above: Ron DeBacco and student  
Seaters

“I want to thank everyone that worked Friday night for the absolute sellout on the fundraiser that we had. All that worked from the Club worked very, very hard and we sold out of all the food we had. That tells you how great this Club is! So again, thank you very, very much for this wonderful charity event. Thank you for such a great success. From your Vice President, Lou Piazza.”



Below: Fr. Tom Carzon, ECS students  
and Seminarian Juan Contreras



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## Opals for October

Opal is the birthstone for October. Most people are familiar with its color

play caused by light diffraction.

White Opals are the most common and are usually found in Australia, where it is the national gem. Red flashes within Opals will command a higher price. Natural Black Opals are the rarest making them also very valuable. Vibrant orange Opals are only found in Mexico.

Romans claimed they contained actual rainbows while Arabic lore claimed that they fell through flashes of lightning! The Opal was believed to sharpen your eyesight, bring good fortune, and also guard against blonde hair from losing its color. It's thought to be bad luck if you buy one for yourself.

They are not very durable, scoring 5.5 - 6.5 on a hardness scale of 10. They should NOT be worn every day as they can easily chip and crack and become abraded on the top. A good setting is in a pendant, but without perfume or hairspray around. Never oil an opal; they are mainly composed of water, up to 21 percent.

Opal is the 14<sup>th</sup> Anniversary gift.

-Patti Gilles

*The Armchair Traveler goes to:*

**Milano**

*City Housing  
The Last Supper*



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## Jewelry Workshop

**Jewelry Cleaning & Checkup  
Columbus Room**

**Tuesday, November 9 11 am to 3 pm**

20 minute appointments for cleaning of 10k, 14k, 18k gold or platinum jewelry. No sterling silver, plated or costume jewelry. Limit 6 items, please.

**For Appointments: Carol McIvers  
908-578-0126**



## Pasta Fagioli

- 2 T olive oil
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 1 carrot, diced
- 2 stalks celery, diced
- 4 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 can crushed Italian tomatoes
- 4 cups low sodium chicken broth
- 1 15-oz can cannellini beans
- ¼ cup chopped fresh parsley
- 1 t dried basil or 1/8 cup fresh, chopped
- ¼ t ground black pepper
- Dash crushed red pepper
- ½ lb shell, elbow or other small pasta
- Parmesan cheese

Heat oil in a Dutch oven over medium until hot. Add onion, garlic, carrot and celery and cook for 5 minutes until onion is tender.

Add tomatoes, beans, broth, parsley, basil and pepper. Bring to a boil, stirring occasionally. Boil for 1 minute and simmer for 10 minutes more.

Cook pasta separately until tender. Spoon pasta into bowls, ladle in soup. Garnish with Parmesan.

Serves 8; 185 calories per serving

## Kitchen Korner



**Julie Packard**  
is now scheduling Kitchen staff

Please contact Julie to volunteer and keep her up to date on your availability

**SquirtJAP111@hotmail.com  
207-542-7478**

## VETERANS

ARE YOU ON OUR MILITARY ROSTER?  
SEND YOUR BRANCH AND YEARS OF SERVICE TO:

**ANTHONY RONDELLO, US ARMY (RET)  
941-483-1050 AJRONDELLO@VERIZON.NET**







## From Slaughter to Acceptance: The Birth of Columbus Day

In the 1870's many southern Italians seeking employment entered the US through New Orleans. With the end of the Civil War and slavery, southern plantation owners needed hard workers and they found them in these Italian immigrants. After hours many of them worked independently fishing or farming to build their personal income, selling their products in the French Quarter, "Little Palermo" as it was known. Some became competitors to the business elite, gaining some personal wealth and status within their community.

On an evening in October 1890, Police Chief D. C. Hennessy was shot and killed as he walked through an area of New Orleans where former slaves and Italian immigrants lived. The Police Chief's dying word was supposedly "Dagos."

At this time Italians were viewed in much the same way as former slaves because of their darker complexion. Minus any real evidence or eyewitnesses, 19 prominent Italians were arrested for this crime. The evidence was scandalously weak resulting in 6 acquittals and 13 mistrials. An 1890 New York Times article described the Italian immigrants as "links in a descending chain of evolution." These same sentiments were echoed in other local and national publications, exacerbating anti-Italian discrimination all over the U.S.



In March 1891, as the defendants awaited retrial, a mob, brought to a frenzy - consider the scenes at the January 2021 storming of our Capitol - breached the jail, yelling wildly, "We want the Dagos." They not only seized those awaiting trial but others as well. Eleven Italian men were slaughtered - shot, hung and mutilated.



The Italian Ambassador brought this atrocity to U.S President Harrison, a complaint which was ignored. A strained relationship ensued between the two countries bringing about talks of war, and the respective Ambassadors were recalled. Eventually President Harrison agreed to reparations of \$25,000 per family. To further shore up the Italian American relationship, Harrison conceived a one-time National Proclamation celebrating the 400th anniversary of Columbus' arrival. Its intent was to promote a more positive image of Italian Americans throughout the US. Although places like NYC had been celebrating Columbus Day with annual parades, this was the first official act by an American President.

In 1934 the NYC Knights of Columbus pressed Congress and President Roosevelt for annual reoccurring proclamations celebrating Columbus' arrival to the New World. However, not until 1966 did President Johnson sign a bill making Columbus Day a national holiday.

Our history as Italian Americans is one of bigotry morphing into an American success story. The annual celebration of Columbus Day connects Italians to the American story. Our Italian American history is a journey from bigotry to acceptance to equality and the American dream. The death of the eleven followed by the work ethic of our predecessors has ensured Italian Americans' place in America's history. Perhaps it can be summed up in the words of Frank Sinatra who said, "I'm glad that my Dad, who was not born here, came here to make sure I was born here."

- Tony Marchesano

