

La Nostra Voce

Sempre Insieme ~ Always Together

American Italian Cultural Society

President's Report December/Dicembre

Greetings Club Members,

The club activities for November were wonderful, Fish Fry, Spaghetti Dinner and Gnocchi Dinner. I want thank all the volunteers who made everything come together and make each a success our club members can proud of what we are as a club.

This is my final newsletter as president of our club. For the last four years, I have been blessed with the many friendships I have made. We have made advancements for our club which has made our club a recognizable, positive member of the community.

Festa Italia has been voted as "The Best" in Will County for the last five years. We survived "Covid", many clubs closed or are still operating at a loss. We have solved a parking problem, for without this being completed we would have problems at any of our events and dinners. We have remodeled the kitchen with the suggestions of our kitchen Manager and staff.

I have not managed the last four years alone. I have had wonderful Officers and Board Members to help make some difficult decisions. I was able to depend on the club managers to help the day to day running of the club. I have also had members give words of wisdom and suggestions, to help guide me in leading our club. I also wish to thank my wife Robin, daughter Sarah, and aunt Elvira, who have exhibited what our club membership is all about. Their kindness to everyone has been a exemplification for me.

Thank you all for your words of encouragement throughout my time as President. I know I am handing the club over to the next president, John Mauzer, in good shape. I know he will be a successful president.

Thank You for your Membership

Dave Margliano

President A.I.C.S.



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CLUB HOURS

SUNDAY

6:30 PM -11:00 PM

MONDAY

5:00 PM - 9:00 PM

THURSDAY

6:30 PM -11:00 PM

FRIDAY

6:30 PM -11:00 PM



UPCOMING EVENTS



QUEEN OF HEARTS EVERY MONDAY NIGHT 5-9 PM

Cut off time to purchase a ticket for the Queen is 7:30pm, with the drawing at 8:00pm

DECEMBER 1 - FRIDAY	FISH FRY	4pm-7pm
DECEMBER 1 - FRIDAY	WINE CLUB CHRISTMAS WINE TASTING AT BISHOPS HILL WINERY	6PM
DECEMBER 2 - SATURDAY	BREAKFAST W/ SANTA	9am-Noon
DECEMBER 6 - WEDNESDAY	BOARD MEETING	7:30pm
DECEMBER 7 - THURSDAY	GENERAL MEETING	7:30pm
DECEMBER 11- MONDAY	BAR BINGO	7:00pm
DECEMBER 14 - THURSDAY	SPAGHETTI DINNER	11am-7pm
DECEMBER 16 - SATURDAY	CHRISTMAS PARTY	6:00pm
DECEMBER 24 & 25 - CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY CLUB CLOSED		
JANUARY 1 - NEW YEARS DAY CLUB CLOSED		

SAVE THE DATE FOR LA BEFANA! January 6, 2024 Tickets on sale now!

****There will be no Monday morning Cards & Games held during the month of December. They will resume on January 15th at 10:00am. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Paula Skiotes your Cards and Games chairperson!*

ELECTION RESULTS

Congratulations to the winners of the AICS election!

PRESIDENT: John Mauzer

BOARD MEMBER 18 - 40:
Christina Hayden

TREASURER: Carla Liburdi

BOARD MEMBER 41 - 60:
Gary Binkley
Brian Okon

SGT AT ARMS: Frank Pehlke

BOARD MEMBER 61& OVER:
Norbert (Norm) Likar

Upcoming events. Be sure you get your tickets!
You don't want to miss a thing!



AMERICAN ITALIAN CULTURAL SOCIETY

FISH FRY

Friday
DECEMBER 1, 2023
4:00PM – 7:00PM

815-725-7450
1918 Donmaur Dr. Crest Hill, IL
americanitalian.org

DINNERS	
2 PC COD	\$12.00
1 PC COD	\$ 6.00
5 PC SHRIMP	\$13.00
7 PC SHRIMP	\$15.00
1 PC COD & 4 PC SHRIMP	\$14.00
CHICKEN TENDERS	\$12.00

*ALL ABOVE DINNERS INCLUDE FRIES AND MAC'N' CHEESE

ADDITIONAL SIDES	
EXTRA 1 PC COD	\$ 4.00
FRIED MUSHROOMS	\$ 3.00
CHEESE CURDS	\$ 4.00
FRIED RAVIOLI	\$ 4.00
FRIED PICKLES	\$ 3.00
COMBO BASKET	\$11.00

(FRIED MUSHROOMS, RAVIOLI, PICKLES & CHEESE CURDS)



WINE CLUB

Christmas WINE Tasting

December | **01** | At 6:00pm

Bishops Hill Winery
310 Bridge St. Joliet, IL 60435

\$29.00 per person
INCLUDES
6 wine tastings, charcuterie & pizza

RVSP to Andrea 815-529-0036 by Nov. 24th



Breakfast with Santa

DECEMBER 2nd
FROM 9:00 AM UNTIL NOON
RESERVATIONS ONLY!

\$5 FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN OVER 6
FREE FOR CHILDREN UNDER 6

PANCAKES, EGGS, BACON, SAUSAGE, OJ, MILK, COFFEE & TEA WILL BE SERVED
STOP IN FOR BREAKFAST & VISIT WITH SANTA!

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE BAR OR
CONTACT SARAH MARGLIANO CARLYLE
815-919-4895

CHILDRENS CRAFTS & GAMES
AMERICAN ITALIAN CULTURAL SOCIETY
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***We are accepting donations for Toys for Tots. Please bring a new, unwrapped toy for our donation box!



AMERICAN ITALIAN CULTURAL SOCIETY

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Thursday
DECEMBER 14, 2023
11AM - 7PM
(OR UNTIL WE RUN OUT)

\$12.00 CARRY-OUT OR DINE-IN

ALSO AVAILABLE FOR SALE
Meatballs \$3.00 for 2 Sauce \$8.00/Quart
Homemade Baked Goods & Salad Dressing

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AICS

Christmas PARTY

DEC 16, 2023 | 6:00PM
\$5.00 PER PERSON

MENU
HOMEMADE LASAGNA, SALAD, BREAD & DESSERT

Tickets available at the bar or call
Tony D'Amico 630-308-0019

Entertainment provided by:
The 31b Brothers

1918 Donmaur Dr. Crest Hill, IL 60403



VIVA, VIVA LA BEFANA!

6 Gennaio 2024

Join us as we anxiously await a visit from la Befana on Saturday, January 6, 2024!
We will be celebrating and preparing for her arrival with mass,* dinner, and fun activities for kids of all ages!!!

Storytelling *Time of Mass – 4:00pm* *Tombola*

RSVP via phone or text to:
Franca Liburdi - 815.768.9812 or Lynn Coladipietro - 815.530.3517

Purchase Tickets at the Bar:
Adults - \$20.00
Children under 12 years - Free

Adult Meal Includes: Antipasto, Pasta, Italian Roasted Chicken, Vegetable and Salad
Kids Meal Includes: Pasta, Chicken Tenders and Fries
Homemade Desserts

GNOCCHI DINNER

Our annual Gnocchi Dinner took place on November 17th and it was a sold out event! Thank you to everyone who volunteered and attended .



Rocky Pascente, Dominic Talarico & Chris Egizio working in the kitchen.



Time to make the cannoli! Ramona Delrose, Gloria Matis & Denise Maffeo hard at work.



The delicious gnocchi!

Dressed in overalls and jackets, wearing work boots and hats, the men lined up five dozen strong on Christmas Eve 1931 for that week's pay at a Midtown Manhattan construction site. Behind them stood a fine Christmas tree. It had been set up by the men and draped with the traditional cranberry strings and garlands. They also decorated it with the foil wrappers from blasting caps, a tool of their trade. They were looking for a way to honor their Christmas traditions and faith. Most of these construction workers were Italian immigrants who were happy to have a job during the Depression as they were dynamiting ancient rock to way for the modern city. The rubble ground where they stood would become Rockefeller Center. Today, 92 years later, a giant Christmas tree is still being erected in Rockefeller Center and it all started with a few Italian immigrants.

Source: Italian Sons & Daughters of America



THE PRESEPIO



From life-sized figures to intricate miniatures, Nativity scenes are popular around the world at Christmas time but did you ever wonder where this tradition came from? Italy—of course!

The custom of displaying a Nativity scene at Christmas began in 1223 when St Francis of Assisi is said to have staged the first recreation of the scene of Jesus' birth in the town of Greccio, Italy. This Nativity – known as a 'Presepio' in Italian, after the Latin word for 'crib' – used living people and animals. Churches and homes across Europe soon began to stage their own versions with life-sized, moveable model figures or miniatures, in place of live participants.

In 18th-century Naples, renowned sculptors and painters were employed by aristocratic patrons, including the Neapolitan King, to create figures and backdrops for magnificent presepio. These portrayals were highly detailed and theatrical in design, incorporating not just biblical stories but vignettes of everyday life in Naples – street merchants, beggars, market and town folk would rub shoulders with shepherds, the three Magi (Kings) and the Holy Family amid an architectural backdrop of taverns and ruined temples.

At AICS, putting up the Presepio has been a long and honored tradition. Our Presepio takes up an entire corner of our hall and consists of hills, mountains and caves, townspeople, markets, shepherds with their sheep, various animals, the Magi and most importantly the Holy Family. Four generations of AICS members were on hand when our Presepio was put up from some of our founding fathers all the way down to a couple youngest members.

Thank you to Pete Corsetti, Filippo Liburdi, Vittorio DiNardo, Tony D'Amico, John DiVecchio, Dave Margliano and Dominic Talarico for their time and effort in assembling our Presepio.

We invite you to stop by the club to visit this beautiful display honoring the birth of Jesus and our Italian traditions.

Buon Natale!



AICS is a Toys for Tots drop off location. Please bring your new unwrapped gifts for children ages 0-12 years and drop them in the collection box. Thank you!

CALENDAR



DECEMBER 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					 01 4pm-7pm	 02 9:00am - Noon
03	 04 QOH	05	06 BOARD MEETING 7:30pm	07 GENERAL MEETING 7:30pm	08	09
10	QOH 11 	12	13	14  Spaghetti Dinner 11am to 7pm	15	16 CHRISTMAS PARTY 6:00pm
17	 18 QOH	19	20	21	22	23
CLOSED 24 	CLOSED 25 BUON Natale!	26	27	28	29	30
31	CLOSED 01 					



Our AICS Hall is the perfect place to rent for birthday, anniversary or retirement parties, as well as weddings and showers!! We have a large screen TV for you to show your party videos, and a sound system for your CDs or your DJ. We can accommodate up to 125 people. For more information please contact Chris Egizio at (815) 557-3474 or email chrisegizio@gmail.com or Vanessa Pascente at (815) 274-9235 or email Vpascente71@gmail.com

We also offer catering services featuring a wide variety of delicious homemade food, prepared in our kitchen using authentic Italian recipes and quality ingredients. Our caterer Angela Mauzer at (815) 412-0502 or email kitchenmanager@americanitalian.org

You may also visit our website at americanitalian.org for menus, hall rental information and contracts.



Sunshine Report



BIRTHDAY

Vincent Esposito - 1st
Salvatore Russo - 3rd
Susan Funk - 4th
Barbara Greenham - 5th
Robyn Okon - 5th
Marco Brandolino - 6th
James Clementi - 6th
Sally Bertani - 7th
Tony Corsetti - 7th
Frank DeGrassi - 7th

BIRTHDAY

Sharon Muhich - 8th
Barbara Martinez - 9th
Ramona Delrose - 10th
Don Govoni - 11th
Jim Alberico - 12th
Wynn Berro - 12th
Len Morgan - 12th
Mary Bresnahan - 14th
Nate Albert - 15th
Michael St.Germain - 15th

BIRTHDAY

Jay Starner - 15th
Joanne Suriano - 15th
Frances Cerri - 16th
Michael Governale - 19th
Scott Nicholson - 20th
Steve Petrella - 23rd
Toni VanGampler - 23rd
Catherine Atkins - 24th
Deborah Bruno - 25th
Alan LaVeille - 25th

BIRTHDAY

Samuel Librizzi - 25th
Greg Sebben - 25th
Anthony Capista - 26th
Theresa Lopez - 26th
Bob Moran - 29th
Edward Sandstrom - 30th

GET WELL

Nancy Trainor
Vanessa Pascente
Donna Bonk
Mary Babich
Ted Micci

CONDOLENCES

Arlene Packley & Geri McGinn on the loss of their brother
To the family of member Rosalie D'Andrea
Pam Allocco on the loss of her brother
Norbert Likar on the loss of his sister
Frank Phelke on the loss of his sister
Juliann & Robert Palmer on the loss of their father
Greg DeNardis on the loss of his mother

If you are having, or know someone who is having a milestone birthday or anniversary, or know of an illness, condolence or a special congratulations for our members or if you want to be excluded from the Sunshine Report please contact Anna Binkley (815) 342-6524 or email anna9108@att.net



For
Monday Evening
Queen of Hearts
Dinner Menu
visit our
Facebook Page!



BAR BINGO!

Monday, Dec. 11th
7:00pm



AICS Gift Cards for purchase! Give them for a birthday present or just because present! You can use them spaghetti dinner, at the bar or for our events. Please stop in at the bar or contact the office for more information.

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Christmas in Italy

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Babbo Natale

Fruit

Wise Men

Baby Jesus

Panettone

Christmas Carol

Christmas Tree

Yule Log

Star

Fish

La Vigilia

Christmas Cake

St. Nicholas Day

Epiphany

Creppo

Nativity Crib Scene

La Befana

Novena

Presepi

Christmas Markets

Crib

Catholic Church

Bagpipe Players

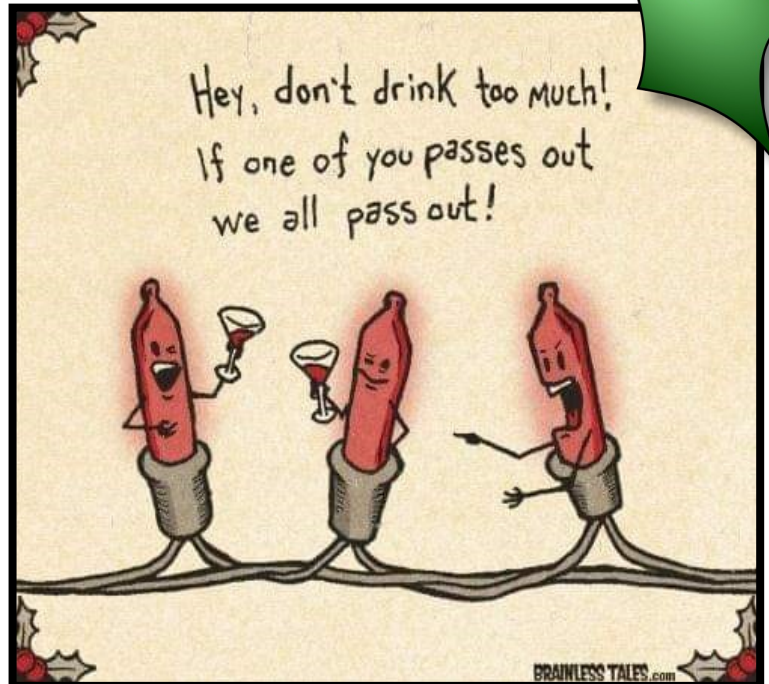
Pasta

Buon Natale

Church

Midnight Mass

CARTOONS



CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS Our spaghetti dinner is held the 2nd Thursday of the month from September until May every year. We also need volunteers for our monthly fish fry which is the first Friday of the month. We are looking for more student volunteers to work in the dining room. If you can help or know any high school student who would like to work a few hours, please contact our kitchen manager Angela Mauzer (815) 412-0502, or email her at kitchenmanager@americanitalian.org

Did you know you can access member information from our AICS website? You can see pics from the club, download a new membership application and see copies of our newsletters. There's a member portal where you can sign up with your email.

Member access code is AICS2022

Please contact:

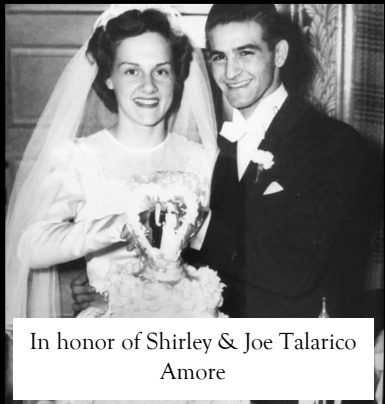
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