



# 2020

## MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

### AN AMERICAN TREASURE



The Belvedere Club at Casa Belvedere is housed in an exquisite, neo-Renaissance, Italianate style building now owned by The Italian Cultural Foundation.

Originally built in 1908 as the country estate of Louis A. Stirn and Laura Roebing-Stirn. Louis Stirn was a German émigré and prominent silk merchant, owning several textile mills. Laura Stirn was the granddaughter of Brooklyn Bridge Builder John Roebling and was known for her expertise in horticulture.

In 2010, the Stirn Mansion began its transformation journey from a private home to a public arts, cultural and educational center. Also, renamed "Casa Belvedere" to reflect its breathtaking view of the Verrazano Bridge and New York Harbor.

In 2013, The Belvedere club was introduced to further the Italian Cultural foundation's arts and cultural mission, and to help in the restoration costs of its 14,000 square feet mansion.

Today this historically significant American Treasure is a New York City Landmark and listed on the New York State and National Register of Historic Places.

Casa Belvedere sits on 2.75 acres atop Grymes Hill, 375 feet above sea level, the second highest elevation on the eastern seaboard south of Maine.



## AN EXTRAORDINARY PRIVATE DINING CLUB AND DESTINATION VENUE

*In the past decade, the Stirn Estate has been resuscitated, revitalized, beautified and transformed into Casa Belvedere. Today this Arts and Cultural Pillar has established its footprint on NYC's vibrant urban landscape.*

## Become A Belvedere Club Member And Be Part Of Casa Belvedere's Success Story!

The first 350 Founding Members are entitled to memorializing their family name on a commemorative, 64" x 54" bronze plaque prominently placed at the entrance of the mansion.

Private event facility fee waived & preferential treatment regarding availability when booking your next special event.

Reciprocity Program: Enjoy the benefits of 50+ prestigious, members only clubs in the US and abroad offering various amenities from private dining to wellness centers to overnight accommodations. For a list of participating clubs, go to [casa-belvedere.org/reciprocal-club-list](http://casa-belvedere.org/reciprocal-club-list).

Wine tastings, guest chef demonstrations and "Chef's Table" experiences.

Bacco: Casual dining, wine cellar and lounge

**Special Events:** Super Bowl Party, Casino Night, Masquerade Ball, Summer BBQs, Tombola Night, Columbus Day Cavalieri Celebration & More

**Dining Offerings:** Seafood Dinners, Italian Regional Cuisine Dinners, Chef's Table Dinners, Celebrity Guest Chef Dinners & More

**Holidays:** Valentine's Day, St. Joseph's Day, Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day, July 4th Fireworks Display Dinner, Labor Day Pig Roast, Thanksgiving Dinner, Christmas Eve, New Year's Eve

Bocce Free Play & Seasonal Tournaments

Discounts on arts & cultural programs, cooking and language classes (Signature events and galas are not included)

Group discounts on any organized travel or tours.



## A LA CARTE DINING

Experience the romance of the estate’s rolling hills and spacious porticos, the true meaning of dining “Al Fresco.” Also, enjoy private dining for groups of 12 or more in one of our exclusive dining rooms, separated by Early 20th century, multi-paned, pocket doors original to the house. Choose from the Da Vinci, Verrazzano, Gold or Silver Rooms on main level or the Bacco Private Wine Room. Each room accommodates various maximum capacities.



## PRIVATE EVENTS

The Belvedere Club is an extraordinary location for a wedding, anniversary, communion, graduation, birthday, shower or any special occasion. Our experienced and courteous staff can help you book your next corporate meeting, workshop, presentation, holiday party or celebration of any kind. Presentation or meeting style seating and audio/visual equipment is available.



## ARTS & CULTURAL PROGRAMS

Arts & Culture are at the center of The Italian Cultural Foundation’s mission. From cooking and language classes, to art & photo exhibits, film screenings, Italian luxury car shows & meets, fashion shows, Summer Film Festival, Musical Performances, Lectures, Presentations, Book Signings, Bocce Lessons, Opera Luncheons, Gardening classes... It all happens at Casa Belvedere. Members receive pre-event notices and discounts on these regularly scheduled arts and cultural programs.



## CUCINA COLAVITA

Our state-of-the-art instructional kitchen, “Cucina Colavita,” offers many interactive options: Craft a unique private culinary experience for a special occasion or to share with friends and family just for fun; Take one of our regularly scheduled group cooking classes; “Cook with Colleagues” for a unique team-building experience, encouraging comradery and friendship amongst employees; Enjoy a seasonal cooking class and dinner prepared by celebrated guest chefs from New York City & beyond.



## BOCCE

Take in the spectacular views as you enjoy “La Bocce Vita” at Casa Belvedere. Join our Bocce League for competitive play or host your own private Bocce playing event. Team or individual free play is offered to members and their guests by reserving courts in advance. Also, consider booking a Corporate Bocce Tournament as your next team building experience.



## BACCO WINE BAR

A casual meeting place for our members, and their guests, to relax and unwind while enjoying light fare and a signature Belvedere cocktail. Watch your favorite team on the flat screen TVs or participate in a wine tasting or wine-pairing program, brought to you by world renowned Vintners.

## FEES:

Initial First Year Donation:  
**\$2,000\*\***  
*(due with completed application)*

Quarterly Dining Minimum:  
**\$400\***  
*(credit card on file required, \*subject to change)*

Annual Renewal Donation:  
**\$1,000\***  
*(credit card on file required, \*subject to change)*

*Out of NY State Residents and Snowbirds call 718-273-7660 for discounted minimum spend requirements.*

*\*\*Initiation donation and annual dues are to be made payable to The Italian Cultural Foundation at Casa Belvedere and are tax deductible to the full extent permissible by law. The Italian Cultural Foundation is a 501 c 3 public charity. Applications are typically processed within 10 days with Board of Directors approval.*

**To inquire about becoming a member, call 718-273-7660 or email [membership@casa-belvedere.org](mailto:membership@casa-belvedere.org)**

*Application process and Board of Director approval required*