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Italian American Club of Greenville Newsletter

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ITALIAN AMERICAN CLUB
GREENVILLE, S.C.



Future Meeting / Activity Schedules & Updates

All meetings will be held the 4th Sunday of every month at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Church Parish Center - 2252 Woodruff Rd, Simpsonville SC 29681

Meeting agenda:

Set up & social time -
12:30 - 1:15 PM

Buffet style lunch prepared by club members -
1:15 - 2:00 PM

Meeting -
2:00 - 3:00 PM

Clean up and take down of chairs & tables -
3:00 - 3:30 PM

Members should have received an email with what to bring. If you have not received this list, please contact Diane Romano at dmromano@yahoo.com.

Current meeting schedule:

Mar 26th - Parish Center
Apr 23rd - Parish Center, note start time - **1:00 PM**
May 21st - Parish Center
Jun 25th - Parish Center
Jul 23rd - Parish Center
Aug 27th - Parish Center
Sep 24th - Club PICNIC
Oct 22nd - Parish Center
Nov 19th - Parish Center
Dec 10th - Christmas Party (Embassy Suites, Greenville - Verdae Blvd)

Our "Monthly Out To Lunch" is held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 1:00 PM. Currently two locations host this activity - Bertolo's at 3631 Pelham Rd, Greenville and Tito's at 2018 N Pleasantburg Dr, Greenville.

Current lunch schedule:

Mar 8th - Tito's
Apr 12th - Bertolo's
May 10th - Tito's
Jun 14th - Bertolo's
Jul 12th - Tito's
Aug 9th - Bertolo's
Sep 13th - Tito's
Oct 11th - Bertolo's
Nov 8th - Tito's
Dec 13th - Bertolo's
Be sure to mark all these dates on your calendar!

NEED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?

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Some Italian Humor!



Welcome New Members:

Please extend a WARM WELCOME to the following new members:

1. Mary Early
2. Nicholas Medina
3. Mary Jane Madeline
4. Semir Kapetanovic

Benvenuti!



IACG "NIGHT OUT"

February 11th was a trip back in time. The Mauldin Cultural Center hosted an 80's Prom Night.



February 22nd was a trip to the movies. The women met at the Regal Cinemas in Simpsonville for a showing of Magic Mike's Last Dance.



COMING UP NEXT MONTH

It's Jukebox Bingo time at Reubens (<https://Greer.reubensc.com>). Wednesday, March 22th at 6:30 PM, 1083 S Batesville Rd, Greer, SC 29650 (between 85 and Pelham Rd). Bingo starts at 7. If you are a late night person you can stay after and sing your heart out for Karaoke. DK needs to guarantee 20 people and call to confirm the week before. As always, thank you for supporting the night out events. **Thank you DK for organizing these events!**



IACG ITALIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE FESTIVAL UPDATE



The 2nd Annual Italian American Heritage Festival will be held on
April 29th 2023 from 12 noon to 6:00 PM
Main Street, Fountain Inn, SC

***** Volunteers Needed - Please Help!!! *****

- ◆ Please reach out to Joe Belasco at 732-616-3258 or jbelasco45@aol.com if you would like to volunteer at the festival - morning setup, evening takedown, ticket booths, etc....
- ◆ Volunteers needed to help prepare food to be sold at the festival (cooks, kitchen assist, etc.) There will be two shifts on Friday April 28th. Volunteers are also needed on the day of the festival Saturday April 29th
- ◆ Volunteers needed on Friday April 28th to help with the receiving of deliveries in Fountain Inn from our suppliers - this includes the off loading of tables and chairs, cases of water, soda, ice barrels, golf carts, etc...
- ◆ Sponsor recruitment and assistance with fundraising
- ◆ Anyone with connections to restaurants, caterers or food trucks



Did Someone Say Christmas Party? Mark your calendar!

Sunday, December 10th, 2023

The Christmas Party will be held at the

Embassy Suites

670 Verdae Boulevard, Greenville, SC 29607

open to Members and their Guests.

Cocktail Hour 5 - 6 PM

Dinner Starts at 6 PM.

Cost is \$ 60.00 per person.

Details will follow in the near future.

There are 10 rooms reserved under IACG for the night of the Christmas Party for one night at a special rate of \$109.

Call 1-800-EMBASSY to make reservations and tell them that you are with the Italian American Club to get the special rate.



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CLUB FUNDRAISING

SPAGHETTI DINNER

The spaghetti dinner fundraiser was a huge success. There were over 100 attendees who were served delicious food and scrumptious desserts! **A huge THANK YOU goes out to all those who volunteered their time, food, and supplies!**



SILENT AUCTION

At our monthly meeting on March 26th, we are continuing the Silent Auction. The two items, which are time sensitive and valuable, were donated by member James Patti. (Kudos James!) The proceeds will go towards the 2nd Annual Italian American Heritage Festival on April 29th 2023.

1. The **Swamp Rabbit Hockey** Team tickets (season 2022/23) **Value \$150** for 4 tickets for a game. Current bid is \$50.00; with incremental bids of \$20.
2. Bon Secours tickets to the **Price Is Right** (4 tickets) on Wed. April 5, 2023 at 8pm. **Value is \$182** and current bid is \$100; with incremental bids of \$20.

March Auction - if you would like to bid on one of these items and are unable to make the March 26th meeting, please contact Mattia Bentivegna (text or email) at 863-801-9677 or mattiab@bellsouth.net. **Bids must be received by March 19th. Payment is by cash or check.**

Another silent auction is being planned for May or June - details to follow. Planning and donations are being accepted now. If you would like to help please call Carol Larson at 401-932-9224. Funds raised will be used for future club functions. We encourage our club members to assist with this effort.

Suggestions for items to be donated: Live performance tickets (like Symphony or Peace Center, etc...), framed art, hand-crafted items, stays at Airbnb, or gift certificates which will be consolidated in themed baskets (Dine Out gift cards, Beauty Basket, Gourmet Food Basket, Wine and/or Beer Baskets, Trip or Travel Baskets, Sports Basket, etc. Please Drop-off donations by May 19st or at our May 21st meeting.

Drop off Locations for auction items:

- St Mary Magdalene Parish Center at our (monthly meetings March 26, April 23, May 21)
- Paula Knowles, 104 Circle Slope Dr., Simpsonville (732-239-0467 cell)
- Mattia Bentivegna, 106 Burlwood Dr., Greer (863.801.9677 cell)
- Carol Larson, 50 Paddington Ave., Greenville (401.932.9224 cell, gated community; please phone ahead)
- DK English, 6 Meadow Field Ct., Simpsonville (901.299.1021 cell)

Call with questions: Carol Larson 401-932-9224 or Mattia Bentivegna 864-801-9677 (texting ahead is helpful so you are not identified as 'spam'). A few talented members have stepped up already: Mattia designs crafted ceramic artwork, Rob Uselton makes handcrafted wooden bowls, Vickie Ferraro makes jewelry, and Carol Larson selects Chocolates and Wines to pair. Join the fun!

On the day of the auction, PLEASE Bring cash or checks!



PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

The monthly meetings are a great place to socialize, catch up with friends, and eat Italian style! Everyone enjoys the hard work and great food that is contributed to the feast, but let us remember that many of us use our own personal serving dishes, plates, cookware, etc... to deliver that fine food. The end of the meeting can be a little chaotic, so please remember to only pick up what was yours. Thank you!



TRIP TO ITALY (SICILY)



Anyone interested in information on the trip to the island of Sicily, Italy in September 2023? The trip will consist of 7 nights 8 days. Palermo to Catania - volcano, architecture, mafia history, olive farm tour, wine tour, cooking class. Lots of history, architecture, beach and ocean views. Please reach out to DK if you are interested. Send an email with your contact information to 2023iacgitalytrip@gmail.com.

This trip is not endorsed or sponsored by the Italian American Club of Greenville. The trip will be through a travel tour agency and all club members, family and friends are welcome.

COMMENTS / CONCERNS / QUESTIONS

If you have concerns, questions, compliments or complaints, please submit them in writing to the IACG secretary. Currently, this is Carol Koehler. Forward this information via email to carolk135@gmail.com. The board will then consider the issues and respond accordingly. Thank you for your support!



PLEASE HELP - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

IACG requests the assistance of some able-bodied members for a new committee. We are still in need of additional people to set up and break down tables and chairs, and clean up at each meeting/event. Please sign up for this committee at the next monthly meeting. If you are unable to attend the upcoming meeting and would like to help, please forward your name to the IACG Secretary Carol Koehler via email at carolk135@gmail.com. Thank you to the following folks who have signed up: Jim & Chris Donahue, Jim & Paula Centorbi, Roberta Zoppe, George Fuchs.

IACG SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Time has run out!!!

Completed packets, with all required information, must be received no later than March 3, 2023. Recipients will be notified in writing by March 31st. To recap, the Studente Promettente scholarship program provides financial support, for educational purposes to IACG members, spouses of a member, children, grandchildren, stepchildren, step grandchildren, nieces, nephews, or wards of a member (designated as legal guardian).



IACG SHIRTS ANYONE?

Don't forget to see Joe Julian to get your embroidered IACG Italian American Club golf shirts. Several colors are available including Black, Red, White, Dark Green and Navy.

These shirts can be purchased through Joe Julian for \$25 up to XL and \$27 - \$29 for anything larger than XL. Anyone interested, please contact Joe directly at: julianx2@charter.net.

At previous meetings we also discussed printing less expensive T-Shirts. If you have ideas for a PRINTED shirt, please let Joe know.

SUBMIT YOUR NEWSLETTER INPUT

Do you have any general information or good news that you would like to share with the group? Do you have a business card that you would like added to the newsletter? Please email information to Tom Koehler at: ttkoehler651@gmail.com or track me down at one of the meetings.

Thank you for your support!



CLUB MEMBER BUSINESSES



Venice

Venice, Italy

MARZO 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 Lunch at Tito's (1PM)	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 St Joseph's Day	20	21	22 Jukebox Bingo (6:30 PM)	23	24	25
26 Monthly Meeting (12:30PM)	27	28	29	30	31	