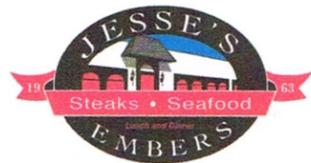


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PRESIDENTS CORNER:



Hello Gentlemen,

It is hard to believe summer 2017 is nearly over as is my 2nd term as SIA President. Before we know it the holiday season will be upon us. Summer may be ending but the club's annual events are about to get busy.

Let us talk about the summer for a moment. For more than 40 summers (years) our men have been giving the City of Des Moines a "Taste of Italy" by hosting or co-hosting the Italian Festival which showcases our rich heritage. I want to start by saying **thank you** to everyone who volunteered at the festival this year. The weather was wonderful which made for very nice crowds. At this point the numbers are showing a successful festival but not all the bills are in yet. We hope to have the final results by our October meeting if not sooner. All the vendors I talked to said they had their best year to date. That includes our men's booth. They sold out of everything they had. Thank you to Sam Pane and Rick Trower; who headed up our booth and too all our men who worked it. Great job!

Congratulations to our three \$1000 scholarship winners, Samantha (Sam) Bertagnoli, Megan Rutherford (Joe Baratta Family), and Anna Owenson (Victor Scavo family). I believe we had a record number of applicants this year. The good news for those who applied this year and did not get selected, they can continue to apply each year they are in college. Good luck to all the applicants in their studies at their respective schools.

Enough about the summer, let us move ahead to everything happening in the next few months. Get your calendars out and be ready to mark them as I have a lot of dates to throw at you.

Starting in September we will be taking nominations for our Executive Board elections to be held on our November 12th meeting. The offices available are President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership and Sargent at Arms. Please submit your name and the office you would like to Secretary Victor Scaglione at 249-0799. Nominations will be gathered until Friday November 10th to be placed on the ballots. Nominations from the floor can be requested the day of the meeting and only the day of to be added to the ballot.

The September 10th meeting will continue with our current times, board meeting at 5:00pm and regular meeting is at 6:00pm. This will be our last meeting at these times until spring. We will be "falling" back an hour for the winter months.

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The Next Meetings Will be At Belizzi-MacRae American Legion

October 15, 2017
November 11, 2017
December 10, 2017
January 8, 2018

4:00pm Board Meeting
5:00pm Membership

If you would like to get the newsletter by e-mail please contact Samuil Pane at samuilpane@yahoo.com

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PRESIDENTS CORNER CONTUNUED:

October is annually known as Italian Heritage Month. **The Annual Columbus Day Dinner will be held on October 8th pushing our normal meeting back 1 week to October 15th. The meeting times will be, board meeting 4:00pm and regular meeting at 5:00pm.** Monday October 9th is the Annual wreath ceremony held at the Christopher Columbus Statue on the State Capital Grounds. Please contact the Italian-American Cultural Center of Iowa for the time of this event. I encourage all that can attend.

The month of November has more events than our annual elections. Sunday November 19th is our annual member's memorial mass. The mass is held at St. Anthony's Church at 8:30am. There will be several booths reserved for our members and their spouses and I or the new President will have the sashes there for us to wear and honor our fallen members from this year and all the years past.

Another new tradition being held in November is the Cultural Center's annual fundraising dinner. The dinner will be held Thursday November 9th at the Embassy Club. The cost is \$150.00 per person however the club is looking to purchase another 10 person table at a discounted rate just as we did last year. Our members can reserve and purchase the seats at the discounted rate of \$130.00 per person payable to the SIA. Please let me know by October 31st if you wish to purchase a seat or two.

December continues our busy holiday season. The SIA will once again be teaming up with the members of the Belizzi-MacRae American Legion and the Knights of Columbus to fill Christmas stockings for the kids. December 9th at 3:00pm will be when the stockings will be given away by Santa at the legion hall. Please tell your family members with little kids to come and see Santa and receive a stocking.

The date for this year's SIA Christmas party is Saturday December 16th. It will be held again this year at the Belizzi-MacRae American Legion. Cocktail and hors d'oeuvres hour will begin at 6:00pm with dinner starting around 7:00pm. Our members have suggested we invite and combine our Christmas dinner with the members of the Belizzi-MacRae American Legion. We will be extending an invitation to their board and members. Anyone of Italian decent over 18 years of age is welcome join us. We will be taking suggestions for caterers to serve our dinner starting in October. If you have a caterer in mind, please have them submit their menu and price in a letter and send it to our PO Box. The address is Society of Italian-Americans, PO Box 8337, Des Moines, IA 50301 Attn: Christmas Party Chairman. We will need all bids in by November 17th. I will send out an email/ letter in November confirming the cost for our members and guests. We will need a final head count by December 8, 2017. You may call me 360-4344, VP Tony Cosenza 321-5667 or Sec Vic Scaglione to reserve your seats.

Finally our members have been talking about us putting on a Pasta Dinner Fundraiser. The date for this event is Sunday January 21, 2018 from 12:30pm-3:00pm. We will hold the fundraiser at the Cultural Center. The cost has not been determined yet but will be decided at a later meeting. Please help promote this fundraiser to everyone you know.

As you can see we have a lot going on as a club and I hope to see as many of you, if not all of you at all the functions scheduled and to support our new president and board.

I would like to take this time to say thank you. Thank you for allowing me to lead all of you as SIA members and this wonderful organization. I am humbled to be a small part of our organizations long history. It is hard to believe my 4 years are up. The time has flown by. I have enjoyed every minute of being your president. All presidencies have there are highs and lows. From the Oval Office down to a fraternal organization, presidents and their cabinets/ boards have some tough decisions to make for the greater good of all. Some decisions are good and some are bad but in the end we must all stay united as one. If we stay united, we will continue to prosper and god willing we will start to grow again.

GRAZIE!

Frank L. Morano, Jr.
President, Society of Italian Americans

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- October 8, 2017 Columbus Day Dinner—Societe Vittoria Lodge 5:00 pm
Reservations - Randy Prati 321-8941 or Center 280-3719
- October 9, 2017 Columbus Day Observance - South Lawn State Capitol 10:45
- November 12, 2017 SIA Board Elections
- November 19, 2017 Deceased Members Mass - St. Anthony 8:30 am
- December 9th, 2017 SIA Kids Christmas Party - Belizzi-MacRae 3:00 pm
- December 16th, 2017 SIA Christmas Party - Belizzi-MacRae 6:00 pm
- January 21, 2018 SIA Pasta Dinner Fundraiser - Cultural Center

FAMOUS ITALIAN INVENTORS:

The Jacuzzi family - developed the deep well water pump that led to the famous whirlpool bath

Antonio Meucci (born 1808) - credited by the Congress of the United States with the invention of the telephone

Lorenzo Ponza- inventor of the modern baseball pitching machine

Francis Rogallo - engineer at NASA, designed the Rogallo wing, which found its greatest success in hang gliders and kites

Dr. Andrew Viterbi (born 1935) - billionaire, cofounder of Qualcomm, inventor of the Viterbi algorithm

Frank Zamboni- inventor of the modern ice resurface machine

IN MEMORAL:

Bruno Nate Isolini, 84, passed away Thursday, May 4, 2017, surrounded by his family. Bruno was born on May 28, 1932 in Des Moines. He faithfully served in the US Navy during the Korean War from 1952 to 1954. On July 16, 1955, he was united in marriage to Patricia Ann "Pat" Sturdivant and they made their home in Madrid. Throughout their marriage, they enjoyed spending summers at their cabin in Clear Lake with family and the Clear Lake gang and in the fall, attending Notre Dame football games. He also enjoyed spending time with grandchildren and great grandchildren and playing cards every Thursday at the Vittoria Lodge.

Bruno worked at Firestone Tire for 43 ½ years, where he served as Vice President of Local 310, United Steelworkers Union. He retired in 1995. In his earlier years, he was co-owner of the Sportsman's West End Bar in Madrid. He was a member of St. Malachy's Catholic Church, Madrid V.F.W., Vittoria Lodge, Society of Italian Americans and Notre Dame Subway Alumni Club.