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Michael Leo	10/8	Charles Falbo	11/22	Anthony G. Scaglione	12/10
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Robert Randazzo	10/26	Michael Vonk	11/26		
Samuil Pane	10/23	Jimmy Wallace Sr.	11/23		
Bobby Burgett	10/20	James Lacona	11/16		
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PRESIDENTS CORNER:



Hello Gentleman,

I find it hard to believe that the summer of 2018 is just about over and what a hot summer it was. Every summer for over 40 years the SIA has been involved in hosting the Italian-American Festival here in Des Moines. Over the years we have been very blessed to have the opportunity to showcase our rich Italian Heritage and bring quality entertainment and family fun to the residents of Des Moines and the state of Iowa.

I want to extend a **heartful thank you** to the volunteers who helped out at this year's festival. I especially want to thank Sam Pane and all of the members who helped in the men's food booth. The revenue raised helps support our organization and the scholarships awarded each year.

With that said, I would like to congratulate the recipients of this year's SIA scholarship Award. Brooke Pigneri, Rose Marie Feeley and Marena Bonanno. Each student received a \$1000 scholarship that will be sent to the college of their choice. Remember, if you have a family member who is eligible for the award that applied for the scholarship this year and did not win, I strongly encourage them to reapply again next year.

As we near fall and the winter months I would like to remind all SIA members of several events and important dates to keep in mind and mark on your calendars:

October is Italian Heritage Month: The Annual Columbus Day dinner will be held at the Vittoria Lodge on Sunday October 7th at 5:00 pm. Tickets to the event are \$35.00 each. Christiania's will cater this year's dinner.

Columbus Day Celebration Monday October 8th at 11:00 am at the State Capital south lawn area where the Christopher Columbus statute is located. Please try to attend to show your Italian pride and support for this event.

November brings in a host of events: First there is the annual Italian-American Cultural Center dinner that will be held on Thursday November 8th at the Embassy Club downtown. This is a wonderful event that brings in much needed funds for the Cultural Center.

Next, we have the Executive Board elections that will be held at our regular meeting November 11th at 5:00 pm. Nominations for Executive board members and Auditors are being accepted. If you are interested please contact John Tyler or Vic Scaglione.

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The Next Meetings Will be At Belizzi-MacRae American Legion

*October 14, 2018
November 11, 2018
December 9, 2018
January 13, 2019*

*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

Did you know that you can download a new membership form from our website!

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PRESIDENTS CORNER CONTUNIE:

Third and last for November is our annual SIA Deceased Members Memorial Mass. The SIA will have front rows reserved seating for our members and families. We will be wearing our sashes representing the Society of Italian-Americans and showing our respects to our deceased members. Please look in our memorial section of this newsletter for the members that have passed this year.

December continues to be a busy month. The SIA will be teaming up with the members of the American Legion and the Knights of Columbus for the annual kids Christmas Party that will be held on Saturday December 8th at 4:00 pm at the Belizzi-MacRae American Legion Hall. Please let your families know that Santa Claus will be there handing out stockings, so bring the little ones and enjoy the spirit of Christmas.

Our last club sponsored event for the year will be the Society of Italian-Americans Annual Christmas Party, that will be held on December 15th at the Belizzi-MacRae American Legion Hall. Doors open at 5:30 pm with cocktails and appetizers starting at 6:00 pm with dinner around 7:00 pm. The dinner will be catered again by Chef Frank Morano, Vic Scaglione and Ned Chiodo. Cost is \$10.00 for SIA members and \$15.00 for guests. Must be 18 or older to attend. For reservations Contact John Marturello-Tyler at 515-669-7025 or Vic Scaglione at 515 249-0799.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- October 7th, 2018 Columbus Day Dinner Vittoria Lodge 5:00pm
- October 8th, 2018 Columbus Day Observation at State Capital 11:00am
- November 8th, 2018 Italian-American Cultural Center dinner at the Embassy Club
- November 11th, 2018 SIA Executive Board Elections
- November 18th, 2018 SIA Deceased Member Memorial Mass at St. Anthony 8:00am
- December 8th, 2018 Kids Christmas Party Belizzi-MacRae American Legion 4:00pm
- December 15th, 2018 SIA Christmas Party Belizzi-MacRae American Legion 6:00pm



If you have not paid your dues, Please Contact Membership Director Sam Pane at 515-205-8030 after 3:00pm any day.

IN MEMORIAL:



John Michael Lloyd, 83, passed away July 22, 2018. John was born May 2, 1935 in Des Moines to John and Frances (Cardamon) Lloyd. He served in the United States Navy during the Korean War. John worked for the Iowa Liquor Commission and later for Massey Ferguson until they closed. He then went to work for St. Anthony Catholic Church and eventually retired from Stivers Ford Lincoln. John was a member of St. Anthony Catholic Church, Bellizzi MacRae American Legion Post #659 and the Society of Italian Americans.



Dino Righi, 91, peacefully left this earth on August 28, 2018, sadly but lovingly released by his family here to his family waiting for him. Dino was born on October 9, 1926, to Italian immigrants, Aldemiro and Teresa "Marfisa" (Fontana) Righi, in Fort Des Moines, Iowa. He proudly served in the US Army, 7th Infantry Division, in the Pacific Theater, stationed on Okinawa and Korea. He retired from Meredith after 43 years as a pressman and union representative. Dino was a member of the Societa Vittoria Italiana, where he served as Recording Secretary and General Manager for over 40 years, a member of the Society of Italian Americans, and on the original board of the Italian-American Cultural Center, receiving its Outstanding Citizen award in 1995.



Armond DeFino, age 93, of Des Moines, passed away peacefully with his family on September 6th. He was born in Des Moines on April 25th 1925 to the parents of Domonick and Rose DeFino (Lavia). He was happily married to Elizabeth DeFino (Betty Lorenzano) for 67 years. Armond, known as Papa by his family, proudly served his country in the Navy during WWII, He owned and managed Des Moines Ornamental Iron, and several other businesses. He worked at Massey Ferguson and also held multiple patents.



Louise Serena, 84, died on Saturday, September 8, 2018 at her home. Louise was born on August 28, 1934 in Cavasso Nuovo, Italy to Domenico and Maria (DeMichael) Lovisa. Mother of member Lorenzo Serena.

FAMOUS ITALIANS

Most of us have heard of famous Italians like Frank Sinatra or Joe DiMaggo. Here are some famous Italians you my have never heard of or did not think they were Italian and what they have done.

R.A. Salvatore (born 1959), science fiction and fantasy author, best known for his *Forgotten Realms* and *Star Wars* novels

Giuseppe Mario Bellanca, designer of the first mono-plane in the United States with an enclosed cabin

William Paca, signer of the American Declaration of Independence, member of the Continental Congress, governor f Maryland, Federal District Judge

Fred Couples Golfer (Father changed family name from Coppola)

Mary Lou Retton (born 1968) Olympic gold medalist in gymnastics (original family name was Rotunda, changed by her grandfather)

THERE ARE NEARLY **15 MILLION** PEOPLE WHO HAVE IDENTIFIED THEMSELVES AS **ITALIAN AMERICAN** IN THE 2000 U.S. CENSUS, THE POPULATION DIVISION OF THE U.S. CENSUS BUREAU REPORTS. THE CENSUS BUREAU ESTIMATES, HOWEVER, THAT **1 OUT OF 10 AMERICANS** HAS SOME ITALIAN BLOOD, BRINGING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF AMERICANS OF ITALIAN DESCENT TO **26 MILLION.**