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Save the Date: Thursday, October 9, 2025

THURSDAY, OCT 9, 2025



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WHERE: South County Civic Center
16700 Jog Road
Delray Beach, FL 33446

TIME: 6:30pm - 9pm

Meeting Fee: Members - \$12
Guests - \$17

TO RSVP: OCT 6th Wendy 561-715-1361
RSVP and pay by Monday Oct 6th for head count!

PAYMENT: Zelle is preferred... please Zelle to sgtbonanno@yahoo.com to confirm your reservation AND call as well.

Or send a check and give it time to arrive by Oct 6th.
Make check payable to Sgt Bonanno Lodge, and mail to:

Sgt Bonanno Lodge #2549
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CHEESE RAVIOLI, FUSILLI BOLOGNESE, CAESAR SALAD, DRINKS, AND DESSERT WILL BE SERVED!



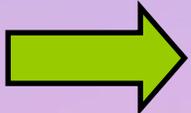
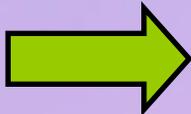
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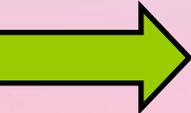
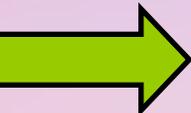
Please check in at the door to receive a door prize ticket!

HEY, Friends! PLEASE HELP OUT - sign up for Committees... check-in, servers, set-up, etc!!

NEXT UP: NOV 13, 2025, Salute to Veterans with Forgotten Soldier ITEMS Collection!!



RESERVE NOW!!



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Wendy Corso-Ruud

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

At our September **Welcome Back Potluck**, we welcomed over 50 members bringing their favourite appetizers or desserts to share. We spoke of things coming up, and many changes coming soon.

In late September, we joined the Port St Lucie Lodge's "**Night at the Races!**". What a fun and entertaining evening with friends; great food, very well-organized, and money was raised for their scholarships. We are looking in to bringing something like that to our lodge soon!

On October 8th, we are going as a group to the **Tommy Cono** show at Boca Black Box for an evening of musical enjoyment!

Our **October 9th** meeting is dedicated to our **Italian Heritage**. We will be hearing from a few brilliant speakers sharing their stories and connections to Italia Bella. We will also be presenting a check to Marianna De Tollis, the President of **FATI**, for the high school program. Also, on the agenda is discussing and voting in our newly revised **Bylaws**... our new Standing Rules / Policies and Procedures are underway as well, all very exciting!

Some adventurous members are going to explore the big Apple and beyond in November, as they head north to attend the **Garibaldi Meucci Museum** Fundraising Luncheon.

To summarize future meetings: November 13, we salute our Veterans and do a collection for the **Forgotten Soldier Project**, gathering

much needed items for those still serving.

December 11 is our **Christmas Party** and in January, **WE COOK!!** Our annual **Nonne Night** is for the FAU Italian Department students, family and friends, to experience foods their very own Italian Nonne would make and serve.

Starting now, you will be receiving monthly **Membership Renewal** reminders to be on the ball and renew your Lodge membership for 2026.

We have a new **Nomination Committee** reaching out to members to serve on the board, whether as an elected position, a trustee, a committee chair, or volunteer. You all have so many talents and treasures that you can share, and we'd love for you to experience the satisfaction of being more involved in our **FAMIGLIA!** Let us know if you have any interest, and be open-minded if we reach out!

Our Bonanno Lodge's **CRUISE** in January 2026, is fully booked! We are going to have a blast.. fun times for ALL!

I want to remind you, our members, that we are **ALWAYS** here for you, whether you need help with something, need to talk, or need a ride! We want you to feel part of our **FAMIGLIA!**

Also, if you'd like to place an ad in our newsletter, please give me a call at 561-715-1361.

With love and hugs,

Wendy

President's Message Translation is on page 3!



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PRESIDENT MESSAGE TRANSLATION

Cari fratelli e sorelle,

Al nostro Welcome Back Potluck di settembre, abbiamo accolto oltre 50 soci che hanno portato i loro antipasti o dessert preferiti da condividere. Abbiamo parlato di cose future e dei molti cambiamenti in arrivo.

A fine settembre, abbiamo partecipato alla "Notte alle corse!" del Port St Lucie Lodge. Che serata divertente e coinvolgente con gli amici; ottimo cibo, organizzazione impeccabile, e sono stati raccolti fondi per le loro borse di studio. Non vediamo l'ora di organizzare qualcosa di simile al nostro lodge!

L'8 ottobre andremo in gruppo allo spettacolo di Tommy Cono al Boca Black Box per una serata di divertimento musicale!

Il nostro incontro del 9 ottobre è dedicato alla nostra tradizione italiana. Ascolteremo alcuni brillanti relatori che condivideranno le loro storie e i loro legami con l'Italia Bella. Inoltre, consegneremo un assegno a Marianna De Tollis, Presidente della FATI, per il programma delle scuole superiori. Inoltre, all'ordine del giorno c'è la discussione e la votazione del nostro Statuto appena rivisto... anche il nostro nuovo Regolamento/Politiche e Procedure Permanenti è in fase di elaborazione, tutto molto emozionante!

Alcuni membri avventurosi esploreranno la Grande Mela e oltre a novembre, dirigendosi a nord per partecipare al Pranzo di Raccolta Fondi del Museo Garibaldi Meucci.

Per riassumere i prossimi incontri: il 13 novembre, renderemo omaggio ai nostri Veterani e faremo una colletta per il Progetto Soldato Dimenticato, raccogliendo beni di prima necessità per coloro che sono ancora in servizio.

L'11 dicembre è la nostra Festa di Natale e a gennaio CUCINIAMO!! La nostra Serata Annuale

delle Nonne è riservata agli studenti del Dipartimento di Italiano della FAU, ai familiari e agli amici, per provare i piatti che la loro Nonna Italiana preparerebbe e servirebbe.

A partire da ora, riceverete promemoria mensili per il Rinnovo dell'Iscrizione alla Loggia, per essere sempre aggiornati e rinnovare la vostra iscrizione per il 2026.

Abbiamo un nuovo Comitato di Nomina che si rivolge ai membri per far parte del consiglio, sia come membri eletti, fiduciari, presidenti di comitato o volontari. Avete tutti così tanti talenti e tesori da condividere, e ci piacerebbe che provaste la soddisfazione di essere più coinvolti nella nostra FAMIGLIA! Fateci sapere se siete interessati e siate aperti se vi contatteremo!

La CROCIERA del nostro Bonanno Lodge a gennaio 2026 è al completo! Ci divertiremo un mondo... momenti divertenti per TUTTI!

Vorrei ricordare a voi, i nostri membri, che siamo SEMPRE qui per voi, che abbiate bisogno di aiuto, di parlare o di un passaggio! Vogliamo che vi sentiate parte della nostra FAMIGLIA!

Inoltre, se desiderate pubblicare un annuncio nella nostra newsletter, chiamatemi al numero 561-715-1361.

Con affetto e abbracci,
Wendy

This message was translated using GOOGLE TRANSLATE for those who like to read and/or dabble in the language.. if you would like to help translate, please step up!



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Lodge #2549**

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AND BEYOND**

EVENT FUN & FOTOS

At our September Welcome Back Potluck, our members and friends brought their favourite appetizers and desserts to share.

After a hearty dinner, we shared what is coming up in our lodge and spoke of the many changes coming soon, including our Bylaws Revision which our members will approve at our October meeting.



EVENT FUN & FOTOS

At Port St Lucie Lodge's "Night at the Races!"

What a fun and entertaining evening with friends! Tickets included a dinner of meatball subs or hot dogs, chips and drinks. Along with the races, there was also a bake sale, door prizes, and raffle gifts!

This event was very well-organized, and money was raised for their scholarships.

We are looking in to bringing something like that to our lodge soon!



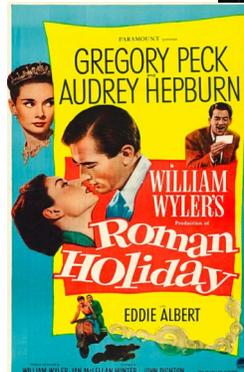
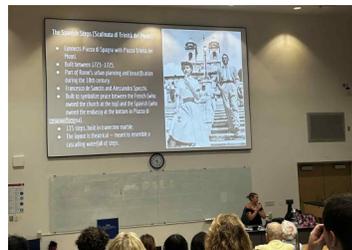
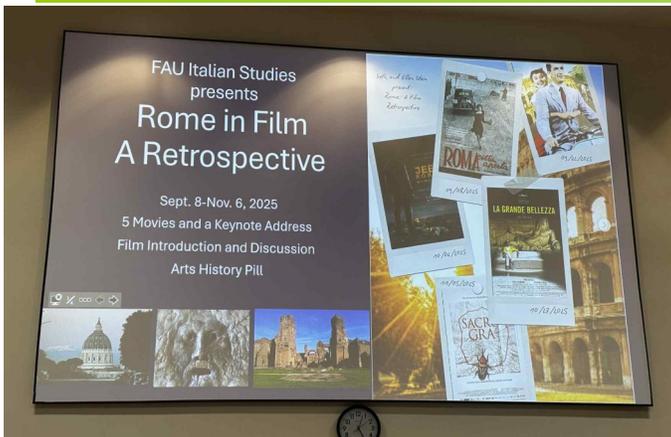
ITALIAN STUDIES AT FAU

Regular Thursday evenings with the FAU Club Insieme Italian Speakers started back up after Summer Break! Great get togethers speaking Italian and sharing laughter and yummys. Remember, our members are invited and welcome to attend the events, meetups and happenings of the FAU Italian Studies Department, with Ilaria Serra and Emanuele Pettener of FAU.



NOW SHOWING!! Movies in the Perspective of Roma Series are presented by FAU Italian Club Insieme and the FAU Italian American Studies Dept! These two films, Roma: Città Aperta, and Roman Holiday, marked the start of our film series dedicated to Rome, an initiative conceived and supported by Ellen and Seth Stein.

Great movies, sponsors, speakers, snacks.... and the Art Pill includes wonderfully creative photos by Ida Pettener
Please note that, LIKE ALL FAU Italian Studies events, these are also completely free of charge.



ITALIAN STUDIES AT FAU

Your Bonanno President, Wendy, along with member Kay, attended the Triannual meetings of the Grand Lodge of Florida.

Our Past President, Nick was present as the First Vice President of the GL, as well as the Foundation President.

Wendy took on the responsibilities of the Grand Lodge Treasurer, and we attended the President's Trainings as well as the Business

Meetings, Foundation Meetings and Audit. We listened to special guests share about their Philanthropies,

as our Bonanno Lodge gives regularly to Cooley's Anema, Autism, Cancer and Alzheimer's (yes! this is where some of your dues go!!)

The newest charity we will give to is the Garibaldi Meucci Museum, which is run and supported by the Order Sons and Daughters.

We even presented our National Immediate Past President, Michael Polo, a Live Birthday Card... FUN TIMES!



Pres Wendy attended a zoom from the National OSDIA during National Literacy Month Spotlight with author **Adriana Trigiani**, who wrote *The View from Lake Como*, which is the next book the Book Club is reading in the Italian Studies Dept of FAU. Join us for discussion of the book on Monday Nov 10th at Barnes & Noble on Glades.



BOCCE THURSDAYS

Our Bonanno Bocce team braves the heat Thursday mornings to enjoy a morning of the game at South County Civic Center!



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ITALIAN QUOTES & SAYINGS



“La cucina è il cuore della casa.”
The kitchen is the heart of the home.
Cooking and sharing meals play a central role in family and social life. Italians are sure about that!



“Non c’è due senza tre.”
There’s no two without three.
If something has happened twice, it will likely happen a third time. This Italian saying is used ironically to say that bad luck is recurrent. When someone says it, reply e il quarto vien da sé (and the fourth one comes with it). You’ll sound like a native speaker.

BUON COMPLEANNI
Ottobre

- 01 Ilaria Serra
- 11 Patricia McCue
- 17 Guillermina Magnasco
- 19 Joan D’Amato
- 24 Jim Episcopio
- 27 John Castello
- 31 Amilia Chase



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SEMPRE AVANTI

By Gene Costanzo, Scholarship Chair

SGT BONANNO LODGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM GUIDELINES

ANNOUNCEMENT: THE EPISCOPIO 4-YEAR SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY INFORMATION AND APPLICATIONS WILL BE OUT SOON!



RULES FOR FUTURE REGULAR BONANNO SCHOLARSHIPS:

1. Member must be in good standing and a member for at least one year.
2. Applicant **must be the child or grandchild of a member** and be selected *in writing* to a College/University.
3. Apply January 1st through March 30, 2026, and submit to the Membership chairperson.
4. We give two Scholarships per Year. If more applicant's apply, they will need to submit an essay to be approved by our scholarship committee.
5. The applicant must present the acceptance letter and information, and we will forward the funds to the administration office listed on the letter.
6. Maximum scholarship \$500 each. **(Being raised to \$1000 in January!!)**
7. Any questions, please call your President or Scholarship Chair.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

If you wish to announce a special event, please send your information to me no later than the 20th of each month.

SAVE THE DATES!!

Second Thursday of Each Month - 6:30pm
 South County Civic Center --16700 Jog Rd - Delray Beach 33446

2025-2026



Sgt F.M. Bonanno
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 Boca Raton, FL



September 11

Welcome Back to Business - Potluck
 Bring your Favourite **Appetizer or Dessert**



October 9

Italian Heritage Night - FATI
 Christopher Columbus, Bylaws



November 13

Veteran Appreciation - Forgotten
 Soldier Outreach - Items Collections
 Membership Drive Begins



December 11

Christmas Party
 South County Civic Center



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January 15
DATE CHANGE!!

Nonne Night - Bring your Favourite ITALIAN FOODS
 FOOD Potluck - **FAU Italian Studies** Department



Jan 25 - Jan 31

Dolce Vela - Sweet Cruise - Celebrity Eclipse
 Sun - Sat

February 12

Valentine's Day - Show the Love
 Members Appreciation



March 12

St Joseph's/St Patrick's

April 9

Easter - Mozzarella (?) Night



May 7

Mother's Day - Porchetta (?) Night
 Game Night - Show Me the Money

June/July/August

Summer Luncheons/Dinners **TBA**



FINANCIAL NEWS

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Individual:	\$ 60.00
Couple:	\$110.00
Social:	\$ 60.00



Membership Payment Schedule

REVAMPED: Member dues will now be paid annually by January 1st. If not paid by the end of January, there will be a reinstatement fee added to your membership dues, so please be ready to pay on time! In September, dues are reduced to \$30. You will be reminded starting October, to pay for and hold your membership fee (in Oct, Nov and Dec) to pay the regular annual dues for the next year.

Lodge Information

Lodge Meetings are held at 6:30pm, the **second Thursday of every month**. We meet at the South County Civic Center at 16700 Jog Road, north of Clint Moore Rd in Delray.

In May we hold our last business meeting, then break for the Summer and hold social gatherings/luncheons June, July, and August. *See calendar for future meeting/event dates!*

SCHOLARSHIPS

For any member who has a *child or grandchild* planning on attending College and would like to apply, Sgt. Bonanno Lodge has at least one \$500 scholarship available, which will be sent directly to the College where they've been accepted. Please talk to us for more information. Caveat: Members must be in good standing. Contact Gene now!

Past Lodge Presidents

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Lodge Meeting Rules

Our meetings at our new venue have been running smoothly. Our meeting rules are as follows: remember to please be on time, and get checked-in before entering the meeting at our welcome table, so we can record your attendance.

Please be courteous and respond to our events in a timely manner, and take note that many events have **deadlines**, especially when making arrangements for food. We do try to plan events with an accurate number of members who will attend.

If there are fees for an event, we prefer you pay thru ZELLE online, but if not, to send a check **by the deadline** to the Bonanno Lodge.

We thank you for joining!



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