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THURSDAY
October 8, 2026

WHERE: **Dr. Andre Fladell Civic Center**
16700 Jog Road
Delray Beach, FL 33483

TIME: **6:30pm – 8:30pm**
Arrive by 6:15pm for check-in

Meeting Fee: **Members and Guests - $15pp**

MUST pay by Oct 1st for head count

PAYMENT: **Zelle is preferred…** please Zelle to **sgtbonannobr@hotmail.com** to confirm your reservation**. PayPal** can also be used

Or send a check and give it time to arrive by Oct 1st. Make check payable to Sgt Bonanno Lodge, and mail to:

Vincent Como, Treasurer
9671 Crescent Drive N.
Boynton Beach, FL 33437

No payment will be accepted at check in

Celebrating Italian Heritage



We will be serving
Antipasto and Bread on each table

Please bring a dessert of your choice to share with all

Drinks: Sodas, Iced tea, Water, Coffee and Tea

Family and Friends are Welcome

We will show a short video "I Am An Italian American" followed by a presentation by Joan D'Amato, Vice President, on our ancestors and their experience leaving Italy for America

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Robert M. Ianniello

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I, like most of you, am anxiously awaiting cooler weather here in South Florida. We still need to be on guard and prepare for possible hurricanes during the month of October. Our first general business meeting following the summer break on September 10 was truly exciting. Our members provided a large variety of homecooked appetizers, entrees and desserts for the potluck dinner that were delicious and satisfying. The total attendance (including 20 guests) required the addition of two additional tables to our expected total. New members were installed and a very informative presentation was made by our Vice President, Joan D'Amato, on the value of membership. Finally, the strategic plan for doubling our membership in two years was made by our Membership Chair, Michael Schippani, with details on progress to date. The upcoming October 8 meeting will focus on the celebration of Italian heritage with appropriate presentations. It should prove to be informative, educational, and inspiring. This Newsletter contains useful new information on cuisine, local eateries, and very heartwarming acknowledgements from FAU Italian Studies students who benefited from our financial support. Your Board of Trustees is working diligently to plan on additional events that will be announced soon. As always, we need your input and support on improving operations. Feel free to contact me if you wish to participate on any particular committee. I foresee only good things moving forward.

Sincerely,

Bob Ianniello

President

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PRESIDENT MESSAGE TRANSLATION

Cari fratelli e sorelle,

Come la maggior parte di voi, sto aspettando con ansia il clima più fresco qui nel sud della Florida. Dobbiamo ancora stare in guardia e prepararci per possibili uragani durante il mese di ottobre. Il nostro primo incontro di lavoro generale dopo la pausa estiva del 10 settembre è stato davvero emozionante. I nostri soci hanno fornito una grande varietà di antipasti fatti in casa, antipasti e dessert per la cena potluck che erano deliziosi e soddisfacenti. La partecipazione totale (compresi 20 ospiti) ha richiesto due tavoli aggiuntivi al nostro totale previsto. Sono stati installati nuovi soci e la nostra vicepresidente, Joan D'Amato, ha fatto una presentazione molto informativa sul valore dell'adesione. Infine, il piano strategico per raddoppiare la nostra adesione in due anni è stato fatto dal nostro presidente dell'adesione, Michael Schippani, con dettagli sui progressi fino ad oggi. Il prossimo incontro dell'8 ottobre si concentrerà sulla celebrazione del patrimonio italiano con presentazioni appropriate. Dovrebbe rivelarsi informativo, educativo e stimolante. Questa newsletter contiene nuove informazioni utili sulla cucina, i ristoranti locali e ringraziamenti molto commoventi da parte degli studenti di studi italiani della FAU che hanno beneficiato del nostro sostegno finanziario. Il vostro Consiglio di fondazione sta lavorando diligentemente per pianificare ulteriori eventi che saranno annunciati a breve. Come sempre, abbiamo bisogno del vostro contributo e del vostro supporto per migliorare le operazioni. Sentitevi liberi di contattarmi se desiderate partecipare a un particolare comitato. Prevedo solo cose buone che vanno avanti.

Cordiali saluti,

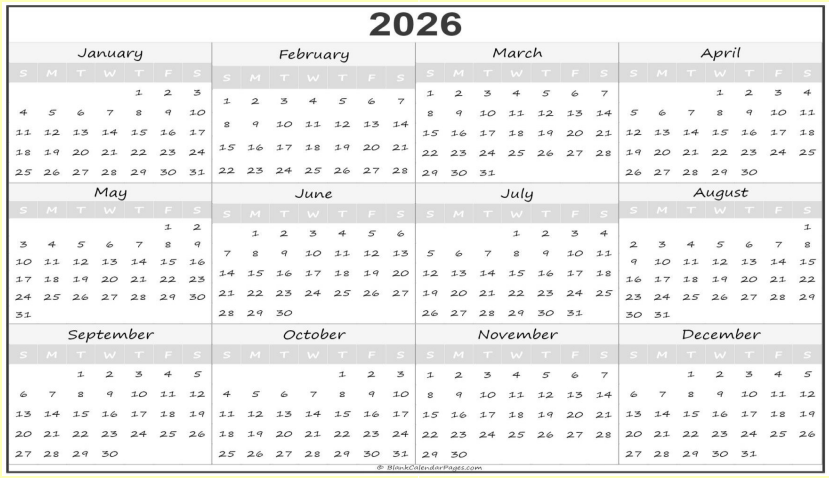
Bob Ianniello

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



UP NEXT

October 8	**Italian Heritage**
November 12	**Salute to Veterans**
December 10	**Christmas Party**
January 14	**Nonne Night/FAU**

Details will be updated monthly

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COMING UP

Celebration of Italian Heritage

October 8









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EVENT FUN & FOTOS

New Membership Drive and Potluck dinner
September 10















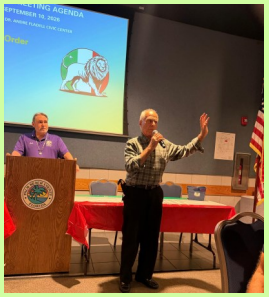















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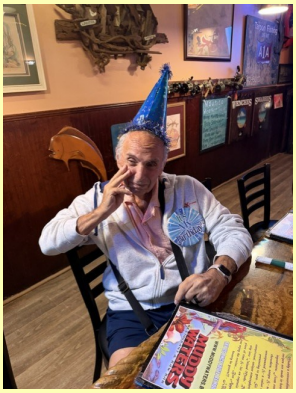
Birthday Celebrations
Sixty Vines and Muddy Waters





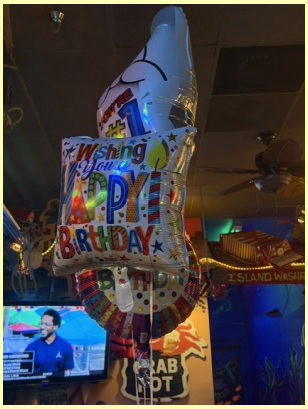




















PRESERVING OUR ITALIAN HERITAGE

A Favorite Recipe from the Cookbook
"Preserving Our Italian Heritage", 1991, Wimmer Cookbooks

Sausage Bread

(Elvira Pezzolla, Sgt. F. M. Bonanno Lodge # 2549)

1 1/2 lbs sausage
(remove from casing)
8 oz. mozzarella, cubed
1/2 cup grated parmesan cheese
1 lb pizza or bread dough
2 eggs
1/4 tsp oregano
2 tsp parsley
salt/pepper

Cook sausage in frying pan and drain. In a large bowl, combine sausage, mozzarella, parmesan, 1 whole egg, and egg white. Mix well. Add parsley, oregano, salt, and pepper. Roll dough into a pizza circle. Spread sausage mixture on top to within 1" of the edge. Roll up dough like a jelly roll shape, put on cookie sheet. Brush top lightly with beaten egg yolk. Bake at 350 deg. F. for 45 minutes or until golden brown.

Origin: Lee Pesci

Local Italian Cuisine

Look for future announcements describing discounts at participating local eateries upon presentation of your lodge membership card.









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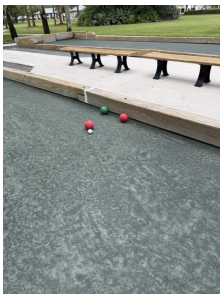
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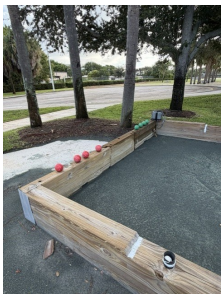
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ITALIAN STUDIES AT FAU

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ORDER OF SONS OF ITALY BONANNO SCHOLARSHIP

What a pleasure to embark on this trek with the help of the lodge. this was an amazing experience thanks to you all! – Gabriella Gornitzky

This experience was amazing and life changing. Thank you for supporting our dreams and our futures.
-Sperelli

Thank you for this unforgettable opportunity. This experience has changed my outlook on life & the way I view myself & my goals. I will carry a piece of Venice with me wherever I go!
-Simona Panzera

Thank you so much for what you do for students like me!

Grazie mille per opportunità!
-Alyssa Tapey

I am so grateful for this opportunity.
Thank you
-Alexandra Garcia Alvarenga

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Thank you for supporting our students and helping make their summer experience in Italy such a meaningful and memorable one.

Dr. Ilaria Serra

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your Italian professors. We are from Venice.







With Mary, Alessio, Arianna, Valentina and Manuela,
we are your teachers of Italian. Teaching our language and culture is our passion.

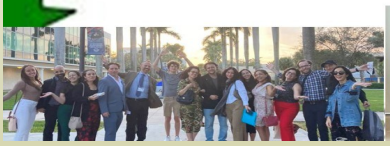


As our students you truly become part of a family
we even have *zii e nonni* who help us with scholarships, **and... cook for us!**

In our classes you learn our beautiful language, and explore a new culture with
songs, film and literature, videos, podcasts, TikTok, festivals, delicious food...

We invite you to travel to Italy with us in the summer:
to **Venice** (6-week program) and to a wonderful **Tuscan Castle** (one weekend).

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Study Abroad in Venice, Research Camp in a Tuscan Castle, Italian Club Insieme
activities (conversations, movie nights, Karaoke, beach festival...)
and so many other opportunities you can't even imagine.
Vi aspettiamo!







ITALIAN QUOTES & SAYINGS

“Noi non potremo avere perfetta vita senza amici”

We cannot have a perfect life without friends

Dante Alighieri

“La famiglia è la patria del cuore”

Family (Home) is where the heart is

Italian Proverb

BUON COMPLEANNI

Ottobre

Oct 1	Ilaria Serra	Oct 19	Joan D’Amato
Oct 2	Gina Wadler	Oct 24	James Episcopio
Oct 4	Michael Wadler	Oct 27	John Castello
Oct 14	Marie Barili	Oct 31	Amilia Chase
Oct 16	Susanna Sciortino		
	Christine Semenza		
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SEMPRE AVANTI

By Gene Costanzo, Scholarship Chair

SGT BONANNO LODGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

RULES FOR FUTURE <u>REGULAR</u> BONANNO SCHOLARSHIPS:



1. Member must be in good standing and a member for at least one year.
2. Applicant must be a graduating high school senior who ***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 and submit to the Scholarship chairperson.
4. We give two Scholarships per Year. If more applicants 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 College administration office listed on the letter.
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Joe and Joan D'Amato

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Membership Dues are payable by the first of every year. Please make note of the dues:

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 Dr. Andre Fladell Civic Center at 16700 Jog Road, north of Clint Moore Rd in Delray Beach.

In May we hold our last business meeting, then break for the Summer and hold social gatherings/luncheons June, July, and August.

SCHOLARSHIPS

For any member who has a *child or grandchild* planning on attending College and would like to apply, Sgt. Bonanno Lodge has scholarships up to $1000 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

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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 courteous and timely manner. Take note that many events have **deadlines**, especially when making arrangements for food. We plan events with an accurate number of members who will attend.



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

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