



Save the Date: Thursday, May 8, 2025

THURSDAY, MAY 8, 2025



WHERE: OUR NEW VENUE!!!

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

TIME: 6:30pm - 9pm

**Meeting Fee: Members - \$20
Guests - \$25**

TO RSVP: MAY 5th Wendy 561-715-1361
MUST RSVP and pay by May 5th for head count!

PAYMENT: Zelle is preferred... please Zelle to sgtbonanno@yahoo.com to confirm your reservation.

Or send a check and give it time to arrive by May 5th.
Make check payable to Sgt Bonanno Lodge, and mail to:

Sgt Bonanno Lodge #2549
PO Box 970101
Boca Raton, FL 33497-0101

BUONA FESTA DELLA MAMMA!

Join us for traditional PORCHETTA and a FUN Bingo-card-type game of "SHOW ME THE MONEY"!!



PORCHETTA, POTATOES, BREAD, SALAD and DRINKS will be provided!

VEGETARIAN OPTION will be offered, but you must RSVP asap!

If you'd like to contribute by bringing your favourite dessert, let us know!



INVITE AND BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS FOR FUN TIMES!

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

HEY! We need YOU ... PLEASE sign up for Committees... check-in, servers, set-up, etc!!



Don Ciccio

Invite your friends and introduce them to our Sons and Daughters of Italy Family!





MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Wendy Corso-Ruud

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

"May is the month of expectation, the month of wishes, the month of hope."

I expect, I wish, and I hope you are all doing great! April has been busy, with life, love, and family, now let's hope May is a little bit calmer, smoother and brings plenty of peace to all!

We celebrated for the first time **Easter BRINNER** (combining the two meals of Breakfast and Dinner) at our April meeting. There were so many wonderful 'chef' members who brought their favourite breakfast foods to share, and everyone enjoyed the many varieties of deliciousness offered, see photos on page 3).

Our special Guest Speaker, **Charles DiVita**, gave a heartwarming talk as an author in search of his Sicilian family roots, and shared an amazing PowerPoint showing the adventures of finding distant family members in Italia over the last ten years.

Speaking of adventures, our friend and OSDIA sister, **Jenn Santos**, of Dream Trippin Travel, gave details on our OSDIA/Bonanno Lodge's **Celebrity ECLIPSE Cruise** in January 2026 and answered members' questions. This is sure to be a wonderful journey on the seas!

At our May 8th meeting, we will be celebrating Mother's Day and serving Porchetta dinner from **Doris's Italian Market**. We will be playing the very entertaining bingo-ish card game of **"Show Me the Money"** hosted by our Vinny Como.

The **Florida Grand Lodge Convention** is at the end of May in Orlando, and several of your officers and members will serve as delegates representing our Sgt Bonanno Lodge. We will be bringing back important information to share with our members.

In **Membership** news, we have 95 members. Starting in October, then November, we will be sending out renewal notices, as **2026 Memberships** must be paid by January 1st, 2026. There will be a reinstatement charge if paid after Jan 31.

We will hold **Summertime Socials** in June, July, and August, so stay tuned for dates and locations! Then we come back to business on September 11th. If you need a ride to the meetings, need help in any other way, or need to talk, **PLEASE let us know!** We cannot stress enough that we are here to help you, because we are family... and that's what family does! It's an unconditional kind of love, so let us know!

If you have questions, stories to share, any issues or problems, please give me a call at 561-715-1361.

With love and hugs,

Wendy

Cari fratelli e sorelle,

"Maggio è il mese dell'attesa, il mese dei desideri, il mese della speranza".

Mi aspetto, desidero e spero che stiate tutti bene! Aprile è stato un mese pieno di impegni, tra vita, amore e famiglia, ora speriamo che maggio sia un po' più calmo, più sereno e porti tanta pace a tutti!

Abbiamo celebrato per la prima volta il **BRINNER di Pasqua** (che combina i due pasti, colazione e cena) al nostro incontro di aprile. C'erano tantissimi fantastici "chef" che hanno portato i loro piatti preferiti per la colazione da condividere, e tutti hanno apprezzato le numerose varietà di prelibatezze offerte.

Il nostro relatore d'eccezione, **Charles DiVita**, ha tenuto un toccante discorso in qualità di autore alla ricerca delle sue radici familiari siciliane e ha condiviso una straordinaria presentazione PowerPoint che mostrava le avventure degli ultimi dieci anni alla ricerca di parenti lontani in Italia. A proposito di avventure, la nostra amica e sorella, **Jenn Santos**, di Dream Trippin Travel, ha fornito dettagli sulla crociera **Celebrity ECLIPSE** della nostra OSDIA/Bonanno Lodge a gennaio 2026 e ha risposto alle domande dei soci. Sarà sicuramente un viaggio meraviglioso! Nel mare!

Al nostro incontro dell'8 maggio, festeggeremo la Festa della Mamma e serviremo una cena di porchetta del **Doris's Italian Market**. Giocheremo all'esilarante gioco di carte **"Show Me the Money"**, simile a un bingo, presentato dal nostro Vinny Como.

La Convention della Florida Grand Lodge si terrà a fine maggio a Orlando e diversi dei vostri ufficiali e soci saranno delegati in rappresentanza della nostra Sgt. Bonanno Lodge. Riporteremo informazioni importanti da condividere con i nostri soci. Per quanto riguarda le novità relative agli iscritti, abbiamo 95 iscritti e vi abbiamo comunicato che a partire da ottobre e novembre invieremo gli avvisi di rinnovo, poiché le quote associative per il 2026 devono essere pagate entro il 1° gennaio 2026. Verrà applicata una penale per i pagamenti effettuati dopo il 31 gennaio.

Organizzeremo incontri sociali estivi a giugno, luglio e agosto, quindi rimanete sintonizzati per date e sedi! Poi torneremo operativi l'11 settembre. Se avete bisogno di un passaggio per le riunioni, di aiuto in qualsiasi altro modo o di parlare, **PER FAVORE fatecelo sapere!** Non ci stancheremo mai di ripetere che siamo qui per aiutarvi, perché siamo una famiglia... ed è questo che fa una famiglia! È un amore incondizionato, quindi fatecelo sapere!

Se avete domande, storie da condividere, qualsiasi problema o problema, contattatemi al numero 561-715-1361. Con amore 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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EVENT FUN & FOTOS



Several members enjoyed an afternoon of dance at the LA COPPELIA BALLET by the Boca Raton Ballet Theatre organized by our Anthony Yazzetti.



Thursday, April 10, we came together to celebrate our **Italian Heritage** with a wonderful guest speaker, **Charles DiVita**, who has documented his amazing journey of finding his Italian roots over the last 10 years.

We also had the lovely **Jenn Santos**, of Dream Trippin Travel, share the details of a great group CRUISE on the **Celebrity Eclipse** for our members and friends, in January 2026 (see page 4)



Spaghetti Pie, Pizza Rustica, and Veggie Quiche

Everyone thoroughly enjoyed our very first Potluck of "Easter Breakfast for Dinner" or BRINNER, which included many traditional Italian breakfast foods. Three beautifully handmade Pizza Rusticas were generously donated by **Chef Luciano Balzano of IL TARTUFO Ristorante** along with 4 Dozen Bagels donated by **Jodi and Yale of LONG ISLAND BAGEL**. The variety of foods was incredible: the pizza rustica, quiches, muffins, oatmeal, spaghetti pie, strata, chicken and waffles, danishes.. so much deliciousness!



EVENT FUN & FOTOS

In January 2026, from the 25th thru the 31st, we will be embarking on a **Celebrity Eclipse** adventure on the open seas! Our friend, fellow OSDIA sister, and travel agent, **Jenn Santos**, of Dream Trippin Travel, shared details and took questions from our members at our meeting.

Sounds like a blast is coming up on this great group CRUISE!! Send in your deposit now to set sail with us!

Call Jenn for more information (772)262-0251



LA DOLCE VELA

(The Sweet Sail)

Join us as we embark on the Celebrity Eclipse with The Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America while supporting the charities and scholarships of the Sgt. Bonanno Lodge.

Enjoy luxurious amenities and exquisite dining, and explore stunning ports. Don't forget to invite your friends and family.



January 25th – January 31st 2026



Roundtrip Fort Lauderdale. Ports in Grand Cayman, Cozumel and Key West.

Price per double occupancy.

Interior Cabin – \$2641

Ocean View – \$3151



Verandah – \$3461

Inclusions: Port fees, taxes, tips, classic beverage package, wifi and a \$50 OBC.

Refundable Deposit – \$500 deposit is refundable until October 15, 2025. Must book to hold cabin by May 15, 2025.



Final Payment Due: October 15, 2025

Optional Insurance is \$109/person for FL Residents. NY residents require 3rd Party



QUESTIONS OR TO BOOK
CONTACT – JENN SANTOS
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DREAM TRIPPIN' TRAVEL
DREAMS TO DESTINATIONS

Ilaria Serra and Emanuele Pettener, of the FAU Italian Studies Department, have so many amazing events and workshops and symposiums being offered that it's hard to pick and choose which to attend! Many are open to the public, and our members have been busy enjoying so many special speakers! We invite you to come in the future!



Travel Epiphanies
Little moments of perfect clarity

- along the way

Giovanni Agnoli
Writer-Translator, Traveler

La RIVELAZIONE DEL VIAGGIO
Piccoli attimi di perfetta chiarezza lungo il cammino

A Guest Lecture in the classes of:
Honor. Italo, Salvatore
in Contemporary Italian Literature

Florida Atlantic University
Open to all, in person and via Zoom

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84296740439?pwd=RGUyMjRlZWpScEplc0kxZWYwLWtCaGl1>

Quando your cervello
starts mescolare words
senza thinking,
perché switching lingue
is totally normale,
ma actually nobody
capisce anything.



BOCCI THURSDAYS

From Edmondo Catania: Our weekly bocce game last Thursday was an amazing celebration of just being Italian. GRAZIE a **Augusto Cavallini**, immediate Past President, and **Paolo Mangia**, current President, of Miami Casa Italia/ CONI.it, and **Ilaria Serra**, of the FAU Italian Studies Department and Comparative Literature Studies. Big thanks to our Bonanno players and supporters!

For more info: <https://casaitaliamiami.com/>



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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.

JANUARY 2026 - note 2026 date		FEBRUARY 2026 - note 2026 date	
8	Nonne Night/ FAU Club Insieme - POTLUCK Dinner MEMBERSHIP DRIVE	12	Meeting Valentine's Day
25-31	Celebrity ECLIPSE Cruise 		
MARCH 2026 - note 2026 date		APRIL 2026 - note 2026 date	
12	Meeting St Joseph's / St Patrick's 	9	Meeting Easter 
			
MAY 2025		JUNE 2025	
8	Meeting Mother's Day - Porchetta Night SHOW ME THE MONEY Game	TBD	Luncheon or Dinner
			
JULY 2025		AUGUST 2025	
TBD	Luncheon or Dinner	TBD	Luncheon or Dinner
			
SEPTEMBER 2025		OCTOBER 2025	
11	First Business Meeting - Welcome Back Members Appreciation	09	Italian Heritage Night
			
NOVEMBER 2025		DECEMBER 2025	
13	Salute to Veterans / Giving Thanks	11	Annual Christmas Party
			

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FAMOUS ITALIAN QUOTES



“Le belle persone si distinguono, non si mettono in mostra. Semplicemente si vestono ed escono, chi può le riconosce.”

“Beautiful people stand out, they don’t show off. They just get dressed and go out, and anyone can recognize them.”
- Cesare Pavese



“La passione della popolazione italiana o italo-americana per il cibo e le tradizioni, e per tutto ciò che li riguarda, è infinita.”

“The passion of the Italian or the Italian-American population is endless for food and lore, and everything about it.”
- Mario Batali

BUON COMPLEANNI

Maggio

- 01 Lydia Marini
- 04 Ellen Marinelli
- 05 Stella Lapi
- 12 John De Cicco
- 19 Karen Ianniello
- 23 Dawn Chase
- 26 Robert D’Angelo

PROVERBS or SAYINGS in ITALIAN

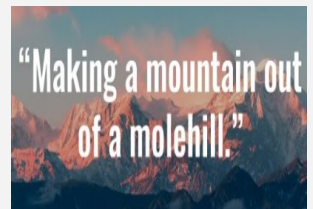


Il buongiorno si vede dal mattino

(good day starts in the morning)

Far d’una mosca un elefante

(To make a mountain out of a molehill)



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SAVE THE DATES

Monthly Meeting Schedule for 2024 - 2025

Thursday Evenings 6:30pm at the ELKS Lodge (til Feb!)

- ♦ September 12 Business Meeting - Potluck
- ♦ October 10 Italian Heritage
- ♦ November 14 Veteran Appreciation / Forgotten Soldier Program
- ♦ December 6 Christmas Party
- ♦ January 9, 2025 Nonna Night / Membership Drive
- ♦ February 13 Show the Love / Member Appreciation / Forgotten Soldier Items Collection
- ♦ February 16 Picnic at the Park - Morikami Pavillion
- ♦ March 13 St Joseph's / St Patrick's - **IN OUR NEW PLACE!!**
- ♦ April 10 Easter BRINNER
- ♦ **May 8 Porchetta Night - Mother's Day**
- ♦ June/July/August Summer Luncheons / Dinners

NEXT UP!

We will be planning different venues for our enjoyment this year and we would like your ideas and suggestions. Additional details to follow on each date. Preferred Method of Payment for Membership, Meetings, and Events is Zelle. Zelle: sgtbonanno@yahoo.com or send a check.



SEMPRE AVANTI

By Gene Costanzo, Scholarship Chair

SGT BONANNO LODGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM GUIDELINES

WE AWARDED TWO SCHOLARSHIPS TO GRANDCHILDREN OF MEMBERS THIS YEAR!

RULES FOR FUTURE:

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 been selected in writing to a College/University.
3. Apply no later than March 30, 2026, 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 fund to the administration office listed on the letter.
6. Maximum scholarship \$500 each.
7. Any questions, please call your President or Scholarship Chair.





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The Floridian

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Annual Dues for 2025

Dues are payable and should be paid the first of every year. Please make note of the small increase:

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



Membership Payment Schedule

Member dues are paid annually every January. In September, dues are reduced to \$30, with the option to pay for the remainder of the year or pay the annual dues for the next year and have the last Three Months Free.

Lodge Information

Lodge Meetings will be held at 6:30 PM on the second Thursday of every month. We will be meeting at our new venue, 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.



SCHOLARSHIPS

If anyone has a *child or grandchild* planning on attending College and would like to apply, Every year, Sgt. Bonanno Lodge has available at least one \$500 scholarship, which will be sent directly to the College of their choice. Please talk to us for more information. Caveat: Members must be in good standing. Contact Gene now!

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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.



LA VOCE DI BOCA RATON

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