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THE AMERICAN ITALIAN HERITAGE SOCIETY

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Two Upcoming Events. Mangia! Mangia!



PASTA FRIDAYS FOR LENT - MARCH 12 & 19

SAUSAGE & PEPPERS FUNDRAISER - MARCH 27



The Mission Statement of the American Italian Heritage Society

The fundamental purpose of the American Italian Heritage Society is to encourage, promote and preserve Italian culture and heritage with its activities centered upon Italian traditions, foods, language, culture, history, religion, folklore, customs, celebrations, music and family genealogy. Your president and board of directors are dedicated to this mission but we need your moral and financial support to be successful.

The News is a monthly publication of the American Italian Heritage Society, an independent, nonprofit organization, legally incorporated in Nebraska. The deadline for submissions is the second Wednesday of the month. Correspondence and articles can be sent to secretary@omahaitaly.com.



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UPCOMING EVENTS**March Membership Meeting**

Monday, March 8 at 7:30 p.m.

Two AIHS Pasta Fridays

Friday, March 12 & Friday, March 19
5:30 - 8:00 p.m. Details below.

Easter Sausage Fundraiser

Saturday, March 27 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Wild Game Feed at Pasta Amore

Sunday, March 7 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

See page 4 for details.

Spring Spaghetti Dinner

Sunday, April 25. Details in April Newsletter

Stay tuned for an exciting event. Raise a glass for an upcoming announcement about our **Italian Virtual Wine Tasting Tour**.

Tired of fried fish?**Join us for drive-thru Pasta Fridays this Lent!**

**Friday, March 12 and Friday, March 19
from 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.**

Drive-up, order your food and we will bring your meal out to your vehicle. There will be four fabulous, meatless sauces!

Classic Marinara	Adult \$10; Child \$5
Olive Oil & Garlic	Adult \$10; Child \$5
Linguine and Claims	Adult \$13; Child \$7
Shrimp Scampi	Adult \$13; Child \$7
Cannoli	Four for \$16

**MARCH MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

Please note that this is our first membership meeting since November 2020. Covid 19 was spreading then, but now that the number of cases are decreasing we will resume our membership meetings held on the second Monday of each month starting at 7:30 pm at the Palazzo. We will still follow the Covid guidelines for social distancing and wearing of masks. We miss seeing members at the meetings and discussing all of our Society business and events. Hope to see you all on Monday, March 8th and every month after. Ciao



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EASTER SAUSAGE FUNDRAISER DETAILS

The spring sausage sale will be
Saturday, March 27
Pick-up from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Sausage: \$30 / 5 pounds

Peppers: \$14 / quart

Olives: \$12 / quart

Place your order by calling Tammy at 402.493.8888 or email secretary@omahaitaly.com. Please include: name, phone number, regular or hot sausage and number of peppers and olives. Emails will be replied to, phone messages will not.

**We need your help cutting meat!**

Thursday, March 25 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 27 at 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Call Tammy at 402.493.8888 if you can help. We must start on time Saturday to ensure orders are ready for pick up!

ORDER EXTRA FOR FAMILY, FRIENDS & EASTER BRUNCH!

Like all of our fundraisers, proceeds help our Society flourish and enable us to continue celebrating our Italian heritage and AIHS traditions. Please ask your family, friends and co-workers who aren't members if they would like to try our homemade sausage! They won't be disappointed and store bought will never taste the same. Order for them or send them the details!

Don't forget to order extra sausage for your Easter brunch! Our sausage pairs well in any egg casserole and makes an excellent sausage bread or pizza.

Speaking of family and friends, please be thinking about people who would be interested in joining the American-Italian Heritage Society. Remember, you don't have to be Italian! Anyone is welcome.

HELP NEEDED FOR AIHS NEWSLETTER

We are still looking for someone to help with our monthly newsletter. If you have experience writing and designing in Word/Publisher, we ask you please consider volunteering. This is a great way to help our Society from home and it only takes a few hours a month. Please contact Tammy at 402-493-8888 if you are interested in helping.



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PASTA AMORE WILD GAME FEED

Sunday, March 7 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Reservations Only. Call Pasta Amore at 402-391-2585
Cost is \$25 per person (tax/gratuity not included)

Antipasto - Assorted Italian Appetizers

Primo - Turkey, Elk, Deer, Rabbit, Duck and Pheasant,
Lasagna, Elk Ravioli

Dessert - Ricotta chocolate chip cannoli's

**CARNEVALE MARCH 2021**

The 2021 Carnevale sponsored by the American Italian Heritage Society was held at Pasta Amore on Fat Tuesday February 16th. Those attending enjoyed a night of pageantry, music and a delicious meal. The crowd was somewhat down with Covid restrictions even though the viral infections have gone down a lot. The Bishop of Carnevale played by Chuck Caniglia opened the evening ringing the bell at 6:11p.m. as cocktails and antipasti were served. At 7:11 p.m. the Bishop announced that the meal would be served. Leo Fascianella served a delicious dinner including Caesar salad, lasagna, beef tenderloin, grilled vegetables, and Tiramisu for dessert.

After the meal the Bishop of Carnevale rang the bell again and announced that the pageantry would now begin. Moments later the King and Queen of Carnevale were announced to those in attendance as the Bishop placed the crowns and capes on the King and Queen, Nick and Anna Sardelli. It's always a fun festivity seeing many in costumes and enjoying the evening.

At 9:11 p.m. the Bishop of Carnevale announced that the Carnevale pageantry and celebration would be coming to an end soon and reminded all that the 40 days of Lent starts the next day on Ash Wednesday.

If you've never attended Carnevale before, please consider enjoying this unique and traditional Italian event next year. Many thanks to Leo Fascianella and his staff at Pasta Amore for putting on the delicious meal, and doing a great job of running the Carnevale. Mille Grazie Leo.

Submitted by Dr. Terry Bolamperti





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PRAYERS FOR OUR MEMBERS

Please keep in your thoughts and prayers our members who are ill, including Teri Carlino, Romana Olivotto, Dick Wieler, Marie Shafer, Lou Marcuzzo, Dee Mascarello, Betty Grillo, Lou Buda, Joe Daniels, Diana John-Cotton, Maria Leo and Elanore Morinelli. Our condolences to the family and friends of Nancy Miceli and Ray Osborn who recently passed away. They both were long-time members who donated a lot of their time as volunteers supporting the Society.

SCHOLARSHIPS

AIHS SCHOLARSHIP: We will be offering two \$500 scholarships. Applications are now available to members' children attending a credited college. Must be members for 2 years.

THE JOHN SCIGLIANO SCHOLARSHIP: We are now taking applications for any AIHS members' children and grandchildren attending Creighton University in the science program.

If interested, please call the AIHS office at 402-493-8888 for either application. **Deadline May 1.**

PLEASE CONSIDER ADVERTISING WITH US!

We are looking for additional businesses to advertise in our monthly newsletter. If you have a business or know of one that would like to advertise in our newsletter, we encourage you to call the office at 402-493-8888 or email secretary@omahaitaly.com.

The advertisements help pay for the monthly publication of our newsletter. We need the support of businesses to continue sharing all our news and events with our members. Advertising funds help keep membership dues and events at a low cost.

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SUPER BOWL DRIVE-THRU EVENT

The February Drive-Thru Food Event on the Saturday before the Super Bowl was a great success. The weather was very cold and windy with a morning snowfall of 6-8 inches. Despite the winter blizzard we had a huge crowd and by 1:00 pm we nearly were sold out. Our Society meatballs were very popular. In the 3 hours of the event we sold over 4,000 meatballs.

We wish to express our thanks to the wonderful volunteers who braved the dangerous weather and showed up to package the products and deliver them outside to the lines of cars of our loyal customers. Thanks also to those who helped prepare all the food in the previous weeks and to those working in the kitchen and helping with cleanup. We are grateful to the volunteers that helped in any way which helped make this event a success.

**AIHS COOKBOOKS FOR SALE**

Our original cookbook "A Taste of Italy" is still available for sale for \$23.50, tax included. There are many great authentic, family recipes and Society specialties. Below is one recipe.

STUFFED ARTICHOKE - RIPIENI PER CARCIOFI**INGREDIENTS**

2 fresh whole artichokes
2/3 cup bread crumbs
3 T. (heaping) Romano or Parmesan cheese, grated
1 tsp. garlic powder or 1 garlic clove, minced
Oil olive or vegetable oil
Salt and pepper
1 T. parsley



Wash and trim tips of artichokes. Pound gently to spread leaves apart. Combine crumbs, cheese, garlic and parsley. Sprinkle mixture into artichokes. Place artichokes into pan, add enough water to cover about 3 inches of the artichokes. Sprinkle salt and pepper and drizzle 2 to 3 tablespoons of oil over artichokes. Simmer in covered pan until leaves pull out easily, approximately 45 minutes. Recipe from Josephine Lohmeier - Page 125

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