

# The Floridian

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## Coming Events!

**Every Sunday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.**  
Deltona Lodge Kraft Fair  
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Buona Fortuna's San Valentino Dance, Pg. 14

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**Coming Events!**

**Saturday, April 13, 2023**

Italian Movie Night — *Il Postino*; Bonanno Lodge, 1395 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton, free to members; \$5 for nonmembers. Call Ed Catania, 508-294-7979

**Thursday, April 20, 2023**

Buona Fortuna Lodge, Pensacola; Wahoos vs. Birmingham Barrons ballgame. Admiral Fetterman Field. 4 tickets left. \$15. Call Shirley Cotita, 850-281-8990.

**Saturday, April 22, 2023, 6:15 p.m.**

Central Gulf Coast Lodge  
 Dine Out at The Daybreak Café, 1981 N. Pinellas Ave., Tarpon Springs. Call Paul Cavota, 727-940-5316

**Saturday, April 29, 2023**

Bonanno Lodge, Florida Association of Italian Teachers Elections & Awards, \$30, 1395 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. Call Ed Catania, 508-294-7979

**Saturday, April 29, 2023**

Upper Keys Lodge, 209 Ocean Bay Dr, Key Largo, Pasta Night to benefit St. Justin Martyrs, \$12, call Greg Bianchini, 917-862-3979

# A Message from the State President

Dear Brothers and Sisters,  
 Can you believe that it is almost Easter already?  
 Where does the time go?  
 Hopefully, your plans for the holiday includes your family and friends, and lots of Tradi-



tional food.

As you know, we are all getting very excited and ready for our upcoming convention, and it will be wonderful to see everyone again soon.

I am sure that all of you are all aware of the amount of work that goes into preparing for the meetings, but, we are all working together to make this convention an outstanding success.

On another note:

The other day, I bought a \$6 latte (since when did coffee get so expensive?) and sat down to write my message

When I went to take a sip after finishing a very satisfying sentence, I was surprised to discover that I already finished my coffee.

My fancy \$6 coffee was gone. **And**, I don't even remember tasting it!

In that moment, it struck me that I've been so busy for so long that when I'm doing stuff (including fun stuff), I'm not sure that I'm actually enjoying it. It gave me an uncomfortable feeling that I may not be having the full experience of my life. I was just trying to make it through the week, as most of us are.

I decided that I needed to jolt me into the present. In one word, I needed to find more PLEASURE. I need to set aside time to enjoy my latte, enjoy my friends, and of course, enjoy my time with my all my brothers and sisters of OSDIA.

I am looking forward to celebrating the upcoming 36th Biennium Convention with everyone, and welcoming our New Officers. So far we have almost every lodge being represented. I wish everyone a joyous and blessed Easter.  
 Buona Pasqua - Happy Easter

Lo spirito della Pasqua riguarda la speranza, l'amore e la vita gioiosa.

Che tu possa avere una giornata benedetta!

The spirit of Easter is all about hope, love, and joyful living. May you have a blessed day!

## Coming Events!

### Saturday, May 11, 2023, 6:15 p.m.

Mozzarella & Karaoke, Bonanno Lodge, 1395 N Federal Hwy, Boca Raton. Members pay \$10, non-members pay \$15. Call Ed Catania, 508-294-7979

### Saturday, May 13, 2023

Buona Fortuna Lodge, Pensacola Parliamento Dinner; Johnny Russo Restaurant. Call Dan Kaestle, 251-680-8888

### Sunday, May 14, 2023, 4 p.m.

Port Charlotte Lodge, 3725 Easy Street, Port Charlotte, Dinner & Entertainment; \$25; Call Ernie Lijoi, 941-627-6613

### Saturday, May 20, 2023

Buona Fortuna Lodge, Pensacola Annual Bocce Tournament Serving sausage and peppers for \$10. Legion Field, 1301 W Gregory St, Pensacola, Call Shirley Cotita, 850-281-8990

### Saturday, June 24, 2023

Amerigo Vespucci Lodge, Disco Party, \$10 Royal Highlands Recreational Center 5350 Monarch Blvd., Leesburg, FL BYOF; call Ellie Palermo, 610-248-7002

### Saturday, July 8, 2023

Central Gulf Coast Lodge Thrashers vs. Palm Beach Cardinals at Baycare Stadium. \$20.50 includes all-you-care-to-eat buffet. For tickets, call Joan DeSantis 413-281-8371

### Tuesday, October 14, 2023

One-hundredth Anniversary of La Nuova Sicilia Unita Lodge. Contact Nick Capitano at 813-245-0685 for more information.



# Stop Reading This & Go to YouTube

On YouTube you'll find a recording of the second town hall meeting of the Sons & Daughters of Italy's National organization. Here is the link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fb0cJ4haEXw>

Held on Saturday, March 25, the meeting was full of information to help

the organization grow.

An invitation was extended to every member in OSDIA via each lodge president. The meeting was held on Zoom. Ninety-four members attended.

President Bob Bianchi reported that OSDIA continues to lose members. But there's good news, too. There is no

longer a gush of members leaving. Right now it's down to a trickle.

Bob credits several management initiatives, such as working smarter with its vendors. He also said a big plus has been OSDIA's Italian American television program.

The program grew out of National's OSDIA Interviews LIVE, which began two years ago. The Italian American program runs live in the New York City Metro Area and streams worldwide every Sunday at



National President Bob Bianchi

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Nick Cantore \* Carolyn Cianciotta

8 p.m., Eastern Time.

The big news to come out of the meeting is a new computer application called I-Member. The National bought this database for \$19,000 and has begun to roll it out to all lodges for free.

The software is revolutionary because it allows lodges to manage their membership like never before.

For example, when you send e-mail to all members, I-Members tells you when each person received and read it.

It gives members the ability to update their own information.

Members also can RSVP for an event and pay for it, too.

Benefits for the lodge include having one membership roster and a robust place to store all your member information.

I-Member also gives lodges the ability to create publications and Websites very easily.

The meeting also covered members' events and how they can help OSDIA gain recognition: "A lodge only has to send us an unedited video of an event and we can turn it into a professional-looking

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# Cancer Report



By Mildred Cooper, Chairperson

New methods for detection, development, and treatment for special cancers has really progressed in the last years. Certain blood tests, immunotherapy and dogs who can sniff out tumors are some.

How about killing cancer cells with Plasma Activated Water? This has been called one of the most major advances in medical research in the past hundred years.

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so, just imagine the possibilities.

Well the experiments located the correct frequency to shatter pancreatic, ovarian and leukemia cancers.

This type of treatment could do away with chemo and radiation. Children could play with toys, coloring books and games under a blue Plasma light and never know it is killing their cancer



## Cooley's Anemia

By Raeann Wallace, Chairperson

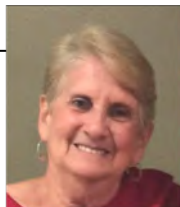
### THALASSEMIA FACT SHEET

- Over two million Americans carry the genetic trait for thalassemia
- Thalassemia is common among people of Mediterranean, Middle Eastern, Asian, Southeast Asian and Caribbean backgrounds.
- Parents who both carry the same kind of genetic trait for thalassemia have a 1-in-4 chance with each pregnancy of having a child with a serious form of thalassemia
- Thalassemia (in its most serious form) is a fatal genetic blood disease that results in the failure to produce sufficient hemoglobin, the oxygen-carrying component of red blood cells.
- To stay alive, children born with tha-

lassemia must undergo blood transfusions every two weeks.

- Frequent blood transfusions cause iron in the transfused blood cells to build up and become toxic to tissues and organs, particularly the liver and heart.
- To help remove excess iron, patients must undergo the daily infusion of a drug called Desferal, which binds iron in a process called "chelation." The drug is introduced into the body through a needle attached to a pump and inserted under the skin of the stomach or leg for up to twelve hours.
- To improve patient compliance with chelation therapy, researchers are at work on new chelators that require less frequent and prolonged infusions or may be taken orally.

- Due to improved treatments, many patients are living longer, but longer life expectancy has led to new problems. Thalassemia patients are now struggling with secondary conditions such as heart disease.
- Although chelation therapy has increased the life span of many patients, many thalassemia patients still die in infancy or childhood.
- Bone marrow transplants and gene therapy procedures, while still experimental, suggest that a cure for thalassemia may one day be perfected.



# Autism Report

By Marilyn Pezzillo, Chairperson

While working as a Special Olympics volunteer Personal Trainer Mark Fleming learned of a disturbing fitness problem for many of the participants. "There was nothing for people with autism to stay active (after the Special Olympics ended) and they would end up regressing.

A lot of the time, people with disabilities would stay at home and become sedentary.

Fleming wanted to fill that void so he started an in-home personal training service for people with autism and related disorders. That

was three years ago, and this past month he opened his own gym, Puzzle Piece Fitness. The puzzle piece has long been a symbol of autism, reflecting the uniqueness of each person on the spectrum. Fleming embraces that variety.

A challenge Fleming has faced, like many new businesses, is getting people to buy in.

Dealing with the special-needs population makes marketing different, and word of mouth is the main way to market. Fleming is hoping his in-home personal training clients will

come into his new gym and help spread the word and grow his business. "It's just to try to provide individuals a way to stay active no matter where they are in their life. Just seeing individuals get healthy, it's awesome, the healthier these individuals are, the more likely they are to live their best lives."

# Alzheimer's Report



By Carol DeVito, Chairperson

Experts are sharply split over the effectiveness of Aduhelm, the experimental drug for Alzheimer's disease. Two studies were stopped because the drug did not seem to be working. Then some other studies were done where they increased the dosage of the medication. These studies showed it was effective.

The FDA approved this drug because it reduced the Amyloid plaques in the brains of Alzheimer's patients. It did not show cognitive decline in these patients.

Approving Aduhelm

despite it not being effective gave false hope to millions of Alzheimer patients and might even bankrupt Medicare. Due to its. Exorbitant price of \$50,000 per year. Medicare increased its Part B. Premium from \$148.50 to \$170.10.

Eleven dollars of that increase goes to pay for Aduhelm. Biogen, the company that produces Aduhelm, is now reducing its price to \$28,200 per year.

Alzheimer's affects six million Americans, the majority of which qualify for Medicare. Medicare is now covering Aduhelm on a case by case basis.

On a more positive note. Adding olive oil to your diet lowers your risk of Alzheimer's disease. Olive oil is packed with healthy fats, nutrients and antioxidants, and is a vital ingredient of the Mediterranean diet. The Harvard School of Public Health studied the health and diet of 60,582 women and 31,801 men from 1990 to 2018.

Those who consumed more than half

a tablespoon of olive oil had a 19% lower risk of all causes of death and 29% lower risk of Alzheimer's.

Use olive oil in place of butter, mayonnaise and other fats in cooking.

# Future Good of the ...?

an editorial

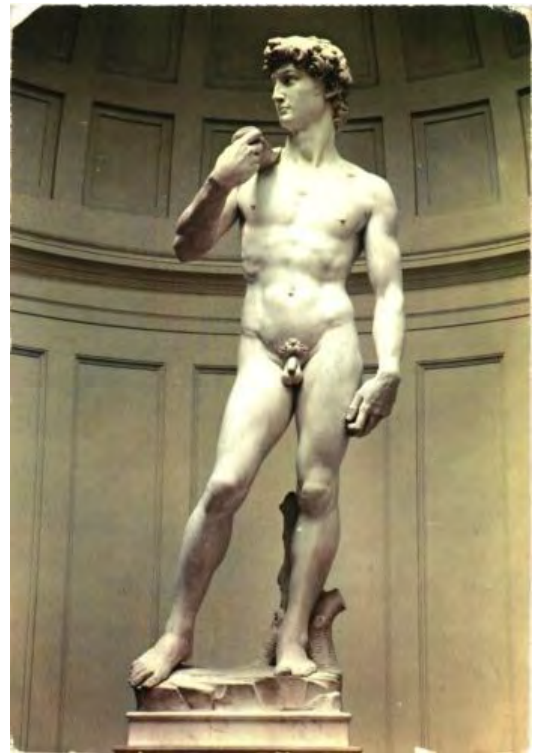
Recently there's been some fuss about sixth grade students — those who are 11 and 12 years old — seeing a picture of Michelangelo's Statute of David.

A principal at a Charter School in Tallahassee was forced to resign because three parents said they should have been consulted before their children were exposed to such pornography. They said the statute made their children fearful.

I only wish to point out that parents in Italy think nothing of exposing their children to such art. Indeed, they expose them to much more crass things from an early age. Consider that the popular

game of Tombola, Italy's version of Bingo played by millions on Christmas Eve, features cartoon images of a prostitute close to a drawing of the Virgin Mary. It's not pornographic because there was no intent for it to be salacious.

Maybe pornography is in the eye of the beholder.



## 2023 Calendar Program



Alice Orlacchio Russell of the Deltona Lodge.

Here I am again! I gave you lots of money at the Trimester in Deltona in February. Now it's time for you to give me lots of money. Sell those calendars! What a way to make money for your lodge. The Deltona Lodge is giving a scholarship with the money they earned in 2022.

Just \$50 - the price of a pair of shoes or handbag. Then you might win \$1,000 and go away for the weekend. Easter Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, pays \$1,000. There was a winner from the St. Augustine Lodge on January 1<sup>st</sup> for \$500. Now that person gets to play the rest of the year and could win another big prize. That could be you!

Here are some of the many ways one says money in Italian. Soldi, Denaro, Moneta, Fondi, Soldo, Quattrini, Valuta, Mezzi, Ricchezza, Importi, Grana



Crassus, a Roman general, was one of the richest men in history

# Sylvester Stallone

by Mildred Cooper, cultural chairperson

Sylvester Stallone was born on July 6, 1946 on the west side of Manhattan, NYC. He was the older of two sons of Frank Stallone (born in Apulia, Italy), a hair dresser and Jacqueline Stallone (French/Jewish), a dancer at Billy Rose's Diamond Horseshoe Nightclub.

Stallone's difficulties had begun with a forceps-assisted birth during which a facial nerve was severed, paralyzing the left side of his face and causing the left eyelid to droop. He developed a speech impediment which resulted in children taunting him.

At age five he moved to Silver Springs, Md., where his father was in business. He left his father's home and went to live with his mother in northeast Philadelphia.

In 1965 he found his calling in acting in NY city. He supported himself as a salesman, a pizza demonstrator, a deli worker, a truck driver, a bouncer, a security attendant, a short order cook and an usher.

In 1970, near starvation, Stallone starred in a soft-core pornographic movie: *The Party at Kitty and Stud's*, for which he was paid \$200 for two days work. The character, Rocky Balboa grew out of several sources. Although film backers wanted Ryan O'Neal to star as Rocky, Stallone held out and got the role. Rocky earned \$225 million, and a Oscar nomination winning Best Picture Editing and Best Directing. He became the first person in film history to be nominated twice the same year for both acting and writing honors. Rocky also re-



ceived a Golden Globe award , the Donatello given to him in Europe, a Bell Ringer Award from Scholastic and a National Theater Owners Award.

There are just so many awards to mention them all.

Stallone was married three times. had two sons from the first and three daughters from the third.

Somewhat disillusioned by his wealth and fame, he has said "Big money does corrupt. It puts a beard on innocence, takes away the edge, the fun, the excitement of suddenly being able to afford certain luxuries. When you can buy anything the thrill is gone. At least, it is for me"



# La Nuova Unita Sicilia Lodge #1251

Tampa

## Beauty and Fun on the Island of Swallows



(From left) Mike Burns, Raymond Suarez, Lynn Suarez, Vickie Williams, Michele Dolski, Mary and Mick Wever, Diana Sullivan, Lynn Kinz

Our trip to Cozumel\* aboard the Carnival Paradise, February 16 thru February 20 was absolutely wonderful. We all had a great time attending and participating in Trivia games, listening to great music and relaxing poolside during the two sea days. The one day in Cozumel was busy with three other ships at port at the same time. Made shopping a little tougher, but who could complain about the gorgeous, cloudless day and watching the entertainment by some of the locals in front of the many shops. Of course, we all enjoyed the dinners as a group after busy days. We look forward to planning other quick getaways.

We've held a number of other activities, including our Feast of St. Joseph that was held on March 18, 2023, and a rummage sale at our building on April 1, 2023. A number of our members have volunteered their time baking cookies for the altar for St. Joseph, an annual tradition at our Lodge for many decades. Lunch was served, consisting of pasta with garlic and olive oil, toasted breadcrumbs, cauliflower and fish.

We continue to meet with our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee twice a month to iron out the many details involved in this historic celebration which will take place on October 14, 2023. The Grand Lodge of Florida also will host a trimester meeting in Tampa the same weekend, so we are hopeful to see many representatives of our great Lodges in attendance. This is truly an anniversary to celebrate!

\*Cozumel means the island of Swallows.



(From left) Agnes Pompeo, Gerri Clemons, Fred Perez and Yoly Menendez, Al Greco, Patty Galanos, Violet and Nick Capitano, Rose Marie Giovenco and Don Leggett.



# Bonanno Lodge #2549

Boca Raton



Florida Atlantic University presented a symposium, *Italy in Transit*.



Breaking through the 4th wall, a mysterious hand offers a biscotti to (from left) Mariano (a visitor from Italy), John Paul Acocella, Angie and Ed Catania



Dr. Ilaria Serra, coordinator of the Florida Atlantic University Italian Program takes time out to play Bocce.



On a cruise to the Virgin Islands and other islands in the eastern Caribbean (from left) Jeff Rabba, Ginny DeMateo, Tony Razzetti, Kathy & Justin Appy, Francesco Nelson, Joe and Joan D'Amato, and Angie and Ed Catania.

# Central Gulf Coast #2708

Palm Harbor



*Penny Bogdanos and Filippe del Greco enjoy the Gulf coast view at the lodge's annual picnic on March 25.*



*Taking a break from the BBQ picnic food is (from left) Filippe del Greco, Penny Bogdanos, Deane and Anne Christopolis, Pat Folcarelli and Donna Fiorillo, Dennis and Lynne Stillson, Carol Malfa, Dave Gallo, Cynthia Chandler and Dora Raheb.*

## Dine Out



*All-you-care-to-eat pasta was the main draw at the monthly dine out, this time at Big Joe's Pasta House. (From left), Paul and Claire Cavota; Penny Bogdanos and Filippe del Greco and Mildred Cooper. Mildred said the escargot was delicious.*



*At the picnic (from left) Paul Cavota's grandson Johnny and granddaughter Cara.*

# Port Charlotte Lodge #2507

Port Charlotte



THE DUMB PLUCKERS... (a group designed & created by President Ernie Lijoi, Sr., singers are: Tom Lloyd, Ernie Lijoi Sr., Cecelia Lijoi, Ernie Louison



Barbara Castrovinci and My youngest son Ernest Lijoi

The Port Charlotte Lodge raised about \$2600 from the show, which covers our College scholarships and more. In the past we have raised over \$3000 in each show, but Hurricane Ian interfered in this one, with people still recovering.

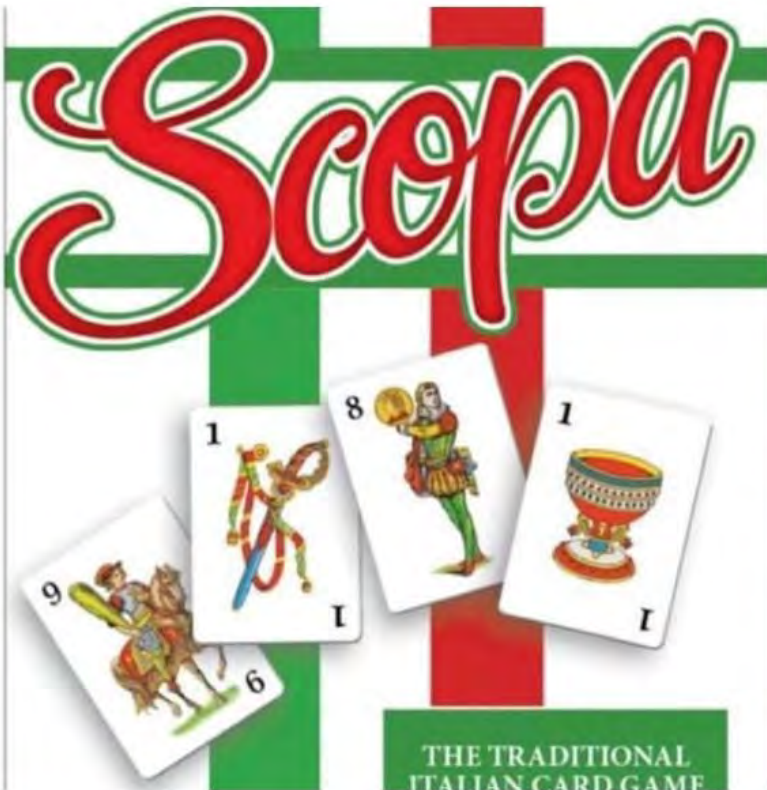


Irish singers Tom O'Brien (R) and Tom Herrling (L)

# Buona Fortuna Lodge #2835

Pensacola

La Danza Dell' Amore!! Buona Fortuna members had a wonderful time at its San Valentino dance with the Premier Platinum Band. Lodge members danced the afternoon away.



# Osceola Lodge #2523

Kissimmee



## An Exemplary Look Back

The Osceola Lodge produced a 48-page year-in-review book that highlighted the good work and fun the Osceola County Lodge members had in 2022.



# Upper Keys Lodge, #2843

Key Largo



Upper Keys Lodge Celebrates Its 15th Anniversary: (From left) Herald, Susan Coppola; Vice President, David Coppola; Barnett Coltman; Stu Stewart; Rec. Secy, Karen Gallo; President, Sgt. Bonanno Lodge #2549, Ed Catania; Dick Magaldi; President, Gregory Bianchini

# Amerigo Vespucci Lodge, #3008

Leesburg, FL

## Vespucci Lodge Hosts Its 2nd Dessert Card Bingo



Another wildly successful fund raiser for the Vespucci Lodge. In attendance were 140 people, for a total of \$980.



And the desserts were Italian cookies, Cannoli, cupcakes and brownies



President Greg Bianchini is in the groove.

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video,” says Mark DeNunzio, national fourth vice president of OSDIA. “The idea is we put these videos on our Website so visitors can see all that we do. The local lodges also can use the video any way they like, for example, in advertising, recruitment or just showing it at a dinner-meeting. This is another free service provided by the National,” he says.

Young people are on social media, so we must be there too. “You can’t keep doing the same things and expect different results,” Bob says.

**Here’s Some Great News**

The National is rolling out the membership management software beginning with the Grand Lodge of Florida. It also will provide training for everyone associated with the Grand Lodge via Zoom.

More information will be coming out soon.



**Le Notizie** (news)

**Keeping Italian Pure**

Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni's party has proposed imposing fines of up to 100,000 euros (\$108,750) on public and private entities which use foreign terms, most notably English, instead of Italian in official communications. It said the spread of English "demeans and mortifies" Italian and proposed that all public and private bodies had to use the language of Dante to promote their goods and services. □

**Italy Bans ChatGPT**

Italy has become the first Western country to block advanced chatbot ChatGPT. The Italian data-protection authority said there were privacy concerns relating to the model.

GPT language models, it can answer your questions, write copy, draft emails, hold a conversation,

explain code in different programming languages, translate natural language to code, and more.

According to the Associated Press, the Italian Data Protection Authority will maintain the ban “until ChatGPT respects privacy.” The problem with user data being visible to others during ChatGPT’s March 20 outage was mentioned as the reason for this action.