

The Floridian

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Coming Events!

Every Sunday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Deltona Lodge Craft Fair
1270 Doyle Road, Deltona
Food trucks on site, fresh vegetables market. Call John Malfettone, 407-415-4790

First Thursday, 6 p.m.

Pasta Night
The Sons & Daughters of Italy
3725 Easy Street, Port Charlotte.

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New young members of OSDIA lodges across the country met at La Nuova Sicilia Unita Lodge in Tampa for its 100th anniversary. See page 11.



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Coming Events!

October 7, 4 p.m.

The Goldtones & ravioli dinner.

Hear the doo-wop songs of the 50's and 60's sung by The Goldtones. Songs from the 70's and 80's also are featured.

The Sons & Daughters of Italy, 3725 Easy Street, Port Charlotte.

For tickets, call Ernie Lijoi at 941-830-0596

October 7

Night at the Races

Osceola County Lodge

2000 Neptune Road

Kissimmee, FL

Contact: Helen Schlotterer at 407-922-8582

Sunday, November 9

Yesterday, an original musical play by President Ernie Lijoi.

Dinner and show cost \$30.

3725 Easy Street, Port Charlotte, Florida

December 15, 6 p.m.

Christmas Party

The Central Gulf Coast Lodge

Dunedin Gulf Club

1050 Palm Blvd., FL, Call Mildred Cooper, 727-787-3344

A Message from President Joe Dente



Hello everyone,

Welcome to the fall issue of *The Floridian*. As I'm writing this, I'm sitting in St. Joseph, Michigan, which is on the shore of Lake Michigan, where it's a chilly 65 degrees. Yesterday it was a nice 72 degrees and the change in weather from Florida's high temperatures is refreshing. Fall is just beginning to show her colors here and the trees are slowly turning. It really is beautiful.

Since taking office as your president in June, it has been nonstop. Florida was the host state for the 2023 Supreme Convention held in Tampa in August and while a little nerve wracking making sure I covered my duties as Florida president, I enjoyed the week meeting lodge presidents from around the country and participating in the week's activities. Congratulations to the new Supreme President, Michael Polo. And to our own Florida members who are

represented on the national level. Doctor Mark Di Nunzio was elected third VP., Gertrude Dories, elected as a national trustee, and Shayla Kaestle, who was recently promoted to national executive director, and Dan Kaestle who was named to the National Membership Committee. Florida is well represented on the National level.

Our next Triannual meeting is coming up October 13- 14 in Tampa and I'm looking forward to getting my feet wet chairing the meetings. We have several newbies, including myself, however, I am confident we will pull off a successful triannual.

The next two triannual meetings are scheduled for February 2-3, 2024, at the Deltona Sons and Daughters of Italy Lodge and June 21-22, 2024, in Melbourne. Mark your calendars.

I'm sure we have many lodges holding events to celebrate October as Italian American Heritage Month. Please take pictures and send them to be included on our website and in *The Floridian*. Our Commission for Social Justice committee is looking into issues taking place in Florida regarding Italian Heritage Month. And we all may soon be asked to join a petition to regain October 9 as Columbus Day in Florida.

October has a way of quickly transitioning into the holiday season with a flurry of cooking, shopping and get togethers with family and friends. We would love to see pictures of your celebrations during the holiday season, so don't forget to take lots of pictures and share them with us via the website and the

Floridian.

In the coming months, your council will be working on issues important to the growth of the Grand Lodge, such as zoom training on membership, lodge leadership and rituals, fundraising, settling lodge disputes, insurance issues and working with the Commission for Social Justice to fight for Italian Heritage Month in Florida.

Please remember to support *The Floridian*. * Be a booster, a patron or place a lodge or personal ad. See you all in Tampa.

Fraternally,
Joe Dente,
President.

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Unveiling the New Software

Members have heard a lot of superlatives about a new computer program that will be available free to all Florida lodges. But no one has really explained what the software does and how it will affect each lodge and their members. Until now.

Dan Kaestle, president of the Buona Fortuna Lodge, says his lodge



was chosen to test the software and make constructive changes. The goal is to customize the program to meet the needs of OSDIA lodges nationwide.

“Technology is advancing faster than we can keep up,” says Dan. “Luckily, the National Office recog-

nized that and invested in **iMembersdb.**”

What is iMembersdb?

It is a database software that is meant to be used by national organizations to connect all of their members on a local, state, and national level — just like ours.

It was derived from the DacDB software that is used by ROTARY International worldwide with great success.

What does iMembersdb do?

Think of this software as a 'suite' on the level of Microsoft Office.

Inside **iMembersdb**, you have a database for all your members' information.

There is a word processor, e-mail and a calendar function.

You can use it to type memos, e-mail messages or write newsletter articles.

You can send batch e-mails to individuals or groups, such as to your council, your committee chairs, or every one of your members at a touch of a button.

The calendar function lets you enter events, program RSVP returns, and even charge for the event and accept the payment online.

GRAND LODGE COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Following are the the committee appointments list. Some of the committees have been eliminated or combined. The list is subject to change.

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Carmela (Mel) Gucciardo

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Greg Esposito * Gregory Bianchini * All local lodge appointed CSJ chairs

FUTURE GOOD OF THE ORDER:
Carolyn Cianciotta

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Cancer Report



By Mildred Cooper, Chairperson

Despite the many advances in cancer care in recent decades, one aspect that hasn't seen much improvement is the detection of ovarian cancer in its earliest stages.

Non specific symptoms usually impede prompt evaluation. For instance, bloating, feeling full quickly and pelvic pain -- all early signs of ovarian cancer are also associated with maladies that are less life threatening. These symptoms may go unreported or even lead to misdiagnosis.

Although most ovarian cancers are found in advanced stages, there still have been improvements in treatment. Avastin, which is a targeted

therapy, continues to shrink or slow the growth of advanced ovarian cancer.

More recently excitement has built around PARP inhibitors that are also proving valuable for some patients who don't have BRCA gene mutations, but may have other biological features that affect DNA repair.

One of the new techniques is neoadjuvant therapy -- chemotherapy that is used to shrink a tumor before surgery.

One woman with advanced ovarian cancer opted for a new technique referred to as heated

chemotherapy. She wished more women were aware of this post surgery therapy.

Nowadays all patients with ovarian cancer receive genetic testing which is crucial. It's important that patients be made aware of the available genetic testing by their health care team and offered, regardless of family history.

Often referred to as the silent killer, ovarian cancer doesn't have to be that. There are high hopes that with better detection in early stages, evolving treatments and disease awareness, steady improvements will translate into saved lives.



Cooley's Anemia

By Raeann Wallace, Chairperson

STEM CELL TRANSPLANT?

Stem cell transplants aim to replace blood stem cells that contain a change to the HBB gene with blood stem cells from a donor who does not have the change.

During a stem cell transplant, new healthy stem cells are added to the body.

Over time, the goal of a stem cell transplant is for the healthy blood stem cells to make their way to the bone marrow and start to make new blood cells.

In order to receive a stem cell transplant, an appropriate stem cell donor must be identified. Generally, siblings are the people who are most genetically similar. Only about 25-30% of

people have a matched sibling donor.

If you want to learn more about this treatment option, it's important to talk to your doctor about the benefits and potentially severe risks involved with stem cell transplants.

COMPLICATIONS

Although stem cell transplants have the potential to cure thalassemia, there are also serious risks associated with this type of transplant.

One major complication is a condition called Graft versus host disease (GvHD).

In GvHD, the transplanted stem cells see the body's cells are foreign and so attack them. GvHD severity can vary, but for some it can be a potentially serious compli-

cation, and even life-threatening in some cases.



Autism Report

By Robert Cardaci, Chairperson

I am privileged to have been appointed to chair the Autism Committee. Professionally, I teach children with special needs. I have students that have this disability. On a daily basis, I see the difficulties these children go through.

Thank you Marilyn Pizzilo for writing these articles and presenting the research for the past 12 years.

I know that many of you have seen the numbers on how many children have this disability, but I would like to present it again for this report.

AUTISM FACTS & STATS

Autism now affects one in 36 children

Boys are four times more likely to have autism than girls.

About 40% of children with autism do not speak. About 25%–30% of children with autism say some words at 12 to 18 months of age and then lose them. Others might speak, but not until later in childhood.

Autism greatly varies from person to person (No two people with autism are alike.)

The rate of autism has steadily grown over the last twenty years. Comorbid conditions often associated with autism include Fragile X,

allergies, asthma, epilepsy, bowel disease, gastrointestinal/digestive disorders, persistent viral infections, PANDAS, feeding disorders, anxiety disorder, bipolar disorder, ADHD, Tourette Syndrome, OCD, sensory integration dysfunction, sleeping disorders, immune disorders, autoimmune disorders, and neuroinflammation.

Autism is the fastest growing developmental disorder, yet most underfunded.

A 2008 Danish Study found that the mortality risk among those with autism was nearly twice that of the general population.

Alzheimer's Report



By Carol DeVito, Chairperson

Two new Alzheimer's drugs, Aduhelm and Leqembi are pending approval from the Food and Drug Administration. Approval was expected to be announced this summer. Medicare will cover these medications. This will apply to patients who have Medicare Part B and who are in the early stages of the disease.

Aduhelm and Leqembi are different from the Alzheimer drugs currently on the market. These new drugs go after plaque in the brain and heart. They are designed to slow the rate of cognitive decline.

About 6 million Americans currently have Alzheimer's disease. Without a cure, that number is expected to increase dramatically.



Future Good of the Order

By Carolyn Cianciotta, chairperson

Some questions people may ask:
Why does this organization exist? Why should I support it?

we need to ask ourselves:
Why should a person join us? What can we do for them?

We need to connect, inspire and engage our members

To make changes, we need to:
Focus on what we need to change.
Identify our goals.
Know our audience.

Understand your audience's needs and frustrations. Shift the conversation from how they can help YOU to how we can

help THEM.

Know what you want to achieve. Once that is finished, You are ready to think about what you need to change.

Have a "vision statement."
A one sentence statement describing the clear and inspirational, long term changes. It must be inspirational, clear, memorable and concise.
Know what you want, work to get it, and value it once you have it

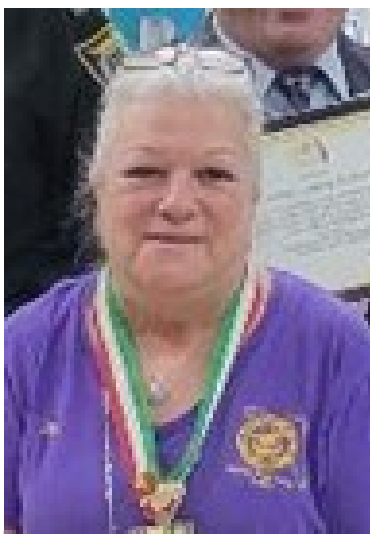
Coming together is a *beginning*, keeping together is *progress*, working together is **SUCCESS!**



Carolyn Cianciotta, chairperson

2023 Calendar Program

By Carmela Gucciardo



Carmela Gucciardo of the Nature Coast Lodge

Why are you letting money slip through your fingers? That's what you're doing if you're not participating in the Grand Lodge's Calendar Program.

Just buy a calendar and let it make money for you. If you win, I'll contact you with the good news. Since there are only three months left in 2023, the calendar only costs \$25.

Yet there are some very big prizes in October, November and December.

- Oct 31 - Halloween - \$100
- Nov 11 - Veterans' Day - \$100
- Nov 25 - Thanksgiving - \$500
- Dec 7 - Pearl Harbor Day - \$100
- Dec 25 - Christmas Day - \$1,000
- Dec. 30 - GL President's birthday—\$100

Don't miss your chance to win some big money at a discount rate. The price of the 2024 Calendar Program returns to its regular price in January — \$50.

iMembersdb (Continued from page Four)

How can I use iMembersdb? What's in it for my lodge?

Your financial secretary will never have to construct a per capita report ever again. The software is worth having for this reason alone.

“Buona Fortuna has been using this program to make our newsletters all year long,” says Dan. “We are getting pretty good at it.

“You only have to build your newsletter template once. Then every month, you change the *EZstories* to paste into the newsletter. When you’re creating the newsletter, the program pulls the events off your calendar and *automatically* puts them into the proper place you designate in the newsletter.

Also, it pulls the birthdays of every member who has a birthday that month and automatically puts the birthdays in the newsletter.

When that is done you push a button and the whole newsletter is sent to all the members of the lodge.

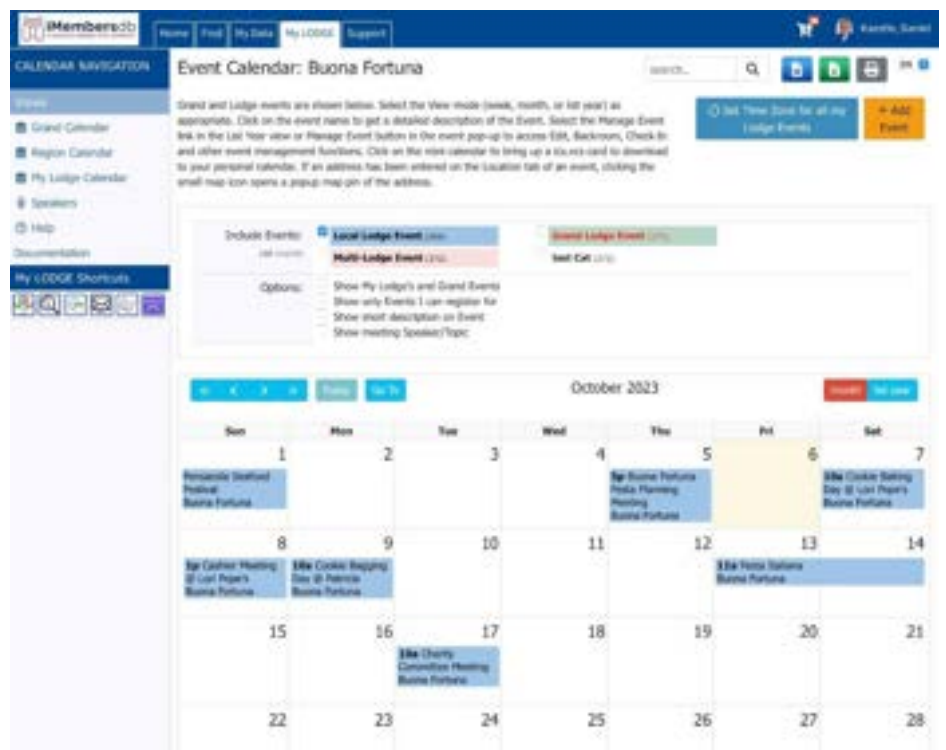
The software also allows multiple lodge members to work inside **iMembersdb** at the same time.

For example, we have had two people working simultaneously on the same *EZstory* in different locations. That is very handy if you are collaborating with another member on newsletter production.

Lodge members who use **iMembersdb** the most will wonder how they ever got along without it.



Here is the dashboard of the iMembersdb. This is what you see when you first log onto the database. The icons represent programs, such as e-mail, member directory and calendar.



Take a look at iMembersdb calendar function. You can see it is populated with events, which are in light blue boxes. You can click on each event and it will open to tell you everything you need to know about it. And if there is a charge to attend the event, iMembersdb lets you pay online.

Tony Bennett

by Mildred Cooper, cultural chairperson

On July 21, 2023, the world lost a timeless singer, Tony Bennett who was 96 years old.

Tony was born in New York City on August 3, 1926. He fought a seven-year battle with Alzheimer's disease.

His career lasted seven decades. Hits like "I Left My Heart in San Francisco," "Because Of You," and "Rags To Riches" made him one of the most popular singers of the 20th century. He won twenty Grammy Awards.

Bennett, born Anthony Dominick Benedetto was a proud Italian-American from Long Island, N.Y. He was a World War II veteran who entertained troops.

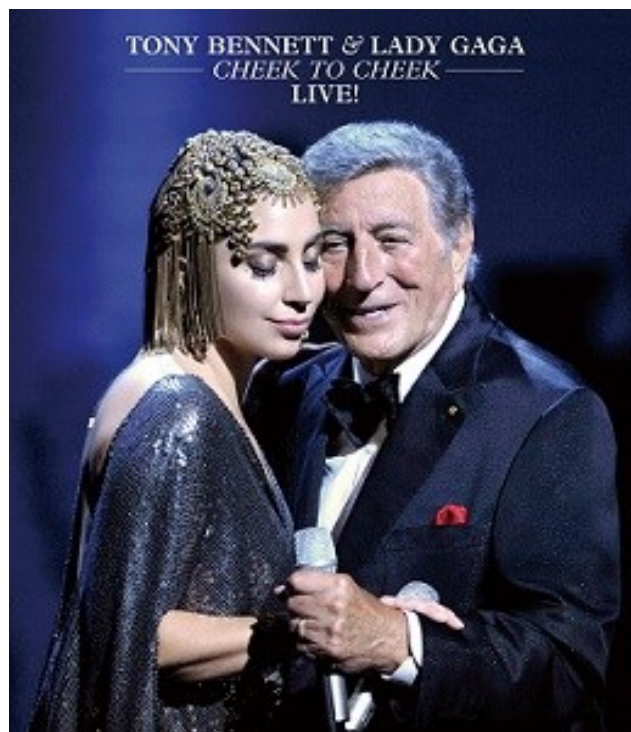
Over the course of his career Bennett was a staunch supporter of the National Italian American Foundation. In 2021 NIAF presented Bennett with the Leonardo Da Vinci Lifetime Achievement Award in Music at the 46th Anniversary Gala.

Bennett was married three times and had four children. He also had success as a painter and exhibited his works in numerous galleries around the world.

In February 2021 it was revealed that Bennett had been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease in 2016 though he continued to perform and record until the Covid pandemic in early 2020.

He briefly resumed performing in 2021 for his farewell performances. Nevertheless, he recorded record tracks with Lady Gaga from 2018 until early 2020. Bennett died at his home in New York City on July 21, 2023. His family said he kept singing "Because Of You" to the end.

□



Dancing cheek-to-cheek are Stefani Joanne Angelina Germanotta (a Sicilian), aka Lady Gaga, with Tony Bennett.

20 Questions with Betty Dente

In the last issue of *The Floridian*, President Joe Dente, who took office in June, played 20 Questions so that everyone would get to know him. Joe peaked our interest when he said his wife’s answers would be vastly different from his So, here’s what Betty Dente had to say:

1. How do you trace your roots?

I’m English and German.

2. Where were you born?

Hazard, KY — a coal-mining town

3. Do you have any siblings.

I have three sisters and a brother who passed.

4. If you could star in a movie, which would it be?

Pretty Woman, a 1990 movie starring Julia Roberts and Richard Gere.

5. Pick one: Endless money or endless love.

Endless love

6. What’s your Zodiac sign?

Cancer

7. If you could start life over, what would you do differently.

I would finish college. I went to Morehead State College in KY and stopped going after two years. I received a Mrs. degree instead.

8. Who is your celebrity crush

Richard Gere

9. Do you prefer a dog, cat or dragon?

Cat

10. Why did you join OSDIA?

Twenty years ago, we had just moved to Florida and Joe joined Del Ray Beach Lodge

11. What does the afterlife hold for you?

I hope to get to heaven.

12. What’s your favorite dish?

Pinto beans, mashed potatoes and sliced tomatoes

13. What’s your favorite Disney movie?

Cinderella

14. Can you name the seven dwarves?

No.

15. What was your favorite subject in school?

Literature.

16. Is it sauce or gravy?

Sauce

17. Name a farm animal

A pig. My family had a hog farm when I was growing up.

18. Would you go into a haunted house?

No



Betty Dente

19. Tell me about your best vacation.

Joe’s family owns a house in Point Pleasant Beach, New Jersey. We used to visit and I loved the beach, the boardwalk and the pizza and clams. It was perfect.

19. Do you have any tattoos?

No

20. What’s your favorite holiday?

Christmas.

La Nuova Unita Sicilia Lodge #1251

By Geraldine Clemons

Tampa

Our story begins in October of 1923, when steps were taken to broaden the focus of Italian-American activities and the first Sons of Italy Lodge was organized. The Tampa lodge was named La Nuova Sicilia Lodge #1251 and was headquartered in Ybor City. The first venerable was Paolo Pizzo. To inaugurate the newly formed Lodge, a majestic banquet was held at the historic El Pasaje Hotel, and a parade was held on October 9, 1923 to complete the inauguration.

Our history was fraught with innumerable hardships, frustrations, disappointments and untold problems that were faced with determination, born of a deep conviction and faith.

Over the next four decades, the Lodge relocated to several different locations owing to rental issues and the sale of two additional buildings, but, yet, the Lodge persevered.

In 1949 the wives and daughters of the all male membership was formed, La Rosa di Sicilia. Many social functions allowed the ladies to organize recreational committees and "put their foot in the door." This led to the union of both lodges in 1968.

During the late 1940's another Lodge was formed, the Unita Lodge #1251, which also had an all womens Lodge, named Anita Garibaldi Lodge. The Unita Lodge also moved locations over the years and was searching for a more permanent location. Years later, as was the case with La Nuova Sicilia Lodge, the womens' Lodge merged

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OSDIA announced the launch of its new event, the Future of the Order (FOTO) Forum, during its Supreme Biennial Convention, which was held in Tampa, August 15-19.

Young adult members of OSDIA, ages 21-35, from across the country joined the Supreme Lodge to collaborate and participate in discussions regarding the future of OSDIA.

There were many opportunities presented to the Supreme Lodge, networking with leaders from the national and state levels.

100th Anniversary



New National President Michael Polo and his father Paul. Michael is a third generation National President.



Outgoing National President Bob Bianchini (right) presents a certificate of appreciation to Nick Capitano and Darlene Frisco.

Our Lodge hosted a private dinner for the Supreme Lodge members and the young adult members of OSDIA on Friday, August 18! We were honored to be chosen as the site of this Biennial Convention for such an extraordinary forum.

Below are a few pictures from our Lodge! Members of the FOTO enjoying the karaoke, Agnes Pompeo joining in on the dancing, Certificate of Appreciation awarded to both Nick Capitano and Darlene Frisco for all the hard work by outgoing President Bob Bianchini, our Bar setup with Bill Liles, our bartender Fred Vasconi, second bartender Joe Caravella, our Rental Manager Liz Santos, and photo of the new President, Michael Polo with his dad (third generation National President) □

Upper Keys Lodge #2843

Key Largo



(From left) President, Gregory Bianchini stands proudly with new members: Ginny Bowes, Roberta McNew, Michael Kuntz, Sharon & Tony Martino



President Gregory Bianchini presented donations to representatives of local charities.



President Gregory Bianchini and scholarship winners Dylan Bloom and Ian Andersen.

Bradenton Lodge #2782

Bradenton



New Orleans Here We Come



Celebrating St. Joseph's Day is President Carole Kay (standing), and, from left, Bruno Sparato Dr. Rose and Rosemary Sparato. There was lots of food and cannoli's.



The lodge welcomed President Carole's Il paese from Abruzzo. (From left) Daughter Giavana, wife Daniela and father Cesar



Boarding a Sternwheeler called the Creole Queen, while jazz music plays. The ship cruised from one side of the French quarter and back.

Bonanno Lodge #2549

Boca Raton

AgliOlio Lunch



(From left) Robert and Karen Ianniello and Tony Yazzetti



President Ed Catania initates two new members, Rosemary and Bruce Parri.

Fresh Mozzarella and Antipasti Dinner



(From right) Ed Gronachan, Ann Elisa Chiariano, Laila Petruzzello.



Joan and Joe D, Amato, Frank Sorvino and Vivian Cardia Carol and John Castello. Father Forno

Bonanno Lodge #2549

Boca Raton

Bonanno Lodge Helps FAU to Launch New Endowment

By Cav. Ilaria Serra, Ph.D.

Florida Atlantic University (FAU) is launching a fundraising campaign to establish an endowed professorship in Italian and Italian American Studies. FAU's Italian Program has been flourishing in Boca Raton, in the Florida Atlantic University campus, thanks to the solidarity, attention, and generosity of several Italian American organizations.

The program thrives on the synergy of a well-rooted Italian American community and the enthusiasm of a young generation of students. A shiny example of such synergy is the "Nonna Night," organized by the Order of the Sons and Daughters of Italy, Sgt. Bonanno Lodge in Boca Raton every January. Started from a wish by one of the students who visited the Lodge and remained in awe in front of the mouthwatering Italian potluck, it was immediately inserted among the OSDIA annual activities.

Now, Florida Atlantic University has decided to bring the program to the next step. The

fundraising campaign will raise funds to cover the cost of an endowed Professorship in Italian and Italian American Studies, which would make the Program self-sustaining and unending. Sadly programs in other universities have come to an end.

Named professorships bring distinction to a program and attract the best scholars.

The growth outlined in the Italian program has taken place in the past few years without any special funding. Imagine how much growth there could be with direct, targeted financial investment.



(Left) West Palm Beach County proclamation of Italian Heritage Month with Italian Consulate General.



Members of the Bonanno Lodge at Miaggiano's Murder Mystery Dinner. So who killed the gangster? Brother Joe D'Amato identified il assassino.

FRANZALIA LODGE #2422

Walton Beach



The Joseph B. Franzalia Lodge #2422 recently made sizeable donations to two local colleges establishing scholarship endowments. In May of 2023 a check for \$50,000 was presented to Northwest Florida State College. In September of 2023 a \$52,000 check was presented to the University of West Florida for a STEM Scholarship Endowment. It was all to celebrate the lodge's 45th year by placing its faith in the future!



At the May presentation (from left) John Graziano, Ivonne Caridi-Anderson, Kathy Foster, Pat Hollarn, College Foundation Representatives Connor Rogers, Chris Stowe

Port Charlotte Lodge #2507

Port Charlotte

The Port Charlotte Lodge celebrates pasta night each Thursday. This one was on Thursday, September 21.



Hats off to our chefs: Tom Herrling, Art Donaldson, Tom



The children of Toni and Des Valdes are Aiden (age 2) and Sophis (age 4)

Amerigo Vespucci Lodge #3008



The Lodge regularly hosts “card Bingo” and recently it held “Seniors vs. Crime,” a program sponsored by the Florida Attorney General’s office. Its primary mission is to “reduce the victimization of senior citizens who are targeted for specific crimes or scams based on their age.” Sixty-five people attended.

Buona Fortuna Lodge #2835

Pensacola

National President Michael Polo has appointed Dan Kaestle, president of the Buona Fortuna Lodge as chair of the National Membership Commission.

The Commission has three co-chairs, with Dan being one of them.



Nature Coast Lodge, #2502

Spring Hill



Sheriff, Deputy Sheriff, Detectives, and Volunteers of the Hernando Police Department were awarded Certificates from Nature Coast Lodge #2502. They solved a 30 year cold case of a young girl named Jennifer that went missing. The man who killed Jennifer was apprehended and arrested. One of our members Bob Kanner worked with the police department. He is at the far left.

Deltona Lodge #2441

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with the Unita Lodge to bring many additional members and add to the many social functions that were held.

In the early 1960's, an amicable agreement was reached between the Unita Lodge and La Nuova Sicilia Lodge to purchase a city lot and build the beautiful facility we have today. Lots of blood, sweat and tears and again, determination to build our forever home.

In 2001, after much discussion and soul-searching, both Lodges merged and formed the present day La Nuova Sicilia Unita Lodge #1251. We continue to hold onto our heritage to pass on to our future generations the hard work ethics and the determination to succeed against all odds.

As a side note to our history, the formation of the La Nuova Sicilia Lodge and the extremely large member roster, the Florida Grand Lodge was able to form in Tampa in 1953, where many historical records are still maintained. This year we will also honor the 70th Anniversary at our 100th anniversary to be held on October 14, 2023.



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Ilaria Serra has been knighted by the President of Italy. She is now Cavaliere della Repubblica dell'Ordine della Stella d'Italia. It is an honor for those who support the image and culture of Italy abroad. Serra was born in Venice, Italy. She is a Professor of Italian and Comparative Studies and the coordinator of the FAU Italian Program. Her research weaves Italian American Studies into Italian Studies more broadly; main areas of focus include Italian cinema, Italian literature, Italian history through popular song, and the history of Italian immigration to the United States. She founded and co-leads the FAU Study Abroad Program in Venice, Italy where she teaches the course Venice and Its Reflections.