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Save the Date: Thursday, Feb. 13, 2025

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**THURSDAY,
February 13th, 2025**



FORGOTTEN SOLDIERS OUTREACH, INC
www.forgottensoldiers.org

WHERE: **ELKS LODGE in Delray**
265 NE 4th Ave Delray Beach, FL 33483

TIME: **6:30pm - 9pm**

SPECIAL GUESTS: Forgotten Soldiers Outreach

We are collecting items to donate to Soldiers.
Some items: Toiletries/Hygiene **** (TRAVEL SIZE) **** Baby Wipes, Baby/Foot Powder, Dental Floss, Tampons, Lip Balm/Chapstick, Mouthwash, Hand Lotion, Tissues (packets), Sunscreen, Shampoo, Body Wash, Deodorant, Bar Soap, Crew Socks, Insect Repellent, Wipes, Scotch Heavy Duty Packing Tape, Foot/Hand Warmers **ALSO:** Beef Jerky/Sticks, Rice Krispies Treats, Microwave Popcorn, Bagged Popcorn, Ramen Noodles, Candy/Gum, Foil Tuna/Salmon Packets/Pouches, Individual Packed Drink Mixes, Oatmeal/Grits Packets, Peanut Butter Cups (Jif to Go)

See Newsletter for FULL list of much-needed items!

Meeting Fee: **Members - \$15
Guest - \$20**

TO RSVP: **By February 10th 561-715-1361**

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 February 10th. Make check payable to Sgt Bonanno Lodge, and mail to:

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

Let's Show our LOVE AND Share with the Forgotten Soldiers Outreach!



We will be serving

HEROES (SUBS), sides, chips, dessert

as well as drinks: Sodas and Water (and Coffee with Dessert)

CASH BAR: Wines and Beer will be available for purchase next door at the bar

INVITE AND BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS!

We need YOU ... sign up for Committees!! You must check in at the door to receive a door prize ticket!

RSVP by February 10th to WENDY so we have a head count for food and goodies!

share the love



Don Ciccio

Invite your friends, and introduce them to our Sons and daughters of Italy





MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Wendy Corso-Ruud

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

BUON ANNO!! Happy New Year! Wow, 2025 is here, it came in hot right after the holidays! After a beautiful season surrounded by loved ones, great food, and all the fantastic feels, our lives are busy, especially with our wonderful lodge and amazing members! *AND speaking of Memberships*, it's time for our **ANNUAL Membership Drive! Join or Renew NOW!!** We have several options for you to pay for **membership**, either in person with a check or cash at the meetings, or more easily, you can Zelle as soon as possible. We will have membership applications available at the meetings, and remember, if you need any help, contact us.. YOU are important to us!

NONNE NIGHT was **January 9th**... we showed the students of **FAU Club Insieme** and their parents and friends how their **NONNE** (grandmothers) would put together a huge food spread... because food truly is our love language!! This **POTLUCK** style dinner means we ate an amazing variety of foods ... **MANGIA! MANGIA!** We also accepted donations from our members, which ALL went toward FAU's Italian Studies Department. If you were not able to attend, remember you can still do so by Zelle-ing the lodge! **Grazie!**

On **February 13th**, we'll be a Force for Good as we come together to **SHARE THE LOVE**, collecting donations for the **Forgotten Soldier Project**. The list of items you can collect is highlighted in our newsletter.. you may just bring your donations to the meeting to present to FSP. If you are not able to bring something in, and would still like to donate, either contact Wendy, **OR** click on the **AMAZON** list (*and let us know what you get!*) at https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/18B7ZCFLBPYYD?ref=wl_share **OR** click on <https://www.forgottensoldiers.org/donations/> for direct online donations.

I am **sincerely** still glowing from all the love shared during the holidays and our Nonne Night, and I'd like to thank all who came to break bread with us for the Nonne Night ... **remember, you are NEVER alone**... and let's face it, life is more fun when you share the ups and downs with family as crazy and wonderful as you!

I hope that you value being a part of our Lodge and join or renew your membership now! Please feel free to invite friends and family to come to meetings to check us out or to join as well. We are looking for members to serve in leadership positions, so if you are interested, let us know!! If you need a ride or help getting to our meetings, just reach out and we will get you there!! **AND**... as always, mark your calendars now to join us at our monthly meetings and let us be your "Italian" famiglia. If you have any questions, give me a call at 561-715-1361.

With love and hugs,
Wendy

Cari fratelli e sorelle,

BUON ANNO!! Felice anno nuovo! Wow, il 2025 è arrivato, è arrivato caldo subito dopo le vacanze! Dopo una bella stagione circondati dai propri cari, ottimo cibo e tutte le fantastiche sensazioni, le nostre vite sono impegnate, soprattutto con il nostro meraviglioso lodge e i nostri fantastici membri! *E parlando di abbonamenti*, è tempo per la nostra **ANNUALE** campagna di abbonamenti! Iscriviti o rinnova **ORA!!** Abbiamo diverse opzioni per pagare l'abbonamento, di persona con un assegno o in contanti alle riunioni, o più facilmente, puoi Zelle il prima possibile. Avremo le domande di abbonamento disponibili alle riunioni e ricorda, se hai bisogno di aiuto, contattaci. **TU sei importante per noi!**

NONNE NIGHT è stata il 9 gennaio... abbiamo mostrato agli studenti del **FAU Club Insieme** e ai loro genitori e amici come le loro **NONNE** (nonne) avrebbero preparato un'enorme tavola imbandita... perché il cibo è davvero il nostro linguaggio dell'amore!! Questa cena in stile **POTLUCK** significa che abbiamo mangiato una straordinaria varietà di cibi... **MANGIA! MANGIA!** Abbiamo anche accettato donazioni dai nostri membri, che sono andate **TUTTE** al Dipartimento di Studi Italiani della FAU. Se non hai potuto partecipare, ricorda che puoi comunque farlo Zelle-ing the lodge! **Grazie!** Il 13 febbraio saremo una Forza per il Bene mentre ci riuniamo per **CONDIVIDERE L'AMORE**, raccogliendo donazioni per il **Forgotten Soldier Project**. L'elenco degli articoli che puoi raccogliere è evidenziato nella nostra newsletter.. puoi semplicemente portare le tue donazioni all'incontro per presentarle a FSP. Se non sei in grado di portare qualcosa e vuoi comunque donare, contatta Wendy, **OPPURE** clicca sulla lista **AMAZON** (e fatti sapere cosa ottieni!) su https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/18B7ZCFLBPYYD?ref=wl_share **OPPURE** clicca su <https://www.forgottensoldiers.org/donations/> per donazioni online dirette a FSP.

Sono sinceramente ancora raggiante per tutto l'amore condiviso durante le feste e la nostra Nonne Night, e vorrei ringraziare tutti coloro che sono venuti a spezzare il pane con noi per la Festa dei Sette Pesci e per Natale... ricordate, non siete **MAI** soli... e diciamocelo, la vita è più divertente quando condividete gli alti e bassi con una famiglia pazza e meravigliosa come voi! Spero che apprezziate l'idea di far parte della nostra Loggia e che vi uniate o rinnoviate la vostra iscrizione ora! Non esitate a invitare amici e familiari a venire alle riunioni per dare un'occhiata o per unirsi a noi. Stiamo cercando membri che ricoprano posizioni di leadership, quindi se siete interessati, fatecelo sapere!! Se avete bisogno di un passaggio o di aiuto per raggiungere le nostre riunioni, contattateci e vi porteremo lì!! Con amore, Wendy

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Edward Mottola

EVENT RECAP

TRIBUTE TO VETERANS / FORGOTTEN SOLDIERS OUTREACH NOVEMBER MEETING RECAP

Over 50 members and friends came together for our November meeting, where our MC Kay S (thanks, KK, retired Air Force) opened up the evening for our great speakers sharing amazing stories about our valued Veterans, (thanks, Rosemarie P), as well as a great tie-in of Veterans and our Italian Heritage (thanks, Joan). Great BIG thanks to all who volunteered! xoxo

Lynelle from the **Forgotten Soldiers Outreach** program shared our newest collaboration and **we will be collecting items at our January and February meetings** to “send that little bit of home to our troops” in the monthly “We Care” packages.

ITEMS TO BE COLLECTED from our members may include:

Toiletries/Hygiene ^{}(TRAVEL SIZE)^{**}**

- Baby Wipes
- Baby/Foot Powder
- Dental Floss
- Tampons
- Lip Balm/Chapstick
- Mouthwash
- Hand Lotion
- Tissues (packets)
- Shave Cream Packets
- Sunscreen
- Shampoo
- Body Wash
- Deodorant
- Bar Soap
- Razors
- Q-tips
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Additional Items:**
- Crew Socks
- Insect Repellent
- Wipes
- Scotch Heavy Duty Packing Tape
- Foot Warmers
- Hand Warmers

Food Items

- Trail Mix
- Sunflower Seeds
- Individual Crackers
- Fruit Roll Ups
- Beef Jerky / Meat Sticks
- Rice Krispies Treats
- Microwave Popcorn
- Bagged Popcorn
- Ramen Noodles
- Candy/Gum
- Dried Fruit Snacks
- Breakfast Bars
- Individual Cookies
- Snack Bars
- Protein Bars
- Cup of Noodles
- Foil Tuna & Salmon Packets/Pouches
- Individually Packed Drink Mixes
- Oatmeal / Grits Packets
- Microwavable Ravioli / Mac & Cheese
- Individual Packages Nuts or Dried Fruit
- Peanut Butter Cups (Jif to Go)



We appreciate all the items that we receive; however, we cannot ship aerosol cans, pork products, tobacco, lewd / pornographic materials or alcohol. We do not accept hotel toiletries, canned food, boxes of pasta, cereal, or expired and / or used items.

OSDIA MEMBERS: You can find items on their Amazon wish list and have them shipped directly: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/18B7ZCFLBPYYD?ref=wl_share

UPCOMING EVENT

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2025



Sgt Bonanno Lodge Mid-Winter Picnic

When Sunday, February 16th 12 Noon to 5PM

Food Served around 1PM

Where: BIWA Pavillion at Morikami Park

16800 Jog Rd, Delray Beach FL 33446

Menu: Spare Ribs, Chicken, Sausage with Peppers & Onions

Cole Slaw, Baked Beans & Corn Muffins

You may bring your own wine or beer (no hard liquor)

Water and Soft Drinks will be provided

Cost: \$35 for members \$40 for non-members

Payment must be made by Zelle or check by

February 8th NO EXCEPTIONS –NO MONEY AT THE DOOR

It is suggested that you bring a folding chair, as these are picnic benches with no backs.











Any questions—call Joan D'Amato at 561-414-1825



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2024

If you wish to announce a special event, please send your Information to me no later than the 23rd of each month.

JANUARY 2025		FEBRUARY 2025	
9	Nonne Night/ FAU Club Insieme - POTLUCK Dinner MEMBERSHIP DRIVE	13	Show the Love - Forgotten Soldier Collection
		16	Picnic at the Park! BBQ
			
MARCH 2025		APRIL 2025	
13	St Joseph's / St Patrick's Homemade Pasta Night (?)	10	Mozzarella Night (?)
			
MAY 2025		JUNE 2025	
8	Porchetta (?) Night	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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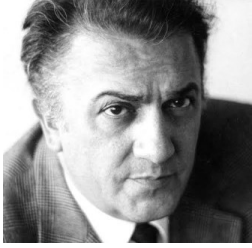
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FAMOUS ITALIAN QUOTES



“La vita è una combinazione di pasta e magia.”
Life is a combination of pasta and magic (an amazing mix of simple pleasures and unexpected surprises).
- Federico Fellini



“Dietro ogni problema, c’è un’opportunità.”
Behind any problem, there is an opportunity.
- Galileo Galilei

BUON COMPLEANNI

gennaio

- 04 Vivian Cardia
- 04 Maria Di Bello
- 05 Loretta Talamo
- 07 Felicia Serrano
- 10 Ron Spinelli
- 12 Giuseppe Giampaolo
- 16 Thomas Sylvester



PROVERBS or SAYINGS in ITALIAN

Chi ha tempo non aspetti tempo
Who has time, should not wait for time (Time waits for no one)

Tra moglie e marito non mettere il dito
Between husband and wife, don't put your finger (never come between a husband and his wife)

Kuddles & Kisses Child Care
...where your child is always "at home"

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SAVE THE DATES

Monthly Meeting Schedule for 24-25

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 Mozzarella (?) Night
- ◆ May 8 Porchetta (?) Night
- ◆ June/July/August Summer Luncheons / Dinners



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

IT'S TIME TO APPLY!!

Our Scholarship Program for our Bonanno Members is **January 1, 2025, and end March 30, 2025.**

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, 2025, 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.



EVENT FAMIGLIA FUN FOTOS

Let's Celebrate!

Our newest members were installed at Nonne Night!! And we still have some more to install for February's meeting!!



EVENT FOTOS

NONNE NIGHT was a blast! We have over 100 members and friends from the Italian Studies Department at FAU show up to share the most amazing foods!! Thanks to everyone who contributed to the feast by bringing foods and/or helping with set-up, serving, and breakdown! We have the most fantastic members!



Presenting Dr Serra with checks for the Italian Studies Department from our Lodge as well as from the Grand Lodge of Florida



Students from the Italian Studies Department of FAU



So many students enjoying the food and the evening!



FAMIGLIA FUN



So much delicious food!!
Eggplant Parm, Chicken Parm, so many Pastas, Meatballs, Breads, Zucchini Squares, Desserts and more!!



Again...
Good friends,
good food, good times!



We have great members and they have great friends and families!



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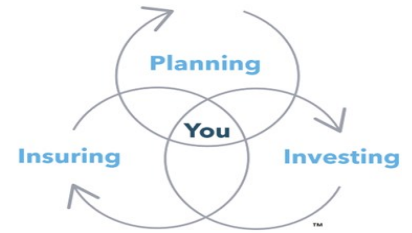


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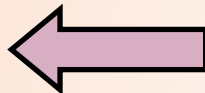
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Annual Dues for 2025

Dues are payable and should be paid the first of every year. Please make note 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 begin meeting in September, temporarily at the Delray Elks Lodge.

Meeting continue until May, when we break for the Summer, at which time we will hold social gathering 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

Please sign in our attendance book before entering meeting, with each person on a separate line.

Please be courteous and respond to our events in a timely manner, as many events have deadlines. We 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 or to send a check **by the deadline** to the Bonanno Lodge

Lastly, as a courtesy, the Elks of Boca Raton will be opening the bar on the night of our meetings for our members, so please be sure to tip the bartender as you would in any other bar.

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