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Save the Date: Thursday, Mar. 13, 2025

**THURSDAY,
March 13th, 2025**



WHERE: NOTE THE NEW VENUE!!!
South County Civic Center
 16500 Jog Road
 Delray Beach, FL 33483

TIME: 6:30pm - 9pm

In March, Italians celebrate International Women's Day (Festa della Donna) on March 8th, marked by gifting women mimosa flowers as a symbol of solidarity, and the Anniversary of the Unification of Italy on March 17th, the day Italy became a unified nation in 1861

Meeting Fee: Members - \$5
Guests - \$10

TO RSVP: By Mar 9th 561-715-1361
MUST RSVP and pay by March 9th 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 March 9th.
 Make check payable to Sgt Bonanno Lodge, and mail to:

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

**Celebrating St Patrick,
 St Joseph, and
 The Unification of Italy**



We will be serving
Authentic ITALIAN PIZZA from our New Meeting Sponsor, Chef Luciano Balzano from **IL TARTUFO** Ristorante



Feel free to bring your favorite dessert! Zeppole or Cuccidati, perhaps? Yummm!!

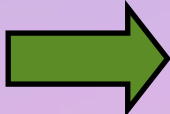
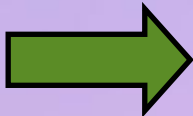


Drinks: Sodas and Water
 (and Coffee with Cake for Dessert)

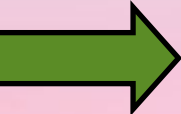
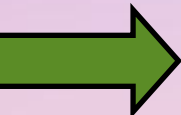
INVITE AND BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS!

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

MUST RSVP by March 9th for food head count!!



RESERVE NOW!!



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,

March is coming up, and with it comes many Festa Days, which most of you know revolve around our favorite foods. March 17th, we celebrate St Patrick's with corned beef and cabbage, then with braided bread, zeppole and cuccidati, on March 19th, we celebrate St Joseph's, as well as MY birthday!

In March, Italians celebrate **International Women's Day** (Festa della Donna) on the 8th, which is marked by gifting women mimosa flowers as a symbol of solidarity. They also pay homage to the **Anniversary of the Unification of Italy** on March 17th, the day Italy became a unified nation in 1861.



Thanks to our very generous new Meeting Sponsor, **Chef Luciano Balzano of IL TARTUFO Ristorante** in Parkland (really, southwest Boca!), we will be enjoying authentic wood-fired PIZZA on March 13th meeting at our new venue at South County Civic Center. **MILLE GRAZIE!!**

Our **Membership** team is busy helping members renew and/or join our lodge. For current members, it's time to **RE-NEW** now. We'd hate to see you go, as **YOU** are the heart-beat of our Lodge! We have several options for you to pay for **membership**, either in person with a check or cash at the next meeting, or more easily done, you can Zelle as soon as possible. Remember, if you need any help, please contact us.

We've heard from a few members for ride-shares to attend meetings, so if **YOU** need help with transportation, just reach out and *we will come get you!!* As always, mark your calendars now to attend future meetings (next up April 10th and May 8th) and join us, your "famiglia italiana". 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,

Marzo si avvicina e con lui arrivano molti giorni di festa, che sappiamo tutti ruotano attorno ai nostri cibi preferiti. Il 17 marzo festeggiamo San Patrizio con manzo in salamoia e cavolo cappuccio, poi il 19 marzo festeggiamo San Giuseppe con pane intrecciato, zeppole e cuccidati (e il MIO compleanno).

A marzo, gli italiani celebrano la Festa della Donna l'8, che è contrassegnata dal dono di fiori di mimosa alle donne come simbolo di solidarietà. Rendono anche omaggio all'anniversario dell'Unità d'Italia il 17 marzo, il giorno in cui l'Italia è diventata una nazione unita nel 1861.

Grazie al nostro generosissimo nuovo sponsor dell'incontro, lo chef Luciano Balzano di IL Tartufo Ristorante a Parkland (sud-ovest Boca!), gusteremo un'autentica PIZZA cotta a legna il 13 marzo, nella nostra nuova sede al South County Civic Center. **MILLE GRAZIE!!**

Il nostro team di soci è impegnato ad aiutare i soci a rinnovare e/o iscriversi al nostro lodge. Per i membri attuali, è ora di **RINNOVARE**. Ci dispiacerebbe veder-vi andare, perché **VOI** siete il cuore pulsante della nostra Loggia! Abbiamo diverse opzioni per pagare l'iscrizione, di persona con un assegno o in contanti al prossimo incontro, o più semplicemente, potete Zelle il prima possibile. Ricordate, se avete bisogno di aiuto, contattateci.

Abbiamo ricevuto da alcuni membri la richiesta di car-sharing per partecipare alle riunioni, quindi se **HAI** bisogno di aiuto con il trasporto, contattaci e verremo a prenderti!! Come sempre, segna sul calendario la tua presenza alle riunioni future (il prossimo 10 aprile e l'8 maggio) e unisciti a noi, la tua "famiglia italiana". Se hai domande, storie da condividere, problemi o difficoltà, chiamami al 561-715-1361.

Con amore e abbracci,
Wendy

This message was translated using GOOGLE Translate for those who dabble in the language.. if you would like to help translate, please step up!

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Edward Mottola

EVENT RECAP

YOU DID GREAT “Showing the Love” for the FORGOTTEN SOLDIERS OUTREACH

So many of our wonderful members came together to absolutely SHOW THE LOVE at our February meeting. Lynelle, from the Forgotten Soldiers Outreach program, came to thank everyone for all of their generous donations!

She nearly needed a bigger truck to bring all the much-needed goods back to Lake Worth to the distribution center! **Great BIG thanks to all who showed up with LOVE!** xoxo



Again, OSDIA MEMBERS: You can always donate \$ directly at <https://www.forgottensoldiers.org/donations/> or at any time, you can find items on their Amazon wish list and have them shipped directly: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/18B7ZCFLBPYD?ref=wl_share !!

You can also visit the Forgotten Soldiers Outreach in Lake Worth and check out their operation, at 3550 23rd Avenue South, Suite 7, Lake Worth, FL 33461. Give them a call at 561-369-2933 or visit their website at: forgottensoldiers.org



Spread Love & Be AMAZING!













FUN EVENT PHOTOS



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 Pizza and Pastries	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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FAMOUS ITALIAN QUOTES



“Si non hai mai pianto, i tuoi occhi non possono essere belli”

If you have never cried, your eyes cannot be beautiful (true beauty is shaped by our experiences, including our sorrows).
- Sofia Loren



“L'arte non è mai finita, ma solo abbandonata .”

Art is never finished, only abandoned (emphasizing the impossibility of achieving perfection).
- Leonardo da Vinci

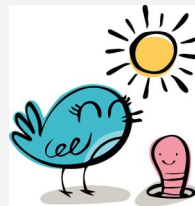
BUON COMPLEANNI

marzo

- 06 Ginny De Mattei
- 14 Alec Kosteci
- 15 Salvatore Musumeci
- 19 Wendy Corso-Ruud
- 21 Elizabeth Mifsud
- 22 Maria Campisi
- 22 Joan Marinaro
- 22 Michael Schippani
- 30 Enrico Marini



PROVERBS or SAYINGS in ITALIAN



Chi dorme non piglia pesci

The early bird catches the worm (literally translates as “those who sleep catch no fish”)

Chi disprezza, ama

Whoever despises, loves.
(Negative feelings like disdain or criticism can sometimes mask affection or love)

**NO
HATE
JUST
LOVE**

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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 (?) TBA
- ◆ May 8 Porchetta (?) TBA
- ◆ 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 FUN FOTOS

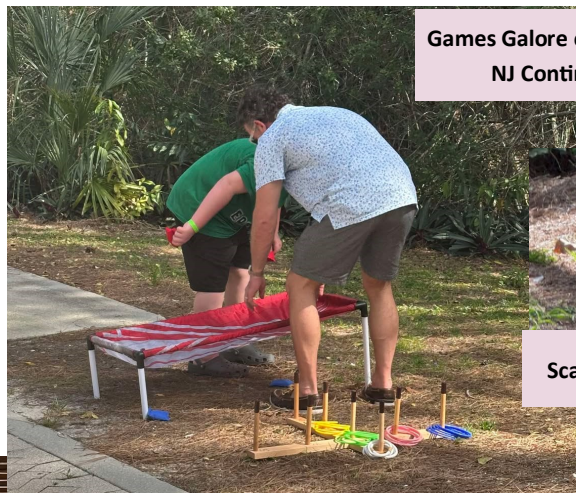
Our Picnic in the Park BBQ Luncheon organized by Joan was wonderful with over 50 members and friends show up to enjoy Lucille's Bad to the Bone BBQ food and desserts, and got to really enjoy being outdoor. We ate, talked, laughed, and played Giant Checkers, CornHolio, Ring Toss, and more. We had some reptilian visitors come show off their beautiful colours whilst eyeing our food! Afterwards we donated the remaining deliciousness to a very appreciative Fire Station.



Delicious Food Catered by Lucille's Bad to the Bone



Games Galore enjoyed by our NJ Contingency!!



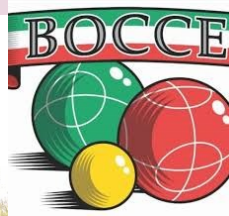
Scaly Little Visitor



BOCCE. Anyone?



Every Thursday, our Members and friends enjoy the Game of Bocce. Come join us at the South County Civic Center
Thursdays @ 9am



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The Floridian

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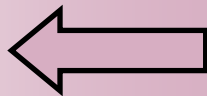
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Annual Dues for 2025

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 March at our new venue, the South County Civic Center on Jog Road north of Clint Moore Rd in Delray.

Meetings continue until May, when we break for the Summer, at which time we will hold social gatherings 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!

Past Lodge Presidents

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Lodge Meeting Rules

As we begin our meetings at our new venue, please be on time, sign-in before entering the meeting in our attendance book, each person on a separate line.

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.

We thank you for joining!



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