

The Roma Lodge Newsletter

*Order Sons of Italy in America
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August 2017

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Greetings Brothers and Sisters,

Hope you are staying cool and beating the heat. A group of us stayed cool while hunting down a good time at the Saturday Summer Safari Party on July 15th. The food was tasty and the natives were friendly.



Looking forward to seeing you at our next event.

Mangia bene, ridi spesso, ama molto- Eat well, laugh often, love much.

Fraternally, John Cutrone
President, Roma Lodge 254

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LIBERTY

EQUALITY

FRATERNITY

SICK & WELFARE REPORT

Sam Zappia was in the hospital and is home. Pray for a full recovery.

Please call Roberta Bernardini at 757-424-9725 if you know of any member or family member being ill, in the hospital, has undergone surgery, or who may be in mourning. We want to reach out to them

Anniversaries & Birthdays for August 2017



ANNIVERSARIES:

Silverio & Maria D'Amico, Al & Adrienne Marra,

BIRTHDAYS:

Joseph & Lili Casto, Doreen Cutrone, Pat Grillo, Barbara Hyatt, Mario Minervini, Mark Soccio, Frank Speeney

A belated Happy Birthday to Bob Wilkes hope it was a very special day for you Bob

Roma Lodge Events

August 19th (Sat): White Hot Summer Cocktail Party 7 pm-11 pm RSVP 816-2029

August 28th (Mon): Roma Lodge Meeting 7:00 pm

September 1st (Fri): Awards dinner - The cost for the dinner is \$14 Dinner starts at 6 pm
RSVP 940-232-1154

October 14th (Sat): Columbus & Others Italian Heritage Dinner Dance 6 pm-11 pm Contact
Tammie or Mark Soccio for more information or tickets: 471-7953 or ACTRISS@aol.com

November 17th (Fri): Decorate the hall for Christmas & homemade dinner. 3pm-8pm

November 24th (Fri): Black Friday for CHILDREN 6 years & up (12-2PM)

Make a Christmas decoration

December 2nd (Sat): Adult's Christmas Dinner, Dance
& Gift Exchange 5:30-10 PM

December 6th (Wed): St. Nicholas Party for Children 6-8 PM

January 6th (Sat): La Befana Traditional Party for Children. Bring an exchange gift.

For information about any event, call Roma Lodge at (757) 816-2029

WHITE HOT

Summer Cocktail Party

ROMA LODGE

AUGUST 19, 2017

7 TO 11 PM

Stay COOL, Dress in White

Members and Invited Guests

**Everyone Brings an
Appetizer to Share**

**Cash Bar
50/50**

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Columbus & Others

Italian Heritage Dinner Dance

Saturday, October 14 6PM-11PM

@ Roma Lodge Virginia Beach

Come join us as we celebrate many of the contributions that Italians have made to our Country & the World.

Learn the *Tarentella*, Trivia Contests, Dinner & Dancing

\$25 Members \$30 Guests**

****Anyone who purchases tickets before Sept. 1st gets DOUBLE Door Prize Tickets!**

Let's enjoy each others' company
And introduce some new people
To Our *Famiglia*.

Contact Tammie or Mark Soccio for more information or tickets!

471-7953 or ACTR155@aol.com



OSIA OF TIDEWATER, INC.

Can you believe it?

We had our Opening event 5 months ago, after 5 months of digging out from a flood.

Thinking back, I still am so appreciative of all the volunteers and donations we received to get us this far. We were truly blessed by God and I know He will continue to guide us through times ahead.

We are not done with repairs. Some things need to be completed by a contractor. Local contractors work loads have been insane, which slowed us down as well. We do have small things that volunteers are able to do, so we need your help again. If you have a few hours, please help us out.

We have funds in the Roma Lodge Disaster Fund, with a potentially large donation from National coming in August. So, we will plan moving forward with major repairs soon.

Financially, we have remained solvent through all of this, even though we put a very large portion of funds into the repairs, outside of donations. Our tower lease is due on September 1st. And, we are steadily getting request for rentals.

We've had a slow and steady growth pattern by being conservative with funds, depending on volunteers, and increasing our business acumen.

The saying, "desperate times, takes desperate measures," was true for us. We are no different than other businesses, we needed to tighten our belts and work through the tougher times. Some called it too much change, in reality, it was desperate measures to stay solvent.

I want to thank you for the patience, loyalty, devotion, volunteerism, donations, and overall support you have given over the past 10 months. I hope that you will find it in your hearts to continue to help, we need you.

My most sincere gratitude,
Pat Davis, President

OSIA VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

I need your help on special committees, if you have some time and interested, please let me know.

- 1) **SPECIAL COMMITTEE FOR STRATEGIC PLANNING** Work as a team to identify priorities, resources and develop a strategic plan for the future.
- 2) **SPECIAL COMMITTEE for Project Purge** Assist with inventory and need for items, either sale or discard or donate as needed.
- 3) **SPECIAL COMMITTEE FOR MARKETING** Looking for those talented with computer technology, marketing, photography, or public relations.

Your help is really needed, please call me at 940-232-1154

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!!

MONTHLY MEMBER CLEAN UP DAYS

August 26th. 11 am to 2 pm

DUTY MANAGER for RENTALS

With the rentals increasing, I need help and would like to get others involved in volunteering as a Duty Manager. I've meet so many wonderful people, had some great experiences and know you would also. Let me know if you are interested.

Pat 940-232-1154

OSIA OF TIDEWATER, INC. BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING

August 26, 2017

10 AM

Greetings Brothers and Sisters:

I am the Secretary and writing to you on behalf of OSIA of Tidewater Inc.

Like you, I always enjoyed attending the big events, and the Friday night dinners from time-to-time. My life was just too busy to do anymore; until that day I stood in the watery mess that was our beloved lodge back in October. I got the e-mail that disaster had struck, and I just had to see it for myself. I managed to clear a few hours so that I could help start the clearing out process, and haven't left yet.

I had all the right reasons for not being involved more deeply. A full time stressful career, kids, social obligations, a home, pets, you name it! But, standing in that mess and thinking that there may not be any more good times in that place really hit me hard. So, my husband and I decided to do everything we could to aid in the recovery of our lodge. Some weeks it wasn't possible to do much at all. Some weeks it seemed, as though I was always there. I just knew that I wanted this lodge, and this organization to go on. Not just for us, but for my children.

We are on the verge of another disaster, but this time it isn't Mother Nature that is threatening to close our doors. It is the lack of volunteers to help keep this place going. Quite frankly, many of us are worn out from all the hours of hard work (and stress) to renovate our lodge. None more than our President, Pat Davis.

We need help. Most especially, people to step up to volunteer for rentals, maintenance, and small task at the Lodge. If you think you can assist in this way, please contact Pat Davis to arrange times and dates.

Once a month, the OSIA Board of Directors will be having a "work party" to work in the building and the grounds for maintenance and repair work. The next work party will be for the grounds around the building, and will be on August 26th from 10 am to 2 pm.

Your board of directors has come up with a fun way to help encourage folks to volunteer. Starting on August 1, 2017 for every hour that you log, you get a raffle ticket for a special drawing. The first ticket will be drawn October 31, 2017. We'll broadcast the ticket picking live on our Facebook page! The raffle is for a \$50 gift card to the place of the winner's choice!

I hope that you considering sharing your time and your talents with your lodge. We are a fraternal order, we cannot exist unless we all work together. to keep our order going. Please contact Pat WDavis62@cox.net—or call 940-232-1154 or 816-2029
Spero di vedervi presto! (Hope to see you soon!)

Fraternamente la tua (Fraternally Yours),

Tammie Rienzi-Soccio
Secretary for OSIA of Tidewater, Inc.

CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES ITALIAN CULTURAL PROGRAM

We still need volunteers to help with a program to encourage new members, by engaging the families in cultural activities for the children. An article was in last month's newsletter, please take a few minutes to look at it and think about ways you might be able to help.

This program is an effort to preserve our heritage through our Italian culture. We need to educate, inspire and continue our legacy. What we do not preserve, we lose.

Please, give me a call if interested in the program and see how your skills might help.

Pat Davis 940-232-1154

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE BASKETS

We collected enough for one of the raffle baskets, but need more donations. Over a span of 20 weeks, we will continue to add new items and increase the number of baskets. On December 2nd, we will hold the drawings. Donations go towards the Adult Christmas Party.

Tickets available at each Roma Lodge Activity, Event, and meetings.

All donations accepted, thank you!

ROMA LODGE HOLIDAY EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

FAMILY FUN, SAVE THE DATES AND SIGN UP NOW!



Pat Davis 940-232-1154



NOVEMBER 17th

Decorate the Cerino Room 3 pm to 8 pm

NOVEMBER 24th

Black Friday for Children 6 years and up
Parents or Grandparents take a break and take a few hours to start the holidays. Children make Holiday Decorations 12 to 2 pm

DECEMBER 1st

Decorate the Ballroom 3 pm to 8 pm

DECEMBER 2nd

Adult Christmas Dinner, Dance, and gift exchange for Members and Guests

DECEMBER 6th

Children invited to decorate stockings, sing songs, enjoy Christmas stories and poems. Refreshments and St. Nick

6-8 pm

JANUARY 6, 2018 EPIHANY

'LA BEFAN'

Children, parents, and grandparents are invited to share in the story of the old lady in search for Christ, enjoy our Christmas breads and beverages. Children bring an exchange gift.



Italian American of the month

John Basilone (November 4, 1916 - February 19, 1945) was a United States Marine Corps Gunnery Sergeant who was killed in action during World War II. He received the Medal of Honor for heroism above and beyond the call of duty during the Battle of Guadalcanal and the Navy Cross posthumously for extraordinary heroism during the Battle of Iwo Jima. He was the only enlisted Marine to receive both of these decorations in World War II.



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