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The Beaches

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Beaches Lodge #2821

Florida's Jacksonville Area Beaches:
Fernandina, Mayport, Atlantic, Neptune,
Jacksonville & Ponte Vedra

Italian-Americans Proud of Their Heritage and Culture

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2007 General Meeting Dates

Adele Graze Cultural Center
716 Ocean Blvd, A.B.

3rd Wednesday of each month:

6:30 Social

7:00 Presentation

7:30 Meeting

January 17

February 21

March 21

April 18

May 16

June 20

July 18

August 15

September 19

October 17

November 21

Council Meetings

Monday prior to General Meeting

7:00 pm

Happy New Year, to all of us!

To start our 2007 year off in a terrific way, we begin with **Bowling !!!**

Ben Carrino has organized a great way for us to laugh and have fun, get some exercise, and raise funds for Charities all at the same time.

Join us at 10:45am this Sunday, January 21st - it's not too late to sign up: you get three games, including your rental shoes. This is definitely a photo-op event to begin our New Year! Hope I win a trophy for best game (yeah, right).

February brings us our annual **Carnevale Veneziano !!!**

You have another month to rest up before putting your dancing shoes back on. Enterprise Music will keep us bouncing around for our two hour endless gliding, twirling, line dancing, and boogey-ing all over the place. The dinner will have an Italian theme, so bring your appetite... and don't forget your mask! Costumes are not mandatory, yet they are a wonderful touch (look at various websites for Carnevale costume ideas). But the Mask?? Go as elaborate as you wish!

For March, we have changed our **Second Elegant Luncheon and Fashion Show** to a Sunday afternoon, and we've changed our venue to Ocean Breeze Conference Center, Naval Station Mayport. This year we have designated all proceeds to Community Hospice of Northeast Florida, and they are thrilled at being selected! The number of models doubles, and fashions are provided by Talbot's of Ponte Vedra Beach. The theme? Italy, of course!

This is one event we encourage all of you to attend, and please bring your mothers, girlfriends, sisters, daughters - they will enjoy it as much as you did last year. We're looking forward to our new selection of music!

The Scholarship fundraising **Mystery Dinner** has been moved to late April or early May to accommodate our graduating student actors. Please plan on joining us for the event, as this is one of our two major means of raising scholarship funds. And you won't know who committed the crime unless you're there to figure it all out with your table of "detectives".

This year we are awarding two \$500 scholarships - the 2006 funds (no applications were received) are earmarked for this year's second scholarship.

More information to follow in the next newsletter.

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HEARTS AND FLOWERS...

Remember to keep the following members in your thoughts and prayers -

Roger (Caterina Lioni) Allen
Mary Diaz
Paul Fiore
Rose Maher
Karen Talarico

OUR SINCERE THANKS...

Rose Maher

for her generous donation of our Christmas Dinner Dance door prize Gift Basket -
we personally know the recipient was very happy with the contents!

and

Carmela Virzo

for her contribution to our Christmas Dinner Dance: a gift certificate at her store in Atlantic Beach,
The Italian Market -
Carmela's business doesn't allow her to attend lodge meetings, but she keeps a steady supply of our brochures to distribute to her customers who might be potential members.

Reminder:

Mail your 2007 Jan-Jun dues to Terry Manto if you have not already paid.

And remember, we voted in November to reduce the Seniors' dues from \$60/year to \$30/yr. You just have to be at least 70 years old !

Happy January-February Birthdays!

Buon Compleanno a:

Jan 5 Tony Lignetta
18 Joe Fisher

Feb 5 Frank DeCandis
12 Jon Berg
16 Joanna Johnson
20 Carmela Virzo
23 Mary Fiore
Caterina Lioni
26 Cal Bissailon

Happy January-February Anniversaries!

Felice Anniversario a:

Jan 15 Elena & Bill Walsh
26 Caterina & Roger Allen

Feb 5 Terry & Nunzio Manto
20 Joneanne & Ted Venable

Ways & Means - Social - P.R.

Thank you so much for your attendance at, and participation in, our 2006 events. We were able to fund our scholarship account, get quarterly funds to Alzheimers & Cooley's Anemia foundations through our Grand Lodge of Florida, make a great donation to the Baptist Beaches Hospital Orthopedic Unit, collect canned goods for the BEAM facility in Jax Beach....

Want to know how we did it? All of us ate, danced, partied, cooked and served a bazillion hot dogs, sausages & peppers, manned our Yard Sale tables, modeled, danced some more, played (some of us watched) in the St. Augustine bocce tournament, ate some more - the list is endless.

And we did all this while having a good time. We are still a young organization but we are truly making ourselves known in our beaches community.

This is a good time to thank our committee chairpersons for what makes this lodge tick:

Karen - raised her hand in 2005 to suggest we might try a fashion show or a float or something...the success of our lodge's first Fashion Show was due to the non-stop whirling of her mind (Joneanne, Maria and I can testify to that). We learned what and what not to do for the next Luncheon and Fashion Show (see page 6), and Karen has already made her list for 2008 - the rest of us are tired already.

Joneanne - jumped into the 21st century when she asked for her own laptop computer. When we have our joint meetings

at Panera's (free wi-fi, so my laptop goes with us), the four of us can be extremely creative. Joneanne keeps us all grounded with her level headed thinking. Her mind is already onto the next press release for our next event as fast as we can come up with ideas. We still think there's Italian blood running through her veins! There just might be...

Maria - our Italian reference point. We try not to make mistakes, so we consult with the 'expert.' You've seen that long, beautiful banner we use at outdoor events? Maria's idea! She went out, got the supplies, called us and said she made the banner so the lodge would have something to proudly announce our presence. Tote bags...banners...pins & needles flying all around. And how about our lesson of the Duomo in Milano - I can still hear the, "I didn't know that!" comments.

We hope we have provided you with a decent basic calendar of events for 2007. More events will be added as time and available space permits.

Please contact us if there is anything you would like to see happen in our lodge that hasn't yet been addressed.

Cheryl

Recipe . . .

Pasta e Patate **Pasta & Potato Soup - White**

A hearty winter soup, good for any occasion!
4 - 5 servings

Peeled potatoes	1 lb.
Olive oil	1/4 cup
Chopped onion	1 small
Chopped celery	2 stalks
Tubetti pasta	12 oz.
salt	2 tsp.
Grated Parmesan	1/4 cup



Wash & cut potatoes into 1/2" pieces.

In a 4-qt. pasta pan with 4 1/2 cups water, cook potatoes, oil, onion and celery over medium heat.

Add pasta, salt, stir and bring to a boil; reduce heat and cook, covered, until the pasta is done. Stir frequently.
(For more broth, add some hot water. For less broth, cook without a lid).

Let rest for 2 - 3 minutes, mix in cheese, and serve.

Alternatives:

- Instead of tubetti, you can use another kind of small pasta, especially pasta mista (mixed pasta).
- Instead of water, use broth - if you like a richer and fuller taste. Use any kind of broth but be careful about salt; if broth is already salty, do not add any.

Before serving, mix in a pinch of fresh ground pepper, if you like.

Featured Member Artist:

Caterina Lioni

I just moved into my downtown art studio! I hope you can do the First Wednesday Art Walk on February 7th from 5 pm - 9 pm. The once-a-month free Walk begins at 100 N. Laura (corner of Laura & Adams), where you will obtain a map of all the places on the Walk and a card.

My studio is at 31 W. Adams in the Carling Building. This is the block between Main and Laura Streets. It's an awesome space.

There's an art gallery downstairs, and the artists' studios are upstairs. We show our works upstairs in our studio space. All the places on Art Walk serve snacks, cheese, and usually wine. At the end of the evening, after you get your Art Walk card punched, you get a free drink at Martini's and I think a free gift at the bank where Art Walk starts. I look forward to seeing my Italian friends at the next Walk.

I recently helped do a huge piece of artwork that will be traveling around the country in a show at museums and hospitals. It is in support of an organization that provides diagnostic coverage for people who do not have insurance. It's a very good cause, and the artists involved contribute a portion of their sales to the organization.

Our local PBS station will be filming a special at our studios. I will let you know when it is broadcast.

Culture and Heritage

Lending Library:

A list of available books was distributed at the September meeting and also in the October newsletters for those unable to attend the meeting. Make 2007 a year of enjoyable reading

Library procedure:

- Contact Maria via email or telephone, requesting a specific book.
 - Maria will contact the owner of the book, asking that the book be brought to the next meeting for loan.
- The book is returned by the borrower at the lodge meeting the following month.
- Books are not to be loaned to persons outside our lodge membership.

Book Club:

Rose Maher (280.0502) is hosting our first Book Club gathering Monday, February 12, 7:00pm. The first book selection chosen is *Big Stone Gap* by Adriana Trigiani. Please call her for directions and your RSVP.

Movie Night:

Dennis & Cheryl have moved to their new condo in The Palms at Marsh Landing. One of their amenities just happens to be a small movie theatre that seats 12! We'll check on day and time restrictions before planning our first gathering. If you're interested, we can order pizza to feast on before the movie begins.

Cooking Lessons:

Lessons will be held seasonally; we welcome requests for suggested classes - please contact Cheryl at 242.4929. Also, if you are willing to share your cooking skills to instruct a small group, let us know!

Cultural Family Tree Booklet:

The booklet is still in the works - almost complete (it took a back seat to many other more pressing

Carnevale Mask Class:

Monica Angelo (755.4689) will instruct our annual mask class on Sunday, February 4th, 1 - 4pm, in her home at 2815 SeaHawk Drive, Ponte Vedra.

Mask & Supplies Fee: \$10
Supplies Fee only: \$6 (bring your own mask: undecorated masks available at A. C. Moore on Atlantic Blvd)

Call (755.4689) or email: famiglia43@earthlink.net to register. See you there!

Language Class:

Maria Kendrick begins her series of 10 Italian lessons for beginners. Class minimum: 6, max 12.

Dates: **Feb 7, 14, 28** **Mar 7, 14, 28**
Apr 4, 11, 25 **May 2**

Time: 7:00 - 9:00 pm
Location: Wolf Creek Condo Clubhouse
13364 Beach Blvd, Jax
Cost: \$100 / member
\$120 / non-member

A workbook with audio cd has been assigned: **"Italian for Dummies"**, which can be ordered 2 weeks before the first class for \$15.48 - call Cheryl (242.4929) no later than January 24th to order your book: no sales tax, no shipping when ordered through bamm.com.

You will also need to bring an Italian-English dictionary of your choice to class. There are several paperback and soft cover versions to choose from.

Deadline for registration & payment: Jan 30th

Carnevale Veneziano

2007



...Ballo in Maschera

Saturday, February 17th

6:00 - 11:00 pm

Ocean Breeze Club, Naval Station Mayport

Buffet Dinner

Dancing - Music by *Enterprise Music*

Cash Bar

*Reservation Deadline:
February 10th*

Second Annual Elegant Luncheon and Fashion Show

A Tour of Italy

Sunday - March 25, 2007
12:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Ocean Breeze Conference Center
Mayport Naval Station
Atlantic Beach



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Sponsor:
Sons of Italy Beaches Lodge #2821

Fashions by
Talbot's of Ponte Vedra Beach

Tickets: \$35/person...
Open Seating or Reserve tables of 8
Ticket Purchase Deadling: March 18th

Proceeds to benefit
Community Hospice of Northeast Florida

Shop our Marketplace



2007 Calendar **

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Cost / Details</u>	<u>Benefit</u>
Jan 21	Sun	Bowling !! Beach Bowl Beach Blvd, J.B.	10:45am	\$20 / person	Charities
Feb 7 - May 2	Wed	Italian Classes	7 - 9pm	see p.5	Lodge
Feb 12	Mon	Book Club	7 - 9pm	-	
Feb 17	Sat	Carnevale Dinner Dance Ocean Breeze Conference Center Naval Station Mayport, A.B.	6 - 11pm	\$30 / person	Lodge
Mar 4	Sun	Pasta Class Adele Grage Cultural Center 716 Ocean Blvd, A.B.	1 - 4pm	\$10/member \$15 / non-member	Lodge
Mar 25	Sun	Second Annual Elegant Luncheon & Fashion Show Ocean Breeze Conference Center Naval Station Mayport, A.B.	12:30-3:30pm	\$35 / person	Community Hospice of Northeast Florida, Jax
Apr	?	Mystery Dinner TBA		TBA	Scholarships
Oct	Sun	Columbus Festa Italiana St. Augustine ?	11 - 6pm	-	Charities, Scholarships, Lodge
Nov 3	Sat	Annual Yard Sale Location: 7 Burling Way, J.B.	8am - Noon	-	Scholarships
Nov 10	Sat	Family & Friends Thanksgiving Covered Dish Dinner Adele Grage Cultural Center 716 Ocean Blvd, A.B.	6 - 9pm	-	
Dec 10	Sun	Christmas Dinner Dance Ocean Breeze Club, Mayport N.S.	5 - 10pm	\$30 / person	Charities, Scholarships, Lodge

**** Additional activities/dates yet to be scheduled will be published in future newsletters & email flyers**



Shopping for Italian foods or specialty beers?

We have just the member (or very close relative) businesses you can patronize!

The Italian Market

645 Atlantic Blvd, A.B.

241.8992

owner/member: Carmela Virzo

Hours: 10am - 7pm, Monday thru Saturday
(closed Sunday)

This is the **only** authentic Italian market in the Jacksonville area. Her shelves and freezer are stocked with items solely from Italia. You can feast on her delicious sandwiches - my favorite is the Margherita: the fresh mozzarella, tomatoes, fresh basil on a perfect roll, drizzled with olive oil...

And for the extra shot in the arm? Carmela now serves espresso!

The BeerHaus

PanAm Shopping Center

2292 Mayport Rd, Ste 27, Atl.Beach

249.0077

owner: Bill Johnson Jr.

(son of members Bill & Joanna Johnson)

Hours: 11am - 8pm, Monday thru Sunday

Bill is stocking his store with beers from around the world - hmmm, I'm thinking some Morretti or Peroni sounds good, to accompany that Margherita sandwich maybe...

The store opened just before Christmas, his sign isn't finished yet, so keep an eye out for his location with the banner. If you don't see the beer you want, ask Bill to see if he is able to get it for you.

We wish him the very best success - I know his parents are proud of him.

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