

March 2012



ITALIAN AMERICAN CLUB OF BOISE

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Cooking Classes

St. Joseph's Day Cream Puffs &
Cappelini con Aglio Olio e Parmigiano

Date: March 10, 2012

Time: 9:30am -1:30pm

Location: Angie Fabbi residence – 920 Imperial Way
Mandatory Donation to IACB Heritage Fund \$15.00 includes lunch.

RSVP by 3/7/2012 Angie Fabbi 375-1345

Come out and learn about your culture.

We are going to try a new trend. In March each year we would like to introduce a recipe from the Italian tradition of the St. Joseph's Day Table. Each of these classes would include an in-depth lecture about the St. Joseph's Day Table and the recipe being demonstrated at that class.



Ladies' Valentines Dinner

That's Amore



The Ladies' Dinner was once again a wonderful Success! Thanks' to the hard work of our VP, Joe Sposito and his hard working crew of men, 60 beautiful women of the IAC were treated to a loving meal served from the heart. The only request the ladies had, was that next year, they want to be serenaded. So those of you men out there who enjoy a little crooning, we need you to join us and share your voice with the club.

Spring General Meeting, Elections & Pot Luck

This is a Members Only Event

Date: March 11, 2012

Time: 3:00PM

Where: First Congregational United Church
2201 Woodlawn Ave. Boise (off 23rd St)

IAC Board election results will be announced at this meeting.

Those attending are asked to bring a main dish that will feed 6 people. In addition to the main dish, if your last name starts with the letter A-G please bring a dessert. If your last name starts with the letter H-Z please bring a salad.

Please remember to bring serving utensils, your own plates, and eating utensils.

The club will provide beverages.

***** Don't forget to pay your annual membership dues prior to this meeting!*****

maintain and what kind of revenue stream will be required to afford to keep it. We are one year into this project and have not gotten any traction on this yet. The Board, thru the Budget and Finance committee, has budgeted \$500 from Operational Funds to go to special requests for charitable funding. These monies are separate from the Heritage Fund and are for special requests of charity presented by our Membership. The committee will also explore opportunities in the 3 categories identified by the Heritage Fund committee for specific dollar amount donations.

Your chance is now to get involved and Make a Difference. Let your voice be heard and get involved this year to participate in the IAC's Charitable activities and to help direct to whom we give.

Making a Difference:

Many of you have participated in the multitude of events we have had the last couple of years that have put the club out in the community helping to Make a Difference. We would like to continue this tradition and expand our efforts.

Last spring, a committee was formed to review the use of our Heritage Funds. They advised the original intent of attaining a building to still be the goal, and to be aggressively campaigned over 5 years.

The committee also recognized that many members would like to find alternative uses of the funds, and recommended the use of \$1,000 or no more than 50% of the total contributions to the fund each year, be used for opportunities of Charitable funding to 3 categories of giving:

- Education
- Community
- Promotion

To these means, the Board is looking for members to participate on a committee to achieve the goal of a building. Is a building achievable? We need people to seriously look at the possibility and to do a study of what it will take to acquire or build a building the club can call its own. What will it take to

More information & Activities Continued on Back Side

Your Board of Directors

With the elections this month and new people getting involve while some members are leaving, I wanted to identify and thank those who have done so much over the last year to help make our club so successful. It has been the tireless efforts by your board that has brought this club along for the past 40 years. Seeing it thru the good times, and the bad. When everyone was happy, and with fortitude, made it thru the times of struggle within the club. I have watched during my time as an adult in this club, that we have gone from a membership of 30, to now over 200.

Joe Sposito, Vice President. Joe has always been there as my right hand. He has run many of our events, coordinating what was needed to make sure that they became a success. With his connections, he has made sure we have had a bus for all the Jackpot trips, wine tours and any other time we needed a ride. This year he is coordinating travel to Italy!

Joyce Sposito, Treasurer. Joyce has done so much over her tenure as our treasurer, I can't describe it. She saw and understood my vision of getting everything electronic so that we can analyze where and what we spend and has made it possible that we can truly look at budgeting the events of the club and report what we do transparently to our membership.

Barbara Orlando, Secretary. Barbara we will miss you on the board, me especially for you have consistently and promptly reminded me what I have said and promised at our Board Meetings. I didn't realize how important the role of Secretary was, till the few times you were not there at the meeting to take the minutes. It is especially important as our club grows that we document our activities and your precision will be missed.

Mike Brandone, Chair Budget & Finance. Mike has brought his knowledge and skill to the club to improve the way we plan our expenditures and finance our activities. He has improved our fund raising and opened our eyes to new opportunities. He has also thrown himself into many of the activities of the club with an enthusiasm and energy that carries thru to those involved.

Rosemarie Coleman, Telephone Chair. Rosemarie is the one who makes sure that you get a phone call every month by the club and know that we care and want you to be involved. Without that personal touch, our club would not be the same. Sure, electronics are an efficient way to get the word out, but it is those calls you receive from Rosemarie and her committee that make a difference to us all.

Maryellen Maher, Membership. Maryellen has taken over the role of membership that is so important to the strength and vitality of the IAC. It is not just in the recruiting of new membership that a club grows, but in the retention of those who join. Previously, new members joined with enthusiasm only to be overlooked and not engaged. Now they are contacted personally, encouraged to participate, and identified at our events.

Jessica Rodriguez, Communications. Jessica started last year as Media and Advertising and by the end had become our webmaster. Now she has taken on the role of managing our communications with both club members and the community. We are forming a council to coordinate all communications, website, Facebook, Newsletter, advertising, and media to make sure that we have one voice speaking many different ways.

Kevin Drews, Newsletter. Kevin is a creative soul who found new and wonderful ways to get the newsletter to you and read by you every month. Sure, someone can write a bunch of words and tell you what is going on, but it is that special gift and diligent work that makes it something informative and a pleasure to read. Kevin, you will be missed and hard to replace. I know because I am doing the newsletter for now!

Joe DeChristefero, Ways & Means. Joe does so much more than his title. Sure, he takes control of getting the manpower necessary for our events, makes sure there are supplies in the shed to use, and refreshments at our activities. Joe also has run our Golf Tournament so successfully over the last 8 years and we only continue to grow.

Rolando Tenne, Historian. Rolando always makes sure that we remember how important Italians have been to the USA. Though Rolando is not running for the board seat, he will continue to keep us informed and proud to be Italian.

Marie Bonaminio, Diane DeChristefero, and Sally Guterrez are the remaining board members who are not identified with a specific role but who have taken on so many, that we can't pin them down. These three are involved in everything from our Annual Picnic to the Christmas Dinner, the new Annual Crab feed, which Sally says she will not chair again, but of course she will, to Pasta Dinners, and New Member socials. They also bring a perspective to the Board that is valuable and mindful of what the General Membership finds important.

And there are members looking to be involved: Catherine Carter-Goldston, who has already proven her skills as Secretary, Susan Carmichael, passionate about the club and it's By Laws, Victor Frangiosa, long-time member and active before on the board in many ways, Katherine Hall, young and enthused, and Tom Woodall, already involved with the Budget Committee and looking for more.

Thank you to you all, Agostino – President, Italian American Club of Boise

The IAC's new Ballet (Ballot)...

Concerns have been voiced, both by members and by the board, about the requirement to sign the ballots this year. An effort was made to open voting to all members, not just those who attend the annual meeting. We needed a means by which we could verify the ballot was being cast by a member in good standing.

As president, I give you my word that the names and the ballots will be separated and only seen by the 3 people on the Nominating committee. Once verified, the names of those who cast their ballots will be destroyed.

This may not be the best way, and the board is open to reviewing an amending the process, but it is where we are now and every effort will be made to keep it confidential. So get your vote postmarked by March 1st.

Help Wanted:

IAC 40th Year

- Looking for a group of people knowledgeable in the history of the club to highlight the achievements of the club and its members over the last 40 years. We need as committee plan activities to celebrate the longevity of the club and its people.

March Board Mtg

Treasurer Report

- Promo Check for ID Food-bank

President Report

- 40 yr. Anniversary

Committee Reports:

- Budget & Finance
- Nomination

Council Reports:

- Membership
- Communications
- Telephone
- Ways & Means

Club Reports:

- Golf
- Bocce

Upcoming Events

March Membership Meeting Agenda:

Treasurer Report

- Current account balances

President Report

- 40 yr. Anniversary
- Making a Difference
- Communication Council

Committee Reports:

- Budget & Finance—2012 Budget
- Nomination—Election Results

Newsletter Person:

We are still trying to fill the role to produce our Monthly Newsletter.

- ◆ Looking for someone to create the monthly IAC Newsletter. This is an important position that is vital to the Club. Become an integral part of the Communication Council of the IAC. There are new and exciting things happening for the club's communication and we need you to be a part of it. This position will not be a board member position. It will be a part of our Communication Council to help coordinate communication both within our club and with the community we live in. In today's world, people are involved in multiple means of communication, and the IAC is trying to keep abreast and involved. To do this, we need someone with computer skills. Currently we use MS Publisher as our software, but are open to other products that will function just as well. Though the IAC cannot furnish the computer, we can supply the needed software to do the job. Responsibilities include: composing and publishing the newsletter. Gathering the information necessary with the Communication Council. Mailing for those who do not receive the newsletter electronically, and distributing to those who do in a PDF format. Time commitment approximately 6 to 10 hours a month.
- ◆ Those interested please contact Jessica Rodriguez: jrodriguez@platformarch.com



Welcome
New Members
of the



Italian American Club of Boise

Benvenuti

We have no new members to announce this month

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- ◆ St. Joseph's Meal Cooking Class March 10, 2012
- ◆ General Meeting & Pot Luck March 11, 2012
- ◆ Bowling at Emerald Lanes April 14, 2012
- ◆ Pasta Dinner May 20, 2012
- ◆ Tortellini Cooking Class April 21, 2012
- ◆ Pasta Dinner May 20, 2012
- ◆ Annual Club Picnic June 24, 2012
- ◆ Boise Hawks Game Night July 27, 2012
- ◆ A Day at the Races July 2012
- ◆ Snake River Valley Wine Tour Sept 2012
- ◆ Great Italian Festival
Reno Bus Tour October 7th thru 9th 2012