

### **Italian American**



### Club of Boise

### January 2024

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Ciao a tutti! Let's welcome 2024 together ...
Join old friends and make new ones at the

General Meeting & Potluck

Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 3 pm

Please bring a dish to share:

A - F Salad or Side

G - N Dessert

O - Z Main Dish

The Club will provide plates, utensils, beverage cups and beverages.

Enjoy a special performance by Opera Idaho and a raffle.

A presto, Diana

#### Italian American Club Officers & Board Members

Diana Malatesta Parker, President Mark Mays, Board Member Kathleen Vinci, Recording Secretary Teri Henry, Board Member Linda Lambert, Treasurer Kim Clutts, Board Member Catherine Carter Goldston, Board Member Jim Lance, Board Member

Next Board Meeting: January 4th 6 pm

Unless otherwise noted, all events are held at the Odd Fellows Building, 600 N Curtis, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Boise.

Remember to visit the IAC Facebook page at www.facebook.com/groups/IACBoise and website at www.iacboise.org for all this information and more!



# **Membership Renewal**

Reminder...Annual Membership renewals are due January 1st. \$50/Membership, \$15/ Honored membership. You won't want to miss all the fun activities in 2024! Mail your check to IAC Boise, PO Box 7014, Boise 83707 OR pay at <a href="www.iacboise.org">www.iacboise.org</a> (note additional fee for online payment) OR pay at the 1/7 General Meeting. Thank you.

#### **New Lecture Series**

Club member Dario Bollacasa is an experienced lecturer at Osher, Boise Learns, and on cruise ships. He will be giving 45-minute lectures in January from his Brief Histories series. Learn how the unparalleled beauty of churches in Ravenna, Palermo, and Venice were influenced by the Byzantine Empire. Discover how the Fourth Crusade took a detour resulting in four bronze horses at St. Mark's Basilica and how the spread of great artisans embellished and civilized what was once the Western Roman Empire. Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> @ 2 pm. Free to members, \$10/nonmembers. See you at both lectures!

## General Meeting & Special Performance by Opera Idaho

Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup> @ 3 pm is the first quarterly General Meeting of the year. Let's gather together to welcome the New Year and be serenaded as Opera Idaho makes a guest appearance. What tasty dish will you be bringing?

## **Cooking Class**

Saturday, January 20<sup>th</sup> @ 9 am is the first cooking class of the year. Join "chef" Kat Vinci as she prepares an updated version of *Polenta with a Swiss Chard Topping*. She will be bringing her grandfather's polenta pot from Trentino, Villa Rendena. Enjoy the main dish, salad, bread, dessert and a beverage. \*\*\$30/member, \$40/nonmember (cash or check)\*\*

Bring an apron and a flat bottom wooden spoon, if you have one. The class is limited to 8 participants! Reserve a spot by contacting Catherine Carter-Goldston at 208-761-2872 or catherinecarter1553@outlook.com.

# Helping Hands

In 2023 the Club held at least 2 activities per month for Club members and participated in a number of charitable efforts serving the community. As you can imagine, accomplishing this successfully requires many hands.

The Club offers so many different ways to participate. Serving as chef or sous chef at a cooking class, lead on a charitable effort, Christmas Party Committee, St. Alphonsus Christmas Tree Committee, event set up and take down, designing and constructing a scarecrow, lead or committee member for an offsite event, phone tree caller, and serving as a Board member are just a few examples. Your participation is also a great way to meet Club members. Thank you in advance for volunteering!

Please take the time to chat with a Board member or Committee Chair to explore how you can participate this year.

### **Events and Charitable Efforts**

This is your Club! We are always interested in hearing your ideas for events and charitable efforts, especially if you are willing to take the lead. Please share your ideas with a Board member.

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### Save the Date

\*1/27 Cioppino Feed. POSTPONED while we wish Chef Mark a speedy and comfortable recovery from unanticipated surgery.

\*2/3 Lecture Series 2 pm

\*2/10 Valentine's Lunch

\*2/24 Cooking Class 9 am Chicken Tettrazini

\*2/24 Lecture Series 2 pm

\*5/19 General Meeting & Potluck

\*9/8 Annual Picnic & GM

\*11/3 Annual Meeting & Potluck

### **Christmas Dinner and Dance**

120 Club members and their family and friends gathered together to enjoy an evening of conversation, dining, and dancing.

Carolers from Opera Idaho serenaded the attendees with seasonal Christmas songs.

Congratulations to Dave Palumbo who received the Falcone-Smith Service Award for his longtime contributions to the Club.

Over 30 prizes were raffled thanks to the generosity of Club members and others including the Riverside Hotel, the Sapphire Room, the Idaho Botanical Garden, Louie's, and Il Sugo.

Members were able to participate in seasonal generosity by snagging a name from the Salvation Army Angel Tree and fulfilling a wish.



### Benvenuti!

Tina DiRienzo
Kyle and Samantha Prosperi
Sally and Greg Reynolds

### **Grazie Mille**

A BIG thank you to the 2023 Christmas Party Committee: Joe DeChristefero, Toni Gervasi, Catherine Carter Goldston, Teri and Lin Henry, Linda Lambert, Jim Lance, Dawn & Perry Lea, Diana Maionchi, Tom Parker, Drinda Petroni, and Linda Sirani.

Thank you to Jim Lance for organizing the Club's participation with the Salvation Army Angel Tree and Bellringing. THANKS to all who participated.

Grazie to all who contributed prizes to the Christmas Party raffle.