

THE NEWS LETTER

AUGUST 2026



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GROTTA DELLA POESIA, SALENTO, ITALY

NOTICE!
NO MEMBERSHIP MEETING IN AUGUST



A MESSAGE FROM JUDGE BASIL RUSSO

By: Judge Basil M Russo

President, The Conference of Presidents of Major Italian American Organizations

National President, Italian Sons and Daughters of America



The story of why in 1892 America began to celebrate Columbus Day, which subsequently led to the creation of more than 100 Columbus statues throughout our country, is a tragic example of the mistreatment of immigrants that needs to be told.

WHEN ITALIANS CAME TO AMERICA

Between 1880 and 1920, some four million Italian immigrants left impoverished towns throughout southern Italy to seek a better life for their families in the U.S. Upon their arrival in America, they were subjected to violence and hostility unlike anything they had experienced in Italy.

Many of these immigrants arrived through the port of New Orleans to provide cheap labor needed in the sugar cane fields. They took the place of emancipated slaves.

One of the worst episodes of racial violence in our country's history occurred in New Orleans in 1891, when the city's police chief, David Hennessy, was shot. As he lay dying in a dark street, when asked who shot him, he allegedly said, "The Dagos."

Some 200 Italian immigrants were taken into custody, and nine of them were tried before a jury. None were found guilty. Despite that finding, they were all returned to jail.

Political and business leaders in the community inflamed the deep-seated anti-Italian immigrant sentiment that existed in New Orleans. A mob in excess of 5,000 people gathered in the town square, stormed the jail, and beat, shot and lynched 11 Italian immigrants.

This was the largest mob to ever participate in a mass lynching in American history. Yet you will not read a single word about it in any of our school's history books.

To fully understand how despised the immigrants were, The New York Times, and many other newspapers throughout the country, actually applauded the lynchings in their editorials. Future president Teddy Roosevelt stated that the lynchings "were a rather good thing."

Tragically, the New Orleans lynchings were not an isolated incident. Over the next 30 years, 40 more Italian immigrants were strung up by angry mobs.

THE BEGINNING OF COLUMBUS DAY

In an effort to encourage more tolerance and acceptance of Italian immigrants, President Benjamin Harrison declared a national celebration of Columbus Day in 1892. From that day to this, Columbus, who was regarded as a national hero of Italian heritage, was embraced by Italian immigrants as a symbol that they would someday be accepted in America.

But injustice again befell our community in 1920, when immigrants Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti were arrested and ultimately executed for allegedly killing a shoe factory paymaster and guard. Their trial was another example of a corrupted justice system.

The trial was conducted by a bigoted judge who expressed his contempt for Italian immigrants publicly. Protests in support of Sacco and Vanzetti were held throughout the world to no avail.

Anti-Italian hysteria again reached a fever pitch in WWII when 600,000 Italians living in our country were designated as Enemy Aliens and were subjected to curfews, confiscation of property, loss of jobs, relocation from their homes, and in some cases internment camps. The tragic irony of this situation is that while they were being

treated as criminals, one million of their sons were fighting and dying to keep our country free.

Many well-intentioned but misinformed Americans vilify Columbus because of allegations not supported by primary source material. Many books have been published in recent years that debunk the lies and misinformation.

These include "Columbus and the Quest for Jerusalem," by Carol Delaney, a book Harvard historian Gordon S. Wood called "a remarkable work of history" and which the Times Literary Supplement named one of its 100 best books of the year; "Debunking Howard Zinn," by Mary Grabar; and "Christopher Columbus the Hero," by Rafael (no last name).

PRIDE AND GRATITUDE

Through decade after decade of hardship, hostility, persecution and prejudice, the statues, parades and days created in Columbus' honor were the outlets through which Italians in America expressed their pride in their heritage and their gratitude to their new homeland.

This unique and inseparable bond helped our community overcome the bias and violence we encountered in our long journey to assimilation into America's mainstream culture.

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2026 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS & EVENTS

AUGUST – No Membership Meeting

THUR, AUG 20

Giovani Membership Meeting

WED, SEPT 2

Membership Meeting

OCTOBER – No Membership Meeting

SAT, OCT 10

Columbus Day Gala

FRI, OCT 30

Halloween Party – **Giovani Event**

WED, NOV 4

Membership Meeting

Nominations for Officers and Directors

SUN, NOV 22

Amici-giving – **Giovani Event**

WED, DEC 2

Membership Meeting

Elections of Officers and Directors

SUN, DEC 13

IAC Family Christmas Luncheon

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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**ZOWIE BOWIE'S
VEGAS**
AUG 16 | 8PM
BUFFET DINNER & SHOW

SUN., AUG 16 | 8PM

ZOWIE BOWIE

TRIBUTE TO "THE KING"

Zowie Bowie brings his "Classic Vegas" 14 pc band show back to the IAC with special guest Jaime Lynch & the ZB Showgirls. Plus a special tribute the "The King" for the Anniversary of his passing on Aug 16, 49 years ago.

BUFFET DINNER | 6:30pm - Show | 8pm

GA \$65 - Call 702-457-3866 for reservations.

Kelly Clinton
LIVE
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SHOW ONLY • AUG 19 | 7PM



WED., AUG 19 | 7PM

KELLY CLINTON LIVE!

The show features Las Vegas headliners as special guests for an epic evening of songs, sequins, and spontaneous fun. Each show is a new experience with fresh guests—two Wednesdays every month!

SHOW ONLY - VIP \$39.99 • GA \$29.99

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SUN., AUG 23 | 8PM

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FRI., AUG 28 | 8PM

YESTERDAY

A TRIBUTE TO THE BEATLES

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BUFFET DINNER | 6:30pm - Show | 8pm

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SUN., AUG 30 | 7-10PM

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KEITH NEAL, & MIKE CLARK

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SHOW ONLY - Doors open at 6pm

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UPCOMING SEPTEMBER EVENTS

**IAC MONTHLY
MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

WED., SEPT. 2 | 5PM (RSVP REQUIRED)

Doors open at 5pm followed by a wonderful Italian buffet dinner served at 6:15pm and our meeting starts at 7pm.

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WED., SEPT, 9 | 7PM

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A MESSAGE FORM GIOVANI



Annual
GIOVANI
MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Join fellow Giovani members for updates, upcoming events, volunteering opportunities, great conversation, and help shape the future of Giovani!

**THURSDAY
AUG 20**

**DOORS OPEN
5:30 PM
DINNER
6 PM**

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ROOM**

\$15

**SCAN TO
RSVP!**

IAC giovani
Young Italian American Professionals

We hope everyone is enjoying a summer filled with sunshine, family, friends, and Italian spirit! As summer continues, Giovani members are invited to our Annual Giovani Membership Meeting on **Thursday, August 20**. Join us to reconnect, share updates, discuss upcoming events, and help shape the future of our growing Giovani community. Additional meeting details will be coming to you soon or follow us on social media.

Be sure to keep an eye out for more information about our Halloween Costume Party on Friday, October 30. Start planning your costume now, we're looking forward to a festive evening of music, laughter, and prizes for best costume!

The Italian American Future Leaders Conference is also just six months away. **IAFL5** will take place **January 15-18, 2027**, at Amerant Bank Stadium in Sunrise, Florida, with applications opening soon. The three night event celebrates our heritage, creates networking opportunities, and provides a space to engage with the issues facing our community today. Whether you are passionate about preserving traditions, eager to connect with peers, or motivated to address challenges, IAFL5 offers the resources, relationships, and inspiration to make a lasting impact.

Visit iafuture.org for conference information and application updates. We hope to see Giovani members at these exciting upcoming events!

Salute!

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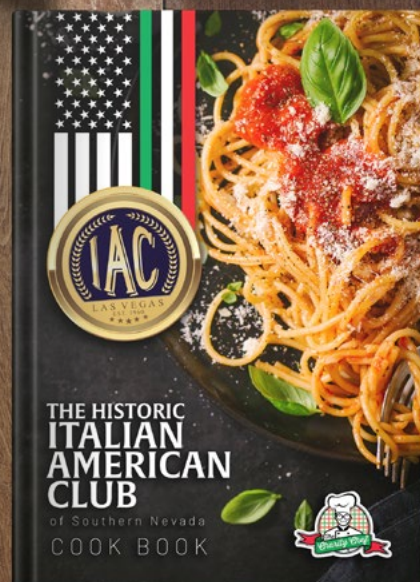
THE IAC COOKBOOK PROJECT BENEFITING THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Love authentic Italian recipes and family stories? We're combining both to create a special cookbook that will raise funds for our scholarship program!

Each member family can contribute a one-page family story with photo(s), paired with a favorite family recipe on the opposite page. Submit multiple entries for different generations or recipes. The book will be organized by traditional Italian meal courses and sold on Amazon and at the Club. All profits support the scholarship fund.

Interested? Email Roger Gallizzi at roger.gallizzi@esl100.org with your name, phone, and email. We'll help you with any tech needs and guide you through the process.

**SHARE YOUR STORY. SHARE YOUR RECIPE.
SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS.**



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SAVE the DATE



Columbus Day Gala

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

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