

# SLIAC 2009-2010

## Sun Lakes Italian-American Club

<http://www.SL-Italian-American-Club.com>

BULLETIN: December 2009

### *Just in case you needed a reminder:*

I hope everyone enjoyed the Christmas Party as much as I did. I was very pleased with the turnout. The room was decorated beautifully. It was just as elegant as previous events at Cottonwood and Oakwood. The food was good and plentiful and the buffet service went quickly. The Colorado Connection while not at full strength was still as good as in the past. Rick played music to keep the dance floor busy and the price was right. If someone would like to chair next year's party please contact me and I will be more than happy to help them organize next years party. I vote we do a similar repeat to this year; it was much easier to organize than events in the past. Thanks again to all the volunteers who helped make it run so smoothly.

A quick run down on the winners. The 50/50 winners \$70/each were Frank Mazzei and Shirley Montanaro (Sunbird). Jeanne Purpura won the Chocolate basket, Maria Prunty (Sunbird) won the Mary Kay basket, Donna Penna-DiMaria won the Kitchen basket, Shirley Montanaro also won the Dine-Around-Town basket and Jim Ricca won the Wine & Cheese basket.

I also received two recipes for cookies to pass along to the membership from Emil Amato. I have included them on the back page of this newsletter since there are no minutes to report.

In January, we will celebrate our Italian Heritage. The Italian Consulate did not hold the information session on obtaining dual citizenship yet but I will continue to try and obtain that information from them for a future meeting. We will still do some Italian Heritage at the January meeting though. Carmela Powers will tell up about some interesting information that she just learned about when she was in Italy the last time. I have put together some new Italian trivia, I am hoping for a short presentation from another couple who has just come back from Italy and for those that want to stay and socialize we will set up some table to concentrate on learning Scopa. I have had several requests to try this again where we can get more members involved and concentrate on teaching beginners (myself included). The food committee is serving Pasta Fagioli, salad, bread and tiramisu for dessert.

We will again celebrate Carnivale at the February meeting. Carnivale is the Italian celebration before the start of Lent similar to Mardi Gras. A special menu is being prepared for celebrate one region of Italy this year and some history of the area will be discussed. Details will be provided at the January meeting. Members will be encouraged to dress up again to celebrate Carnivale,

### *Next Meeting:*

Our next meeting will be held on Monday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the *Arizona Room*, of the Sun Lakes Country Club (Phase #1).

### **Upcoming 2009-2010 Meetings & Events:**

<b>04 Jan:</b>	<b>Italian Heritage &amp; Scopa</b>
<b>01 Feb</b>	<b>Carnivale celebration</b>
<b>01 Mar</b>	<b>Musician Joey Vincent</b>
<b>05 April</b>	<b>Speaker: The Talking Book Library</b>

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**Club Members Corner:** I have set aside this space for you the members, if you have any news, Italian heritage tidbits, recipes, history, travel info, anything you would like to share with the rest of the club, I will be happy to pass it on here in the newsletter. You can drop me an email at [cacapano@msn.com](mailto:cacapano@msn.com) or by phone at 802-4658 – Carol Capano

Joan DeVitto wanted me to let the cooks know that she inadvertently picked up someone else's spatula and lasagna cover after the November meeting. She and Bob will not be at the December meeting, so contact President Carol or bring their spatula to the January meeting for an exchange.

***Nuovo anno felice!***

March will be a busy month. The board has decided to try something different. At the March 1<sup>st</sup> meeting we will present Joey Vincent a "One-Man Musical Variety Show". Joey is a musical impressionist, a trumpet virtuoso, a singer, dancer and comic. No matter what your tastes are in entertainment, the Joey Vincent Show has something for everyone. More than just music, more than just comedy, his show is fresh and original! Fast-paced humor, rapid-fire costume change, Impressions, and a musical tribute to the trumpet greats are just part of the fun. He will tailor his "Italian Show" just for us including Louis Prima medley, Luciano Pavarotti, Dean Martin, Frank Sinatra, and Tony Bennet to name a few. The cost for dinner and the show will be \$15/person. The food committee will prepare Pasta/Meatballs, salad, bread and dessert (TBD). It is a tremendous show. You can find out more about the Joey Vincent Show at [www.Joey.Vincent.com](http://www.Joey.Vincent.com). Tickets will be sold ahead of time.

**You are cordially invited to attend Tony n' Tina's Wedding**...the ultimate dinner theatre experience. As a member of the audience, you play the role of Tony n' Tina's family and friends. These are roles we have all been practicing, every time we go to a real wedding. Eat, drink, dance, converse and allow yourself to be caught up in the wedding celebration. This all-inclusive evening of entertainment will be something you and your friends will be talking about for many years to come. For more details you can check out [www.TonyLovesTina.com](http://www.TonyLovesTina.com).

The wedding will take place in the Foyer of the Chandler Center for the Arts from March 23<sup>rd</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>. \$55 (Friends & Cousins) & \$65 (Family). Signup sheets will be available at the January and February meetings for those who would like to attend the show as a group. My preference would be Saturday or Sunday afternoon matinee's (2pm) March 27<sup>th</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup>. I hope we can get a group of members to attend this event since we were not able to get a group together to see the Zoppe Italian Family Circus.

<b>Italian Bow Knot Cookies with Lemon Icing</b> <i>Provided by Emil Amato</i>		<b>Italian Sesame (biscuit) Cookies</b> <i>Provided by Emil Amato</i>	
Ingredients		Ingredients	
4 cups Flour	1 cup Sugar	4 cups Flour	1 tbl Baking powder
4 tsps Baking powder	½ cup Oil	1 cup Sugar	¼ tsp Salt
2 tsps Salt	1 ½ tsp Vanilla Extract	1 cup Shortening (Crisco solid)	2 Eggs, slightly beaten
6 Eggs, beaten		Sesame seeds	½ cup Milk
Blend beaten eggs into dry ingredients, following with all other ingredients. Knead until smooth. Roll into pencil lengths and tie into bow knots. Bake on greased cookie sheets in a 400 degree oven for 15 minutes. Makes 6 dozen.		Mix (or sift) the dry ingredients; flour, sugar, baking powder and salt. Cut in the shortening (Crisco). In a separate bowl, slightly beat the two eggs, and then add the milk to the eggs.	
<b>Lemon Icing:</b> ¼ cup butter, 1 lb powdered sugar, Juice of 2 lemons.		Combine the dry and liquid ingredients to form the dough. Pinch off a small amount of dough and roll in hands. Shape into size of a finger and taper at each end.	
Cream butter. Add remaining ingredients. Stir until well blended. If too thick add more sugar; too thick add more lemon juice.		Roll in sesame seeds and bake at 375 degrees for 12-15 minutes.	

### **Events for 2010**

**January business meeting:** Monday, January 4th, at 6:30pm, The Arizona Room, of the Sun Lakes Country Club (Phase #1)  
We will celebrate our Italian heritage. See article on the front page.

**February business meeting:** Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, at 6:30pm, The Arizona Room, of the Sun Lakes Country Club (Phase #1)  
We will have another social. Carnivale will be celebrated again this year; programs details are being worked out.

**March business meeting:** Monday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, at 6:30pm, The Arizona Room, of the Sun Lakes Country Club (Phase #1)  
We will be bringing in some East Coast entertainment. Joey Vincent, more details will follow at upcoming meetings.

**April business meeting:** Monday, April 5th, at 6:30pm, The Arizona Room, of the Sun Lakes Country Club (Phase #1)  
Our Speaker will be from the Talking Book Library, We will also hold the election of officers for 2010-2011 since there will be no business meeting in May.

**Annual Picnic:** Saturday, April 24th, at noon, Sisk Park. Details will be provided at upcoming meetings.

**May business meeting:** will be skipped since the picnic is the week before.

**June business meeting:** Monday, June 7th, at 6:30pm, The Arizona Room, of the Sun Lakes Country Club (Phase #1)  
We will hold the installation of officers. Dinner TBD provided by the board.