

SLIAC 2009-2010

Sun Lakes Italian-American Club

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BULLETIN: February 2010

Just in case you needed a reminder:

We had a great turnout for *Carnivale* in February with 75% of our members attending and 5 guests and it looks like we will have as great a turnout for the March social. At this point it looks like we have 80% of our members plus as many guests. I want to thank Phyllis for taking on the task of contacting everyone and doing such a great job on reservations for the March social. Due to the large turnout, we decided to not overburden the membership cooking and serving for this large a group so we have made some alternate arrangements. I hope everyone will be pleased and enjoys the Joey Vincent Show.

Note: due to the size of attendance and advance preparations required for seating/food, we have cut off reservations. We will not be able to take walk-ins at the night of the meeting.

The March 1st meeting will be the last opportunity to sign up for who want to attend '*Tony n' Tina's Wedding*'. Sign-up sheets will also be available at the February meeting or you can call Carol (802-4658 or email: cacapano@msn.com). The wedding will take place in the Foyer of the Chandler Center for the Arts from March 23rd - 28th. \$55 (Friends & Cousins) & \$65 (Family). We are currently looking at attending as a group at the Sunday afternoon matinee's (2pm) March 28th.

I have heard some rumor or misconceptions about the use of the club dues and members being entitled to two free dinners and wanted to take a few moments to address this. Traditionally, the board has arranged to provide the September and June meeting refreshments since the Food committee is not always in place or available at the beginning or end of the year, as well as providing the main dish at the picnic. This has always been done at the discretion of the current board based on funds being available in the treasury which includes all income, dues, 50/50, cook book sales and any other fund raisers which may have occurred during the year. Dues are used to cover the basic club operations. The meeting room expense, potential bar minimums, the monthly mailing of newsletter since not everyone is on email, paper products used for serving the meals and coffee as well as any expenses incurred for our speakers or programs, etc. If funds are available it is at the discretion of the Board to use some of the money to provide the September and June refreshments. The board did provide the September refreshments this year and will also do the picnic. I will meet with our Treasurer Eleanor and will provide you with some budget details for the April meeting and hopefully we will still have enough funds to cover the June meeting or we will do a pot luck as we did two years ago.

Ciao Carol Capano

Next Meeting:

Our next meeting will be held on Monday, March 1st at 6:00pm in the *Arizona Room*, of the Sun Lakes Country Club (Phase #1). **Note: this is ½ hour earlier than our normal start time.**

Upcoming 2009-2010 Meetings & Events:

01 Mar	The Joey Vincent Show
05 April	Speaker: The Talking Book Library
24 April	Annual Picnic
3 May	No Meeting
7 June	Election of Officer; Last meeting of the year.

Board Members:

President:	Carol Capano	480-802-4658
Vice President:	Phyllis LaSelva	480-926-1136
Treasurer:	Eleanor Guerriero	480-802-0160
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Corresponding Secretary:	Jean O'Shea	480-358-1487
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Staff:

Food Committee	Carmela Power, Chair	480-895-7657
Meeting Set Up	Ron Dudas	480-755-8480
Web site	Carol Capano	480-802-4658
Chaplain	Lou Pardini	480-895-8235
Welcome/Sunshine	Lydia Carmody	480-895-5069

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 or by phone at 802-4658 – Carol Capano

Minutes from the February 1st business meeting:

CALL TO ORDER- President Carol Capano

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- Led by President Carol Capano

Singing God Bless America- Lydia Carmody

PRAYER- Lou Pardini

NEW MEMBERS AND/OR GUEST- Recording Secretary Laurie DeRespiris

Russ & Lottie Sacco

Jean LaMarca

Joyce DeCasper

Gloria Ancona

REFRESHMENTS: Bruschetta appetizer on all tables, Eggplant Parmesan, salad, bread and Italian cookies.

Reports of Committees: January minutes were mailed and accepted filed for audit

Treasurer's report: Beginning Balance \$4844.82, income 383.94, expenses \$459.26 and an Ending Balance \$4769.50

NEW BUSINESS:

Carol asked for volunteers for the Nominating committee to be formed since we won't be conducting business at the March social. Since we are not having a May meeting, the slate of officers will have to be presented at the April meeting. Pam Montgomery agreed to chair the committee. Ron Dudas and Lucille Rahilly agreed to help on the committee.

PROGRAM: Carol read a history of Carnivale and how it is celebrated in the different regions of Italy followed by some games: a dice throw for grab bag gifts and Mr. & Mrs. Right for the Centerpieces.

Respectfully submitted by: Secretary Laurie DeRespiris

Remaining Events for 2010

March business meeting: Monday, March 1st, at 6:30pm, The Arizona Room, of the Sun Lakes Country Club (Phase #1) We will be bringing in some East Coast entertainment. The Joey Vincent Show, details are also on the first page. Reservations are now being taken; cost \$15/person includes dinner.

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 will be provided by the board.