

The Villa News

Cesare Battisti Lodge No. 27 of the Midwest District Italian Sons and Daughters of America (ISDA)

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From the President's Desk



Dear Lodge Brothers,

I want to wish everybody a Happy Thanksgiving. Enjoy your meal and time together with family and friends, and remember to give thanks to the ones we love as well as somebody new in your life.

On November 11th, don't forget to thank and pray for our past and present veterans that serve our country and keep us safe. God bless them all. Fly your flags!

Make sure you see David Graziani by December 1st to get on the honor roll for our Member of the Year John Rizzardo, who is being honored on December 15th. It is only \$5 per line. Tickets are on sale now until December 7th for the party. Members in good standing are free, as our widows and scholarship recipients. All other guests are \$30 for dinner and drinks. Show your support for your fellow member (John) who has done a lot for our club, and celebrate the holiday season with family and friends at the same time.

Our annual deceased members mass will be November 4th at 11:00 am. Bring your entire family for mass and breakfast. Please RSVP to the Villa so we can order enough food. Father Mens will be our celebrant this year, and we thank him in advance.

Don't forget the Sock Hop is coming up on November 17th. Make sure to get your tickets.

Our Bocce league is going strong and the season ends in a couple of weeks. Come on down and watch some Thursday night football, watch the teams compete, and have a drink. You never know, they might need a sub for the night and you can get in on the action.

We have plenty of room for more brick pavers for our flag pole project. These would make a nice Christmas present to honor someone. See Frank Basso for details.

We are looking for more sponsors for our Newsletter. It is only \$24 per year.

We are getting close to finishing up our year, so remember you need to attend 9 out of 12 meetings and work a committee to qualify for our 100 year anniversary attendance prize.

I want to thank David Graziani for replacing the sinks in the men's washrooms. The women's washroom will be remodeled real soon.

I want everybody to keep all our lodge brothers in your prayers who are dealing with health issues, especially Jody Biancardi who will be having surgery in early November. Bob Pesavento is recovering and doing better. He is at Christian Village in Crown Point.

I am pleased to announce the recent marriage of Erika Malloy to Mitch LaRock. Congratulations to you both. I also wish to extend congratulations to Dave Calarie on the birth of his first grandchild.

God Bless and see you at the next meeting or event.

Jim Malloy

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MEETINGS AND FUTURE EVENT DATES:

Mon., Nov. 7	House Committee Meeting
Wed., Nov. 14	Members' Meeting
Thursdays Oct. 4 - Nov. 15	Bocce League
Sun., Nov. 4	Memorial Mass
Sat., Nov. 17	50s & 60s Sock Hop
Sat., Dec. 15	Member of the Year Dinner

Upcoming Events

Thursdays from October 4—November 15, 2018 Bocce League

Come watch the competition! Good luck to all the teams.

Sunday, November 4, 2018 Memorial Mass for Deceased Members

11:00 AM. Mass with a brunch to follow. Bring the family! **Please RSVP to the Villa office.**

Saturday, November 17, 2018

1950s & 1960s Sock Hop Featuring The Neverly Brothers

6:00 - 10:00 PM (ALL AGES) Tickets \$20 per person in advance; \$25 day of event. Contact the Villa for tickets or buy online at EventBrite.

Should be a fun time with Rock n' Roll Tributes from Elvis to The Beatles and a dance contest - win valuable prizes!!!

Cash concessions including hamburgers, hot dogs, beef sandwiches, fries, chili, onion rings, floats, green rivers and more!

Saturday, December 15, 2018 Member of the Year / Tom & Jerry / Scholarship Awards Dinner

Cocktails 6:00 pm / Dinner 7:00 pm

Members and scholarship recipients: free

All other guests: \$30.00 each

Please get your tickets by December 7th.

Reminders and Updates



Sick Benefit and Scholarship Award Payouts.

Receipts for either sick benefits or scholarship must be given to Ed Malloy (sick benefit) or Nick Lemon (scholarship benefit). After they are reviewed and approved, checks will be mailed, and you should expect to receive your check within two months.

Sick Members. If you know of any lodge member who is ill or in the hospital, please let Ed Malloy know.

Donation Requests. Tax Exempt or Tax ID number is required for all recommendations for donations to be considered by the officers.

Moving or Change your Email Address? Don't forget to let the office know so we have your current contact information.



Honor Guards. If you hear of the unfortunate passing of a fellow lodge member, please contact Rich Fanno (219-616-6545) to volunteer to stand honor guard.

Chaplain Services. Our Chaplain is available to make hospital visits to our sick members and also for support and prayer after the passing of fellow lodge members.



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Member of the Year/Tom and Jerry Christmas Party & Scholarship Awards Dinner Set for December 15, 2018

Tickets are available for the 2018 Member of the Year/Tom and Jerry Christmas Party on December 15th. We will be honoring **John Rizzardo** as our Member of the Year. Cocktails begin at 6:00 pm and Dinner is at 7:00 pm. Members must have dues paid up to receive their free ticket. Widows and scholarship recipients' tickets are free. All other tickets are \$30. For tickets, you can see or call Dennis Noworyta (708-895-1574) or call the Villa office at 219-322-3011. They will also be available at the members' meetings in October and November. Please get your tickets by December 7th so that we may turn in a head count for food.

Also be sure to get your information to Dave Graziani by December 1st to be included in the **Honor Roll** for John.

Indoor Bocce Ball League

Come join us for a fun time!
The Bocce League has moved to **Thursday Nights** beginning *October 4 through November 15*. Even if you are not playing, be sure to come on down on Thursday evenings to cheer on your favorite bocce team and watch some football with friends. Cash bar available.



Note to parents of scholarship recipients:

Parents of scholarship recipients who will be honored at our December 15, 2018 Christmas Party, should please send the following information for your child to Ron DiMichele at rwdimichele@gmail.com: the recipient's name, parent's name(s), hometown, school attending, year in school, major, and plans after graduation.

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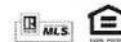


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All of the recipes were bestowed by IANU members as well as their family and friends, including those who have gone before us, leaving behind priceless culinary treasures to prepare and enjoy.

"Let's Eat" will make a cherished addition to your own cookbook library as well as a welcome gift for Mother's Day, Christmas, birthdays, weddings, bridal showers, anniversaries and other special occasions.

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CREAMY FOUR CHEESE GARLIC SPAGHETTI SQUASH



- 1 large spaghetti squash
- 5 garlic cloves, minced
- 1/2 cup water
- 1 chicken bouillon cube, crumbled (a good alternative to salt that gives a fuller body to the filling)
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 1 cup of Four-Cheese Italian White Cheese Blend (Mozzarella, White Cheddar, Provolone, Asiago)
- Fresh thyme
- Fresh ground pepper
- Parsley or chives or green onions, finely chopped

1. Preheat your oven to 400°F. Grab your spaghetti squash firmly and chop off the tip and tail. Cut in half length-wise and scoop out the innards and seeds. Place both halves on a baking sheet, maintained by a small foil ring to ensure stability. Sprinkle fresh cracked pepper over each half.
2. In a large bowl, combine minced garlic, heavy cream with 1/2 cup water, crumbled bouillon cube, chives, and fresh thyme. Mix well.
3. Sprinkle a first layer of grated cheese in the cavities of each squash halves. Divide the cream mixture on top of cheese in each halves, then top with additional cheese.
4. Roast in the oven for 40 to 50 minutes, or until the flesh of the spaghetti squash is very tender when poked with a fork. Remove from oven and serve immediately.

Note: You can cut baking time by half if you're in a hurry. Put raw spaghetti squash halves face down in a shallow dish with a bit of water. Then microwave for 8 minutes (less or more, depending on the size of the squash). The flesh will be almost cooked through. Proceed with the remaining steps and bake for only 20-25 minutes in the oven.

BRICK PAVER FLAGPOLE PROJECT SECOND PHASE BEGINNING SOON!

We are providing opportunity for our members, family, friends, and businesses to leave a lasting imprint near the entrance of Villa Cesare Banquet Center. To show our love of country, state, and Italian heritage, Cesare Battisti Lodge #27 will be installing 3 flag poles — American, State, and Italian — at the front entrance to the Villa. A paver brick patio will be part of this attractive focal point.

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The Italian American Women's Club of Lake County is seeking women of Italian heritage or espousal from ages 16-116 to join our Club. We meet monthly for camaraderie, friendship, sharing of Italian heritage, and of course, and amazing dinner. Most importantly, our Club supports food banks, the Humane Society, and local charities. Our Club also honors all students of active members who are seeking to attain higher education or career training at a college, university, business college, or trade school, with a scholarship. We meet the second Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm at Villa Cesare. Come join us at our next meeting. We'll save you a seat!

To reserve a spot or for more information, contact:
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...**PICTURES** or a **REPORT** from a recent lodge function?

...**SUGGESTIONS** or **COMMENTS** about this newsletter?

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