

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 hope we all have time to celebrate and enjoy our Holidays with family and friends. I also look forward to seeing everybody at our Christmas party honoring our Man of the Year, John Rizzardo, and our scholarship recipients. Please make sure to get your tickets by December 7th, so we have an accurate count and can get everything prepared. Remember, this is a free party for members and only \$30 for guests. Your friends are more than welcome to join us. Let Dennis Noworyta know if you have a preference as to with whom you want to sit. Also, this is the last chance for honor roll, so be sure to see David Graziani. We would love to see all our lodge brothers come out and show John our appreciation.

We still have cookbooks for sale and our brick pavers can still be ordered if you are looking to honor your loved ones or for Christmas present ideas.

This is the last meeting for the attendance prize this year. Remember, you have to have nine meetings attended and worked on at least one committee to qualify.

We are working on a new club logo and getting ready to order shirts for our 100th anniversary. We will have additional shirts for sale.

Bocce will be starting up on February 7th, so make sure to get your teams registered. The last league filled up fast with 16 teams. Contact Jon Biancardi at villabocce@gmail.com for information or registration forms.

Our annual Memorial Mass went well, with a nice turnout honoring our past members. Father Mens did a great job for us. Thanks to Dennis and Don Noworyta for helping with this event. Also thanks to our readers Jim Biancardi and Mike Borgetti. After mass we had a wonderful breakfast provided by the Kapturs.

We are looking for more advertising sponsors for our Newsletter. It is a bargain at only \$24 per year. Contact Tony Basso or email thevillanews@gmail.com.

Time is coming up for our annual dues, which are still only \$35 for the year. Nick Lemon will be collecting dues.

The band Together has rented our hall for New Years. Contact the office for more information.

The Children's Christmas party is December 9th, and invitations have been sent to the children with ISDA policies.

At this time I would like to thank our entire staff and all the officers, members, and wives that have worked so hard to make another successful year. We have such a great hard-working group that I love like family.

Once again, Happy and Healthy Holidays, God Bless, and see you at the next meeting or event.

Jim Malloy

Cesare Battisti Lodge No. 27

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James Malloy	President	219-662-5883 katfishman46307@yahoo.com
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Anthony Basso	Past President	
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Richard Borgetti	Trustee	
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Nicholas Lemon	Financial Secretary (Dues) Scholarship Committee Chairman	lemonjr@yahoo.com 219-588-7767
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Edward Malloy	Sick Committee/Benefits	415 Old Stone Rd., #4 Munster, IN 46321 708-601-1191 (Send verification of in-patient hospital stay directly to Ed within 90 days of being released.)
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HOUSE COMMITTEE OFFICERS:

James Malloy	
Anthony Basso	
David Graziani	
Jody Biancardi	219-771-1888
Dennis Noworyta	
Frank Basso	
Jonathan Biancardi	219-616-4842
Bob Belzeski	
Frank Sparano	

MEETINGS AND FUTURE EVENT DATES:

Mon., Dec. 5	House Committee Meeting
Wed., Dec. 12	Members' Meeting
Sat., Dec. 15	Member of the Year Dinner
Mon., Dec. 31	New Year's Eve with Together
Thursdays, Feb. 7—Mar 29	Bocce League

Upcoming Events

Sunday, December 9, 2018
Children's Christmas Party

Invitations have been sent to eligible children. Make sure to RSVP once you receive your invitation.



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.

Monday, December 31, 2018
New Year's Eve Party
Featuring Together

\$85.00 per person
Dinner, open bar, band, and DJ
Contact the Villa for information
[Or visit the site \(click here\)](#)



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.

Pat Hudson



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Member of the Year/Tom and Jerry Christmas Party, and 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.

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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.

Happy Birthday

Joe Allegretti
Jon Biancardi
Phil Biancardi
James Borgetti
Marcello Borgetti
Michael Borgetti
Scott Borgetti
Kevin Cieslak
Tim Gardenhire
Pat Hudson
Robert Lauer
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Indoor Bocce Ball League.

Come join us for a fun time!

The Bocce League will begin its winter session on **Thursday Nights** beginning February 7 through March 29. Be sure to register your teams now. Come on down on Thursday evenings to enjoy bocce, watch football, eat and drink, and win prizes. This is open to everyone, so be sure to gather some friends and put a team together or come join one of the teams.



- ⇒ Games 6:30—10pm
- ⇒ 2 games per week
- ⇒ \$160 per team (\$40/person) 4 player teams
- ⇒ Single elimination playoffs in the last week

Email villabocce@gmail.com for information
Register at: <https://www.villacesare.com/copy-of-events>

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MANGIA BENE!

The Iano American National Union Foundation has put together a cookbook that belongs in the kitchen of every Italian-American chef. Titled "Let's Eat: From Our Kitchen to Yours," this timeless collection contains 466 mouthwatering recipes plus a wealth of helpful hints.

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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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.

We will be offering bricks in two sizes:

4x8 with 3 lines (20 spaces per line) for \$50.00 each

8x8 with 6 lines (20 spaces per line) for \$75.00 each

Consider ordering a brick:

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To remember or memorialize a loved one

To commemorate an event

Please contact the Villa for order forms. You may also contact Frank Basso for further information or forms.

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RICOTTA AND COFFEE MOUSSE (SPUMA DI RICOTTA AL CAFFE)

- 2 cups ricotta
- 1 cup cold heavy cream
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 2 tbsp. instant espresso
- 1 tbsp. powdered gelatin
- Shaved chocolate



Purée ricotta in a blender until smooth. Transfer to a large bowl; set aside.

Whip together heavy cream and sugar in a large bowl until soft peaks form. Set aside.

Bring 1/4 cup water to a boil in a small saucepan; remove from heat. Whisk 2 tbsp. of the water with espresso in a small bowl. Whisk remaining water with gelatin in another small bowl until dissolved.

Stir espresso mixture into ricotta, then gelatin mixture; fold in cream in 3 stages. Chill mixture for 1 hour, then transfer to a pastry bag fitted with a star tip. Pipe mixture into 6 sundae glasses; refrigerate until set, about 1 hour. Garnish with shaved chocolate.



JOSEPHINE PETITTI HONORED BY OFFICERS

The IANU, Midwest District of the ISDA, honored Josephine Pettiti for her years of service. Josephine has served in many capacities since 1978, including as Secretary, Treasurer, National Vice President, and Executive Director. She has been Vice President of the Indiana/Illinois District since 1996. Josephine retired in August and was granted the title of Honorary National Vice President by the National President of the ISDA. We all salute our little "Energizer Bunny" and wish her good health, good luck, and happiness in the future.



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To reserve a spot or for more information, contact:
Leslie Poplon (President) lpoplon@gmail.com
Gina Geiss (Vice President) ginageiss@yahoo.com



The IAWC will be having its annual bake sale on Thursday, December 13th from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. Members and family of Cesare Battisti are welcome.



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Trick or Treat at the Villa



Murder Mystery Dinner



Do you know of anyone interested in becoming a **MEMBER** of our organization?

Do you have an idea for a **PARTY** or a **FUNDRAISER**?
Bring it up at the next meeting for the "good of the order".

Do you have ...**STORIES, RECIPES, ANNOUNCEMENTS**
or **THOUGHTS** to share?

...**PICTURES** or a **REPORT** from a recent lodge
function?

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

Please feel free to share any thoughts.

E-mail your information to thevillanews@gmail.com