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ARIZONA AMERICAN ITALIAN CLUB HOURS

MONDAY ~ CLOSED ~ TUESDAY ~ 3:00PM - 9:00PM
WEDNESDAY ~ THURSDAY ~ 11:00AM - 10:00PM
FRIDAY ~ SATURDAY ~ 11:00AM - 11:00PM
SUNDAY ~ 9:00AM - 4:00PM

KITCHEN HOURS: MONDAY ~ CLOSED
TUESDAY 3:00 - 9:00 ~ WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY
~ 11:00 - 9:00 ~ FRIDAY & SATURDAY 11:00 - 10:00
SUNDAY ~ 9:00 - 3:00

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

What a great start to the New Year! Our New Year's Eve Party was a wonderful success!! I want to thank our many volunteers who came out to help decorate and set up - and extra thanks to those who came back the next day to help clean up and put things away!

We received several generous donations for the Club Raffles. Special thanks to:

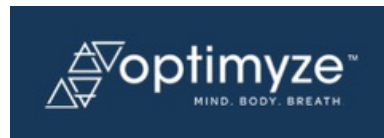
Christo's Ristorante,



Tony's Italian Deli,



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and Scottsdale Sculpt!!!



A Special GRAZIE MILLE to one of our members, **John Taglia**, who personally donated a number of wonderful items!! As a result of all of this generosity, our raffles were a great success in raising funds for the Club.

In February, we celebrate Fat Tuesday and the start of Lent. In Italy, they celebrate a day known as Giovedì Grasso. This day signifies the last Thursday before Lent begins. It is also associated with Carnival, which is a celebration similar to Halloween in which the participants wear masks and celebrate with festivals and sweets. Fat Thursday is a feasting day that brings family and friends together in a celebratory congregation before the fast of Lent. We are celebrating February with our Valentine's Day Party, Chinese New Year and Mardi Gras Party Bingo. Don't miss the Cowboy Dance, Sunday Funday or any of the other events we have every month at the Club!! There's something to enjoy every day of the week, a variety of events, and we look forward to seeing you at the Club!

Grazi Ancora!!

Michael Mellaci, President

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4:00 PM SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 8TH

POTLUCK SIGN-UP SHEET IN BAR
Don't miss out on the action!



Welcome New Members:

Regular/Italian: Thomas Bartz, Gerardo Ferracane,
 Nicholas Opich, Gloria Palladino, Luigi Rappino,
 Samantha Spadaro, Quineese Works

All New Regular/Italian Members must attend a Board Meeting to be sworn in and receive their Membership Cards

Affiliates: Forrest Armeay, Diana Bachman, David
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New Affiliate Members may pick up their cards at the bar.



**LETS grow your business. Place your add here
 and support the Club.**

Business Card	1/4 Page	Half Page
1 issue ~ \$20	1 issue - \$45	1 issue ~ \$60
6 issues ~ \$90	3 issues - \$90	3 issues ~ \$150
12 issues ~ \$120	6 issues - \$120	6 issues ~ \$270
	12 issues ~ \$150	12 issues ~ \$425

For Information
 Contact:
 Patti in the Main Office

Mark Your Calendars and Save the Dates!

Volunteer Meeting

Wednesday February 11th at 7:00p

AAIC Board / General Meeting ~

Tuesday February 17th at 7:00p

All members are welcome to attend!

Show your card at the door. Pg 2

February 2026 Entertainment

Join us for Bar Bingo in the Lounge
Every Tuesday and Friday



Every Wednesday
Karaoke ~ 6:30 - 9:00p



Every Thursday
Team Trivia ~ 6:30p - 8:30p



Saturday - Feb. 28th
Mardi Gras Party Bingo 6:30p



FRIDAYS AT THE CLUB

Friday Feb. 6th ~PAM LOE & HIPSHOT 7p-10p



Friday Feb. 13th ~ VIVA LOST WAGES 7p - 10p



Friday Feb. 20th ~ TIM HOPE 7p - 10p



Friday Feb. 27th ~ SONIC GROOVE 7p - 10p



SPECIAL EVENT - VALENTINE'S DAY DANCE PARTY

SATURDAY, Feb. 14th 7:00p

Join us for a
Valentine's Day Dance Party!!
Saturday, February 14th in the Lounge

Dance Music by **FROSTY and The Silvertones**

Tickets only \$20 per person
On Sale Now at the Bar!

7p-10p

Dinner Specials Available from Galindo's Cuisine

Reservation includes: Assigned seating, One Well Drink or Glass of Wine, a Chance to Win the Valentine's Day Gift Package, & a Champagne Toast

Featuring: Frosty & the Silver Tones!!!



Don't miss your chance to win the special Valentine's Day Gift Basket!!! Tickets on sale now at the bar!!

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY 2026

B I N G O

Friday February 13
Receive a free letter X

Friday February 6
Bingo Manager Birthday
Free Hot Dog and drink
for First 80 customers

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Wednesday - Friday - 6:30PM (doors open at 4:30PM)
Sundays - 1:00PM (Doors Open at 10:30AM)

LEVEL FIVE
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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21ST
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LIVE MUSIC 7:30 - 9:30

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COUNTRY DANCE

\$10 Cover for Non-members/Guests

★ COUNTRY ★
SUNDAY Feb 22 12:00

Raffle Tickets

Raffle Tickets

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TICKETS \$20

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CHINESE NEW YEAR WITH THE GOLDEN PHOENIX LION DANCERS

Friday, Feb. 27th at 8:30p



Celebrate the Year of the Horse!!

The Lions will perform a show with traditional bows, tossing of chengs/greens, and a dramatic scroll drop—all accompanied by the highly skilled music team!!



Cares of the Heart

Even though February is the shortest month of the year, it is filled with great anticipation that springtime will soon be here. Our days will give us more daylight, the bare trees will be green again, and birds will sing their beautiful songs. May our hearts be lightened.

Congratulations to Bill and Linda - they were married here at The Club on December 31st. We keep all our members and their families in our prayers and thoughts, especially those who are lonely and those who are recovering from surgery.


Buon Compleanno (Happy Birthday) and Felice Anniversario (Happy Anniversary), to those who are celebrating a birthday or anniversary in February.

Please email Jeanette Rouse, fljcprouses74@gmail.com with any news that you would like to be included in the AAIC newsletter.

Food For The Soul

"Kindness is like snow; it beautifies everything it covers." Kahlil Gibran

Submitted by Jeanette Rouse




You are Invited to Come Out and Play Bocce Ball!

Only League Play is Permitted on Wed/Thurs Nights.
We Invite Everyone to Come Out, Watch & Cheer us On!

Bocce Balls are Available to Check Out at the Bar. Friday Mornings are Closed for Play.

**Signups for Winter League Now in Progress...
Winter League Play Starts Jan 15th!
Signup Sheets on the Bocce Wall by the Bar's Restrooms.**



HAPPY HOUR PRICES
FOR ANNUAL CLUB MEMBERS
EVERY TUES NIGHT
3:00 - 9:00 PM
FEATURING \$3.00:
WELLS, HOUSE WINES & DOMESTIC BOTTLES OF BEER

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FEBRUARY IS THE MONTH FOR QUEEN OF HEARTS!
Every Tuesday Night Love is in the Air!!

Buy Your Raffle Tickets Any Time the Club is Open From Our Ticketing Machine! The Drawing Is Held at 7:00 pm Tuesdays. **Feeling LUCKY???**



Galindo's CUISINE

TACO TUESDAY MENU
4 STREET TACOS ON SOFT CORN TORTILLAS W/RICE, BEANS & SALSA

CHOOSE FROM: **\$12**

- CHICKEN
- STEAK
- PASTOR (Spicy Pork)
- FISH (Fried)
- SHRIMP (Fried)
- VEGGIE



Bingo at the Club!
Wednesdays & Fridays at 6:30 pm ~ Hall doors open at 4:30 pm
Sundays at 1:00 pm ~ Hall doors open at 10:30 am



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Beginner Lessons 1st Thursday of Every Month With a New Players Table!

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Be Prepared to Laugh, Learn and Meet New Friends!
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AAIC Scholarship Committee

♥ A New Year, A Brighter Future ♥



The AAIC Scholarship Committee would like to offer our heartfelt thanks to the entire AAIC family for your generous support of the New Year's Eve Silent Auction!! Through the incredible generosity of our members and the dedication of the Committee, nearly 60 items were donated, helping raise an historic \$2,369.00 for the 2026–2027 Scholarship Fund—an incredible 50% increase over last year's NYE auction. Despite several challenges, the spirit of philanthropy truly filled the New Year's air. We are deeply grateful to every donor, bidder, and year-round supporter whose belief in our youth makes this program possible. Our success is a direct reflection of your belief in investing in the future of our next generation. In the coming weeks, the Committee will review submitted 2025-2026 scholarship applications, with an awards dinner planned for this spring. Stay tuned for more details. We warmly invite everyone to join us in celebrating the students and the continued success of the AAIC scholarship program.

Thank YOU for your continued support and generosity!

Bocce News!

Winter League Bocce has begun with a total of 16 teams divided up equally playing on Wednesday and Thursday nights. The game of Bocce has become so popular at the club, there are 11 rookies playing in the Winter league that had never thrown a Bocce ball before. That makes a total of 28 new members of the Bocce League since last year. So if you ever thought about playing the game of Bocce, don't delay, sign up now for the Spring League which will begin in late March. Come on out and see us compete at 7pm. The Bocce Spring League sign up sheet is posted on the Bocce wall located behind the bar next to the bathrooms.

Next AAIC Bocce League meeting is Tuesday, Feb 3 at 7pm in the Bingo Hall.

If you have any questions regarding Bocce, please reach out to me via text or email.
paul3657@gmail.com or 480-861-4903

Happy New Year to All!
Paul Castaldo
Pres AAIC Bocce Club



WANT TO GET THE NEWSLETTER???

Anyone can get our Newsletter, here's how:

1. Tell your family & friends to send their email to: kbass2728@yahoo.com
2. Click the newsletter link on AAIC's Facebook page or the AAIC website www.azaicclub.com
3. Pick up a copy of the newsletter at the Club

BOCCE WALKWAY

Now is time to pay tribute to a loved one or a friend by memorizing them by having their name or quote from their life engraved on a brick and be added to the Tribute Walkway located behind the Bocce courts.

The cost is \$60 per brick, max of 3 lines, 15 characters per line, \$6 extra for each special art design. The proceeds will help the AAIC Bocce Club maintain our precious courts that were voted #1 in the Valley.

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Order forms are located on the Bocce wall in the hallway behind the bar (next to the women's restroom).

If you have any questions, regarding the Memorial Walkway, please don't hesitate to contact me via email, phone or text at 480-861-4903 or Paul3657@gmail.com.

Your help will be greatly appreciated.
Thank you, Paul Castaldo Pres,
AAIC Bocce League



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

The Club is always in need of volunteers. Come to our volunteer meeting on February 11th at 7p and join the team. No commitments, no demands, just opportunities to help out! For more information, email abrownecat123@yahoo.com or text (480) 234-0285



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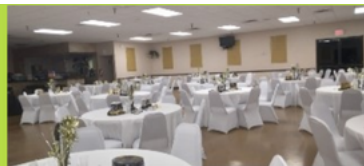
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Bar Open 9a-4p Kitchen 9a -3p Breakfast & Lunch Bingo in the Hall -1p SUNDAY FUNDAY BBQ w TONY LEE 12p	2 CLUB CLOSED!	3 Bar Open 3p-9p Happy Hour 3p-9p (Members only) Kitchen 3p – 9p Taco Tuesday Bar Bingo 6:30p Queen of Hearts 7p	4 Bar Open 11a-10p Kitchen 11a-9p Bingo in the Hall 6:30p Karaoke 6:30p-9p	5 Bar Open 11a-10p Kitchen 11a-9p Sandwich Specials Beginner's Mahjong 12p Team Trivia 6:30p	6 Bar Open 11a-11p Bar Bingo 12:30p Kitchen 11a-10p Prime Rib & Fish Fry Bingo in the Hall 6:30p Pam Loe & Hipshot 7p	7 Bar Open 9a-11p Kitchen 11a-11p Steak & Salmon Dinners
8 Bar Open 9a-4p Kitchen 9a -3p Breakfast & Lunch Bingo in the Hall -1p SUPERBOWL PARTY & POT LUCK 4pm	9 CLUB CLOSED!	10 Bar Open 3p-9p Happy Hour 3p-9p (Members only) Kitchen 3p – 9p Taco Tuesday Bar Bingo 6:30p Queen of Hearts 7p	11 Bar Open 11a-10p Kitchen 11a-9p Bingo in the Hall 6:30p Karaoke 6:30p-9p	12 Bar Open 11a-10p Kitchen 11a-9p Sandwich Specials Mahjong 12p Team Trivia 6:30p	13 Bar Open 11a-11p Bar Bingo 12:30p Kitchen 11a-10p Prime Rib & Fish Fry Bingo in the Hall 6:30p Viva Lost Wages 7p	14 Bar Open 9a-11p Kitchen 11a-11p Steak & Salmon Dinners VALENTINES DAY DANCE with FROSTY & SILVERTONES 7p
15 Bar Open 9a-4p Kitchen 9a -3p Breakfast & Lunch Bingo in the Hall -1p	16 CLUB CLOSED!	17 Bar Open 3p-9p Happy Hour 3p-9p (Members only) Kitchen 3p – 9p Taco Tuesday Bar Bingo 6:30p Queen of Hearts 7p Board Meeting 7p	18 Bar Open 11a-10p Kitchen 11a-9p Bingo in the Hall 6:30p Karaoke 6:30p-9p Volunteer Mtg 7p	19 Bar Open 11a-10p Kitchen 11a-9p Sandwich Specials Mahjong 12p Team Trivia 6:30p	20 Bar Open 11a-11p Bar Bingo 12:30p Kitchen 11a-10p Prime Rib & Fish Fry Bingo in the Hall 6:30p Tim Hope 7p	21 Bar Open 11a-11p Kitchen 11a-11p Steak & Salmon Dinners COWBOY DANCE Lessons 6:30p Level 5 Band 7:30p
22 Bar Open 9a-4p Kitchen 9a -3p Breakfast & Lunch Bingo in the Hall -1p SUNDAY FUNDAY BBQ w TONY LEE 12p	23 CLUB CLOSED!	24 Bar Open 3p-9p Happy Hour 3p-9p (Members only) Kitchen 3p – 9p Taco Tuesday Bar Bingo 6:30p Queen of Hearts 7p	25 Bar Open 11a-10p Kitchen 11a-9p Bingo in the Hall 6:30p Karaoke 6:30p-9p	26 Bar Open 11a-10p Kitchen 11a-9p Sandwich Specials Mahjong 12p Team Trivia 6:30p	27 Bar Open 11a-11p Bar Bingo 12:30p Kitchen 11a-10p Prime Rib & Fish Fry Bingo in the Hall 6:30p SONIC GROOVE 7p CHINESE NEW YEAR SHOW 8:30p!!!	28 Bar Open 11a-11p Kitchen 11a-11p Steak & Salmon Dinners MARDI GRAS PARTY BINGO 6:30p