ARIZONA AMERICAN ITALIAN CLUB

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Come on in and enjoy our great restaurant, live music and other social activities.

Facilities are available to rent for celebrations, family events and meetings!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Fall! It's October and this month we celebrate Columbus Day to honor Christopher Columbus, one of the most famous Italians in America!! Columbus landed in the Americas on October 12, 1492. Italian Americans see Columbus Day as a celebration of their heritage, as they also left Europe to seek their fortunes in the New World. In 1934, the U.S. Congress asked President Franklin D. Roosevelt to designate October 12 as Columbus Day and encourage people to celebrate the discovery of America, but Columbus Day did not become a federal holiday until 1971.

Italians celebrate their local hero with Giornata Nazionale di Cristoforo Colombo or Christopher Columbus National Day. Several military and civilian ships around the country bear his name.

We had a blast in September at the Club! We enjoyed a full house when the Myrtle Street Boys played, we had tie dye fun at Party Bingo, the 70's Party was great – we even did The Hustle! Our "new and improved" Cowboy Dance was a big hit, the Sunday Funday Shrimp Boil was delicious and our regular Friday night live music and weekly bingo games are very well attended! This month, we are starting a new "Beginners" Mahjong on the first Thursday of the month. (More information on Facebook and in our newsletter.) Our Fall Bocce league has started on Wednesdays and Thursdays! Come out and cheer on your favorite team.

As the weather cools off, it's going to be perfect outside on our patio!! Inside or outside, the Club has lots of great fun for everyone! Bingo, Bocce, Trivia, Dancing, Food, Mahjong, Queen of Hearts, Booze 'n Brushes, Happy Hour, Monday Night Football, and so much more!!! See you at the Club!!

Sono eccitata, non vedo l'ora di verderti al club.

Michael Mellaci, President Arizona American Italian Club

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ARIZONA AMERICAN ITALIAN CLUB HOURS

MONDAY ~ 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

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.azaiclub.com 3. Pick up a copy of the newsletter at the Club

Welcome New Members:

Regular/Italian:

Leonetta Cumpton, Robert DeCindis, Randi Larkin, Regina Marie Lough, David Marchese, Susan Marchese, **Anita Matas and Josh Pierro**

All New Regular/Italian Members must attend a Board **Meeting to receive their Membership Cards**

Affiliates:

Jeanne Croft, Alan Cumpton, James Denney, Zach Duran, Sarah Jones, Nic Jones, Mike Jurado, Stephanie Kelly, Craig Matas, Bob Pappanduros, Stacy Pearson, Glenn Pearson and Simona Wong

New Affiliate Members may pickup their cards at the bar.

Upcoming Meetings:

Car Show Volunteer Meeting ~ Tuesday October 7th th at 6:30

Bocce Meeting ~ Tuesday October 7th at 7:00

Volunteer Committee Meeting ~ Wednesday October 15^{th th} at 6:00

AAIC Board / General Meeting ~ Tuesday October 21st at 7:00 All members are welcome to attend the **Board and Committee Meetings**



Mark your Calendars Save the Date! **American Red Cross Blood** Sunday November 2nd 8:00 - 3:00 Make your appointments at redcrossblood.org

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October 2025 Entertainment

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

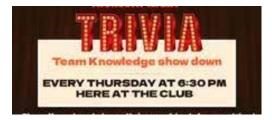


Wednesdays - October 1,8,15,22 & 29th Karaoke ~ 6:30 - 9:00PM

Fuel This Fire Entertainment with Linda Sue Baker



Thursdays - October 2,9,16,23 & 30th
Team Trivia ~ 6:30 - 8:30PM



Fridays ~ October 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31st

Friday October 3rd Signature Blend Trio 7:00-10:00 This trio combines a diverse group of musicians from from various musical backgrounds.



Friday October 10th Frosty & the Silvertones ~ 7:00 - 10:00PM

This band plays a wide range of genres including

Classic Rock, Southern Rock & Variety Hits



FRIDAYS Continued

Friday October 17th ~ Viva Lost Wages Band 7:00 - 10:00 This versatile band plays Classic Rock, R&B, Country & Pop



Friday October 24th ~ Tim Hope & Debby 7:00 - 10:00 This dynamic duo preforms a variety of music including, R&B, Motown, Soul and more



Friday October 31st ~ Sonic Groove 7:00 - 10:00 This high energy band plays it all from Rock to Pop



Saturdays ~ October 18th and 25th

Saturday October 18^{th} ~ Cowboy Dance Night Dance Lessons @ 6:30 ~ Level 5 ~ 7:30 - 9:30 Members Free ~ Non-members \$10 @ the Door



Saturday October 25th ~ Halloween Theme Party Bingo 6:30 - 9:00



AAIC Scholarship Spotlight

At Arcadia High School, Vincent Trost shined as president of the Robotics Club, where he guided his peers in designing and building robots that went on to compete successfully against other schools. Known for his resilience and creative problem-solving, Vincent encouraged his classmates to think outside the box and embrace new perspectives.

Back in April, Vincent's family attended the scholarship awards ceremony and beamed with pride as he was recognized for his hard work and dedication. With the support of his AAIC Scholarship, he is now taking the next step at Arizona State University, where he will pursue a bachelor's—and eventually a master's—degree in computer science. His goal is to make a lasting impact in the cybersecurity industry, protecting the digital identities we all depend on. Vincent's journey reminds us that when our community invests in students, we invest in a stronger, brighter future for everyone.



2nd Annual AAIC Car Show







AAIC Scholarship Applications Launching at the Car Show!

The AAIC Scholarship Committee is excited to launch the 2025–2026 Scholarship Application for graduating high school seniors at the Club's 2nd Annual Car Show on Saturday, October 11, from 9 a.m.–2 p.m. Be one of the first to pick up an application—submissions are due by January 31, 2026.

Our scholarships are open to all deserving students—no AAIC membership or Italian heritage required. We're looking for seniors who need financial assistance, give back to their communities, and are eager to continue their education at a community college, university, or technical program.

Join us at the Car Show to celebrate community, enjoy classic cars, and support the next generation of leaders!

















Bocce News!

The Bocce Fall League is in full swing after taking the summer months off. There is a total of 15 teams, 7 playing on Wednesday night and the remaining 8 playing on Thursday night. At the end of the Fall league, there will be a Bocce Bowl, where the top team from each night will compete for the top spot and have their names engraved on the winner's plaque. I would like to welcome the 14 rookies playing in the Fall League. So, if you missed signing up for the Fall league, you can get geared up for the Winter League. Signup will begin mid Oct. Look for the sheet on the Bocce Wall.

A huge "Thank you" for those that spent their Saturday morning grooming the courts for the Fall League. The courts were screened, and the side curbs were painted. The courts look brand new. It was truly a breaking event. Many of us are still recovering. If you want to use the courts, you can check out bocce balls from the bartender. Please keep the courts in pristine condition, they are NOT a playground.

The AAIC Bocce Club is giving back to the community. The courts will be closed every Friday from 11am to 2pm, so that disabled individuals from Arizona Recreational Center for the Handicap (ARCH) can enjoy the game of Bocce on our professional courts.

If you have any questions regarding Bocce, please don't hesitate to contact me via phone (leave a message), email, or text.

Ciao for now, Paul Castaldo AAIC Bocce League President 480-861-4903 or paul3567@gmail.com



Cares of the Heart

With so much hurt and unrest in the world, may each of us do our best to make AAIC a better place; bringing much joy, peace, and positivity to those who walk through the doors.

Our prayers and thoughts are with those who are ill, those who will have/or have had surgery. May each of you have a speedy recovery.

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

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

"We turn not older with years, but newer every day." Emily Dickenson

Submitted by Jeanette Rouse

Bocce Tribute Walkway

There's still 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.

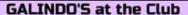
Order forms are located on the Bocce wall in the hallway behind the bar (next to the women's restroom.

If you have any questions, regarding the the Tribute Walkway, please don't hesitate to contact me via 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





SUNDAY

BRUNCH!!

SACH WEEK!

Served Pam - 1pm

\$13.00 - Cali Burrito

\$14.00 - Strawberry French Toast
\$13.00 - Traditional French Toast
\$13.00 - 2-Egg Breakfast, any style
with bacon or sausage
\$13.00 - Traditional Eggs Benedict
\$14.00 - Denver Omelette





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FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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