

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

Recently, a lot of questions have been raised about what "Italian Descent" means for membership in the AAIC. I want to address those questions and dispel any rumors. "Italian Descent" is the hereditary derivation or lineage of an individual. A lineal descendant is a person in the direct line of descent from an ancestor, legally referred to as "issue." This includes anyone who can trace their lineage straight down the family tree from a specific individual. The most straightforward examples are a person's children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, etc. "Italian Descent" for purposes of Club membership cannot be established by DNA tests, rather, you must be able to establish your Italian lineage through specific family relationships and/or a family tree. The reason for this is because your DNA test reflects probability, not a precise family tree. That is how autosomal DNA tests work.

You may not know that DNA ancestry testing is not static — updates can change your results. There is no specific gene for being "Italian." If you submitted DNA tests with different companies, your results would likely be different. Additionally, your ethnicity estimate is not "final." As DNA testing companies grow their databases, your report can change. The science behind ancestry testing evolves, and so does your profile. In addition, some nearby regions share DNA traits. That overlap is not a glitch; it is just a part of shared human migration. That is why ancestry DNA tests often group genetically close populations together. It is not an exact science and that is why we do not use DNA tests for membership. Please feel free to contact me or the Membership Committee if you have any questions.

The Arizona American Italian Club was established in 1957, long before DNA tests were invented. Our Italian heritage is important, and we maintain that heritage through our rich traditions. We have a long history of honoring our culture. The Vendemmia, or grape harvest, is one of the most important agricultural events in Italy, and September is the peak month for harvest festivals. From Tuscany's rolling vineyards to the hills of Piedmont and Sicily, wine regions come alive in Italy in September with celebrations that honor the grape harvest and the process of winemaking. This month let us raise a glass together at the Club!!

Special thanks to the members that made August a success!! This month we have another full calendar of events to enjoy! Join us for Bingo, Live Music, Karaoke, Trivia, Mahjong, Booze-n-Brushes, Queen of Hearts, Raffles, and our Sunday Funday! This month, we are doing something special for the Cowboy Dance...you will want to check it out...And there are always delicious specials from Galindo's Cuisine!

See you at the Club! A presto!

Michael Mellaci, President
Arizona American Italian Club

**American Italian Club
2024 - 2025 EXECUTIVE BOARD**

PRESIDENT	MICHAEL MELLACI
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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.azaclub.com
3. Pick up a copy of the newsletter at the Club

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Welcome New Members:

Regular/Italian:

Joseph Conti, Regina Martinez, Cathie McDaniel,
Steve McGuire and Ann Prassa

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

Affiliates:

Lona Bertolet, Don Davis, Mike Gannon, Andrew Heath,
Joan Heath, Kirstin Hiatt, Julianne Hughes, Cindy Jones,
Henry Killian, Susan Shumway and Richard Wenner

New Affiliate Members may pickup their cards at the bar.

Upcoming Meetings:

Car Show Volunteer Meeting ~ Tuesday September 9th at 6:30

Volunteer Committee Meeting ~ Wednesday September 10th at 6:30

AAIC Board / General Meeting ~ Tuesday September 16th at 7:00

**All members are welcome to attend the
Board and Committee Meetings**

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	12 issues ~ \$150	12 issues ~ \$425

For Information Contact:
Dawn Kasnick ~ 909-367-8607

September 2025 Entertainment

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



Wednesdays - September 3, 10, 17 & 24th

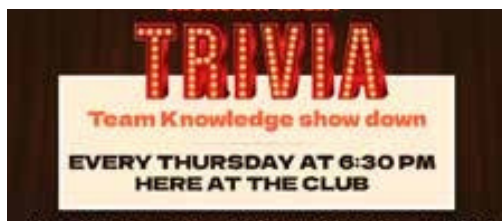
Karaoke ~ 6:30 - 9:00PM

Fuel This Fire Entertainment with Linda Sue Baker



Thursdays - September 4, 11, 18 & 25th

Team Trivia ~ 6:30 - 8:30PM



Fridays - September 5, 12, 19 & 26th ~ 7:00 - 10:00PM

Friday September 5th~ Speedway Band

A variety band that plays Oldies, Blues & Classic Rock



Friday September 12th DJ Forrest ~ 7:00 - 10:00PM
Dance the night away to the sounds of the 70's



FRIDAYS Continued

Friday September 19th ~ Frosty & The Slivertones

This band plays a wide range of genres including
Classic Rock, Southern Rock & Variety Hits



Friday September 26th ~ Merge Band

This dynamic band combines a diverse group of musicians
from various musical backgrounds



Saturdays - September 6, 13 & 20th

Saturday September 6th ~ Myrtle Street Boy's ~ 6:30 - 9:00PM

This neighborhood band plays Classic Rock, Yacht Rock and
much more!



Saturday September 13th ~

Tye- Dye Party Bingo ~ 6:30 - 9:00



Saturday September 20th ~ Cowboy Dance Night

Dance Lessons @ 6:30 ~ Level 5 ~ 7:30 - 9:30

Members Free ~ Non-members \$10 @ the Door



AAIC Scholarship Spotlight

As a senior, Vincenzo "Vinnie" Racanelli was recognized by his teachers at Greenway High School as "an exceptional student" whose maturity and respect stood out among his peers. A successful athlete, dedicated altar server, and volunteer at St. Vincent de Paul, Vinnie aspires to become an EMT and eventually a firefighter, inspired by his father and his passion for serving the community.

If you attended the April Scholarship Awards, you likely remember Vinnie receiving some of the loudest cheers of the evening from his proud family—longtime members of the Arizona American Italian Club. The Racanelli family certainly has much to celebrate, as Vinnie truly reflects the loving values of his Italian heritage.

The AAIC Scholarship Committee and all of us at The Club are excited to wish Vincenzo the very best as he begins his next chapter at Glendale Community College this fall. Congratulations, Vinnie— we are all cheering you on!



2nd Annual AAIC Car Show

We are looking for Sponsors for the Club's Car Show!
Individuals and Businesses are encouraged to check out this opportunity
This year we have 4 Sponsorship levels

- **Nitro Sponsorship ~ \$500, Includes Name on Event T-shirt, Name in the Newsletter and Social Media Posts**
- **High Octane Sponsorship ~ \$250, Includes Name in Newsletter and Social Media Posts.**
- **Premium Sponsorship ~ \$100, Includes Vendor Booth and Name on Award Plaque**
- **Super Sponsorship ~ \$50, Includes Name on Award Plaque**

**Contact Ernie Oakes ~ 303-883-4041
for Sponsorship Opportunities and additional information**



You can win this Scooter!

Piaggio Typhoon 125cc Motor Scooter

Purchase your Raffle tickets at the Club
1 ticket for \$10 or 3 tickets for \$20

**Drawing will be held at the AAIC Car Show on
Saturday October 11th ~ Winner need not be present!**

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HAPPY HOUR
 PRICES FOR ANNUAL CLUB MEMBERS ONLY
 EVERY MON & TUES NIGHTS
 3:00PM - 9:00PM
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COME HERE TO WATCH YOUR FAVORITE TEAMS PLAY!!



GAME DAY
 COME TO THE CLUB EACH SUNDAY!



COME HERE TO WATCH YOUR FAVORITE TEAMS PLAY!!



Summer's Over!

SO AS WE CHANGE SEASONS, FALL INTO THE CLUB EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT FOR THE QUEEN OF HEARTS GAME TO TRY YOUR LUCK AT SOME COOL CASH!

Raffle Tickets Can Be Bought Any Time the Club is Open!

Bring your friends & family for a fun night of great food & music!



Calling ALL Players of Mahjong



Come Join Us at the Club on **THURSDAY** Afternoons to Play!
 Must Have a 2025 Mahjong Card.
 Play starts at 12:30 PM
 Questions? Call Barb: 602-582-4460

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Sunday Funday - Backyard BBQ



WE ARE COOKING UP A SHRIMP BOIL THIS MONTH!!
 FOOD IS LIMITED TO TICKETS PURCHASED BY SEPT 25TH!
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\$20 TICKET GETS YOU FOOD AND A DRINK
LIVE MUSIC BY AUGUST MANLEY
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\$20 Ticket
SUNDAY SEPT 28TH AT 11AM

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 Sundays at 1:00 pm - Hall doors open at 10:30 am



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Bocce News!

I hope all of you had an enjoyable summer, somewhere cooler than the Phoenix area. Hopefully, the temperatures will be coming down so that we can enjoy the Fall League of Bocce which begins Sept 17/18. At the time of this newsletter's printing, there are 14 teams, of which half will be playing on Wednesday nights and the other half on Thursday nights at 7pm. The courts will be closed to the public until mid-November on those nights.

Our FALL Bocce kick off meeting will be held Sept 2 in the Bingo Hall at 7pm.

We will be having a Bocce Court maintenance day on Saturday, Sept 6 at 7am. We will be grooming the courts, repairing cracks, and touching up the paint. Our courts were voted the "Best in the Valley", so we want to keep up the reputation. You are all welcome to join in the fun.

Come on out and see all the excitement at the courts. If you have any questions regarding Bocce, PLEASE do not hesitate to contact me via text or phone (leave a message)

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



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



Cares of the Heart

Let your friends know how much you enjoy coming to AAIC. You can meet up with them at The Club for a meal, drink, listen to music and dancing, bingo, bocce, horseshoes, playing a game of cards, or...

We think of our members and would like to see more of you. You are ever in our thoughts. We hope those who are ill or who have had surgery are on the mend. Please pray for healing of Marietta Raymond.

For those of you who have lost a loved one, may you be comforted and given peace. We remember, in our prayers and thoughts, the families and friends of Ken Barry and the Whitakers. Ken Barry and Jesse Whitaker's sister recently passed.

Buon Compleanno (Happy Birthday) and Felice Anniversario (Happy Anniversary), to those who are celebrating a birthday or anniversary in September. Happy 60th birthday to Stephen Danford.

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

"Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless". ~ Mother Teresa

Submitted by Jeanette Rouse

GALINDO'S at the Club

Join Us For
**SUNDAY
BRUNCH!!**
EACH WEEK!
Served 9am - 1pm

Sunday Breakfast Offerings:

\$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

Galindo's CUISINE

TACO TUESDAY MENU

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

CHOOSE FROM:

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

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AAIC ~ SEPTEMBER 2025 CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31 Bar Open 9-4 Kitchen Open 9-3 Breakfast & Lunch NFL Sunday Ticket Bingo in the Hall @ 1:00	1 The Club Is closed for Labor Day!	2 Bar Open 3-9 Happy Hour 3-9 Bar Bingo 6:30 - 8:30 Kitchen Open 3-9 Taco Tuesday Specials Bocce Meeting @ 7:00	3 Bar Open 11-10 Kitchen Open 11-9 Bingo in the Hall @ 6:30 Queen of Hearts @ 7:00 Karaoke 6:30 - 9:00	4 Bar Open 11-10 Kitchen Open 11-9 Sandwich Specials Mahjong @ 12:30 Team Trivia 6:30 - 8:30	5 Bar Open 11-11 Bar Bingo 12:30 - 3:30 Kitchen Open 11-10 Prime Rib & Fish Fry Bingo in the Hall @ 6:30 Speedway ~ 7-10	6 Bar Open 11-11 Kitchen Open 11-10 Steak & Salmon Dinners Myrtle St Boys 6:30-9
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28 Bar Open 9-4 Kitchen Open 9-3 Breakfast & Lunch NFL Sunday Ticket Bingo in the Hall @ 1:00 Sunday Funday BBQ @ 11 Music by August Manley	29 Bar Open 3-9 Happy Hour 3-9 Monday Night Football Kitchen Closed	30 Bar Open 3-9 Happy Hour 3-9 Bar Bingo 6:30 - 8:30 Kitchen Open 3-9 Taco Tuesday Specials				