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## Tuesday April 13, 2021

### MEMBER APPRECIATION

**Where:** Sunset Cove Park, near Pavilion and Amphitheater, Burt Aaronson South County Regional Park, 20405 Amphitheater Circle, Boca Raton.

(Entrance can be reached heading west on Glades Road after Rte 441 about 2 miles on right. Also, heading west on Yamato Road after Rte 441 about 1.5 miles on left.)

**Time:** 4:00PM to 6:00 PM

**Cost:** Members—Free, Guests \$5

**Speaker:** Sam Shoptow, Veteran representative

We are having our members appreciation meeting to thank you for your continued loyalty during these difficult times. Our Bonanno Lodge will provide Pizza and soft drinks to all members. See you there.



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# Message From The President JOAN D'AMATO



## Order Sons and Daughters of Italy

Dear Brothers and Sisters

The Bonanno Lodge is on a long road to recovery. Our picnic in March was a big success. Our dinner at Caruso was met with accolades by those that attended. Next meeting – Members appreciation is on April 13, 2021. See flyer.

Also, upcoming activities are posted in our website and newsletter. We will continue to meet in the park for April and May. Usually, we take summers off from meetings, but we will continue with lunches and early dinners.

In the newsletter we have ads, as you know, and we are now opening that up to "boosters page" for your personal messages and donations, maybe to wish the lodge well or some congratulations on an important date like birthday or anniversary. Please contact me if interested.

March 31<sup>st</sup> is deadline for dues for this year. We are happy to see almost all our members are back and participating. We welcome eight new members to the "friendliest" lodge in Florida.

Joe and I wish everyone a Blessed Easter.



## Order Sons and Daughters of Italy

Cari fratelli e sorelle.

Il Bonanno Lodge è su una lunga strada per il recupero. Il nostro picnic di marzo è stato un grande successo. La nostra cena da Caruso è stata accolta con riconoscimenti da coloro che hanno partecipato. Prossima riunione - L'apprezzamento dei soci è per il 13 aprile 2021. Vedi volantino. Inoltre, le prossime attività sono pubblicate nel nostro sito web e newsletter. Continueremo a incontrarci nel parco per aprile e maggio. Di solito, non ci incontriamo durante l'estate, ma continueremo con pranzi e cene.

Nella newsletter abbiamo annunci, come sapete, e ora stiamo avendo una "pagina dei sostenitori" per i vostri messaggi personali, donazioni, per augurare buon lavoro al lodge o congratulazioni per una data importante come compleanno o anniversario. Vi preghiamo di contattarmi se vi interessa. Il 31 marzo scade il tempo limite per il pagamento delle quote annuali. Siamo felici di vedere quasi tutti i nostri soci tornare e partecipare. Diamo il benvenuto a otto nuovi soci nel lodge "più cordiale" della Florida. Joe ed io auguriamo a tutti una Santa Pasqua.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

# 2021

If you wish to announce a special event, please send your Information to me no later than the 23rd of each month.

## JANUARY

12 Picnic Meeting Aaronson Park

## FEBRUARY

9 Meeting Sunset Park  
28 Picnic Morikami Museum

## MARCH

9 Meeting  
19 St Joseph's Dinner Cucina Caruso,  
Fort Lauderdale

## APRIL

13 Meeting in the Park  
17 Bocce Upper keys  
19 Sicilian Oven Lunch

## MAY

11 Members appreciation and piazza

## JUNE

TBD Monday Lunch

## JULY

TBD Monday Lunch

## AUGUST

TBD Monday Lunch

## SEPTEMBER

14 Meeting

## OCTOBER

12 Meeting

## NOVEMBER

9 Meeting

## DECEMBER

TBD Christmas

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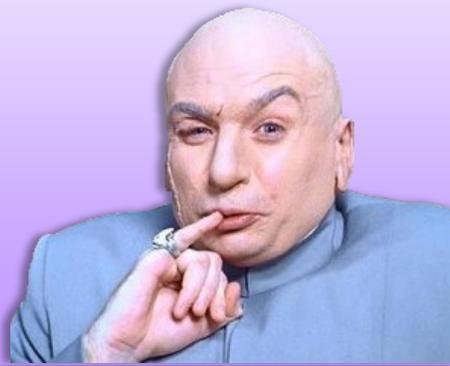
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# *In Memoriam*



## **Sir Robert Quillard**

has passed this week into God's care.  
Our sympathies and prayers go out to Millie  
and the family. He was a great friend and Pa-  
triot and he will be missed by his Brothers  
and Sisters of the Bonanno Lodge

## **Angelina Seta 1927-2021**

*In  
Loving  
Memory*



Angie Seta passed away Friday. We will miss her wonderful stories and beautiful smile. She and husband Don were loyal supporters of our Bonanno Lodge over the last several decades. They were instrumental in supporting our Scholarship program through their Don and Angie Seta Foundation. We will miss their friendship and camaraderie and honor them in our prayers and thoughts always. She will be missed.

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## **Please Pledge Your Support**

Your lodge, The Sgt. Frederick M. Bonanno Lodge #2549, is a 501(c)(3) non-profit fraternal organization of the Sons and Daughters of Italy in America, which began 115 years ago.

We have been supporting our Italian Culture, our Community, Veterans programs and our Italian Heritage. Our lodge came into existence over 36 years ago. And since then, has grown and thrived thanks to our treasured membership.

Every quarter we donate to our charities: Alzheimer's, Autism, Cancer and Cooley's Anemia. We continue with our scholarship programs. We carry on with our plan of action to Save Columbus Day and expanding The Italian Language in our High Schools. All of these important tasks require reinforcement from the Italian Consulate, FAU, and other important institutions.

As with so many other fraternal organizations, we have suffered a major financial set back due to the Covid 19 virus. It has literally, shut down all our fundraising operations, and we don't really know when things will go back to "normal". However, we are determined to continue all our involvement with our charities and other programs without interruption.

I am, personally, asking for your support in the way of a tax-deductible donation. I know you probably get many solicitation letters, as I do, but we cannot let our movement to carry on our support cease because of this pandemic. A contribution, in any amount, will be appreciated and a great help.

Please make checks out to Sgt Bonanno Lodge #2549 and mail to the post Office Box below.

Thank you for your generosity and please send this letter to your family and friends. We greatly appreciate your assistance and call if you have any questions.

Fraternally Yours,

Joan D'Amato  
President

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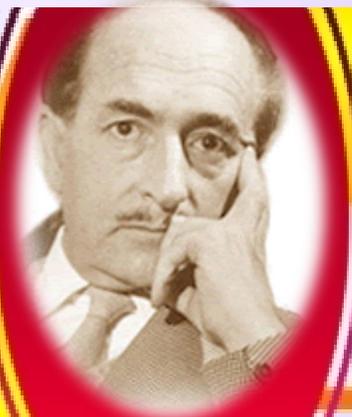


## ***Famous Italian Quotes***



*“The first lesson I ever learned was never to wait fo a man’s rescue”*

Caterina De Medici



*“The antagonism between the poet and the politician has generally been evident in all cultures”*

Salvatore Quasimodo



*“ All things will be clear and distinct to the man who does not hurry; haste is blind and improvident”*

Titus Livius

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## Loretta Talamo

**L**oretta Talamo moved to Boynton Beach from Fairfield, NJ in 2019. She was born and raised in Passaic, NJ by an Italian mother and German father. Her mother's family emigrated from Caltanissetta, Sicily in the early 1900's, just before her mother was born. Loretta grew up with many Italian traditions such as large family gatherings and lots of Italian food.

Passaic is also where she met her husband Russell (Rosolino). Russel came to the US from Alia, Sicily with his family at the age of 14, and as luck would have it, they moved in next door to Loretta's family. Alia is a small town in the province of Palermo, built on the side of a mountain. Russell and Loretta married about 8 years later and she joined his large Italian family of 7 brothers and sisters.

Holidays were always fun with lots of food and deserts recipes that she has been passed through the family over the years including homemade cookies, cannoli and creampuffs which were always part of every celebration. Russ was known for his home-

made Italian sausages. He also made wine and limoncello.

Loretta and Russ were fortunate to be able to travel back to Italy on several occasions. The toured throughout the country, but always went back to Alia to visit Russ' mother, sister, nephews and extended family. On one trip they were able to bring their son, daughter-in-law and granddaughters to spend time in Alia with family and see the house and town where Russ grew up.

**(This photo is from that trip to Alia.)**

Loretta graduated from the American Banking School and spent many years in the banking industry. She and Russel moved to Fairfield in 1967 and lived there until he passed away in 2018. They have two children, Laura (husband Russell) and Russ (wife Karen) and for grandchildren. Loretta enjoys traveling and she is part of several area clubs including bowling and pickle ball.



**SAVE THE DATE**

**Monday April 19, 2021**

**LUNCH AT SICILIAN OVEN**

**Where: 21170 St. Andrews Blvd.—Boca Raton, FL 33433 OUTSIDE SEATING**

**Time : 12 Noon**

**Cost: \$20.00 Members \$23 Guests Tax and Tip included**

**Menu: Garden Salad, Beverages, Choice of one: Chicken parm or Eggplant Panini or Penne Alla  
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**SAVE THE DATE**

**Saturday April 17, 2021**

## **Bocce Tournament - Upper Keys Lodge, Key Largo**

**Where:** Key Largo Civic Center for all functions. A two hour drive from Boca. Directions to come  
**Time :** 10:00 AM Sharp  
**Entry fee:** \$125 per team of 4, or \$31.25 per person. Includes breakfast, lunch & dinner for all players

**For Spectators:** Breakfast \$7, Lunch \$8, Dinner \$10

**Overnight Accommodations:** Under \$200 per night. Must book fast!

**Prizes:** 1st Place - \$150, 2nd Place - \$75, 3rd Place - \$50.

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# COMMENDATORE EDWARD MOTTOLA JR.



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**Sempre Avanti**



## LODGE COOKBOOK

Since 1991, when the membership of the Grand Lodge of Florida produced a cookbook, "Preserving Our Italian Heritage", over 100,000 copies of the book has been sold. Proceeds from the sale of the book have been placed with the Florida Foundation which has over many years produced numerous State Scholarships as well as providing funds for our Charities: Autism, Alzheimer's, Cooley's Anemia and Cancer Funds.

"From the Same Vine" sells for \$15.00 and makes wonderful gifts for family members, friends, neighbors, and of course, yourself. For further information on the purchase of our book, please call the book Chairman, Ed Mottola, 561-479-2096.

## ITALIAN AMERICA MAGAZINE

Our beautiful Italian American magazine is issued to all members of the Sons and Daughters of Italy in America. Miles Ryan Fisher, Editor in Chief, is a member of our Staff at our Washington Office. The is published 4 times a year: Winter, Spring, Summer, Fall. Members receive the magazine via US mail. It can also be viewed on our National website, [OSIA.ORG](http://OSIA.ORG). Lodge Members who haven't received the magazine or are unable to post it to their computer are asked to call Ed Mottola, 561-479-2096.

# SPOTLIGHT

Caruso Cucina.

A great time  
had by all!!





# FROM ITALIA

## By Raffaele Gueli

**BENITO MUSSOLINI (1883-1945) PART 1 OF 5**

*[This is a five parts profile of Benito Mussolini. There is still much we do not know about this man. Paraphrasing Woody Allen, it's about ..."Everything you always wanted to know about Mussolini, but were afraid to ask"]*

### A BAD REPUTATION

**W**hen we talk about fascism, whatever we have studied at school or we have watched in movies, it comes to mind the exalted fascist squads who terrorized people with aggressive impudence, discriminating fanaticism and ferocious violence. When we talk about Mussolini, we grimace as to show contempt and shame, wanting to erase that sad chapter of Italian history. What do we really know about him and his accomplishments? Unfortunately, this man has been ignobly branded a monster, a madman who ruined Italy and he will be stigmatized as such over the centuries. I say unfortunately because we grew up with the idea that Mussolini was evil, a megalomaniac, a fanatic and an arrogant tyrant. In history textbooks we acclaim meaningless individuals and we denigrate a prodigious statesman like

Mussolini who led Italy to be a country envied and emulated by many, even Germany.

Benito Mussolini was not a lunatic but a disillusioned man, a victim of his time. However, he made Italy a model country, before bringing it to ruin with the devious alliance with Nazi Germany, and consequently with Hitler's racial laws allowing the deportation of thousands of Jewish Italians to concentration camps. In a preemptive effort to save his country, Mussolini had employed the tactic "if you can't beat them, join them," alas, tying his fate to that of a true megalomaniac. He had been manipulated by that despicable alliance to impose racial laws in 1938 despite having different views. In fact, years back, he himself had declared: *«There are no pure races. From happy blends often derives the strength and beauty of a nation. Anti-Semitism does not exist in Italy. Italian Jews have always behaved like citizens, and as soldiers they fought bravely. They occupy high positions in universities, the army and banks».*

There are many who think of him as an ingenious statesman. Mussolini loved Italy and Italy loved his "Duce". The word comes from the Latin Dux which means leader, commander-in-chief. It was a model adopted by other leaders, such as Adolf Hitler's "Führer" and Francisco Franco's "Caudillo". In his heart, albeit with harsh methods, he wanted to



S.E. BENITO MUSSOLINI

Sarfatti said she believed in him until he proved to be consistent; not anymore after the African War.

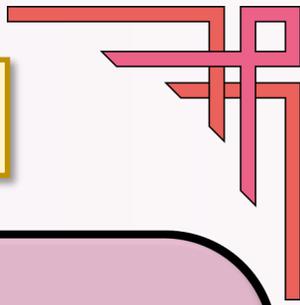
improve Italy. His Achilles heel was to invade Africa in its arduous madness of conquering colonial possessions and creating an empire, to bring Italy to the old glory of the Roman Empire. All major European countries, except Italy, had colonial possessions in Africa and elsewhere. Yet when he spoke of imperialism, the Duce imagined it not necessarily military, but democratic, peaceful and economic. *"We are forty million in this cramped and adorable peninsula of ours, with a territory that cannot feed everyone. There are countries around Italy that have a smaller population with twice the territory. So, it is understandable that the problem of Italian expansion in the world is a problem of life and death for the Italian race"*

Benito Mussolini urged and encouraged young people to marry, giving them cash incentives for every son they gave birth to. There must be a reason why to so many children was given the name Benito, not only by pro-fascists but by the masses. It happened at a time when he was truly hailed as the best leader Italy had seen in decades. Reading Bruno Vespa's latest book *"Why Italy loved Mussolini"*, from which I extracted much of the material, I could see that everything good and great he had built went down the drain, washed away after 1936. His ascent suffered a ruinous detour and marked his downfall with the colonization in Africa. Margherita Sarfatti, a Venetian Jew, in addition to being his long-time lover, was considered the mother of fascism and a great confidant of the Duce. On the eve of the Ethiopian campaign, she wrote to Mussolini: *"You already have enough to colonize in the Apulia, Sicily and Calabria. If you go to Abyssinia, then you will fall into the hands of the Germans and you are lost"*.

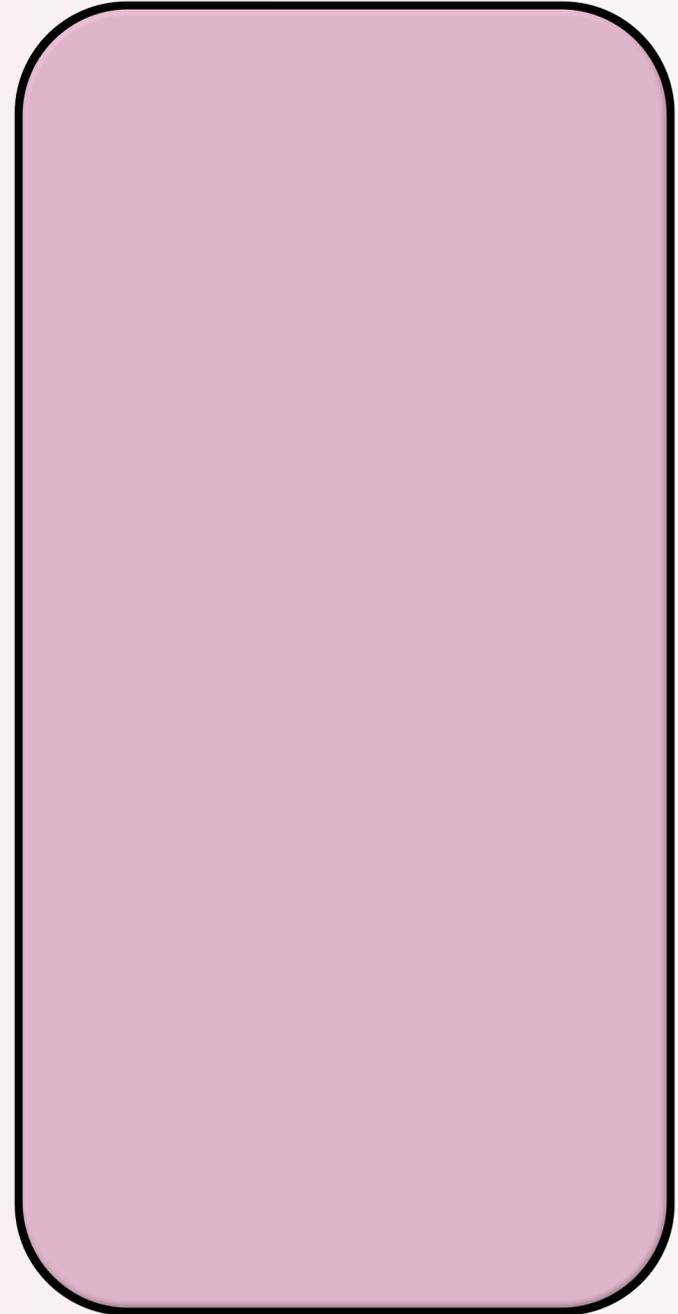
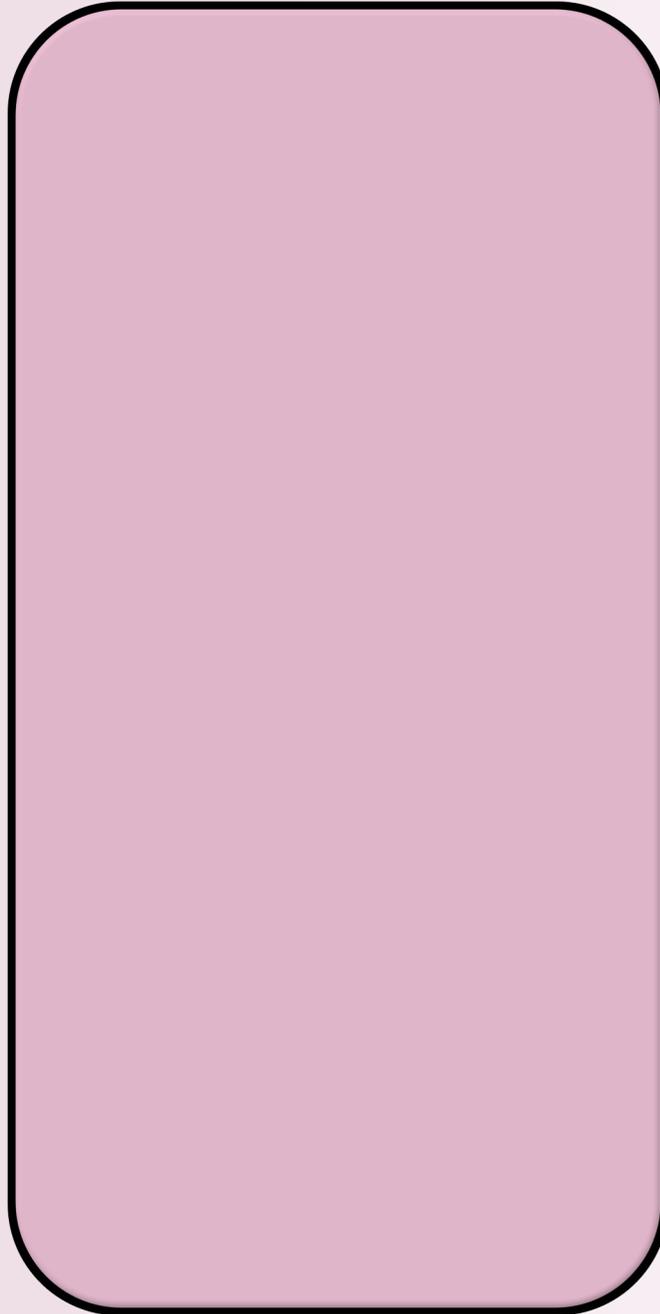
Mussolini sustained many assassination attempts; each could have been fatal to him, but he was always unharmed. On one of those occasions Mussolini launched one of his famous phrases: *«If I advance, follow me. If I back down, kill me. If I die, revenge me»*. Italy has always been considered a strategic country for world balance. Mussolini's admiration for Franklin D. Roosevelt was reciprocated until 1936 when the Ethiopian War isolated Italy. Roosevelt admitted that he was in constant, rather close contact with that "distinguished Italian gentleman". He stated that: *«as it looks, Mussolini seems to have made enormous progress; fascism is the most efficient machine I have ever seen»*. So, was it true that fascism was an efficient government? Let's see what had changed in 1922 with the March on Rome.

Mussolini stated that *«Italy, gentlemen, wants peace, wants tranquility, wants laborious calm; we will give it with love, if possible, or by force if necessary*. He became head of government and leader of the fascist party, assuming executive command and depriving parliament of all powers. Public opinion accepted the establishment of the dictatorship with resignation and, to a large part, even in favor. The fascistization of the state reached its peak at the end of 1928 when the Grand Council of Fascism became a constitutional organ and the old Statute of Carlo Alberto (the King's great-grandfather) became toilet paper for which Victor Emanuel III got pissed (poor man) but he was still too busy scratching ... his royal crown, rather than worrying about such idiocy.

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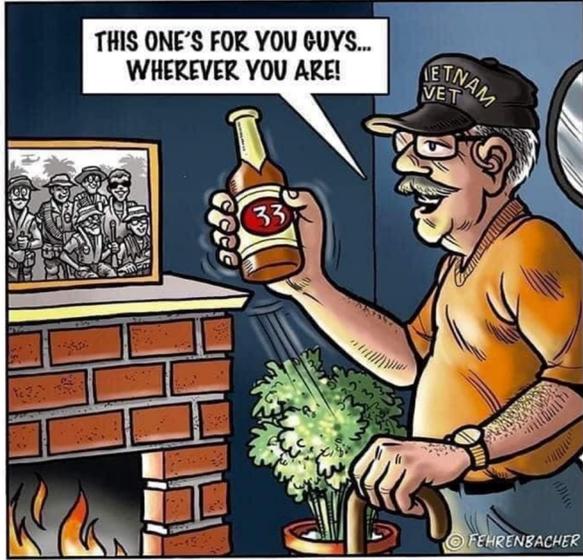
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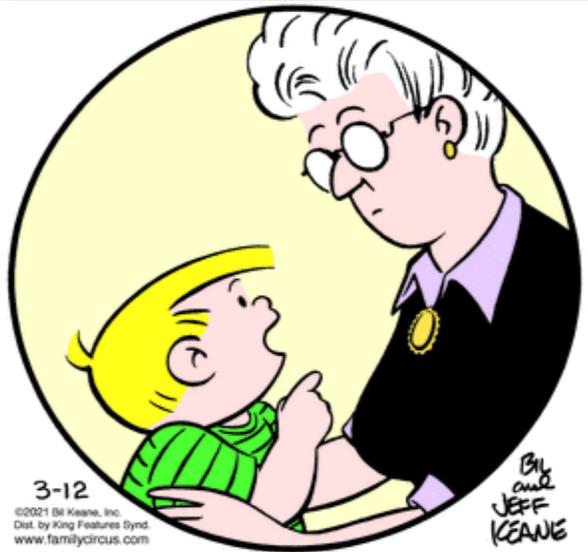


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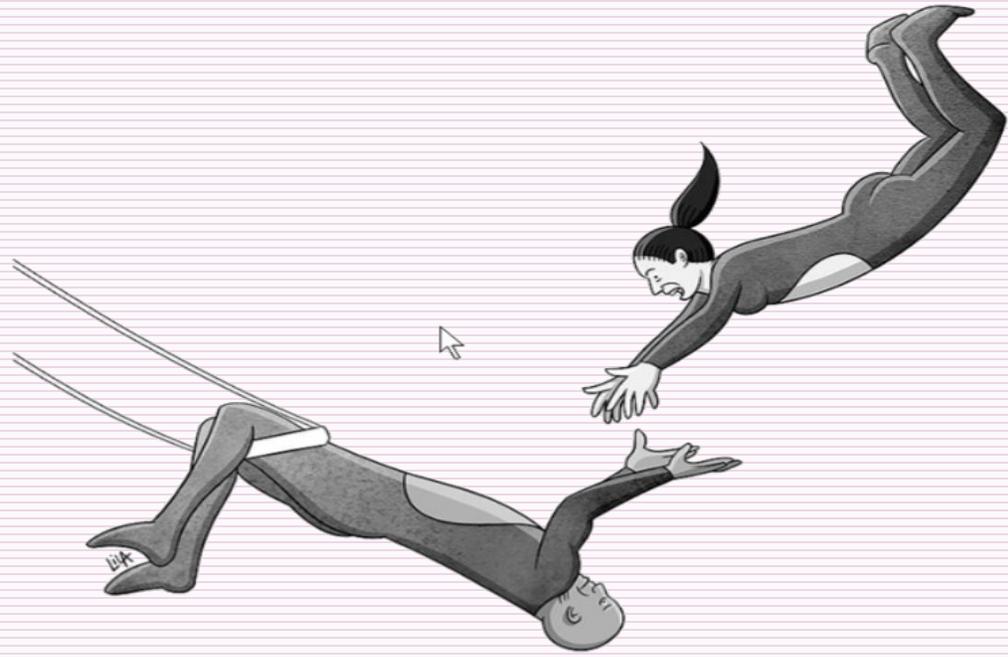
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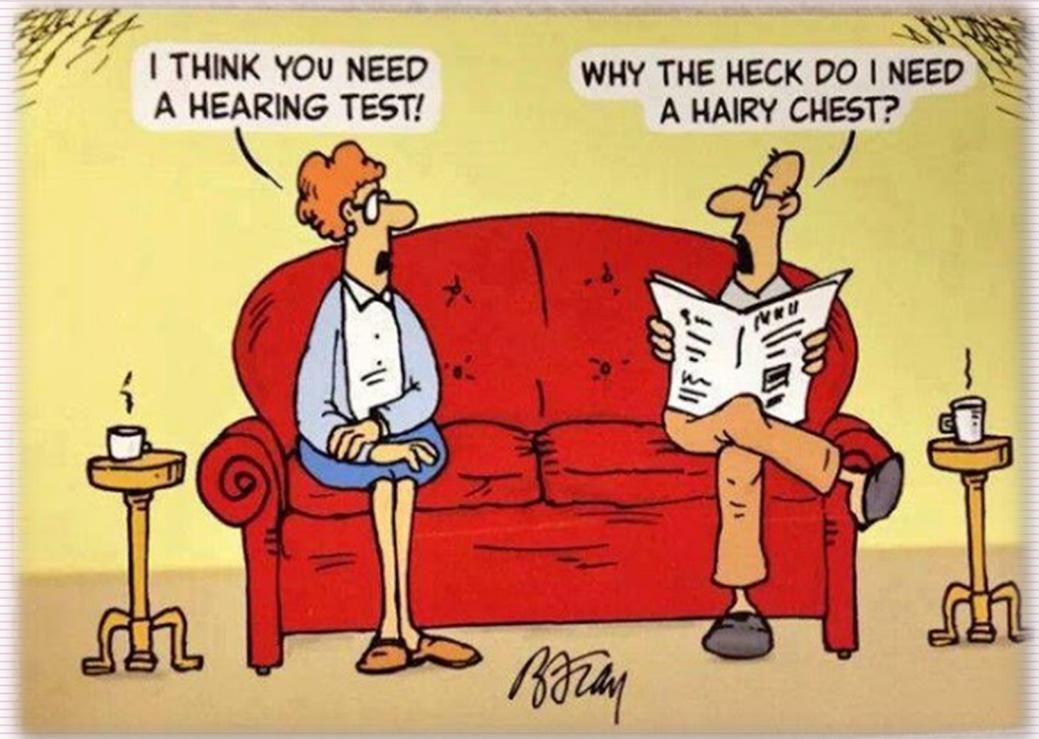
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*"Wait—did you wash your hands?"*



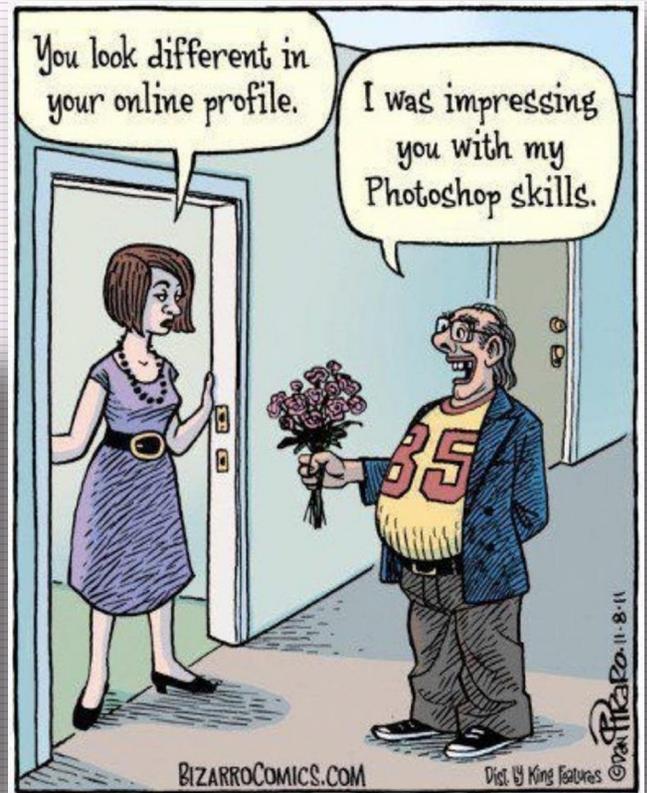
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## LODGE INFORMATION

Our Board Meeting will be the first Wednesday of every month at 10AM on Zoom Format.

Lodge Meeting at 6:30 PM on second Tuesday of every month: suspended temporarily.

## Members

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2021 ANNUAL DUES.

Dear Brothers and Sisters, first, thank you for your loyalty and patients during the current pandemic. Your President has petitioned the Grand Lodge of Florida and received relief for you concerning annual dues, considering the lack of meetings and functions. The annual dues for the entire year beginning January 1,2021 has been reduced to \$35.00 per person. We appreciate these dues be paid as soon as possible, as all other income has been reduced or gone, so it is important to meet this date. Since we do not know when we will be able to meet, you can send your dues directly to me at the address below. At this time all other matters concerning dues will remain in effect. You will be advised of any changes as the situation with the pandemic evolves.

Larry Danza, Financial Secretary  
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### DON AND ANGIE MEMORIAL LODGE SCHOLARSHIP

OUR LODGE'S DON AND ANGIE ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS SELECTION CAME TO A CLOSE ON APRIL 1<sup>st</sup>. RECIPIENTS OF THE AWARD WERE KATIE MILLER, UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA, GRANDDAUGHTER OF MARJORIE MILLER AND KELLY AGLIO, THE UNIVERSITY OF BUCKNELL, GRANDDAUGHTER OF GENEVIEVE AGLIO.

OUR LODGE MEMBERS REACH OUT TO THANK THE DON & ANGIE SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDERS FOR THEIR MANY YEARS OF SUPPORT.

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