**Email...times are changing**

As you may know postage has increased and printing become quite expensive therefore SICE would like to use Email as our main form of communication with our members.

Converting to electronic format will allow us to save money and dedicate more funds to the many organizations SICE helps throughout the year. We will also be able to communicate more often and effectively with you.

So we kindly ask to provide us with your email address when sending your 2014/15 membership.

Furthermore starting this year, you will receive an email confirmation of your event your reservation and payment received.

To make it easier to communicate with us and share your ideas, volunteer for an event or to participate more in the future, please send us an email: italyinsarasota@gmail.com

If you prefer to have a printed copy you may download the newsletter from the website.

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**Dear SICE Members and Friends,**

We hope you and your families are enjoying the last days of summer and are looking forward to returning to Sarasota to participate in the 2014-2015 Season of Sarasota Italian Cultural Events.

We are very excited about the events planned by the new board to celebrate and promote Italy and Italian culture in Sarasota. This year’s events vary and incorporate Italy as a whole, promoting the many beauties from north to south, its rich history and culture, American’s love of Italy and the excellency of food & wine.

Several events are limited in number of participants, so you may wish to make your reservations early! Furthermore, we have decided to have events exclusively for SICE members and their guests. We believe this will allow us to offer our members quality events and entice new members to join.

Our first event of the season is a comeback thanks to its success! Join us for an interactive and exciting wine tasting dinner at the Sarasota Yacht Club featuring a *Taste of Lombardy and the Wines of Northern Italy*. We chose to give homage to Milan and Lombardy as this area will host the World Expo starting in May 2015.

We hope to see you all and greet you personally as we enjoy Bella Italia right here in Sarasota.

*A presto!*

*The SICE Board of Directors*

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**Bringing a greater awareness of the rich Italian culture to the greater Sarasota community**
This year the Universal Exposition (or World Fair) will be held in Milan in the Lombardy Region with over 130 countries participating and more than 20 million visitors expected between May 1 and October 31, 2015.

Italy has chosen *Feeding the Planet, Energy for Life* as its central theme where the world challenges of nutrition and planet resources will be discussed between international players. Expo Milano 2015 looks at human history through traditional cultural values and the use of new technologies in food production. It aims to highlight the life-giving energy that food, the symbol of hospitality, community and celebration, brings to each and every one of us.

The exhibition site extends across approximately **one million** square meters and was designed by internationally renowned architects, Stefano Boeri, Ricky Burdett and Jacques Herzog.

The site is built according to the Cardo and Decumano principle of the *castrum latino* – the layout of two main streets that are perpendicular to each other typical of a Roman town.

The intersection of the Cardo and Decumano is the site of Palazzo Italia, the heart and Main Square, where Italy meets the rest of the World.

The Cardo connects the exposition site from north to south and is akin to the typical structure of an Italian village and symbolizes the varieties and differences that characterize Italy.

The north end will represent the Italian territories and its regions while the south, where Made in Italy is located, will showcase the excellent local food and sustainable products.

The main street, Decumano, runs from east to west. On both sides of the Decumano, are the pavilions of the participating countries. Symbolically the Decumano will connect the place where food is produced (countryside) and where it is consumed (city).

The Italian Pavilion will showcase the culture and tradition, typical of the Italian food industry in terms of high quality products and finished goods.
Calendar of Events 2014-2015

TASTE OF LOMBARDY & NORTHERN ITALIAN WINES TASTING DINNER

Guided by Susanna Wriston, Italian Wine Specialist®
Thursday, November 13, 2014 - 6:30 pm
Sarasota Yacht Club - 1100 John Ringling Blvd
Cost $75 Members/$85 Guests

Join us to celebrate SICE’s first event of the season!
Look out over the crystal clear waters of Sarasota Bay and enjoy a Wine Tasting Dinner featuring the culinary delights of Lombardy prepared by award winning Chef Anthony of the Sarasota Yacht Club elegantly paired with great wines of Northern Italy. We have selected a menu dedicated to the region of Lombardy, as it will host EXPO 2015! Susanna Wriston, Italian Wine Specialist® certified by the North American Sommelier Association and Associazione Italiana Sommelier, will guide us through the beauty and complexity of the selected wine regions and entice us with the culture and traditions of each pairing.

Wine Dinner Tasting Menu

Antipasto
INVOLTINI DI BRESAOLA WITH GORGONZOLA & ARUGULA
Paired with Franciacorta

Piatto Principale
OSSO BUCO CON RISOTTO ALLA MILANESE
Paired with Valpolicella Classico

Formaggi
CLASSICAL LOMBARDY CHEESES SERVED WITH SmOKED ALMONDS AND FIG JAM
Paired with Nebbiolo Piemonte

Dolce
PANETONE DELIGHT WITH CREMA DI MASCARPONE & AMARETTI DI SARONNO
Paired with Moscato D’Asti

EXPERIENCE THE SARASOTA OPERA

Thursday, January 29, 2015 - 11:00 am
Sarasota Opera House
Cost $20 Members / $25 Guests- seats are limited

This popular program staged just for SICE returns again in 2015. Will it be Tosca, Don Carlos, The Golden Cockerel. This event has consistently been a sellout, so reserve your seats early! We will send the details of the selected program later this year. Proceeds collected benefit the Sarasota Opera and Youth Opera.

SOUTHERN ITALY: ANCIENT GRECO ROMAN SITES

Lecture presented by Dr. Rosanne Martorella followed by bountiful Sicilian Style Aperitivo
Thursday, February 12, 2015 - 5:30 pm
Herald Tribune Headquarters -1741 Main St - Sarasota
Cost: $30 Members / $40 Guests – Limited seating

Dr Rosanne Martorella is current Sarasota resident and once a full time Sociology professor at William Paterson University. Her major field of research and publication has been on arts patronage, culture and society, but her real passion is for ancient archeology. Dr Martorella will take us on a journey through the best preserved ancient temples and archeological sites found in southern Italy. From Pompeii and Paestum to Agrigento, Selinunte, Syracuse, and Taormina in Sicily, discover the culture and the ancient life though the architecture, pottery, stone carvings and more. Go inside
the spectacular 4th C. AD Roman Palace *Villa del Casale* of Piazza Armerina to see how splendid mosaics and murals depict the lavish lifestyle of the time.

This event is exclusive to SICE Members and their guests. A bountiful *Sicilian Style Aperitivo* will follow the lecture.

**AMERICANS’ LOVE OF ITALY SERIES: HEMINGWAY UNKNOWN – THE ITALIAN YEARS**

*Thursday, March 12, 2015 - 11:30 am*

Venetian River & Golf Club (Laurel Road/N. Venice)

**Cost: $35 Members / $45 Guests** *(presentation and luncheon)*

It was the spring of 1918, during the First World War, when as an ambulance-driver volunteering for the American Red Cross he had the chance to discover Veneto and his love began. While supplying troops with chocolate, coffee and cigarettes, he managed to reach the front on the Piave River. Here Hemingway was seriously wounded and the experience ignited his imagination, and perhaps the most famous novel on World War I in Italy, *A Farewell to Arms* (1929).

When he returned in 1948 he discovered the beauty of Venice: he made friends with Giuseppe Cipriani, the founder of the historical “Harry’s Bar”. Hemingway loved the glamour of the Gritti Hotel but also the enchanting simplicity of the Locanda Cipriani on the island of Torcello, where he could write and go duck hunting in the lagoon: the late novel, *Across the River and into the Trees* (1950). Ernest Hemingway writes in a letter to Bernard Berenson in 1948, expressing all his affection for Veneto: “I am a boy of the lower Piave …I’m an old Veneto’s fanatic and I will leave my heart here”.

The photographic presentation will take us through Hemingway’s journeys in Italy from World War I to the 1950s to discover the traveler Ernest Hemingway and his love story with Venice and the Veneto region from Fossalta, to Caorle, Venice, Torcello and Cortina d’Ampezzo in the Dolomites.

The photographs were part of an exhibit promoted by Venice International University on display at Palazzo Loredan in Venice, Casa Italia Zerilli-Marimo’ at NYU, and Societa’ Dante Alighieri in Miami.

Enjoy a luncheon inspired by the Veneto foods Hemingway loved. *Cash bar will be available*

**VILLAS & GARDENS OF ITALY**

*Lecture presented by Dr. Joseph Polizzi*

An event in collaboration with the Ausonia Society of Sarasota

*Wednesday, April 22, 2014 - 11:30 am*

Lakewood Ranch Country Club

**Cost: $30 Members / $40 Guests** *(lecture and luncheon)*

Dr. Joseph Polizzi, well-know author and lecturer will be our guest speaker at the last event of our season at the Lakewood Ranch Country Club. Dr. Polizzi has authored many articles and books on Italian subjects including works about Southern Italian Society, Women in 19th Century Italian Art, and a biography of Palladio, the Architect of the Veneto. Also added to his list of credits is a recent novel, entitled “The Golden Orrery: A Story of Love and Remembrance in Sicily”.

For us, Dr. Polizzi will give a special preview of his latest work “In Praise of the Italian Pleasure Garden”- its’ history, origins, and the personalities of the original designers as well as the cast of characters behind the scenes, such the Medici. Dr. Polizzi’s passion for his subject is clearly felt as he describes the gardens and their “capacity to enchant” in fascinating detail.

We will learn how the influence of Italian garden design traveled far beyond the confines of Italy. We will see the grandest of gardens in Rome and how these designs were later adopted by France, England and America. You’ll be surprised to find out where the best examples are in the U.S - New York, Massachusetts, California and, of all places, Wisconsin.

Join us for a delightful lunch at the Lakewood Ranch Country Club and learn about “il giardino del piacere.”