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The Palm Bay Italian American Society's (PBIAS) Italian Festa to honor two Founders

April 26, 2011 (Melbourne, FL) – *The Palm Bay Italian American Society* 's Italian Festa will honor two Founders; *Annette Ciccone and Jim Burns*. Ciccone and Burns passed away last year before getting the opportunity to experience the *new Italian Festa* in Palm Bay. However, the current Board has decided to dedicate this event to Ciccone and Burns as a way to honor and continue their legacy. Current Board members include; Vito Barbieri (Festa Organizer), Joan Hamel, Frank Ciccone, Pat Desimone, and Kris Farme. The Board wants to create something special in honor of their loved ones and for all the Italian-Americans in and around the Gold Coast and Treasure Coast.

The Italian Festa will feature a full carnival, Italian entertainers, great Italian food (pasta dishes, meatballs subs, sausage and pepper subs, pizza, zeppoles (Italian donuts), an assortment of Italian pastries and of course Italian Ice to cool festival-goers!

The event is \$10.00 per person (children under the age of 1 are Free) and includes all the carnival rides. So, if you are looking for a family-friendly event, the Italian Festa will have something for everyone.

Entertainment Schedule:

John Savastano, Italian Radio Show host from Massachusetts will be on hand to emcee (master of ceremonies) the Festa all 5 days from 4p to 10p.

Friday, Saturday May 13th, 2011

Gianni Monti, 6:30 p – 7:30 p

Pat Capuzzi, 7:45p – 8:30 p

Moreno Fruzzetti, 8:45p – 9:45p

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Gianni Monti, 6:30p – 7:30p

Pat Capuzzi, 7:45p – 8:30 (Comedian)

Moreno Fruzzetti, 8:45p – 9:45p

Sunday, May 15th, 2011

Gianni Monti, 2:00p – 3:00p

Moreno Fruzzetti, 3:30p – 4:30p

For more information and to listen to the sounds of the entertainers, please visit:

<http://www.morenofruzzetti.com/> and <http://giannimonti.net/index.html>.

Italian Festa Schedule:

Wednesday, May 11th : 4pm – 10pm

Thursday, May 12th – 4pm – 10pm

Friday, May 13th – 4p – 10 pm

Saturday, May 14th – Noon to 10 pm

Sunday, May 15th – Noon to 8p

The Italian Festa will also feature *The Carnival* presented by Interstate Amusements of America, Inc. The Carnival will include everything from Ferris Wheels to cotton candy and lots of rides for the children too. So mark your calendar for this family-friendly event, you won't want to miss it! Located at 2500 Parkway Drive in Melbourne, Wickham Park is adjacent to the Brevard Community College Melbourne Campus.

About our charity.

The PBIAS has partnered with the **Whispering Meadows Ranch**, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Whispering Meadows Ranch will be on site at the Italian Festa accepting donations and helping to educate the community about their mission "to enrich the lives of those with disabilities and special needs through recreational and equine assisted programs." Whispering Pines is located in Flagler Beach, Florida. Our vision at the ranch is to provide a fun and challenging atmosphere where guests will beam with confidence as they explore, interact and learn through our programs. We strive to be a place where visitors and their families feel welcomed and accepted unconditionally. The ranch's foundational principles are Christ-centered and we are guided by and fully embrace Christian values, including respect, kindness, and compassion. Please explore our website or contact us for more information at; <http://www.whisperingmeadowsranch.org>

For more information on the Palm Bay Italian American Society or the Italian Festa, please contact the PBIASI, President, Vito Barbieri at; pbiasinc@pbias.org or (321) 984-1899.

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