



# About The Italian Cultural Association of Greater Austin

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**Our History:** The Italian Culture Association of Greater Austin (ICA) has been quietly serving the preservation of Italian culture for over 25 years. Ten members initially formed the ICA in 1984. Membership stayed at under 20 until 1996 when the ICA began an effort to grow its membership. We have about 80 voting members.

In 2003, we formally changed the structure of the organization to a nonprofit organization [tax code 501 (c) (3)]. This moved the club's focus to stress more cultural activities and opened membership to anyone interested in Italian culture. Our calendar of events is a blend of social and cultural gatherings centered on promoting Italian culture and traditions. Membership dues are tax deductible.

In 2010 the ICA became an affiliate organization of The National Italian American Foundation (NIAF) – [www.NIAF.org](http://www.NIAF.org). We are collaborating with the local chapter.

**Membership:** Our activities and events are driven by the efforts of the membership. We elect an Executive Board to manage the club and oversee financial adherence to the annual budget. There are quarterly general membership meetings that address the operational aspects of the ICA. Members approve the annual budget each year.

Members volunteer to participate and chair the various committees that organize and run the many events throughout the year. It is the Committee's responsibility to operate their event within the established financial guidelines of the annual budget. Committee Chair Members are encouraged to attend the monthly Executive meetings as part of the planning and budget compliance process. The committees/events are:

- Cultural / Membership
- Monthly Activities
- Carnevale
- Book Club
- And others added during the year
- Christmas Dinner/Dance
- Pasta Night
- Italian Move Night (2-3)
- Sunshine

Meetings are held quarterly at various locations in the Greater Austin area.

**Cultural:** It is estimated that there is over 5,000 people in the Austin area of Italian descent, however there is no centralized or dedicated Italian community. Our cultural activities include Italian language conversation groups, lectures on various subjects about Italy, wine and food tasting events, along with the annual Carnevale event. Twice a year we do a Pasta Night—a fun family night where the ICA men cook and serve a great meal. In 2005 we began scheduling an “Italian Movie Night” showing classic and modern films at least twice a year. Expansion of cultural events to educate our members, member's families, and our community is of extreme importance to the ICA.

**Monthly Activities:** Our monthly activities are typically casual cultural/social events designed to build friendship among members, their spouses and families. Some of our ongoing and past activities include: wine tasting, dinner round-robins, cooking demonstrations, book club, attending plays or concerts featuring some of our members, and other fun things. Great friendships develop by becoming involved in the ICA.

**Charitable Efforts:** In the past ICA has made an annual contribution to help a student participate in the University of Texas Rome Study program. Recently our Annual Christmas Dinner/Dance includes member contributions to the Austin Children's Shelter.

**Why join the ICA:** If you are interested in experiencing things Italian – cultural, social and charitable – and meeting new friends, the Italian Cultural Association offers this opportunity to you.

*Ralph Rubino*

Membership

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# Italian Cultural Association of Greater Austin

Become an ICA Member

Yearly Membership: Single = \$50 Family = \$75

Quarterly Membership: Single \$20\* Family = \$30\*

\*Bookkeeping is easier for our treasurer using a yearly payment of dues

*Please make checks Payable to "ICA"*

Herein is a check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for membership in the ICA. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_

*Please Print in all areas*

Member Spouse/Partner Name \_\_\_\_\_

Dependent(s) Name \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday (s) Mo/Day only \_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_ MEMBER (S) ONLY

Anniversary Mo/Day only \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_ Home #: \_\_\_\_\_ Wk #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_//\_\_\_\_\_

Occupation (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Original Hometown (Optional): \_\_\_\_\_

Most Previous Hometown: (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Italian Heritage: (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Member (s) \_\_\_\_\_ Please Check the start month for your membership:

\_\_\_ Jan \_\_\_ Feb \_\_\_ Mar \_\_\_ Apr \_\_\_ May \_\_\_ Jun \_\_\_ Jul \_\_\_ Aug \_\_\_ Sept \_\_\_ Oct \_\_\_ Nov \_\_\_ Dec

*New Membership dues are prorated based on the **start date** for the current year. Renewal dues will be issued within first quarter on the New Year.*

How did you find out about the ICA? \_\_\_ Internet \_\_\_ ICA Member \_\_\_\_\_ Meetup Grps \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

Please Explain

## Italian Cultural Association of Greater Austin

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# Italian Cultural Association of Greater Austin Membership Survey Form

1. What is your name? \_\_\_\_\_  
*Please Print in all areas*

2. What age group are you in? (Please circle group)  
18 – 24    25 – 30    31 – 40    41 – 50    51 – 60    61 – 70    71 +

3. How interested are you in the following aspects of the ICA? Please rate each item using the following key  
A = Very High Interest    B = High Interest    C = Moderate Interest    D = Some Interest    E = No Interest

- Learning and sharing Italian History \_\_\_\_\_
- Learning and sharing Culture (Art, Music, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_
- Learning and sharing Italian Language \_\_\_\_\_
- Learning and sharing Italian Cuisine and Wine \_\_\_\_\_
- Learning and sharing Italian Travel opportunities \_\_\_\_\_
- Having business contacts with other Italians \_\_\_\_\_
- Engaging in community activities to promote Italian Culture in the Austin area \_\_\_\_\_
- Participating in personal activities which support Italian Culture in family life \_\_\_\_\_

4. Listed below are ongoing committees for the ICA. Please indicate your interest in participating in these areas using the following keys:

A = Very High Interest    B = High Interest    C = Moderate Interest  
D = Some Interest    E = No Interest

- Activities Committee \_\_\_\_\_    Family Festa Committee \_\_\_\_\_
- Cultural Committee \_\_\_\_\_    Membership Committee \_\_\_\_\_
- Christmas Party \_\_\_\_\_    Spaghetti Dinner \_\_\_\_\_
- La Vigna Italiana (ICA Newsletter) \_\_\_\_\_    Lecture Series \_\_\_\_\_
- Sunshine \_\_\_\_\_    Book Club \_\_\_\_\_

5. Have you been a member of another Italian organization? Where?

6. Other Community or Professional Organizations you hold membership in (i.e. Country Club, Church, Business, etc.):

7. Please provide any ideas you may have regarding attracting new members to the ICA:

8. Any other comments?