



August 2026 Newsletter

We will meet for lunch at Sandro's Italian Restaurant and Pizzeria (2775 Market Street, Christiansburg) on August 31 at 12:30 for a lunch in the New River Valley, to give those interested in the club at Virginia Tech and the New River Valley an opportunity to learn about the club. Club officers will be there. If you can participate in this special event, contact Jim Privitera (540-797-4010 or roanokepottery@gmail.com) by August 27.

Our fall business meeting will be held on Sunday September 13 at the Salem Senior Center, beginning at 4 pm. We will make plans for our October and November meetings and discuss our Christmas Holiday party.

For our dinner, Tim Andriano will be preparing stuffed shells with ricotta/romano cheeses and stuffed shells with Italian sausage/mushrooms. Members are requested to bring a side dish - vegetable, salad, bread, dessert, or non-alcoholic beverages. Contact Nancy Canova (canova@cox.net or 540-982-5447) by September 10 to confirm your attendance, side, and stuffed shell preference.

Twenty-three members and guests dined together at Frank's on Sunday August 9. Nancy Canova read Eva Coniglione's thank you note and winning essay for our 2026 scholarship program.



Remember Joanna Colosimo and family during her medical treatment. Lucy Burke is in the rehab center at Our Lady of the Valley.

Donn Esposito, Rosemarie Novotny and Cecilia Stoutamire will celebrate birthdays in August. Shirl Lamanca, Pauline Corso, Jean Toti, and Amy Miller will celebrate birthdays in September. Leo & Anna Hoffman and David & Tricia Chopski will celebrate anniversaries in August. Helem Colosimo & Matthew, and Joanna Colosimo & Christopher will celebrate anniversaries in September.

Amy Andrews has offered to organize online group or one-on-one Italian language lessons with native Italian educators she is familiar with in Italy. Classes would be held on Zoom and scheduled to suit club members. Group lessons would cost about \$15/hour per student. One-on-one lessons would be more expensive. For information, contact Amy Andrews at AmyNAndrews@gmail.com.