

# CIAO BELLA!

## MESSAGGIO DEL PRESIDENTE

## SOCIETY OFFICERS FOR 2014-2015 YEAR

### ITALIAN-AMERICAN SOCIETY OF TULSA

<http://www.italianamericansocietyoftulsa.com>

*MISSION: "The objective of the Society is to retain and promote the Italian language, culture, and heritage; to sponsor Italian-American cultural activities within the Society and community; to represent and advocate the interests of Italian-Americans; improve the relationship between the people of Italy and the United States; and to perform charitable works."*

Cari Amici,

Happy Holidays! This month is our annual Thanksgiving/Christmas party for our members. The date and time is different from other Sundays.

**THE PARTY IS ON DECEMBER 6 AT 1 PM AT ASBURY UNITED  
METHODIST NEAR 71<sup>st</sup> and MINGO**

**PLEASE RSVP BY EMAIL, PHONE OR TEXT SO I CAN GET A HEAD COUNT**

We will have **Turkey** and **Ham** provided by the Club.

All members and guests are welcome. Please bring **some type of side dish** to go with the meat. We will be playing **Dirty Santa** again this year with a \$10 cost of any gifts. You may play as an individual and bring a gift or as a couple and bring 2 gifts, one for each player. This is always fun.

A reminder for all it is that time of the year to pay your dues, dues for family is \$30 and single is \$15. Please make sure your dues are paid up in full.

Our new website is up and running. The address is

<http://www.italianamericansocietyoftulsa.com>

Always check the website calendar for upcoming events

Here is my e-mail address: [stjudewinner@gmail.com](mailto:stjudewinner@gmail.com) and phone number to call or text

Hope to see you all

Distinti saluti,  
Frank Agostini  
President

### **President**

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### **Board Members – Serve a 3- year term**

(3) – Sheri Agostini

(3) – vacant

(2) – Gene Ruggeri

(2) – Victoria Santagata

(1) – vacant

(1) – vacant

# IN MEMORIUM

**Elizabeth "Betty" Gertrude Sulzbach Sposato** passed away Wednesday, September 30, 2015. Born in Tulsa on March 26, 1920, to Nora and Frederick Sulzbach, Betty attended Marquette Catholic School and graduated from Central High School in 1938. While attending nursing school at St. John Hospital, Betty met her one and only love, Vincent James Sposato. Married for 64 years, Betty and Vincent raised 12 children. Over time, their family grew exponentially to include 44 grandchildren, 49 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

everything in her exemplary life, she reinforced these values by exposing her children to servitude and an appreciation for nature and history. Mom, thank you for showing us how to live, to serve God, to love our country, to promote education, and ultimately, how to be family.

Whether it was for her beloved parish, her children's schools, Catholic Charities, the Italian-American Society of Tulsa, Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts of America, or little league baseball, Betty donated her time and many talents to promoting Christ's mission of serving selflessly to others in all areas of her life.

As an active member of Altar Guild Society, she hosted many sewing circles in her home to make vestments for priests to wear during services, and also served as President of Christ the King Women's Club.

The greatest highlights of her life were, of course, the successes of her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. In 1995, she was recognized by the Tulsa World as "Mother of the Year". Upon learning this, Governor Frank Keating declared her to be "Oklahoma's Mother of the Year" and named May 15, 1995, as "Betty Sposato Day". In 2014, Christ the King honored their lifelong member by inducting her into its Hall of Fame.

Betty was pre-deceased by her husband, Vincent; two sons, Tony and Michael; and brothers, Fred and Jake Sulzbach. She is survived by sister, Katherine Sulzbach Mills; and her children, Richard Sposato (Beth), Jim Sposato (Helen), Betty Jeanne Muratet (Rick), Mary Anne Potter (Donald), Nancy Sposato, Donna Cannon (Gary), Tina Messick, Angie Wagstaff (Jerry), Stephanie Garrett (Robert), Joe Sposato (Cathy).

Her family remembers how she promoted faith, family,



In lieu of flowers, gifts to honor Betty Sposato's passion for education and for support of life from conception to natural death may be made to: Friends of Catholic Education (1127 E. 33rd Pl., Tulsa OK 74105) or Madonna House (c/o Catholic Charities, Mission Advancement Office, PO Box 580460, Tulsa OK 74158).

**BUON COMPLEANNO!!**
  
**3<sup>rd</sup> QUARTER 2015**

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|--|--|---------------------------------------|
| <b>Rick Pizzo</b><br>October 9               | <b>Randy Simmons</b><br>November 27      | <b>Mike Ayling</b><br>December 26     |
| <b>Louise Cerar (Colletti)</b><br>October 20 | <b>Ginny Hobson</b><br>November 28       | <b>Vincent Ponteri</b><br>December 29 |
| <b>Ginny Ayling</b><br>October 26            | <b>Gina Guidy (Conti)</b><br>November 29 |                                       |
| <b>Lorena G. Sposato</b><br>November 1       | <b>Wendy Simmons</b><br>November 30      |                                       |
| <b>Sal Gargiulo</b><br>November 18           | <b>Terry Pizzo</b><br>December 5         |                                       |

### IN MEMORIUM 2015

- Virginia Bradfield**  
**John Carrara**  
**Joe Coperdo**  
**Joe Fusco**  
**Gwen Romanello**  
**Betty Sposato**  
**Don Zannotti**  
  
**Karen S. Kennedy and James O. Taylor**, grandmother and great-grandfather of **Victoria Santagata**  
*In our thoughts and prayers...*

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