

How to join “The Charleston Italian Language Meetup” otherwise known as “Il Tavolo Italiano” (the Italian Table)

1. Open an internet browser on your computer and enter “meetup.com” in the address line and hit enter.
2. When the website appears on your screen you should see the words “topic or interest” towards the upper right hand corner of the web page.
3. Just below those words there should be a box, click in that box and type in the word “Italian”.
4. Then directly below that box there is another box below the words City, State or Zip Code.
5. Click on that box and type your zip code.
6. Then click on the button to the right that says “search”.
7. A new webpage should now appear on your screen with the search results. If you live anywhere near or in the Charleston, SC area you should see “The Charleston Italian Language Meetup” among those results.
8. Click on the words “The Charleston Italian Language Meetup” (the title of that meetup group in the search results).
9. Another new web page should now appear that is the home page for “The Charleston Italian Language Meetup”. On this page you should see two buttons that say “join us” (one towards the upper right hand corner and another one just to the left of center and a little farther down than the first one), click on either of those buttons.
10. Now there should appear on your screen a box with the words “Your real name” above it. Enter your real first and last name in this box.
11. Then either hit the “tab” button on your keyboard or with your mouse click on the next box down below the words “email” and enter your email address.
12. The once again either hit the “tab” button on your keyboard or with your mouse click on the next box down below the words “pick a password” and enter whatever you want for a password (I recommend you write this word down and store it somewhere in case you forget what it is).
13. Then click the button that says “sign up”
14. At this point another web page should appear indicating that an email has just been sent to the email account that you just typed in a few minutes ago and that you must

click a link that they put within that email in order to verify your email address and finish the process of signing up.

15. Now check your email to see if you have in fact received an email from meetup.
16. If you did, open up the email and click on the link that they placed in the email.
17. This should open another web page where it will say that they need to know you are a real person. In order to prove to them that you are, click on the box just above the submit button and type in the word or words that you see in the larger box a little above where you are typing making sure you type them just as you see them and then click on the submit button.
18. This will cause another webpage to appear that is your “meetup profile page”. Here you can upload a photograph and a short introduction. I would like to encourage you to write a little something about why you joined and upload a photo of yourself if you have one available and are able to.
19. You will want to leave the option clicked that says “mailing list as they are sent” and then click the box for the option “email me when this meetup groups message boards are updated” then if you like you can follow the instruction on the screen to connect it to your facebook account, etc. Then click on the button that says “save”.
20. Another little pop up screen may now appear that says something like “click on topics below to add to your interest” or something like that. It’s up to you if you wish to do anything with that. Personally I would just close it by clicking “done”.
21. And finally a webpage will appear that says “You are now a member of The Charleston Italian Language Meetup” and you are done. If you completed this successfully you should hear from me within usually 24 to 48 hours with easy to understand information that will help you get started in whatever you would like to do within the group!

Ciao e spero di vederti presto!
(Bye and I hope to see you soon!)

Chuck Wagner
AKA Carlo

You can also see this process demonstrated on video if you go to <http://iltavoloitaliano.com/> and click on the “Help / Joining Groups” selection in the drop down menu near the top of the screen.