



NEWSLETTER

JUNE giugno 2019

AIH CHARITIES APPRECIATION NIGHT

On Tuesday, 7 May 2019, a sold out party of 80 members, spouses, and friends of members shared cocktails and dinner at Pastina's in Mentor, then proceeded downtown to enjoy an evening at *A Bronx Tale* at the Connor Palace Theater for our biennial AIH Charities Appreciation Night.

The cocktails and dinner were terrific, the limo transportation to and from the theater was top shelf, the seats were primo, and the play was spectacular.

The whole evening was flawlessly coordinated by our AIHC Chairman, Rio DeGennaro. Thanks Rio for all the time and effort you gave to this event.

MAY MEETING

Riunione maggio

Almost as a continuation of our theater experience with *A Bronx Tale*, our May speaker was Gina Vernaci, the President and Chief Operating Officer of the Playhouse Square. She shared her personal history, the history of Playhouse Square and what they see as their future.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Prossimi eventi

JUNE giugno

19 June, Wednesday

AIH Executive Committee Meeting at The Mentor Firefighter's Museum @ 7:00p.

26 June, Wednesday:

AIH Membership Meeting at Pine Ridge Country Club @ 6:30p. The speaker will be Dick Bennett, Chief Executive Officer of the Lake County YMCA.

JULY luglio

10 July, Wednesday

AIHC Executive Committee Meeting at The Mentor Firefighter's Museum @ 5:30p.

19 July, Friday

AIH Italian Heritage Night at Classic Park. First pitch at 7:00p. Contact Chairman Tony Lombardo with questions.

Reservations are required

See attached flyer

24 July, Wednesday

AIH Executive Committee Meeting at The Mentor Firefighter's Museum @ 7:00p.

31 July, Wednesday:

AIH Membership Meeting at Pine Ridge Country Club @ 6:30p. The speaker will be Kenneth Howard, Owner of Doc Howard's Distillery in Perry, Ohio.

AUGUST agosto

21 August, Wednesday

AIH Executive Committee Meeting at The Mentor Firefighter's Museum @ 7:00p.

23 August, Friday

AIH Annual Golf Outing at Erie Shores Golf Course, in Madison, Ohio. Shotgun start @ 12:00p. The event is chaired by Dave Vegh.

Reservations are required

See attached flyers

28 August, Wednesday:

AIH Membership Meeting and the Club's Annual Bocce night at Spirits in Willoughby @ 6:30p. The evening is co-chaired by Marty LaCava and Ron Wassum.

SEPTEMBER settembre

18 September, Wednesday

AIH Executive Committee Meeting at The Mentor Firefighter's Museum @ 7:00p.

25 September, Wednesday:

AIH Membership Meeting at Pine Ridge Country Club @ 6:30p. The speaker will be John Adams, the Cleveland Indians' Bleacher Drummer.

OCTOBER ottobre

9 October, Wednesday

AIHC Executive Committee Meeting at The Mentor Firefighter's Museum @ 5:30p.

23 October, Wednesday

AIH Executive Committee Meeting at The Mentor Firefighter's Museum @ 7:00p.

30 October, Wednesday:

AIH Membership Meeting and Annual Clam Bake at Pine Ridge Country Club @ 6:30p. Spouses are invited. This event is chaired by Vince Pona.

Reservations are required

NOVEMBER novembre

13 November, Wednesday

AIH Executive Committee Meeting at The Mentor Firefighter's Museum @ 7:00p.

20 November, Wednesday:

AIH Membership Meeting and Game Night at Pine Ridge Country Club @ 6:30p. After a brief business meeting, Tom Fioritto will host another of his famous Italian themed Game Shows.

Note: The November Meetings are both moved up a week to accommodate Thanksgiving.

DECEMBER dicembre

Note: Because of the Christmas Holidays, there will be no Executive Committee Meeting and no Membership Meeting in December.

8 December, Sunday:

AIH Family Christmas Party at Manakiki Golf Club. Additional information will be forthcoming.

Reservations are required

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Compleanni di giugno

Ron Wassum	1
David Spinner	1
Angelo LaSpina	3
Joe Connelly	4
John D'Angelo	4
Bob Randazzo	5
Jim Federico Sr.	8
Art Montoni	9
Bob Studniarz	13
Tom Armelli	22
David Farina	22
Gary Licate	27

When you see these members this month, be sure to wish them buon compleanno.

HEALTH AND WELFARE

salute e benessere

- Member Frank Stinziano's brother, Kenneth R. Stinziano, passed away on Sunday, 5 May 2019 at the age of 71.
- Member Sal Corbo passed away on 10 May 2019 at the age of 76.
- Member Andrew (Bill) Cianfaglione passed away on 30 May 2019 at the age of 62.

Please keep these members and their families in your prayers

CLUB DUES ARE DUE

Just a reminder...Our Fiscal Year runs from 1 July through 30 June, so we are getting close to the end of our FY19. This also means it's time to pay our annual dues for FY 20 (1 Jul 19 through 30 Jun 20).

E-mails and letters have gone out to all members advising that their \$120.00 annual



dues are now due. They can be paid by cash, check, or PayPal.

If you have not received your notice, please contact President Paolucci at:

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JUNE 6th 1944 D-DAY

The Normandy landings, led by the Supreme Commander of the Allied Forces in Europe, Dwight D. Eisenhower, were the landing operations on Tuesday, 6 June 1944 of the Allied invasion of Normandy in Operation Overlord during World War II. Codenamed Operation Neptune and often referred to as D-Day, it was the largest seaborne invasion in history. The operation began the liberation of German-occupied France (and later Europe) from Nazi control, and laid the foundations of the Allied victory on the Western Front.

Planning for the operation began in 1943. In the months leading up to the invasion, the Allies conducted a substantial military deception, codenamed Operation Bodyguard, to mislead the Germans as to the date and location of the main Allied landings.

The weather on D-Day was far from ideal and the operation had to be delayed 24 hours; a further postponement would have meant a delay of at least two weeks as the invasion planners had requirements for the phase of the moon, the tides, and the time of day that meant only a few days each month were deemed suitable.

Adolf Hitler placed German Field Marshal Erwin Rommel in command of German forces and of developing fortifications along the Atlantic Wall in anticipation of an Allied invasion.

The amphibious landings were preceded by extensive aerial and naval bombardment and an airborne assault, landing 24,000 US, British, and Canadian airborne troops shortly after midnight. Allied infantry and armored divisions began landing on the coast of France at 0630. The target 50-mile stretch of the Normandy coast was divided into five sectors: Utah, Omaha, Gold, Juno, and Sword. Strong winds blew the landing craft east of their intended positions, particularly at Utah and Omaha. The

men landed under heavy fire from gun emplacements overlooking the beaches, and the shore was mined and covered with obstacles such as wooden stakes, metal tripods, and barbed wire, making the work of the beach-clearing teams difficult and dangerous. Casualties were heaviest at Omaha, with its high cliffs. At Gold, Juno, and Sword, several fortified towns were cleared in house-to-house fighting, and two major gun emplacements at Gold were disabled, using specialized tanks.

The Allies failed to achieve any of their goals on the first day. Carentan, St. Lô, and Bayeux remained in German hands, and Caen, a major objective, was not captured until 21 July. Only two of the beaches (Juno and Gold) were linked on the first day, and all five beachheads were not connected until 12 June; however, the operation gained a foothold which the Allies gradually expanded over the coming months. German casualties on D-Day have been estimated at 4,000 to 9,000 men. Allied casualties were at least 10,000, with 4,414 confirmed dead.

Information taken from 2019 Wikipedia

MEDALS OF HONOR EARNED AT NORMANDY

A total of twelve soldiers earned the Medal of Honor, nine posthumously, during the Normandy Campaign.

- Pvt. Carlton W. Barrett;
 - 18th Inf., 1st Inf. Div.;
 - June 6, 1944;
 - near St. Laurent-sur-Mer, France.
- *2nd Lt. John E. Butts;
 - 60th Inf., 9th Inf. Div., E Co.;
 - June 14, 16 and 23, 1944;
 - near Flottemanville-Hague, France.
- *Pfc. Charles N. DeGlopper;
 - 82nd Abn Div. 325th Glider Inf., C Co.;
 - June 9, 1944;
 - Merderet River at La Fiere, France.
- Staff Sgt. Walter D. Ehlers;
 - 18th Inf., 1st Inf. Div.;
 - June 9 and 10, 1944;
 - near Goville, France.
- *Lt. Col. Robert G. Cole;
 - 101st Abn. Div.;
 - June 11, 1944;
 - near Carentan, France
- *Staff Sgt. Arthur F. DeFranzo;
 - 18th Inf., 1st Inf. Div.;
 - June 10, 1944;
 - near Vaubadon, France
- *Tech Sgt. John D. Kelly;
 - 314th Inf., 79th Inf. Div., E Co.;
 - June 25, 1944;
 - near Fort du Roule, Cherbourg, France
- *1st Lt. Jimmie W. Monteith Jr.;
- 16th Inf., 1th Inf. Div.;
- June 6, 1944;
- near Colleville-sur-Mer, France

- 1st Lt. Carlos C. Ogden;
- 314th Inf., 79th Inf. Div., K Co.;
- June 25, 1944;
- near Fort du Roule, Cherbourg, France

- *Tech. Sgt. Frank G. Peregory;
- 116th Inf., 29th Inf. Div., K Co.;
- June 8, 1944;
- Grandcampe, France

- *Cpl. John J. Pinder Jr.;
- 16th Inf., 1th Inf. Div.;
- June 6, 1944;
- near Colleville-sur-Mer, France

- *Brig. Gen. Theodore Roosevelt Jr.;
- The eldest son of President Theodore Roosevelt;
- 4th Inf. Div.;
- June 6, 1944;
- Normandy, France

*Awarded posthumously.

Information taken from June/July edition of the VFW Magazine

JUNE 14TH FLAG DAY

In the United States, Flag Day is celebrated on June 14. It commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States on June 14, 1777 by resolution of the Second Continental Congress. The United States Army also celebrates the U.S. Army Birthday on this date; Congress adopted "the American Continental Army" after reaching a consensus position in the Committee of the Whole on June 14, 1775.



In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation that officially established June 14 as Flag Day; in August 1946, National Flag Day was established by an Act of Congress.

Flag Day is not an official federal holiday. Title 36 of the United States Code, Subtitle I, Part A, CHAPTER 1, § 110 is the official statute on Flag Day; however, it is at the president's discretion to officially proclaim the observance.

Information taken from 2019 Wikipedia

JUNE 16TH FATHER'S DAY

Buona Festa del Papa!

Father's Day is a celebration honoring fathers and celebrating fatherhood, paternal bonds, and the influence of fathers in society. In Catholic Europe, it has been celebrated on March 19 (Saint Joseph's Day) since the Middle Ages. This celebration was brought by the Spanish and Portuguese to Latin America, where March 19 is often still used for it, though many countries in Europe and the Americas have adopted the U.S. date, which is the third Sunday of June. It is celebrated on various days in many parts of the world, most commonly in the months of March, April and June. It complements similar celebrations honoring family members, such as Mother's Day, Siblings Day, and Grandparents' Day.

Father's Day was not celebrated in the US, outside Catholic traditions, until the 20th century. As a civic celebration in the US, it was inaugurated in the early 20th century to complement Mother's Day by celebrating fathers and male parenting.

Information taken from 2019 Wikipedia

If you're lucky enough to still have your father around, don't forget, Father's Day is Sunday, June 16th.

DID YOU KNOW?

Lo sapevate?

On 21 June 2011, the "Lady Blunt" Stradivarius, considered one of the master craftsman's best-preserved violins, along with the "Messiah" Stradivarius, which he kept by his side his entire life, was sold at auction for close to \$16 million, to benefit the tsunami and earthquake victims in Japan.

Antonio Stradivari, born in Cremona, Italy in 1644, crafted close to 1,000 violins during his

lifetime, of which more than 600 are still around today. The most coveted instruments date from his golden period, roughly 1700 – 1725. Just what makes a Stradivarius so special continues to inspire debate. Some believe it's the quality of the wood, which could have been the result of unusually mild sunshine during that period in history; or a special chemical treatment against woodworm; or because the wood had been taken from old churches lending the instruments a special feel. Others insist it's the varnish. But today, most violin makers agree that what makes a Stradivarius special is Stradivari himself.

The master was continually improving on the instrument, changing its shape, searching for the perfect formula to produce a clear and robust sound. He experimented with different dimensions and types of wood, always searching for perfection. Whatever the reason, there is no debate that a Stradivarius is indeed unique. Of the five most expensive musical instruments of all times, four were made by the legendary luthier from Cremona.

Information taken from 2019 Living Language Calendar

JUNE FESTIVALS IN ITALY

Festa della Repubblica

Italy's *Festa della Repubblica*, or Republic Day, on June 2 is a national holiday celebrated throughout the country. The biggest festival is in Rome, with a huge parade and a spectacular fly-over by the Italian Air Force.

Feast of Corpus Domini

The Feast of Corpus Christi or *Corpus Domini*, 60 days after Easter and is elaborately celebrated in many parts of Italy. Here are some particularly good places to go for Corpus Domini festivals.

- In Rome, an outdoor evening mass is celebrated at San Giovanni in Laterano, Rome's cathedral followed by a procession led by the Pope from there to Santa Maria Maggiore.
- Orvieto has a costumed procession with more than 400 people. The streets are decorated with banners and flowers.
- Castelrotto in the Trentino-Alto Adige region has a big festival.

- Infiorata, spectacular flower petal art displays, are held in many Italian towns the Sunday after Corpus Domini.

Tuscan Sun Festival

The Tuscan Sun Festival, a top summer arts festival that gathers well-known artists and musicians for a week of music, art, cuisine, wine, and wellness (previously in Cortona) is now held in Florence in June. The program also includes cooking demonstrations, art exhibitions, and pre-concert receptions with locally made products and Tuscan wines.

Luminara of Saint Ranieri

Luminara of Saint Ranieri is celebrated June 16 in Pisa, the eve of the feast day of Saint Ranieri, Pisa's patron saint. The Arno River, buildings lining the river, and bridges are illuminated with the flames of over 70,000 lumini, small glass candle holders.

The Historic *Regatta of Saint Ranieri* is the next day, June 17th. Four boats, one from each of Pisa's districts, row against the Arno River's current. When a boat arrives at the finish line, one man climbs up a 25-foot rope to reach the victory flag.

Il Gioco del Ponte

Il Gioco del Ponte, Game of the Bridge, is held the last Sunday in June in Pisa. In this contest between the north and south sides of the Arno River, the two teams try to push a huge cart into the opposing side's territory to claim possession of the bridge. Before the battle, there's a huge parade on each side of the river with participants in period costume.

San Giovanni Battista or Saint John Feast Day, June 24

The feast day of San Giovanni Battista is celebrated with events in many parts of Italy.

- Sagra di San Giovanni is the oldest historic event on Lake Como. Hundreds of tiny lamps float in the lake and there's a big fireworks display the evening. The following morning brings a boat parade with traditional boats decorated with flowers followed by folk dancing and flag throwing competitions. Events are held the weekend closest to Saint John's Day.
- San Giovanni Feast Day is celebrated in Florence the Sunday following June 24 with a medieval tournament followed by music, drinking, and feasting. In the



evening on the Arno River, there is a palio of rowboats carrying lit candles followed by fireworks.

- Palio di San Giovanni is a four-day event in Fabriano, in central Italy's Marche region, culminating on June 24 with a beautiful infiorata, tapestries made of flower petals. Events include traditional medieval competitions with participants dressed in period costume, flag throwing performances, and crafts and food stands.

Festival dei Due Mondi

Festival of Two Worlds is one of Italy's most famous performing arts festivals, attended by some of the world's top artists. It features concerts, operas, ballets, films, and art from late June through mid-July. The festival was first started in 1958 by composer Gian Carlo Menotti with the intention of bringing together the old and new worlds of Europe and America. It's in Spoleto in central Italy's Umbria region.

Information taken from 2019 Wikipedia

ALL STAR WEEKEND

This year Cleveland is hosting the Major League Baseball All Star Game on 8 July 2019. The festivities surrounding the game actually begin on 5 July and run through the 8th.

Our good friend Bob DiBiasio wanted to make our club aware of two particular events that we may be interested in. These two events are:

1. *The Return of Rocky Colavito*; a night featuring the all-time great Cleveland Indians player, Rocky Colavito with moderator Bob DiBiasio, at the Key Bank State Theater, on 5 July at 7:30p. This event is sponsored by the Cleveland Indians and the Italian Sons and Daughters of America. Tickets are available through Playhouse Square.
2. The 1st All Star Weekend "Round Table" Discussion about *The History of Italian-Americans in Baseball and Our Future*. The event is sponsored by Italian American Baseball Foundation and is hosted by Bob DiBiasio and MLB Journalist Tony Castrvinco, with special guests, Mike Napoli and Mike Pagliarulo. The venue will be Angelos Nido Italia Restaurant's patio.

For more information check online at: <https://iabf.foundation/1st-all-star-weekend-round-table-discussion/>

MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of this Association is to promote the moral, social and civic advancement of its membership, and to perpetuate the customs and cultural aspects of Italian Heritage.

Article II, Section 1 of the AIH Bylaws

AMERICANS of ITALIAN HERITAGE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1 July 2018 – 30 June 2020

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ATTACHMENTS

- Italian Heritage Night at Classic Flyer
- Golf Outing – Registration Flyer
- Golf Outing – Dinner Only Registration Flyer
- Golf Outing – Sponsorship Flyer