



JUNE MEETING

Riunione giugno

Our June speaker was Mr. Dick Bennett, Chief Executive Officer of the Lake County YMCA. Mr. Bennett opened by sharing his background from growing up in an Italian neighborhood in Youngstown. Then he went on to show us what was happening with the Y in Willoughby. Finally he talked briefly about the 26th YMCA House located in Willoughby Hills this year.

AIHC 2019 SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

AIHC Scholarship Recipients \$2,000.00 per recipient

Gracie Sands from Mentor, Ohio.

She is a graduate of Mentor High School. She will be attending The University of Akron and will be studying Criminology. Her mother is of Italian descent and is from the town of Avellino, in the province of Avellino, in the Campania region of Italy.

Sarah Manes from Mentor, Ohio.

She is a graduate of Mentor High School. She will be attending the Rochester Institute of Technology and will be studying Biomedical Engineering. Her mother is of Italian descent and is from the commune of Sant Agata di Militello, in the Metropolitan City of Messina, in the Sicily region of Italy.

Delores La Spina Scholarship Recipient \$2,000.00 per recipient

Anthony DeVito from Wickliffe, Ohio.

He is a 2019 graduate of Wickliffe High School. He will be attending The University of Toledo and will be studying Pharmacy. His father is of Italian descent and is from the Metropolitan City of Florence, in the Tuscany region of Italy.

Andrew "Bill" Cianfaglione Scholarship Recipient \$2,000.00 per recipient

Hannah Caudill-Simms from Ashtabula, Ohio.

She is a 2019 graduate of Lakeside High School. She will be attending Ashland University and will be studying Early Childhood Education. Her father is of Italian descent and is from the commune of Isernia, in the province of Isernia, in the Molise region of Italy.

AIHC Member Educational Grant Recipients \$1,000.00 per recipient

Bob Andreano - who sponsored his daughter, Madison Andreano. She will be attending the University of Pittsburgh and studying Communication Sciences.

Paul Fortunato who sponsored his granddaughter, Lily Fortunato. She will be attending Virginia Tech and studying Human Nutrition Foods and Exercise.

Domenic Palermo - who sponsored his grandson, Anthony Palermo. He will be attending the University of Cincinnati and studying Nursing.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Prossimi eventi

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 Country Club from 11:00a to 4:00p. The Co-Chairs are Don Rapposelli and Richard O'Keefe. Additional information will be forthcoming.

Reservations are required

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Compleanni di luglio

Ken LaMonica.....	9
Judge Vincent Culotta	12
Tony Lombardo	14
Dominic Rufo Jr.	14
Richard O'Keefe	19
Joe Longo.....	27

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



NEWSLETTER

JULY luglio 2019

HEALTH AND WELFARE

salute e benessere

Member Joe Oliveri passed away on 22 June 2019 at the age of 90.

Please keep this member and his family 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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INDEPENDENCE DAY

During the American Revolution, the legal separation of the Thirteen Colonies from Great Britain in 1776 actually occurred on July 2, when the Second Continental Congress voted to approve a resolution of independence that had been proposed in June by Richard Henry Lee of Virginia declaring the United States independent from Great Britain's rule. After voting for independence, Congress turned its attention to the Declaration of Independence, a statement explaining this decision, which had been prepared by a Committee of Five, with Thomas Jefferson as its principal author. Congress debated and revised the wording of the Declaration, finally approving it two days later on July 4.

A day earlier, John Adams had written to his wife Abigail:

The second day of July, 1776, will be the most memorable epoch in the history of America. I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival. It ought to be commemorated as the day of deliverance, by solemn acts of devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations, from one

end of this continent to the other, from this time forward forever more.

Adams's prediction was off by two days. From the outset, Americans celebrated independence on July 4, the date shown on the much-publicized Declaration of Independence, rather than on July 2, the date the resolution of independence was approved in a closed session of Congress.

Historians have long disputed whether members of Congress signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4, even though Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, and Benjamin Franklin all later wrote that they had signed it on that day. Most historians have concluded that the Declaration was signed nearly a month after its adoption, on August 2, 1776, and not on July 4 as is commonly believed.

Coincidentally, both John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, the only signers of the Declaration of Independence later to serve as Presidents of the United States, died on the same day: July 4, 1826, which was the 50th anniversary of the Declaration. Although not a signer of the Declaration of Independence, James Monroe, another Founding Father who was elected as President, also died on July 4, 1831. He was the third President who died on the anniversary of independence. Calvin Coolidge, the 30th President, was born on July 4, 1872; so far he is the only U.S. President to have been born on Independence Day.

BORN ON THE 4TH OF JULY

GIUSEPPE GARIBALDI

Giuseppe Maria Garibaldi was born on 4 July 1807 and died on 2 June 1882. He was an Italian general and nationalist. A republican, he contributed to the Italian unification and the creation of the Kingdom of Italy. He is considered one of the greatest generals of modern times and one of Italy's "fathers of the fatherland" along with Camillo Benso, Count of Cavour, Victor Emmanuel II of Italy, and Giuseppe Mazzini.

Garibaldi is also known as the "Hero of the Two Worlds" because of his military enterprises in Brazil, Uruguay, and Europe. He commanded and fought in many military campaigns that led eventually to the Italian unification. In 1848, the provisional government of Milan made

Garibaldi a general, and in 1849, the Minister of War promoted him to General of the Roman Republic to lead the Expedition of the Thousand on behalf and with the consent of Victor Emmanuel II. His last military campaign took place during the Franco-Prussian War, as commander of the Army of the Vosges.

Garibaldi was very popular in Italy and abroad, aided by exceptional international media coverage at the time. Many great intellectuals of the time, such as Victor Hugo, Alexandre Dumas, and George Sand, showered him with admiration. The United Kingdom and the United States helped him a great deal, offering him financial and military support in difficult circumstances. In the popular telling of his story, he is associated with the "red shirts" that his volunteers, the *Garibaldini*, wore in lieu of a uniform.

SOME LOCAL POLITICAL NEWS

Jerry Cirino, one of our members and one of our three Lake County Commissioners, has announced that he will be running for John Ekland's vacated seat in the Ohio Senate for the term beginning in 2020. Good luck Jerry.

DID YOU KNOW?

Lo sapevate?

On July 29, 1900, in Monza, a province in the Lombardy region, Gaetano Bresci assassinated Italy's King Umberto I. Under King Umberto's reign, Italy entered the Triple Alliance with Austria, Hungary, and Germany, and began its colonial expansion into Eritrea, Somalia, and Ethiopia. This was a time of great social upheaval in Italy. During a rally in Milan organized to protest the rising price of bread, General Bava-Beccaris pitted the Italian military against the demonstrators. Close to 100 people were killed in what came to be known as the Bava-Beccaris massacre. Instead of condemning his actions, King Umberto commended the General for restoring order.

Bresci, an Italian born anarchist working in a weaving mill in Paterson, New Jersey, wanted to avenge the victims in Milan. He traveled to Monza and shot the King four times. He was tried and sentenced to life in a penal colony, but died in custody less than a year later. His death was ruled a suicide, but many believe he was murdered by the guards.



Today King Umberto I lies buried in the Pantheon in Rome. Brescia has a monument in his honor in the city of Carrara, as well as a street named after him in Prato.

This information was taken from the Living Language –Italian 2019 Calendar

SIENA'S PALIO HORSE RACES

The *Palio* is truly a horse race like no other. A bareback, mad race around Siena's main square, the Piazza del Campo, it takes place each year on July 2nd and again on August 16th.

Tons of dirt are spread across the square, as ten jockeys vie to win the honor for their *contrada* (city district). Siena has seventeen *contrade*, but only ten, selected by lottery, get to compete each year. To win, a horse must be the first to complete three rounds of the square, which usually takes about ninety seconds. It's not unusual for jockeys to fall off their horses making the tight turns, but in the *Palio*, it's all about the horse! The horse to cross the finish line first, jockey or no jockey, is the winner.

Horses are so well loved that the winning horse gets a seat at the head of the table during the celebratory dinner. The jockeys are revered as true heroes, but should they lose, they may literally have to run for their lives to avoid being beaten by a disappointed crowd.

The *Palio* is more than a horse race, it is a living history of the city, highlighting the intricate (often competitive and devious) relationships among the rival city districts.

In Siena they say: "Il Palio e vita" (The Palio is life).

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL ALL STAR WEEKEND

The 2019 Major League Baseball All-Star Game is the 90th Major League Baseball All-Star Game. The game will be hosted by the Cleveland Indians and is scheduled to be played at Progressive Field on July 9, 2019.

The decision to name Cleveland the host city was announced on January 27, 2017 by Major League Baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred.

It will be the sixth All-Star Game in Cleveland (1935, 1954, 1963, 1981, and 1997) and the first since 1997; this will establish the Indians as the team to have hosted the most All-Star Games, breaking a four-way tie with the Pittsburgh Pirates, St. Louis Cardinals, and Cincinnati Reds, who have each hosted the game five times. It is also the first time since 2014 that an American League team has hosted the event. This All-Star Game will also coincide with the 25th anniversary of Progressive Field and make it the second All-Star Game hosted by that ballpark. Alex Cora of the defending World Series champion Boston Red Sox will manage the American League, and Dave Roberts of the Los Angeles Dodgers will manage the National League for the second consecutive year.

Fan Balloting began on April 4 and will end on June 30. As in Previous games, the top vote-getters at each position will be the selected starters for their respective positions, barring any suspensions injuries or other issues. The reserve players are picked in a more convoluted way involving fan votes, players and Commissioner's Office, for the fifth year, voting will be conducted online exclusively.

Bidding for the 2019 All-Star Game began roughly five years before in 2014, according to Indians owner Paul Dolan. The selection of Cleveland to host the 2019 All-Star Game was heavily influenced by two major factors. The first involves recent improvement and growth throughout downtown Cleveland. The second factor is the recent success enjoyed by the Indians which culminated in an appearance in the 2016 World Series. Commissioner Manfred spoke highly of the city and its response to the World Series, stating that, "Cleveland's a baseball town and it will be a great host for the Midsummer Classic." Recent renovations and improvements in Progressive Field also influenced the decision to name the ballpark as the All-Star Game host for the second time. Estimates place the economic benefit Cleveland will see as the event's host city in the range of \$60-65 million.

IN ADDITION TO THE MLB EVENTS

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:

- *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.
- 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 Castvince, 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

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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