



ANNUAL AIH GOLF OUTING

We had our annual Club Golf Outing on Friday the 23rd of August. The weather was great, the course was great, the food was great and the camaraderie was great.

As always, we played a "Best Ball" format with a 12:00 noon shotgun start. 96 members and guests signed up to play, giving us 24 foursomes.

The winning teams were; First Place – Team DeGennaro with a 58, Second Place – Team DiCarlo with a 58, Third Place – Team Farina with a 59 and Fourth Place – Team Wassum with a 60.

The Skins winners were Don Rapposelli and Ron Wassum.

Thanks so much to the Co-Chairs; Dave Vegh, Richard O'Keefe, and Joe Petrarca as well as all the volunteers for putting together a terrific event.

AUGUST MEETING

Riunione agosto

Our August Membership Meeting on the 28th, was our annual club Bocce Tournament at Spirits in Willoughby. Our buffet was prepared right at the venue this year, now that Spirits in Willoughby has a completed kitchen. We had pizza and fresh vegetables for our appetizers. Then we had Sausage and Peppers, Pulled Pork Sliders, Mac-n-Cheese, and Coleslaw for dinner. Of course beer and wine was included with our dinner.

We had twenty four members, divided into six teams, who played in the bocce tournament. Prizes were awarded as follows:

First Place

- Bill Petrello
• Bob Randazzo
• Glenn Pizzuti
• Carmen Frederico

Second Place

- Tony Munaretto
• Mario Fioritto
• Matt Gambatese
• Don Patt

Third Place

- Ron Wassum

- Carmen Cesa
• Donnie Rapposelli
• Luigi DiCarlo

Thanks to the event Chair, Ron Wassum, for putting together yet another terrific evening for the club.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Prossimi eventi

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.

28 September, Saturday:

AIH Allegany Seneca Casino Trip. The day-long event is chaired by Don Rapposelli.

See attached flyer

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

See attached flyer

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: Because of Thanksgiving, both the Executive Committee Meeting and the Membership Meeting were moved to a week earlier respectively.

30 November, Saturday:

AIH Charities Ohio State v. University of Michigan Football Game \$4,000 Pool. This

year we are just having the Big Board Pool, there will be no party. There will be a revised pay-out format however. They used to pay based on the scores at the end of each quarter. This year there will be a pay-out for every score change. Tickets are available from Ron Wassum.

See attached flyer

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

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Compleanni di settembre

Table with 2 columns: Name and Birthdate. Includes Gary Pascarella (3), John Pizzi (5), Vinney Cicconetti (6), Domenic Palermo (6), Don Ramacciato (10), Luigi DiCarlo (16), Vince Granito (16), Fran Rozzo (22), Dave Vegh (23), Rio DeGennaro (26), and Dominic Mongiardo (26).

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

HEALTH AND WELFARE

salute e benessere

Recently deceased member Joe Dardis' wife, Christine Dardis passed away on August 17th at the age of 97.

Member Bob Studniarz' sister, Anita Orndorff passed away on August 26 at the age of 68. She was also Jim Federico's sister-in-law as well as Tom Fioritto's first cousin.

Please keep these member and his family in your prayers

LABOR DAY

Beginning in the late 19th century, as the trade union and labor movements grew, different groups of trade unionists chose a variety of



days on which to celebrate labor. In the United States, a September holiday called Labor Day was first proposed in the early 1880s. Alternate stories of the event's origination exist.

According to one early history of Labor Day, the event originated in connection with a General Assembly of the Knights of Labor convened in New York City in September 1882. In connection with this clandestine Knights assembly, a public parade of various labor organizations was held on September 5 under the auspices of the Central Labor Union (CLU) of New York. Secretary of the CLU, Matthew Maguire, is credited for first proposing that a national Labor Day holiday subsequently be held on the first Monday of each September in the aftermath of this successful public demonstration.

An alternative thesis maintains that the idea of Labor Day was the brainchild of Peter J. McGuire, a vice president of the American Federation of Labor, who put forward the initial proposal in the spring of 1882. According to McGuire, on May 8, 1882, he made a proposition to the fledgling Central Labor Union in New York City that a day be set aside for a "general holiday for the laboring classes". According to McGuire he further recommended that the event should begin with a street parade as a public demonstration of organized labor's solidarity and strength, with the march followed by a picnic, to which participating local unions could sell tickets as a fundraiser. According to McGuire he suggested the first Monday in September as an ideal date for such a public celebration, owing to optimum weather and the date's place on the calendar, sitting midway between the Fourth of July and Thanksgiving public holidays.

In 1887, Oregon became the first state of the United States to make Labor Day an official public holiday. By the time it became an official federal holiday in 1894, thirty U.S. states officially celebrated Labor Day. All U.S. states, the District of Columbia, and the United States territories have subsequently made Labor Day a statutory holiday.

*Information taken from 2019 Living Language Calendar*

## **SEPTEMBER 2, 1945 JAPANESE SURRENDER**

Early Sunday morning on September 2, 1945, aboard the new 45,000-ton battleship *U.S.S. Missouri* and before representatives of nine Allied nations, the Japanese signed their unconditional surrender. At the ceremonies, General MacArthur stated that the Japanese and their conquerors did not meet "in a spirit of mistrust, malice or hatred but rather, it is for us, both victors and vanquished, to rise to that higher dignity which alone benefits the sacred purposes we are about to serve."

Despite these words, none of the Japanese delegates were saluted by any of the high-ranking officers. Gen. Carl A. Spaatz later revealed that U.S. planes had been ready with bombs to halt any last-minute treacherous act on the part of the Japanese. Seeing a deck full of high Allied officers on the *U.S.S. Missouri* might have presented a tempting target for a final suicide attack.

Gen. Yoshijiro Umezu, Chief of the Army General Staff, signed the Instrument of Surrender on behalf of the Japanese Imperial General Headquarters. Watching from across the table were Lt. Gen. Richard K. Sutherland and Gen. Douglas MacArthur. Representatives of the Allied Powers stood behind General MacArthur.

Today the *U.S.S. Missouri* (Big Mo) is ceremoniously moored next to sunken remains of the *U.S.S. Arizona* in Pearl Harbor

### **9/11**

The September 11 attacks (also referred to as 9/11) were a series of four coordinated terrorist attacks by the Islamic terrorist group al-Qaeda against the United States on the morning of Tuesday, September 11, 2001. The attacks killed 2,996 people, injured over 6,000 others, and caused at least \$10 billion in infrastructure and property damage. Additional people died of 9/11-related cancer and respiratory diseases in the months and years following the attacks.

Four passenger airliners operated by two major U.S. passenger air carriers (United Airlines and American Airlines)—all of which departed from airports in the northeastern part of the United States bound for California—were hijacked by 19 al-Qaeda terrorists. Two of the planes, American Airlines Flight 11 and United Airlines Flight 175, were crashed into the North and South towers, respectively, of the World Trade

Center complex in Lower Manhattan. Within an hour and 42 minutes, both 110-story towers collapsed. Debris and the resulting fires caused partial or complete collapse of all other buildings in the World Trade Center complex, including the 47-story 7 World Trade Center tower, as well as significant damage to ten other large surrounding structures. A third plane, American Airlines Flight 77, was crashed into the Pentagon (the headquarters of the United States Department of Defense) in Arlington County, Virginia, which led to a partial collapse of the building's west side. The fourth plane, United Airlines Flight 93, was initially flown toward Washington, D.C., but crashed into a field in Stonycreek Township near Shanksville, Pennsylvania, after its passengers thwarted the hijackers. 9/11 is the single deadliest incident for firefighters and law enforcement officers in the history of the United States, with 343 and 72 killed, respectively.

*Above information obtained from Wikipedia, 2018*

## **FEAST OF SAN GENNARO**

*La festa di san Gennaro*

September 19<sup>th</sup> is the Feast Day of San Gennaro, the Bishop of Benevento, who was martyred for being a Christian. He is the patron saint of Naples, and on the morning of the feast, thousands of Neapolitans pile into the cathedral hoping to see the Miracle of the Blood: If the saint's blood (which is kept in special vials in the vault and taken out on this occasion) liquefies, it is considered a blessing, and the church bells ring out for all to hear. The ceremony is followed by a procession through the town, and then the party begins! Businesses are closed and the streets are filled with people and stalls. The festivities last for eight days, after which the vials of blood are returned to the vault. *La festa di san Gennaro* is celebrated anywhere in the world where Italians live. In fact, New York's San Gennaro Fest in Little Italy is the largest Italian-American festival in the United States.

*Information taken from 2019 Living Language Calendar*

## **SOME HISTORY OF THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER**

September is the ninth month of the year in the Julian and Gregorian calendars, the third of four months to have a length of 30 days, and



the fourth of five months to have a length of less than 31 days. In the Northern Hemisphere September is the seasonal equivalent of March in the Southern Hemisphere.

In the Northern hemisphere, the beginning of the meteorological autumn is on 1 September. In the Southern hemisphere, the beginning of the meteorological spring is on 1 September.

September marks the beginning of the ecclesiastical year in the Eastern Orthodox Church. It is the start of the academic year in many countries of the northern hemisphere, in which children go back to school after the summer break, sometimes on the first day of the month.

September (from Latin *septem*, "seven") was originally the seventh of ten months in the oldest known Roman calendar, the calendar of Romulus c. 750 BC, with March (Latin *Martius*) being the first month of the year until perhaps as late as 451 BC. After the calendar reform that added January and February to the beginning of the year, September became the ninth month, but retained its name. It had 29 days until the Julian reform, which added a day.

Ancient Roman observances for September include Ludi Romani, originally celebrated from September 12 to September 14, later extended to September 5 to September 19. In the 1st century BC, an extra day was added in honor of the deified Julius Caesar on 4 September. Epulum Jovis was held on September 13. Ludi Triumphales was held from September 18–22. The Septimontium was celebrated in September, and on December 11 on later calendars. These dates do not correspond to the modern Gregorian calendar. In 1752, the British Empire adopted the Gregorian calendar. In the British Empire that year, September 2 was immediately followed by September 14.

September was called "harvest month" in Charlemagne's calendar. September corresponds partly to the Fructidor and partly to the Vendémiaire of the first French republic. On Usenet, it is said that September 1993 (Eternal September) never ended. September is called *Herbstmonat*, harvest month, in Switzerland. The Anglo-Saxons called the month *Gerstmonath*, barley month, that crop being then usually harvested.

*Information taken from 2019 Wikipedia*

**SPECIAL DAYS  
IN SEPTEMBER**

- Sun, 1 Sep ..... No Rhyme or Reason Day
- Tue, 3 Sep ..... Skyscraper Day
- Wed, 4 Sep ..... Eat an Extra Dessert Day
- Thu, 5 Sep ..... Be late for Something Day
- Thu, 5 Sep ..... Cheese Pizza Day
- Fri, 6 Sep ..... Fight Procrastination Day
- Fri, 6 Sep ..... Read a Book Day
- Sat, 7 Sep ..... Salami Day
- Mon, 9 Sep ..... Teddy Bear Day
- Tue, 10 Sep ..... Swap Ideas Day
- Wed, 11 Sep ..... Make Your Bed Day
- Thu, 12 Sep ..... Chocolate Milkshake Day
- Fri, 13 Sep ..... Positive Thinking Day
- Sat, 14 Sep ..... Hug Your Hound Day
- Sun, 15 Sep ..... Make a Hat Day
- Mon, 16 Sep ..... Collect Rocks day
- Mon, 16 Sep ..... Guacamole Day
- Tue, 17 Sep ..... Int. Country Music Day
- Wed, 18 Sep ..... Rice Krispie Treat Day
- Thu, 19 Sep ..... National Gymnastics Day
- Thu, 19 Sep ..... Int. Talk like a Pirate Day
- Fri, 20 Sep ..... Punch Day
- Sat, 21 Sep ..... National Clean Up Day
- Sat, 21 Sep ..... Miniature Golf Day
- Sun, 22 Sep ..... Hobbit Day
- Mon, 23 Sep ..... Checkers Day
- Tue, 24 Sep ..... Punctuation Day
- Wed, 25 Sep ..... Comic Book Day
- Thu, 26 Sep ..... Love Note Day
- Fri, 27 Sep ..... Crush a Can Day
- Sat, 28 Sep ..... Ask a Stupid Question Day
- Sat, 28 Sep ..... Good Neighbor Day
- Mon, 30 Sep ..... Hot Mulled Cider Day

*Data taken from [timeanddate.com](http://timeanddate.com)*

**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*

- President ..... Gus Paolucci
- Vice President ..... Ron Wassum
- Secretary ..... Glenn Pizzuti
- Treasurer ..... Bill Petrello
- Trustee (elected) ..... Rio DeGennaro Jr.
- Trustee (elected) ..... Jim Federico Sr.
- Trustee (elected) ..... Bob Andriano
- Trustee (elected) ..... Tony Munaretto
- Trustee (elected) ..... Don Rapposelli
- Trustee (appointed) ..... Mario Fioritto
- Trustee (appointed) ..... John Perrotti
- Trustee (immediate past President) ..... Dave Vegh

Congratulations to Bob Andriano who was nominated and elected to fulfill the vacated Trustee term of Mike LaMalfa.

**ATTACHMENTS**

- Casino Trip Flyer
- Clambake Flyer
- OSU v. U of M Pool Flyer
- OSU v. U of M Pool Score Card