



SEPTEMBER MEETING

Riunione settembre

Our September Membership Meeting on the 25th, was back at Pine Ridge Country Club where we were entertained by John Adams, the Cleveland Indians' Bleacher Drummer.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Prossimi eventi

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 up 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 flyers

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

See attached flyer

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Compleanni di ottobre

Angelo Cicconetti.....	2
Tony Cicirella.....	4
Adolfo DeGennaro.....	2
Mike LaMalfa.....	4
Joe Petrarca Jr. ....	24

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

HEALTH AND WELFARE

salute e benessere

Member Glenn Pizzuti's passed away on September 19 at the age of 96.

Member John DeAngelo is recovering from surgery.

Please keep these members and their families in your prayers

SOME HISTORY OF THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

October is the tenth month of the year in the Julian and Gregorian Calendars and the sixth of seven months to have a length of 31 days. The eighth month in the old calendar of Romulus c. 750 BC, October retained its name (from the Latin octo meaning "eight") after January and February were inserted into the calendar that had originally been created by the Romans. In Ancient Rome, one of three Mundus patet would take place on October 5, Meditrinalia October 11, Augustalia on October 12, October Horse on October 15, and Armilustrum on October 19. These dates do not correspond to the modern Gregorian calendar. Among the Anglo-Saxons, it was known as Dinterfylleþ, because at this full moon (fylleþ) winter was supposed to begin.

October is commonly associated with the season of autumn in the Northern hemisphere and with spring in the Southern hemisphere.

Information taken from 2019 Wikipedia

SPECIAL DAYS IN OCTOBER

Tue, 1 Oct.....	International Coffee Day
Fri, 4 Oct.....	Taco Day
Sat, 5 Oct.....	Astronomy Day
Sun, 6 Oct.....	Mad Hatter Day
Tue, 8 Oct.....	Pierogi Day
Thu, 10 Oct.....	Handbag Day
Fri, 11 Oct.....	It's My Party Day
Sun, 13 Oct.....	International Skeptics Day
Mon, 14 Oct.....	Columbus Day
Thu, 17 Oct.....	Wear Something Gaudy Day
Fri, 18 Oct.....	Chocolate Cupcake Day
Sat, 19 Oct.....	Sweetest Day
Mon, 21 Oct.....	Count your Buttons Day
Thu, 24 Oct.....	Bologna Day
Sat, 26 Oct.....	Howl at the Moon Day
Sun, 27 Oct.....	American Beer Day
Wed, 30 Oct.....	Candy Corn Day
Thu, 31 Oct.....	Halloween

Data taken from timeanddate.com

THE GREGORIAN CALENDAR

If you stop to think about it, it's a miracle of sorts that the whole world recognizes a single calendar and that we can all agree that October 4, 2019 is October 4, 2019 for everyone. After all, if you're Jewish, for example, you just celebrated the year 5780 a few days ago. For Muslims, the year 1441 began last month, and the Chinese are soon to welcome 4717. But the agreed upon standard for civil purposes worldwide is the Gregorian calendar, named after Pope Gregory XIII. In fact, it was on this day in 1582 that Pope Gregory XIII first implemented the calendar in Italy, Portugal, Spain and Poland.

It was created by Aloysius Lilius and Christopher Clavius. The adjustment they made were designed to align the calendar with the equinoxes and solstices. To make that adjustment, in 1582, the day after October 4th was October 15th. The people were terribly opposed to the calendar at first, believing that it was an attempt to cheat them.

The Gregorian calendar is, in fact, a slight adjustment of the Julian calendar, which many Protestant and Eastern Orthodox countries continue to rely on for religious holidays.

Information taken from 2019 Living Language Calendar

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**SWEETEST DAY**

Sweetest Day is a holiday that is celebrated in the Midwestern United States, and parts of the Northeastern United States, also in the northern part of Florida on the third Saturday in October. It is a day to share romantic deeds or expressions. 10 states and parts of two states observe Sweetest Day: Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Missouri, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, Wisconsin, West Virginia, and areas of both New York and Pennsylvania west of the spine of the Appalachian Mountains. Sweetest Day has also been referred to as a "Hallmark holiday" or a "concocted promotion" created by the candy industry solely to increase sales of sweets.

The first Sweetest Day was on October 10, 1921 in Cleveland. The Cleveland *Plain Dealer's* edition of October 8, 1922, which chronicles the first Sweetest Day in Cleveland, states that the first Sweetest Day was planned by a committee of 12 confectioners chaired by candy maker C. C. Hartzell. *The Sweetest Day in the Year Committee* distributed over 20,000 boxes of candy to "newsboys, orphans, old folks, and the poor" in Cleveland, Ohio. The *Sweetest Day in the Year Committee* was assisted in the distribution of candy by some of the biggest movie stars of the day including Theda Bara and Ann Pennington.

*Information taken from 2019 Wikipedia*

**COLUMBUS DAY**

Columbus Day is a national holiday in many countries of the Americas and elsewhere which officially celebrates the anniversary of Christopher Columbus's arrival in the Americas on October 12, 1492. The landing is celebrated as "Columbus Day" in the United States, as "Día de la Raza" ("Day of the Race") in some countries in Latin America, as "Día de la Hispanidad" and "Fiesta Nacional" in Spain, where it is also the religious festivity of *la Virgen del Pilar*, as *Día de las Américas* (Day of the Americas) in Belize and Uruguay, as *Día del Respeto a la Diversidad Cultural* (Day of Respect for Cultural Diversity) in Argentina, and as *Giornata Nazionale di Cristoforo Colombo* or *Festa Nazionale di Cristoforo Colombo* in Italy as well as in Little Italys around the world. As the day of remembrance of Our Lady of the Pillar, 12 October had been declared a religious feast day throughout the Spanish Empire in 1730; the secular *Fiesta de la Raza Española*

was first proposed by Faustino Rodríguez-San Pedro y Díaz-Argüelles in 1913.

Many Italian-Americans observe Columbus Day as a celebration of their heritage, and the first such celebration was held in New York City on October 12, 1866. The day was first enshrined as a legal holiday in the United States through the lobbying of Angelo Noce, a first generation Italian, in Denver. The first statewide holiday was proclaimed by Colorado governor Jesse F. McDonald in 1905, and it was made a statutory holiday in 1907. In April 1934, as a result of lobbying by the Knights of Columbus and New York City Italian leader Generoso Pope, Congress and President Franklin Delano Roosevelt proclaimed October 12 a federal holiday under the name Columbus Day.

Since 1971 Columbus Day has been celebrated on the second Monday of the month of October.

*Information taken from 2019 Wikipedia*

**WORLD PASTA CONGRESS**

On October 25, 1995, Rome hosted the first World Pasta Congress. Forty pasta manufacturers from around the world came together and declared October 25<sup>th</sup> World Pasta Day. In fact, October might just be the best month to visit Italy if you're a food lover. During most weekends in October, Many small towns hold a *sagra*, which is a festival devoted to the local delicacies. In addition to sampling fine food, you can enjoy the accompanying celebrations, invoking the culture and history of the area. So whether it's a chestnut festival in Tuscany, truffle hunting in Alba, a mortadella festival in Bologna, a polenta festival in Lazio, a beer festival in Lombardy, or an autumn tortellini festival in Emilia-Romagna, it's simply impossible to go wrong.

*Information taken from 2019 Living Language Calendar*

**IT'S ALL ABOUT THE SHAPE**

Pasta comes in about 200 shapes. Spaghetti is the most popular type of the long pastas. Among short the short pastas, most people prefer penne and rigatoni.

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**HALLOWEEN**

The word "Halloween" or "Hallowe'en" dates to about 1745 and is of Christian origin. The word "Hallowe'en" means "Saints' evening." It comes from a Scottish term for "All Hallows' Eve", the evening before "All Hallows' Day." In Scottish, the word "eve" is "even", and this was contracted to "e'en" or "een." Over time, "All Hallows Even" evolved into "Halloween."

Halloween is a celebration observed in several countries on 31 October, the eve of the Western Christian feast of All Hallows' Day.

It is widely believed that many Halloween traditions originated from ancient Celtic harvest festivals, particularly the Gaelic festival Samhain; that such festivals may have had pagan roots; and that Samhain itself was Christianized as Halloween by the early Church.

Dolcetto o scherzetto? Trick or treat? (lit. A little sweet or a little prank?)

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**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**

- AIH Clambake Flyer
- AIHC OSU v. U of M Pool Flyer
- AIHC OSU v. U of M Pool Score Card
- AIH Christmas Party Flyer