

NEWSLETTER MARCH marzo 2020

FEBRUARY MEETING

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Our February Membership Meeting was at Pine Ridge Country Club @ 6:30p. The speaker was Ms. Cindy Lindberg from Grand River Cellars. Ms. Lindberg explained to us about the Grand River viticulture in general and her winery specifically.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Prossimi eventi

MARCH marzo

18 March, Wednesday

AIH Executive Committee Meeting at The Mentor Firefighters' Museum @ 6:30p.

25 March, Wednesday:

AIH Membership Meeting at Pine Ridge Country Club @ 6:30p. The speaker is Brian Fife, Wine Manager of World Wines & Liquors in Mentor.

APRIL aprile

4 April, Saturday:

AIH Charities "Italian Night" at Villa Croatia at the American-Croatian Lodge in Eastlake. Doors will open at 6:00p. The event is coordinated by Rio DeGennaro.

This is the second of our Charities three annual fund raisers.

Reservations are required

15 April, Wednesday

AIHC Executive Committee Meeting at Pastina Rustica Italian Restaurant @ 5:30p.

22 April, Wednesday

AIH Executive Committee Meeting at The Mentor Firefighters' Museum @ 6:30p.

29 April, Wednesday:

AIH Membership Meeting at Pine Ridge Country Club @ 6:30p. The speaker will be Bob DiBiasio, Senior Vice President, Public Relations for the Cleveland Indians

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Compleanni di marzo

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Glenn Pizzuti	1
Carmen Rozzo	6
Charles Graniteo	11
Chris Cheraso	11
Tony Centanne	20

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

HEALTH AND WELFARE

salute e benessere

Member Brett Wassum (Ron Wassum's son) is going through some heath issues. Please keep him and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

The biennial election of AIH Officers and Trustees will occur at the June 2020 Membership Meeting. The ad hoc Nominations Committee has been organized and consists of Chairman Ron Wassum, Bob Andreano and Gary Licate.

The committee intends to have an initial slate of Officers and Trustees to present to the membership at the March Membership Meeting. In addition, nominations from the floor will be accepted at that time.

This process will be repeated at the April, and May Membership Meetings. At the May Membership Meeting the Slate will be closed. Elections will be held at the June Membership Meeting.

SAINT PATRICK'S DAY

Saint Patrick's Day, is a cultural and religious celebration held on 17 March, the traditional death date of Saint Patrick (c. AD 385–461), the foremost Patron Saint of Ireland.

Saint Patrick's Day was made an official Christian feast day in the early 17th century and is observed by the Catholic Church, the Anglican Communion, the Eastern Orthodox Church, and the Lutheran Church. The day commemorates Saint Patrick and the arrival of Christianity in Ireland, and celebrates the heritage and culture of the Irish in general. Celebrations generally involve public parades and festivals, and the wearing of green attire or shamrocks. Historically the Lenten restrictions on eating and drinking alcohol are lifted for the day, which has encouraged the holiday's tradition of alcohol consumption.

St. Patrick himself, however, was not actually Irish. It is believed he was born in Scotland. His parents were Calpurnius and Conchessa, Romans living in Scotland. So he was actually of Italian heritage.

FIRST DAY OF SPRING

In 2020, the spring equinox (also called the March equinox or vernal equinox) falls on Thursday, March 19. This event marks the astronomical first day of spring in the Northern Hemisphere.

The word *equinox* comes from the Latin words for "equal night"—*aequus* (equal) and *nox* (night). On the equinox, the length of day and night is nearly equal in all parts of the world. After the equinox, enjoy the increasing sunlight hours, with earlier dawns and later sunsets.

Astronomically speaking, the first day of spring is marked by the spring equinox, which falls on March 19, 20, or 21 every year. This date only signals spring's beginning in the Northern Hemisphere; it announces fall's arrival in the Southern Hemisphere.

Meteorologically speaking, the first day of spring is March 1 and the last day is May 31. Weather scientists divide the year into quarters to make it easier to compare seasonal and monthly statistics from one year to the next.

MISSION STATEMENT

dichiarazione di missione

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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President	Gus Paolucci
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Trustee	John Perrotti
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ATTACHMENTS

1. None