



NEWSLETTER

JULY luglio 2021

JUNE MEETING

Riunione giugno

Our guest speaker was the one and only, Bobby DiBiasio from the (for the time being) Cleveland Indians. At first Bobby talked about Major League Baseball in general, everything from the sticky stuff the pitchers try to put on the baseballs to the different sizes of bases they are trying in AAA Ball. Then he talked more specifically about the Indians, again, everything from player development to the pending name change. As usual, there was no shortage of questions. Bobby is always a great guest.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Prossimi eventi

JULY luglio

28 July

Wednesday – Membership Meeting

6:30p at Pine Ridge Country Club. Our speaker will be Jason Pond from Shoot Point Blank in Mentor.

AUGUST agosto

20 August

Friday – AIH Golf Outing

10:30a at Erie Shores Golf Club in Madison, Ohio. See Attachment 1 for more information and Golf Outing Sign-up Sheet.

Reservations and pre-payments are required.

25 August

Wednesday – Membership Meeting

Club Bocce Tournament

at Spirits in Willoughby, 3872 Erie Street, Willoughby, Ohio. Committee co-chairs: Ron Wassum and Tony Iliano Sr.

SEPTEMBER settembre

29 September

Wednesday – Membership Meeting

6:30p at Pine Ridge Country Club. Our speaker is yet to be determined.

OCTOBER ottobre

1 October

Friday – AIH Fund Raiser

LaVera Party Center in Willoughby Hills.

- The event will be called “Opera Night in Tuscany” (Serata opera italiana in Toscana).
- The time will be from 6:30p – 11:30p
- There will be 3 opera singers (ala Cask 307).

- There will be 30+ baskets on which we can bid.
- There will be only 200 people seated at 25 8-top tables.
- The cost will be \$70.00 per person.
- All boards and raffles will occur between 6:30p and 7:30p, then everyone will be seated for dinner.

Information on tickets to follow.

27 October

Wednesday – Membership Meeting

Club Clam Bake – More details to follow.

NOVEMBER novembre

17 November

Wednesday – Membership Meeting

6:30p at Pine Ridge Country Club. Our speaker is yet to be determined.

Note, this is a week earlier than usual because of Thanksgiving.

DECEMBER dicembre

Membership Meeting

Note, there is no Executive Committee Meeting or Membership Meeting in December.

12 December

Sunday – AIH Club Family Christmas Party

at Pine Ridge Country Club, 12:00p – 4:00p.

The Event Committee is Bob Andreano, Gus Paolucci and John Perrotti.

- Ron Wassum has secured a “Professional Santa” for the event.
- Parents bringing children to meet Santa must buy, wrap, and turn over their presents to the Committee before the event, so Santa can distribute them to the children.
- There will be brunch served at stand-up tables.

AIHC SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS



In Vince Pono’s absence, AIHC President Rio De DeGennaro, announced the Scholarship and Grant recipients.

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

- Bill Cianfaglione Scholarship
Jessica Stanke, a graduate of Willoughby South High School. She will be attending The University of Cincinnati in the fall.
- Joe Oliveri Scholarship
Jeremy Janozzo, a graduate of Brecksville-Broadview Heights High School. He will be attending The University of Dayton in the fall.
- AIHC Scholarship
Ava Contenza, a graduate of Jefferson High School. She will be attending The Ohio State University in the fall.
- AIHC Scholarship
Keith Lipkowski, who is currently attending The University of Akron.
Each recipient will receive a check for \$2,000.

AIH MEMBERSHIP EDUCATIONAL GRANT RECIPIENTS

- Bob Andreano, who sponsored his daughter, Madison.
- Andy Arena, who sponsored his granddaughter. Kailyn Krahe.
- Judge Michael Cicconetti, who sponsored his son Samuele.
- Judge Vincent Cullotta, who sponsored his daughter Gabrielle.
- Paul Fortunato, who sponsored his granddaughter Charlotte.
- George Judy, who sponsored his son Michael.
- Treasurer Bill Petrello, who sponsored his grandson Alexander Allis.
- Fran Rozzo, who sponsored his granddaughter Louise Palmer.
- Don Ramacciato, who sponsored his grandson Dylan Huss.
Each recipient will receive a check for \$1,000.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Compleanni di luglio

Judge Vincent Cullotta.....	12
Tony Lombardo	14
Richard O’Keefe	19
Don Patt.....	24

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

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HEALTH AND WELFARE

salute e benessere

Fortunately, we still have no names to mention here this month.

BYLAWS AMENDMENT

At the June Membership Meeting, there was a final reading of the proposed Bylaws amendment adding an "Associate Member" class to the Club. A motion was made to approve the amendments as presented. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.

SPECIAL DAYS IN JULY

July 2: International Joke Day
July 2: World UFO Day
July 4: Independence Day
July 9: Sugar Cookie Day
July 15: Gummi Worm Day
July 17: World Emoji Day
July 18: Ice Cream Day
July 19: Stick Out Your Tongue Day
July 21: Junk Food Day
July 24: Cousins Day
July 28: Milk Chocolate Day
July 29: Lasagna Day

The above information was obtained from timeanddate.com/holidays/fun

INDEPENDENCE DAY

Independence Day (colloquially the Fourth of July or July 4) is a federal holiday in the United States commemorating the Declaration of Independence of the United States, on July 4, 1776. The Continental Congress declared that the thirteen American colonies were no longer subject (and subordinate) to the monarch of Britain, King George III, and were now united, free, and independent states. The Congress had voted to declare independence two days earlier, on July 2, but it was not declared until July 4.

Independence Day is commonly associated with fireworks, parades, barbecues, carnivals, fairs, picnics, concerts, baseball games, family reunions, political speeches, and ceremonies, in addition to various other public and private events celebrating the history, government, and traditions of the United States. Independence Day is the national day of the United States.

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.



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.

By a remarkable coincidence, Thomas Jefferson and John Adams, the only two signatories of the Declaration of Independence later to serve as presidents of the United States, both died on the same day: July 4, 1826, which was the 50th anniversary of the Declaration, Jefferson even mentioning the

fact. Although not a signatory of the Declaration of Independence, James Monroe, another Founding Father who was elected as president, also died on July 4, 1831, making him the third President who died on the anniversary of independence. The only U.S. president to have been born on Independence Day was Calvin Coolidge, who was born on July 4, 1872.

The above information was taken from the 2021 Wikipedia.

GIORGIO ARMANI

Born on July 11, 1934, Giorgio Armani has come to symbolize a minimalist but luxurious elegance in fashion. But did you know that we have him to thank red carpet fashion? Armani was the first designer to approach celebrities and offer to dress them for big events. And it all comes from his great love of the cinema. In fact, many credit his designs for the film *American Gigolo* for truly launching his career and defining fashion in the 1980s. Armani went on to design costumes for more than two hundred films. The first actress to wear Armani on the red carpet was Diane Keaton in 1978, the year she won her "Best Actress" Oscar for *Annie Hall*. Armani said, "Elegance is not about getting noticed, but about being remembered."

The above information was taken from the Living Language - Italian 2021 Calendar

BORN IN JULY

The month of luglio (July) is named after the Roman consul Giulio Cesare (**Julius Caesar**), who was born on the 12th of July 100 B.C. Unbelievably there are not any national holidays or festivals in luglio in Italy, however, quite a few famous Italians were born in July. Here is a partial selection:

Francesco Petrarca, poet and writer, born in Arezzo on the 20th of July 1304

Giuseppe Garibaldi, patriot and general, born in Nizza (Nice) on the 4th of July 1807

Amedeo Modigliani, artist, born in Livorno on the 12th of July 1884

Giorgio de Chirico, artist, born in Volos (Greece) on the 10th of July 1888

Vittorio De Sica, actor and director, born in Sora on the 7th of July 1901

Gina Lollobrigida, actress, born in Subiaco on the 4th of July 1927



A LITTLE LIGHT TRIVIA

Why is a self-employed professional called a freelancer”?

The word *freelance* came out of the period between the 13th and 14th centuries, when mercenary knights, with no particular allegiance, would take their lances into battle for the prince or state that paid them the most money. They were referred to as freelancers by authors in the 19th century and operated much like the gunfighters in the American West. Now a freelancer is anyone who works independently.

Why do we call an enthusiastic amateur a “buff”?

A “buff” is someone with a keen interest in a subject that is not related to his or her profession. The term was coined by New York City firefighters, who were often hindered by crowds who gathered at fires either to help or stand around and criticize. At the time, around 1900, most winter coats worn by the spectators were made of buffalo hide, and from those the firefighters came up with the derogatory term “buffs” to describe those pesky amateur critics.

Why do we call wealthy members of society the “upper crust”?

In the days of feudalism, when noblemen gathered for a meal in the castle, those of higher rank sat at the head of a T-shaped table, and the rest sat in order of diminishing importance away from them. For such occasions a yard-long loaf of bread was baked, and the honor of making the first cut belonged to the highest-ranking person at the head of the table, who would then pass the bread down in order of rank, but always keeping for himself the “upper crust.”

The above information was obtained from The Little Book of Answers by Doug Lennox.

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 2020 – 30 June 2022

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Golf Outing Sign-up Sheet

COMMENTS TO THE EDITOR

If you have any questions or comments about, or suggestions for this newsletter, please put your thoughts in an email and send them to me at GPizzuti@GlennPizzutiArchitect.com