

# **EWSLETTER**

# RIL aprile 202

# MARCH CLUB MEETING

Riunione marzo

Our scheduled speakers, Troy and Tricia Litwiler from The Stable Winery in Andover, Ohio could not make it. Rick Rhein, the owner of Mama Roberto's, was gracious enough to step in as the speaker. Rick talked about his many years in the foodservice industry and how he came to own Mama Roberto's.

# AIHC SCHOLARSHIPS **AND GRANTS**

The 2022/2023 AIH Charities Scholarship and Member Educational Grant Applications and Instructions are now posted on the website. The deadline for submitting your applications is 16 May 2022.



## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Prossimi eventi

#### **APRIL** aprile

20 April, Wednesday **AIH Executive Committee Meeting** 

Venue: Mama Roberto's Front Dining Room Time: 6:00p

27 April, Wednesday **AIH Membership Meeting** 

Venue: The Buona Festa Social Club

Time: 6:00p

Speaker: Bob DiBiasio, Senior Vice President Public Affairs from the Cleveland Baseball

Team.

# **MAY** maggio

18 May, Wednesday **AIH Executive Committee Meeting** 

Venue: Mama Roberto's Front Dining Room

Time: 6:00p

## 25 May, Wednesday

**AIH Membership Meeting** 

Venue: The Buona Festa Social Club

Time: 6:00p

Special Event: Presentation of Slate of Nominees for Officers and Trustees for FY23

Speaker: Tim "I'll make them pay" Mizny.

#### JUNE giugno

22 June, Wednesday

**AIH Executive Committee Meeting** 

Venue: Mama Roberto's Front Dining Room

Time: 6:00p

29 June, Wednesday **AIH Membership Meeting** 

Venue: The Buona Festa Social Club

Time: 6:00p

Special Event: Election of Officers and

Trustees for FY23 and FY24.

#### **JULY luglio**

20 July, Wednesday **AIH Executive Committee Meeting** 

Venue: Mama Roberto's Front Dining Room

Time: 6:00p

23 July, Saturday **AIHC Fund Raiser** 

Venue: Hungarian Culture Club in Fairport

Harbor Time: 6:00p

27 July, Wednesday **AIH Membership Meeting** 

Venue: The Buona Festa Social Club

Time: 6:00p

**AUGUST** agosto

19 August, Friday AIH Golf Outing - CANCELLED

24 August, Wednesday **AIH Executive Committee Meeting** 

Venue: Mama Roberto's Front Dining Room

Time: 6:00p

31 August, Wednesday **AIH Membership Meeting** and Club Bocce' Tournament

Venue: Club Molisani in Wickliffe

Time: 6:00p

SEPTEMBER settembre

21 September, Wednesday

#### AIH Executive Committee Meeting

Venue: Mama Roberto's Front Dining Room Time: 6:00p

28 September, Wednesday

AIH Membership Meeting & Club Clam Bake

Venue: Either Club Molisani or The Hungarian

Culture Club Time: 6:00p

#### **OCTOBER ottobre**

19 October, Wednesday

**AIH Executive Committee Meeting** 

Venue: Mama Roberto's Front Dining Room

Time: 6:00p

26 October, Wednesday **AIH Membership Meeting** 

Venue: The Buona Festa Social Club

Time: 6:00p

#### **NOVEMBER** novembre

16 November, Wednesday **AIH Executive Committee Meeting** 

Venue: Mama Roberto's Front Dining Room

Time: 6:00p

30 November, Wednesday AIH Membership Meeting

Venue: The Buona Festa Social Club

Time: 6:00p

#### **DECEMBER** dicembre

In accordance with our Bylaws, there is no scheduled Executive Committee Meeting or Membership Meeting in December.

00 December, Sunday AIH Family Christmas Party - TENTATIVE

Venue: TBD Time: TBD

# **CLEVELAND INDIANS**

Here are a couple of issues that we might bring up when Bobby D. speaks to us in April.

- 1. There are two Minor League Baseball Teams, the Indianapolis Indians, the Triple-A Affiliate of the Pittsburgh Pirates, and the Spokane Indians the High-A Affiliate of the Colorado Rockies, that still use the name "Indians." Tell me again why Cleveland had to give it up.
- 2. A group of whales is called a pod, a group of wolves is called a pack, and a group of Indians is called a tribe. What are we to call a group of Guardians?



# **APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

Compleanni di aprile

Frank Stinziano	10
Mark Schneider	14
Andy Arena	15
Gus Paolucci	19
Judge Michael Cicconetti	24
Anthony Iliano Sr	25

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

# BLACK BROOK SENIOR GOLF LEAGUE

Our own Joe Petrarca was kind enough to advise the club that Black Brook Golf Course was starting up their Senior Golf League. If you're a golfer and you're interested, see Attachment 1.

## **HEALTH AND WELFARE**

salute e benessere

Committee Chair Richard O'Keefe's wife Lynn is at home, still recovering from pneumonia that she contracted while she was fighting COVID in the hospital, but she is getting better each day. Please keep Lynn and Richard in your prayers.

Vice President Ron Wassum is recovering from some surgery. Please keep Ron in your prayers.

Secretary Glenn Pizzuti is also recovering from some surgery. Please keep Glenn in your prayers.

#### SPECIAL DAYS IN APRIL

01 Apr: April Fools' Day 01 Apr: Walk to Work Day 06 Apr: Sorry Charlie Day 10 Apr: Palm Sunday 10 Apr: Siblings Day 12 Apr: Grilled Cheese Day 12 Apr: Be Kind to Lawyers Day

13 Apr: Scrabble Day 16 Apr: Eggs Benedict Day 17 Apr. Easter Sunday 22 Apr: Jellybean Day 26 Apr: Pretzel Day

29 Apr: Zipper Day

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

# ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES

The biennial election of AIH Officers and Trustees will occur this year in June. This will be for a term from 1 July 2022 thru 30 June 2024.



The Slate of Nominees running for the Officers and Trustees positions will be presented at the May 2022 Membership Meeting. The election will be held at the June 2022 Membership Meeting.

The Chairman of the Nominations Committee is Bob Studniarz. If you would like to be a part of this committee or would like to be a Nominee for one of the positions, please contact Bob Studniarz at 440-567-4344 or

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# WRECK OF TITANIC 15 APRIL 1912

The RMS *Titanic* was a British passenger liner, operated by the White Star Line, which sank in the North Atlantic Ocean on 15 April 1912 after striking an iceberg during her maiden voyage from Southampton, UK, to New York City. Of the estimated 2,224 passengers and crew aboard, more than 1,500 died, which made the sinking possibly one of the deadliest for a single ship up to that time. It remains to this day the deadliest peacetime sinking of a superliner or cruise ship. The disaster drew much public attention, provided foundational material for the disaster film genre, and has inspired many artistic works.

RMS *Titanic* was the largest ship afloat at the time she entered service and the second of three *Olympic*-class ocean liners operated by the White Star Line. She was built by the Harland and Wolff shipyard in Belfast. Thomas

Andrews, who was the chief naval architect of the shipyard at that time, died in the disaster.

Titanic was under the command of Captain Edward Smith, who went down with the ship. The ocean liner carried some of the wealthiest people in the world, as well as hundreds of emigrants from Great Britain, Ireland, Scandinavia and elsewhere throughout Europe, who were seeking a new life in the United States. The first-class accommodation was designed to be the pinnacle of comfort and luxury, with a gymnasium, swimming pool, libraries, high-class restaurants, and opulent A high-powered radiotelegraph transmitter was available for sending passenger "marconigrams" and for the ship's operational use. The Titanic had advanced features, such as watertight safety compartments and remotely activated watertight doors. The ship was equipped with 16 lifeboat davits, each of which were capable of lowering three lifeboats, for a total of 48 boats; the Titanic carried only 20 lifeboats however, four of which were collapsible and proved hard to launch while the ship was sinking. Together, the 20 lifeboats were capable of holding 1,178 people—which was only about half the number of passengers on board, and only one-third of the number of passengers that the ship could have carried at full capacity (this was consistent with the maritime safety regulations of the era). In addition, when the ship sank, many of the lifeboats that had been lowered were only about half full.

Titanic had departed from Southampton on 10 April 1912, then stopped at Cherbourg, France. and Queenstown (now Cobh), Ireland, before heading west towards New York. On 14 April, four days into the crossing and about 375 miles south of Newfoundland, she hit an iceberg at 11:40 pm ship's time. The collision caused the hull plates to buckle inwards along her starboard side and laid five of her sixteen watertight compartments open to the sea; she had been designed to survive the flooding of up to four compartments. Some passengers and crew members were evacuated in lifeboats. A disproportionate number of men were left aboard because of a "women and children first" protocol for loading lifeboats, which was generally observed.



At 2:20 am, the ship broke apart and foundered, with well over one thousand people still aboard. Just under two hours after the *Titanic* sank, the Cunard liner RMS *Carpathia* arrived on the scene, and took on board an estimated 710 survivors.

The disaster was met with worldwide shock and outrage, both at the huge loss of life and at the regulatory and procedural failures that had led to it. Public inquiries in Britain and the United States led to major improvements in maritime safety. One of the most important results of the inquiries was the establishment in 1914 of the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), which still governs maritime safety today. In addition, there was an effort to learn from the many missteps in wireless communications that had increased the number of fatalities, and as a result, several new wireless regulations were put in place around the world.

The wreck of the Titanic was discovered in 1985 by a Franco-American expedition sponsored by the United States Navy. The ship was split in two and is gradually disintegrating at a depth of 12,415 feet. Thousands of artefacts have been recovered and displayed at museums around the world. The Titanic has become one of the most famous ships in history, depicted in numerous works of popular culture, including books, folk songs, films, exhibits, and memorials. The Titanic is the second-largest ocean liner wreck in the world, only being surpassed by her sister ship HMHS Britannic; however, she is the largest sunk while in service as a liner, as Britannic was in use as a hospital ship at the time of her sinking. The final survivor of the sinking, Millvina Dean, aged two months at the time, died in 2009 at the age of 97; there are no survivors of the *Titanic* that are still alive today.

The above information was obtained from Wikipedia, 2022

# LAUNCH OF THE MUSTANG 17 APRIL 1964

The Mustang is a series of American automobiles manufactured by Ford. In continuous production since 1964, the Mustang is currently the longest-produced Ford car nameplate. Currently in its sixth generation, it is the fifth-best selling Ford car nameplate. The

namesake of the "pony car" automobile segment, the Mustang was developed as a highly styled line of sporty coupes and convertibles derived from existing model lines, initially distinguished by "long hood, short deck" proportions.

Originally predicted to sell 100,000 vehicles yearly, the 1965 Mustang became the most successful vehicle launch since the 1927 Model A. Introduced on April 17, 1964, 16 days after the Plymouth Barracuda, Ford sold over 400,000 units in its first year; the one-millionth Mustang was sold within two years of its launch. In August 2018, Ford produced the 10-millionth Mustang; matching the first 1965 Mustang, the vehicle was a 2019 Wimbledon White convertible with a V8 engine.

The success of the Mustang launch led to multiple competitors from other American manufacturers, including the Chevrolet Camaro and Pontiac Firebird (1967), AMC Javelin (1968), and Dodge Challenger (1970). The Mustang also had an effect on designs of coupés worldwide, leading to the marketing of the Toyota Celica and Ford Capri in the United States (the latter, by Lincoln-Mercury). The Mercury Cougar was launched in 1967 as a unique-bodied higher-trim alternative to the Mustang; during the 1970s, it was repackaged as a personal luxury car.

From 1965 to 2004, the Mustang shared chassis commonality with other Ford model lines, staying rear-wheel-drive throughout its production. From 1965 to 1973, the Mustang was derived from the 1960 Ford Falcon compact. From 1974 to 1978, the Mustang (denoted Mustang II) was a longer-wheelbase version of the Ford Pinto. From 1979 to 2004, the Mustang shared its Fox platform chassis with 14 other Ford vehicles (becoming the final one to use the Fox architecture). Since 2005, Ford has produced two generations of the Mustang, each using a distinct platform unique to the model line.

Through its production, multiple nameplates have been associated with the Ford Mustang series, including GT, Mach 1, Boss 302/429, Cobra (separate from Shelby Cobra), and Bullitt, along with "5.0" fender badging (denoting 4.9L OHV or 5.0L DOHC V8 engines).



First Generation (1965 - 1973)



Second Generation (1974 – 1978)



Third Generation (1979 - 1993)



Fourth Generation (1994 – 2004)



Fifth Generation (2005 - 2014)





Sixth Generation (2015 - Present)



Mustang Mach E (2020 – Present)
The above information was obtained from Wikipedia,
2022

# EASTER SUNDAY 17 APRIL

Easter, also called Resurrection Sunday, is a festival and holiday commemorating the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, described in the New Testament as having occurred on the third day after his burial following his crucifixion by the Romans at Calvary c. 30 AD. It is the culmination of the Passion of Jesus, preceded by Lent, a 40-day period of fasting, prayer, and penance.

Most Christians refer to the week before Easter as "Holy Week", which contains the days of the Easter Triduum, including Maundy Thursday, commemorating the Maundy and Last Supper, as well as Good Friday, commemorating the crucifixion and death of Jesus. In Western Christianity, Eastertide, or the Easter Season, begins on Easter Sunday and lasts seven weeks, ending with the coming of the 50th day, Pentecost Sunday.

Easter and the holidays that are related to it are moveable feasts which do not fall on a fixed date in the Gregorian or Julian calendars which follow only the cycle of the Sun; rather, its date is offset from the date of Passover and is therefore calculated based on a lunisolar calendar similar to the Hebrew calendar. The First Council of Nicaea established two rules, independence of the Jewish calendar and worldwide uniformity, which were the only rules

for Easter explicitly laid down by the council. No details for the computation were specified; these were worked out in practice, a process that took centuries and generated a number of controversies. It has come to be the first Sunday after the ecclesiastical full moon that occurs on or soonest after 21 March. Even if calculated on the basis of the more accurate Gregorian calendar, the date of that full moon sometimes differs from that of the astronomical first full moon after the March equinox.

The resurrection of Jesus, which Easter celebrates, is one of the chief tenets of the Christian faith. The resurrection established Jesus as the Son of God and is cited as proof that God will righteously judge the world.

The above information was obtained from Wikipedia, 2022

#### **APRIL IN ITALY**

#### Weather in Italy in April?

Parts of Italy can still be blustery and rainy in April. But overall, the weather this month is typically pleasant, especially for sightseeing. Sunny days are accompanied by cool breezes, so you don't get too hot walking around city centers or outdoors.

April is, on average, the third rainiest month in northern Italy (May and October are slightly rainier). Milan, Bologna, Venice, and Turin experience about 8-9 days of rainfall during April. Average temperatures in this part of Italy range from lows in the upper 40s to low 50s °F to highs in the low- to mid- 60s °F.

The chance of rain in central Italy during April is also high. After November, April is typically the rainiest month for Florence and Rome, with an average of 8-9 days of rainfall. Average high temperatures in central Italy in April are in the mid-60s °F.

Southern Italy sees 6-8 days of rain on average in April. Temperatures range from lows in the low- to mid-50s °F to highs in the upper 60s °F.

## April Holidays, Festivals, and Other Events April 1 – Pesce d'Aprile (April Fool's Day)

Hardly celebrated with gusto, April Fool's Day is known in Italy as Pesce d'Aprile (April Fish). The name derives from an old practical joke when a person would try to secretly attach a paper fish to someone else's back. If you see a fish image next to newspaper articles around the first of April, you can probably assume that the story is made up.

#### Early to mid-April – Easter

Easter is one of the busiest times of the year to visit Italy, especially Rome and the Vatican City, which are teeming with the Christian faithful as well as spring holidaymakers. There are several special masses and processions during Holy Week (Settimana Santa), from the Via Crucis procession and Good Friday services in the Colosseum to Easter Sunday Mass in St. Peter's Square.

Other cities have their own celebrations. See, for instance, Florence's Scoppio del Carro, literally "Explosion of the Cart," an event that dates back to medieval times. The Scoppio del Carro takes place following mass on Easter Sunday in front of the Duomo.

## Early to mid-April - VinItaly, Verona

This annual wine trade fair is a place for wine industry producers, distributors, and critics, to sample some of the best wines from Italy and the world.

# April 21 - Natale di Roma, aka Rome's Birthday

Legend has it that Rome was founded on April 21, 753 B.C., by Romulus after having defeated his brother Remus for control of the Palatine Hill and surrounding territory. So, it is on April 21 each year that Rome celebrates its birthday, also known as Natale di Roma, with historical parades and reenactments. The main parade takes place on the Via dei Fori Imperiali and features groups in historical dress representing all the former provinces of Rome.



## April 25 – Liberation Day

A somber day to reflect and celebrate freedom and autonomy, 25 April marks the end of Nazi occupation in Italy during World War II and the beginning of the fall of fascism throughout the country. Anti-fascist demonstrations are



common on this day in cities throughout Italy, as are services to commemorate the many Italian partisans who lost their lives trying to defeat Nazi occupation. Rome holds commemorative ceremonies at the Quirinale Palace and a wreath-laying ceremony at the Altare della Patria.

## April 25 - Festa di San Marco, Venice

In Venice, Liberation Day coincides with the feast day of the city's patron saint, San Marco. The Festa di San Marco features food, frolicking, and a procession to Saint Mark's Basilica.

Italofile.com/april-italy

# La BASILICA di SAN PIETRO

The Basilica of St. Peter is an astounding work of architecture. The cupola is the world's largest, so roomy the Statue of Liberty could fit inside. But once you enter, it doesn't feel overwhelming because everything was designed in proportion. For example, the statues get bigger the further up the wall they go, from about two meters in height at eye level to eight meters at the top. The result is that they all appear to be the same size. Outside is St. Peter's Square, where the pope usually addresses the people. You might be surprised to learn, however, that St. Peter's Basilica is not the official seat of the pope or the Catholic Church, an honor which belongs to the church of San Giovanni in Laterano, also in Rome.

The above information was taken from the Living Language 2022 Calendar.

## A LITTLE TRIVIA

# Where did the bearded figure Uncle Sam come from?

Sam Wilson was a meat packer who provided preserved beef to the U.S. Army in the nineteenth century. The barrels of meat were stamped "U.S" to indicate they were the property of the United States, but soldiers joked that the initials were actually those of the supplier, "Uncle Sam" Wilson. The bearded figure of "Uncle Sam" was drawn and introduced later by Thomas Nast, the same cartoonist who created the Republican's' elephant and the Democrat's donkey.

# How did the Mercedes automobile get its name?

In 1900, the Daimler Corporation was commissioned to design and build a special racing car to add to the fleet of a wealthy Austrian named Emil Jellinek. Mr. Jelinek gave the special car the nickname "Mercedes," which was his daughter's name. Jellinek was so impressed with the car that he bought into Daimler, and when the company merged with Benz in 1926, company officials decided to keep the name and market a commercial car as the Mercedes Benz.

# Why were dancers in the thirties and forties called "jitterbugs"?

Band leader Cab Calloway coined the word "jitterbug" as a description of both the music and the dancers during the big band era. It came from a time when drinking alcohol was prohibited by law, giving rise to the popularity of illegal booze. Because of its hangover effect, moonshine had long been called "jitter sauce," and Calloway, while watching the intoxicated dancers, labeled them "jitterbugs."

# How did the soft drink Dr. Pepper get its name?

In Virginia in the 1880s, Wade Morrison, a pharmacist's assistant, wanted to marry his boss's daughter. But her father considered Morrison too old for her and asked him to move on. After Morrison had settled down and opened his own drugstore in Waco, Texas, one of his employees came up with a new soft drink idea, which Morrison developed and named after the man who gave him his start in the drug business: his old girlfriend's father, Dr. Kenneth Pepper.

## How did the drink Gatorade get its name?

In 1963. Dr. Robert Cade was studying the effects of heat exhaustion on football players at the University of Florida. After analyzing the body liquids lost during sweating, Cade quickly came up with a formula for a drink to replace those lost body liquids. Withing two years, Gatorade was a \$50 million dollar business. The doctor named his new health drink after the football team he used in his study, the Florida Gators.

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. Black Brook Senior Golf League

# 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 <a href="mailto:GPizzuti@GlennPizzutiArchitect.com">GPizzuti@GlennPizzutiArchitect.com</a>