



## NEWSLETTER

JULY luglio 2022

### JUNE CLUB MEETING

Riunione giugno

At our June Membership Meeting our guest speaker was Robert Fatica, one of the former owners of Primo Vino which was in Little Italy. Robert talked about wine, cooking, Italy, and Little Italy.

In addition, President Paolucci presented Pat Granito, Vince Granito's widow, a chair for her horse stable and a blanket with the AIH logo embroidered on it, to show the club's appreciation for the years of work Vince contributed to the club.



### AIHC SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

Chairman Vince Pono announced the 2022-2023 AIH Charities Scholarships and Member Educational Grants recipients. They were as follows:



## SCHOLARSHIPS

#### SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

**Joseph Burns**, a graduate of Jefferson High School. He will be attending Penn State

University in the fall and will be studying Finance. His mother is of Italian descent and her family comes from Bugnara, a village in the Province of L'Aquila, in the Abruzzo Region.

**Katelyn Marcelli**, a graduate of Madison High School. She will be attending Cleveland State University in the fall and will be studying Music Education and Composition. Her father is of Italian descent and his family comes from Naples, in the Campania Region as well as Messina, in Sicily,

**Olivia Pietrantozzi**, a graduate of Wickliffe High School. She will be attending Bowling Green State University in the fall and will be studying Business. Her father is of Italian descent and his family comes from the town of Norcia, in the Province of Perugia, in the Umbria Region.

**Alyssa Tekavec**, a graduate of Willoughby South High School. She will be attending The Ohio State University in the fall and will be studying Nursing. Her mother is of Italian descent and her family comes from the city of Genoa in the Liguria Region.

Each recipient will receive a check for \$2,000.

#### AIH MEMBERSHIP EDUCATIONAL GRANT RECIPIENTS

**Carmen Cesa**, who sponsored his grandsons, Joseph, and Brian Skolny. Joseph attends Miami University of Ohio and is studying Business, Brian attends John Carroll University and is studying Marketing.

**Domenic Palermo**, who sponsored his grandson, Jackson Grobelny. Jackson is a graduate of Walsh Jesuit and will be attending Miami University of Ohio in the fall and is studying Business.

**Don Ramacciato**, who sponsored his grandson, Dylan Huss. Dylan attends Auburn University and is studying Professional Flight.

**Dr. Alfonso Rossi**, who sponsored his grandson, Luke Jeffery. Luke will be attending John Carroll University in the fall and is studying Finance.

Each recipient will receive a check for \$1,000.

A special thanks goes out to Vince Pona and his committee of Rio DeGennaro, Tony Lombardo, and Bill Gaglione for all their work

reviewing the applications and selecting the final recipients.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES

The biennial election of AIH Officers and Trustees for the 1 July 2022 – 30 June 2024 two-year term was conducted at this meeting. The newly elected Executive Committee for FY23 and FY24 is listed below.

President.....Gus Paolucci  
Vice President .....Ronald Wassum  
Secretary .....Glenn Pizzuti  
Treasurer .....William Petrello

Trustee (e).....Rio DeGennaro Jr.  
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A special thanks goes out to the Nominating Committee Chairman Bob Studniarz along with his committee of Bob Andreano and Jim Federico Jr. for all their work.

### INFORMAL GOLF OUTING

Since the formal, full blown Golf Outing is not taking place this year, there was some discussion about just a few club members getting together to simply play a round of golf together next year. No door prizes, no steak dinner afterwards, no prizes for longest drive etc. Just a few foursomes playing golf and having a beer afterward. We were thinking:

- 6 to 8 foursomes if possible
- Everybody pays their own Greens Fees
- It could be 18 holes or just 9

If you have any thoughts on this idea please share them with Richard O'Keefe, [RichardOKeefe65@gmail.com](mailto:RichardOKeefe65@gmail.com)

### OPERA AND BALLET IN THE ITALIAN CULTURAL GARDEN

Once again, the Cleveland Opera and Ballet are performing at the Cleveland Italian Cultural Garden on Sunday, 24 July.

*See attached Flyer*



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### NEW MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVE PROGRAM

The Executive Committee has come up with a new Membership Incentive Program.

*See attached Flyer*

### UPCOMING EVENTS

*Prossimi eventi*

#### 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

Chair: Rio DeGennaro Jr.

Venue: Hungarian Culture Club in Fairport Harbor

Time: Doors open at 5:00p, dinner at 6:00p

Attendees: Members, spouses and guests are welcome.

Dinner: Prepared by Regovich Catering

Capacity: 100 – 125 people

Live music by "The Summit"

Bocce Courts will be available for club use.

There will be sideboards and a 50/50 raffle.

Cost: \$50.00 per person

Contact Bill Petrello at

*Reservations required*

**27 July, Wednesday**

##### AIH Membership Meeting

Venue: The Buona Festa Social Club

Time: 6:00p

Speakers: Troy and Tricia Litwiler, Owners of the Stable Winery in Andover,

*Be sure to get your name on the roster for dinner.*

#### AUGUST agosto

**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

Chair: Ron Wassum

Venue: Red Hawk in Concord Twp.

Attendees: Members, spouses, and guests are welcome.

Time: 6:00p

*Be sure to get your name on the roster for dinner.*

#### 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

Chair: Ron Wassum

Venue: Fassionation Park, 6478 Ford Road (west off SR 528, south of I 90), Madison, Ohio 44057

Dinner: Prepared by LaVera Catering

Time: 6:00p

Attendees: Members, spouses, and guests are welcome.

*Reservations required*

#### 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

Speaker: TBD.

*Be sure to get your name on the roster for dinner.*

#### 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

Speaker: TBD.

*Be sure to get your name on the roster for dinner.*

#### DECEMBER dicembre

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

**10 December, Saturday**

##### AIH Family Christmas Pizza Party

Venue: The Buona Festa Social Club

Time: TBD

### JULY BIRTHDAYS

*Compleanni di luglio*

Ken LaMonica .....	09
Judge Vincent Culotta.....	12
Tony Lombardo .....	14
Richard O'Keefe .....	19
Don Patt.....	24

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

### HEALTH AND WELFARE

*salute e benessere*

Committee Chair Richard O'Keefe had advised us that our member, Judge Cicconetti is in the hospital for some back surgery. Please keep the Judge and his family in your thoughts and prayers.

### SPECIAL DAYS IN JULY

01 July: International Joke Day

04 July: Independence Day

09 July: Sugar Cookie Day

15 July: Gummi Worm Day

17 July: Emoji Day

19 July: Stick Out Your Tongue Day

21 July: Junk Food Day

23 July: Vanilla Ice Cream Day

28 July: Milk Chocolate Day

29 July: Lasagna Day

30 July: National Cheesecake Day

*The above information was obtained from [timeanddate.com/holidays/fun](http://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

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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 2022 Wikipedia*

## JIMMY HOFFA

James Riddle Hoffa (born February 14, 1913 – disappeared July 30, 1975, declared dead July 30, 1982) was an American labor union leader who served as the president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters (IBT) from 1957 until 1971.

From an early age, Hoffa was a union activist, and he became an important regional figure with the IBT by his mid-twenties. By 1952, he was the national vice-president of the IBT and between 1957 and 1971 he was its general president. He secured the first national agreement for teamsters' rates in 1964 with the National Master Freight Agreement. He played a major role in the growth and the development of the union, which eventually became the largest by membership in the United States, with over 2.3 million members at its peak, during his terms as its leader.

Hoffa became involved with organized crime from the early years of his Teamsters work, a connection that continued until his disappearance in 1975. He was convicted of jury tampering, attempted bribery, conspiracy, mail fraud and wire fraud in 1964 in two separate trials. He was imprisoned in 1967 and sentenced to 13 years. In mid-1971, he resigned as president of the union as part of a commutation agreement with US President Richard Nixon and was released later that year, but Hoffa was barred from union activities until 1980. Hoping to regain support and to return to IBT leadership, he unsuccessfully tried to overturn the order.

Hoffa disappeared on July 30, 1975. He is believed to have been murdered by the Mafia and was declared legally dead in 1982. Hoffa's legacy continues to stir debate.

*The above information was taken from the 2022 Wikipedia*

## JULY IN ITALY

### Weather in Italy in July?

July in Italy is typically hot and dry from north to south. On average, July is the driest month in Italy, but rain is possible.

Rainy days are more likely in July in northern Italian cities—Bologna, Milan, Turin, Venice—where the climate is more humid and subtropical. The average high temperatures in northern Italy in July are in the mid-80s °F with about five days of rain during the month.

Afternoon storms are typical during July in central Italy—particularly in Florence and Rome—but they usually come in bursts, providing a brief cool-down before the sun pops out again.

July in southern Italy, from Naples to Sicily and Sardinia, tends to be hot and very dry. Great for beach days and cooler nights. Southern Italy averages around two days of rain during July.

If you're traveling to Italian hill and mountain towns during July, expect daytime highs around 84° and evening lows in the upper 50s and low 60s. This holds true for the cities in the alpine foothill towns of northern Italy (Aosta, Belluno) as well as the towns in the foothills of the Apennines (L'Aquila).

### July Holidays, Festivals, and Other Events



#### July 2 – Palio Horse Race, Siena

The first of two runnings of Siena's Palio takes place on 2 July. Tickets are free for the central part of the Piazza del Campo, but if you want to actually see anything, then you will want a ticket for a view from one of the private balconies that overlook the square.





Mid-July – Festa del Redentore, Venice

In Venice, the Festa del Redentore (Festival of the Redeemer) in mid-July celebrates the Feast of the Redeemer and the end of the plague in 1577 with the opening of the Thanksgiving Bridge to Giudecca and a major fireworks display over Piazza San Marco.

Mid-July – Jazz and More in Umbria

Umbria Jazz, probably the most important jazz event in Europe takes place in mid-July in Perugia. Concurrently, Spoleto hosts the Festival Dei Due Mondi (Festival of Two Worlds), one of the world’s best known and longest running summer music, arts, and theater festival.

July 26 – Festa di Sant’Anna, Ischia

The feast day of Saint Anne is especially vibrant in Ischia, where fireworks explode over the sea and the island’s Aragonese Castle.

Summer Music Festivals in Italy



Verona’s Roman-era Arena

Opera in Verona

The annual Verona Opera Festival, which runs throughout the summer, is in full swing in July.

Music in Rome

The capital has numerous concerts in July. The Teatro dell’Opera di Roma offers the opera-archeology combo at the Baths of Caracalla. Meanwhile, Rock in Roma features concerts from Italian and international rock and rap artists at various locations in the city, primarily at the Ippodromo delle Capannelle, but also at the Circus Maximus and the Auditorium Parco della Musica. The latter also hosts its own festival – Roma Summer Fest.

On the smaller, more alternative scale is the Incontra Il Mondo (Encounter the World) festival set among the Roman pines of the Villa Ada Park. Here you can see acts ranging from reggae to metal, depending on the night.

Torino Estate Reale, Torino (Turin)

Classical music, ballet, theater, and other sophisticated performances make up the Torino

Estate Reale, a music festival that takes place in Torino (Turin) at the Piazzetta Reale. This festival is part of a grander collection of performances grouped under the heading of Palchi Reali (Royal Stages), which puts on shows at various royal residences around the Piemonte region.

Puccini Festival, Tuscany

The long-running Festival Puccini, held in Torre del Lago and Viareggio, is considered one of Italy’s most refined opera events. It celebrates the works of Tuscan son Giacomo Puccini (born in Lucca in 1858). Concerts begin on 6 July and run through August.

Saldi – Summer Sales

If you love to shop, July is a great time to be in Italy. The much-anticipated summer sales usually begin around the first week of July and go until mid-August — or until shoppers and shop owners have cleared out last season’s goods.

During the first week of sales, items will be immediately discounted from between 30 to 50 percent off the original price, with discounts getting deeper with each passing week so as to move the old merchandise and get ready for the new. Just about every place with something to sell, from small boutiques to designer outlets, gets in on the saldi bandwagon in order to capture shoppers’ attention.

[italofile.com/July-italy](http://italofile.com/July-italy)

A LITTLE TRIVIA

Why do we call a bad actor a “ham” and a silly comedy “slapstick”?

In the late nineteenth century, second-rate actors couldn’t afford cold cream to remove their stage makeup, so they used ham fat and were called hamfatters until early in the twentieth century when these bad actors were simply called “hams.” Physical comedy became known as “slapstick” because of its regular use of crude sound effects: Two sticks were slapped together off stage to accentuate a comic’s onstage pratfall (prat being an old English term for buttocks).

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 2022 – 30 June 2024

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ATTACHMENTS

- 1. Opera and Ballet Flyer
- 2. Incentive Program Flyer

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](mailto:GPizzuti@GlennPizzutiArchitect.com)