



NEWSLETTER

JULY luglio 2023

JUNE MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The speaker at our June Membership Meeting was Rio DeGennaro. Rio is a Trustee on the Club's Executive Committee, and he is the Chairman of the AIH Charities, our not-for-profit organization. Rio explained the difference between the two organizations as well as their close relationship.

AIHC SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS

Vince Pona, the Chair of the AIHC Scholarship and Members Educational Grant Committee, announced the names of the recipients for both the Scholarships and Member Educational Grants at our June Meeting. Unfortunately, we didn't receive those names in time for inclusion in this July Newsletter, but they will be included in the August Newsletter.

FY24 DUES

Don't forget, your FY24 dues are due.
See Attachment 1.

NEW MEMBER

Nuovo Membro



We swore in another new member at our June meeting, David Lunardi. When you see David at upcoming meetings, please introduce yourself and make him feel welcome in our club.

HISTORIC BLACK BROOK GOLF COURSE

In operation since 1927, the historic Black Brook Golf Course has been a favorite of generations of golfers who have enjoyed the casual nature and inviting character of this unique course.

With rolling terrain, established landscapes, majestic century-old trees, and interesting sight lines, Black Brook is among the nicest 18-hole public courses in the area.

In fact, the course was voted one of the "Best Places to Play" by *Golf Digest* magazine. It has also been named the "Best of the Best" in the golf course category by readers of the *News Herald* four times, and the 18th hole was selected as one of News Channel 5's "Dream 18" and the *Plain Dealer's* "Elite 18."

The course was designed by Bertie Way, who also designed "The Country Club of Detroit", "The Mayfield Country Club", and the famous "South Course at Firestone Country Club" in Akron. The facility has been owned and operated by the City of Mentor since 2005.

Taken from the 2023 Mentor City Magazine.

GOLF OUTING VOLUNTEERS

It takes a lot of people to put on a good Golf Outing. But we can always use more people. If you're interested, please contact Andrew Zarlinga at 440-602-2674 or at andrewzarlinga@gmail.com

MEN'S NIGHT OUT

Serata tra uomini

Trustee Mario Bertone has organized a "Men's Night Out" to be held at Red Wine and Brew, in the Cigar Patio Lounge, on Wednesday, 12 July. All members are welcome.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Prossimi eventi

JULY luglio

12 July 2023, Wednesday, AIHC Board of Trustees Meeting

- Venue: Mama Roberto's Front Dining Room

- Time 5:30p

12 July 2023, Wednesday, "Men's Night Out"

- Coordinator: Mario Bertone
- Venue: *Red Wine and Brew in the Cigar Patio Lounge*
- Time: 6:00p
- Cost: all food and drink will be each attendee's personal responsibility.

19 July 2023, Wednesday, AIH Executive Committee Meeting

- Venue: Mama Roberto's Front Dining Room

- Time 5:30p

26 July 2023, Wednesday, AIH Membership Meeting

- Venue: The Buona Festa Social Club
- Time: 6:00p
- Speaker: Mr. Tim Manross, Mayor of The Village of Fairport Harbor, and Maintenance Team Manager at Avery Dennison.

29 July 2023, Saturday, AIH Summer Social

- Committee
 - Ron Wassum
- Venue: Hungarian Culture Club in Fairport Harbor
- Time: Doors open at 5:00p, dinner at 6:00p
- Attendees: Spouses and Guests are welcome.
- Dinner: Prepared by "Caters to You."
- Capacity: 100 – 125 people
- There will be a DJ from 5:00p to 9:00p.
- The Bocce Courts will be available for club use.
- There will be sideboards and a 50/50 raffle.
- Cost: TBD
Reservations required. A signup sheet will be forthcoming.

AUGUST agosto

5 August 2023, Saturday, AIH Golf Outing

- Committee:
 - Andrew Zarlinga
 - Richard O'Keefe
 - Mario Bertone
 - Carmen Federico
 - Jim Federico
 - Gus Paolucci
 - Linda Paolucci
 - Glenn Pizzuti
 - Jan Pizzuti
 - Kelly Pesco (Sponsor Coordinator)
- Venue: Black Brook Golf Club
- Time
 - Registration at 8:00a
 - Shotgun Start at 9:00a
- Cost for golf and dining: \$100.00 per player
- Cost for dining only: TBD
- Caterers at the turn: "The Jefferson Diner"
- Caterers at the end of the event: "La Vera"
- Capacity: 100 – 120 golfers
- Attendees: Members as well as Spouses and Guests

Reservations required. See attached Sign-up Sheet.

23 August 2023, Wednesday, AIH Executive Committee Meeting

- Venue: Mama Roberto's Front Dining Room
- Time 5:30p

30 August 2023, Wednesday, AIH Membership Meeting

- Venue: The Buona Festa Social Club
- Time: 6:00p
- Speaker: Keith Webb, Director of Community Relations for Spire Academy in Geneva, Ohio.

SEPTEMBER settembre

20 September 2023, Wednesday, AIH Executive Committee Meeting

- Venue: Mama Roberto's Front Dining Room
- Time 5:30p

27 September 2023, Wednesday, AIH Membership Meeting and Club Bocce' Tournament

- Committee:
 - Ron Wassum
- Venue: Hungarian Culture Club in Fairport Harbor
- Time: 6:00p
- Cost: TBD
- Caterer: TBD
- Attendees: Members only.
Reservations required.

OCTOBER ottobre

4 October 2023, Wednesday, AIHC Board of Trustees Meeting

- Venue: Mama Roberto's Front Dining Room
- Time 5:30p

7 October 2023, Saturday, AIHC Italian Night

- Venue: Regovich's Catering in Eastlake
- Committee:
 - Bill Petrello
 - Ron Wassum
 - Gus Paolucci
 - John Perrotti
 - Anita Licate
- Time: TBD
- Cost: TBD
- Guests: Members as well as Spouses and Guests are welcome.
- Dinner: Prepared by Regovich Catering
- Capacity: 400 attendees
Reservations required.

18 October 2023, Wednesday, AIH Executive Committee Meeting

- Venue: Mama Roberto's Front Dining Room
- Time 5:30p

25 October 2023, Wednesday, AIH Membership Meeting, AIH Clam Bake

- Committee:
 - Ron Wassum

- Mario Bertone
- Venue: Fassionation Park in Madison
- Attendees: Members as well as Spouses and Guests are welcome.
- Time: TBD
- Cost: TBD
- Caterers: TBD
Reservations required.

NOVEMBER novembre

15 November 2023, Wednesday, AIH Executive Committee Meeting

- Venue: Mama Roberto's Front Dining Room
- Time 5:30p

25 November 2023, Saturday, OSU v Univ of Mich. Football Game, AIHC 50/50 Board

- As they usually do, AIH Charities has a 50/50 board for the OSU v Univ of Mich. Football Game.

29 November 2023, Wednesday, AIH Membership Meeting

- Venue: The Buona Festa Social Club
- Time: 6:00p
- Speaker: TBD

DECEMBER dicembre

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

9 December 2023, Saturday, AIH Club Christmas Party

- Committee:
 - Gus Paolucci
 - John Perrotti
 - Jim Federico Sr.
 - Mario Bertone
- Venue: Buona Festa Social Club
- Time: TBD
- Cost: Free
Reservations required.

JULY WILL BE A BUSY MONTH FOR AIH & AIHC

- 12 July 2023, Wednesday, "Men's Night Out"
- 12 July 2023, Wednesday, AIHC Board of Trustees Meeting
- 19 July 2023, Wednesday, AIH Executive Committee Meeting
- 26 July 2023, Wednesday, AIH Membership Meeting
- 29 July 2023, Saturday, AIH Summer Social

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Compleanni di luglio

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

Nothing to report this month.

If you know of or hear of any Health or Welfare issues involving a member, please pass that information on to Richard O'Keefe at richardokeefe65@gmail.com or 440-537-8505.

SPECIAL DAYS IN JULY

Here are just a few of the not so well-known special days in July for your observance.

- 05 Jul: Workaholics Day
- 07 Jul: Tell the Truth Day
- 09 Jul: Sugar Cookie Day
- 15 Jul: Gummi Worm Day
- 16 Jul: Ice Cream Day
- 17 Jul: Emoji Day
- 21 Jul: Junk Food Day
- 24 Jul: Cousins Day
- 28 Jul: Milk Chocolate Day
- 29 Jul: Lasagna Day
- 30 Jul: National Cheesecake Day

Information taken from timeanddate.com/holidays/fun

INDEPENDENCE DAY

4 July 1776

Independence Day (colloquially the Fourth of July) is a federal holiday in the United States commemorating the Declaration of Independence, which was ratified by the Second Continental Congress on July 4, 1776, establishing the United States of America.

The Founding Father delegates of the Second Continental Congress declared that the Thirteen 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 voted to approve independence by passing the Lee Resolution on July 2 and adopted the Declaration of Independence two days later, on 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.

The above information was taken from 2023 Wikipedia.

FOUNDING OF THE CITY OF CLEVELAND

22 July 1796

Cleveland was established on July 22, 1796, by surveyors of the Connecticut Land Company when they laid out Connecticut's Western Reserve into townships and a capital city. They named the new settlement "Cleaveland" after their leader, General Moses Cleaveland, a veteran of the American Revolutionary War. Cleaveland oversaw the New England-style design of the plan for what would become the modern downtown area, centered on Public Square, before returning to Connecticut, never again to visit Ohio. The town's name was often shortened to "Cleveland," even by Cleaveland's original surveyors. A common myth emerged that the spelling was altered by *The Cleveland Advertiser* in order to fit the name on the newspaper's masthead.

The first permanent European settler in Cleaveland was Lorenzo Carter, who built a cabin on the banks of the Cuyahoga River. The emerging community served as an important supply post for the U.S. during the Battle of Lake Erie in the War of 1812. Locals adopted Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry as a civic hero and erected a monument in his honor decades later. Largely through the efforts of the settlement's first lawyer Alfred Kelley, the village of Cleaveland was incorporated on December 23, 1814.



In spite of the nearby swampy lowlands and harsh winters, the town's waterfront location proved to be an advantage, giving it access to Great Lakes trade. It grew rapidly after the 1832 completion of the Ohio and Erie Canal. This key link between the Ohio River and the Great Lakes connected it to the Atlantic Ocean via the Erie Canal and Hudson River, and later via the Saint Lawrence Seaway. Its products could reach markets on the Gulf of Mexico via the Mississippi River. The town's growth continued with added railroad links.

In 1836, Cleveland, then only on the eastern banks of the Cuyahoga River, was officially incorporated as a city, and John W. Willey was elected its first mayor. That same year, it nearly erupted into open warfare with neighboring Ohio City over a bridge connecting the two communities. Ohio City remained an independent municipality until its annexation by Cleveland in 1854.

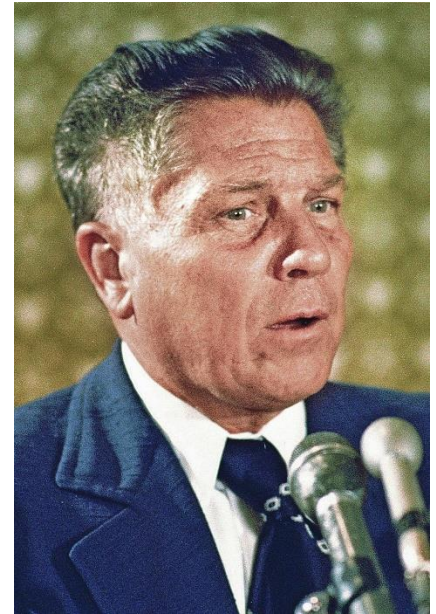
A center of abolitionist activity, Cleveland (code-named "Station Hope") was a major stop on the Underground Railroad for escaped African American slaves en route to Canada. The city also served as an important center for the Union during the American Civil War. Decades later, in July 1894, the wartime contributions of those serving the Union from Cleveland and Cuyahoga County would be honored with the Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument on Public Square.

The above information was taken from 2023 Wikipedia.

JIMMY HOFFA

30 July 1975

James Riddle Hoffa was born February 14, 1913. From an early age, Hoffa was a union activist, and he became an important regional figure with the International Brotherhood of Teamsters (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, and mail 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 U.S. 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. It is generally accepted that he was murdered by the Mafia, and on July 30, 1982 he was declared legally dead. Hoffa's legacy and the circumstances of his disappearance continue to stir debate.

The above information was taken from 2023 Wikipedia.

JULY FESTIVALS & EVENTS IN ITALY

July is a busy period on Italy's cultural calendar, with interesting and well-loved festivals taking place all month, and all over the country. Aside from famous events like the Palio horse race in Siena, there are festas, or *sagre*, in large towns and small villages. These are all open to everyone and offer great chances to sample inexpensive regional food.

Il Palio di Siena

Siena's famous bareback horse race around the central square, *Piazza del Campo*, takes place on July 2 and August 16. Before the race, there's a procession with people in medieval costume.

Festa del Redentore

On the third Sunday in July, one of Venice's biggest festivals, the *Festa del Redentore*, or Festival of the Redeemer, marks the end of a big plague epidemic in 1576. During the Redentore festival, a temporary footbridge from the mainland to Redentore church on Giudecca Island is created from a connected flotilla of boats. The festival includes a gondola regatta and ends with fireworks.

L'Ardia di San Costantino

This horse race takes place around the Sanctuary of San Costantino in the central Sardinian town of Sedilo, on July 5-7. The race takes place twice, in the evening and again the following morning, after most of the riders have been up drinking all night.

Giostra della Quintana

This colorful jousting match is held in the Umbrian town of Foligno in mid-June or early July, and again in mid-September. More than 600 participants compete wearing traditional 17th-century clothing. A corteo storico, or historic parade, takes place the day before the jousting match.

Festa della Madonna Bruna

The curious Festa della Madonna Bruna is celebrated on July 2 in the city of [Matera](#), an interesting town with cave dwellings, or *sassi*, in the Basilicata region of southern Italy. A float of the *Madonna Bruna* is paraded through town. Finally, the statue is attacked, torn apart, and burned, accompanied by a fireworks display over the town.

Terzieri Palio

Terzieri Palio takes place from the third through the fourth Sundays in July in the small historic town of Montecassiano, in central Marche region. The palio re-enacts historic competitions from the early 1400s among the town's three neighborhoods (*terzieri*). Other events include parades with participants in medieval costume, medieval street scenes, music, and food stands.

Festa del Cristo degli Abissi

Festa del Cristo degli Abissi (Christ of the Abyss) has an unusual procession – to the underwater statue of Christ in San Fruttuoso on the Ligurian coast on the last Sunday of July. The 2.5-meter-high bronze statue, molded from medals of mariners and athletes and parts of ships and bells, is dedicated to those who lost their lives at sea. A laurel crown is placed at the base of the statue and mass is held on the beach.

U Fistinu of Saint Rosalia

U Fistinu of Saint Rosalia is one of Sicily's biggest festivals held in mid-July in Palermo. The procession centers around a 50-foot-high float with a statue of Saint Rosalia and a

musical band inside. It culminates with a fireworks show in the Foro Italico.

Disfida degli Arcieri di Terra e di Corte

The Disfida degli Arcieri di Terra e di Corte archery contest takes place in mid-July in Fivizzano, northern Tuscany. Archers from each neighborhood compete in a re-enactment of a medieval festival with costumes and flag throwers.

Feast of Sant'Andrea the Apostle

The Feast of Sant'Andrea the Apostle is celebrated in Pescara, on the Adriatic coast, on the last Sunday in July with a parade of fishing boats off the coast.

The above information was obtained from tripsavvy.com/July-Italy

PHRASE OF THE MONTH

Prego, si accomodi
Please, make yourself
comfortable.

Information taken from the [Living Language Italian 2023 Calendar](#)

A LITTLE TRIVIA

Why, at the end of a profound statement or a prayer, do Christians, Muslims, and Jews all say "Amen"?

The word *amen* appears 13 times in the Hebrew Bible and 119 times in the New Testament as well as in the earliest Muslim writings. The word originated in Egypt around 2500 BC as *Amun*, and meant the "Hidden One," the name of their highest deity. Hebrew scholars adopted the word as meaning "so it is" and passed it on to the Christians and Muslims.

Why is June the most popular month for weddings?

The ancient Greeks and Romans both suggested marriage during a full moon because of its positive influence on fertility. The Romans favored June, a month they named after Juno, the goddess of marriage, because, if the bride conceived right away, she wouldn't be too pregnant to help with the harvest. She also would probably have recovered from giving birth in time to help in the fields with next year's harvest.

Why does a groom carry his bride over the threshold?

The custom of carrying a bride over the threshold comes from the kidnapping practices of the Germanic Goths around 200 AD. Generally, these men only married women from within their communities, but when the supply ran short, they would raid neighboring villages and seize young girls to carry home as their wives. From this practice of abduction sprang the now symbolic act of carrying the bride over the threshold.

Why are wedding banns announced before a marriage?

The custom of proclaiming wedding banns began in 800 AD when Holy Roman emperor Charlemagne became alarmed by the high rate of inbreeding throughout his empire. He ordered that all marriages be publicly announced at least seven days prior to the ceremony and that anyone knowing that the bride and groom were related must come forward. The practice proved so successful that it was widely endorsed by all faiths.

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 2022 – 30 June 2024

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

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ATTACHMENTS

1. AIH Club FY24 Dues Notice
2. 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