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Sons and Daughters Of Italy
Akron Lodge 685
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July August September 2023

Notes from the President:

We have many events planned for the rest of the year. Please try to participate in some of these events. Many events we need to have volunteers. Nicole Smith is in charge of the booth this year at the Italian American Festival in downtown Akron August 3-5. The location this year will not be in Lock 3 due to work being done in Lock 3. The festival will be on Main Street and Bowery with some events at the Cascade Plaza. Besides volunteering at the Sons of Italy Booth which will be serving Meatball subs and Italian Sausage Sub, the Italian Council needs help to sell beer tickets and also to pour beer and wine. A week before the festival is the Scholarship Breakfast; I have attached a flyer to make reservations. I don't have the recipients but the Sons of Italy always has young people who receive a scholarship.

In August we have our family picnic and in September the annual Card party and games. On another note, Michelle Hujar has researched to get t-shirts for our members. If we order 100 the cost will be \$10 each, and they will have the Sons and Daughters of Italy logo printed on the t-shirts. When you are volunteering at an event such as the Sons of Italy Booth, coming to the picnic, we can show who we are and what we are about. We are an organization that helps to promote Italian Heritage but also does some fun things throughout the year.

Please keep Rosina Puhak in your prayers as she is now at Copley Health Center as her medical condition has worsened where she is unable to be cared for at home.

Upcoming events

July 29-Italian Council Scholarship

Breakfast, St George Church Hall

August 3-5 Italian American Festival

Downtown Akron-Main St and Bowery

August 20-Family Picnic Lions Park(See Flyer)

September 17-General Meeting

September 23-Card Party (See Flyer)

October 14-Rolling Thunder Gun Bash

October 15-General Meeting

November 19-Memorial Mass 10:30 at St Anthony's , brunch at the Venue 12:30 pm

Toy Wrapping Party-TBA

November 11-19 Childrens Hospital Holiday

Tree Festival

December 10-Christmas Party-St George

Hospitality Chairperson

Our Hospitality Chairperson is Kay Metzler. If you know someone who is in the hospital or ill, please contact her at 330-329-6566.

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Reverse Raffle

Our Reverse Raffle was held on April 15, 2023. Everyone enjoyed the good food and beverages. Even if you didn't win anything, a good time was had by all. One of our winners, generously donated 50% of his winnings back to the club. I wish to thank John and Michelle Hujar to chairing this event along with the committee who did a fantastic job, from selling side boards, selling raffle tickets or bingo cards to pulling the lucky winners.

Scholarship/Initiation Dinner

The dinner was held on May 24, 2023 at Guy's Party Center. Mikki DeMarco did an outstanding job along with her committee. We initiated 2 members and awarded 4 scholarships. The dinner was great and the presentations were run smoothly, but we had just barely over 40 guests attending. With a club of over 100 members, we should have had better attendance. We will set the dinner to always be the Wednesday before Memorial Day, so it's doesn't interfere with any one's other plans. This is an event where we show new members and our scholarship recipients that we support them as members and congratulate our scholarship recipients that we are proud to award these scholarships so they can come back to our club and be members who are proud to be a part of the Sons and Daughters of Italy in America.

Metro Parks Bench

At a recent meeting, the Akron Lodge voted to spend \$1500 to purchase a bench to be placed in the Munroe Falls Metro Park along one of the walking trails. Thanks to Janet Gliha's fine efforts this is possible. I am currently working with the Metro Parks to design a plaque which shows we donated the bench as our way of giving back to the community. I will let everyone know when the bench has been placed, perhaps we could meet there and have lunch in the area.

Grand Lodge Convention

The Grand Lodge of Ohio Convention was held June 16-17. I wish to thank everyone from the Akron Lodge that attended: John Hujar, Jack Schifano, Mary Schifano and Natalie Thornton. Several items were mentioned in the report; one is the National Sons of Italy is creating a website which can be used by all lodges. Further details are coming. Congratulations to Jack Schifano was elected as a trustee at the Convention. Also the National Grand Lodge has a youtube site.

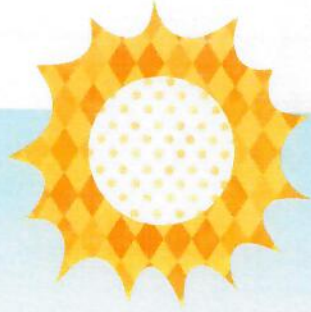
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Buon Compleanno!

july	august	september
KEITH APFEL	GRACE CERUTTI	LISA AGLIOTI
FRANK BEVILACQUA	JOHN CONTI	JACKIE CASAMENTO
ROSETTA DALESSANDRO	DIANE EVANS	DANIEL CLEMENTE
JANET GLIHA	MARY JANE KELLEY	JAMES DEMARCO
DIANE KALGREEN	ELEUTERIO LATTAVO	NICHOLAS DIORIO
LOUIS MASCOLO JR	REV NICHOLAS MANCINI	DON FERRANTE
	PATRICIA MASCOLO	ERIC MAGHES
	JACLYN MURE	JANET MURE
	JOSEPH MUSITANO	KATHLEEN MUSITANO
	MICHAEL PERA	ROBERT PAPANONE
	NANCY RINELLA	JOSEPH RINELLA
	TONI ROSS	JUDI WILLGUES



Sons and Daughters of Italy Come to our Family Picnic!

We will get a bocce tournament going and raffle off baskets for the kids and adults!

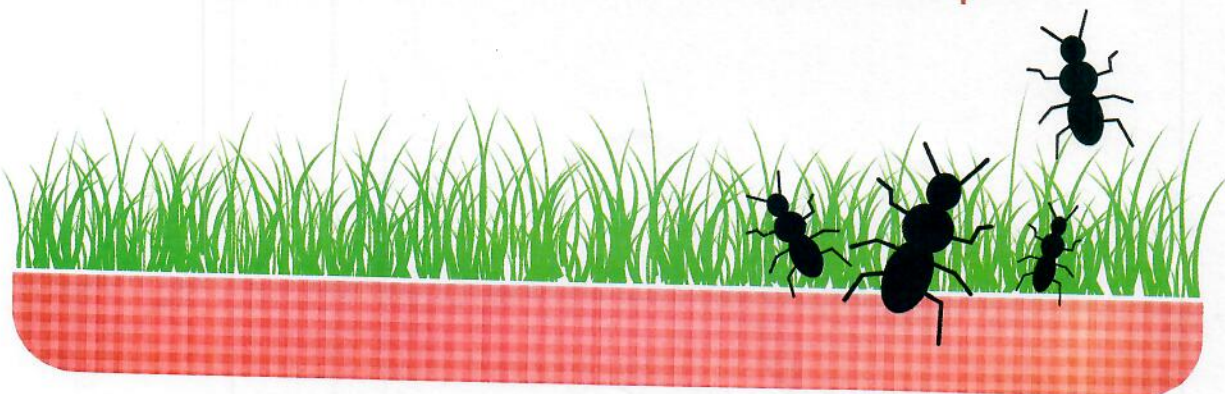
Where: Lions Park

641 Silver Lake Ave.

Time: 12:00 noon—5:00pm

Date: Sunday, Aug 20th.

Please bring place settings for your family, a dish (side or dessert) to share and a raffle prize.



Saturday, July 29, 2023 11:00 a.m.

St. George Fellowship Centre

3204 Ridgewood Rd.

Fairlawn, OH 44333

SCHOLARSHIP BREAKFAST - TABLE RESERVATION FORM

\$20.00 per person Winner is free

Each table can seat 8-10 persons. Please list all names to be seated at the same table. Your reservation must be made no later than Friday, July 22. Checks made out to the ITALIAN AMERICAN FESTIVAL.

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You are cordially invited to attend the

**SONS & DAUGHTERS OF ITALY AKRON LODGE #685
CARD PARTY, GAMES & RAFFLE EVENT**

Saturday, September 23, 2023

**Redeemer Christian School Gym, 2151 Fifth Street, Cuyahoga Falls
Noon to 3:30 pm ---Doors open at 11:30 am**

Gather your family and your friends and bring along your playing cards
or your favorite game to enjoy a few hours of fun with lunch included/
Reserve a table for 2, 4, 6 or 8!

ADMISSION TICKETS-----\$10.00 per person

Admission Ticket includes an Italian sandwich, fluffy fruit side, chips, dessert, beverage

Contact Toni Ross, 330-928-5172, Card Party, Games & Raffle Event Co-Chair
to purchase Admission Tickets.

Send your Admission Ticket check, made out to Sons of Italy Lodge #685, to
1804 Calvert Drive, Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44223
Seating is limited to 200 guests

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This Sons & Daughters of Italy's fundraiser supports our local charities:
Alzheimer's Association, Cooley's Anemia, Doug Flutie Foundation for Autism and
Project Rise (Akron Public Schools program which distribute toys to homeless children)

WE ARE LOOKING FOR CARD PARTY VOLUNTEERS!

Are you able to...

- Volunteer at the Card Party, Games, & Raffle Event?
- Donate a Gift Card with a \$20 value to be used as a Raffle Prize?
- Create a Raffle Basket that has a \$20 value?
- Bake a 13x9 cake for dessert?

If so, contact...

Call Sue Lindeman, Card Party, Games & Raffle Event Co-Chair,
330-733-4773 (landline phone) or email slindeman9@hotmail.com

YOUR SUPPORT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!

HOPE TO SEE YOU SEPTEMBER 23!