



OCTOBER MEETING

Riunione ottobre

Our October Membership Meeting was on the 30th, at Pine Ridge Country Club, where we enjoyed the company of our spouses and significant others at our annual Club Clam Bake. It was a great evening as always. Many thanks to Vince Pona for once again chairing this event.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Prossimi eventi

NOVEMBER novembre

Note: Because of Thanksgiving, both the Executive Committee Meeting and the Membership Meeting were moved to a week earlier respectively.

13 November, Wednesday

AIH Executive Committee Meeting at The Mentor Firefighter's Museum @ 6:30p.

20 November, Wednesday:

AIH Membership Meeting and Game Night at Pine Ridge Country Club @ 6:30p. After a brief business meeting, Tom Fioritto will host another of his famous Italian themed Game Shows.

30 November, Saturday:

AIH Charities Ohio State v. University of Michigan Football Game \$4,000 Pool. This year we are just having the Big Board Pool, there will be no party. There will be a revised pay-out format however. They used to pay based on the scores at the end of each quarter. This year there will be a pay-out for every score change. Tickets \$50 per square and are available from Ron Wassum.

See attached flyers

DECEMBER dicembre

Note: Because of the Christmas Holidays, there will be no Executive Committee Meeting and no Membership Meeting in December.

8 December, Sunday:

AIH Family Christmas Party at Manakiki Country Club from 11:00a to 4:00p. The Co-Chairs are Don Rapposelli and Richard O'Keefe.

Reservations are required

See attached flyer

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Compleanni di novembre

Table listing birthdays for Matt Gambatese (6), Bill Gaglione (7), and Mario Fioritto Jr. (11).

Table listing birthdays for Alfredo Guerrieri (16), Dominic Rufo Sr. (26), Joe Vitale (26), and Judge Gene Lucci (29).

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

HEALTH AND WELFARE

salute e benessere

Former Member and one of the Founders of AIH, John A. Avena, passed away on 16 October 2019 at the age of 91.

Please keep this friend and his families in your prayers.

ALL SAINTS DAY ALL SOULS DAY

All Saints Day, celebrated on November 1st, and All Souls Day, celebrated on November 2nd, are two of the most important holidays for Italians. Ognissanti, or simply I Santi, November 1st, is a national holiday. The traditions for this day vary from region to region, but one thing is common throughout Italy: Pane dei Santi, or Saints' Bread, typically made with raisins, walnuts, and figs.

The following day, November 2nd, is Il giorno dei morti, The Day of the Dead, and on this day it is believed that the souls of the dead come to visit their relatives. Most people visit loved ones at the cemetery. In Rome, it is traditional to eat lunch by the grave, while elsewhere, some people set a place at the table or set out a drink for a deceased loved one. Children are told that the dead visit the house during the night, leaving gifts, and they wake in the morning in search of toys and treats. In some regions, children leave shoes outside the door or hang socks the previous night, hoping for gifts from the dead. Traditionally, this was the only occasion all year when children would receive gifts. In Rome, engagements are often announced on this Day.

Information taken from 2019 Living Language Calendar

ELECTION DAY

In the United States, Election Day is the day set by law for the general elections of federal public officials. It is statutorily set as "the Tuesday after the first Monday in the month of November" or "the first Tuesday after

November 1." The earliest possible date is November 2, and the latest possible date is November 8 (as it was for the 2016 election).

November 5th is Election Day this year. Be sure to take part in one of our nation's most fundamental rights and responsibilities.

VETERANS DAY

Armistice Day was commemorated every year on November 11th to mark the armistice signed between the Allies of World War I and Germany at Compiègne, France, for the cessation of hostilities on the Western Front of World War I, which took effect at eleven o'clock in the morning - the "eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month of 1918.

Congress passed a resolution in 1926 for an annual observance, and November 11th became a national holiday in 1938.

In 1954, after lobbying efforts by veterans' service organizations, the 83rd U.S. Congress amended the 1938 act that had made Armistice Day a holiday, striking the word "Armistice" in favor of the word "Veterans." President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed the legislation on June 1, 1954.

So November 11th is Veterans Day. If you like your freedom, thank a veteran.

THANKSGIVING

On October 3, 1863, expressing gratitude for a pivotal Union Army victory at Gettysburg, President Abraham Lincoln announced that the nation would celebrate an official Thanksgiving holiday on November 26, 1863. The speech, which was actually written by Secretary of State William Seward, declared that the fourth Thursday of every November thereafter would be considered the official U.S. holiday of Thanksgiving.

This announcement harkened back to when George Washington was in his first term as the first President in 1789 and the young American nation had only a few years earlier emerged from the American Revolution. At that time, George Washington called for an official celebratory "day of public thanksgiving and prayer." While Congress overwhelmingly agreed to Washington's suggestion, the holiday did not yet become an annual event.



Thomas Jefferson, the third President, felt that public demonstrations of piety to a higher power, like that celebrated at Thanksgiving, were inappropriate in a nation based in part on the separation of church and state. Subsequent Presidents agreed with him. In fact, no official Thanksgiving proclamation was issued by any President between 1815 and the day Lincoln took the opportunity to thank the Union Army and God for a shift in the country's fortunes on October 3rd in 1863.

The fourth Thursday of November remained the annual day of Thanksgiving from 1863 until 1939. Then, at the tail-end of the Depression, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, hoping to boost the economy by providing shoppers and merchants a few extra days to conduct business between the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, moved Thanksgiving to November's third Thursday. In 1941, however, Roosevelt bowed to Congress' insistence that the fourth Thursday of November be re-set permanently, without alteration, as the official Thanksgiving holiday.

NOVEMBER FESTIVAL AND HOLIDAYS IN ITALY

All Saints Day, celebrated November 1, is a national holiday in Italy so many shops will be closed, but most top tourist attractions and museums remain open. Some churches that are not usually open to the public may be open on All Saints Day. On All Souls Day, November 2, Italians bring flowers to the cemeteries to honor their deceased relatives.

The Feast of Our Lady of Good Health is one of Venice's most important celebrations. The festival is held on November 21 at Madonna Della Salute Church to commemorate Venice's deliverance from the plague in 1621. A temporary bridge is erected across the Grand Canal and thousands of pilgrims cross over to the church in a very beautiful procession.

Oberdrauburg Christmas Market usually occurs on the last weekend in November in the town of Signa, about 15 minutes' drive from Florence. The twin cities of Maromme, France, and Oberdrauburg, Austria, participate to offer traditional products and buy early Christmas presents.

SPECIAL DAYS IN NOVEMBER

- Sat, 2 NovDeviled Eggs Day
- Sun, 3 Nov Sandwich Day
- Mon, 4 Nov Common Sense Day
- Wed, 6 NovSaxophone Day
- Thu, 7 Nov Men Make Dinner Day
- Fri, 8 Nov Tongue Twister Day
- Sun, 10 NovVanilla Cupcake Day
- Mon, 11 Nov Origami Day
- Tue, 12 NovHappy Hour Day
- Wed, 13 NovSadie Hawkins Day
- Thu, 14 Nov Spicy Guacamole Day
- Thu, 14 Nov Pickle Day
- Fri, 15 Nov Clean out your Refrigerator Day
- Sat, 16 NovFast Food Day
- Sun, 17 NovTake a Hike Day
- Wed, 20 Nov National Absurdity Day
- Fri, 22 Nov Go for a Ride Day
- Fri, 22 Nov Buy Nothing Day
- Sat, 23 Nov Fibonacci Day
- Tue, 26 NovCake day
- Sat, 30 Nov Computer Security Day

Data taken from timeanddate.com

AREA EVENTS OF CULTURAL INTEREST

Cask 307 - President Paolucci, Secretary Pizzuti and their respective wives enjoyed a six course Italian dinner with a bottle of wine, while listening to an Italian Opera on the evening of Tuesday, 22 October, at Cask 307 in Madison. The opera was performed by two female sopranos and a male tenor. The dinner was catered by J&J Catering.

Cask 307 is a new, boutique winery, owned by Tony Debevec, located at 7259 Warner Road (SR 307) in Madison, 440-307-9586.

They have four more similar evenings scheduled for this season.

Friday, 15 Nov 19 – “The Italian Way” An Italian opera by Puccini, Mozart, and others.

Friday, 13 Dec 19 – “Sounds of the Season” Christmas inspired classical music and hits popularized by Judy Garland and Rosemary Clooney.

Friday, 17 Jan 20 – “A Little Bit of Broadway” Beloved songs by Gershwin, Bernstein and others.

Friday, 7 Feb 20 – “When in France” French opera by Bizet, Donizetti and others.

If you enjoy great food, wine and entertainment, we encourage you to try one of these events. Reservations are a must.

Apollo's Fire - Apollo's Fire, The Cleveland Baroque Orchestra, is a popular and critically acclaimed period instrument ensemble specializing in early music (Renaissance, Baroque and early Classical) based in Cleveland, Ohio. The Grammy-winning ensemble unites a select pool of early music specialists from throughout North America and Europe. Under the direction of Artistic Director Jeannette Sorrell, the ensemble has been noted internationally for creative and innovative programming, and praised by BBC Music Magazine for "forging a vibrant, life-affirming approach to early music... a seductive vision of musical authenticity."

Apollo's Fire performs at various churches and other venues throughout northeast Ohio. For more information see their website at apollosfire.org.

MISSION STATEMENT

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 2018 – 30 June 2020

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ATTACHMENTS

- AIHC OSU v. U of M Pool Flyer
- AIHC OSU v. U of M Pool Score Card
- AIH Christmas Party Flyer