



NEWSLETTER

JANUARY gennaio 2020

DECEMBER MEETING

Riunione dicembre

There was no Executive Committee Meeting or Membership Meeting in December.

AIH FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY

On Sunday, 8 December, Don Rapposelli and Richard O'Keefe hosted the Clubs Family Christmas Party. For the first time, it was held at the Manakiki Country Club. The event ran from 11:00a – 4:00p and everyone had a terrific time. Thanks again to Don and Richard for organizing and hosting this wonderful family event.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Prossimi eventi

JANUARY gennaio

15 January, Wednesday

AIHC Executive Committee Meeting at Pastina Rustica Italian Restaurant @ 5:30p.

22 January, Wednesday

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

29 January, Wednesday:

AIH Membership Meeting at Pine Ridge Country Club @ 6:30p. The speaker will be Mr. Janson Pund, an NRA Instructor.

FEBRUARY febbraio

2 February, Sunday

AIH Charities Super Bowl 100 Square Betting Board. As with the 2019 OSU v. Michigan Football Game, there will be no party, just the board that everyone is invited to take part in. The format will be the same as we had for the OSU v. Michigan Game. See Dave Vegh to buy a square.

This is the first of our Charities three annual fund raisers.

See attached flyer

19 February, Wednesday

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

28 February, Wednesday:

AIH Membership Meeting at Pine Ridge Country Club @ 6:30p. The speaker will be Ms. Cindy Lindberg from Grand River Cellars.

MARCH marzo

18 March, Wednesday

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

25 March, Wednesday:

AIH Membership Meeting at Pine Ridge Country Club @ 6:30p. The speaker is TBD.

APRIL aprile

4 April, Saturday:

AIH Charities "Italian Night" at Villa Croatia at the American-Croatian Lodge in Eastlake. Doors will open at 6:00p. The event is coordinated by Rio DeGennaro.

This is the second of our Charities three annual fund raisers.

Reservations are required

15 April, Wednesday

AIHC Executive Committee Meeting at Pastina Rustica Italian Restaurant @ 5:30p.

22 April, Wednesday

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

29 April, Wednesday:

AIH Membership Meeting at Pine Ridge Country Club @ 6:30p. The speaker will be Bob DiBiasio, Senior Vice President, Public Relations for the Cleveland Indians

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Compleanni di gennaio

Dominic Farinacci	1
Paul Fortunato	6
George Judy	8
Gabe Cicconetti	15
Donnie Rapposelli	27

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

HEALTH AND WELFARE

salute e benessere

We have not heard of any illnesses, or deaths. That's the way to start the New Year.

SPORTS IN ITALY

Italy is a big sporting nation. In fact, according to the Global Sports Index, Italy is the ninth most athletic nation in the world, taking into account 140 disciplines. So it comes as no surprise that Italians are also very passionate fans, especially when it comes to their favorite sport, *il calcio* (soccer). Rooting for a team is serious business, and allegiance is handed

down from one generation to the next, part of the family tradition and lore. Italian fans are called *i tifosi* (a reference to typhoid fever, because it spreads easily and strikes feverishly). But it's not all about soccer. Italians are also very successful in and big fans of basketball, volleyball, aquatic sports, motorcycle and Formula 1 racing, cycling, and tennis.

Above information taken from 2020 Living Language Calendar

THE ROSE PARADE

The Rose Parade, hosted by the Pasadena Tournament of Roses, is an annual parade to mark the start of the Rose Bowl Game, held mostly along Colorado Boulevard in Pasadena, California, on New Year's Day, or on Monday, January 2 if New Year's Day falls on a Sunday. This exception was instituted in 1893, as organizers did not wish to disturb horses hitched outside Sunday church services.

Produced by the non-profit Pasadena Tournament of Roses Association, the parade usually starts at 8:00 a.m. Pacific Time, and includes flower-covered floats, marching bands, and equestrian units. The parade is followed in the afternoon by the Rose Bowl, one of the major bowl games in college football. It has been uninterrupted despite the Great Depression and both World Wars.

First held on January 1, 1890, hundreds of thousands of spectators watch the Rose Parade in person, and millions more watch it on television - both in the U.S. and in more than 100 international territories and countries worldwide. The Rose Bowl college football game was added in 1902 to help fund the cost of staging the parade. Since 2011, Honda has sponsored the Rose Parade. Accordingly, the company has the parade's first float, which like all floats, follows the parade's theme.

The 2020 Rose Parade will feature 40 floats, 17 equestrian units with over 450 horses, and 20 marching bands. The theme of this 131st Rose Parade is "Power Of Hope" and the Co-Grand Marshals of the parade are Laurie Hernández, Rita Moreno and Gina Torres.

Members of Pasadena's Valley Hunt Club first staged the parade in 1890. Many of the members of the Valley Hunt Club were former residents of the American East and Midwest. They wished to showcase their new California



home's mild winter weather. At a club meeting, Professor Charles F. Holder announced, "In New York, people are buried in the snow. Here our flowers are blooming and our oranges are about to bear. Let's hold a festival to tell the world about our paradise."

So the club organized horse-drawn carriages covered in flowers, followed by foot races, polo matches, and a game of tug-of-war on the town lot that attracted a crowd of 2,000 to the event. Upon seeing the scores of flowers on display, the professor decided to suggest the name "Tournament of Roses."

Over the next few founding years, the parade added marching bands and motorized floats. By 1895, the event was too large for the Valley Hunt Club to handle, resulting in the formation of an ad-hoc non-profit organization – the Pasadena Tournament of Roses Association. By the 11th annual tournament (1900), the town lot on which the activities were held was renamed Tournament Park, a large open area directly adjacent to Pasadena's world-famous institution of higher learning, Caltech. Activities soon included ostrich races, bronco busting demonstrations, and an odd novelty race between a camel and an elephant. Soon reviewing stands were built along the parade route and newspapers in Eastern Seaboard cities started to take notice of the event.

The stately Italian Renaissance-style mansion of William Wrigley Jr. (the maker of Wrigley's chewing gum) was offered to the city of Pasadena after Mrs. Wrigley's death in 1958, under the condition that their home would be the Rose Parade's permanent headquarters. Tournament House is the name given the former home where the organization is headquartered.

The first associated football game was played on January 1, 1902. Originally titled the "Tournament East-West football game," it is considered to be the first Rose Bowl. The next game was not played until New Year's Day 1916. They have been played annually since then. The game derives its modern name from Rose Bowl Stadium, which was built for the 1923 game.

In 2002 and 2006 (when the Rose Bowl Game was the BCS National Championship Game), the "Granddaddy of 'em all" was not held the same day as the parade. the 2002 game was

played on January 3 and the 2006 game was played on January 4. Not all fans were pleased with the change; some thought the atmosphere and tradition of the Rose Bowl were lost. Once the BCS title game was separated from the host bowl, it no longer affected the date of the Rose Bowl Game (even when the title game returned to Pasadena in 2010 and 2014).

Above information obtained from Wikipedia, 2020

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

The Epiphany, also Theophany, Denha, Little Christmas, or Three Kings' Day, is a Christian feast day that celebrates the revelation of God incarnate as Jesus Christ. In Western Christianity, the feast commemorates principally (but not solely) the visit of the Magi to the Christ Child, and thus Jesus' physical manifestation to the Gentiles. Moreover, the feast of the Epiphany, in some Western Christian denominations, also initiates the liturgical season of Epiphanytide. Eastern Christians, on the other hand, commemorate the baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River, seen as his manifestation to the world as the Son of God. Qasr el Yahud in the West Bank, and Al-Maghtas in Jordan on the east bank, is considered to be the original site of the baptism of Jesus and the ministry of John the Baptist.

FACTS ABOUT JANUARY

The 1st month of the year brings us New Year's Day, MLK day, and the excitement of new beginnings.

In the Georgian calendar, the calendar that most of the world uses, January is the very first month of the year. The name January came from a Roman god Janus. According to the Roman legend, in 700 B.C., the ruler Numa Pompilius added January to the end of the 10-month Roman calendar. When it was added, Pompilius gave 30 days to January. However, Romans later made January the first month of the year. Moreover, in 46 B.C. Julius Caesar added a one more day to January and that's why there are 31 in January today.

January was known as the wolf month to the Anglo-Saxons because in winter, wolves came into the villages to search for food.

It is the coldest month in the northern hemisphere, nature is quiet and the birds travel

less. Also, the bears and woodchucks go into hibernation. However, in southern hemisphere, January is the warmest month. During this time, unlike the northern hemisphere, animals are active and plants are growing.

- On January 1, 1863, the Emancipation Proclamation was issued by Abraham Lincoln.
- On January 4, 1896, Utah became the 45th state.
- On January 6, 1912, New Mexico became the 47th state.
- January 8, 1935, Elvis Presley was born.
- On January 8, 1798, The 11th Amendment to Constitution was proclaimed which modified the Supreme Court's power.
- On January 10, 1776, The Common Sense by Thomas Paine was published.
- On January 10, 1920 the League of Nations was established.

Above information taken from famousbirthdays.com

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

1. Super Bowl Flyer and Score Card