



JULY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The speaker at our July Membership Meeting was Mr. Tim Manross, Mayor of the Village of Fairport Harbor, and Maintenance Team Manager at Avery Dennison. Tim spoke about the history and current development activities in the Village of Fairport Harbor.

AIHC SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS

A special thanks goes out to the Committee Chair, Vince Pona, as well as his committee members, Rio DeGennaro, Tony Lombardo, and Bill Gaglione, for the effort they put forward reviewing the applications and selecting the recipients for the AIH Charities Scholarships this year. Letters were sent to all high schools, colleges, and local newspapers in Lake, Geauga, Cuyahoga, and Ashtabula counties. There are 51 entities that received the letter, and we received at least one application from each of them.



Scholarship Recipients

Gaetano Ditini from Chagrin Falls, Ohio. He is a graduate of Kenston High School, and he will be attending the Georgia Institute of Technology in the fall, studying Chemical Engineering. His father is of Italian descent and is from Ramacca, Sicily.

Isabella Scarano from Painesville, Ohio. She is a graduate of Pery High School, and will be attending the University of Akron in the fall, studying Psychology. Her father is of Italian descent and is from Sicily.

Angelina Simerale from Kirtland, Ohio. She is a graduate of Notre Dame-Cathedral Latin High School, and will be attending the University of Cincinnati in the fall, studying Nursing. Her father is of Italian descent and is from Sicily.

Sabrina Battaglia from Broadview Hts., Ohio. She is a graduate of Brecksville-Broadview Hts. High School and will be attending Youngstown State University in the fall, studying Dental Hygiene. Her mother is of Italian descent and is from Palermo, Sicily.

Each Scholarship Recipient will receive a check for \$2,000 and their name, picture and bio will be published on our website.

AIH Member Educational Grant Recipients

Carmen Cesa who sponsored his grandsons, Joseph, and Kevin Skolny. Joseph attends Miami University of Ohio and is studying Strategic Communication and Kevin attends Youngstown State University and is studying Sports Media.

Bill Petrello who sponsored his grandsons, Alexander, and Matthew Allis. Alexander attends The Ohio State University and is studying Psychology and Matthew attends Bowling Green State University and is studying Film Production.

Bob Andreano who sponsored his daughter, Madison. Madison attends the University of Minnesota and is studying Speech and Language Pathology.

Fran Rozzo who sponsored his granddaughter, Louise Palmer. Louise attends The Ohio State University and is studying Biology Pre-Med.

Each Grant recipient will receive \$1,000 and the names, pictures and bios of their children or grandchildren will be published on our website.

FY24 DUES

If you haven't paid your FY24 dues yet, you are now officially late. They were due no later than July 1st, 2023.

MEETING PROTOCOL

Official meetings, whether they are board meetings or membership meetings, are supposed to be a place where ideas are exchanged and decisions are arrived at, for the benefit of the organization. Because these decisions usually involve the organization's mission or money, these meetings must take place in an orderly fashion, so that all ideas may be considered, voted on, and the decisions recorded accurately.

Certainly, ideas and motions from the floor at Membership Meetings are encouraged, but there must be order to that process. Article XII, Duties and Rights of Members, *Section 1* of our Bylaws (as well as Robert's Rules of Order)

indicate that "Any Member desiring to make a motion or speak upon any subject whatsoever shall address the Presiding Officer before attempting to speak, and before speaking, must receive recognition from the Presiding Officer. Each Member must further yield the floor at the call for order, keep upon the subject pending before any meeting, abstain from any and all personality characterizations in debate, and avoiding disturbing any Member who has the floor." These are the guidelines that keep a meeting from turning into a melee. Let's all try to adhere to them at future meetings.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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AUGUST agosto

5 August 2023, Saturday, AIH Golf Outing

- Committee:
 - Andrew Zarlinga
 - Richard O'Keefe
 - Mario Bertone
 - Carmen Frederico
 - Jim Federico
 - Gus Paolucci
 - Linda Paolucci
 - Glenn Pizzuti
 - Jan Pizzuti
 - Carmen Cesa
 - Bill Petrello
 - Kelly Pescho (Sponsor Coordinator)
 - Anita Licate (Jefferson Diner)
 - Venue: Black Brook Golf Club
 - Time
 - Volunteers arrive at 7:00a
 - Golfer's registration at 8:00a
 - Shotgun start at 9:00a
 - Cost for golf and buffet with drinks: \$100.00 per player.
 - Cost for buffet and drinks only: \$35.00 per person.
 - Caterers at the turn: "The Jefferson Diner"
 - Caterers for the buffet 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
- **Caterer: TBD**
- Attendees: Members and prospective members only.
- Cost: \$20.00 per member, \$30.00 for prospective member.
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: 6:30p – 11:00p
- Cost: \$75.00 per person
- Guests: Members as well as Spouses and Guests are welcome.
- Dinner: Prepared by Regovich Catering
- Activities: 50/50 Boards, Food Wheels, a Chinese Auction, a Wine Tower, and a D.J.
- Capacity: 400 – 450 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

- Chair: Bill Petrello

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: 2:00p – 4:00p
- Volunteers arrive at 12:00p for set up.
- Cost: Free
- There will be a Balloon Artist.
- Santa and Presents: Santa will pass out presents to children. All presents are to be purchased, wrapped, identified, and delivered to the venue no later than 12:00 noon, the day of the event.
- Registration is required. There is a limited capacity of 80, so it will be first come, first served.
Reservations required.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Compleanni di agosto

Vince Pona.....	14
Brett Wassum.....	16
Mario Bertone.....	18
Anthony Iliano Jr.....	30



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

HEALTH AND WELFARE

salute e benessere

- Trustee Carmen Frederico had a tree fall on his vehicle, while he was driving. The accident put him in the hospital for several days. He is now home recovering.
- Loretta LaMalfa, wife of former member Mike LaMalfa, passed away at the age of 89.

Please keep them and their families in your thoughts and prayers.

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 AUGUST

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

- 02 Aug: Ice Cream Sandwich Day
 - 03 Aug: Watermelon Day
 - 04 Aug: International Beer Day
 - 05 Aug: Work like a Dog Day
 - 13 Aug: Left-Handers Day
 - 21 Aug: Spumoni Day
 - 28 Aug: Bow Tie Day
- Information taken from timeanddate.com/holidays/fun.*

THE FEAST 12 – 15 August

The Feast of the Assumption is a four-day festival that celebrates the Catholic tradition of the Virgin Mary's ascension into heaven. It is held in Little Italy's Murray Hill neighborhood in Cleveland, Ohio. The festival features food, music, rides, games, and a religious procession. The 2023 feast dates are August 12 to 15, starting at 6:00p on the 12th and ending at 10:00p on the 15th. For more info, contact the Holy Rosary Church at (216) 421-2995.

HIROSHIMA, NAGASAKI, AND VJ DAY

On 6 August 1945, the United States detonated an atomic bomb over the Japanese city of Hiroshima. Three days later, on 9 August 1945, they detonated another atomic bomb over the Japanese city of Nagasaki. The aerial bombings together killed between 129,000 and 226,000 people, most of whom were civilians, and remain the only use of nuclear weapons in an armed conflict. Japan surrendered to the Allies on 15 August, six days after the bombing of Nagasaki and the Soviet Union's declaration of war against Japan and invasion of Japanese-occupied Manchuria. The Japanese government signed the instrument of surrender

on 2 September, effectively ending World War II.

The above information was taken from Wikipedia, 2023.

PURPLE HEART DAY

7 August

The Purple Heart is a United States military decoration, awarded in the name of the President, to those wounded or killed while serving, on or after 5 April 1917, with the U.S. military. With its forerunner, the Badge of Military Merit, which took the form of a heart made of purple cloth, the Purple Heart is the oldest military award still given to U.S. military members. The National Purple Heart Hall of Honor is located in New Windsor, New York.



The original Purple Heart, designated as the Badge of Military Merit, was established by George Washington – then the Commander-in-Chief of the Continental Army – by order from his Newburgh, New York, headquarters on 7 August 1782. The Badge of Military Merit was only awarded to three Revolutionary War soldiers by Washington himself. Washington authorized his subordinate officers to issue Badges of Merit as appropriate. Although never abolished, the award of the badge was not proposed again officially until after World War I.

On 10 October 1927, Army Chief of Staff, General Charles Pelot Summerall, directed that a draft bill be sent to Congress "to revive the Badge of Military Merit". The bill was withdrawn and action on the case ceased on 3 January 1928, but the office of the Adjutant General was instructed to file all materials collected for possible future use. A number of private interests sought to have the medal re-instituted in the Army; this included the board of directors of the Fort Ticonderoga Museum in Ticonderoga, New York.

On 7 January 1931, Summerall's successor, General Douglas MacArthur, confidentially reopened work on a new design, involving the Washington Commission of Fine Arts. Elizabeth Will, an Army heraldic specialist in the Office of the Quartermaster General, was named to redesign the newly revived medal, which became known as the Purple Heart. Using general specifications provided to her, Will created the design sketch for the present medal of the Purple Heart. The new design, which exhibits a bust and profile of George

Washington, was issued on the bicentennial of Washington's birth.

The Commission of Fine Arts solicited plaster models from three leading sculptors for the medal, selecting that of John R. Sinnock of the Philadelphia Mint in May 1931. By Executive Order of the President of the United States, the Purple Heart was revived on the 200th Anniversary of George Washington's birth, out of respect to his memory and military achievements, by War Department General Order No. 3, dated 22 February 1932.

7 August of every year is recognized as "National Purple Heart Day."

The above information was taken from the 2023 Wikipedia.

RUINS OF POMPEII

24 August 79 AD

On 24 August in 79AD, the day after celebrations honoring Vulcan, the Roman god of fire, Mount Vesuvius erupted, crushing the City of Pompeii under a thick layer of volcanic ash and pumice stone, killing thousands, and burying it for more than a thousand years. The city was rediscovered and excavated in the eighteenth century, and today visitors can see the remains of houses, baths, markets, and temples. Nearby Herculaneum, a favorite resort among wealthy Romans, was covered with lava, which flowed into the structures, preserving them and the people inside intact, providing us with a truly unique look into the everyday life of Rome.



AUGUST FESTIVALS & EVENTS IN ITALY

August is a great time to find a festival in Italy. Look for brightly colored posters for a *fiesta* or *sagra*, which is a festival celebrating local culinary traditions. Many Italians take vacations in August, often to the seaside, so you're more likely to find festivals there, and you may run across a medieval festival that includes people dressed in period costumes.

Throughout Italy, many summer music festivals and outdoor concerts are held in August. Here

are some of the most popular holidays, festivals, and events in August in Italy.

Ferragosto

August 15, Ferragosto (Assumption Day), is a national holiday that marks the peak of the summer vacation season. Many Italians begin or end their vacations around this day, so many businesses and shops will be closed.



You'll find celebrations in many places in Italy on August 15 and the days before and after, often including music, food, and fireworks. In some big cities like Rome and Milan, however, the city will empty out as Italians leave the city for the beaches and mountains.

La Quintana

Ascoli Piceno, in central Italy's Le Marche region, holds a historic jousting tournament on the second Saturday of July and the first Sunday in August. The tournament, which has ancient roots in Ascoli Piceno, was re-established in the 1950s and is now one of the best medieval festivals in the Marche. The six *sestiere*, or quarters, of Ascoli Piceno participate and each quarter decorates its buildings with their insignias. The jousting is preceded by a huge parade with flag-wavers, drum corps and people dressed in 15th-century costume.

Palio del Golfo

This raucous race of handmade rowboats takes place between the 13 maritime villages that border the Bay of La Spezia on the Ligurian Sea. It's held the first Sunday in August in the water off the promenade in La Spezia, with a fireworks show to cap off the night. The party starts in the days leading up to the race, with a display of the boats and a dinner, plus an awards presentation the day after the race.

Giostra di Simone

In the tiny Tuscan hill town of Montisi, this festival of medieval games is held the Sunday afternoon closest to August 5. First there's a costumed parade, followed by a tournament of knights representing the four *contrade*, or neighborhoods, of the town, which all compete for a banner. The week leading up to the tournament is busy with open-air, communal dinners, entertainment, and events in town. The narrow streets of the town are bedecked with banners and flags, and a festive air pervades.

Palio of Siena

The second round of the famous race in Siena is August 16 (the first takes place July 2). Ten of Siena's 17 *contrade*, or districts, compete in an exciting bareback horse race around Siena's central *piazza*. The winner gets the silk *palio*, or banner.

Palio delle Pupe

In Cappelle sul Tavo near Pescara, this historic, multi-day festival culminates on August 15 with a most unusual event. Specially designed *pupe*, or female effigies drawn on carts, are wheeled into the town sports field. Fireworks launch from different parts of their bodies until the grand finale, when a pinwheel firework is launched from each effigy's head. The most spectacular effigy and fireworks display wins the tournament for that year. The tradition is thought to relate to ancient fertility rites and, more practically, to the custom of keeping scarecrow-like figures in the fields around town.

Festa della Madonna della Neve

Celebrated on August 5 in Rome, the Festival of the Madonna of the Snow celebrates a miraculous summer snowfall in the fourth century that prompted the building of the Santa Maria Maggiore Church, one of Rome's main churches. The festival includes music, light projections, and a midnight reenactment of the snowfall that creates a surreal atmosphere on a warm summer evening.

La Fuga del Bove



La Fuga del Bove (Escape of the Ox), is a colorful three-week festival in the Umbrian town of Montefalco, near Perugia. There's a full calendar of events, including processions in historic costumes, traditional music, regional cuisine and, of course, lots of wine. Activities include drumming and flag-waving, and a crossbow competition among the town's four quarters. At the culmination of the festivities, the "escaped" ox is caught and paraded around a ring by dozens of participants.

Festa dei Candelieri

Sardinia's most important religious festival is held August 14 in Sassari, on the northwestern side of the island. The festival commemorates the Madonna Assunta, who delivered Sassari from the plague in the 1600s. It involves townspeople carrying *candelieri*, which are

oversized wooden columns that represent candlesticks, through the town in a race that is witnessed by as many as 100,000 onlookers. So significant is the Fest dei Candelieri that it is counted as a UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage.

Music Festivals

During August, you'll find outdoor music performances in many cities and towns, usually in the main *piazza*. Here are some of the biggest music and performing arts festivals in August:

- Estate Romana is a festival of music and performing arts in Rome during the summer. Also in Rome, Castel Sant'Angelo has music and entertainment every evening through August 15.
- Estate Fiorentina has performances throughout the summer in Florence.
- Summer opera in Verona is in full swing.
- Settimane Musicali di Stresa, four weeks of concerts in Stresa on Lago Maggiore start in late August.

The above information was taken from tripsavvy.com/August-Italy

THE SPRITZ

The Spritz is a wonderful Italian cocktail to cool off with on a hot summer evening. There are different kinds of spritzes, but they all have two things in common: prosecco and sparkling or soda water.



Most popular is the Aperol spritz, with roots in Venice. Aperol is a bitter liqueur made from oranges, rhubarb, and a secret blend of spices. Its bright-orange color alone is enough to spice up your evening. Pour 1/4 cup Aperol, 1/3 cup prosecco, and a splash of sparkling or soda water over a glass full of ice, then garnish with an orange slice.

Another favorite is the Hugo Spritz, which originated in the Dolomites about twenty years ago. The Hugo introduces mint leaves to the mix and substitutes St. Germain or elderflower syrup for Aperol. Garnish with a slice of lemon.

Taken from the Living Language Italian, 2023 Calendar

TIRAMISU

If you ever need a pick-me-up, then you can't go wrong with *tiramisu*, as it literally means "pull me up." Perhaps the most famous of all Italian desserts, tiramisu is a layer cake made

with coffee-soaked *savoardi* (lady fingers, said to originate from the fifteenth-century Court of Savoy), which are then topped with a rich mascarpone-based cream and dusted with cocoa.



Tiramisu is quite easy to make, and it's the ideal summer dessert because there's no need to turn on the oven. You may want to spice things up with a drop of liqueur, like Tia Maria.

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PHRASE OF THE MONTH

Basta! – Enough!

Information taken from the Living Language Italian 2023 Calendar

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
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ATTACHMENTS

1. 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