



## NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY febbraio 2024

### JANUARY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Our speaker at the January meeting was Bill Turk from Action Collision Repair. Mr. Turk talked about several important things to do if you have been involved in a collision. Among those items...

- Photograph the driver's license, insurance card, and license plate of the person who hit you as well as all angles of your vehicle.
- In Ohio, you can select the shop to perform the repairs, the insurance company cannot force you to use one that they prefer.
- Check to see if the shop will be using Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) parts. If not, good shops can access "Price Match" software to get OEM bids from the major manufacturers.

In addition, our Building Feasibility Study Committee passed out a questionnaire for each member to complete and get back to them. A copy of that questionnaire is attached herein. Please complete and send to

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

*prossimi eventi*

#### 11 February 2024, Sunday, AIHC SUPER BOWL LVIII POOL

- Committee Chair and primary Point of Contact: John Perrotti
- Kick Off Time: 6:30p ET
- Venue: Allegiant Stadium in Las Vegas, Nevada.
- The completed 50/50 Board will be posted on the club website prior to kick-off.
- Cost per Square: \$100.00

#### 21 February 2024, Wednesday, Executive Committee Meeting

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

#### 28 February 2024, Wednesday, Membership Meeting

- Venue: The Buona Festa Social Club
- Time: 6:00p
- Speaker: Tiger LaVerde, the Kirtland High School Football Coach.

#### 20 March 2024, Wednesday, Executive Committee Meeting

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

#### 27 March 2024, Wednesday, Membership Meeting

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

#### 17 April 2024, Wednesday, Executive Committee Meeting

- Venue: Mama Roberto's Front Dining Room
- Establish the Nominating Committee for Election of Officers and Trustees for FY25 and FY26.
  - Note: In accordance with the Bylaws, Article VIII, Section 3, "The Vice President shall be the Chair of this Committee."
- Time 5:30p

#### 24 April 2024, Wednesday, Membership Meeting

- Venue: The Buona Festa Social Club
- Time: 6:00p
- Speaker: Bob DiBiasio from the Cleveland Guardians

#### 22 May 2024, Wednesday, Executive Committee Meeting

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

#### 29 May 2024, Wednesday, Membership Meeting

- Venue: The Buona Festa Social Club
- Time: 6:00p
- Presentation of Nominees for Officers and Trustees for FY25 and FY26
- Speaker: TBD<sup>6</sup>

#### 19 June 2024, Wednesday, Executive Committee Meeting

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

#### 26 June 2024, Wednesday, Membership Meeting

- Venue: The Buona Festa Social Club
- Time: 6:00p
- Election of Officers and Trustees for FY25 and FY26
- Speaker: TBD<sup>5</sup>

#### 24 July 2024, Wednesday, Executive Committee Meeting

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

#### 31 July 2024, Wednesday, Membership Meeting

- Venue: The Buona Festa Social Club
- Time: 6:00p
- Speaker: TBD<sup>4</sup>

#### 3 August 2024, Saturday, AIH GOLF OUTING

- Committee Chair and primary Point of Contact: TBD
- Committee: TBD
- Venue: Black Brook Golf Club
- Time:
  - Registration at 8:00a
  - Shotgun start at 9:00a
- Cost: TBD
- Capacity: TBD
- Guests: Spouses and Guests are welcome
- Caterers: La Vera
- Reservations are required.

#### 21 August 2024, Wednesday, Executive Committee Meeting

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

#### 28 August 2024, Wednesday, Membership Meeting

- Venue: The Buona Festa Social Club
- Time: 6:00p
- Speaker: TBD<sup>3</sup>

#### 18 September 2024, Wednesday, Executive Committee Meeting

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

#### 25 September 2024, Wednesday, Membership Meeting

- Venue: The Buona Festa Social Club
- Time: 6:00p
- Speaker: TBD<sup>2</sup>

#### 23 October 2024, Wednesday, Executive Committee Meeting

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

#### 30 October 2024, Wednesday, AIH CLAM BAKE

- Committee Chair and primary Point of Contact: [TBD](#)
- Committee: [TBD](#)
- Venue: Regovich's Party Center
- Time: [TBD](#)
- Cost: [TBD](#)
- Capacity: [TBD](#)
- Guests: Spouses and Guests are welcome
- Reservations are required.

**13 November 2024, Wednesday, Executive Committee Meeting**

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

**20 November 2024, Wednesday, Membership Meeting**

- Venue: The Buona Festa Social Club
- Time: 6:00p
- Speaker: [TBD](#)<sup>1</sup>

**December 2024**

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

**14 December 2024, Saturday, AIH FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY**

- Committee Chair and primary Point of Contact: Gus Paolucci
- Committee
  - John Perrotti
  - Jim Federico Sr.
  - Mario Bertone
- Venue: The Buona Festa Social Club
- Cost for attendees: [TBD](#)
- Hours: 2:00p to 4:00p, set up from 12:00p to 1:30p.
- Balloon Artist will be there.
- Santa and Presents: Santa will pass out presents to children. All presents are to be purchased, wrapped, and delivered to the venue no later than 30 minutes prior to the start of the event.
- Registration is required. There is a limited capacity of 80, so it will be first come, first served.

**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

Compleanni di febbraio

Carmen Frederico .....	01
Lou Aliberti .....	04
Skip Trombetti .....	05
John Perrotti .....	15
Jim Federico Jr .....	16
Carmen Cesa .....	24

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

**HEALTH AND WELFARE**

salute e benessere

The committee reported the following:

- Cecil Lucci, the father of member Judge Gene Lucci, passed away on 1 Dec 23 at the age of 94.
- Janet Spinner, the wife of former member David Spinner, passed away on 4 Jan 24, at the age of 68.

Please keep these two souls 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](mailto:richardokeefe65@gmail.com) or 440-537-8505.

**SPECIAL DAYS IN FEBRUARY**

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

- 02 Feb: Work Naked Day
- 02 Feb: Play Your Ukulele Day
- 03 Feb: Eat Ice Cream for Breakfast Day
- 03 Feb: Carrot Cake Day
- 04 Feb: Stuffed Mushrooms Day
- 05 Feb: National Weatherperson's Day
- 10 Feb: Umbrella Day
- 12 Feb: Clean Out Your Computer Day
- 17 Feb: Random Act of Kindness Day
- 24 Feb: World Sword Swallowers Day
- 26 Feb: Pistachio Day
- 26 Feb: Tell a Fairy Tale Day

*The above information was taken from [timeanddate.com/holidays/fun](http://timeanddate.com/holidays/fun).*

**SUPER BOWL TRIVIA**

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GLENDALE, Ariz. — Whether you're a huge football fan or you know next to nothing about the sport, it can't hurt to brush up on some Super Bowl trivia before the big game. Here are some fun facts you should know before you go to a Super Bowl party!

**Which team has the most Super Bowl wins?**

The Steelers and Patriots are tied with six championships apiece.

**What teams have never played in a Super Bowl?**

Four teams have never made it to a Super Bowl: The Detroit Lions, Cleveland Browns, Houston Texans, and Jacksonville Jaguars.

**Who has the most Super Bowl losses?**

The New England Patriots and the Denver Broncos have lost the most Super Bowls with five a piece. The Minnesota Vikings and the Buffalo Bills each have suffered four defeats in the Super Bowl. Both teams are 0-4 in Super Bowl games.

**Which player has won the most Super Bowls?**

The player with the most Super Bowl wins is Tom Brady, quarterback for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Brady has seven Super Bowl wins in his career.

**Which city has hosted the most Super Bowls?**

Miami has hosted the Super Bowl 11 times, with Hard Rock Stadium hosting six. The runner-up is New Orleans with 10.

**Who will host Super Bowl LVIII?**

Slated for February 11, 2024, the Super Bowl will take place at the recently opened Allegiant Stadium and marks the first time Las Vegas and the state of Nevada will welcome the Super Bowl.

**How many Super Bowl games has Arizona hosted?**

Super Bowl LVII was the fourth Super Bowl played in the Grand Canyon State. The first big game was in 1996 at Sun Devil Stadium. The second was played in Glendale in 2008, and the third was also in Glendale in 2015.

**When was the very first Super Bowl?**

The very first Super Bowl was on January 15, 1967. The Green Bay Packers beat the Kansas City Chiefs, 35-10, at the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum.

**Why does the NFL use Roman numerals?**

Lamar Hunt, the former owner of the Kansas City Chiefs, came up with the Roman numerals system because NFL officials wanted to avoid confusion—given that the actual championship game is played the year after the corresponding football season.

**What do Super Bowl winners receive?**

The winning team of the Super Bowl is presented with the NFL championship trophy, more commonly referred to as the Vince Lombardi trophy. Lombardi led the Green Bay Packers to victory in the first two Super Bowls. Upon his death in 1970, the NFL named their trophy after the legendary head coach.

**Other fun facts:**

- The Lombardi Trophy weighs seven pounds and costs \$50,000.
- It is the 2nd most-watched sporting event in the world. More than 100 million people worldwide watch the Super Bowl every year. In fact, Super Bowl XLIV in 2010 unseated M\*A\*S\*H's series finale as the most-watched show in television history with over 106.5 million watchers.
- The NFL has a policy against holding Super Bowl games in stadiums that have a climate of less than 50 degrees Fahrenheit, unless it is an enclosed stadium

- Super Bowl XLIX (49) - Seattle Seahawks vs. the New England Patriots was the most-watched sporting event in U.S. history. 114,442,000 people tuned in!

The above information was taken from [12news.com/article/sports/nfl/fun](https://12news.com/article/sports/nfl/fun)

## GROUNDHOG DAY 2 February

February 2<sup>nd</sup> is Groundhog Day. Each year I try to say something about the celebration in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, but this year I thought I would forgo that and just mention a little about the movie, *Groundhog Day*.

*Groundhog Day* is a 1993 American fantasy comedy film directed by Harold Ramis from a screenplay by him and Danny Rubin. Starring Bill Murray, Andie MacDowell, and Chris Elliott, it tells the story of Phil Connors (Bill Murray), a cynical television weatherman covering the annual Groundhog Day event in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, who becomes trapped in a time loop, forcing him to relive February 2 repeatedly. The film also features Stephen Tobolowsky, Brian Doyle-Murray, Marita Geraghty, Angela Paton, Rick Ducommun, Rick Overton, and Robin Duke.



Rubin conceived the outline of *Groundhog Day* in the early 1990s. He wrote it as a spec script to gain meetings with producers for other work. It eventually came to the attention of director Harold Ramis, who worked with Rubin to make his idea less dark in tone and more palatable to a general audience by enhancing the comedy. After being cast, Murray clashed with Ramis over the script; Murray wanted to focus on the philosophical elements, whereas Ramis concentrated on the comedic aspects. Principal photography took place from March to June 1992, almost entirely in Woodstock,

Illinois. Filming was difficult, in part because of bitterly cold weather but also because of the ongoing conflict between Ramis and Murray.

*Groundhog Day* was considered a box-office success on its release, earning over \$105 million to become one of the highest-grossing films of 1993. It also received generally positive reviews. Reviewers were consistent in praise for the film's successful melding of highly sentimental and deeply cynical moments, and for the philosophical message beneath the comedy. It received multiple award nominations and won a BAFTA Award for Best Original Screenplay. For all its success, the film marked the end of Ramis's and Murray's long collaborative partnership, which had produced films like *Caddyshack* (1980) and *Ghostbusters* (1984). After filming ended, the pair did not speak to each other until shortly before Ramis's death in 2014. The film was a showcase for Murray; he had previously been seen primarily as a comic actor, and his performance led to more serious roles in critically acclaimed films.

In the years since its release, the film has grown in esteem; it is often considered to be among the greatest films of the 1990s and one of the greatest comedy movies ever. It has also had a significant effect on popular culture: the term *Groundhog Day*, meaning a monotonous, unpleasant, and repetitive situation, has become part of the English lexicon. Buddhist, Christian, and Jewish scholars have analyzed the film as a religious allegory. *Groundhog Day* is also credited with having ushered in mainstream acceptance of comedy films with fantasy-genre elements. In 2006, the United States Library of Congress selected the film for preservation in the National Film Registry. *Groundhog Day* was adapted into a 2016 musical, and inspired a 2019 video game sequel, *Groundhog Day: Like Father Like Son*.

The above information was taken from [2024 Wikipedia](#).

## SNICKERS 10 February 1930

On 10 February 1930, Mars, Inc. introduced SNICKERS, named after the favorite horse of the Mars family. SNICKERS is a brand of chocolate bar consisting of nougat, topped with caramel and peanuts, all encased in milk chocolate. The bars are made by the American company Mars, Inc., producer of 3 Musketeers and Dove. The annual global sales of Snickers is over \$380 million, and is noted as the most popular and bestselling candy bar in the world.



The bar was marketed under the name "Marathon" in the UK and Ireland until 1990, when Mars decided to align the UK product with the global SNICKERS name.

The above information was taken from [Wikipedia, 2024 edition](#).

## LENT 40 days before Easter

Lent is the Christian season of spiritual preparation before Easter. In Western churches, it begins on Ash Wednesday. During Lent, many Christians observe a period of fasting, repentance, moderation, self-denial, and spiritual discipline. The purpose of the Lenten season is to set aside time for reflection on Jesus Christ—to consider his suffering and his sacrifice, his life, death, burial, and resurrection.

During the six weeks of self-examination and reflection, Christians who observe Lent typically make a commitment to fast, or to give up something—a habit, like smoking, watching TV, swearing, or a food or drink, such as sweets, chocolate, or coffee. Some Christians also take on a Lenten discipline, like reading the Bible and spending more time in prayer to draw nearer to God.

Strict observers of Lent do not eat meat on Fridays, often opting for fish instead. The goal of these spiritual disciplines is to strengthen the faith of the observer and develop a closer relationship with God.

The 40-day period of Lent is based on two episodes of spiritual testing in the Bible: the 40 years of wilderness wanderings by the Israelites after the exodus from Egypt (Numbers 33:38 and Deuteronomy 1:3) and the Temptation of Jesus after he spent 40 days fasting in the wilderness (Matthew 4:1-11; Mark 1:12-13; Luke 4:1-13).

In the Bible, the number 40 holds special significance in the measurement of time, and many other important events revolve around it. During the flood, it rained for 40 days and 40 nights (Genesis 7:4, 12, 17; 8:6). Moses fasted on the mountain for 40 days and nights before God gave him the Ten Commandments (Exodus 24:18; 34:28; Deuteronomy 9). The spies spent 40 days in the land of Canaan (Numbers 13:25; 14:34). The prophet Elijah traveled for 40 days and nights to reach the mountain of God in Sinai (1 Kings 19:8).

In Western Christianity, Ash Wednesday marks the first day, or the start of the season of Lent, which begins 40 days prior to Easter (Technically 46, as Sundays are not included in the count). Officially named "Day of Ashes," the exact date changes every year because Easter and its surrounding holidays are movable feasts.

In the Catholic church, adherents attend mass on Ash Wednesday. The priest distributes ashes by lightly rubbing the sign of the cross with ashes onto the worshippers' foreheads. This tradition is meant to identify the faithful with Jesus Christ. In the Bible, ashes are a symbol of repentance and death. Thus, observing Ash Wednesday at the start of the Lenten season represents one's repentance from sin as well as Jesus Christ's sacrificial death to set followers free from sin and death.

Not all Christian churches observe Lent. Lent is mostly observed by the Lutheran, Methodist, Presbyterian and Anglican denominations, and also by Roman Catholics. Eastern Orthodox churches observe Lent or Great Lent, during the 6 weeks or 40 days preceding Palm Sunday with fasting continuing during the Holy Week of Orthodox Easter.

The Bible does not mention the custom of Lent, however, the practice of repentance and mourning in ashes is found in 2 Samuel 13:19; Esther 4:1; Job 2:8; Daniel 9:3; and Matthew 11:21.

The account of Jesus' death on the cross, or crucifixion, his burial, and his resurrection, or raising from the dead, can be found in the following passages of Scripture: Matthew 27:27-28:8; Mark 15:16-16:19; Luke 23:26-24:35; and John 19:16-20:30.

Early Christians felt the importance of Easter called for special preparations. The first mention of a 40-day period of fasting in preparation for Easter is found in the Canons of Nicaea (AD 325). It is thought that the tradition may have grown from the early church practice of baptismal candidates undergoing a 40-day period of fasting in preparation for their baptism at Easter. Eventually, the season evolved into a period of spiritual devotion for the whole church. During the initial centuries, the Lenten fast was very strict but relaxed over time.

*The above information was taken from [learnreligions.com/what-is-lent](https://learnreligions.com/what-is-lent).*

## ITALY IN FEBRUARY WHAT TO EXPECT

February is one of the low-season months in Italy. As a result, you will find fewer crowds at the entrance of sights and museums as well as in the streets and around the most famous landmarks.

Because it's low season, you will also find hotel prices lower and likely better deals also on international flights.

Traveling to Italy in February, you will probably enjoy a more authentic experience, more tranquil restaurant meals, and the usual great food. If you are curious about the Italian Carnevale, February is the month to travel. In every city, you will find celebrations, some performing ancient rituals, while some organizing more modern, satirical parades.

### Weather in Italy in February

Even though the weather differs greatly in the different Italian regions, it's cold all over the country. Some areas will have snow, especially in northern Italy and the Apennines in the central regions, while other cities and regions in central and southern Italy will be mainly dry and cold.

- Northern Italy will be very cold. Just like in every other season, the northern regions will register much more freezing weather than the south. The Alps and the Dolomites will be covered with snow and the skiing season is at one of its highest months.
- Central Italy will be much less cold than in the northern regions, but central Italy in February is still quite cold and requires warm clothes just like in January.
- Southern Italy in February - you may find some of the sea resorts closed or not accessible to tourists. This being said, keep in mind that southern Italy is not only about beaches. Cities like Matera, Alberobello, Naples, Caserta, and Pompeii are great to visit in February because they offer plenty of sightseeing, and walking in the cold weather is better than in the summer heat because at least you will avoid sweating and getting burned!
- The Italian islands of Sicily and Sardinia are cold. As long as it's not raining (and February is not too rainy), exploring and sightseeing are very pleasant. You will need to wear warm clothes and cover with a scarf and hat but otherwise, February allows you to visit quite a lot and enjoy the local festivities.

### Holidays and important dates in Italy in February

In February, Italy celebrates Carnival and, always provided that it's not raining, the cold will make following the colorful parades easier than if it were hot.

#### Valentine's Day – February 14th

Called *San Valentino* (Saint Valentine) in Italian, Valentine's Day is celebrated all over

Italy, so if you are planning to propose or go on a romantic dinner, this is the time.

In Italy, Valentine's Day is also called "La Festa degli Innamorati," translating into "the lovers' feast". This perfectly explains the local atmosphere.

Getting close to February 14th, in fact, you will see hearts, themed gifts, red roses, and flowers everywhere from small shops to department stores. Restaurants will arrange themed dinners and special offers, so you will be fully covered in case you want to buy a gift and plan a date.

#### Carnevale

The dates of the Carnevale in Italy are not the same every year because they depend on Easter and they are calculated with the moon. In addition, the dates vary from city to city, but they all end on the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday.

#### Ash Wednesday

Right after Carnevale, Ash Wednesday ("Mercoledì delle Ceneri" in Italian) marks the beginning of Lent, the 40 days before Easter. Ash Wednesday is usually celebrated with a Mass where the priest puts a small amount of ash on the worshippers' forehead as a symbol of penitence for Carnival's wild parties.

#### Best places to visit in February in Italy

**Venice** – Venice is a magical place to visit in February. Whether you are looking for romance or Carnival celebrations, Venice covers it all. One of the most romantic cities in Italy, you can have a lovely Valentine's Day walking across Venice bridges, taking a gondola tour, or booking a romantic dinner with a view.

Venice Carnival really needs no introduction. Beautiful and colorful masks will be roaming around the streets and the alleys around St. Mark's Square and posing in front of the many cameras flocking in the city for the event. Carnival celebrations take place for days in Venice and also include the ritual Volo dell'Angelo (Angel's Flight) and a parade of traditional costumes.

**Verona** – What's more romantic than Juliet's balcony to propose to your other half? Always pretty busy with tourists, and very likely, on Valentine's Day the crowds will be even bigger.

Thankfully, Verona is a very beautiful and historical city so there are plenty of places to visit including the famous Arena Roman amphitheater, Piazza delle Erbe and Palazzo Maffei, and San Zeno Maggiore Church.

For more romance, take a walk along the Adige River and Verona bridges.

**Rome** – Rome, too, is a great destination to visit in Italy in February. Few days of rain allow for pleasant wandering around the quaint Rome’s neighborhoods and main streets and attending the Carnival celebrations. Of course, museums and landmarks are open, so you can just go sightseeing and exploring the city’s artistic and historical sights.



Carnivale in Rome takes place all around the historic center in places such as Piazza del Popolo and Via del Corso where locals parade in traditional costumes, and Piazza Navona and around the Fori Imperiali where street artists engage in scenic performances.

**Sardinia** – Sardinia in February is quiet except for the Carnival days when it turns into a giant party venue. If you happen to travel to the Italian island this time of the year, don’t miss the fantastic celebrations of places like Mamoiada, Oristano, and Ottana.

In Mamoiada, you will see the ancient masquerades of the Mamuthones performing their ritual along the streets. In Oristano, they celebrate La Sartiglia, a festival where masked riders engage in reckless stunt horse races. In Ottana, the masks of the Merdules parade the streets to reproduce ancient rituals of agro-pastoral origins.

**Florence** – Any time is a good time to plan a trip to Florence, but February is great because you will find little to no queue to enter even the most famous landmarks and museums. Florence in February is very cold, but hitting your favorite restaurant will be easier and even though eating a frozen gelato might not be very inspiring, this is a great time for hot chocolate curling up in one of the city’s cozy cafes.



**Milan** – In February in Italy the biggest winter sales are still ongoing, so what’s better place than Milan if you are planning on going on a

fashion shopping spree? Hit the most famous shopping streets such as Via Monte Napoleone, Via della Spiga, Via Manzoni, Corso Vittorio Emanuele II, and Corso Venezia for some pretty cool pieces of clothing, shoes, bags, and jewelry.

**Palermo** – Palermo is one of the most beautiful and charming cities in Italy. Being deep south, in the Sicilian capital you will also find much warmer weather than in cities like Florence and Venice.

Here, you will have a cultural type of holiday and you can visit the major landmarks, churches, palaces, and museums. When it’s not raining, enjoy long walks around the city’s streets and obviously tuck into the delicious Sicilian cuisine.

*The above information was taken from [fearlesslyitaly.com/Italy-in-february](http://fearlesslyitaly.com/Italy-in-february).*

**ELECTORAL COLLEGE**

In other U.S. elections, candidates are elected directly by popular vote, but the president and vice president are not elected directly by citizens. Instead, they are chosen by "electors" through a process called the Electoral College. The process of using electors comes from the U.S. Constitution. It was a compromise between a popular vote by citizens and a vote in Congress.

**Who is in the Electoral College?**

Each state gets as many electors as it has members of Congress (House and Senate). Including Washington, D.C.’s three electors, there are currently 538 electors in all. Each state’s political parties choose their own slate of potential electors.

**How does the Electoral College process work?**

- After you cast your ballot for president, your vote goes to a statewide tally. In 48 states and Washington, D.C., the winner gets all the electoral votes for that state. Maine and Nebraska assign their electors using a proportional system.
- A candidate needs the vote of at least 270 electors—more than half of all electors—to win the presidential election.
- In most cases, a projected winner is announced on election night in November after you vote. But the actual Electoral College vote takes place in mid-December when the electors meet in their states.

While the U.S. Constitution does not require electors to vote for the candidate chosen by their state’s popular vote, some states do. The rare elector who votes for someone else may be fined, disqualified, and replaced by a substitute elector, or potentially even prosecuted by their state.

**Unusual Electoral College scenarios**

- Winning the popular vote but losing the election. It is possible to win the Electoral College but lose the popular vote. This happened in 2016, 2000, and three times in the 1800s.
- No candidate wins the majority of electoral votes. If no candidate receives the majority of electoral votes (270), the vote goes to the House of Representatives. This has happened twice. The first time was following the 1800 presidential election, when the House chose Thomas Jefferson. The following the 1824 presidential election, the House selected John Quincy Adams as president.

*The above information was taken from [usa.gov/electoral-college](http://usa.gov/electoral-college).*

**PHRASE OF THE MONTH**

**Facciamo una pausa. – Let’s take a break.**

*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  
 Vice President .....Ronald Wassum  
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 Trustee (a).....Mario Bertone  
 Trustee (a)..... Richard O’Keefe

**SOCIAL MEDIA**

Be sure to check our two social media sites. Our website can be found at [AIHClub.com](http://AIHClub.com) and our facebook can be found at [facebook.com/Americans of Italian Heritage](http://facebook.com/Americans of Italian Heritage).

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Building Feasibility Study Questionnaire