



NEWSLETTER

MAY maggio 2024

APRIL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Our speaker at our April Membership Meeting was our friend, Bob DiBiasio, the Senior Vice President for Public Affairs for the Cleveland Guardians. Bob kept the membership totally engrossed for over an hour. He talked about his year with the Atlanta Braves and how he got there, and the role Mike Fratello played in his hiring. He talked about how the changes to baseball in the last few years have been received very well by players, umpires, and fans. He finally talked about the positive role analytics has played in the game.



UPCOMING EVENTS

prossimi eventi

22 May 2024, Wednesday Executive Committee Meeting

- Venue: Mama Roberto's Front Dining Room
- Time 5:30p
- The Nominating Committee shall finalize the slate of nominees for the positions of Officers and Trustees for FY25 and FY26.

29 May 2024, Wednesday Membership Meeting

- Venue: Either The Buona Festa Social Club or The Hungarian Culture Club
- Time: 6:00p
- The Nominating Committee shall present the slate of nominees for the positions of Officers and Trustees for FY25 and FY26 to the membership. In addition, the Nominating Committee shall take any nominations from the floor for those positions. After all floor nominations, if any, have been taken, the Nominating Committee shall officially close the slate of Nominees and advise the membership that the elections shall occur at the June Membership Meeting.

- Speaker: Nicole Ward, mother of Denzel Ward from the Browns, to speak about CPR and AED awareness.

19 June 2024, Wednesday Executive Committee Meeting

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

26 June 2024, Wednesday Membership Meeting

- Venue: Either The Buona Festa Social Club or The Hungarian Culture Club
- Time: 6:00p
- Speaker: Tom Lombardo, St. Eds football coach.
- The Nominating Committee shall conduct the Election of Officers and Trustees for FY25 and FY26.

24 July 2024, Wednesday Executive Committee Meeting

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

31 July 2024, Wednesday Membership Meeting

- Venue: Either The Buona Festa Social Club or The Hungarian Culture Club
- Time: 6:00p
- Speaker: TBD⁴

3 August 2024, Saturday AIH GOLF OUTING

- Committee Chair and primary Point of Contact: Gus Paolucci and Glenn Pizzuti
- Committee:
 - Ron Wassum
 - Linda Paolucci
 - Janet Pizzuti
 - Richard O'Keefe
 - Carmen Frederico
 - Jim Federico Sr.
- Venue: Black Brook Golf Club.
- Times:
 - Breakfast Buffet: 7:30 a – 8:30a
 - Check-In: 8:00a – 9:00a
 - Shotgun Start: 9:00a
 - Lunch and Prizes: At end of play.
- Cost: \$100.00 per player
- Capacity: 100 players
- Guests: Spouses and Guests are welcome
- Caterers:
 - Breakfast: La Vera Catering

- Lunch: Jefferson Diner
- Reservations are required.
- See enclosed Registration Form

21 August 2024, Wednesday Executive Committee Meeting

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

28 August 2024, Wednesday Membership Meeting

- Venue: Either The Buona Festa Social Club or The Hungarian Culture Club
- Time: 6:00p
- Speaker: TBD³

18 September 2024, Wednesday Executive Committee Meeting

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

25 September 2024, Wednesday, Membership Meeting

AIH BOCCIE' TOURNAMENT

- Committee Chair and primary Point of Contact: Tony Iliano Sr. and Ron Wassum
- Venue: The Hungarian Culture Club in Fairport Harbor
- Attendees: This is a member only event
- Time: 6:00p
- Reservations are required.

23 October 2024, Wednesday Executive Committee Meeting

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

30 October 2024, Wednesday Membership Meeting

AIH CLAM BAKE

- Committee Chair and primary Point of Contact: Gus Paolucci and John Perrotti
- 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: Either the Buona Festa Social Club or The Hungarian Culture Club
- Time: 6:00p
- Speaker: **TBD¹**

30 November 2024, Saturday

AIHC OSU V MICH FOOTBALL GAME POOL

- Committee Chair and primary Point of Contact: John Perrotti
- Kick Off Time: TBD
- Venue: Ohio Stadium, Columbus, Ohio
- The completed 50/50 Board will be posted on the club website prior to kick-off.
- Cost per Square: **TBD**

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.
- 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.

19 February 2025, Sunday

AIH CHARITIES SUPER BOWL LIX POOL

- Committee Chair and primary Point of Contact: John Perrotti
- Kick Off Time: 6:30p ET.
- Venue: Caesar's Superdome in New Orleans, LA
- The completed 50/50 Board will be posted on the club website prior to kick-off.
- Cost per Square: **TBD**

26 April 2025, Saturday

AIH CHARITIES ITALIAN NIGHT

- Committee Chair and primary Point of Contact: Bob Andreano
- Committee: **TBD**
- Venue: LaVera Party Center
- Time: **TBD**
- Cost: **TBD**
- Dinner: **TBD**

- Capacity: **TBD**
- Guest: **TBD**
 - Reservations are required.

SAVE THE DATES

Be sure to mark your calendars now for these events:

- 3 AUGUST 2024, SATURDAY, AIH GOLF OUTING**
- 30 OCTOBER 2024, WEDNESDAY, AIH CLAM BAKE**
- 14 DECEMBER 2024, SATURDAY, AIH FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY**
- 30 NOVEMBER 2024, SATURDAY, AIHC OSU V. MICHIGAN FOOTBALL GAME POOL**
- 19 FEBRUARY 2025, SUNDAY, AIHC SUPER BOWL LIX POOL**
- 26 APRIL 2025, SATURDAY, AIHC ITALIAN NIGHT**

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Compleanni di maggio

Tony Vitantonio	03
Ron Terriaco	05
Norman Ingrassia	06
Mike Camino	07
Ken Mancuso	12
Ralph Lombardo.....	13
Mitchell Zappitelli.....	18
Bill Petrello.....	21
Dr. Alfonso Rossi.....	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:

- Member Bob Andriano had emergency Gall Bladder removal surgery and is back on his feet and recuperating.
- Member Michael Matrona's father had emergency surgery for a burst Appendix. He is out of surgery and recovering.

Please keep these two members 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 MAY

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

- 09 May: Lost Sock Memorial Day
- 11 May: Eat What You Want Day
- 13 May: Frog Jumping Day
- 15 May: Chocolate Chip Day
- 21 May: Talk Like Yoda Day
- 28 May: Hamburger Day
- 31 May: Macaroon Day

The above Information was taken from timeanddate.com/holidays/fun.

EVENTS THAT TOOK PLACE IN MAY

3 May 1469

Italian philosopher Niccolo Machiavelli, whose writings have influenced modern political leaders, was born. A native of Florence, Machiavelli served as the Florentine Republic's defense secretary, where he abolished the existing mercenary system in favor of a citizen militia. He also rubbed shoulders with popes, kings, and emperors. As often happened in the political environment of the day, he was accused of conspiracy by powerful enemies, imprisoned, and tortured. In an attempt to regain his power and win back the trust of the Medici family, whose favor he had lost, Machiavelli wrote *The Prince*, his most famous work. This small book outlined Machiavelli's idea of a perfect leader and expressed the conclusion that it is better to be feared than loved. The manuscript failed to sway the Medici family. It also alienated Machiavelli from the people of Florence, although the plays he wrote were popular during his lifetime.

10 May 1872

On May 10, 1872, though she herself couldn't cast a vote, Victoria Woodhull was nominated for president of the United States by the Equal Rights Party. Having begun her campaign in 1870, Woodhull earned favor among woman suffrage groups for her advocacy of women's rights, but her bid was ultimately rejected because she endorsed "free love"--- meaning that she believed women should have the freedom to choose who they wanted to marry and to divorce their husbands. After becoming the target of personal attacks, she published accusations of adultery against Reverend Henry Ward Beecher, which resulted in her arrest for distributing obscene materials. She spent election day in prison. She later moved with her children to England, where she married her third husband and remained active in the woman suffrage movement until her death in 1927. Woodhull had an eccentric personality and perhaps lived in the wrong century; in addition to running for president, she was also a clairvoyant, spiritualist, business owner, newspaper publisher, and one of the first female stockbrokers.



18 May 2004

On May 18, 2004, forty-year-old Arizona Diamondbacks' left-hander Randy Johnson became the oldest pitcher in major league history to throw a perfect game, leading his team to a 2 – 0 victory over the Atlanta Braves.

23 May 1934

On May 23, 1934, police officers gunned down Clyde Barrow and Bonnie Parker in an ambush near Sailes, Louisiana. Four policemen from Texas and two from Louisiana fired more than 10 rounds in two minutes. The coroner's report noted seventeen entrance wounds on Barrow's body and twenty-six on Parker's. Each lawman was armed with a shotgun, an automatic rifle, and pistols, and all weapons were fired.

26 May 1927

On May 26, 1927, Henry Ford drove the fifteen millionth Model T out of the factory, marking the automobile's official last day of production.

The above information was taken from the 2024 "This Day in History" Page-A-Day Calendar.

THE KENTUCKY DERBY

4 May 2024

The Kentucky Derby, first held in 1875 at Churchill Downs racetrack in Louisville, is the longest-running sports event in the United States. Dubbed the "Run for the Roses," the Derby features three-year-old thoroughbreds racing a distance of 1.25 miles. Today, over 150,000 spectators gather annually on the first Saturday in May at Churchill Downs for the Kentucky Derby, sometimes referred to as "the greatest two minutes in sports." Besides placing bets on horses, Derby fans are famous for drinking mint juleps, singing "Old Kentucky Home" and wearing flamboyant hats.

FIRST KENTUCKY DERBY

The Kentucky Derby was started by Meriwether Lewis Clark Jr., grandson of explorer William Clark, of Lewis and Clark Expedition fame. Clark, who was inspired by horse races he'd seen in Europe, raised the money to build Churchill Downs on land donated by his uncles.

In 1872, Clark traveled to Europe, where he visited leading horse-racing sites in England and France. He was inspired by England's Epsom Downs racecourse, home since 1780 of the Derby Stakes, a 1.5-mile race for three-year-old horses organized by the 12th earl of Derby and his friends.

Clark returned home to Kentucky, founded the Louisville Jockey Club and raised money to construct a racetrack on land donated by his uncles, Henry and John Churchill. Famed for throwing extravagant parties, Clark envisioned his racetrack as a place where the city's stylish residents would gather.

On May 17, 1875, some 10,000 people attended the first Kentucky Derby, which featured a field of 15 three-year-old thoroughbreds racing 1.5 miles. The winning horse, Aristides, finished with a time of 2:37.75 and was ridden by Oliver Lewis, an African-American jockey.



EVOLUTION OF THE DERBY

Thirteen of the fifteen jockeys in the inaugural Derby were black, and black riders played a dominant role in the race's early years. Between 1875 and 1902, eleven black jockeys rode 15 of the winning horses.

However, by the early 20th century, prejudice and jealousy of these jockeys' success resulted in African-American riders largely disappearing from horse racing. Jimmy Winkfield, the last black jockey to win the Derby, did so in 1901 and 1902.

Another change to the Derby that occurred in its early years was the shortening of the race. In 1896, following complaints by some members of the racing community that the distance was too long, the event was reduced from 1.5 miles to 1.25 miles, the length it remains today.

COLONEL MATT WINN

In 1902, a new management team took over Churchill Downs that included Martin "Matt" Winn, a Louisville native and larger-than-life promoter who was instrumental in transforming the Derby from a local event into America's most iconic horse race.

In 1908, Winn, who eventually started using the honorary title "colonel," played a key role in introducing a new system of placing bets at Churchill Downs, replacing human bookmakers with French pari-mutuel machines, a move that proved popular with race fans.

Winn also started the publicity-generating practice of inviting celebrities to the Derby, and advocated broadcasting the race on the radio, something other racing executives thought would hurt attendance numbers.

In 1925, the Derby aired on network radio for the first time; and afterward, attendance continued to grow. 1949 marked the first year the Derby was locally televised. Three years later, in 1952, the Kentucky Derby made its debut on national TV.

HORSES AND JOCKEYS

In 1973, Secretariat became the fastest Derby winner in history with a time of 1:59.40, a record that still stands.

Three years earlier, in 1970, Diane Crump became the first female jockey to ride in the Derby; she finished 15th in a field of 17 horses. Crump also broke ground in 1969, when she became the first woman to ride in a pari-mutuel race in North America, at Hialeah Park in Florida.

In 1986, 54-year-old Bill Shoemaker broke ground in a different way by becoming the oldest jockey to win the Derby.

TRIPLE CROWN

The first horse to win racing's prestigious Triple Crown—by winning the Kentucky Derby, the Preakness Stakes, and the Belmont Stakes—was Sir Barton in 1919, although it wasn't until the 1930s that the three races were widely known by that term.

In 1968, Dancer's Image became the first Derby winner to be barred from receiving prize money after testing positive for a banned medication following the race.

To qualify to ride in the Derby, a horse must compete in designated prep races at a series of tracks. The top four finishers in each race receive points, and the 20 horses who accumulate the most points are eligible to enter the Derby.

In 2023, the guaranteed prize money for the Derby was \$3 million, which was divided among the top five finishers as follows:

- 1st Place - \$1.86M (10% or \$186,000 went to the jockey)
- 2nd Place – \$600K (5% or \$30,000 went to the jockey)
- 3rd Place - \$300K (5% or \$15,000 went to the jockey)
- 4th Place - \$150K (\$4,500 went to the jockey)
- 5th Place - \$90,000 (\$2,500 went to the jockey)



KENTUCKY DERBY TRADITIONS

The Derby is steeped in tradition, including some, such as mint juleps and “My Old Kentucky Home,” that link the race to a romanticized version of the Old South.

When the horses parade onto the dirt track before the start of the race, the crowd sings along to the 19th century ballad “My Old Kentucky Home” by composer Stephen Foster. According to some accounts, the song was first played at the Derby in 1921.

The mint julep—a drink that originated in the South and is made with bourbon, sugar, mint, and crushed ice—has been a Derby tradition for nearly a century.

RUN FOR THE ROSES

Roses are another longtime Derby tradition. In 1884, Meriwether Clark started the practice of giving the winning jockey a bouquet of roses.

In 1925, a New York sports columnist nicknamed the Derby the “Run for the Roses.” Since the early 1930s, it’s been customary to place a large garland of roses over the winning horse.

Fashion has been a part of the Derby since its inception, thanks to founder Clark, who wanted to improve the image of American racetracks and attract an upscale crowd to Churchill Downs.

In the 1960s, spurred on in part by the presence of TV cameras at the Kentucky Derby, both male and female Derby-goers started the tradition of sporting fancy hats on race day.

The above information was taken from [history.com/topics/sports/Kentucky-derby](https://www.history.com/topics/sports/Kentucky-derby)

ITALY IN MAY HOLIDAYS AND FESTIVALS

May 1: Festa del Lavoro (Labor Day)



Energized beats at Il Concertone, Rome’s Labor Day heart.

Festa del Lavoro, celebrated every May 1 in Italy, is more than just a public holiday. It’s a day of reflection and recognition for the tireless efforts of workers and the invaluable contributions of the labor union movement.

A signature event on this day is the “Concertone” in Rome’s Piazza San Giovanni in Laterano. Orchestrated by Italy’s leading trade unions – CGIL, CISL, and UIL – this mega concert becomes the day’s highlight for many, drawing large crowds eager to catch performances from top-charting and up-and-coming artists.

Beyond Rome, the spirit of the day resonates across the country. In industrialized cities like Milan and Turin, marches and parades championing workers’ rights are commonplace.

Meanwhile, for many Italians elsewhere, Labor Day is a chance to unwind spending quality time with loved ones, often enjoying a leisurely picnic under the spring sky.

May 1: Saint Ephysius Festival (Sardinia)



Saint Ephysius, revered and paraded through the masses.

In the heart of Sardinia, from May 1 to May 4, the air is rich with excitement and reverence for the Saint Ephysius Festival or Festival di Sant’Efigio. This festival remembers the miracle of 1656, where Saint Ephysius emerged as a beacon of hope amidst a devastating plague in Cagliari. This cherished event, deeply rooted in Sardinian tradition, connects several villages on the island, each buzzing with months of anticipation and meticulous preparations.

A sight that always captures the heart is the parade of authentic Sardinian costumes. Every attire tells a story, symbolizing the region’s heritage and pride.

As horses, prancing in all their glory, and oxen adorned with floral crowns lead the way, the ground blooms with a mesmerizing carpet of flowers set for the Saint.

Kicking off with a procession towards Nora, the place where Saint Ephysius met his end, the festival reaches its crescendo on May 4 with a grand return parade to Cagliari.

The vibrant display of Sardinian costumes is a treat as locals from different parts of the island converge, clad in their region’s finest, making it a visual and cultural feast.

May 8: Calendimaggio (Assisi)



Assisi’s district shines bright for Calendimaggio.

Every year, the picturesque town of Assisi bursts into a vibrant tapestry of colors and melodies, marking the jubilant Calendimaggio festival. Celebrated as a joyous ode to spring and the refreshing life cycle, this event is set to light up Assisi from May 8 to May 11, 2024.

Tracing its origins to deep-seated pagan rituals, Calendimaggio has gracefully embraced medieval traditions, creating a spellbinding fusion of the old and the new. As you stroll through the town, you’re greeted by locals donning charming medieval outfits, with every corner echoing the festivity.

From heartwarming choral renditions to passionate love song face-offs and age-old games, the festival is a treasure trove of experiences. However, the true essence of Calendimaggio is the playful rivalry between Assisi’s upper and lower districts.

This rivalry has been kept alive since the 14th century. It’s a thrilling spectacle watching both sides pour their heart and soul into performances and challenges, each aiming to outshine the other. It’s this blend of competition and camaraderie that makes Calendimaggio a must-attend!

May 12: Festa della Mamma (Mother’s Day)



Ah, Festa della Mamma! Italy’s heartfelt ode to mothers happens every second Sunday of May, mirroring the celebrations in the U.S. and several other countries. On May 12, 2024, the air in Italy will be thick with love, gratitude, and the heady scent of handpicked flowers.

This day isn’t solely about the tangible gifts, tempting as those pastries might be, or the heartfelt sentiment of a child’s handwritten poem. Many find beauty in penning Italian

Mother's Day quotes on a card, capturing the essence of their feelings.

It's truly a day to immerse oneself in the company of the splendid women who've molded our lives, exchanging meals and tales, whether in the cozy corners of an Italian home or the lively ambiance of a bustling trattoria.

May 17: Infiorata di Noto



Noto's streets bloom in radiant artistry. Image:

Nestled in the heart of Sicily, Noto (a Sicily UNESCO World Heritage Site) bursts into a kaleidoscope of colors every May, heralding the much-awaited Infiorata di Noto. Set to mark its 45th edition from May 17 to May 21, 2024, this spellbinding flower festival is an essential chapter of the broader Baroque Spring celebrations.

Baroque Spring, or Primavera Barocca, isn't just about the flowers; it's a cultural extravaganza. Picture yourself amidst craft exhibitions, absorbing melodies from concerts, and the pièce de résistance, the Baroque Procession.

As you wander through Noto's charming historic center, the sights of flag-wavers, musicians, and folks dressed in grand period costumes transport you to an era bygone.

Dive into the kaleidoscope of Infiorata di Noto.

But the real magic unfolds on Via Corrado Nicolaci. As Friday dawns on May 17, skilled artists converge on this street, meticulously crafting intricate carpets using vibrant flower petals.

The entire stretch transforms into a breathtaking floral tapestry when their masterpieces are complete. It's a sight to behold, a celebration of artistry and nature, remaining on display until May 21.

Being amidst this riot of colors and soaking in the festive spirit is an experience that stays etched in memory.

May 18: International Museum Day

Every year on May 18, a global celebration ripples through the halls, chambers, and galleries of museums worldwide: International Museum Day.



A beacon to highlight the pivotal role of museums in shaping society, this day is about fostering cultural exchange, deepening mutual respect, and promoting a shared understanding among diverse communities.

In Italy, the spirit of this day is palpable. With their treasure troves of history and art, museums swing open their doors even wider. They curate special exhibitions, host myriad activities, and design events, ensuring every visitor feels the day's magic.

Behind the scenes, the International Council of Museums (ICOM) steers the ship, coordinating these efforts and spotlighting a unique theme each year to echo pressing issues museums face on the global stage.

If you're planning to be in Italy for International Museum Day in 2024, keep an eye on the ICOM website or dive into the websites of your favorite Italian museums.

The above information was taken from www.learnitalianpod.com

SPAM

Despite this apparent unpopularity, SPAM has been a cupboard staple in Britain since 1941, after originating in Minnesota, USA (Austin Minnesota is known as Spam Town USA). But did you know that the word SPAM is a portmanteau or a blend of words?

So, if you're unfamiliar, SPAM is a processed meat, found in tinned cans and it can be eaten hot or cold. It's made up of ground pork and processed ham, combined with preservatives and flavoring agents such as sugar, salt, potato starch and sodium nitrite and then closed and vacuum sealed.

SPAM was introduced in 1937 by the food company *Hormel* and due to the ease and the preservatives, it became essential to soldiers in the US and later the UK. Margaret Thatcher later described it as a "wartime delicacy" as it was included in food rations to families.

It tends to be quite a polarizing food but despite that, it has soared in popularity with over nine billion units being sold since it started all of those years ago, so, love it or hate it, it clearly has a place in many people's hearts and cupboards.

So, what does SPAM actually stand for? Some social media users have weighed in on this with one saying that she thought it was an acronym for "Shoulder Pork and Meat," while another suggested that it was an acronym for "Smoked Plastic and Meat". But the answer is a little more interesting and a little less funny than the social media user's guesses.

The word SPAM is actually a blend of the words "spiced ham"...! The name was dreamt up by the brother of a Hormel executive during a naming contest.

PHRASE OF THE MONTH

Conta la qualità e non la quantità.

It's the quality, not the quantity, that counts.

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
- Secretary Glenn Pizzuti
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- Trustee (e)..... Jim Federico Sr.
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ATTACHMENTS

Enclosure (1) Golf Outing Registration Form

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