



## NEWSLETTER

JUNE giugno 2024

### MAY MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Our speaker at our May Membership Meeting was MS. Nicole Ward, mother of Denzel Ward from the Cleveland Browns. She spoke about how critical it was that we all try to educate ourselves in the application of CPR and the use of an AED appliance.



### UPCOMING EVENTS

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**26 June 2024, Wednesday**

#### Membership Meeting

- Venue: The Buona Festa Social Club
- Time: 6:00p
- Speaker: Tom Lombardo, St. Edward's 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: The Hungarian Culture Club
- Time: 6:00p
- Speaker: Joe Gionti from K9 Heroes.

**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: The Hungarian Culture Club
- Time: 6:00p
- Speaker: Tony Aveni, an attorney with Cannon & Aveni, LPA and one of the founders of AIH.

**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: The Hungarian Culture Club
- Time: 6:00p
- Speaker: TBD<sup>1</sup>

**30 November 2024, Saturday**

#### AIH 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

### AIHC 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: La Vera Party Center
- Time: TBD
- Cost: TBD
- Dinner: TBD
- Capacity: TBD
- Guest: TBD
  - Reservations are required.

## BIENNIAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES

Ron Wassum, Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the slate of nominees for the positions of Officers and Trustees for FY25 and FY26 to the membership. Then he asked if there were any nominees from the floor. Hearing none, he officially closed the slate of Nominees and advised the membership that the elections would occur at the June Membership Meeting. The nominees were as follows:

President ..... Gus Paolucci  
 Vice President ..... Ronald Wassum  
 Secretary ..... Glenn Pizzuti  
 Treasurer ..... Vince Pona

Trustee <sup>(e)</sup> ..... Rio DeGennaro Jr.  
 Trustee <sup>(e)</sup> ..... Jim Federico Sr.  
 Trustee <sup>(e)</sup> ..... John Perrotti  
 Trustee <sup>(e)</sup> ..... Tony Illano Sr.  
 Trustee <sup>(e)</sup> ..... Ken Mancuso  
 Trustee <sup>(a)</sup> ..... Carmen Frederico  
 Trustee <sup>(a)</sup> ..... Mario Bertone  
 Trustee <sup>(a)</sup> ..... Richard O'Keefe

## BIENNIAL ELECTION SPECIFICS

Every member of the club should have a clear understanding of how our Executive Committee is selected. In accordance with our Bylaws, the Executive Committee is made up of 12 members, 4 Officers and 8 Trustees. Their terms are all for 2 consecutive Fiscal Years. Our Fiscal Year runs from July 1st of one year through June 30th of the next year.

In the biennial election, the 4 Officers are elected, but all 8 Trustees are not elected. Per the Bylaws, only 5 of the Trustees are elected. The remaining 3 Trustees are "...appointed by the President at the time of the biennial election...". That's why, if you look at the listing of the Executive Committee, in the Newsletter or Meeting Minutes, you'll see a little (e) next to the Trustees that were elected and an (a) next to the Trustees that were appointed by the President at the time of the last election.

## 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, AIH OSU v. MICHIGAN FOOTBALL GAME POOL  
 19 FEBRUARY 2025, SUNDAY, AIHC SUPER BOWL LIX POOL  
 26 APRIL 2025, SATURDAY, AIH ITALIAN NIGHT

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

### Compleanni di giugno

Ron Wassum ..... 01  
 Bob Randazzo ..... 05  
 Jim Federico Sr. .... 08  
 Jim Wheeler ..... 09  
 Bob Studniarz ..... 13  
 Michael Coletta ..... 24  
 Gary Licate ..... 27

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

## HEALTH AND WELFARE

### salute e benessere

The committee reported nothing new over the last month.

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 JUNE

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

01 Jun: Say Something Nice Day  
 02 Jun: Leave the Office Early Day  
 07 Jun: National Doughnut Day  
 10 Jun: Iced Tea Day  
 11 Jun: Corn on the Cob Day  
 14 Jun: Bourbon Day  
 17 Jun: Eat Your Vegetables Day  
 18 Jun: International Picnic Day  
 26 Jun: Chocolate Pudding

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

## GOLF OUTING SPONSORS

We need plenty of sponsors to make our golf outing a success this year. If any of you know anyone who might be able to sponsor a hole, or if you want to sponsor a hole, please contact either Gus Paolucci, Glenn Pizzuti or Vince Pona with that contact. Grazie mille

## EVENTS THAT TOOK PLACE IN JUNE

### Thursday, 6 June 1944

#### Allied powers launch D-Day invasion.

On 6 June 1944, the Allied powers crossed the English Channel and landed on the beaches of Normandy, France, beginning the liberation of Western Europe from Nazi control during WWII. Within three months, the northern part of France would be freed, and the invading force would be preparing to enter Germany, where they would meet up with Soviet forces moving in from the east. By dawn on 6 June, 18,000 parachutists were already on the ground; the land invasions began at 6:30a. The British and Canadians overcame light opposition to capture Gold, Juno, and Sword beaches, as did the Americans at Utah beach. The task was much tougher at Omaha beach, however, where two thousand troops were lost, and it was only through the tenacity and quick-wittedness of the troops on the ground that the objective was achieved. By day's end, 155,000 Allied troops – Americans, British, and Canadians had successfully stormed Normandy's beaches.

### Wednesday, 12 June 2016

#### Italian Coast Guard rescues 1,230 refugees

On 12 June 2016, the Italian Coast Guard rescued 1,230 refugees in the waters between Sicily and North Africa during nine separate rescue operations. This extraordinary number of rescues was preceded by days of large-scale operations, bringing the total number to over 4,000 people rescued after the 12 June tally.

Europe started seeing an influx of the migrant refugees in 2015 as people fled Muslim-majority countries – mostly Syria, Iraq, and Afghanistan. The European Union was challenged by the refugee crisis as thousands of displaced refugees poured in from multiple directions. Some Islamic extremists migrated into the region disguised as refugees, adding to the

complexity of strategic processing for those seeking asylum. The journey into Europe proved to be dangerous, as thousands of refugees died at sea attempting to reach shore.

**Monday, 17 June 1885**

**Statue of Liberty arrives in New York.**

On 17 June 1885, the Statue of Liberty arrived in New York harbor as a gift of friendship from France to America. The statue, which arrived dismantled, had to be shipped across the Atlantic Ocean in 350 individual pieces. Lady Liberty, made from copper and iron, was assembled on Liberty Island, and dedicated in a ceremony by U.S. President Grover Cleveland the following year.

Designed by French sculptor Frederic Auguste Bartholdi, who modeled her features after his mother, and assisted by engineer Gustave Eiffel, who was later famous for the Eiffel Tower in Paris, the statue was a gift to commemorate the American Revolution and a century of friendship between the countries.

Though it was initially supposed to be completed by 1876, on the centennial of the Declaration of Independence, fundraising efforts slowed the progress. Efforts included a lottery, auctions, and boxing matches in Europe and the United States to fund the construction of the statue's pedestal. The French alone paid an estimated \$250,000, more than \$5.5 million today, for the statue.

**Saturday, 22 June 2011**

**Mobster Whitey Bulger is arrested.**

On 22 June 2011, after sixteen years on the run from law enforcement, James "Whitey" Bulger, a violent Boston mob boss, wanted for nineteen murders, was arrested in Santa Monica, California. The eighty-one-year-old Bulger, one of the FBI's "Ten Most Wanted" fugitives, was arrested with his longtime companion, sixty-year-old Catherine Greig, who fled Massachusetts with the gangster in late 1994, shortly before he was to be indicted on federal criminal charges.

**Tuesday, 25 June 1876**

**Custer and his troops die at the Battle of the Little Bighorn**

On 25 June 1876, Indigenous forces led by Chiefs Crazy Horse and Sitting Bull defeated the U.S. Army troops of Lieutenant Colonel George Armstrong Custer in a bloody battle near southern Montana's Little Bighorn River, famously known as Custer's Last Stand. Crazy Horse and Sitting Bull, leaders of the Sioux tribe, resisted the U.S. Government's efforts to confine their people to reservations. In 1875, after gold was discovered in South Dakota's Black Hills, the U.S. Army ignored previous treaty agreements and invaded the region. This betrayal led many Sioux and Cheyenne tribesmen to join Crazy Horse and Sitting Bull

in Montana. By 1876, more than 10,000 Indigenous people had gathered in a camp along the Little Bighorn River in defiance of a U.S. War Department order to return to their reservations. In mid-June, a force of 1,200 Sioux and Cheyenne turned back a column of U.S. troops. On the morning of 25 June, Custer drew near the Indigenous camp and decided to press on ahead rather than wait for reinforcements. Within an hour, Custer and every last one of his soldiers were dead.

**Thursday, 27 June 1829**

**Scientist James Smithson dies, willing his entire estate to the U.S. Government, and establishing the Smithsonian.**

On 27 June 1829, English scientist and philanthropist James Smithson died in Italy, leaving a will that gave his estate to his nephew under the condition that the nephew produce and heir. Otherwise, his entire estate would go the United States "for the increase and diffusion of knowledge among men." Because his nephew had no children when he died, the United States reaped the benefits of the estate, valued at more than \$500,000 at that time, or over \$15 million today. For eight years Congress debated what to do with the estate, whether to use the money to create a library, museum, university, astronomical observatory, or research laboratory. Finally in 1846, President James K. Polk signed legislation and officially established the prestigious Smithsonian Institute, which has gone on to become the world's largest museum.

**Sunday, 30 June 1962**

**Sandy Koufax pitches first no-hitter**

On 30 June 1962, Sandy Koufax struck out thirteen batters and walked five to lead the Los Angeles Dodgers to victory over the New York Mets, 5-0 with his first career no-hitter. Koufax went on to throw three more no-hitters, including a perfect game on September 9, 1965, in which he allowed no hits and no walks and struck out fourteen batters.

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

**VINCE LOMBARDI**

**Born 11 June 1913**

He is best known as the head coach of the Green Bay Packers during the 1960s, where he led the team to three straight and five total NFL Championships in seven years, in addition to winning the first two Super Bowls at the conclusion of the 1966 and 1967 NFL seasons.

Lombardi never had a losing season as head coach in the NFL and is considered by many to be the greatest coach in football history.

It's his attitude towards winning and success that made Lombardi such a special coach and

you'll often see Vince Lombardi quoted used by many of the great leaders today.

While he suffered a sudden death from cancer in 1970, his legacy still lives today.

**Famous Vince Lombardi Quotes**

- "Life's battles don't always go to the stronger or faster man. But sooner or later, the man who wins is the man who thinks he can."
- "The real glory is being knocked to your knees and then coming back. That's real glory. That's the essence of it."
- "Obstacles are what you see when you take your eyes off of the goal."
- "I've never known a man worth his salt who, in the long run, deep down in his heart, didn't appreciate the grind, the discipline."
- "The good Lord gave you a body that can stand most anything. It's your mind you must convince."
- "Individual commitment to a group effort – that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work."
- "A team that thinks it's going to lose is going to lose."
- "What is defeat? Nothing but education, nothing but the first step to getting better."
- "If you are not making mistakes, you are not trying hard enough."
- "Most people fail, not because of lack of desire, but, because of lack of commitment."
- "Praise in public; criticize in private."
- "One comes to believe whatever one repeats to oneself sufficiently often, whether the statement be true or false. It comes to be the dominating thought in one's mind."
- "I think good physical conditioning is essential to any occupation. A man who is physically fit performs better at any job. Fatigue makes cowards of us all."
- "Confidence is contagious; so is lack of confidence."
- "Faithfulness and truth are the most sacred excellences and endowments of the human mind."
- "Once you learn to quit, it becomes a habit."
- "Preparedness is the ultimate confidence builder."
- "Winning isn't everything – It's the only thing."
- "Winning is a habit. Watch your thoughts, they become your beliefs. Watch your beliefs, they become your words. Watch your words, they become your actions. Watch your actions, they become your habits. Watch your habits, they become your character."
- "We run to win, not just to be in the race."
- "If it doesn't matter who wins or loses, then why do they keep score?"



- "Leaders are made, they are not born. They are made by hard effort, which is the price which all of us must pay to achieve any goal that is worthwhile."
- "The leader can never close the gap between himself and the group. If he does, he is no longer what he must be. He must walk a tightrope between the consent he must win and the control he must exert."
- "Leadership is based on a spiritual quality; the power to inspire, the power to inspire others to follow."
- "Choose to achieve perfection. We won't achieve it because perfection is impossible. But by pursuing perfection, we will achieve excellence."
- "One's desire, not ability, determines success."

*The above information was taken from bing.com*

## FLAG DAY 14 June 1777

In the United States, Flag Day is celebrated on June 14. It commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States on June 14, 1777, by resolution of the Second Continental Congress. The Flag Resolution, passed on June 14, 1777, stated: "Resolved, That the flag of the thirteen United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation."



The United States Army also celebrates the U.S. Army birthday on this date; Congress adopted "the American continental army" after reaching a consensus position in the Committee of the Whole on June 14, 1775.

In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation that officially established June 14 as Flag Day; on August 3, 1949, National Flag Day was established by an Act of Congress. Flag Day is not an official federal holiday. Title 36 of the United States Code, Subtitle I, Part A, CHAPTER 1, § 110 is the official statute on Flag Day; however, it is at the president's discretion to officially proclaim the observance. On June 14, 1937, Pennsylvania became the first U.S. state to celebrate Flag Day as a state holiday, beginning in the town of Rennerdale. New York Statutes designate the second Sunday in June as Flag Day, a state holiday.

Perhaps the oldest continuing Flag Day parade is in Fairfield, Washington. Beginning in 1909 or 1910, Fairfield has held a parade every year since, with the possible exception of 1918, and celebrated the "Centennial" parade in 2010, along with some other commemorative events. Appleton, Wisconsin, claims to be the oldest National Flag Day parade in the nation, held annually since 1950.

Quincy, Massachusetts, has had an annual Flag Day parade since 1952 and claims it "is the longest-running parade of its kind" in the U.S. The largest Flag Day parade had been held annually in Troy, New York until 2017, which based its parade on the Quincy parade and typically draws 50,000 spectators. In addition, the Three Oaks, Michigan, Flag Day Parade is held annually on the weekend of Flag Day and is a three-day event and they claim to have the largest flag day parade in the nation as well as the oldest. In Washington, D.C., Flag Day is celebrated heavily through the 7th and 8th Wards of the city. It is said that Clyde Thompson is the "Godfather of Flag Day".

## PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE 22 June 1942

The Pledge of Allegiance was written in August 1892 by the socialist minister Francis Bellamy (1855-1931). It was originally published in *The Youth's Companion* on September 8, 1892. Bellamy had hoped that the pledge would be used by citizens in any country.

In its original form it read:

"I pledge allegiance to my Flag and the Republic for which it stands, one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

In 1923, the words, "the Flag of the United States of America" were added. At this time, it read:

"I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

On 22 June 1942, Congress officially recognized the Pledge of Allegiance.

In 1954, in response to the Communist threat of the times, President Eisenhower encouraged Congress to add the words "under God," creating the 31-word pledge we say today.

Section 4 of the Flag Code states:

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: "I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.", should be rendered by standing at attention facing the flag with the right hand over the heart. When not in uniform men should remove any non-religious headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the right hand being over the heart. Persons in uniform should remain silent, face the flag, and render the military salute."

The original Bellamy salute, first described in 1892 by Francis Bellamy, who authored the original Pledge, began with a military salute. Shortly after, the pledge was begun, after reciting "to the Flag," the arm was extended toward the Flag, palm-down. In World War II, this salute too much resembled the Nazi salute, so it was changed to keep the right hand over the heart throughout.

*The above information was taken from ushistory.org/documents/pledge.htm*

## THE FIRST CORVETTE 26 June 1953

Chevrolet was in a sales slump in the early 1950s, and like many within the division's ranks, brand manager Thomas Keating was eager to reverse course. His solution? Ordering a sports car for General Motors' bread-and-butter nameplate. Produced under the code name "Project Opel", the sports car was a distinctly American take on the era's British sports cars, cobbled together from a fiberglass body and a 3.9-liter (235-cubic-inch) straight-six engine mated to a two-speed automatic transmission. After making its debut to a warm reception at GM's 1953 Motorama show in New York City, the Corvette became the rare entrant to go on to be produced for customers.

Chevrolet rushed the Corvette into production following the model's debut at GM's 1953 Motorama show. The two-seat roadster used fiberglass body panels and relied on Chevy's tried-and-true Blue Flame inline-six for motivation. While the six-cylinder powerplant produced 115 horsepower in Chevy's sedan, the engineers tuned the engine to make 150 horsepower in the Corvette. A two-speed automatic was the only transmission offered, and all the cars are painted Polo White with a red interior. Too bad there wasn't much lust among buyers for that original 1953 Corvette. Chevrolet produced 300 Corvettes in 1953 and sold just 183 of them. It was an inauspicious

start to the bloodline that became America's sports car.

The above information was taken from caranddriver.com

## JUNE 2024 EVENTS AND FESTIVALS IN ITALY

### June 2: Republic Day



On June 2, Italy joyously observes Republic Day, familiarly coined Festa della Repubblica, in memory of the pivotal 1946 referendum. This decisive moment saw Italians collectively choosing a republic over a monarchy after the tumultuous days of World War II.

#### Patriotic Rituals in Rome

The day is imbued with patriotic fervor, with Rome being the epicenter of the grand celebrations. Here, the ritual starts with the President respectfully laying a wreath at the Altare Della Patria's Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

A dynamic and perfectly coordinated military parade marches through the city, showcasing various symbols of Italy, serving not only as a visual spectacle but also as a stirring representation of national pride.

#### Aerial Spectacle: Freccie Tricolori

But the event that often captures the most attention and awes the spectators is the striking aerial performance by the Freccie Tricolori.

Italy's esteemed aerobatic squad takes to the sky, painting it with red, white, and green smoke trails, embodying the Italian flag's vibrant hues. This aerial dance delights the eyes and swells Italian hearts with pride.

#### Nationwide Celebrations

Republic Day isn't solely a Roman affair; the entire country gets into the spirit. Across Italy's diverse regions, you'll find an array of festive gatherings, events, and parties, each adding a unique local twist to the day's traditional celebrations.

And since it's a public holiday, the atmosphere is relaxed. Schools, governmental bodies, and various businesses hit the pause button, allowing everyone to fully immerse in the day's significance and celebrate Italy's resilient spirit and cherished freedom.

### June 24: Feast of St. John the Baptist



Baptistry of San Giovanni Battista in Florence.

The Feast of St. John the Baptist on June 24 is a day of reverence and jubilation, notably in cities like Florence, Genoa, and Turin, where he is the patron saint. Florence, in particular, immerses itself in the festive spirit, hosting a series of events that offer solemnity and excitement.

#### Morning Festivities: Historical Parade and Holy Mass

The day in Florence commences with a vibrant Historical Parade. Starting from the iconic Piazza Signoria, a procession of individuals dressed in historical attire toward the Baptistery dedicated to St. John.

Following the parade, the atmosphere brims with spiritual solemnity as a mass unfolds, with attendees whispering revered Italian prayers. During this sacred gathering, the relics of St. John are displayed, providing a moment for reflection on his life and significant contributions.

#### Afternoon Celebration: Calcio Storico

Thrilling moments from Calcio Storico: where history and sport collide.

Held in Piazza Santa Croce, this event brilliantly merges soccer, the most popular sport in Italy, with history. It features 54 locals, adorned in elaborate 16th-century costumes, engaging in a game that not only mirrors traditional soccer but adds a captivating historical twist to it.

#### Evening Spectacle: "I Fochi di San Giovanni"



Illuminating the Florentine night: Fochi di San Giovanni over Ponte Vecchio.

The city sky is set ablaze as night falls with the dazzling "I Fochi di San Giovanni" fireworks

display. Lasting for an hour, the spectacle concludes with a breathtaking finale, illuminating the night and leaving viewers in awe.

Be mindful that the city somewhat slows down to savor the festivities, with many establishments closing either in the afternoon or for the entire day, allowing everyone to partake in the celebrations. So, if you find yourself in Florence during this period, you're in for a treat!

### June 28: Spoleto Festival dei Due Mondi



Spoleto Festival dei Due Mondi. Image: Sipario.it

The Spoleto Festival dei Due Mondi, kicking off on June 28 and running through July 14, 2024, is a renowned international gathering in the charming city of Spoleto, Italy.

A canvas of music, art, and entertainment, the festival is a celebration that bridges cultures from across Europe and the Americas, cementing its place as a trustworthy cultural exchange platform since its inception in 1958 by Gian Carlo Menotti.

Designed to be a melting pot of artistic expression, the festival's program is diverse and captivating. Attendees can immerse themselves in various disciplines — from the elegance of ballet and the timeless beauty of classical and jazz music to the dramatic world of opera and theatre. Beyond these, the festival embraces modern dance, cinema, and visual arts.

### June 29: Feast Day of Saints Peter and Paul



Illuminated St. Peter's Basilica on the eve of Saints Peter and Paul's Feast Day – simply magical.

On June 29, 2024, Rome is set to joyously celebrate the Feast Day of Saints Peter and Paul, the revered patron saints of the Eternal City. As you wander through the city on this



special day, a sense of reverence and festivity fills the air, marking a significant occasion in the Roman calendar.

## St. Peter's Dome Illumination

Begin your evening with a gaze upwards as the St. Peter's Basilica dome illuminates, casting a glow that accentuates its architectural magnificence. This illuminating display isn't just visually striking; it's a beacon that signals the start of a series of deeply symbolic and celebratory events.

## Pallium Ceremony: Bond of Unity

One of the day's poignant moments is the Pallium Ceremony. Here, the Pope adorns selected bishops with the pallium, a sacred woolen scarf, signifying the unbreakable bond between the universal and local Church.

This solemn ceremony is not merely ceremonial; it's a living testament to the faith and unity that underpin the Catholic Church.

## Homage to St. Peter



*Saint Peter's Statue in front of Saint Peter Cathedral in Vatican City (Rome).*

Adding to the day's spiritual significance, the Pope pays homage to the bronze statue of St. Peter.

Witness the Holy Father reverently kissing the statue's foot, gracefully draped with a red cape for the occasion. This act is a silent, powerful acknowledgment of devotion and respect to one of the founding figures of Christianity.

## Procession with St. Paul's Chain

During the celebration, a procession bearing St. Paul's chain, comprising 14 robust iron rings, makes its way through the city. It's a tangible reminder of the apostle's endurance and unyielding faith during his imprisonment, echoing tales of perseverance and divine commitment that have inspired countless generations.

## Girandola Fireworks at Dusk

As dusk falls, the sky above Castel Sant'Angelo bursts into a spectacle of color with the traditional Girandola fireworks. Each explosion paints a stroke of light against the night, concluding the day's events with visual splendor that mirrors the spiritual joy experienced by those who partake in the festivities.

Please note that the city slows considerably during this feast day, with many of its shops, businesses, and offices closed to honor Saints Peter and Paul. It's a day where Rome, steeped in history and spirituality, pauses to reflect and celebrate, inviting everyone to join in its timeless traditions.

## June 2024 Calendar: Italy's Holidays, Anniversaries, Events, and Special Days

### June 1

- World Reef Awareness Day: Acknowledging the precious marine life off Italy's diverse coastlines.

### June 2

- Republic Day: Italy vibrantly commemorates its transition to a republic, a pivotal moment in its rich history.
- Remembering the Death of Giuseppe Garibaldi (1882), the iconic leader in the Italian unification.
- Cancer Survivor's Day (Celebrated in the US): Honoring the resilience of cancer survivors.

### June 3

- Celebrating the Birth of Giovanni di Cosimo de' Medici (1421), the visionary who reshaped the cultural landscape of Italy with his patronage.
- World Bicycle Day: Celebrating Italy's enthusiasm for cycling, one of the popular sports in Italy, showcased through its scenic bike trails and prestigious events.

### June 4

- Remembering the Death of Casanova (1798), the legendary lover and adventurer.
- Liberation of Rome (1944), a significant milestone in restoring freedom in Italy during WWII.
- Cheese Day (Celebrated in the US): Savor the exquisite variety of cheeses integral to Italian cuisine.

### June 5

- Feast Day of San Bonifacio (Verona) is steeped in spiritual reverence.
- Global Running Day: Celebrating the global enthusiasm for running, shared by many in the picturesque landscapes of Italy.
- World Environment Day: A day resonating with Italy's commitment to preserving its breathtaking natural landscapes and historic sites.

### June 6

- Remembering the Death of Cavour (1861), a key architect of the Italian unification.

### June 7

- Donut Day (Celebrated in the US): Enjoy sweet indulgences that mirror the delightful pastries and Italian snack foods savored in bakeries across Italy.

- World Food Safety Day: Emphasizing the importance of safe and delectable culinary practices, a cornerstone of Italian cooking.

### June 8

- Arena di Verona Opera Festival (2024 Opening Day): Surrender to the intoxicating allure of majestic voices and dramatic performances under the starlit skies at the Arena di Verona Opera Festival.
- World Oceans Day: Honoring the magnificent oceans enveloping the cherished Italian sea towns, abundant with vibrant life and rich history.
- Global Wellness Day (Celebrated Internationally): A Day reflecting Italy's dedication to overall well-being.

### June 9

- Remembering the Death of Nero, a ruler marked by tyranny and extravagance.

### June 10

- Festa della Marina Militare (Italian Navy Day), a day honoring the valor and sacrifice of the Italian naval forces.

### June 11

- Feast Day of San Bartolomeo, a day of spiritual reflection and veneration.
- Celebrating the Birth of Cosimo I de' Medici (1519), the visionary who forged an era of art and science.

### June 13

- Feast Day of Sant'Antonio da Padova is dedicated to the revered saint.

### June 14

- Remembering the Death of Salvatore Quasimodo (1968), a Nobel laureate and a pillar of modern Italian literature.
- World Blood Donor Day: Honoring blood donors worldwide, including the many generous individuals in Italy.

### June 15

- Celebrating the Birth of Alberto Sordi (1920), a stalwart of Italian cinema.
- World Elder Abuse Awareness Day: Recognizing the imperative to safeguard and esteem the elderly, echoing the importance of venerable Italian symbols and cultural values.

### June 17

- Feast Day of San Ranieri (Pisa), a day of spiritual homage in the city of Pisa and its Leaning Tower.

### June 18

- Remembering the Death of Giorgio Morandi (1964), an artist known for his minimalist masterpieces.
- International Picnic Day: Enjoy the simple pleasures of a picnic, much like families do under the Italian sun.

## June 21

- Remembering the Death of Niccolò Machiavelli (1527), a political thinker who shaped the realm of power dynamics.
- International Yoga Day: Practicing serene yoga in pursuit of tranquility, much like the peaceful ambiance found in Italy's best places to retire.

## June 22

- Celebrating the Birth of Lucrezia Tornabuoni (1427), a formidable matriarch in the Medici dynasty.
- World Rainforest Day: Raising awareness for the preservation of precious ecosystems, aligning with Italy's conservation efforts.

## June 23

- International Women in Engineering Day: Honoring the accomplishments of female engineers, including those behind famous Italian inventions.
- Remembering the Death of Emperor Vespasian (79), a ruler marked by significant infrastructural developments.

## June 24

- Feast of St. John the Baptist: A revered tradition in various Italian regions, paying homage to San Giovanni Battista with festive joy.
- Calcio Storico Fiorentino (Final Game): Witness the thrilling blend of soccer, rugby, and wrestling at Calcio Storico Fiorentino, an ancient game deeply embedded in Florence's rich history.

## June 27

- The summer edition of the Feast Day of Sant'Andrea in Amalfi, a seasonal religious celebration.

## June 28

- Spoletto Festival dei Due Mondi (2024 Opening Day): Dive into a captivating blend of music, theater, and dance at the Spoleto Festival dei Due Mondi, a celebration of artistic excellence.

## June 29

- Feast Day of Saints Peter and Paul: Honoring the patron saints of Rome with solemnity and celebration.

## June 30

- World Social Media Day: Engaging with the dynamic digital conversations that include the charm and allure of Italy.

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## PHRASE OF THE MONTH

**Pace! Lascia perdere. – Never mind! Forget about it. (lit. Peace! Let it be lost.)**

*Information taken from the Living Language Italian 2023 Calendar*

## MISC. TRIVIA QUESTIONS

**Q** – What are the odds of getting a royal flush in five-card draw poker?

**A** – 1 in 649,740. In Texas Hold-em style poker, the odds of getting a royal flush are slightly more favorable, 1 in 30,940.

**Q** – What is a group of penguins called?

**A** – A group of penguins on land is called a waddle, or a colony, or a rookery. A group of penguins in the water is called a raft.

**Q** – What is the diameter of the earth at the equator?

**A** – 12,756 kilometers, or approximately 7,926 miles.

**Q** – In 1861, a Boston man named William Schraff encouraged people to send a certain type of candy to Union soldiers fighting in the Civil War. What type of candy was it?

**A** – Jelly Beans. Schraff's advertisement is the first known reference to jelly beans in history.

**Q** – According to popular legend, how did ladybugs get their name?

**A** – When pests ate their crops, European farmers prayed to the Virgin Mary for help. Ladybugs arrived and ate the pests, and so the farmers called them "beetles of Our Lady," which was later shortened to "lady beetles," and finally "ladybugs."

**Q** – When did the United States adopt the dollar sign as a currency symbol?

**A** – 1785. The dollar sign symbol evolved from the Spanish symbol for pesos.

**Q** – Which Canadian province shares a border with the states of Montana and North Dakota?

**A** – Saskatchewan, which also borders the Canadian provinces of Alberta, Manitoba, and the Northwest Territories.

**Q** – On average, how many breaths does a human take in one day?

**A** – Approximately 22,000. The average resting adult takes 12 to 20 breaths a minute.

**Q** – If all the blood vessels in a human body were laid out in one line, roughly how long would the line be?

**A** – More than 60,000 miles, with some estimates placing it at 100,000 miles. This includes all the vessels in the circulatory system: arteries, veins, and capillaries.

**Q** – What was the first commercial radio station in the United States?

**A** – KDKA, based in Wilkinsburg, Pennsylvania. The station began its daily broadcasts in 1920.

**Q** – How many rooms does Buckingham Palace have?

**A** – 775. This includes 19 state rooms, 52 royal and guest bedrooms, 92 offices, and 78 bathrooms.

**Q** – Who performed the first Super Bowl halftime show, which took place in 1967?

**A** – The University of Arizona and Grambling State University marching bands, along with trumpeter Al Hirt. The show, titled "Super Sights and Sounds," also featured hundreds of pigeons and a jet-pack demonstration.

*Taken from the 2024 Page-A-Day Trivia 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*

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