



## NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER settembre 2024

### AUGUST MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Our speaker was our very own Mario Fioritto from Fioritto Funeral Service, 5236 Mayfield Road, Cleveland, Ohio, 44124. He talked about the history of his company as well as the importance of end-of-life planning.



### UPCOMING EVENTS

prossimi eventi

**18 September 2024, Wednesday**

**Executive Committee Meeting**

- Venue: Federico Tire Pros second floor conference room.
- Time 6:00p

**25 September 2024, Wednesday,**

**Membership Meeting**

**AIH BOCCE' 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: 5:30p
- Cost: \$30.00 per member for dinner and bocce; \$20.00 per member for dinner only.
- Reservations are required. See enclosed sign-up form.

**23 October 2024, Wednesday**

**Executive Committee Meeting**

- Venue: Federico Tire Pros second floor conference room.
- Time 6:00p

**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: 5:30p

- Cost: Varies – See enclosed sign-up form.
- Guests: Members, Spouses and Guests are welcome
- Reservations are required no later than 11 Oct 24. See attached sign-up form.

**13 November 2024, Wednesday**

**Executive Committee Meeting**

- Venue: Federico Tire Pros second floor conference room.
- Time 6:00p

**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.

**9 February 2025, Sunday**

**AIHC 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 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.

### SAVE THE DATES

Be sure to mark your calendars now for these events:

**25 SEPTEMBER 2024, WEDNESDAY, AIH BOCCE TOURNAMENT**

**30 OCTOBER 2024, WEDNESDAY, AIH CLAM BAKE**

**30 NOVEMBER 2024, SATURDAY, AIH OSU V.**

**MICHIGAN FOOTBALL GAME POOL**

**9 FEBRUARY 2025, SUNDAY, AIHC SUPER BOWL LIX POOL**

**26 APRIL 2025, SATURDAY, AIH ITALIAN NIGHT**

### SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Compleanni di settembre

Matt Lallo .....	01
Vince Nasca .....	01
Vinny Cicconetti .....	06
Dominic Palermo .....	06
Don Ramacciato .....	10
Luigi DiCarlo .....	16
Shane Nardiello .....	20
Matt Tartaglia .....	24
Rio DeGennaro .....	26

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

### HEALTH AND WELFARE

salute e benessere

We were not advised of any names to be listed here for this issue. That's a good thing.

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 SEPTEMBER

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

01 Sep: No Rhyme or Reason Day  
04 Sep: Eat an Extra Dessert Day  
07 Sep: Salami Day  
16 Sep: Guacamole Day  
17 Sep: International Country Music Day  
19 Sep: International Talk Like a Pirate Day  
*The above information was taken from [timeanddate.com/holidays/fun](http://timeanddate.com/holidays/fun).*

## **GUN RAFFLE**

Just a reminder, the club is still selling tickets for its Gun Raffle. And another reminder, if you are one of the three winners, you don't have to take one of the guns, you can opt for a \$700.00 cash prize instead. See attached Gun Raffle Notice.

## **FOBS**

Since we all now have HCC fobs, I wondered what "fob" stood for? From what I read, the word "fob" was likely derived from the German "fuppe", which means "pocket." Before key fobs were an electronic device, they were another word for decorative keychains throughout the 20th century.

## **HISTORY OF LABOR DAY**

Observed the first Monday in September, Labor Day is an annual celebration of the social and economic achievements of American workers. The holiday is rooted in the late nineteenth century, when labor activists pushed for a federal holiday to recognize the many contributions workers have made to America's strength, prosperity, and well-being.

Before it was a federal holiday, Labor Day was recognized by labor activists and individual states. After municipal ordinances were passed in 1885 and 1886, a movement developed to secure state legislation. New York was the first state to introduce a bill, but Oregon was the first to pass a law recognizing Labor Day, on February 21, 1887. During 1887, four more states – Colorado, Massachusetts, New Jersey, and New York – passed laws creating a Labor Day holiday. By the end of the decade Connecticut, Nebraska and Pennsylvania had followed suit. By 1894, 23 more states had adopted the holiday, and on June 28, 1894, Congress passed an act making the first Monday in September of each year a legal holiday. That act was signed by President Grover Cleveland.

Who first proposed the holiday for workers? It's not entirely clear, but two workers can make a solid claim to the Founder of Labor Day title.

Some records show that in 1882, Peter J. McGuire, general secretary of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners and a co-founder of the American Federation of Labor, suggested setting aside a day for a "general holiday for the laboring classes" to honor those "who from rude nature have delved and carved all the grandeur we behold."

But Peter McGuire's place in Labor Day history has not gone unchallenged. Many believe that machinist Matthew Maguire, not Peter McGuire, founded the holiday.

Recent research seems to support the contention that Matthew Maguire, later the secretary of Local 344 of the International Association of Machinists in Paterson, New Jersey, proposed the holiday in 1882 while serving as secretary of the Central Labor Union in New York.

According to the New Jersey Historical Society, after President Cleveland signed the law creating a national Labor Day, the *Paterson Morning Call* published an opinion piece stating that "the souvenir pen should go to Alderman Matthew Maguire of this city, who is the undisputed author of Labor Day as a holiday." Both Maguire and McGuire attended the country's first Labor Day parade in New York City that year.

*The above information was taken from [www.dol.gov/general/laborday/history](http://www.dol.gov/general/laborday/history)*

## **ROCKY MARCIANO SEPTEMBER 1, 1923**

Rocco Francis Marchegiano (September 1, 1923 – August 31, 1969); better known as Rocky Marciano, was an American professional boxer who competed from 1947 to 1955. He held the world heavyweight championship from 1952 to 1956, and remains the only heavyweight champion to finish his career undefeated. His six title defenses were against Jersey Joe Walcott (from whom he had taken the title), Roland La Starza, Ezzard Charles (twice), Don Cockell and Archie Moore.

Known for his relentless fighting style, formidable punching power, stamina, and exceptionally durable chin, Marciano is considered one of the greatest heavyweight boxers of all time. Marciano remains the only fighter to have stopped every opponent he ever faced for the world heavyweight title, and shares, with Joe Louis, the highest knockout-to-win percentage in world heavyweight title fights at 85.71%. His career knockout-to-win percentage of 87.8% remains one of the highest in heavyweight boxing history. Marciano is ranked #14 in *The Ring* magazine's list of the 100 greatest punchers of all time.

Born Rocco Francis Marchegiano on September 1, 1923, Rocky was raised on the south side of Brockton, Massachusetts. His parents, Pierino Marchegiano and Pasqualina Picciuto, were both immigrants from Italy. His father was from Ripa Teatina, Abruzzo, while his mother was from San Bartolomeo in Galdo, Campania. Marciano had two brothers, Louis (aka Sonny) and Peter, and three sisters, Alice, Concetta and Elizabeth. When he was about 18 months old, Marciano contracted pneumonia, from which he almost died.

*The above information was taken from Wikipedia, 2024*

## **ITALIAN GRAND PRIX SEPTEMBER 1, 2024**

The 2024 Italian Grand Prix (officially known as the Formula 1 Pirelli Gran Premio d'Italia 2024) is a scheduled Formula One motor race that will be held on 1 September 2024 at the Monza Circuit in Monza, Italy. It will be the sixteenth round of the 2024 Formula One World Championship. The race will also feature the Grand Prix debut of Franco Colapinto, who will be driving for Williams until the end of the season.

The event will be held at the Monza Circuit in Monza for the 74th time in the circuit's history, across the weekend of 30 August – 1 September. The Grand Prix will be the sixteenth round of the 2024 Formula One World Championship and the 75th running of the Italian Grand Prix as a round of the Formula One World Championship.

*The above information was taken from Wikipedia, 2024.*

## **ANTONY AND CLEOPATRA ARE DEFEATED AT THE BATTLE OF ACTIUM SEPTEMBER 2, 31 BC**

On September 2, 31 BC, Roman leader Octavian defeated forces led by Roman Mark Antony and Egyptian queen Cleopatra at the Battle of Actium off the Grecian coast. In 34 BC, Antony won a military campaign against Armenia, and in celebration, he organized a victory procession through the streets of Alexandria. He and his lover Cleopatra sat on golden thrones during the celebration, and their children and Caesarion, Cleopatra's son with Julius Caesar, were appointed royal titles. Many in Rome, however, believed the spectacle was an indication that Antony intended to deliver the Roman Empire to the Egyptians, and Octavian encouraged this interpretation. After a few more years of tension and anti-Egyptian propaganda, Octavian declared war against Antony and Cleopatra in 31 BC. Antony and Cleopatra were defeated in a number of conflicts, and they fled to Egypt after the Battle of Actium. Instead of acceding to Octavian's rule, the famous couple committed suicide. Subsequently, Octavian executed Caesarion, annexed Egypt into the Roman Empire, and used Cleopatra's wealth to pay off his soldiers.

## **THE DAVID SEPTEMBER 8, 1504**

The *David* was unveiled in Florence Italy on September 8th, 1504. This astonishing Renaissance sculpture was created between

1501 and 1504. It is a 14.0 ft marble statue depicting the Biblical hero David, represented as a standing male nude. Originally commissioned by the Opera del Duomo for the Cathedral of Florence, it was meant to be one of a series of large statues to be positioned in the niches of the cathedral's tribunes, way up at about 80mt from the ground. Michelangelo was asked by the consuls of the Board to complete an unfinished project begun in 1464 by Agostino di Duccio and later carried on by Antonio Rossellino in 1475. Both sculptors had in the end rejected an enormous block of marble due to the presence of too many "taroli", or imperfections, which may have threatened the stability of such a huge statue. This block of marble of exceptional dimensions remained therefore neglected for 25 years, lying within the courtyard of the Opera del Duomo (Vestry Board).



Michelangelo was only 26 years old in 1501, but he was already the most famous and best paid artist in his days. He accepted the challenge with enthusiasm to sculpt a large-scale *David* and worked constantly for over two years to create one of his most breathtaking masterpieces of gleaming white marble.

The above information was taken from [accademia.org](https://www.accademia.org)

## SEPTEMBER 2024 EVENTS AND FESTIVALS IN ITALY

### September 1: Historical Regatta in Venice

Dive into Venice's captivating maritime legacy at the Historical Regatta (Regata Storica in Italian), an illustrious festival woven into the city's rich tapestry of traditions.

Scheduled for September 1st, 2024, this extraordinary spectacle is more than just a race—it's a vibrant journey back in time, setting

the enchanting Venetian lagoon alive with the spirit of centuries gone by.

Rooted deeply in Venice's glorious maritime past, the Regata Storica is a living homage to the city's robust naval heritage. Originating in the mid-13th century, it evolved to keep the naval crews adept in rowing.

Fast forward to today, it's an invigorating blend of history and athletic prowess, celebrating the unique "Voga alla Veneta" rowing style that has gracefully coursed through the Venetian lagoon for a millennium.



The event blossoms into life with a dazzling historical water pageant. A fleet of 16th-century-styled boats, vividly adorned and steered by oarsmen in resplendent period costumes, sails through the Grand Canal.

They carry the essence of Venice's illustrious history, representing the Doge, his wife, and the city's high officials in a grand reenactment of the powerful Maritime Republic's splendor.

Post pageantry, the lagoon bristles with competitive spirit. The regatta unfolds in a series of heart-racing challenges segmented by age and boat type.

Amongst them, the "campionissimi su gondolini" race steals the spotlight, where sleek gondolini boats slice through the water in a breath-taking sprint down the Grand Canal, culminating at the magnificent Ca' Foscari Palace.

The regatta stands as a compelling testament to why Venice is worth visiting. Open to everyone – from rowing enthusiasts to curious onlookers – the event unfolds the city's magnificent tale.

As the vibrant procession embarks on its captivating journey from St. Mark's basin, it reveals with each stroke the profound grandeur and the enchanting stories that make Venice unforgettable.

### September 19: Festa di San Gennaro (Feast of San Gennaro)

At the heart of this celebration is San Gennaro, the patron of the city of Naples and a symbol of hope and resilience for its people. A benevolent bishop in the 4th century, he stood

as a beacon of comfort and support for Christians during tumultuous times.



His journey, marked by miraculous survival tales and eventual martyrdom, has left an indelible mark, turning this day into an evocative commemoration of his unwavering spirit.

The city holds its breath each year as a divine spectacle unfolds—the miraculous liquefaction of San Gennaro's blood. The vial of the saint's coagulated blood lies within the hallowed walls of the Cathedral of San Gennaro, encased in a silver reliquary.

As traditions and prayers whirl through the air, a miraculous transformation is keenly awaited—the solid blood turning into liquid. This holy occurrence has captivated hearts since 1389.

Witness the fusion of the divine and the jubilant. As the miracle unveils, the cathedral and piazza reverberate with cheers. The skies shimmer with fireworks and the city blossoms into joyous celebrations.

Songs and dances weave through the night as locals and visitors immerse themselves in this spiritual and cultural extravaganza.

While the festivity vibrates with profound local sentiments, its echoes reach beyond Naples, reverberating through spaces like New York's Little Italy, resonating with the tales of emigrants who carried the warmth and spirit of Naples across oceans.

### September 2024 Calendar: Italy's Holidays, Anniversaries, Events, and Special Days September 1

- Historical Regatta (Venice): A spectacular maritime event celebrating Venice's rich naval history through a vibrant boat parade and racing on the city's iconic canals.
- Palio di Asti (Asti Palio Horse Race): Dive into exhilarating traditions on the first Sunday of September, where horses and riders vividly embody centuries of Piedmontese heritage in a spirited bareback horse race competition.
- Birth of Vittorio Gassman (1922), a renowned actor who graced the Italian silver screen.



**September 4**

- The end of the Western Roman Empire (476) was a significant turning point in world history.

**September 5**

- Birth of Goffredo Mameli (1827), the lyricist behind the stirring Italian National Anthem, "Inno D'Italia," one of the symbols of Italy.

**September 6**

- Death of Luciano Pavarotti (2007), a tenor and Italian opera star who captivated audiences with his powerful and melodious voice.
- Honoring the birth of Andrea Camilleri (1925), a masterful writer and director.

**September 7**

- Festa della Rificolona, Florence (Tuscany): An enchanting festival in Florence where the night sky is illuminated by colorful paper lanterns, embodying a cherished local tradition and childhood delight.
- MITO Settembre Musica: Experience musical brilliance in northern Italy as global talents and orchestras bring Milan and Turin alive with diverse, captivating performances.

**September 8**

- Feast Day of the Nativity of Mary is a joyous day dedicated to the birth of the Virgin Mary.
- Calabria earthquake of 1905: a tragic event that took many lives.
- Birth of Caterina of Bologna (1413): Honoring the legacy of an artistic and religious beacon from Italy's rich tapestry of historical figures.

**September 9**

- Marking the commencement of the construction of the magnificent Duomo of Florence (1296).
- Remembering the birth of Cesare Pavese (1908), a prolific writer and poet.

**September 13**

- Chianti Wine Festival (Tuscany): Dive into the exquisite world of Italian wines at this festival held in Greve in Chianti, a jubilant celebration of Chianti's prestigious vineyards and their delectable creations.

**September 14**

- Festival of the Virgin of the Sick (Sicily): Commemorate the miraculous survival of the sanctuary from Mount Etna's eruption over five days of spiritual celebrations and events, including food festivals.
- Death of Dante Alighieri (1321), the illustrious poet who guided us through the circles of hell and into the celestial heavens in his Divine Comedy.
- Birth of Renzo Piano (1937), the mastermind architect whose innovative

designs breathe modernity and elegance into urban landscapes globally.

**September 15**

- Feast Day of Our Lady of Sorrows, a day of spiritual reflection.
- Birth of Marco Polo (1254), the audacious explorer whose voyages forged unprecedented connections between the East and the West.
- Birth of Caravaggio (1571), the revolutionary artist who merged darkness with light, brought vivid realism and dramatic intensity to his canvas.

**September 19**

- Festa di San Gennaro (Feast of St. Gennaro): Celebrating the patron saint of Naples with faith and festivity, a reflection of Italy's spiritual heritage.
- Birth of Antoninus Pius (86), the stoic and diligent Roman emperor.

**September 20**

- Unification of Italy (1870), the day Rome was captured, sealing the nation's unification.
- Birth of Sophia Loren (1934), the timeless icon who graced the silver screen with her radiant beauty and formidable acting prowess.

**September 21**

- Death of Virgil (19 B.C.), the legendary poet who journeyed through the underworld in verse.

**September 22**

- Birth of Andrea Bocelli (1958), the voice that became Italy's modern treasure.

**September 23**

- Feast Day of Padre Pio, honoring the saintly figure adorned with stigmata.
- Birth of Augustus (63 B.C.), the founder of the Roman Empire.
- Death of Vincenzo Bellini (1835), the maestro who gave opera a melodious turn.
- Birth of Paolo Rossi (1956): Celebrating the legend who brought glory to Italy in football, the most popular sport in Italy.

**September 25**

- Birth of Francesco Borromini (1599), the architect who left a Baroque imprint on Rome.
- Birth of Sandro Pertini (1896), the resilient voice of the Resistance and a revered President.

**September 26**

- Death of Anna Magnani (1973), the actress who depicted the raw essence of life on screen.

**September 28**

- Birth of Marcello Mastroianni (1924), the suave actor who defined La Dolce Vita.

**September 29**

- Birth of Enrico Fermi (1901), the physicist who ushered in the nuclear age.
- Birth of Michelangelo Antonioni (1912), the director who redefined cinematic narrative.

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

**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 2024 – 30 June 2026*

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**ATTACHMENTS**

Enclosure (1) Bocce Sign-up Form  
Enclosure (2) Clam Bake Sign-up Form  
Enclosure (3) Gun Raffle Notice

**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](mailto:GPizzuti@GlennPizzutiArchitect.com)