



OSU v. MICH. PARTY

The Club held its perennial OSU v. Mich Game Party on Saturday, 28 November. It was held at St. John Vianney's Hall and catered by Longo's catering company, "Cater-to-You." As expected, OSU beat Michigan soundly, 42 - 13, in Ann Arbor. In addition, there were several Club winners as well. Winners on the Big Board included Gary LaCarte, Jan Petrello, Jamie DiFrancesco, and Mike Cicconetti. The winner of the autographed OSU Helmet was Ray Sanderson. The Club thanks Ron Wassum for doing most of the heavy lifting for the party and Dave Vegh for taking the lead on the Big Board tickets.

DECEMBER MEETING

La Riunione Dicembre

The Club understands that the last two weeks of December are very busy with family and other holiday commitments. Respecting that, we traditionally do not schedule a December Membership Meeting and did not schedule one for 2015.

AIH CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Club held its traditional Family Christmas Party at LaMalfa Party Centre on Sunday, 13 December. As always, it was well attended with 228 guests, including 70 children. LaMalfa provided a deluxe buffet with antipasto, entrees, desserts, and an open bar. Skip Trombetti was taking family holiday portraits for all who were interested. They had karaoke, face painting, and a balloon man for the kids. But of course, the finale was a visit from Santa Claus, who took time to talk with each child and give them a present. The Club thanks our hosts, Mike LaMalfa and Bill Petrello for orchestrating this great event.

UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY

Wednesday, 20 January

Executive Committee Meeting
6:30p at the Mentor Fire Museum
7262 Jackson Street, Mentor, Ohio 44060

Wednesday, 27 January

Regular Membership Meeting
6:30p at the Pine Ridge Country Club
30601 Ridge Road, Wickliffe, Ohio 44092

The speaker will be Dr. Peter Mazzone from the Cleveland Clinic.

FEBRUARY

Sunday, 7 February

AIH Charities Super Bowl Party
at the La Malfa Party Centre
5783 Heisley Road, Mentor, Ohio 44060
Reservations are required

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Il Compleanni Gennaio

Table listing birthdays for January: Dominic Farinacci (1), Bryan Dardis (5), Paul Fortunato (6), George Judy (8), Gabe Cicconetti (15), Angelo Giallombardo (16), Donnie Rapposelli (27)

BUON GIORNO

There are no new names for this section this month, so let's count our blessings.
Carmon Rozzo, Buon Giorno Chair

JANUARY HOLIDAYS IN ITALY

Table listing holidays: New Year's Day (1), Feast of the Epiphany (6)

JANUARY FESTIVALS IN ITALY

San Antonio Abate

San Antonio Abate is celebrated January 17 in many parts of Italy. In villages in central Italy's Abruzzo region and on the island of Sardinia on January 16 to 17, huge bonfires are lit that burn all night and there's often also music, dancing, and drink.

San Antonio Abate is celebrated in the Sicilian town of Nicolosi, near Mount Etna, on January 17. Ceremonies begin before dawn when the monks repeat their vows of dedication to God and to the Saint.

Il Palio di Sant'Antonio Abate is held in the Tuscan town of Buti, near Pisa, the first Sunday after January 17. Festivities start with a procession of people wearing the colors of their neighborhood. In the afternoon, the horse race, a competition between the neighborhoods, is run with the winner taking the palio.

The Feast Day of San Sebastiano

The Feast Day of San Sebastiano is celebrated many places in Sicily on January 20. In Mistretta, a huge statue of the saint is paraded through town on a litter born by 60 men. In

Acireale, there is a colorful parade with a silver carriage and singing of hymns.

In the Abruzzo region, the city of Ortono celebrates by lighting the Vaporetto, a brightly coloured paper maché model of a boat which is decorated and loaded with fireworks, in front of the Cathedral in honor of St. Sebastian.

Fair of Sant'Orso

Fair of Sant'Orso, a woodcarvers' fair, has been around for about 1000 years. Local restaurants serve special meals, there's entertainment, and over 700 woodworkers have stalls to demonstrate their skills and sell wooden items. The fair is in the historic center of Aosta at the end of January.

MISSION STATEMENT

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

OFFICERS & TRUSTEES

Table listing officers and trustees: President (David Vegh), Vice President (Gus Paolucci), Secretary (Glenn Pizzuti), Treasurer (Bill Petrello), Trustees (Mike Cicconetti, Ron Wassum, Mikel LaMalfa, Jim Federico, Tony Taurasi, Tony Munaretto, Rio DeGennaro Jr., Don Rapposelli)

SOCIAL MEDIA

Members are encouraged to "like us" on Facebook and "follow us" on Twitter @AIHClub.

ATTACHMENTS

Attachments to the Newsletter this month include:

- Membership Drive Flyer
AIH Charities Super Bowl Party Flyer

AND FINALLY...

The Officers and Trustees of AIH and AIH Charities would like to extend our wishes for a happy, healthy, and prosperous 2016 to each of our members and their families.

Felice Anno Nuovo!



NEWSLETTER

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