



AIH FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY

On Sunday, the 10th of December, Mike LaMalfa hosted the annual AIH Family Christmas Party. There were about 130 adults and children in attendance. The adults enjoyed the grand buffet and open bar while the kids enjoyed LaMalfa's special children's buffet as well as the face painters and balloon artists. Of course the kids all enjoyed talking with Santa Claus and receiving their presents. Thanks to Mike LaMalfa and Bill Petrello for pulling this event together for the AIH members and families.

DECEMBER MEETING

Riunione dicembre

As usual, there was no December Meeting.

UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY gennaio

17 January, Wednesday

AIHC Executive Committee Meeting at LaMalfa @ 5:30p.

24 January, Wednesday

AIH Executive Committee Meeting at The Mentor Firefighter's Museum @ 7:00p.

31 January, Wednesday:

AIH Membership Meeting at Pine Ridge Country Club @ 6:30p. The speaker will be Mr. Dan Ruminski, who defines himself as a "Cleveland Storyteller."

FEBRUARY febbraio

4 February, Sunday

AIHC NFL Championship Game Party at LaMalfa. Kick-off is scheduled for 6:30p so the doors will open at 5:00p. The event is coordinated by Tony Munaretto and Dave Vegh. See the attached flyer for all the information.

Reservations are required

21 February, Wednesday

AIH Executive Committee Meeting at The Mentor Firefighter's Museum @ 7:00p.

28 February, Wednesday:

AIH Membership Meeting at Pine Ridge Country Club @ 6:30p. The program is yet to be determined.

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Compleanni di gennaio

Dominic Farinacci	1
Paul Fortunato	6
George Judy	8
Gabe Cicconetti	15
Angelo Giallombardo	16
Donnie Rapposelli	27

BUON GIORNO

There is nothing additional to report under our buon giorno section.

ITALIAN LANGUAGE

lingua italiano

Italian (*italiano* or *lingua italiano*) is a Romance language. By most measures, Italian, together with Sardinian, is the closest to Latin of the Romance languages. Italian is the official language in Italy, Switzerland, San Marino, Vatican City and western Istria (in Slovenia and Croatia). It used to have official status in Albania, Malta and Monaco, where it is still widely spoken, as well as in former Italian East Africa and Italian North Africa regions where it plays a significant role in various sectors. Italian is also spoken by large expatriate communities in the Americas and Australia. It has official minority status in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Slovenia and Romania. Many speakers are native bilinguals of both standardized Italian and other regional languages. Italian is a major European language, being one of the official languages of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe and one of the working languages of the Council of Europe. It is the third most widely spoken first language in the European Union with 65 million native speakers (13% of the EU population) and it is spoken as a second language by 14 million EU citizens (3%). Including Italian speakers in non-EU European countries (such as Switzerland and Albania) and on other continents, the total number of speakers is around 85 million.

Italian is the main working language of the Holy See, serving as the *lingua franca* (common language) in the Roman Catholic hierarchy as well as the official language of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta. Italian is known as the *language of music* because of its use in musical terminology and opera. Its influence is also widespread in the arts and in the luxury

goods market. Italian has been reported as the fourth or fifth most frequently taught foreign language in the world.

Italian was adopted by the state after the Unification of Italy, having previously been a literary language based on Tuscan as spoken mostly by the upper class of Florentine society. Its development was also influenced by other Italian languages and to some minor extent, by the Germanic languages of the post-Roman invaders. The incorporation into Italian of learned, or "bookish" words from its own ancestor language, Latin, is arguably another form of lexical borrowing through the influence of written language and the liturgical language of the Church. Throughout the Middle Ages and into the early modern period, most literate Italian speakers were also literate in Latin; and thus they easily adopted Latin words into their writing—and eventually speech—in Italian. Its vowels are the second-closest to Latin after Sardinian. Unlike most other Romance languages, Italian retains Latin's contrast between short and long consonants. As in most Romance languages, stress is distinctive.

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

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1 July 2016 – 30 June 2018

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ATTACHMENTS

- AIHC NFL Championship Game Party Flyer