

**FEBRUARY MEETING***Riunione febbraio*

Our speaker was Mr. John P. Vourtis. John is a Wickliffe resident and instructor at the CSU Film Institute and a USC Film School alumni.

John shared his experiences from directing and producing his latest film, "Breaking Balls," a documentary on competitive bocce.

UPCOMING EVENTS**MARCH marzo****21 March, Wednesday**

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

28 March, Wednesday:

AIH Membership Meeting at Pine Ridge Country Club @ 6:30p. Our speaker will be A.J. Petitti, the President of Petitti Garden Centers, who will talk to us about our yards and the upcoming spring. .

APRIL aprile**11 April, Wednesday**

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

18 April, Wednesday

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

21 April, Saturday:

AIHC Italian Night at LaMalfa @ 6:30p. The event is coordinated by Bill Petrello and Mike LaMalfa. This is the second of our Charities three annual fund raisers.

*Reservations are required***25 April, Wednesday:**

AIH Membership Meeting at Pine Ridge Country Club @ 6:30p. Our speaker will be Mr. Bob DiBiasio, the Senior Vice President for Public Relations of the Cleveland Indians.

MAY maggio**19 May, Saturday**

AIH Seneca Allegany Casino Trip. Don Rapposelli is the Chair of that event.

*Reservations are required**See attached flyer for more details.***23 May, Wednesday**

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

30 May, Wednesday:

AIH Membership Meeting at Pine Ridge Country Club @ 6:30p. Our speaker will be Mr. Tim Ausperk, the Club Pro and Manager at Black Brook Golf Club in Mentor. Tim will be getting us ready for spring golf after a long, cold northeast Ohio winter.

JUNE giugno**20 June, Wednesday**

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

27 June, Wednesday:

AIH Membership Meeting at Pine Ridge Country Club @ 6:30p. Our speaker will be Ms. Kim Laurello of Laurello Vineyards.

JULY luglio**11 July, Wednesday**

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

18 July, Wednesday

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

25 July, Wednesday:

AIH Membership Meeting at Pine Ridge Country Club @ 6:30p. Our speaker will be Mr. Bob Travato who will be discussing cyber security.

**MINNESOTA VIKINGS
HELMET**

The club is still raffling off the Minnesota Vikings' helmet that was autographed by former Vikings quarterback Fran Tarkenton. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 for \$20.00 and are available from Trustee Tony Munaretto. The winning ticket will be drawn at our April Meeting.

**VOLUNTEERS FOR
ITALIAN NIGHT**

We still need volunteers to help at Italian Night.

In addition to the volunteers to work the boards and tables at the Italian Night event, addition volunteers will be needed during the week preceding Italian Night for the following:

Monday, 16 April 2018 @ 6:30p - 4 to 6 volunteers, at LaMalfa, to help get the Theme Basket materials out of storage.

Thursday, 19 April 2018 @ 6:30p - 6 volunteers, at LaMalfa, to help set up the Theme Baskets in the garden room.

Friday, 20 April 2018 @ 6:30p - As many volunteers as possible (spouses are welcome) to help assemble and stage the food baskets. Please contact Ron Wassum at 440-487-3144 or Ron@LondonRidge.com and get your name on his volunteer list.

**NEW CHAIRMAN OF OUR
PROGRAM COMMITTEE**

Current Trustee John Perotti has stepped up and volunteered to be the Associations Program Chair. We thank John for accepting this challenge and ask all member to bring ideas to John for speakers for our meetings.

**NOMINATION COMMITTEE
REPORT**

Article VI, Section 1 of our Bylaws states:

- The Executive Committee of this Association shall consist of the Officers and Trustees.
- The Officers of this Association shall consist of four (4) members, President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.
- The Officers shall be elected biennially, serving a two (2) year term commencing July 1st, immediately after the biennial general membership election.
- The Board of Trustees shall consist of eight (8) members.
- Five Trustees shall be elected biennially, serving a two (2) year term commencing July 1st, immediately after the biennial general membership election.
- One (1) of the Trustees shall be the immediate Past President of the Executive Committee.
- Two (2) Trustees shall be appointed by the President at the time of the bi-ennial election.

The biennial general membership election of AIH Officers and Trustees shall occur at the June 2018 Membership Meeting. The term shall be July 1st, 2018 through June 30th, 2020.



The Nomination Committee has been organized and consists of Bob Andreano and Gary Licate.

The initial slate of Officers and Trustees, as presented by the Membership Chair at the February Membership Meeting include the following:

- President.....Gus Paolucci
- Vice President..... TBD
- Secretary Glenn Pizzuti
- Treasurer Bill Petrello
- Trustee.....Dave Vegh
- Trustee..... Rio DeGennaro Jr.
- Trustee..... Jim Federico Sr.
- Trustee..... Donnie Rapposelli
- Trustee..... Tony Munaretto
- Trustee..... John Perrotti
- Trustee.....Ron Wassum

This slate shall be repeated at the March, April, and May Membership Meetings, adding any nominations from the floor each month. At the May Membership Meeting the Slate shall be presented one last time, then it shall be closed.

Elections shall be held at the June Membership Meeting.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Compleanni di marzo

- Glenn Pizzuti..... 1
- Carmen Rozzo..... 6
- Charles Graniteo..... 11
- Pete Heidinger..... 24
- Ron Dodaro..... 25

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

i nostri pensieri e preghiere

Reports are that Dom Palermo's recovery continues to improve and that he hopes to attend our March Membership Meeting. Please continue to keep Dom in your thoughts and prayers.

ITALIAN REGIONS AND PROVINCES

To further the understanding of our Italian culture, in accordance with our Mission Statement, last month this newsletter printed a general description of the 20 regions (with each of their Provinces) that make up Italy today.

Continuing on that theme, throughout the year we will be providing historical and cultural information about each Region individually, doing a few each month, until all 20 are covered. This month we will start with the Abruzzo and Aosta Valley Regions. In addition, a map of Italy showing all the Regions will be provided.

See the attachments for these items.

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

1 July 2016 – 30 June 2018

- PresidentDave Vegh
- Vice President Gus Paolucci
- Secretary Glenn Pizzuti
- Treasurer Bill Petrello
- Trustee Mike Cicconetti
- Trustee Rio DeGennaro Jr.
- Trustee Jim Federico Sr.
- Trustee Mike LaMalfa
- Trustee Donnie Rapposelli
- Trustee Tony Munaretto
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ATTACHMENTS

- Seneca Allegany Casino Trip Flyer.
- Regions of Italy Map
- Abruzzo Region
- Aosta Valley Region