



WESTERN LAKE ERIE WINE TRIAL TRIP

Again this year, Dennis Rosa put together a terrific wine trip, this time we explored the Western Lake Erie Wine Trail. We left the Great Lakes Mall at 8:00a and visited the Mon Ami winery on Catawba Island, the Rocky Port winery in Marblehead (where we all shared a potluck lunch), the Vermilion Valley winery in Wakeman, and the Paper Moon winery in Vermilion. On our way home we enjoyed dinner at Vittorio's Ristorante in Wickliffe. The bus got us back to the Mall at 8:30p and as always, a good time was had by all. Thanks to Dennis for setting this trip up for the club.

JUNE MEETING

Riunione giugno

Our speakers were Kim and Larry Laurello, Owners of Laurello Vineyards in Geneva, Ohio. How appropriate a few days after our wine trip. They explained the history of their vineyard and a little bit about the micro-climate of the Grand River Valley for growing grapes.

AMERICANS OF ITALIAN HERITAGE CHARITIES SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

2017 DELORES LA SPINA SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT COMES BACK TO SPEAK

Elena Rauhe, our 2017 Dolores LaSpina Scholarship recipient, came to our June meeting to share some of her experiences with us after receiving one of last year's scholarships. Her mother and sister joined her.

At our June Membership Meeting the 2018 AIHC Scholarship recipients were announce and the 2018 AIHC Educational Grants names were drawn. They are as follows:

2018 AIHC SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Angelina Palumbo from Mentor, Ohio. She is a graduate of Sacred Heart Academy. She will be attending Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio and will be studying Nursing. Her father is of Italian descent and is from the Compobasso Province in the Molise Region of Italy.

Rosalia Palumbo from Mentor, Ohio. She is a graduate of Sacred Heart Academy and is the sister of Angelina Palumbo. She will be

attending Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio and will be studying Biology. Her father is of Italian descent and is from the Compobasso Province in the Molise Region of Italy.

Kaley Elliott from Mentor, Ohio. She is a graduate of Mentor High School. She will be attending John Carroll University and will be studying English. Her mother is of Italian descent and is from the town of Rovito, in the Consenza Province in the Calabria Region of Italy.

2018 DELORES LA SPINA SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Alexandra Schafer from Concord, Ohio. She is a graduate of Riverside High School. She will be attending Lake Erie College and will be studying Criminal Justice. Her mother is of Italian descent and is from the Verona Province in the Veneto Region of Italy.

2018 AIHC MEMBER EDUCATIONAL GRANT RECIPIENTS

Bob Andreano for his daughter, Madison Andreano. She is a graduate of Mayfield High School. She will be attending Rochester Institute of Technology and will be studying Computer Science

George Judy for his son Michael Judy. He is currently attending Kent State University and is studying Public Health.

Sal Corbo for his grand-daughters Mariann Silvestri and Marina Corbo. Mariann Silvestri is a graduate of Solon High School. She will be attending Ohio Dominion University and will be studying Biology. Marina Corbo is a graduate of Brecksville-Broadview High School. She will be attending the University of Cincinnati and will be studying Business.

Fran Rozzo for his grandson Nicholas Marcopoli. He is currently attending the University of Notre Dame and is studying Computer Science.

Bill Petrello for his grandson Kean Petrello. He is currently attending Boston Conservatory at Berklee and is studying Musical Theater.

UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY luglio

18 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.

20 July, Friday

AIH Italian Heritage Night at Classic Park. There are several ticket packages available so see the attached flyer.

Reservations are required

29 July, Sunday

The Cleveland Opera and Cleveland Ballet will be performing in the Italian Cultural Gardens on East Boulevard from 6:00p – 7:30p. See attached flyer.

25 July, Wednesday:

AIH Membership Meeting at Pine Ridge Country Club @ 6:30p. Our speaker will be Mr. Bob Travato, a Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP), who will be discussing cyber security.

AUGUST agosto

17 August, Friday

AIH Annual Golf Outing at Erie Shores Golf Course, in Madison, Ohio. Shotgun start @ 12:00p. The event will be chaired by Dave Vegh. See attached flyers.

Reservations are required

22 August, Wednesday

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

29 August, Wednesday:

AIH Membership Meeting and Annual Club Bocce Tournament. The event will be hosted by Marty LaCava and Ron Wassum at Spirits in Willoughby & Winery, on Erie Street, between the railroad tracks.

SEPTEMBER settembre

19 September, Wednesday

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

26 September, Wednesday:

AIH Membership Meeting at Pine Ridge Country Club @ 6:30p. Our speaker will be Mr. Nate Bissell, a sixth generation Maple Farmer and President of Maple Farms in Rock Creek, Ohio.



NEWSLETTER

JULY luglio 2018

OCTOBER ottobre

17 October, Wednesday

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

17 October, Wednesday

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

24 October, Wednesday:

AIH Membership Meeting at Pine Ridge Country Club @ 6:30p. This will be our club's Annual Clam Bake, hosted by Vince Pona. Wives, fiancés and girlfriends are invited.

NOVEMBER novembre

7 November, Wednesday

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

14 November, Wednesday:

AIH Membership Meeting at Pine Ridge Country Club @ 6:30p. This will be our club's Annual Italian Trivia Night, hosted by Tom Fioritto. See attached flyer for more information.

24 November, Saturday:

The annual AIHC OSU v. U of M Football Game Party at Longo's Whiskey A-Go-Go. These two teams have met in the fall every year since 1987. This event is Co-Chaired by Ron Wassum and Tony Munaretto. The kickoff is scheduled for 12:00 noon so the doors will open at 11:00a.

Reservations are required

DECEMBER dicembre

Note: There will be no Executive Committee Meeting and no Membership Meeting in December.

Date in December TBD, Sunday:

AIH Family Christmas Party at LaMalfa. This event is Co-Chaired by Mike LaMalfa and Bill Petrello. More details to follow.

Reservations are required

BIENNIAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES

The biennial general membership election of the AIH Officers and Trustees, who make up the club's Executive Committee, took place at the June Membership Meeting. The term for

both Officers and Trustees will be from July 1st, 2018 through June 30th, 2020.

The newly elected Executive Committee shall include the following:

POSITIONS

CANDIDATES

Officers

President Gus Paolucci
Vice President Ronald Wassum
Secretary Glenn Pizzuti
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Trustee Mario Fioritto
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Trustee Anthony Munaretto
Trustee John Perrotti
Trustee Donald Rapposelli
Trustee-Immediate Past President...Dave Vegh

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Compleanni di luglio

Ken LaMonica 9
Judge Vincent Culotta 12
Tony Lombardo 14
Dominic Rufo Jr. 14
Richard O'Keefe 19
Don Patt 24
Joe Longo 27
David Petruziello 30

When you see these members this month, be sure to wish them buon compleanno.

ILLNESSES, INJURIES AND PASSINGS

malattia, lesioni, e morte

It has been a good month. We have no names to share.

ITALIAN REGIONS AND PROVINCES

This month we will continue with our Italian Region information sheets with the Lazio and Liguria regions. Attached are the information sheets for these two regions as well as an overall map of Italy showing all 20 regions for a visual reference. Next month we will be looking at the regions of Lombardy and Marche.

INDEPENDENCE DAY

Independence Day occurs this month. Independence Day is a federal holiday in the United States commemorating the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776.

During the American Revolution, the legal separation of the Thirteen Colonies from Great Britain in 1776 actually occurred on July 2, when the Second Continental Congress voted to approve a resolution of independence that had been proposed in June by Richard Henry Lee of Virginia declaring the United States independent from Great Britain rule. After voting for independence, Congress turned its attention to the Declaration of Independence, a statement explaining this decision, which had been prepared by a Committee of Five, with Thomas Jefferson as its principal author. Congress debated and revised the wording of the Declaration, finally approving it two days later on July 4.

Historians have long disputed whether members of Congress signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4, even though Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, and Benjamin Franklin all later wrote that they had signed it on that day. Most historians have concluded that the Declaration was signed nearly a month after its adoption, on August 2, 1776, and not on July 4 as is commonly believed.

Coincidentally, both John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, the only signers of the Declaration of Independence later to serve as Presidents of the United States, died on the same day: July 4, 1826, which was the 50th anniversary of the Declaration. Although not a signer of the Declaration of Independence, James Monroe, another Founding Father who was elected as President, also died on July 4, 1831. He was the third President who died on the anniversary of independence. Calvin Coolidge, the 30th President, was born on July 4, 1872; so far he is the only U.S. President to have been born on Independence Day.



JULY HOLIDAYS IN ITALY

Il Palio di Siena - Siena's famous horse race around the central square, the Piazza del Campo, takes place July 2 and August 16. Before the race there's a procession with people in medieval costume.

Festa della Madonna Bruna is celebrated July 2 in the city of Matera, an interesting town with cave dwellings, *sassi*, in the Basilicata region of southern Italy. A huge float of the *Madonna Bruna* is paraded through town. Finally the statue is attacked, torn apart, and burned accompanied by a spectacular fireworks display over the *sassi*.

Giostra della Quintana is a joust held in **Foligno** the first Saturday in July and the second Sunday in September. Over 600 participants compete wearing traditional 17th century clothing. There are usually several thousand spectators.

L'Ardia di San Costantino is a horse race around the Sanctuary of San Costantino in the central Sardinian town of **Sedilo**, July 5-7. The race takes place twice, in the evening and again the following morning after most of the riders have been up drinking all night.

U Fistinu of Saint Rosalia is one of Sicily's biggest festivals held July 10-15 in **Palermo**. The procession centers around a 50-foot high float with a statue of Saint Rosalia and a musical band inside.

Redentore Church Feast Day is the third Sunday in July on Venice's Giudecca Island. There is a parade of decorated boats and a big fireworks display around midnight.

Festa de'Nontari street fair is held in the Trastevere neighborhood of **Rome** during the last two weeks of July. Also in Rome in late July is an international fashion show at the Spanish Steps, *Donne Sotte Le Stelle*.

La Giostra dell'Orso, Bear Joust, on July 25 in **Pistoia** celebrates St. James, patron saint of Pistoia.

Feast of Sant'Andrea the Apostle is celebrated in Pescara, on the Adriatic coast, the last Sunday in July with a huge parade of fishing boats off the coast.

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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 2018 – 30 June 2020

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Scholarship Committee Chair Vince Pona

ATTACHMENTS

- Italian Heritage Night at Classic Park Flyer
- The Cleveland Opera and Cleveland Ballet Flyer
- Golf Outing Flyer
- Golf Outing Sponsorship Flyer
- Italian Trivia Game Night Flyer
- Regions of Italy Map
- Lazio Region
- Liguria Region