



NEWSLETTER

APRIL aprile 2019

MARCH MEETING

Riunione marzo

The speaker at our Membership Meeting on Wednesday 27 March was A.J. Petitti, the President of Petitti Garden Centers. He discussed his personal family history as well as the history of the Petitti Garden Centers.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Prossimi eventi

APRIL aprile

10 April, Wednesday

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

13 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.

Ron Wassum is looking for a few more volunteers to cover the evenings events.

Reservations are required

17 April, Wednesday

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

24 April, Wednesday:

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

MAY maggio

7 May, Tuesday

AIHC Appreciation Night. The evening will start with dinner at 5:00p at Pastina's, here in Mentor. Then, chartered limo buses will take us to The Connors Palace Theater at Playhouse Square where we will see *A Bronx Tale*. We have 80 seats in Orchestra A and B. The cost will be \$70.00 per person and \$140.00 per couple.

Reservations are required

See attached flyer

22 May, Wednesday

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

29 May, Wednesday:

AIH Membership Meeting at Pine Ridge Country Club @ 6:30p. The speaker will be Gina Vernaci, President and Chief Operating Officer of the Playhouse Square.

JUNE giugno

19 June, Wednesday

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

26 June, Wednesday:

AIH Membership Meeting at Pine Ridge Country Club @ 6:30p. The speaker will be Dick Bennett, Chief Executive Officer of the Lake County YMCA.

JULY luglio

10 July, Wednesday

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

19 July, Friday

AIH Italian Heritage Night at Classic Park. See Chairman Tony Lombardo for tickets.

Reservations are required

24 July, Wednesday

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

31 July, Wednesday:

AIH Membership Meeting at Pine Ridge Country Club @ 6:30p. The speaker will be Kenneth Howard, Owner of Doc Howard's Distillery in Perry, Ohio.

AUGUST agosto

21 August, Wednesday

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

23 August, Friday

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

Reservations are required

28 August, Wednesday:

AIH Membership Meeting and the Club's Annual Bocce night at Spirits in Willoughby @ 6:30p. The evening is co-chaired by Marty LaCava and Ron Wassum.

SEPTEMBER settembre

18 September, Wednesday

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

25 September, Wednesday:

AIH Membership Meeting at Pine Ridge Country Club @ 6:30p. The speaker will be John Adams, the Cleveland Indians' Bleacher Drummer.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Compleanni di aprile

Andrew Cianfaglione 6
Frank Stinziano..... 10

Andy Arena..... 15
Gus Paolucci 19
Judge Cicconetti 24
Anthony Iliano Sr. 25

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

HEALTH AND WELFARE

salute e benessere

- Sal Corbo is still recovering at home after his surgery and rehab.
- Dr. Taddeo is still recovering at home after being hospitalized.
- Carmen Rozzo is at home fighting spinal arthritis.
- Dave Farina is recovering from back surgery.

Please keep these members and their families in your prayers

APRIL FOOL'S DAY

April Fools' Day or April Fool's Day is an annual (primarily) Western celebration commemorated on April 1 of each year by playing practical jokes and spreading hoaxes. The jokes and their victims are called April fools. People playing April Fool jokes often expose their prank by shouting "April fool(s)" at the unfortunate victim(s).

Some newspapers, magazines and other published media report fake stories, which are usually explained the next day or below the news section in smaller letters. Although popular since the 19th century, the day is not a public holiday in every country. Little is known about the origins of this tradition.

In Italy, France, Belgium, The Netherlands, and French-speaking areas of Switzerland and Canada, the April 1 tradition is often known as "April fish" (*poissons d'avril* in French, *april vis* in Dutch or *pesce d'aprile* in Italian). This includes attempting to attach a paper fish to the victim's back without being noticed. Such fish feature is prominently present on many late 19th- to early 20th-century French April Fools' Day postcards. Many newspapers also spread a false story on April Fish Day, and a subtle reference to a fish is sometimes given as a clue to the fact that it is an April fool's joke.

As well as people playing pranks on one another on April Fools' Day, elaborate practical



jokes have appeared on radio and TV stations, newspapers, websites, and have been performed by large corporations. In one famous prank from 1957, the BBC broadcast a film in their *Panorama* current affairs series purporting to show Swiss farmers picking freshly-grown spaghetti, in what they called the Swiss Spaghetti Harvest. The BBC was later flooded with requests to purchase a spaghetti plant, forcing them to declare the film a hoax on the news the next day.

INCOME TAX DAY

In the United States, Tax Day is a colloquial term for the day on which individual income tax returns are due to be submitted to the federal government. The term may also refer to the same day for individual states, even where the tax return due date is a different day.

Since 1955, for those living in the United States, Tax Day has typically fallen on April 15. For people who file a U.S. tax return and live outside the United States and Puerto Rico, Tax Day has typically fallen on June 15, because of the two-month automatic extension granted to filers by IRS Publication 54.

Federal income tax was introduced with the Revenue Act of 1861 to help fund the Civil War, and subsequently repealed, re-adopted, and held unconstitutional. The early taxes were based on assessments, not voluntary tax returns. Tax payment dates varied by act.

The case of *Pollock v. Farmers' Loan & Trust Co.* challenged the constitutionality of the Wilson-Gorman Tariff Act of 1894, which taxed incomes over \$4,000 at the rate of two percent. The case was decided by the United States Supreme Court in 1895. The Supreme Court decided that the Act's unapportioned income taxes on interest, dividends, and rents were effectively direct taxes. The Act was therefore found to be unconstitutional because it violated the Constitution's rule that direct taxes be apportioned among the states. In 1913, eighteen years later, the Sixteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution was ratified. This Amendment gave the United States Congress the legal authority to tax all incomes without regard to the apportionment requirement.

The filing deadline for individuals was March 1 in 1913 (the first year of a federal income tax),

and was changed to March 15 in 1918 and again to April 15 in 1955. Today, the filing deadline for U.S. federal income tax returns for individuals remains April 15 or, in the event that the 15th falls on a Saturday, Sunday or holiday, the first succeeding day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or holiday.

DID YOU KNOW?

Lo sapevate?

April 14, 1452, (only 13 years before Michelangelo was born) marks the birth of another of the world's greatest artists, Leonardo da Vinci. Most famous for the Mona Lisa, whose smile he worked on for close to a decade, Leonardo was a true Renaissance man. The master painter was also a talented lyre player and an avid scientist and inventor.

His drawings foretold many of the modern conveniences we take for granted e.g. helicopters, airplanes, parachutes, bicycles, paddleboats, cars, and a diving bell.

The love child of a peasant women and a landowner, da Vinci received no formal education. He was dyslexic and could write equally well with both hands, so he often wrote his notes backwards, making it difficult for anyone to steal his designs.

His curiosity knew no limits. He would steal corpses from cemeteries in order to study human anatomy and discover what happens to the soul after someone dies. In fact, it was da Vinci who ushered in the modern approach to scientific inquiry, which was based on systematic observation and description.

**“BUSINESS CARD ADS”
ON OUR WEBSITE**

The club would like to extend the opportunity to its members to have a “Business Card ad” on our AIH Website. There is no cost to the member. If you're interested, send one of your business cards and a brief write up about your company to Dave Vegh, 8688 Applewood Court, Mentor, Ohio 44060, 440-255-8944 email: DJVegh@gmail.com

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

**AMERICANS of ITALIAN
HERITAGE
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

1 July 2018 – 30 June 2020

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HAPPY EASTER

buona Pasqua

Unlike Halloween, Christmas and Valentine's Day which all fall on fixed dates, Easter can be any Sunday between March 22 and April 25.

In 2019 it falls on Sunday, April 21. The date is decided by a complex set of calculations based on observations of the moon.

In early Christianity, different churches used different methods, leading to disagreements which remain unresolved centuries later.

Eastern and Western churches continue to celebrate Easter according to different calendars, although sometimes by chance the festivals coincide.

On behalf of the Officers and Trustees of the Americans of Italian Heritage, have a *pasqua molto felice*, a very Happy Easter.

ATTACHMENTS

- *A Bronx Tale* Flyer