



ITALIAN NIGHT

Notte italiana

Notte italiana (internationally released as Italian Night) is a 1987 Italian comedy drama film directed by Carlo Mazzacurati. It won several awards including the Grand Prix at the Annecy Film Festival, the Nastro d'Argento for Best New Director and the Globo d'oro for Best Actor (to Marco Messeri). The cast included: Marco Messeri as Otello, Giulia Boschi as Daria, Mario Adorf as Tomova, Roberto Citran as Gabor, Meme Perlini as Francesco, Remo Remotti as Italo and Tino Carraro as Melandri.

Of course locally we all know Italian Night as our AIH Charities big fund raiser held annually at LaMalfa. That event took place Saturday night, 13 April, and, as expected, everyone had a great time. We ate, we drank, we played games, and we raised a lot of money for AIH Charities so they could continue their scholarship and grant programs, as well as the many other charities they contribute to.

The Charities would like to thank everyone who volunteered, as well as everyone who attended.

APRIL MEETING

Riunione aprile

The speaker at our Membership Meeting on Wednesday 24 April our long standing friend, Bob DiBiasio, Senior Vice President, Public Relations for the Cleveland Indians. As always, Bob entertained us with stories about the tribe and predictions of our World Series chances.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Prossimi eventi

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 -SOLD OUT-

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

See attached flyers

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.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Compleanni di maggio

Anthony Vitantonio 3
Ron Terriaco 5
Dan Farina 6
Norman Ingrassia 6
Mike Camino 7
Marty Norsic 8
Bill Petrello 21
Dr. Alfonso Rossi 24
Tony Munaretto 31

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

HEALTH AND WELFARE

salute e benessere

- Mike LaMalfa's sister, Maria Angela Baran (nee LaMalfa) passed away on Friday, 19 April 2019 at the age of 92.

Please keep these members and their families in your prayers

MAY 5TH CINCO DE MAYO

Cinco de Mayo, Spanish for "Fifth of May," is an annual celebration held on May 5. The date is observed to commemorate the Mexican Army's victory over the French Empire at the Battle of Puebla, on May 5, 1862, under the leadership of General Ignacio Zaragoza.

In the United States, Cinco de Mayo has taken on a significance far beyond that in Mexico. More popularly celebrated in the United States than Mexico, the date has become associated with the celebration of Mexican-American culture. In Mexico, the commemoration of the battle continues to be mostly ceremonial, such as through military parades or battle reenactments.

Cinco de Mayo is sometimes mistaken for Mexico's Independence Day, the most important national holiday in Mexico, which is actually celebrated on September 16, commemorating the Cry of Dolores that initiated the war of Mexican independence from Spain.



MAY 12TH MOTHER'S DAY

Buona Festa della Mamma!

In Italy, la mamma is the cornerstone of the home and celebrated by her family, all year round. Still, every second Sunday of May, we bambini and mammoni jump to lavish our mothers with flowers, gifts, and poems for La Festa della Mamma.

Mother's Day was first celebrated in Italy in May 1957, about 50 years after it was founded in the United States. A parish priest began the tradition in Assisi, a beautiful hillside town in Umbria, with great festivities. Many in the surrounding cities got word and joined the appreciation of the women whose unconditional love and hard work helped them become who they are. The day was so successful that just one year later, the holiday was adopted across Italy's 20 regions.

Today, Mother's Day is more widely celebrated than ever. Young or old, children strive to visit their family home in time for La Festa della Mamma. As more of us move further away, though, Italians send gifts and make long-distance calls. In fact, urban legend has it that our phone companies record their highest volume of calls on Mother's Day.

But, beyond cards, we value quality time, whether we send our madre something that we know will augment her daily life, or we're able to enjoy a meal with her.

If you're lucky enough to still have your mother around, don't forget, Mother's Day is Sunday, May 12th.

MAY 27TH MEMORIAL DAY

Armed Forces Day this year falls on Saturday, 18 May. Armed Forces Day honors all members of the military currently serving in the Armed Forces.

Memorial Day this year falls on Monday, 27 May. Memorial Day honors members of the military who died while serving in the Armed Forces. The holiday, which is currently observed every year on the last Monday of May, was previously observed on May 30 from 1868 to 1970.

Veterans Day this year falls on Monday, 11 November. The WW-I Armistice with Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month in 1918. Veterans Day honors all military veterans.

MAY HOLIDAYS IN ITALY

May Day, May 1, is a public holiday all over Italy as the day of the worker. Many services will be closed but you may find interesting parades and festivals to celebrate the day.

Giro d'Italia, Italy's big bike race similar to the Tour d'France, starts in early May and lasts most of the month.

Night of Museums is held on a Saturday in mid-May. Museums in many Italian cities are open late, often with free admission and special events.

Cantine Aperte, open cantinas, is a big wine celebration throughout Italy the last weekend of May. Many cantine or wineries are open to guests and have special events.

DID YOU KNOW?

Lo sapevate?

On May 16, 1884, Angelo Moriondo of Turin was granted a patent for "New Steam Machinery for the Economic and Instantaneous Confection of Coffee," marking the birth of another Italian icon, the espresso machine. Coffee was extremely popular in the nineteenth century but it took a while to brew. People were eager to reduce the brewing time, and Moriondo's design was the first important step in that direction. However, his machines were bulky and produced coffee only in large quantities. Luigi Bezzerra improved on the design, creating a single-shot espresso maker in 1903. His patent was then bought by Desiderio Pavoni, who made further improvements, and at the 1906 Milan Fair, the two men together the Ideale, a single shot espresso maker, which poured coffee directly into the cup. After the fair, the machines began to appear all over Italy. It was Pavoni who coined the term espresso, highlighting the fact that coffee could be brewed in an instant. Note that espresso refers to the method of preparing coffee, not the roast or type of bean.

ALSO DID YOU KNOW?

anche tu loLo sapevi?

Niccolo Machiavelli was born on 3 May 1469 in Florence, Italy. One of the world's most influential political thinkers, Machiavelli served as a chancellor of the Florentine Republic during the time of the Medicis' exile. Thanks to his post, he traveled throughout Europe on diplomatic missions for more than a decade, acquiring a unique insight into the political workings of various regimes and rulers. When the Medicis returned to power, they saw Machiavelli as a threat, and he was jailed and exiled. It was during this time that he wrote his masterpiece, The Prince, in which he advocates a rise to power by any means necessary. Many believe that Machiavelli's Prince, a cunning and ruthless leader, is based on the notorious Cesare Borgia. Whether intended as a satire or a political handbook, The Prince has left an indelible mark on human history, which has seen numerous Machiavellian leaders.

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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