



MARCH MEETING

riunione marzo

Our March Membership Meeting was supposed to be at Pine Ridge Country Club @ 6:30p, and the speaker was supposed to be Brian Fife, Wine Manager of World Wines & Liquors in Mentor. Instead we had to cancel the meeting and we're all self-quarantined in our homes. What an experience. Let's all pray that this quarantine business only lasts a couple more weeks and our scientists and doctors get a handle on this COVID-19.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Prossimi eventi

APRIL aprile

4 April, Saturday:

AIH Charities "Italian Night" at Villa Croatia at the American-Croatian Lodge in Eastlake. CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

15 April, Wednesday

AIHC Executive Committee Meeting at Pastina Rustica Italian Restaurant @ 5:30p.

22 April, Wednesday

AIH Executive Committee Meeting at The Mentor Firefighters' Museum @ 6:30p. CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

29 April, Wednesday:

AIH Membership Meeting at Pine Ridge Country Club @ 6:30p. CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

MAY maggio

20 May, Wednesday

AIH Executive Committee Meeting at The Mentor Firefighters' Museum @ 6:30p.

27 May, Wednesday:

AIH Membership Meeting at Pine Ridge Country Club @ 6:30p. The Speaker will be Sister Phyllis Ann O.S.S.T. She will be speaking about the Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine on Chardon Road in Euclid.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Compleanni di aprile

Table with 2 columns: Name and Birth Date. Includes Frank Stinziano (10), Mark Schneider (14), Andy Arena (15), Gus Paolucci (19), Judge Mike Cicconetti (24), and Anthony Iliano Sr. (25).

When you see these members this month, if we're not still quarantined, be sure to wish them buon compleanno.

HEALTH AND WELFARE

salute e benessere

Member Gary Licate's mother, Barbara Mae Licate passed away on 16 March 2020 at the age of 85. Please keep her and Gary's family in your thoughts and prayers.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

The biennial election of AIH Officers and Trustees will occur at the June 2020 Membership Meeting. The ad hoc Nominations Committee has been organized and consists of Chairman Ron Wassum along with Bob Andreano and Gary Licate.

The committee is compiling their initial slate of candidates at this time. If you would like to be a candidate or know of a member who you would like to nominate, contact one of the committee members listed herein.

Ron Wassum: Ronald@LondonRidge.com
Bob Andreano: BobAndreano@hotmail.com
Gary Licate: GLicate64@roadrunner.com.

The final slate of candidates will be presented at the May Membership Meeting and the Slate will be closed. The elections will be held at the June Membership Meeting at Pine Ridge.

APRIL FOOLS' DAY

April Fools' Day is an annual custom on April 1, consisting of practical jokes and hoaxes. The player of the joke or hoax often exposes their action later by shouting "April fools" at the recipient. The recipients of these actions are called April fools. Mass media can be involved in these pranks, which may be revealed as such the following day. Although popular since the 19th century, the day is not a public holiday in any country. The only exception is Odessa in Ukraine, where the first of April is an official city holiday.

As well as people playing pranks on one another on April Fools' Day, elaborate pranks have appeared on radio and TV stations, newspapers, and websites, and have been performed by large corporations. In one famous prank in 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.1

The above information was taken from the 2020 Wikipedia

NATIONAL BEER DAY

National Beer Day is celebrated in the United States every year on April 7, marking the day that the Cullen-Harrison Act was enacted after having been signed into law by President Franklin D. Roosevelt on March 22, 1933. This led to the Eighteenth Amendment being repealed on December 5, 1933, with ratification of the Twenty-first Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

Upon signing the legislation, Roosevelt made his famous remark, "I think this would be a good time for a beer." The beer could contain up to 3.2% alcohol by weight (or 4.05% by volume) compared to the 0.5% limit of the Volstead Act, because 3.2% was considered too low to produce intoxication.

People across the country responded by gathering outside breweries, some beginning the night before. On that first day, 1.5 million barrels of beer were consumed, inspiring the future holiday. Today, April 7 is recognized as National Beer Day and April 6 is known as New Beer's Eve.

The Cullen-Harrison Act was not the official end of prohibition in the US, that happened on December 5, 1933 when the 21st Amendment was ratified. What the Cullen-Harrison Act did do was redefine an "intoxicating beverage" under the Volstead Act. As such, April 7 is a beer specific holiday and should not be confused with Repeal Day celebrated on December 5.

National Beer Day was first created in 2009 by Justin Smith of Richmond, Virginia. After much prodding from his friend, Mike Connolly, Smith started a Facebook page that was noticed by Colorado Beer Examiner, Eli Shayotovich. Smith's promotion of the new holiday via various social media outlets was rewarded when the beer drinking app, "Untappd", created a badge for National Beer Day that rewarded participants that checked a beer into the app on April 7.

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SPECIAL DAYS IN APRIL

- April 1: April Fools' Day
- April 1: National Walking Day
- April 2: National Burrito Day
- April 2: National PB & J Sandwich Day
- April 5: National Deep Dish Pizza Day
- April 7: National Beer Day
- April 9: National Winston Churchill Day
- April 10: National Siblings Day
- April 12: National Grilled Cheese Sandwich Day
- April 13: National Scrabble Day
- April 14: National Ex-Spouse Day
- April 18: National Husband Appreciation Day
- April 19: National Garlic Day
- April 22: National Jelly Bean Day
- April 26: National Pretzel Day
- April 27: National Prime Rib Day
- April 30: National Raisin Day

HOLY WEEK

Holy Week in Christianity is the week just before Easter. It is also the last week of Lent, in the West, – Palm Sunday, Holy Monday, Holy Tuesday, Holy Wednesday, Maundy Thursday (Holy Thursday), Good Friday, and Holy Saturday – are all included. However, Easter Day, which begins the season of Eastertide, is not. The earliest allusion to the custom of marking this week as a whole with special observances is to be found in the Apostolical Constitutions (v. 18, 19), dating from the latter half of the 3rd century and 4th century.

Of the particular days of the "great week" the earliest to emerge into special prominence was naturally Good Friday. Next came the *Sabbatum Magnum* ("Great Sabbath", i.e., Holy Saturday or Easter Eve) with its vigil, which in the early church was associated with an expectation that the second advent would occur on an Easter Day.

Today, in the Western Christian Church, among Lutherans, Anglicans, Methodists, Presbyterians and Catholics, the liturgies used for Holy Week are nearly identical.

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday, which may also be known as Passion Sunday in some denominations. Traditionally, Palm

Sunday commemorates the Triumphal entry into Jerusalem described in all four gospels.

Maundy Thursday (also known as Holy Thursday) commemorates the Last Supper, where Christ lays out the model for the Eucharist or Holy Communion. During the meal, Jesus predicted the events that would immediately follow, including his betrayal, the Denial of Peter, and his death and resurrection.

Good Friday commemorates the crucifixion of Jesus and his subsequent death. Commemorations of often solemn and mournful, many denominations use Good Friday to perform the Stations of the Cross, or other commemorations of the Passion, either as a self-guided time of reflection and veneration or as a procession of statues or images of the stations.

The name of the Easter Vigil, even if the vigil is held on what on the civil calendar is still Saturday, indicates that liturgically it is already Easter, no longer part of Holy Week, but still part of the Easter Triduum.

In the Anglican, Catholic, Methodist, and Presbyterian traditions, the Easter Vigil, one of the longest and most solemn of liturgical services, lasts up to three or four hours.

Easter Day, which immediately follows Holy Week and begins with the Easter Vigil, is the great feast day and apogee of the Christian liturgical year: on this day the Resurrection of Jesus Christ is celebrated. It is the first day of the new season of the Great Fifty Days, or Eastertide, which runs from Easter Day to Pentecost Sunday. The Resurrection of Christ on Easter Day is the main reason why Christians keep every Sunday as the primary day of religious observance.

The most famous Italian celebration of Holy Week is in Sicily, the Holy Week of Trapani, culminating in the Processione dei Misteri di Trapani or simply the *Misteri di Trapani* (in English the *Procession of the Mysteries of Trapani* or the *Mysteries of Trapani*), a day-long passion procession featuring twenty floats of lifelike wood, canvas and glue sculptures of individual scenes of the events of the Passion.

The Misteri are amongst the oldest continuously running religious events in Europe, having been played every Good Friday since before the Easter of 1612, and running

for at least 16 continuous hours, but occasionally well beyond the 24 hours; they are the longest religious festival in Sicily and in Italy. Similar but smaller or shorter passion processions are held in many other Sicilian cities, like Erice and Caltanissetta, but also in various Southern Italian cities, like Salerno and Taranto.

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MISSION STATEMENT

dichiarazione di missione

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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ATTACHMENTS

- 1. None