



NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER ottobre 2021

SEPTEMBER MEETING

Riunione settembre

Our guest speaker was one of our newest members, Chris Tucci, Lake County Juvenile Court Magistrate. Chris gave us a nice overview of the operations of the Lake County Juvenile Court system

UPCOMING EVENTS

Prossimi eventi

OCTOBER ottobre

1 October

Friday – AIHC Fund Raiser

LaVera Party Center in Willoughby Hills.

- The event will be called “Opera Night in Tuscany” (Serata opera italiana in Toscana).
- The time will be from 6:30p – 11:30p
- All boards and raffles will occur between 6:30p and 7:30p.
- At 7:30p everyone will be seated for dinner.
- There will be 3 opera singers performing throughout the evening (ala Cask 307).
- There will be 30+ baskets on which we can bid.
- There will be only 200 people seated at 25 8-top tables.
- The cost will be \$70.00 per person.
- Contact Bill Petrello for additional tickets.

27 October

Wednesday – Membership Meeting

Club Clam Bake at Pine Ridge Country Club.

Reservations and pre-payments are required. See Attachment 1 for more information and the Sign-up Sheet.

NOVEMBER novembre

17 November

Wednesday – Membership Meeting

6:30p at Buona Festa Social Club. Our speaker is yet to be determined.

Note, this is a week earlier than usual because of Thanksgiving.

DECEMBER dicembre

Club Meetings

Note, there is no Executive Committee Meeting or Membership Meeting in December.

12 December

Sunday – AIH Club Family Christmas Party

at Pine Ridge Country Club, 12:00p – 4:00p. The Event Committee is Bob Andreano, Gus Paolucci and John Perrotti.

- Parents bringing children to meet Santa must buy, wrap, and turn over their

presents to the Committee before the event, so Santa can distribute them to the children.

- There will be brunch served at stand-up tables.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Compleanni di ottobre

Angelo Cicconetti	2
Adolfo DeGennaro Sr.	2
Joe Petrarca Jr.	24

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

HEALTH AND WELFARE

salute e benessere

Committee Chair Richard O’Keefe reported the following at the September Meeting: Michael Fioritto, cousin of Mario Fioritto, passed away at the age of 27

SPECIAL DAYS IN OCTOBER

- 21 Oct: Count Your Buttons Day
- 24 Oct: Bologna Day
- 25 Oct: World Pasta Day
- 26 Oct: Howl at the Moon Day and Night
- 27 Oct: American Beer Day
- 29 Oct: Internet Day
- 30 Oct: Candy Corn Day
- 31 Oct: Magic Day

The above information was obtained from timeanddate.com/holidays/fun

COLUMBUS DAY OCTOBER 11

For the 400th anniversary of Christopher Columbus' voyage in 1492, following a lynching in New Orleans where a mob had murdered 11 Italian immigrants, President Benjamin Harrison declared Columbus Day as a one-time national celebration. The proclamation was part of a wider effort after the lynching incident to placate Italian Americans and ease diplomatic tensions with Italy. During the anniversary in 1892, teachers, preachers, poets, and politicians used rituals to teach ideals of patriotism. These rituals took themes such as citizenship boundaries, the importance of loyalty to the nation, and the celebration of social progress, included among them was the Pledge of Allegiance by Francis Bellamy.



Many Italian-Americans observe Columbus Day as a celebration of their heritage, and the first such celebration had already been held in New York City on October 12, 1866. The day was first enshrined as a legal holiday in the United States through the lobbying of Angelo Noce, a first-generation Italian, in Denver. The first statewide holiday was proclaimed by Colorado governor Jesse F. McDonald in 1905, and it was made a statutory holiday in 1907.

In 1934, as a result of lobbying by the Knights of Columbus and New York City Italian leader Generoso Pope, Congress passed a statute stating: "The President is requested to issue each year a proclamation (1) designating October 12 as Columbus Day; (2) calling on United States Government officials to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on Columbus Day; and (3) inviting the people of the United States to observe Columbus Day, in schools and churches, or other suitable places, with appropriate ceremonies that express the public sentiment befitting the anniversary of the discovery of America." President Franklin Delano Roosevelt responded by making such a proclamation. This proclamation did not lead to the modern federal holiday; it was similar to language regarding Thomas Jefferson's Birthday and Gold Star Mother's Day. Later in 1942, Roosevelt would have the removal of the designation of Italian Americans as "enemy aliens" announced on Columbus Day along with a plan to offer citizenship to 200,000 elderly Italians living in the United States who had been unable to acquire citizenship due to a literacy requirement.

In 1966, Mariano A. Lucca, from Buffalo, NY, founded the National Columbus Day Committee, which lobbied to make Columbus Day a federal holiday. These efforts were successful and legislation to create Columbus

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Day as a federal holiday was signed by President Johnson on June 28, 1968, to be effective beginning in 1971.

Since 1971 (Oct. 11), the holiday has been attributed to the second Monday in October, coincidentally exactly the same day as Thanksgiving in neighboring Canada since 1957. It is generally observed nowadays by banks, the bond market, the U.S. Postal Service, other federal agencies, most state government offices, many businesses, and most school districts. Some businesses and some stock exchanges remain open, and some states and municipalities abstain from observing the holiday. The traditional date of the holiday also adjoins the anniversary of the United States Navy (founded October 13, 1775), and thus both occasions are customarily observed by the Navy and the Marine Corps with either a 72- or 96-hour liberty period.

On October 10, 1992, Pope John Paul II visited the Dominican Republic to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Discovery of the Americas and the arrival of Christianity in the "New World". His visit ended with a mass in the nation's cathedral, the first cathedral in the Western Hemisphere.

Above information obtained from Wikipedia, 2021

SWEETEST DAY 16 OCTOBER

The first Sweetest Day was on October 10, 1921, in Cleveland. The Cleveland *Plain Dealer's* edition of October 8, 1922, which chronicles the first Sweetest Day in Cleveland, states that the first Sweetest Day was planned by a committee of 12 confectioners chaired by candymaker C. C. Hartzell. *The Sweetest Day in the Year Committee* distributed over 20,000 boxes of candy to "newsboys, orphans, old folks, and the poor" in Cleveland. The *Sweetest Day in the Year Committee* was assisted in the distribution of candy by some of the biggest movie stars of the day including Theda Bara and Ann Pennington.

There were also several attempts to start a "Sweetest Day" in New York City, including a declaration of a Candy Day throughout the United States by candy manufacturers on October 8, 1922. In 1927, *The New York Times* reported that "the powers that determine the nomenclature of the weeks of October" decreed that the week beginning on October

10, 1927, would be known as *Sweetest Week*. On September 25, 1937, *The New York Times* reported under *Advertising News and Notes* that The National Confectioners Association had launched a "movement throughout the candy industry" to rank Sweetest Day with the nationally accepted Mother's Day, Father's Day, and St. Valentine's Day.

In 1940, another Sweetest Day was proclaimed on October 19. The promotional event was marked by the distribution of more than 10,000 boxes of candy by the *Sweetest Day Committee*. The candy was distributed among 26 local charities. 225 children were given candy in the chapel at the *Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children* on October 17, 1940. 600 boxes of candy were also delivered to the presidents of the Jewish, Protestant and Catholic Big Sister groups of New York.

Above information obtained from Wikipedia, 2021

WORLD PASTA DAY 25 OCTOBER

At the World Pasta Congress held in Rome on the 25th day of October in 1995, pasta makers from around the world enthusiastically agreed that pasta - being a healthy, delicious, popular, sustainable, and convenient food - deserved annual worldwide recognition. Every year since 1998, in countries around the globe, World Pasta Day has been celebrated on October 25th.

This celebration of World Pasta Day draws increasing attention to the merits and benefits of pasta, its great taste, its healthfulness, and its simple convenience for people everywhere. Join families, chefs, and restaurants around the world every year on October 25th and celebrate World Pasta Day by trying a new recipe or two, or an old family-favorite, with your friends and family. And don't forget that the magical merits of pasta - taste, health, sustainability, and convenience - are worthy of celebration all year long!

www.worldpastaday.org

HALLOWEEN 31 OCTOBER

Halloween a contraction of "All Hallows' evening", also known as Allhalloween, All Hallows' Eve, or All Saints' Eve, is a celebration observed in many countries on 31 October, the eve of the Western Christian feast of All

Hallows' Day (All Saints Day). It begins the observance of Allhallowtide, the time in the liturgical year dedicated to remembering the dead, including saints (hallows), martyrs, and all the faithful departed.

One theory holds that many Halloween traditions may have been influenced by ancient Celtic harvest festivals, particularly the Gaelic festival Samhain, which may have had pagan roots. Some scholars hold that Samhain may have been Christianized as All Hallows' Day, along with its eve, by the early Church. Other academics believe, however, that Halloween began solely as a Christian holiday, being the vigil of All Hallows' Day.



Halloween activities include trick-or-treating (or the related guising and souling), attending Halloween costume parties, carving pumpkins into jack-o'-lanterns, lighting bonfires, apple bobbing, divination games, playing pranks, visiting haunted attractions, telling scary stories, as well as watching horror films. In many parts of the world, the Christian religious observances of All Hallows' Eve, including attending church services and lighting candles on the graves of the dead, remain popular, although elsewhere it is a more commercial and secular celebration. Some Christians historically abstained from meat on All Hallows' Eve, a tradition reflected in the eating of certain vegetarian foods on this vigil day, including apples, potato pancakes, and soul cakes.

Above information obtained from Wikipedia, 2021

OCTOBER FESTIVALS AND EVENTS IN ITALY

Truffle Festivals and Fairs

Some of the biggest truffle festivals in Italy take place in the Piedmont, Tuscany, Umbria, Le Marche, and Emilia Romagna regions during October and November. Among them, the biggest is the Alba White Truffle Festival, which



takes place on weekends throughout October and November in the Piedmont town of Alba and features local cuisine, wine sampling, a donkey race, and several other family-friendly activities and events.

In Tuscany, you can stop by Volterra's Mostra Micologica in mid-October, to learn about truffles and the many types of mushrooms, both edible and poisonous, found in Italy. At the end of October into early November in Le Marche, you can visit the "truffle capital of Italy" in Acqualagna for its white truffle fair. Other October fairs include Mostra Mercato del Tartufo ("Trade Fair of Truffles") in Pietralunga, Umbria, and a black truffle fair in Calestano every Sunday from mid-October through mid-November.

Bocccacesca in Certaldo Alto

Enjoy mild and sunny weather while you get a taste of iconic regional wines like Chianti Classico or Brunello of Montalcino at Bocccacesca, an annual gastronomic fair in Certaldo Alto, Tuscany, that takes place in early October. The festival features food stalls where you can sample and buy some of Tuscany's best products, including its world-renowned bread.

Certaldo Alto is just a 30-minute drive from Florence, which makes it an easy drive if you want to get out of the city to see more of Tuscany's bright fall foliage, especially during Bocccacesca. Even if you can't make it for the festival, though, October in this well-preserved Medieval town offers a unique opportunity to wander the streets of old Certaldo Alto without all the crowds that gather during the summer tourist season.

Eurochocolate in Perugia

Fans of rich, Italian chocolates will certainly enjoy Eurochocolate, an annual festival that takes place in mid-October in Perugia, which is famous for its Perugina Baci chocolates. Besides all things chocolate, there's music, wine tastings, and workshops.

The 25th Annual International Chocolate Festival is held at various venues in Perugia from mid- to late October. The main attraction is a chocolate sculpture on display at the Piazza IV Novembre throughout the event.

Rome Film Festival

From mid- to late October, the Annual Rome Film Festival will take place at the Auditorium

Parco della Musica and various other venues in the city. The Rome Film Festival includes international movie premieres, competitions in several genres and forms, several red-carpet events, and plenty of industry parties and mixers for professionals and tourists alike.

Barcolana Regatta in Trieste

In early October, the storied Barcolana Regatta (boat race) returns to Trieste for one of the biggest boating events in the world. All manner of boats will race, and there will be illuminated boat parades at night as well. More than 2,000 sailing vessels of all varieties converge in the Adriatic Sea near Trieste for this special festival, which includes plenty of music, food, and wine.

Sagra del Tordo in Montalcino

Sagra del Tordo, or Feast of the Thrush, is a medieval re-enactment of an archery tournament that takes place in Montalcino, Tuscany, on the last weekend in October.

Long celebrated as a competition between the four neighborhoods of the city, each district wears designated colors: Borghetto (white and red), Pianello (white and blue); Ruga (yellow and blue), and Travaglio (yellow and red). Events include a folklore dance at the Piazza del Popolo, a historical parade to the Provaccia di archery shooting range, an auction, a blessing of the archers, and the official tournament itself on Sunday to close out the festival.

Halloween and All Saint's Eve Celebrations

Although Halloween (or All Saint's Eve) is not an official holiday or a big celebration in Italy, it's becoming more popular. You might find Halloween events in the larger cities, including costume parties at local bars, restaurants, and dance clubs. In some cities and towns, kids might go trick-or-treating door-to-door.

tripsavvy.com/october-festivals-and-events-in-italy

A LITTLE LIGHT TRIVIA

First of all... I apologize for duplicating the July Light Trivia items in the August Newsletter. Oops.

Why do we say that someone with a hidden agenda has an "axe to grind"?

As a boy, Benjamin Franklin was sharpening tools in his father's yard when a stranger carrying an axe came by and praised the boy on how good he was with the grindstone. He

then asked Franklin if he would show him how it would work on his own axe. Once his axe was sharpened, the stranger simply laughed and walked away, giving young Franklin a valuable lesson about people with "an axe to grind."

The above information was obtained from The Little Book of Answers by Doug Lennox.

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 2020 – 30 June 2022

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Clam Bake Sign-up Sheet

COMMENTS TO THE EDITOR

If you have any questions or comments about, or suggestions for this newsletter, please put your thoughts in an email and send them to me at GPizzuti@GlennPizzutiArchitect.com