



**APRIL CLUB MEETING**

Riunione aprile

At the April Membership Meeting we had a speaker who joins us annually, and who always signals the start of summer for us, the one and only Bob DiBiasio, Senior Vice President Public Affairs from the Cleveland Guardians Baseball Team.

Bob reminisced about how Rocky Colavito used to select his bats and how Albert Belle used to insist his bats be stored.

He talked about two hot young pitchers that we should be watching for in our Minor League teams, Daniel Espino and Gavin Williams.



Then he talked about some changes that MLB has made to improve the game.

- He said the bases have been enlarged from 15" x 15" to 18" x 18" and they have been given a lower profile. Apparently, that has increased the number of hitters getting singles as well as runners stealing bases.
- He also said that catchers no longer must rely on using their fingers to ask the pitcher what he wants to throw next. They now wear a type of wristwatch with an array of numbers that represent each of the possible pitches. The wristwatch is wirelessly connected to ear buds that the catcher, pitcher, and any fielder who wants one can wear. The catcher simply touches a number for the pitch that he thinks is appropriate and the pitcher can accept it or shake it off. This way anybody on the team can know which pitch is coming up next.

These are just a few of the many things that Bobbie shared with the club.

**AIHC SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS**

The 2022/2023 AIH Charities Scholarship and Member Educational Grant Applications and Instructions are now posted on the website. The deadline for submitting your applications is 16 May 2022.



**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Prossimi eventi

**MAY maggio**

**18 May, Wednesday**

**AIH Executive Committee Meeting**

Venue: Mama Roberto's Front Dining Room

Time: 6:00p

**25 May, Wednesday**

**AIH Membership Meeting**

Venue: The Buona Festa Social Club

Time: 6:00p

Special Event: Presentation of Slate of Nominees for Officers and Trustees for FY23 and FY24.

Speaker: Tim "I'll make them pay" Mizny.

*Be sure to get your name on the roster for dinner.*

**JUNE giugno**

**22 June, Wednesday**

**AIH Executive Committee Meeting**

Venue: Mama Roberto's Front Dining Room

Time: 6:00p

**29 June, Wednesday**

**AIH Membership Meeting**

Venue: The Buona Festa Social Club

Time: 6:00p

Special Event: Election of Officers and Trustees for FY23 and FY24.

Speaker: Robert Fatica, wine maker

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**JULY luglio**

**20 July, Wednesday**

**AIH Executive Committee Meeting**

Venue: Mama Roberto's Front Dining Room

Time: 6:00p

**23 July, Saturday**

**AIHC Fund Raiser**

Venue: Hungarian Culture Club in Fairport Harbor

Time: Doors open at 5:00p, dinner at 6:00p

Dinner: Prepared by Regovich Catering

Cost: \$50.00 per person

Capacity: 100 – 125 people

Bocce Courts will be available for club use

Speaker: TBD

**27 July, Wednesday**

**AIH Membership Meeting**

Venue: The Buona Festa Social Club

Time: 6:00p

Speaker: TBD.

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**AUGUST agosto**

**24 August, Wednesday**

**AIH Executive Committee Meeting**

Venue: Mama Roberto's Front Dining Room

Time: 6:00p

**31 August, Wednesday**

**AIH Membership Meeting and Club Bocce' Tournament**

Venue: Club Molisani in Wickliffe

Time: 6:00p

**SEPTEMBER settembre**

**21 September, Wednesday**

**AIH Executive Committee Meeting**

Venue: Mama Roberto's Front Dining Room

Time: 6:00p

**28 September, Wednesday**

**AIH Membership Meeting & Club Clam Bake**

Venue: Either Club Molisani or The Hungarian Culture Club

Time: 6:00p

**OCTOBER ottobre**

**19 October, Wednesday**

**AIH Executive Committee Meeting**

Venue: Mama Roberto's Front Dining Room

Time: 6:00p

**26 October, Wednesday**

**AIH Membership Meeting**

Venue: The Buona Festa Social Club

Time: 6:00p

Speaker: TBD.

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### NOVEMBER novembre

16 November, Wednesday

#### AIH Executive Committee Meeting

Venue: Mama Roberto's Front Dining Room

Time: 6:00p

30 November, Wednesday

#### AIH Membership Meeting

Venue: The Buona Festa Social Club

Time: 6:00p

Speaker: TBD.

### DECEMBER dicembre

In accordance with our Bylaws, there is no scheduled Executive Committee Meeting or Membership Meeting in December.

00 December, Sunday

#### AIH Family Christmas Party – TENTATIVE

## MAY BIRTHDAYS

Compleanni di maggio

Angelo LaSpina.....	03
Tony Vitantonio.....	03
Ron Terriaco.....	05
Dan Farina.....	06
Norman Ingrassia.....	06
Mike Camino.....	07
Marty Norsic.....	08
Ken Mancuso.....	12
Ralph Lombardo.....	13
Bill Petrello.....	21
Dr. Alfonso Rossi.....	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 had no names for this month's Health and Welfare paragraph. Amen...

## SPECIAL DAYS IN MAY

- 01 May: Batman Day
- 03 May: Ohio's Primary Election Day
- 04 May: Star Wars Day
- 05 May: Cinco de Mayo
- 08 May: Mother's Day
- 10 May: Clean Up Your Room Day
- 11 May: Eat What You Want Day
- 14 May: Dance Like a Chicken Day
- 15 May: Chocolate Chip Day
- 20 May: Pizza Party Day
- 21 May: Talk Like Yoda Day
- 28 May: Hamburger Day

30 May: Memorial Day

31 May: Macaroon Day

The above information was obtained from [timeanddate.com/holidays/fun](http://timeanddate.com/holidays/fun)

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES

The biennial election of AIH Officers and Trustees will occur this year in June. This will be for a term from 1 July 2022 thru 30 June 2024.

The Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Bob Studniarz, read the slate of candidate as of 27 Apr 22 at the April Membership Meeting, then asked for nominations from the floor.

There being no accepted nominations from the floor, the slate currently stand as follows:

### FOR THE OFFICER'S SEATS

President.....	Gus Paolucci
Vice President.....	Ron Wassum
Secretary.....	Glenn Pizzuti
Treasurer.....	Bill Petrello

### FOR THE TRUSTEE'S SEATS

Trustee.....	Rio DeGennaro Jr.
Trustee.....	James Federico Sr.
Trustee.....	John Perrotti
Trustee.....	Anthony Illiano Sr.
Trustee.....	Ken Mancuso
Trustee.....	Carmen Cesa
Trustee.....	Carmen Federico
Trustee.....	Bill Gaglione
Trustee.....	Brett Wassum



The Slate of Nominees running for the Officers and Trustees positions will be presented again at the May 2022 Membership Meeting. At that point the slate will be closed, and the election will be held at the June 2022 Membership Meeting.

The Chairman of the Nominating Committee is Bob Studniarz. If you would like to be a

candidate for one of the positions, please contact Bob Studniarz at 440-567-4344 or [RStudniarz54@outlook.com](mailto:RStudniarz54@outlook.com)

## MOTHER'S DAY 8 MAY

The modern holiday of Mother's Day was first celebrated in 1908, when Anna Jarvis held a memorial for her mother at St Andrew's Methodist Church in Grafton, West Virginia. St Andrew's Methodist Church now holds the International Mother's Day Shrine. Her campaign to make Mother's Day a recognized holiday in the United States began in 1905, the year her mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, died. Ann Jarvis had been a peace activist who cared for wounded soldiers on both sides of the American Civil War, and created Mother's Day Work Clubs to address public health issues. Anna Jarvis wanted to honor her mother by continuing the work she started and to set aside a day to honor all mothers because she believed a mother is "the person who has done more for you than anyone in the world".

In 1908, the U.S. Congress rejected a proposal to make Mother's Day an official holiday, joking that they would also have to proclaim a "Mother-in-law's Day". However, owing to the efforts of Anna Jarvis, by 1911 all U.S. states observed the holiday, with some of them officially recognizing Mother's Day as a local holiday, the first being West Virginia, Jarvis' home state, in 1910. In 1914, Woodrow Wilson signed a proclamation designating Mother's Day, held on the second Sunday in May, as a national holiday to honor mothers.

Although Jarvis was successful in founding Mother's Day, she became resentful of the commercialization of the holiday. By the early 1920s, Hallmark Cards and other companies had started selling Mother's Day cards. Jarvis believed that the companies had misinterpreted and exploited the idea of Mother's Day, and that the emphasis of the holiday was on sentiment, not profit. As a result, she organized boycotts of Mother's Day, and threatened to issue lawsuits against the companies involved. Jarvis argued that people should appreciate and honor their mothers through handwritten letters expressing their love and gratitude, instead of buying gifts and pre-made cards. Jarvis protested at a candy makers' convention in Philadelphia in 1923,

and at a meeting of American War Mothers in 1925. By this time, carnations had become associated with Mother's Day, and the selling of carnations by the American War Mothers to raise money angered Jarvis, who was arrested for disturbing the peace.

In 1912 Anna Jarvis trademarked the phrase "Second Sunday in May, Mother's Day, Anna Jarvis, Founder", and created the Mother's Day International Association. She specifically noted that "Mother's" should "be a singular possessive, for each family to honor its own mother, not a plural possessive commemorating all mothers in the world." This is also the spelling used by U.S. President Woodrow Wilson in his 1914 presidential proclamation, by the U.S. Congress in relevant bills, and by various U.S. presidents in their proclamations concerning Mother's Day.

While the United States holiday was adopted by some other countries, existing celebrations, held on different dates honoring motherhood, have become described as "Mother's Day", such as Mothering Sunday in the United Kingdom or, in Greece, the Eastern Orthodox celebration of the presentation of Jesus Christ to the temple (2 February of Julian Calendar). Both the secular and religious Mother Day are present in Greece. Mothering Sunday is often referred to as "Mother's Day" even though it is an unrelated celebration.

Mother's Day in Italy was celebrated for the first time on 24 December 1933 as the "Day of the mother and the child" (*Giornata della madre e del fanciullo*). It was instituted by the Opera nazionale maternità e infanzia in order to publicly reward the most prolific Italian women every year.

After World War II, Mother's Day was first celebrated on 12 May 1957 in Assisi, at the initiative of Reverend Otello Migliosi, the parish priest of the Tordibetto church. This celebration was so popular that in the following year Mother's Day was adopted throughout Italy. On 18 December 1958, a proposal was presented to the Italian Senate to make the holiday official.

*The above information was taken from the 2022 Wikipedia*

## MAY IN ITALY

### Weather in Italy in May?

Days are getting longer, the sunshine is getting warmer, rainy days are abating. In May, most Italians begin to move outdoors to parks, squares, gardens, bars, and restaurants.

Spring is a transitional season, so the weather is still prone to instability in May. The beginning of the month can be rainy and cold, but it can also be roasting. For instance, 2019, Rome experienced its coldest May in 62 years. Whereas in 2015, Rome had an early May heat wave.

### May Holidays, Festivals, and Other Events in Italy

#### May 1 – Labor Day/May Day

L'Italia è una Repubblica democratica, fondata sul lavoro.

"Italy is a democratic Republic founded on labor," is the first line of Article 1 of the Italian Constitution and is an important motto for the May 1 holiday. The first of May (Primo Maggio) is Labor Day in Italy and many other parts of the world. Also known as Festa del Lavoro or Festa dei Lavoratori, Labor Day is a national holiday in Italy and is traditionally commemorated with demonstrations by various labor unions. In Rome, the day is celebrated with a huge televised concert in Piazza San Giovanni in Laterano.

#### May 1 – Festival of the Snake Catchers



This fascinating and, frankly, fearsome festival, known in Italian as *Festa dei Serpari*, takes place in Cocullo, Abruzzo. It features a wooden statue of San Domenico di Sora draped with dozens of wild snakes and paraded through town.

The spectacle is derived from pagan worship of the goddess Angitia and was later merged with the worship of San Domenico when Christianity became the religion of the land. San Domenico

is the patron saint protector against snake bites and toothaches.

#### Maggio Musicale Fiorentino in Florence

Classical music, dance, and theater are highlighted at this month-long arts and music festival in Florence.

#### May 8-11 – Calendimaggio in Assisi, Umbria

This yearly event with medieval origins is a celebration of the return of spring that includes good-spirited competitions between the upper and lower sections of the city of Assisi. The festival features food and parades, as well as a lot of activity centered around the Basilica of Saint Francis.

#### Second Sunday in May – Mother's Day

Italy celebrates the Festa della Mamma on the same date that the U.S. and much of the world does, on the second Sunday in May. (Father's Day in Italy is in March, not June.)

#### May 15 – Festa dei Ceri in Gubbio, Umbria



Gubbio's running of the "Ceri," or candles, is one of Umbria's biggest events of the year. The Festa dei Ceri's highlight is the medieval candle race, in which costumed participants race up Mount Ingino carrying enormous wooden candles. There is also a crossbow tournament, food fairs, and more.

#### Mid-May – Noto Infiolata in Noto, Sicily

Usually taking place around 18 May, Noto Infiolata is an event in which the UNESCO World Heritage city of Noto, Sicily, is carpeted with flowers in a variety of designs based on a theme. Noto is not the only city to hold an Infiolata, but it is one of the best known.

#### Last Sunday in May – Palio of Ferrara

Held in Piazza Ariostea in Ferrara on the last Sunday in May, the medieval equestrian competition pits the eight *contrade* (districts) of the city against one another, four neighborhoods inside the city walls and four villages outside the city walls. First codified in a decree in 1279, the Palio of Ferrara is



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considered the oldest Palio in the world. (In 2021, this event has been postponed until September 19.)

### Late May – Palio of the Ancient Maritime Republics (Amalfi, Genoa, Pisa, Venice)

Yet another medieval-era event, the Palio delle Repubbliche Marinare pits the four ancient Italian maritime powers – Amalfi, Genoa, Pisa, and Venice – in a yearly boat race at one of the four sites. The event is also known as the Regata Storica delle Antiche Repubbliche Marinare d'Italia.

### Late May – Cortili Aperti (Open Courtyards)

Art and architecture lovers will relish this opportunity to visit Cortili Aperti or Open Courtyards. The annual event hosted by ADSI gives visitors a glimpse into otherwise private estates.

### Late May – Cantine Aperte (Open Cellars)

May is a great opportunity to sample some of Italy's finest wines. On the last weekend of the month, more than 900 wine makers throughout Italy open their doors to oenophiles with inexpensive (or free) flights of wine, plus information on winemaking techniques, proper storage, and food pairings.

[italofile.com/may-italy](http://italofile.com/may-italy)

## ARMED FORCES DAY MEMORIAL DAY AND VETERANS DAY

There are three days each year that we recognize the service and sacrifices of members of our Armed Forces. These days are not interchangeable, and they are not days set aside to recognize just anyone who has passed away, or their pets, as I see in some newspapers. They are intended to recognize members our Armed Forces only.

**Armed Forces Day** this year falls on Saturday, 21 May. Armed Forces Day honors all members of the military currently serving in any branch of our Armed Forces.

**Memorial Day** this year falls on Monday, 30 May. Memorial Day honors all members of the military who have died while serving in any branch of our 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 Friday, 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 who have served in any branch of our Armed Forces.



## PRIMARY ELECTIONS

Primary elections, often abbreviated to primaries, are a process by which voters can indicate their preference for their party's candidate, or a candidate in general, in an upcoming general election, local election, or by-election. Depending on the country and administrative divisions within the country, voters might consist of the general public in what is called an open primary, or solely the members of a political party in what is called a closed primary.

The origins of primary elections can be traced to the progressive movement in the United States, which aimed to take the power of candidate nomination from party leaders to the people. However, political parties control the method of nomination of candidates for office in the name of the party. Other methods of selecting candidates include caucuses, internal selection by a party body such as a convention or party congress, direct nomination by the party leader, and nomination meetings.

The United States is one of a handful of countries to select candidates through popular vote in a primary election system; most other countries rely on party leaders or party members to select candidates, as was previously the case in the U.S. In modern politics, primary elections have been described as a vehicle for taking decision-making from

political insiders to the voters, though political science research indicates that the formal party organizations retain significant influence over nomination outcomes. The selection of candidates for federal, state, and local general elections takes place in primary elections organized by the public administration for the general voting public to participate in for the purpose of nominating the respective parties' official candidates; state voters start the electoral process for governors and legislators through the primary process, as well as for many local officials from city councilors to county commissioners.

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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 2020 – 30 June 2022

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Vice President .....Ronald Wassum  
Secretary .....Glenn Pizzuti  
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Trustee (a)..... Anthony Illano Sr.  
Trustee (a)..... Ken Mancuso  
Trustee (Immediate Past Pres.) ..... David Vegh

## ATTACHMENTS

None

## 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](mailto:GPizzuti@GlennPizzutiArchitect.com)