



NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER ottobre 2022

SEPTEMBER CLUB MEETING

Riunione Settembre

Our September Membership Meeting was our annual Clam Bake. The venue this year was Fassionation Park in Madison, Ohio. Over seventy members and guests participated. A thanks to Ron Wassum and his crew for organizing the event, and a special thanks to member Mario Bertone for obtaining the use of the park for the event.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Prossimi eventi

OCTOBER ottobre

19 October, Wednesday

AIH Executive Committee Meeting

Venue: Mama Roberto's Front Dining Room

Time: 5:30p

26 October, Wednesday

AIH Membership Meeting

Venue: The Buona Festa Social Club

Time: 6:00p

Speaker: Skip Trombetti, professional photographer, and author.

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

NOVEMBER novembre

16 November, Wednesday

AIH Executive Committee Meeting

Venue: Mama Roberto's Front Dining Room

Time: 5:30p

26 November, Saturday

OSU v Univ of Mich Football Game 50/50

As they usually do, AIH Charities has a 50/50 board for the OSU v Univ of Mich Football Game. The squares are \$50.00 each and may be obtained from Bill Petrello or Dave Vegh.

See the attached flyer for more information.

30 November, Wednesday

AIH Membership Meeting

Venue: The Buona Festa Social Club

Time: 6:00p

Speaker: David Somrack, Owner of Royal Havana Cigars

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

DECEMBER dicembre

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

10 December, Saturday

AIH Family Christmas Party

Venue: The Buona Festa Social Club

Time: 2:00p – 4:00p

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Compleanni di ottobre

Angelo Cicconetti 2

Adolfo DeGennaro..... 2

Joe Petrarca Jr..... 24

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

HEALTH AND WELFARE

salute e benessere

Committee Chair Richard O'Keefe had advised us that he is not aware of any issues this month. Amen.

SPECIAL DAYS IN OCTOBER

01 Oct: International Coffee Day

04 Oct: Taco Day

08 Oct: Pierogi Day

24 Oct: Bologna Day

26 Oct: Howl at the Moon Day (or Night)

27 Oct: American Beer Day

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

OCTOBER IN ITALY

October is one of the months of Italy's shoulder season, which means that there are usually fewer tourists and shorter lines at attractions. There are lots of local food and wine festivals during this month.

Weather in Italy in October?

Though the rain starts to ramp up in October, it is a pleasant time to visit thanks to still-warm

days and refreshingly cool breezes. Precipitation is slightly lower in October than it is in November, Italy's rainiest month.

High temperatures in October in northern Italy, which includes Milan, Venice, Bologna, and Turin, average in the mid- to high-70s °F. Northern Italy gets about eight days of rain in October.

October can be a great time to visit Rome and Florence, where average daily highs reach the low 70s °F. But you can expect some rain during your visit. Central Italy averages more than eight days of rain in October, or about two rainy days per week.

Southern Italy also starts to see rain in October. Naples and other southern cities on the peninsula as well as Sicily see about seven to nine days of rain in October. Sardinia averages about four rainy days in October. Temperatures in southern Italy in October range from highs in the low to mid-seventies to lows in the high 50s and low 60s.

October in Italy: Holidays, Festivals, and other Events

Early October – Festival Verdi

Giuseppe Verdi, who was born in the province of Parma, in Emilia Romagna, is honored each October with a festival featuring his most famous and lesser-known works. Throughout the city of Parma and in Busseto, the town of Verdi's birth, there will be staged operas, concerts, and other events. The events often start in late September and run for a few weeks in October.

Mid-October – La Barcolana Sailing Contest, Trieste

"The largest regatta in the world" takes place in the Gulf of Trieste on the second Sunday of October. Prepare to be awed by the sight of more than 2,000 sailboats competing against one another on a sixteen nautical mile course.

Mid- to Late October – Eurochocolate, Perugia

The chocolate extravaganza known as Eurochocolate takes place yearly in the Umbrian capital of Perugia. The event is a chance to taste some of the world's best chocolate, learn new cooking methods, and more.

Americans of Italian Heritage

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October 31 – Halloween

Though Halloween's origins developed from both ancient Roman (Feralia) and early Christian traditions, the holiday is not celebrated in Italy the way that it is in the United States. Thanks, or no thanks, to the commercialization of the holiday, Italians are aware of the traditions of Halloween, such as dressing up in a costume, trick-or-treating, etc. but you will not see this aspect of the holiday, save for at clubs and bars that want to get in on the pagan fun. However, the fact that November 1, also known as All Saints' Day, is a public holiday in Italy has helped Halloween's popularity increase over the years.

The above information was taken from italofile.com/October-Italy

CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS

Columbus Day was originally observed every October 12th, but it was changed to the second Monday in October in 1971.

Between 1492 and 1504, Italian explorer Christopher Columbus led four Spanish transatlantic maritime expeditions of discovery to the Americas. These voyages led to the widespread knowledge of the New World. This breakthrough inaugurated the period known as the Age of Discovery, which saw the colonization of the Americas, a related biological exchange, and trans-Atlantic trade. These events, the effects and consequences of which persist to the present, are often cited as the beginning of the modern era.

Born in the Republic of Genoa, Columbus was a navigator who sailed for the Crown of Castile (a predecessor to the modern Kingdom of Spain) in search of a westward route to the Indies, thought to be the East Asian source of spices and other precious oriental goods obtainable only through arduous overland routes. Columbus was partly inspired by 13th-century Italian explorer Marco Polo in his ambition to explore Asia and never admitted his failure in this, incessantly claiming and pointing to supposed evidence that he had reached the East Indies. Ever since, the Bahamas as well as the islands of the Caribbean have been referred to as the West Indies.

At the time of Columbus's voyages, the Americas were inhabited by Indigenous Americans. Soon after first contact, Eurasian

diseases such as smallpox began to devastate the indigenous populations. Columbus participated in the beginning of the Spanish conquest of the Americas, which involved brutally treating and enslaving the natives in the range of thousands.

Columbus died in 1506, and the next year, the New World was named "America" after Amerigo Vespucci, who realized that it was a unique landmass. The search for a westward route to Asia was completed in 1521, when another Spanish voyage, the Magellan-Elcano expedition sailed across the Pacific Ocean and reached Southeast Asia, before returning to Europe and completing the first circumnavigation of the world.



The above information was taken from the 2022 Wikipedia

THE WORLD SERIES 28 OCT 22

Now that the Guardians have clinched their Division Championship, let us talk about the World Series. The World Series is the annual championship series of Major League Baseball (MLB) in the United States and Canada, contested since 1903 between the champion teams of the American League (AL) and the National League (NL). The winner of the World Series championship is determined through a best-of-seven playoff, and the winning team is awarded the Commissioner's Trophy.

Prior to the AL and NL being split into divisions in 1969, the team with the best regular-season win-loss record in each league automatically clinched its league's pennant and advanced to the World Series, barring the rare tie necessitating a pennant playoff. Since then each league has conducted a League Championship Series (ALCS and NLCS) preceding the World Series to determine which teams will advance, while those series have in turn been preceded by Division Series (ALDS and NLDS) since 1995 and by wild card games in each league since 2012. The World Series

has been contested 117 times as of 2021, with the AL winning 66 and the NL winning 51.



Until 2002, home-field advantage in the World Series alternated from year to year between the AL and NL. From 2003 to 2016, home-field advantage was given to the league that won that year's All-Star Game. Starting in 2017, home-field advantage was awarded to the league champion team with the better regular-season win-loss record.

Until the formation of the American Association in 1882 as a second major league, the National Association of Professional Base Ball Players (1871–1875) and then the National League (founded in 1876) represented the top level of organized baseball in the United States. All championships were awarded to the team with the best record at the end of the season, without a postseason series being played. From 1884 to 1890, the National League and the American Association faced each other in a series of games at the end of the season to determine an overall champion. These series were disorganized in comparison to the modern World Series, with the terms arranged through negotiation of the owners of the championship teams beforehand. The number of games played ranged from as few as three in 1884 (Providence defeated New York three games to zero), to a high of fifteen in 1887 (Detroit beat St. Louis ten games to five). Both the 1885 and



1890 Series ended in ties, each team having won three games with one tie game.

The series was promoted and referred to as "The Championship of the United States", "World's Championship Series", or "World's Series" for short. In his book *Krakatoa: The Day the World Exploded: August 27, 1883*, Simon Winchester mentions in passing that the World Series was named for the *New York World* newspaper, but this view is widely disputed.

The 19th-century competitions are, however, not officially recognized as part of World Series history by Major League Baseball, as it considers 19th-century baseball to be a prologue to the modern baseball era. Until about 1960, some sources treated the 19th-century Series on an equal basis with the post-19th-century series. After about 1930, however, many authorities list the start of the World Series in 1903 and discuss the earlier contests separately.

The 1948 World Series was played between the American League champion Cleveland Indians and the National League champion Boston Braves. The Braves had won the National League pennant for the first time since the "Miracle Braves" team of 1914, while the Indians had spoiled a chance for the only all-Boston World Series by winning a one-game playoff against the Boston Red Sox for the American League pennant. Though superstar pitcher Bob Feller failed to win either of his two starts, the Indians won the Series in six games to capture their second championship and their first since 1920 (as well as their last to the present date).

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PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION TRIVIA

The Midterm Elections are coming up next month on Tuesday, 8 November. Although this will not be a Presidential Election, I thought I might list a few Presidential Election Trivia items for your review.

- The only "clean" election in American history was most likely the first one in 1789, when George Washington ran unopposed. Even then, Alexander Hamilton was trying to pilfer votes away

from the potential vice president, John Adams.

- The first U.S. presidential election was in 1789. Only white men who owned property could vote, a stipulation that prohibited 94% of the population from casting a ballot. It was not until 1856 that the U. S. Congress removed property ownership as a requirement to vote in elections.
- Before the 1804, the presidential candidate who received the second highest electoral votes became vice-president.
- During the 1872 election, presidential incumbent Ulysses S. Grant ran against a corpse. His opponent, Horace Greeley, died before the election was finalized. Grant won the election. It is the only time in US history that a candidate died during the electoral process
- George Washington blew his entire campaign budget on 160 gallons of liquor to serve to potential voters.
- The Constitution does not state when Election Day should be, which meant that in the early 1800s, people could vote from April to December. In 1845, Congress decided that voting day would be the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, which was after the fall harvest and before winter conditions made travel too difficult.
- Jehovah Witnesses do not vote in presidential elections.
- During the 1776 presidential campaign, Thomas Jefferson secretly hired a writer named James Callender to attack his opponent, John Adams, in print. Callender called Adams a "hermaphroditical character" who neither had the "force of a man" or the "gentleness of a woman." Callender was later jailed for insurrection.
- Democrats use a donkey as their mascot thanks to Andrew Jackson. When his critics called him a "jackass" because of his populist views, he embraced the image, even using it alongside his slogan, "Let the people rule."
- Until 1937, presidents were not sworn in until March 4 because it took so long to count and report ballots. In light of better technology, the 20th amendment moved

inauguration day to noon on January 20th.

- When Democrat Stephen A. Douglas called Abraham Lincoln "two-faced" during an election year, Lincoln replied, "If I had another face, do you think I would wear this one?"
- The first election to use a voting machine was in 1892. Though it was actually invented earlier, candidates initially opposed the idea because it eliminated the wheeling and dealing for votes over the phone.
- During the 1920 presidential election, a candidate from a third party, Eugene V. Debs, ran his presidential campaign from prison. He was in jail for opposing WW I. He ultimately won 3% of the popular vote.
- George Washington gave the shortest inauguration speech at 135 words. William Henry Harrison's was the longest, at 8,445 words. He spoke for over two hours in a heavy snowstorm, which made him catch a cold and ultimately die from pneumonia one month later.
- American astronauts on the International Space Station can vote in elections from orbit by secure email.
- The oldest presidential candidate to be elected was Joe Biden at 78 years of age. The youngest was John F. Kennedy at 43 years of age. Theodore Roosevelt was actually the youngest President however at age 42, but that was because President McKinley died, and Roosevelt was the Vice President.
- In the 1984 presidential election, Ronald Reagan received both the highest number of popular votes and the highest number of electoral votes in the history of U.S. presidential elections. These numbers have yet to be surpassed by another presidential candidate.
- Grover Cleveland was the only candidate ever to be elected to one term, defeated for a second term, and then elected again four years later. Thus, he became both the 22nd president and the 24th president.
- John Quincy Adams was the only president to have lost both the popular vote and electoral vote and still become president. Because nobody won the electoral vote, the U.S. House of Representatives, under the Twelfth



Amendment, voted Adams in with a "Contingency Election."

- The 1800 election year was so heated that Vice President Aaron Burr ended up killing Alexander Hamilton in a duel.
- It is illegal to drink alcohol in Kentucky and South Carolina on election day.
- During the John Quincy and Andrew Jackson election year, American politics sounds more like bathroom graffiti than political commentary. For example, Jackson called John Quincy a pimp, and Quincy called Jackson's wife a slut and his mother a prostitute.
- Franklin D. Roosevelt was elected president an astonishing four terms before the 22nd Amendment set term limits.

A LITTLE TRIVIA

Where did the coffee habit come from?

Muslims were the first to develop coffee. As early as 1524 they were using it as a replacement for the wine they were forbidden to drink. According to legend, an astute Arab herder noticed that his goats became skittish after chewing on the berries of a certain bush, so he sampled a few himself and found them to be invigorating. The region of Abyssinia where this took place is named Kaffa, which gave us the name for the drink we call coffee.

Why do we define the rat race as "keeping up with the Joneses"?

"Keeping up with the Joneses" has come to mean trying to keep up with your neighbors, in terms of material possessions, at any cost. The expression comes from the title of a comic strip that ran in newspapers between 1913 and 1931 and chronicled the experiences of a newly married man in Cedarhurst, New York. Originally titled "Keeping up with the Smiths," the cartoon was changed to "Keeping up with the Joneses" because it sounded better.

Why do we say "hello" when we answer the telephone?

The first word used to answer the telephone was the nautical greeting "ahoy," because the first regular phone system was in the maritime state of Connecticut. Alexander Graham Bell, the inventor, answered with the Gaelic "hoy," but it was Thomas Edison's greeting of "hello," an exclamation of surprise dating back to the

Middle Ages, which caught on, and so we answer today with "Hello."

Why do we say "good-bye" or "so long" when leaving someone?

The word *good-bye* is a derivative of the early English farewell "God be with you," or as it was said then, "God be with ye." Over the years its abbreviated written form and pronunciation became "goodbye." As for "so long," it came to Britain with soldiers who had spent time in Arabic-speaking countries, where the perfect expression of goodwill is "salaam." The unfamiliar word to the Englishmen sounded like, and then became, "so long."

When did men start shaving every morning?

In many cultures shaving is forbidden. The reason we in the West lather up every morning can be traced directly back to Alexander the Great. Before he seized power, all European men grew beards. But because young Alexander was not able to muster much facial hair, he scraped off his peach fuzz every day with a dagger. Not wanting to offend the great warrior, those close to him did likewise, and soon, shaving became the custom.

Why do men wear neckties?

Roman soldiers wore a strip of cloth around their necks to keep them warm in the winter and to absorb sweat in the summer. Other armies followed suit, and during the French Revolution the Royalists and the Rebels used ties to display the colors of their allegiance. They borrowed the design, and the name *cravat*, from the Croatian Army. Later, ties became a French fashion statement, offering a splash of color to an otherwise drab wardrobe.

Why are men's buttons on the right and women's buttons on the left?

Decorative buttons first appeared around 2000 B.C., but they were not commonly used as fasteners until the sixteenth century. Because most men are right-handed and typically dress themselves, they found it easier to fasten their buttons from right to left. However, wealthy women were dressed by servants, who found it easier to fasten their mistresses' clothes if the buttons were on the left. It became convention and has never changed.

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 2022 – 30 June 2024

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ATTACHMENTS

1. OSU v Univ of Mich Football Game 50/50 Flyer

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