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BELLA VILLA TIMES



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Letter from our President



Ciao Brothers and Sisters,

We have an exciting 60 days ahead of us! As of this writing, The Bocce Classic would have completed another tremendous event with scores of devoted members rallying to the call to showcase our campus and culture. We have all joined in, one way or another, in each of our upcoming projects/events. Our small home team working diligently to complete that masterpiece. Our challenge to build John Pirelli to 500+ members by Festa. Festa and all the yearly excitement that it brings to our entire community. I leave you with words given to me by my mentor years ago, "Great teams are forged by all giving a little versus a few having to give it their all."

To the country's best lodge, with over 90 years of tremendous history and united in our heritage, let's all do our part.

God Bless you, my Brothers and Sisters. Jack

COUNTDOWN TO FESTA!

Booth Chairs: Please see additional attachment for list of booth chairs! We need your help at FESTA.

Dates to remember:

Booth Chair meeting - Tuesday, August 8; 7:00pm

Festa Set Up - Saturday, August 26; 9:00am

Festa Set Up - Saturday, September 2; 9:00am

Festa Set Up - Tuesday-Thursday, September 5-7; 9:00am-9:00pm

Festa Cleanup - Monday, September 11; 9:00am-4:00pm

Dragons Night Out!

Join us Saturday August 5th for a Dayton Dragon's Game! Tickets are \$14 and there are some still available! Contact: John Doepker at (937) 603-1570.

Cookies Cookies!

Come help us bake cookies for Festa! Remaining dates are: Friday August 4, Sunday August 6th, Sunday August 20th, & Saturday August 26th.

Contact Gloria Marano gmarano66@gmail.com 937- 361-9013 or Libby Balsamo lll5775@aol.com 937- 287-7825 to RSVP and get the details

JP 500~ Ready..Set..Go!

Help us get to 500 members by FESTA!

We currently have 495 members. Jack is giving away 3 memberships as gifts. We need at least 2 more! Help us out!

DON'T FORGET....

Due to FESTA, there will NOT be a membership meeting in September. Instead, there will be <u>2 membership meetings in August</u>. August 1st. & August 29th. Be there!

Congratulations!

The winner of the May 50/50 was Pat Catunio! Our charity this month was Elizabeth New Life Center. Pat generously donated back her winnings! August 1st charity is Five Rivers Metro Parks & August 29th charity is Bridgett's Path

Upcoming Social & Heritage Events - Mark your calendars...

1st Tuesday
3rd Tuesday
August 1st
August 15th

Membership Meeting 7:00 pm
Council Meeting 6:30 pm
Membership meeting 7 pm
Council Meeting 6:30 pm

If you would like to receive emails regarding upcoming social events at Bella Villa, please request to be on the distribution list by sending an email to: bellavillasocialevents@gmail.com or mailto:m

SOCIAL COMMITTEE:

Maria Doepker.....937-603-1569 Belinda Ferrara.....937-286-1172 Kay Trombino.....937-306-8000

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If you know a Lodge member who has been hospitalized or in need of a get well card, please contact Rita Chislaghi at 937-426-4494.

If one of our Lodge members has passed away, please contact our Anne Beecroft (937-829-7716) or Maria Rzecnick (927–287-5242).

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Hall Rental Contact Information

For hall rental, please contact Vince Trombino at 937-545-0331 Also, when renting the hall, please remember to make your check payable to Societa Di Mutuo Soccorso (not John Pirelli.)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		I Membership Meeting @ 7pm	2	3	4 Festa Cookie Making @ 6pm	5 Dragons Game!
6 Festa cookie Making @10am.	7 Men's Bocce 6:30pm / Social Committee Mtg @ 6:30pm	8 Festa Booth Chair Mtg @ 7pm	9 Men's Bocce 6:30pm	10 Women's Bocce 6:30pm	11	12
13	I4 Men's Bocce 6:30pm	Council Meeting @ 6:30pm	16 Men's Bocce 6:30pm	17 Women's Bocce 6:30pm	18	19
20 Festa Cookie Making @ I 0am	21 Men's Bocce 6:30pm	22	23 Men's Bocce 6:30pm	24 Women's Bocce 6:30pm	25	26 Festa Cookie Making @ 10am / Festa set up @ 9am
27	28 Men's Bocce 6:30pm	29 Membership Meeting @ 7pm.	30 Men's Bocce 6:30pm	31 Women's Bocce 6:30pm		

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

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CALL TO ORDER @ 7pm

Members will be seated and officers will be seated with regalia.

WELCOME! (State and National Officials in attendance)

GUESTS- No. FIRST TIMERS – Yes, Marisa Varney

STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES OF OUR ORDER - Gloria

OPENING PRAYER - Our John Pirelli Chaplin, Maria Rzecznik

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – All Members

HONOR ITALIAN FLAG – All Members

(Please state your name when making comments or motions to the floor - recording purposes)

ROLL CALL – Niki. All present except for Steve Carusone & Steve Torre

PAST MEETING MINUTES - No revisions or changes requested. Accepted into record.

COMMUNICATIONS – Niki – We received a nice Thank You card from Vera DiCianno Thornton, from the Grand Lodge Of Ohio, for hosting the Grand Lodge Council meeting in April. She made mention of our beautiful property, good food and talented people. FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT – Frank shared current membership of 489. We have 3 new applicants (Carmela Swiger, Mark Swiger, William Petering) and 3 reinstatements (skipped a year) (Sue Brandel, Joan Howard, Steve Howard) – Membership voted all in as a group, bringing our total to 495!

TREASURER'S REPORT - Charlie gave report on all balances and expenditures of all accounts (motion to accept- By- Gloria Marano and Seconded by Jim Balsamo) Voted YES

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – Dan and Judy provided an update from June. The New Member Orientation meeting had a great turn out. The history of the lodge was given during the orientation meeting. The Memorial service that was held was very nicely done. Memorial candles were delivered to 2 families that couldn't make the service. Another new member orientation meeting will be held in November. Additionally, 25- year pins will be given to those who have reached that milestone, in November also. STATE UPDATE – Gloria proudly shared that 3 members of 5 members of the arbitration committee are from OUR LODGE! Katie Swiger, Jeff Lacon and Belinda Ferrara. Anne Beecroft is an alternate~ Congratulations! A new computer program tracking system funded by the state is coming! FREE TO US! This program has lots of good features to include better tracking, the ability to have people pay membership dues, sending emails etc. There are additional features, if we chose to use, that would cost us money. Kevin Sorice asked about how much it would be, and who would "man" this and the data? Gloria shared it would cost about \$189 and that National would NOT have access to this data. We would have to designate someone to be in charge of this, if we pursue the additions

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Social – Belinda - Tonight's 50/50 charity is Elizabeth's New Life Center. They are a non-for-profit organization that has been committed to saving babies and changing lives since 1989. ~ Steak, Salmon & Wine event is FULL. ~ Dragon's night baseball game will be on Saturday Aug 5. There are tickets still available.

Sunshine – Rita - N/A

Heritage - Eldora -N/A

Huber Heritage Days – Jen/ Gloria Marano provided an update: There was lots of foot traffic and interaction at the event. We shared information about the club and the Festa!

Bocce League Captains - Women- None.

Men's League- Jim updated everyone on team standings.

Bocce Classic - Elaine – IT's FINALLY HERE!! THIS WEEKEND This Friday night and Saturday! Thank you for the support. The courts and grounds look great! Thank you for all of the donations to the raffle baskets. There are 32 teams participating in this event. John is preparing food on Saturday (Sausages/Pizza etc). Libby Balsamo is handling breakfast sandwiches on Saturday morning. Great beer choices, along with White Claw and soda or water will be available for purchase. Bocce champions trophies are on display. Come out to see us this weekend!

Cooking Demo's - Elizabeth reports that this event is on HOLD for the Summer. The next Cooking Demo is Monday Sept 18 next demo @ 6:30pm Volunteers needed!

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - Forming of a new foundation - Jack reports that he is continuing talks / investigating

NEW BUSINESS – JP 500 Challenge! - Jack wants 500 members in place by time of FESTA. Jack is giving Birthday gift memberships to 3 family members. That means just 2 more are needed to reach the 500 mark! ASK ANYONE! Mark DaGrossa asked if we get any special power/privileges by having 500 members? We do not.

World A' Fair – Update & new JP representative – Jack reports that a bill has been issued for \$1400. Once paid, we receive our portion of the proceeds. A new rep is needed for this event. Please see Jack if you are interested. If no rep, we can't do World A'Fair. Mark Warner asked that this be put in the newsletter.

Fran Franchina- Special recognition was given tonight to Fran, for 50+ years of membership. She was honored with a 50-year pin. Congratulations!

Pete Petrini shared that the US AF Museum has a display called "100 years of the Italian Air Force". It is located in the 4th gallery and will be there until Sept 5th. Fran Franchina added a story that included the Italian Airforce and the Caproni Bomber.

WELFARE OF THE ORDER - State Organization with new elections - Jack

ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING @ 7:35pm

President: Jack Giambrone Vice President: Gloria Marano Past President: Steve Carusone Orator: Jeff Lacon
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Masters of Ceremony: Dan & Judy Bruno

SOCIETA DI MUTUO SOCCORSO

CALL TO ORDER @ 7:35pm

MINUTES FROM PAST MEETING – No changes or revisions requested. These were accepted into record. COMMUNICATIONS – Niki. None TREASURER'S REPORT - Charlie gave update on balances and expenditures for all accounts. Totals given. Motion to accept by Jeff Lacon, seconded by Dan Bruno. VOTED YES

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

- Buildings and Grounds: Scott thanked all volunteers who helped with the Bocce Courts. Grounds look nice! After Bocce Classic, there will be more work to do to get ready for Festa.
- Lodge Rentals: Vincenzo just received another request. Rentals are coming in and going well.
- Small house refurbishment team update Andre.- Not here. Mark Warner provided updates: All of the demo is done. The only thing holding windows in was the siding. There is a great team of people, doing lots of work in a short amount of time. Currently working on getting bids for electrical work. Windows and roof bid of \$20k
- ON-GOING/UNFINISHED BUSINESS Grounds prep for Bocce Classic and Festa

Festa – Jim Balsamo **59 DAYS TO FESTA**. Reminder that Aug 8 at 7:00pm there is a booth chair mtg. Festa set up will be Saturday Aug 26, Saturday Sept 2nd at 9am. Then, the entire week after Labor Day, set up help will take place and volunteers are needed. Monday Sept 11th at 9am please come help to PUT AWAY equipment. Jim will coordinate with Niki to publish the booth chair list in the newsletter. Shift sign up not available yet.

Gloria: Thanks to those who have helped make cookies thus far. Next cookie making days are Sunday July 23rd, Sunday Aug 6th, Sunday Aug 20 (Biscotti), Saturday Aug 26 (Pizzelles).

Kitchen Report – John shares a big "thank you servers!" Meal: Due to having no air conditioning, Ice Cream and cookies were served. The Kitchen Raffle winner is Martha Pascale! Congratulations! She received a fun bucket of items including pizza scissors.

50/50 Raffle - \$96 Winner: Pat Catunio She gave money back to the charity! Molte Gentile!

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Council Meeting - July 18, 2023 @ 6:30 pm

Next Membership Meeting – August 1, 2023 @ 7:00 pm W

CLOSING PRAYER – All members sang America The Beautiful.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE SOCIETA DI MUTUO SOCCORSO MEETING 7:56 pm

Respectfully Submitted, Nicole Duff, Recording Secretary

A little rain didn't stop the Bocce Classic!

Thanks to all who made this event another success!



Adult Halloween Bingo

Saturday, October 28th at 6p. \$5 per person with all monies going toward prize money. Bring an appetizer/snack to share and BYOB! Signup and pay at both August membership meetings and October as well! Hope to see you you! Halloween costumes are optional!

We need YOUR help!



We need a volunteer that is willing to be the Lodge's liaison with the Duronian Group, to help coordinate the World A'Fair event next year. We will not be able to participate without a volunteer. Contact Jack Giambrone if interested!

MORE FESTA info....

FESTA FRIDAY FABULOUS LUNCH - Friday, September 8; 11:00-1:00

FESTA - Friday, September 8; 6:00pm-11:00pm FESTA - Saturday, September 9; 12:00pm-11:00pm

FESTA - Sunday, September 10; 12:00pm-8:00pm

Festa Cleanup - Monday, September 11; 9:00am-4:00pm

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Congratulations Fran Franchina for 50 years of Membership!

Business Members of the Month

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La Cucina & CUPA Grazie!

Grazie to La Cucina & CUPA:
Members at the August meeting enjoyed
La Dolce Vita - Ice Cream with
their favorite toppings and cookies.
Molte Grazie to Luke Sabatino, Steve Torre, Tom Toskin, Suzanne Perazzo, Greg
Battisti, Scott Davis, and Mark Warner for
their help in the Cucina. Thanks to those
who helped clean up after the meeting.

A basket full of Italian treats was the raffle gift to the excited winner Martha Pascale! Anyone who wants to donate an item for the raffle, please contact me or bring it to the meeting. Thanks to all that have donated.

John Fantauzzo LaCucina Manager