

April 2024

BELLA VILLA TIMES



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Benvenuta Primavera!

BOCCE LEAGUES:

Men: The Men's Bocce League Spring meeting will be held on Saturday, April 6 at 12:00pm in the Lodge.

Tentatively, league play will begin on Monday, April 29th.

If you are not currently a member of the League and you are interested in playing this year, please call or email Jim Balsamo at 937-269-4504; <u>balsam5775@aol.com</u>

WOMEN: New players are always welcome. No experience necessary-we will teach you how to play!

For questions, call or email Julia Hall 937-416-1825; JULIALH49@GMAIL.COM

Get ready, the Bocce Classic is July 19 and 20th!

Interested in renting the lodge or the Heritage Hall? Please contact: Laurie & Willie Hickey @ lauriehickey@hotmail.com, or at 937-789-2369

Wood salvaged from the renovation project was made into a countertop by John Doepker and installed in the kitchen area of the Heritage House. Thanks, John!



All Lodge rental prices will be reviewed at April's Membership Meeting~ See you there!

1st Tuesday 3rd Tuesday April 2nd April 23rd Upcoming Social & Heritage Events - Mark your calendars... 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: <u>bellavillasocialevents@gmail.com</u> or <u>maria.doepker@sbcglobal.net</u>

Venetia Lacon.....937-572-5910 Belinda Ferrara.....937-286-1172 Kay Trombino.....937-306-8000

SOCIAL COMMITTEE:

Libby Balsamo.....937-287-7825 Rita Chislaghi.....937-426-4494 Yvette Morrella......937-974-0486 Lori Mackintosh....937-231-3793 Jan Holbrook......937-427-3290 Kim Sease.....937-376-4845

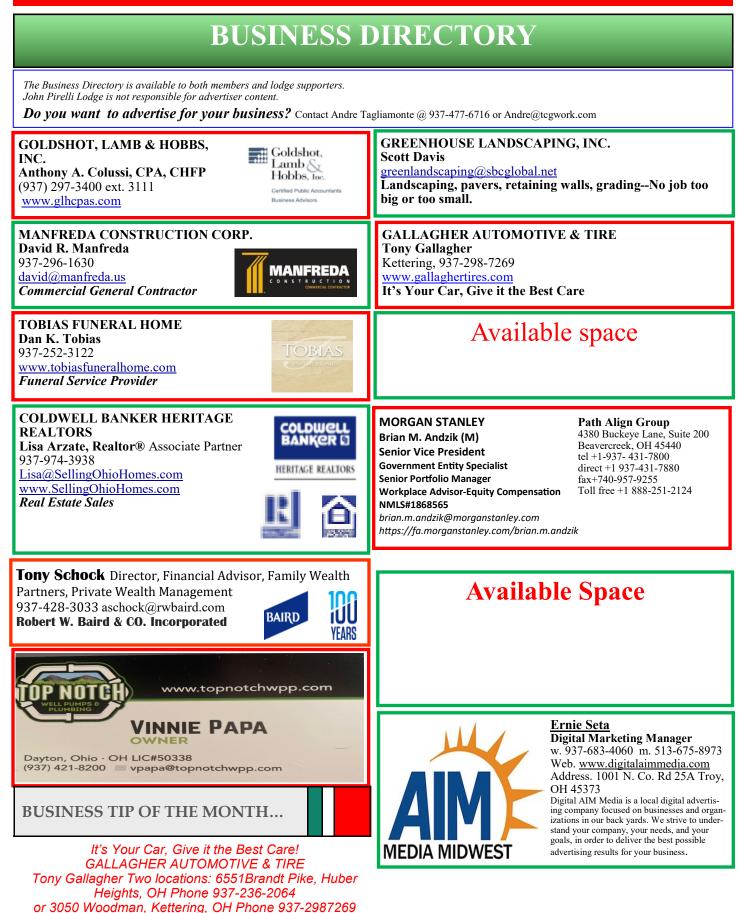
If you know a Lodge member who has been hospitalized or in need of a get well card, please contact Rita Chislaghi at 937-426-4494.

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 Laurie & Willie Hickey @ lauriehickey@hotmail.com, or at 937-789-2369 Also, when renting the hall or the Little House, please remember to make your check payable to Societa Di Mutuo Soccorso (not John Pirelli.)

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | 1 | 2 Membership Meeting 7pm | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 Men's Bocce Mtg– 12:00pm |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 Social Commit- tee Meeting 6:30pm | 19 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 Cooking Demo 6:30pm | 23 Council Mtg @ 6:30pm | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | 29 Tentatively Bocce Begins | 30 | | | | |
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AGENDA - GIOVANNI PIRELLI LODGE #1633

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING – March 5, 2024, 7:00pm

CALL TO ORDER @ 7:00p

WELCOME! (State and National Officials in attendance): Jack Giambrone, Gloria Marano, Brian Andzik, Fred Ferrara& special congratulations to Katie Swiger!

GUESTS: - Amy Re and Mike Garrambone FIRST TIMER- Julie Pietrantonio~ Welcome!

STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES OF OUR ORDER - Gloria

OPENING PRAYER – Maria Diaspro

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – All Members

HONOR ITALIAN FLAG – All Members

PROCEDURE FOR JOHN PIRELLI'S NEW ORATOR – Gloria: Gave a detailed description of the Orator's role. Andy Militello is our only nomination thus far. Per protocol, Gloria asked for other nominees three times. No one else came forward or nominated anyone. Per Brian Andzik, the Recording Secretary can cast the sole vote to approve Andy. Nicole Duff, Recording Secretary cast this vote in favor of Andy Militello. Congratulations and welcome! An Induction ceremony is forthcoming.

ROLL CALL – Niki: All council members were present, with the exception of Drew Titone & Steve Carusone

PAST MEETING MINUTES - revisions or changes? - None noted. Accept into record.

<u>COMMUNICATIONS – Niki:</u> A card with money to support the Torres family was sent from member Jan Scaglione, who could not be present at the February meeting. The Glen at St. Joseph, Five Rivers Metro Parks (from October) and the Torres Family sent thank you notes from recent 50/50 donations. Miami Valley Meals sends thanks for food donations in 2023.

<u>FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT</u> – Frank (new applicants)- none to discuss tonight. Frank reports that lots of people are renewing. Currently, about 400 have paid their dues and we are waiting on about 110 to pay.

<u>TREASURER'S REPORT</u> - Charlie gave details around accounts / balances, expenditures and income for all accounts. Charlie moved \$15,000 to the money market account. Societa's report was also completed, as guests were escorted out during this time. Charlie adds that all information has been sent in for tax completion. Mark Warner highlighted Steve Torre's work to sell the old picnic tables for \$1,000! Additionally, the Little house committee outfitted the interior UNDER BUDGET by over \$500! Kevin Sorice shared a point of order to vote for Andy Militello for Orator. Brian Andzik clarified this is not needed (instructed recording secy to cast sole vote (see above). Motion to accept financial report by: Gloria Marano Seconded by: Fred Ferrara Discussion: Stan asked to clarify around the \$153,000 in JP, asking if we have to stay below a certain amount (25K) in John Pirel-li? Charlie shared that is not the case and that we are OK. Vote: YES

MEMBERSHIP REPORT - Dan and Judy: None

<u>STATE UPDATE</u> – New State Orator and future state meeting – Gloria shared next the meeting will be June 1st in Newark. Terry Latavo had spine surgery recently and is doing well. Also, the new state Orator is Jennifer Price. The Newark lodge will have a pasta making class this weekend. Several of our members are attending.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

<u>Social –</u> Belinda: Tonight's 50/50 charity is Ronald McDonald House. Upcoming events: <u>CABRINI movie group outing</u>. At The Greene movie theater- 2:55pm on March 10th. Afterwards, plan to meet at Club Oceano for dinner around 5:30pm ⁽²⁾ Buy movie ticket online on your own, but sign up at our meeting also so the restaurant knows how many people plan to attend. <u>Euchre</u> Saturday 3/16 at 6:30- sign up early or pay at the door. This will cost \$5, please bring a dish and BYOB- all money goes to prizes, and you can pay at the door. Reminder that this is the same day as shooting class. Charlie- <u>Shooting for beginners</u> Saturday 3/16 from 1:30- 4:30pm at SIM Trainer (Class is FULL). Kids Easter- 3/23 from 11am- 1pm- Members kids and grand-kids are welcome. There will be snacks, an egg hunt and a visit from the Easter Bunny! There will be a Derby party on MAY 4th-We'll have Kentucky hot browns, peach smash, mint julep etc. \$15 for members, \$20 for nonmembers. Sign up and pay tonight or at the April Meeting.

<u>Sunshine</u> – Rita: A get-well card was sent to Helen Longo. Sympathy cards were sent to: Gilda Rittenhouse on the passing of her sister and long-time member, Mary Fares; Mark and Cathy DaGrossa on the passing of Mark's mother, David and Caitlin Gunter on the passing of Caitlin's grandmother.

Heritage – Eldora- not here.

Bocce League Captains Women's Bocce meeting this Thursday at 6pm. Please attend if you are interested!

<u>Cooking Demo's</u> – Elizabeth Battisti shared the next demo will be March 18th @ 6:30pm. We need help cooking. Right now, we have 2-3 people cooking. April 22nd will be the last one until the fall, when the demos will resume (September). Thank you MaryAnne Chadbourne for taking over last month!

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - Open to the floor. None

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<u>NEW BUSINESS</u> – Open to the floor. Nick D'Amico announced the 36th Annual Special Olympics Bocce Event. Tentative date of April 27th 9am-12:30pm. This could also be in late May. Rain or shine. 20 volunteers are needed to help with this such as picking up balls and placing them in racks, score keeping, and cheering on the participants. Also, one referee per court is needed. No experience needed. Please contact Nick D'Amico if you are interested in helping.

<u>World A' Fair</u> – will be May 3-5 at the Greene County Fairgrounds again. While JP will not be partnering with the Duronian group to put this on, you are still welcome to help out and work a shift or two if you would like to support our Italian Heritage! The shifts will likely be 3-4 hours in length. Chuck Levin- asking for this in an email blast. Charlie: Clarifying- we are NOT participating as an organization and JP will not be compensated. Chuck Levin reminds it is an Italian Cultural event, so it is still relevant and encouraging others to consider helping.

WELFARE OF THE ORDER - Easter Bread- Jack shared a desire to bring back and share our Italian traditions during our meeting and highlighting. For example, Jack has fond memories of making Easter bread alongside his mother, even videotaping the process to share with generations to come! Let us know if you have traditions you'd like to share. Upcoming culturally significant dates include March 8 which is National Women's Day. April 25 – Liberation Day. Open to the floor. Linda Fischbach shared Cultural/ heritage feedback. Linda shared the Heritage committee is planning a final open house for folks to see the completed little house on March 19th (St. Joseph's Day) from 7-9 pm. This day is also Italian Father's Day. There are special invites to those named "Joe" for coffee and Zeppole! There will be a brief history of St. Joseph's Day also. Beginning in April, some events will begin being held at the Little House since it is done. For example, there will be a meeting around Italian Gardening (garlic, tomatoes etc). Other ideas are welcomed for the gardening discussion and there is no charge for this meeting. Meeting day/ time To Be Announced. Mike Garrambone will be providing talks on Italian Genealogy twice per month. Details forthcoming. Pat Cutugno shared a plan to start an Italian Book Club that will be held in the little House. Please share your interest with Pat, as well as possible days/ times and books with an Italian theme or heritage at a meeting on Tuesday March 26th @ 6:30pm. The book club is CO-ED! In May, Italian Mother's Day, we'll plan to have a mother / daughter tea-and Italian Fashion Show. Day/ time TBA. Mike Azzarro? has his Great Grandmother's dress (110 years old) that can be displayed. We may display some other cultural items during this gathering. Smaller group would be at the little house, and if it's a larger group, it would be held at lodge.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING @ 7:49pm

AGENDA - SOCIETA DI MUTUO SOCCORSO GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING – March 5, 2024

CALL TO ORDER @ 7:49pm MINUTES FROM PAST MEETING - changes or revisions-NO? Accept into record. YES COMMUNICATIONS - Niki. None TREASURER'S REPORT - Charlie, See JP minutes above. **REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS: Buildings and Grounds: Scott- Not here.** Kitchen Report – John. Kitchen raffle winner is Linda Fischbach! John highlighted Don Miceli's artwork that is displayed during our meetings. John thanked all kitchen staff etc. He reminds all that volunteers are needed in the kitchen for the Bocce classic. Breaking News: There are more Italians here tonight enjoying food, than the Olive Garden at Dayton Mall!! John recognized Jo Ann Rigano for all of her work as a teacher! Mike Garrambone- Cultural presentation/ genealogy report presented Tony Vannicola. Thank you, Michael! **ON-GOING/UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Projects progressing!** 50/50 Raffle winner is Tom Toskin! Congratulation's! FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS: Next Council Meeting – March 19, 2024 @ 6:30 pm Next Membership Meeting - April 2, 2024 @ 7:00 pm **CLOSING PRAYER – Anne Beecroft**

ADJOURNMENT OF THE SOCIETA DI MUTUO SOCCORSO MEETING @ 8:03pm

Respectfully submitted by Nicole Duff– Recording Secretary.

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We had 20 members come to see Cabrini and out to dinner at Club Oceano!



St. JOSEPH DAY CELEBRATED

Seven lodge members participated in the St. Joseph Day (Italian Father's Day) celebration at the Little House on March 19th sharing stories of the Joe's in their family and joying traditional homemade zeppole and Italcream puffs.

Former member, Kathy Giambrone Dolence, shared her memories Via email:

Congratulations ~ Andy Militello on becoming our new Orator! I was a member of this club a few years. My father, Joseph Giambrone and my other Pearl Giambrone were members of the this club as long as I can remember. My father and other long time members (now probably deceased) found the property and purchased it) long before how it it stands. My parents were very active in this club for many years. My brother (Anthony Giambrone, myself Kathleen Giambrone Dolence, and my cousin Daniel Funk) were members a few years ago. My brother and cousin are now deceased and I now live in Florida. I spoke with Linda a few months ago when you were deciding what to do with the little house and I told her at that time that the people who lived in that house at the time the Lodge purchased the property were the ones who did the original clean up the the clubhouse and it would be a shame to destroy it. We would have picnics there on Sundays long before the clubhouse was built. You can contact Fran (Twinkle) Franchina to confirm this.

Anyway, I would like to have my father's name Joseph Giambrone mentioned in his honor. At one time he was the Sergeant of Arms and also a past president. I am sorry I will not be able to attend this great honor, but it would be a wonderful thing for my father's name to be mentioned.

Thank you very much for considering my request.

Kathy Giambrone Dolence kdolence@comcast.net

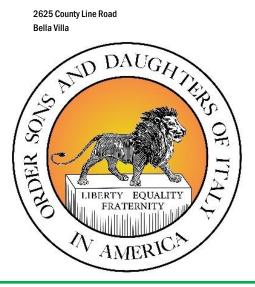
Upcoming activities: Mark your calendars on June 29th for a Pig Roast! Members and non-members welcome. Time and price to follow! Corn hole tournament and more to come!



50/50 winner Congratulations to Tom Toskin~ benefiting The Ronald McDonald House! April's 50/50 will be TWIG.

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DERBY~

Join us at the lodge for a Kentucky Derby Party, May 4th! The party starts at 5 pm, post time is about 6:45 pm. We will watch the races and celebrate the traditions of the 'First Saturday in May'. Come have a Kentucky Hot Brown & a piece of Derby pie while enjoying a peach smash or mint julep. Bring an appetizer to share. \$15 for members, \$20 for non-members. Bring a little cash and draw a horse's name for the big race and buy a ticket for a bourbon raffle. Sign up at the April meeting or contact Gloria Marano

at gmarano66@gmail.com or 937-361-9013



Business Members of the Month

In order to promote our Lodge members and their businesses, we will be featuring a business tip on the second page every month. If you are in need of their service, please contact them and let them know where you saw their ad.

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Bocce Classic

The Bocce Classic charities donation was presented to Mathew Wadsworth, President and CEO of Life Connection. The Bocce Classic

continues the tradition of supporting local charities and promoting the Italian game of bocce. A special thank you to the many volunteers that made this event a success. Thanks to the Arrow Wine Team and the Thunder Rolls for donating their prize money to the charities. A thank you to Jacob Walker of Walker Toyota for sponsoring the complimentary pasta dinner, and a big thanks to everyone who donated the gift baskets, and to those who purchased raffle tickets Bocce Classic 2024 is July 19,20.



John Fantauzzo La Cucina Manager