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## **BELLA VILLA TIMES**



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# **Happy Father's Day!**

The 28th annual **Bocce Classic** Double Elimination Tournament will be held on **Friday, July 19, and Saturday, July 20, 2024.** Preregistration is required and is limited to the first 32 teams to register and pay. Who will claim the trophy and bragging rights for 2024?

See Bocce Classic on Facebook for details, or contact Elaine Long at Elainelongbellbrook@gmail.com or, 937 829 3086



## Lodge/ Little House Rentals:

Please contact: Laurie & Willie Hickey @ lauriehickey@hotmail.com, or at 937-789-2369.

#### Small house

4 hours=\$125.00 8 hours =\$ 200.00 -Both require \$300 refundable deposit for cleaning / damage.

### <u>Main lodge</u>

 $\overline{8 \text{ hours}} = \overline{\$325}$  with a \$300 refundable deposit for cleaning/damage.

#### Little House and Lodge combo

\$500.00 with a \$300.00 refundable deposit for cleaning/ damage.

## MIAMI UNIVERSITY PROF RECORDS ITALIAN AMERICAN STORIES

On May 3rd, Linda Fischbach attended a presentation at Miami U by Dr. Daniele Fioretti and his Italian Language student, Madeline Northup, highlighting the results of their sociological research interviews of Italian-Americans living in Ohio. Dr. Fioretti desires to expand his work to encompass Italian-Americans throughout the US.

If you would like to be interviewed by Dr. Fioretti, contact him at: fioretd@miamioh.edu

## Festa Cookie Baking!

Wait-Already? **YES**~ and we need your help! Please join us at 10am on the following Sundays:

June 9th July 28th June 23rd June 30th August 4th August 11th August 18th

Saturday August 24th Pizzelles

Any amount of time you can offer would help tremendously! See you there! Please contact Gloria Marano @ gmarano66@gmail.com 937-361-9013

## 50/50 Winner

Congratulations Maria Napier, for winning the Dough Flutie Foundation 50/50! 1st Tuesday 3rd Tuesday June 4th June 18th 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

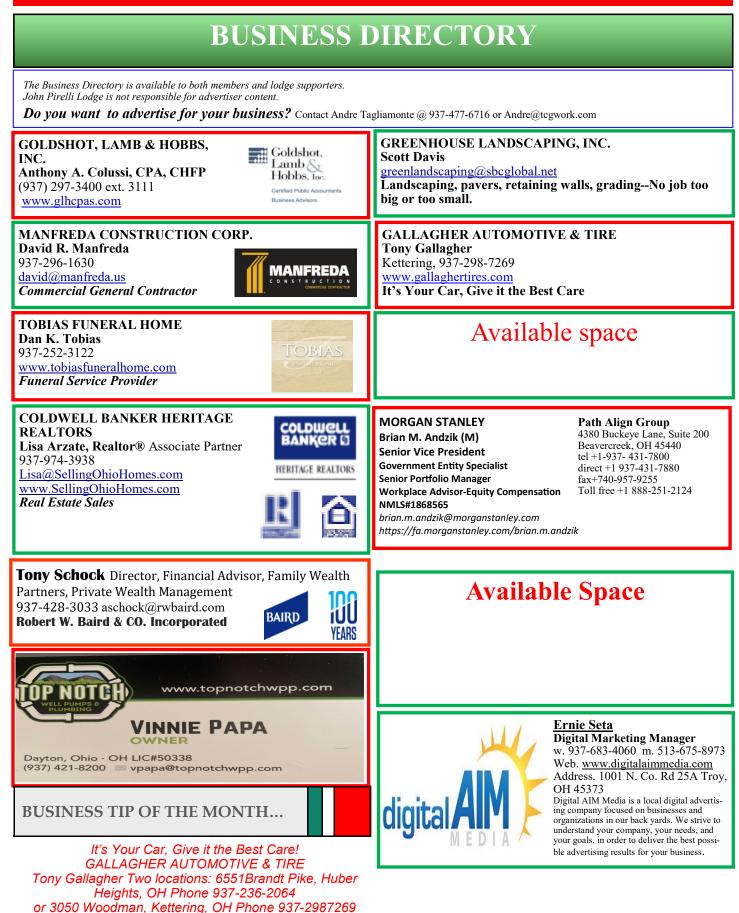
If you know a Lodge member who has been hospitalized or in need of a get well card, please contact Rita Chislaghi at 937-426-4494.

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

# JUNE 2024

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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2	3 Men's Bocce @ 6:30pm	4 Membership Meeting @ 7pm / New member initiation	5 Men's Bocce @ 6:30pm	6 Women's Bocce @ 6:30pm	7	8
9 Cookie Baking @ 10am	10 Men's Bocce @ 6:30pm	II New Member Orientation 7pm	I2 Men's Bocce @ 6:30pm	I 3 Women's Bocce @ 6:30pm	14	15
16 Father's Day	17 Men's Bocce @ 6:30pm	18 Council Mtg @ 6:30pm	l9 Men's Bocce @ 6:30pm	20 Women's Bocce @ 6:30pm	21	22
23 Cookie Baking @ 10am	24 Men's Bocce @ 6:30pm	25	26 Men's Bocce @ 6:30pm	27 Women's Bocce @ 6:30pm	28	29
30 Cookie Baking @ 10am						



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GIOVANNI PIRELLI LODGE #1633

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING – May 7th, 2024, 7:00pm

WELCOME! Hope Easter was nice.

CALL TO ORDER @ 7:00pm

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

WELCOME! (State and National Officials in attendance) Jim Balsamo, Gloria Marano, Katie Swiger

GUESTS? No: FIRST TIMERS: Erica Sigler; Charlie and Barb Castalano Welcome!

**STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES OF OUR ORDER - Gloria** 

**OPENING PRAYER – Our John Pirelli Chaplin- Anne Beecroft** 

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – All Members

HONOR ITALIAN FLAG – All Members

"We honor the Italian Flag and its colors: Green is for hope. White is for Peace. And, Red is for the Love we feel in our Hearts for our Italian Heritage."

Onoriamo la bandiera italiana e i suoi colori: Verde per la Speranza, Bianco per la Pace, e Rosso per l'Amore che portiamo nel cuore per le nostre origini italiane.

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

New member initiation was moved to next month due to one new member in attendance tonight.

ROLL CALL – Niki- All council members present, except for Belinda Ferrara, Steve Carusone, and John Fantauzzo

PAST MEETING MINUTES – Any revisions or changes? No. Accepted into record.

**COMMUNICATIONS – Niki: None** 

<u>FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT</u> – Frank shared there are 2 new applicants. 1) Damiano Battaglia, who is sponsored by Rosie Nickleman. Rosie gave a brief background, adding that Damiano was born/ raised in Italy. He's been in the US for 20+ years and works as a financial consultant. He is excited to be involved. 2) Alisha Ray Ratliff: Katie Swiger is sponsoring her, and she gave a brief update. Alisha's Paternal Grandmother was Italian. Membership voted on both at same time. Voted YES. This brings us to 474 members. 102 gold members and 7 Junior members Turnover less than 10% attrition, which is better than recent years. TREASURER'S REPORT - Charlie gave updates on all expenditures and balances for all accounts. A domain name bill came in, but it appears to be a scam. It was suggested that Charlie double check with Marcus Levin about what & who we pay for our domain name. Motion to accept Charlies report by: Frank Macharoni Seconded by: John Belluardo Discussion: None Vote: YES <u>MEMBERSHIP REPORT</u> – Dan and Judy: Memorial service here to honor deceased loved ones of the lodge will be Tuesday May 28th at 7pm. There will be a candle lighting ceremony to honor those lost over the last year, including, Rinaldo Stolfo, John Stolfo, Michael Marcellino, Maura Homan, Leo Chico, Georgia Cali and Mary Fares.

<u>STATE UPDATE</u> – New Orator and future state meeting – Gloria shared that the state is very quite right now. The next quarterly meeting will be June 1st at the Newark Lodge. Jack shared he is headed there this week to get the beautiful, hand painted cart that has been donated to us. We'll find a way to incorporate it at the lodge.

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS:** 

\* <u>Social</u> – Linda Fischbach updated on upcoming events: Shooting for Beginners. The cost is \$25 per person and includes the use of a 22 handgun, 50 rounds, and a target. Please contact Charlie Rigano with any questions at 937-424-7095 When: Saturday May 25th- from 1:30pm- 4:30pm. Where: Sim Trainer -2031 Dryden Rd. Moraine, Ohio 45439 / Sock Hop: May 31st 6:30-10:30pm - Music by The Kings English- Lodge member Joey DeGrassie. Pizza from the Pizza Factory, Root Beer Floats, Cupcakes by Libby Balsamo. 50/50 to benefit the JP scholarship. \$10 members \$15 nonmembers. There will be a Hoola Hoop contest, Shake It like Elvis, Twist and Limbo Contests. We need people to sign up! Greg Battisti will host the Memorial day picnic. It is free for members and \$5 for guests, on Memorial Day May 27th at the club. Call by May 23rd. More info to come. Must sign up or call Greg Battisti. You can pay at the door. Mother/ daughter Tea Party will be May 18th. Children 5-12 for \$10 / Adults \$15 from Noon- 2pm. There will be light food & wedding dress on display. Cash or checks to JP. Contact Michelle Jahnke or Linda Fischbach to sign up

\*Sunshine – Rita- None

\*<u>Heritage</u> – Linda Fischbach: We had a great response from members from recent activities. Mike Garrambone is doing ancestry classes. There are openings on May 11th- let Mike know. Also, on Thurs May 23rd from 3pm-8pm. See Mike tonight if you are interested. Mike is donating his time for these meetings and has many years of experience doing this. The Italian Book Club is doing well. Pat Cutugno reports 9-10 folks showed for the last meeting. We started as strangers and by the end of night, we all knew lots about each other! Next meeting will be Tues May 14th. Next month's meeting will be June 18th at 2pm. That will be cover the book, Under the Light of Italian Moon. We have snacks and have a really good time. You do not have to finish the books to come to the meetings! Questions? Call President: Jack Giambrone Vice President: Gloria Marano Past President: Steve Carusone Orator: Andy Militello Treasurer: Charlie Rigano Financial Secretary: Frank Clement Recording Secretary: Nicole Duff Guard: Drew Titone Trustees: Steve Bertolo, Belinda Ferrara, Steve Torre, John Fantauzzo & Mark Warner Masters of Ceremony: Dan & Judy Bruno

or email Pat Cutugno. Coffee and Conversation will be held on May 21st from 7-8pm at the Little House. This is a good opportunity to practice your Italian conversational skills! Pasquale Cristiano is one of the members helping and Anthony Franchina is coordinating. Thanks everyone!

\*Bocce League Captains : Women's- Gloria shared that Julia Hall fell and broke her elbow and recently had surgery. Please wish her well. Gloria shared their first night was this past Thursday. This week's theme is Chocolate. The courts were awesome! Libby Balsamo shared the courts are great and it was an important thing that was done for the lodge- Thank you! Men's/ Jim Balsamo: We are on Week 2- too early to predict front runners. Shout out to Bill Daniels with the Pizza Factory. He is providing Pizza once per month for Men's Bocce~ Thank you! Several new members have joined the league-welcome!

\*<u>Cooking Demo's</u> – This event is paused until the Fall. All refunds from recent cancellation are done. If you have not been refunded- please let Charlie know.

<u>Special Olympic Bocce</u>: Nick D'Amico gave an update on this event. There were 24 participants from Huber Heights and Springboro. They started at 9am and finished at 11:30am. Each player played 2 games. We had gold medals for winners and silver medals for 2nd place. This was an upgrade from the certificates from previous years. There were 17 volunteers- Thank you so much for putting smiles on their faces! It was suggested that one volunteer could throw a ball for each team to help even out the score or get a team going/ back in the game, along with showing them how to throw the ball etc.

\*<u>Bocce Classic</u>: Elaine Long: New poster of champions! Registrations available to the 1st. 32 teams to sign up and pay. Volunteers are needed to run a bocce activity that Friday night. We need a bubbly personality to help with this. Let Elaine know if you're interested. Other volunteers needed too (trash removal etc). Bocce Classic is July 19th and 20th.

**·UNFINISHED BUSINESS - Open to the floor. None** 

NEW BUSINESS – Social Members Committee – Steve Carusone- not here. Jack shared Steve is gathering information on this and more to come.

Open to the floor: Jack shared that the Empty Bowls with House of Bread- event was wonderful and thanked all who helped.

WELFARE OF THE ORDER –

**Open to the floor- None** 

ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING @ 7:41pm /OPEN SOCIETA DI MUTUO SOCCORSO

SOCIETA DI MUTUO SOCCORSO

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING – May 7th, 2024** 

CALL TO ORDER @ 7:41pm

MINUTES FROM PAST MEETING – changes or revisions? None Accept into record- Yes COMMUNICATIONS – Niki: None

TREASURER'S REPORT – Charlie gave updates on expenditures/ balances on all accounts. Motion to accept by: Frank Macharoni Seconded by: Andre Tagliamonte Discussion: None Vote: Yes REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

<u>Buildings and Grounds</u>: Scott: (systems) Thanks to all for showing up recently to help with the grounds! Thanks to whoever is pulling weeds- Maria has had shoulder surgery recently so has not been able to help. Get well soon! We are considering putting gravel in the potholes in our drive, and hand tamp down to help with the holes. Mark Warner updates: All 14 picnic tables are here and assembled. Steve Torre, Nick D'Amico, and Dan Bruno helped assemble the tables. Thank you! The internet to the Little house was down recently, Mark and others helped to coordinate a fix. It's done! Greg Sorice found a way to do a "beaming" system to the garage etc. Passwords were given to all (on tables etc).

•<u>Kitchen Report –</u> Mark Warner shared John Fantauzzo is on day 8 of h is recovering from surgery. Please keep him in thoughts/ prayers. Mark had new members pick a number from 1-10. 7 was the number and the winner is Erica Sigler. She won a basket of goodies to include flowers and a map of Italy!

·Jim Balsamo- Lodge Expansion: Jim presented a slide show to members around the Bella Villa Hall

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Beautification project. He announced the committee to include himself, along with Scott Davis, Andre Tagliamonte, Drew Titone, Steve Fluery, Dave Gunter. Jim shared a brief history: Planning started in 2017-2018. Had originally approved \$760,000. Tabled in 2019, then COVID etc. We paused on the expansion. Our lodge continues to age and deteriorate. Current situation: 2 of 5 AC units failed, furnace failed earlier this year, roof needs repaired/reshingled, bathroom remodel, hall is dated, poor carpeting, electrical system needs fixed up. We are suggesting a 2 phase approach: 1) Bella Villa Hall Beautification- things need done in the short term- setting path for phase 2 (expansion) No budget or time frame yet for phase 2. Phase 1: Budget and breakdown reviewed. Roof and truss replacement, HVAC, Electrical, Restrooms, Interior upgrade, contingency buffer, professional design fee etc. Total approx. \$205,000. Jim proposing to take off roof and replace. Why? This raises the roof to vaulted ceiling with scissor trusses and gets rid of the "bowling alley" effect. Pictures of possibilities were shown just for ideas. This will create more of an Italian Themed look in interior, using stone in arches and around windows etc. There is a lot of potential here. We are motivated to get this going. Motion by Jim Balsamo to Invest \$6,000 for professional design/ engineering services for beautification project. Seconded by Vincent Trombino. 10 min Discussion took place: Greg Battisti what is the \$6,000 for? Jim: Dennis Beatty architect-design/ structural engineering (ceiling/ baths). Tony Vannicola: will you have solar panels due to cost of heating/ air rise and it would be the environmentally right thing to do. Also, the inside and outside lighting should be converted to LED. Jim, we can look into that, everything is on the table. Jim adds that the vaulted ceilings will raise the cost some, but more efficient HVAC will offset some of the cost. Mark Pinti- is the fire hydrant issue solved? Jim: If we stay within footprint of current building, yes- but w/ the expansion of the building- no. Kevin Sorice- Suggests a metal roof. How will you do insulation and ceiling fans? Jim: Will look into- Kevin voiced being in favor of the entire project and asked what is the timeline? He recommends we pay cash so we don't have a bill. Jack agrees, adding that we'll be smart about payment. Jim: Timeline- we have to replace the furnace immediately after Festa. We could start in October- this is aggressive but could be done. Jim will keep us posted on the timeline. He estimates it would be approx 5 months to completion. Erica Sigler- once you have the design and submit permits, is there a deadline to complete? Jim- yes, but we hope it won't be an issue. If approved- Jim will take to City of Kettering for next steps. Linda Fischbach: Does it include increased capacity? Jimphase 1 will NOT, it would in Phase 2. John Belluardo- where would we meet for those 5 months? Jack- possibly at Reynolds and Reynolds. Jack adds that the council unanimously agreed to do this. Jim clarifies that if we don't do anything, and only repair what we have to, we'll spend a 3rd of the proposed cost anyway. So, we might as well do something big! Will there be handicap accessibility? Jim- yes-. End discussion. Voted: Yes. No opposition. Jim will get back with us soon. Kevin Sorice asked if we could move a step further and approve the full \$205,000 ? Jack shared not yet. There are other things to consider prior to. Kevin thanked Scott and all who helped with the Bocce Courts. They are great!.

**ON-GOING/UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Projects progressing! - Jack** 

50/50 Raffle Doug Flutie Jr. Foundation for Autism Winner: Congrats Maria Napier!

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS: Happy Birthday Catherine Colosimo! Gloria Marano reminds there is Festa Cookie making Sunday May 19th at 10am- we'll be making Ricotta Cookies. Please join us if you can! Next Council Meeting – May 21, 2024 @ 6:30 pm

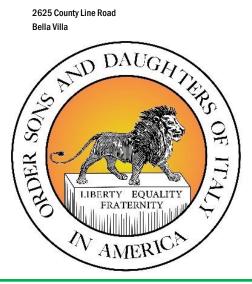
Next Membership Meeting – June 4, 2024 @ 7:00 pm

CLOSING PRAYER – Our John Pirelli Chaplin/ Anne Beecroft ADJOURNMENT OF THE SOCIETA DI MUTUO SOCCORSO MEETING @ 8:20pm

Respectfully Submitted by Nicole Duff Recording Secretary

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## **Special Olympic Bocce**

Thank you to the 17 volunteers of the 36th Annual Special Olympics Bocce Event for caring and making it another huge success. The volunteers were: Jim Balsamo, Pasquale Cristiano, Thom D'Amico, Scott Davis, Jenn Dickinson Linda Fischbach, Chuck & Phil Levin, Andy & Grace Militello, Stan Palmere, Julie Seiber, Larry Seiber, Maria Sprague, Debbie & Steve Torre & Tina Wingate.

Thanks,

Nick D'Amico- Chairman- Special Olympics Bocce Event.

#### **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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The pizzas sold at the Bocce Classic will be provided by the Pizza Factory .Proceeds from these sales will be donated to the 2024 Bocce Classic charities. Molte Grazie to Bill Daniels! Bill is the owner of the Pizza Factory, a lodge and bocce league member, and he's a team sponsor for the Bocce Classic. If you would like to "liberate yourself from chain pizza", go to The Pizza Factory, 1101 Wayne Ave., Dayton OH 45410 937-224-4477.

Sponsoring opportunities are still available. Contact Elaine Long at 937-829-3086 or contact me at 937-470-4287

John Fantauzzo La Cucina Coordinator