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Getting Ready for FESTA!

47th Annual Festa!

September 6,7,8

Important Dates:

August 24th and 31st: Booth set up beginning @ 9am

Every day after Labor Day– Booth set up Monday– September 9th CLEAN UP!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE ITALIAN FALL FESTA

All the Festa Booths are in need of volunteers; please contact one, or even better several, of the Booth Chairs and volunteer to help with the Festa as you are able. Working multiple shifts during the Festa weekend is greatly appreciated.

50/50 Winner

Congratulations Vincent Trombino for winning the 50/50, benefitting the Make a Wish Foundation. Next 50/50 charity will be Shriners

MARCH IN THE “HOLIDAY AT HOME“ PARADE

Spread your Italian pride by marching in Kettering’s annual Labor Day parade on Monday, September 2nd at 9:30 AM. Sing along with lodge member Joey DiGrazia, crooning Italian favorites, and wave Italian and American flags to promote the FALL FESTA and celebrate our heritage along the parade route. Doughnuts and coffee/juice provided. Children and grandchildren welcome to march. Call Linda Fischbach for more information. 937-305-6032.

FESTA Cookies Cookies Cookies FESTA

Please join us at 10am on the following Sundays to help bake cookies! We are on the home stretch folks!

August 4th + Saturday August
August 11th 24th for Pizzelles
August 18th

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

Bocce Classic 2024 Winners!



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

1st Tuesday Membership Meeting 7:00 pm
 3rd Tuesday Council Meeting 6:30 pm
 August 6th Membership meeting 7 pm
 August 20th 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 maria.doepker@sbcglobal.net

SOCIAL COMMITTEE:

Venetia Lacon.....937-572-5910	Libby Balsamo.....937-287-7825	Lori Mackintosh....937-231-3793
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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).

AUGUST 2024

Hall Rental Contact Information

For hall rental, please contact Laurie & Willie Hickey @ lauriehickey@hotmail.com, or at 937-789-2369
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Women's Bocce @ 6:30pm	2	3
4 Cookie Baking @ 10am	5 Men's Bocce @ 6:30pm	6 Membership Meeting @ 7pm	7 Men's Bocce @ 6:30pm	8 Women's Bocce @ 6:30pm	9	10
11 Cookie Baking @ 10am	12 Men's Bocce @ 6:30pm	13	14 Men's Bocce @ 6:30pm	15 Women's Bocce @ 6:30pm	16	17
18 Cookie Baking @ 10am	19 Men's Bocce @ 6:30pm	20 Council Mtg @ 6:30pm	21 Men's Bocce @ 6:30pm	22 Women's Bocce @ 6:30pm	23	24 Cookie Baking @ 10am / FESTA set up @ 9am
25	26 Men's Bocce @ 6:30pm	27 September Member mtg 7pm	28 Men's Bocce @ 6:30pm	29 Women's Bocce @ 6:30pm	30	31 FESTA set up @ 9am

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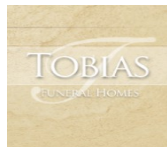
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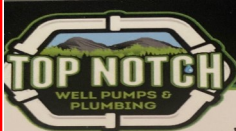
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AGENDA - GIOVANNI PIRELLI LODGE #1633
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING – July 2, 2024, 7:00pm
WELCOME! Happy 4th of July!

CALL TO ORDER @ 7:03pm

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

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

GUESTS – Yes -Darren Cole / FIRST TIMERS- No.

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

“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)

ROLL CALL – Niki, all council members present.

MINUTES FROM PAST MEETING – changes or revisions? None - Accept into record- Yes.

COMMUNICATIONS – Niki- TWIG sent a Thank you card for the 50/50 donation recently.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT – Frank (new applicants) One applicant- Bruce Neff- who is sponsored by Gloria Marano. Bruce is of Italian decent and shared a 5 pg report on his heritage. Members voted to allow Bruce into the membership.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Charlie shared details around account balances/ expenditures, as well as any money that was moved around to maximize our income, since last meeting. Some Festa expenses are beginning also. Motion to accept report made by: Jim Balsamo Seconded by: Mark Warner Discussion: No Voted: Yes

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – Dan and Judy, none

STATE UPDATE – Updates and News – Gloria updates that Terry Latavo has been having some medical issues- prayers appreciated. Sept 14th at the Cincinnati lodge is the next GLO meeting. The Warren County lodge charter was pulled. Mark Warner asked how many lodges now in Ohio- 18 are left. Most of which are bars. The bar is their main activity- no festivals etc. In contrast, we are a social club without a bar.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

***Social: Belinda reports we cannot do a 50/50 for Katie Swiger, as we had planned, due to Katie is not a 5013 status. Make a Wish Foundation is our 50/50 today as a result. You can still donate to Katie's cause. Katie is Chair elect of FOTO (Future of the Order). National OSDIA holds the Plenary convention in even years. (FOTO is part of OSDIA). and the purpose of this is bridging the gap between the young/ old for the next national. Convention. There is a donation basket today, to help with Katie's travel expenses to help her get to the FOTO. planning meeting in Florida. The total cost is \$1600, of which the state is covering half. John Pirelli will cover the other half, but Katie wants to make sure we are not taking away money from other lodge needs. November- Wine tasting- Details TBA. SCOPA card game- TBA, Bunco- TBA. If interested- please sign up. A few other events are likely upcoming but we are not yet confirmed. Belinda will keep us posted. Jack adds more about Katie's situation, sharing that she is likely to be a high-ranking officer and we are very proud of her. We have also done this type of thing before with others. Thanks all for your help!**

Sunshine – Rita- Get well cards were sent to Libby Balsamo, Fran Franchina and Tim Sease.

Heritage – Eldora- Linda Fischbach: Gardeners- FESTA needs herbs and tomatoes! Help us out if are growing them. Upcoming heritage events: Linda thanks new member Mike Garrabone for teaching folks how to do their genealogy. Linda also thanks Pat Cutugno for heading the Italian Book Club. They had a really good meeting last week. On July 23rd We'll be discussing The Shoemaker's Wife by Andriana Trigiani. August's book is Beneath a Scarlet Sky by Mark Sullivan. It's about the German occupation of Milan. (both excellent books BTW!) . Ask Pat if you have questions. This is a Co-ed club and new members are always welcome! Labor Day Holiday at Home parade. We thank Mark Warner who donates his truck for the event. Joe DiGrazia put a speaker system in Mark's truck so he can sing along the parade. route. Joe asks all to come out and walk the short route with us on Sept 2nd. Tom Toskin will do another Garlic Growing class in the fall. October is Italian Heritage Month so there will be more activities to come. Linda is open to other ideas!

Bocce League Captains – Julia Hall- reports the Women's league is doing a 50/50 for Katie Swiger FOTO specifically. Jim Balsamo shared the Men's League is also doing a 50/50 for Katie. Jim is betting \$20 that the men will raise more than the women! Jim gave updates on the current team standings.

Bocce Classic: Elaine Longo- 1) Bocce Classic- 19th and 20th. 26 teams currently and looking for a few

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This is the number 2 money maker for the club. Seeding will be determined by wins losses, points scored and against. There will be a complimentary pasta dinner on Friday night sponsored by Walker Toyota. 3) Volunteers are still needed needed 4) Raffle gift baskets available for bidding. 5) New activity: Bumper Bocce- portable unit that will be used for a special event at the classic. Charities this year include: Ohio's Hospice of Dayton, Planting Seeds, 4 Paws for Ability, Shoes 4 the Shoeless and The Glenn at St. Joseph.

UNFINISHED/ONGOING BUSINESS – Social Members Committee – Steve Carusone shared the committee had the first meeting recently, sharing this is a slow process. Last week's meeting shared a lot of pros/ cons of having social members, what it would look like down the road etc. What is the future of the lodge? Do social members benefit us or not? More meetings to come and Steve will keep us posted. Other ideas for recruitment of Italian heritage members are welcome too. If you have ideas or want to be a part of this committee please let Steve know.

Open to the floor.

Elizabeth Battisti shared that 50 people RSVP'd to the July 4th party! Reminder to please bring a dish to share and drinks (if you'd like to drink anything other than water). We are looking for to having a good time!

NEW BUSINESS – Handbooks to members: Jack shared a plan to revisit our handbook and share it electronically with members.

Open to the floor.

WELFARE OF THE ORDER – Jack and the Hickeys are in the process of rewriting the rental agreement: Jack adds that if you rent the lodge, please leave it in the same shape you found it in. Thank you!

Open to the floor. Gloria Marano shared that Elaine Long had her 70th birthday. Steve and Debbie Torre had their Retirement- Julie and Larry Seiber had their 40th wedding anniversary! Mary Cooney and husband had their 44th anniversary! Happy birthday Mark Pinti! Pat Cutugno shared that the recent Conversation and Coffee with Anthony Franchina, was really fun and informative. Jack feels this type of activity gives the lodge momentum to continue preserving our heritage. Julia Hall agrees, adding that Women's bocce league will be celebrating Vincenzo Sellaro Day, He's the Founder of OSDIA.

ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING @ 7:49pm /OPEN SOCIETA DI MUTUO SOCCORSO

AGENDA - SOCIETA DI MUTUO SOCCORSO

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COMMUNICATIONS – Niki- none

TREASURER'S REPORT –See JP report. All reported together while our guest was out of the room.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIR

Buildings and Grounds: Scott Davis thanked several people for helping do work on the grounds when they have time. He thanked Dan Bruno and Mark Warner for helping do research on the asphalt project. Scott shared about the asphalt paving proposal. We had at least 3 companies come to bid and decided on Wright Paving and Construction to do the work, if approved. Estimate is \$13,990 and includes the following: sawcut-excavate as needed, prep/ clean all debris, application of 404 type blacktop resurface, edge to edge. Mark Warner adds there is a 36-month warranty. Of this total, \$900 is for the pizza booth pad at 10'x25'. Wright Paving and Construction has been communicative and has done everything he said he would thus far. Other companies wanted over \$20000 for the job. Scott explained details of where the work would be done. A member asked about square footage of area. Scott shared a total of 6010 sf. A member remarked that the price sounds really good. Motion by Steve Fleury to spend \$13990, with Wright Paving and Construction to complete the asphalt project. Seconded by Frank Macharoni Discussion: Mark adds the asphalt will go from north entrance up 145 feet (right in front of playground). South entrance asphalt will extend from the sidewalk at the street almost to the mailbox. Gloria asked about the timing of the project. Scott shared this could be done in the next month, and the project would take about one week. He'd do in stages so you'd still have access to one of the entrances. A member asked a question about placement of the pizza pad that will be added to also. Jim Balsamo added that they will recheck details about the pizza pad. Steve Bertolo asked about the excavation process. Scott shared that all utilities come through there, so it is needed. Mike Garrambone asked about the thickness of the asphalt. Three inches plus a good base. Voted: YES unanimous.

Lodge Project and Festa '24 – Jim Balsamo updates- He's had 1 proposal on replacing the HVAC and is getting 2 more tomorrow. He will report to committee/ council then to members next meeting. Looking at a fall time frame to complete. We are in a holding pattern on the beautification project until the HVAC is done. This is taking longer, which is impacting timeline. Greg Battisti asked if we can just fix HVAC now? Jim shared furnace is dead/ must be replaced. Jim shared that we want to do this right and be thorough, so it works with what we are doing in the future and the beautification project.

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Greg Battisti- asked questions about previous quotes. Jim is working as hard/ fast as we can on this. Steve Carusone asked if we would have air in here for Festa- Jim is hoping so, even if we have to deal with this on emergency basis. Steve Bertolo- asked if can we get window units for Festa if not fixed by then? Yes- but we'd like to get it fully fixed by then. Charlie Rigano asked when we will have the plan for the building. Jim shared that after we got the HVAC worked out. That has to come first. Jim shared there is a chance that the beautification project may have to be pushed to next year, but this is not yet confirmed. FESTA- 47th annual will be September 6,7,8. Please sign up to work at a booth, and even better- sign up for more than one shift or booth! DATES to remember: July 30th 7pm booth chair meeting. Booth set up will be Saturday Aug 24 and 31st beginning at 9am. Every day after Labor Day is Festa set up. New members- booth chair listing will be in the next newsletter for all, especially new folks, can sign up. Monday Sept 9th CLEAN UP. Questions- Elizabeth asked if a decision was made about moving one of the ATMS closer to the building? YES- this will be done. Cookie making dates- July 28th, August 4th, 11th, 18th and 24th. All are Sundays except for August 24 and all start at 10am. Please let Gloria know if you can contribute!

Kitchen Report – John F. welcome back!!! John thanks Mark, Luke, Don, Tomas, Suzanne, Tim, Ralph and Diane for all of the help while he was off. John didn't worry about the cucina- as he knew it was in good hands. Don Miceli and Steve Torre have retired! Congratulations. John shared about his recent trip to Italy. He shared stories about the pride, heritage and the traditions that are passed down in the culture. John thanks Linda for her work directly to keep our heritage alive. John reminds that Walker Toyota is sponsoring the spaghetti dinner July 19 for the Bocce Classic. Bill Daniels is also supplying Pizza from the Pizza Factory. John shared he received some notes around the coffee maker and fridge- but no name was on the notes. Please include your name on any notes you leave for John so he can answer you. The kitchen raffle winner is Pat Cutugno! Congrats. Pat won a bucket of goodies-

ON-GOING/UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Projects: driveway, band shell and fence line – Jack shared he'll update us in near future.

· 50/50 Raffle for Make a Wish- winner is Vinny Trombino!

· FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Council Meeting – July 16, 2024 @ 6:30 pm

Next Membership Meeting – August 6, 2024 @ 7:00 pm

The second meeting will likely be August 27th but will confirm.

CLOSING PRAYER – Our John Pirelli Chaplin- Anne Beecroft

ADJOURNMENT OF THE SOCIETA DI MUTUO SOCCORSO MEETING @ 8:36pm.

Respectfully Submitted by

Nicole Duff

Recording Secretary

Little House Happenings!

BOOK CLUB

The Lodge's Italian-themed book club will discuss "The Shoemaker's Wife" by Adriana Trigiani at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, July 23, in the Little House. All members are welcome to attend.

The August Book Club will be held on Tuesday August 20. Contact Pat Catugno 937 306-8144 for more information.

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John Fantauzzo
Cucina Coordinator