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# **BELLA VILLA TIMES**



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# **Italian Heritage Month**

Festa Fun! Grazie a tutti!





#### **CELEBRATE "NATIONAL ITALIAN AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH: OCTOBER 2024"**

Our kickoff event will be a "Blessing of the Animals", held on <u>Wednesday October 2 at 6 PM</u> outdoors at the Lodge Picnic Pavilion.

This traditional Italian celebration honors St. Francis of Assisi (feast day October 4), the patron saint of animals. Fr. Satish Joseph, pastor of The Bread of Life Family of Catholic Parishes in Dayton, will conduct the blessing ceremony which will include a hymn, scripture reading, prayer of blessing, St. Francis medal and prayer card.

For everyone's safety:

- 1. All dogs must be on leashes.
- 2. Cats and other small animals must be in carriers.
- 3. Please bring "poop bags" for clean up/disposal.
- 4. This event is for lodge members and their families only.

We hope the blessing ceremony will grow to become an annual event, open to the public.

Light refreshments and "treats" will be provided.

RSVP: Call or text Linda Fischbach 937-305-6032 (include the name of your pet)

#### Other Italian Heritage Month Activities

6 PM, Thursday, Oct. 10: Mike Garrambone conducts individual Italian genealogy sessions.

11 AM, Saturday, Oct. 12: Anthony Franchina facilitates a reflection session re: Columbus Day based on his experience teaching Italian in Columbus (Ohio) Public Schools and working for the Columbian Quincentenary in 1992

10 AM, Saturday, Oct. 19: Mike Garrambone presents "How to Begin Researching Your Italian Roots" class. 10 AM, Saturday, Oct. 26: Tom Toskin and Steve Miller present "How to Plant and Grow Garlic, Part 2".

(All sessions will be held in the Lodge's small house. To register/more information, contact Linda Fischbach 937 305-6032.)

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

1st Tuesday 3rd Tuesday October 1st October 15th Membership Meeting 7:00pm 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>

#### **SOCIAL COMMITTEE:**

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

# OCTOBER 2024

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		I Membership Meeting 7pm	2 Blessing of the Pets @ 6pm	3	4 Mixed Bocce @ 6pm	5
6	7	8	9	10	II Mixed Bocce @ 6pm	12
13	14	I5 Council Mtg @ 6:30pm	16	17	I8 Mixed Bocce @ 6pm	19 Men's Bocce Banquet
20 Bunco @ I:00pm	21 Cooking Demo @ 6:00pm	22	23	24	25 Pasta Making Class @ 5:30pm/ Mixed Bocce @ 6pm	26
27	28	29	30	31 HAPPY HAL- LOWEEN!		

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**AGENDA - GIOVANNI PIRELLI LODGE #1633** 

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - August 27, 2024, 7:00pm

WELCOME! Festa is in the air!

CALL TO ORDER @7:00pm

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

WELCOME! (State and National Officials in attendance) Fred Ferrara, Jim Balsamo, Tony Lacon, Gloria Marano, BrianAndzik, Jack Giambrone

**GUESTS- Father Satish / FIRST TIMERS Dan Nicolini.** 

STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES OF OUR ORDER - Gloria

**OPENING PRAYER – Our John Pirelli Chaplin** 

**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

<u>PAST MEETING MINUTES</u> – (Revisions or changes? Accept into record.) Minutes from August member meeting notyet mailed out to members (due to this early meeting).

<u>COMMUNICATIONS</u> – Niki- Yes- Thank you card from the Frank Vitori Lodge for our hospitality at the last meet ing.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT – Frank shared we have 490 current members. We have 2 new applicants: 1) Anna Maria Diaspro. She is sponsored by Stephanie Fantauzzo. John shared a bit about her with the member ship. 2) Daniel Nicolini- Here tonight. Daniel was here tonight and was escorted out briefly for this discus sion and vote. Daniel speaks/ reads/ cooks Italian and is willing to do a cooking demo. Sponsored by Frank. Discussion: No / Vote YES to both becoming members- Unanimous

TREASURER'S REPORT – Charlie shared details on all account activity / balances. Motion to accept by Fred Ferrara / Seconded by: Frank Macharoni Discussion: None Vote: Yes- Unanimous

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – Dan and Judy. Pin order status is still pending.

STATE UPDATE – Updates and News – Gloria shared next Grand Lodge of Ohio (GLO) is Sept 14 at Cincy Lodge. Sue Lattavo is recently home from the hospital. Dave Corsi with the GLO and the National President Michael Polo, will be at our festa!

· REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

\*Social – Belinda reports that our 50/50 tonight will be Mercy Pets. Father Satish's charity and he'll be doing our blessing of the pets in October. This charity helps kids in need, in the Dayton area. Father Satish be here around 7:30pm to share more. Bunco will be Sunday, Oct 20 with a cost of \$5, which goes to prize money. BYOB and a snack. Wine tasting Saturday Nov 16. Christmas Dinner December 12 and be catered by Kohler. October 25 at @ 5:30pm, will be a hands on pasta making class. Limited 20 people. Dinner includes meat tor tellini and dessert. BYOB. \$20 per person.

\*Sunshine - Rita: One get well card was sent to Mike Emhoff.

\*Heritage – Eldora/Linda – Holiday @ Home reminder. Labor Day, September 2nd. We will be in group B. Linda will be sending out a map and detailed instructions. Please arrive around 9:30am. We are located at the end of the parade. Please come and bring the kids to walk! Our goal is to make folks aware of Festa! Question asked around how do you get back after you walk? You'll have to have a car staged or walk back.

\*Bocce League Captains: Julia Hall shared one more make up day. Unusual this year, with having 3 cancella tions causing need for makeup games. Women's Bocce Banquet is Sept 26th. Jim Balsamo shared this year's champion is Greenhouse Garden Center- Congratulations to Scottie Davis, John Doepker, Jim Balsamo and Miff Frank. One more game makeup game is happening and folks are vying for second place. Men's bocce banquet will be Oct 19th.

\*Cooking Demo's - Elizabeth / Maria Sprague is here tonight and is taking reservations/ payment- for Sept 23rd cooking demo, John Fantauzzo adds that help is needed in the kitchen to clean up, wash dishes and putting things away. This help is needed to continue the cooking demos. John asked for volunteers. Several folks volunteered to include Bill Serra, Lori NAME, Andre Tagliamonte, Maria Diaspro, Julia Hall and Cathy Colosi mo~ THANK YOU ALL. This is greatly appreciated!

\*National Update - Brian/Katie: Brian Andzik shared about the St. Louis trip for the Plenary Committee Meet ing. Highlights include 1) Expanding lodges in Italy again, 2) several new lodges approved on east coast and north east, 3) new lodge in Cleveland. 4) Membership trend seems to be picking up nationwide recently. 5) Let us know if you are not getting the Italian American Magazine. 6) Brian and team met with a place that has

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Italian broadcasting channels and coordinating a box where you can watch shows in Italian. 7) Pins are being redone for new logo which is causing the shortage recently, but this should catch up. 8)National President Polo will be coming to Festa. This is a first for someone at this level. Please seek him out and say hello! 9) Commission for Social Justice shares lots of statues are being re-installed, as well as advocating for other statues to remain. Columbus naming / renaming resuming etc. 10) Financially, we are doing well at national level, having run in the black 3 years in a row. We have good recognition and stability. Imember- modernizing data input and coming soon. Thanks Brian!

\* UNFINISHED/ONGOING BUSINESS – Social Members Committee – Fred Ferrara (Thanks Fred!) volunteered to chair this committee and other committee members are needed/ welcome. Thanks to Steve Carusone for starting this project.

Open to the floor

NEW BUSINESS - Open to the floor. None

WELFARE OF THE ORDER – Updates from Council – Jack updates that we'll have a new process to sanitize picnic tables during festa.

Open to the floor: None

ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING @ 7:34pm /OPEN SOCIETA DI MUTUO SOCCORSO

AGENDA - SOCIETA DI MUTUO SOCCORSO

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING – August 27, 2024** 

CALL TO ORDER @ 7:34pm.

MINUTES FROM PAST MEETING – changes or revisions? Accept into record. Minutes from August Member meeting have not been sent out yet (due this meeting being early to accommodate Festa).

**COMMUNICATIONS – Niki - None** 

TREASURER'S REPORT – Charlie shared details on activity and balances on all accounts. Motion to accept by Andre Tagliamonte / Seconded by Jim Balsamo: Discussion: None / Vote: Yes - Unanimous REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Buildings and Grounds: Scott Davis thanks all who showed up Saturday to help with festa clean up. Maria Rzecznik and Maria Doepker helped w/ flowers etc. Thursday Sept 5th beginning at 9am, we'll be doing the peppers/ onions a little differently. Will be cutting an additional 20 cases of peppers. Let Maria Doepker know if you can help cut or run them to coolers. Jim Balsamo makes a motion to spend \$1500 on tree trimming to be done this week. Seconded by Mark Warner. Discussion: 2 trees are totally dead, and several others need trimmed. A total of 5 trees need attention. Jack asked council members for questions, as this was not presented to council previously. Charlie Rigano asked about the company getting their worker's compensation form. Charlie needs a W9 form. General member questions? Andre Tagliamonte asks if the amount includes hauling away? Yes. Vote: YES- Unanimous. Jim Balsamo updates on the lodge beautification project and the HVAC system. We've had difficulty getting bids. We will have a recommendation to council at next council meeting and then will bring it to members in the October member meeting. Once decided, this is estimated to be a 3-5 day operation, so we should have heat by Halloween. Question around specific unit replacement. Jim explains that 2 furnaces, 4 AC units and an air handler will be replaced.

· Festa '24 – Jim B. or Brian A. Brian reminds Festa Friday lunch: call in orders between 9am-11am with pick up between 11am -1pm. Set up every day next week after Labor Day. Clean up Monday 9th. Posters and brochures available tonight for you to take and share with others. Lunch flyers are coming out in email and attached to email w/ next newsletter. Jim reminds about parking, strongly encouraging folks to use Reynolds and Reynolds (RR) to park. The traffic safety plan is going out w/ newsletter and in email blast. Please note there will be NO LEFT TURNS in to/ or out of the property. Come from North if you park at the lodge. No parking pass needed for RR parking. Erica Sigler asks is there a map of festa layout digitally? We have on paper. If we can get digitally- that could be widely shared. Can Marcus Levin put on our website? Yes! Is this event being advertised? Yes- in Dayton Daily, on major news channels, posters at the Greek festival (HAHA), and on Face Book. Shuttle buses will start running at 5pm on Friday and go through 30 min past closing time. Gloria Marano thanks to all who helped make 10,500 cookies!

· Kitchen Report – John thanks the kitchen crew tonight! Thanking you in advance for helping put tables away tonight, to get ready for Festa. Tom Toskin celebrating his birthday. Tom, thank you for being there always and bring such wisdom to our lodge! Please continue to "leave no trace" after you use the kitchen. If you have wet garbage- please make sure it goes in bag before the dumpster. Kitchen raffle winner- Bill Beecroft! Congratulations!

Guest Father Satish is here tonight to discuss his charity. Father is with Joseph Bread of Life and has 5 local parishes. Father Satish came to US 25 years ago and stayed. He's been at Immaculate Conception Church for 24 years. His congregation grew over the years, and he now has 5 parishes and 3 schools. He has agreed to do the Blessing the Pets, as close to the Feast at St Francis of Assisi. Father Satish describes his charity-

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Mercy Pets. Father is passionate about child hunger and feeding those in need. "How do you explain to a child, that their parents cannot afford to feed them?" Father has a dog, which is loved and adored. He spends money on his dog and thought what an impact could be made, if he spends the same amount on feeding hungry kids. This is the foundation of Mercy Pets. He then partnered with the Dayton Foundation and folks from 5 other countries to begin raising money. People are encouraged to spend a percentage of what they spend on their pet, and give to the charity. You choose the percentage. Please pick up brochures tonight, and/ or go to mercypets.org to learn more and to start giving. You don't have to have a pet to donate! Thank you! ON-GOING/UNFINISHED BUSINESS – Updates from Council/spending limits – Jack signed a contract to get an updated sign out front. Getting soon! Updated color- wording etc. Mark Warner and committee also got new banners that he showed to membership tonight! Festa insurance is in place (Supplement rider). We are trying to find new flags. Council OK'd \$1368 to lay electrical lines before festa.

<u>Jack shared about</u> recent council discussions, to increase the limit to spent on emergency basis by the president/ council without taking to membership first. Council, makes a motion to increase the amount we can spend on emergency repairs to no more than \$2500 and purchasing of new assets to no more than \$1500m without member approval first. Seconded by Jim Balsamo. Discussion: Questions: Kevin Sorice what are the checks/ balances? Jack shared that Council still needs to have majority approval. Frank Macharoni asks that council please make sure that membership is notified about these expenditures at the next available meeting per usual. All agreed this practice of transparency will continue. Andre Tagliamonte asked if council votes on items on line/ email? Jack adds that we prefer not to do this. We are meeting in person for emergencies. Vote: Yes- Unanimous.

- · 50/50 Raffle benefiting Mercy Pets. Congratulations to Eleanor Presutti!
- · <u>FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS</u>: Brian Andzik adds that the people in charge of the Plenary session in St. Louis, forgot flags. Brian was driving to St. Louis and brought our flags to the event. Please check out the photos, and you'll see our flags!

Next Council Meeting – September 17, 2024 @ 6:30 pm

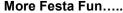
Next Membership Meeting – October 1, 2024 @ 7:00 pm (No September meeting!)

CLOSING PRAYER – Our John Pirelli Chaplin

·ADJOURNMENT OF THE SOCIETA DI MUTUO SOCCORSO MEETING @ 8:26pm

Respectfully Submitted Nicole Duff Recording Secretary

\*\*SAVE THE DATES: Nov 16th: WINE TASTING & Dec 7th: CHRISTMAS DINNER - More information coming!\*\*





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#### BOCCE... BOCCE...BOCCE...

Fall Mixed Bocce League has started. Show up at 6PM Friday nights to play. Random team selection and two games will be played Come and enjoy the game, socializing and FUN!

Please contact:

Caitlin Dvis: Caitlin.smith1310@gmail.com

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OR

Julia Hall: julialh49@gmail.com 937-416-1825

**50/50 Winner** Congratulations Eleanor Presutti, 50/50 benefitting **Mercy Pets** October 50/50 will be for New Path.

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.



# La Cucina & CUPA Grazie!

Molte grazie to all the Festa Chairs and booth volunteers for great team work with the kitchen! Our plan to furnish booth equipment and towels worked. Our process of restocking the booths worked. The hand rinsing buckets worked. It was a very smooth operation!

Molte grazie to Missy and her kitchen crew family. They fulfilled many critical duties during the Festa.

Mamma Mia! What about Scott Davis and his cucina crew!! The heartbeat of the Festa! Fantastico!

If interested in helping in the Cucina, contact me at 937-470-4287.

John Fantauzzo

La Cucina Manager