

BELLA VILLA TIMES



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Welcome New Council!



Save the Dates:

Derby Day Party- May 3rd @ 5pm. \$15 for members \$20 for non-members. Enjoy a KY hot brown and a piece of Derby Pie. A Peach Smash or a Mint Julep is included with admission. They will be raffling off bourbon also. Please bring a side dish or appetizer to share. Please contact Gloria Marano if interested at gmarano66@gmail.com or 937-361-9013.

The 37th Annual Special Olympics Bocce Event – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED*

Saturday May 10 from 9:00am until noon. 20 volunteers are needed to work on the courts for this event. This is open to club members and friends of club members. Nick also needs a volunteer to take over as chairperson for the event. To volunteer, please reach out to Nick D'Amico at (937) 294-3899 or (937) 478-6450 or email at nicholasdamico@aol.com.

<u>Card Night</u> – Friday, May 16 at 6:00pm –Come learn to play scopa. **FREE** event- play begins at 6:30. Katie Swiger and Caitlin Davis will be teaching how to play an Italian card game called scopa. Everyone is welcome, just bring a drink and a snack to share! Sign up at the May meeting or call/text Caitlin Davis to RSVP (937) 716-9008

<u>Memorial Day Service</u>: Tuesday, May 27th at 7:00pm. Please RSVP to Sharon Smith, if you plan to come honor those lodge loved ones that have passed away, at sharon.smith3903@att.net. <u>Please let Sharon and Marisa know of any lodge members that have passed away over the last year by May 15th, so they have an accurate list, -sharon.smith3903@att.net.</u>

<u>Memorial Day Picnic</u> Monday, May 26th 4pm-8pm. A main dish and bottled water will be provided. We just ask each family to bring a side dish to share. The cost is free for members and \$5 for nonmembers. Please call (937) 885-5436 (land line) to RSVP and state how many members and nonmembers will attend and leave a phone number in case there are any changes. For other questions and concerns contact Greg Battisti - greg.battisti@yahoo.com or (937) 602-7503. Thank you Greg and Elizabeth Battisti for hosting!

1st Tuesday 3rd Tuesday May 6th May 20th Upcoming Social & Heritage Events - Mark your calendars... 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>caitlin.smith1310@gmail.com</u> or (937) 716-9008.

Belinda Ferrara.....937-286-1172 Kay Trombino......937-306-8000 Kathy Fleury.......937-902-5943

SOCIAL COMMITTEE:

Libby Balsamo.....937-287-7825 Rita Chislaghi.....937-689-4141 Yvette Morrella....937-974-0486 Lori Mackintosh....937-231-3793 Jan Holbrook......937-427-3290 Michelle Jahnke....937-903-7173

If you know a Lodge member who has been hospitalized or in need of a get well card, please contact Rita Chislaghi at 937-689-4141.

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

MAY 2025

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
				l Women's Bocce 6:30pm	2	3 Derby Day Party 5pm
4	5 Men's Bocce 6:30pm	6 Member mtg 7pm	7 Men's Bocce 6:30pm	8 Women's Bocce 6:30pm	9	10 Special Olym- pics Bocce 9am
11	12 Men's Bocce 6:30pm	13	l4 Men's Bocce 6:30pm	I5 Social Cmt Mtg @ 6:30pm Women's Bocce 6:30pm	16 SCOPA Cards 6:00pm	17
18	l9 Men's Bocce 6:30pm	20 Book Club @ 2:30pm — Council Mtg @ 6:30pm	21 Men's Bocce 6:30pm	22 Women's Bocce 6:30pm	23	24
25	26 Memorial Day Picnic 4pm- 8pm	27 Memorial Day Service 7pm	28 Men's Bocce 6:30pm	29 Women's Bocce 6:30pm	30	31



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AGENDA - GIOVANNI PIRELLI LODGE #1633

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING – April 1, 2025, 7:00pm

WELCOME to The New Officer Installation Ceremony!

CALL TO ORDER @ 7:03 pm.

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

WELCOME! (State and National Officials in attendance) Brian Andzik, Tony Perfilio, Tony Lacon, Gloria Marano, Jack Giambrone, Jim Balsamo, and Katie Swiger!

GUESTS? None FIRST TIMERS? Makayla Rath- Welcome!

STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES OF OUR ORDER - Gloria

OPENING PRAYER – Our John Pirelli Chaplin- Maria Rzecznik

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – All Members

HONOR ITALIAN FLAG – Andy/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 present except Belinda Ferrara and Mark Warner (excused absences)

PAST MEETING MINUTES - Revisions or changes? None- accepted into record.

<u>COMMUNICATIONS</u> – Niki. Thank you notes received from The Food Bank, The New Path and Big Brothers Big Sisters.

<u>New Officer Installation</u>: Tony Perfilio and Brian Andzik (Herald) led the ceremony. Previous council was recognized for their service. New council sworn in and welcomed by membership.

<u>FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT</u> – Frank shared the 3 new applicants: 1) Kayla Sutton- her husband Jon, is a member. Elaine Long shared a little about Kayla. Kayla's husband is the grandson of Mary Fares, and she has helped with Festa for several years. Kayla is pregnant and due near Festa time and plans to be working Festa! 2) Rinaldo (Ronny) DiSalvo and 3) Amy Pedro (Tim Pedro sponsoring both) Ronny is the son of Ronny DiSalvo from the DiSalvo's deli. Tim adds that Amy is already playing bocce. Discussion: None- Voted all together into membership, unanimously. Frank shared that Brian Lowery sent in an application and asked if anyone knows him? No. Frank will call him.

<u>TREASURER'S REPORT</u> – Charlie shared details of all accounts, expenditures and balances. Motion to accept into record by: Jim Balsamo / Seconded by Jack Giambrone / Discussion: None Vote: YES- unanimously

<u>MEMBERSHIP REPORT</u> – Sharon and Marisa report that Tuesday May 27th at 7pm, a Memorial Service will be held. Also, Tuesday, June 3rd at 7pm, will be new member initiation and Tuesday June 10th at 7pm, will be new member orientation.

<u>STATE UPDATE</u> – Jack reports that on April 26th the quarterly Grand Lodge of Ohio meeting will be here at our lodge. Jack shared that the 2 lodges that recently closed were the Wellsville and Warren lodges. The state president is also concerned about one other lodge – more information to come. John Pirelli is seeking 3 nominations for state awards. We have 2 already, and looking at 3rd. Jack shared that they will be changing some bylaws to coincide with state/ national changes. Tony Vannacola- asked about the Christopher Columbus statue that was removed from Columbus Ohio and its status? Tony gave details on the history of this statue, and remarked this statue has been in storage for the past 3 years. Tony shared he made a suggestion two meetings ago around if we could get this statue. Tony acknowledges that Jack did do research on this (our lodge obtaining this statue did not seem feasible due to its size). Tony shared he is not saying the statue should come here, but we should protest, and it should be out of storage. Jack will discuss in the next state meeting, adding we don't have first rights to the statue, that the Columbus Arts Society does. Tony feels that it should not remain in storage.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS

<u>Social</u> – Libby Balsamo reports upcoming events to include: Children's Easter Egg Hunt on April 19th 11am -1pm, all children and grandchildren (and their parents) are welcome. There will be light snacks and the event is FREE. Last sign up for this is April 12th. April 27th wine tasting Sparks Farm at 3pm. May 3rd will be a Derby Day Party. Cost is \$15 for members and \$20 nonmembers. Enjoy a Kentucky Hot Brown, derby pie, Peach Smash or Mint Julep. There will be a bourbon raffle. Please bring a side dish to share. Sign up with Gloria!

Sunshine – Rita: A sympathy card was sent to John Guastaferro on the passing of his son.

Heritage – Eldora is tired from jetlag but shared that David Corsi (state president) says hello. Eldora congratulates the new council on behalf of the state. Linda Fischbach thanks Scott Davis and Maria Rzecznik for the recent excellent presentation on gardening. We learned a lot. They will be doing another presentation in May focusing on planting. Scott shared we had a good turn out and thinks people learned! They are going to start a garden by the little house! They plan to grow food for the kitchen to use and flowers to decorate the lodge. They are trying to get some folks to volunteer to tend to the flower beds- weeding etc. We'd like more members to participate. Pat Cutugno updates on the book club. The last one addressed "Sonny Boy- Memoir of Al Pacino." The next book is "May the Wolf Die". It's a

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murder mystery set at a US navy installation in Naples and the club will meet on April 22nd. On May 20th, we'll discuss "One Good Thing" which is about a woman's journey w/ her experiences in WWII, authored by Georgia Hunter. Mike Garrambone provided some genealogy updates: There was a Jamboree at the LDS this past weekend. 2 families that were there didn't know about us and may become members! Lots of success of folks exploring their past. Some are going back 5 generations etc. Please plan for the 2nd Thursday of the month at the little house for genealogy meetings. There will also be Bella Villa email blasts of information to come. Mike thanks the members for their interest. Linda shares there are no specific plans for June, July or August but welcome suggestions. Linda shared we will do the Holiday at Home Parade. We'd like to have a flag corps so if you know anyone that is interested- let Linda know. Italian Heritage Month in October- suggestions welcome. We will also do another blessing of the animals w/ Father Satish. Elizabeth Battisti was contacted by some folks from the Middletown lodge, and she encouraged us to invite these folks to our book club, cooking demos, cookie making etc.

<u>Bocce League Captains</u>: Caitlin Davis shared the ladies are up to 15 teams! They are having an informational meeting this Thursday at 6:30pm at the lodge. Jim Balsamo updates that there is a captain's meeting on April 12 at noon. Men have 17 teams, and plan to start play at the end of April. See Jim tonight if you are interested in playing. Fee is \$45. Elaine Long reminds us that the Bocce Classic is July 18 and 19! A flyer will be done in the next couple weeks. Nick D'Amico shared about the 37th Annual Special Olympics Bocce event, that will take place on Sat May 10th from 9am-12:30pm. That is Mother's Day weekend but please come out! Nick needs 20 volunteers to help on the courts. Volunteers can be club members, friends, anyone! One referee w/ experience per court is needed. Any help is appreciated. <u>Cooking Demo's</u> - Elizabeth Battisti shared that the next demo is April 14th and will be an Easter celebration. This will be the LAST demo until after FESTA. Greg and Elizabeth Battisti will be having the Memorial Day Picnic here at the club, so please sign up. Volunteers are needed to head the July 4th Picnic.

<u>National Update</u> – Tony/Brian. Tony shared there was a special convention recently, and National Adopted the Garibaldi Meucci Museum as one of our charities now (in addition to the Doug Flutie, Autism and Cooley's Anemia charities).

<u>UNFINISHED/ONGOING BUSINESS</u> – WSU Scholarship update – Jack reminded members of the challenges around this scholarship that have come to light. On March 24, Jack sent letter to Bob Batson- asking them to return the WSU John Pirelli fund monies, since the money can no longer be used for its intended purpose of offering to students of Italian decent. The amount of the scholarship fund is over \$63K. We still want to consider giving kids of Italian heritage scholarships. Bob Batson will be meeting last week in April around this topic and we will be notified of the next step. Pete Petrini asked if this money would go back the Dayton Foundation, or back to us? The money would go to the Dayton Foundation.

<u>Open to the floor</u>- None

NEW BUSINESS: - None

-<u>Open to the floor</u>: None

<u>WELFARE OF THE ORDER</u> –

Belinda – Orator's Report. None

<u>Open to the floor</u>. Andre Tagliamonte reminds folks to look at the advertisements included in the newsletter. We have 11 businesses advertising in the newsletter and there is a wide variety of businesses. All but one are members of JP. Please look and let Andre know if anyone is interested in advertising. ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING @ 8:07pm

AGENDA - SOCIETA DI MUTUO SOCCORSO

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING – April 1, 2025

CALL TO ORDER @ 8:07pm.

MINUTES FROM PAST MEETING – changes or revisions? No Accept into record. None-YES

COMMUNICATIONS – Niki- None

<u>TREASURER'S REPORT</u> – Charlie gave updates on all accounts and balances. Taxes have been turned in. Tony Vannacola asked about specific numbers around Morgan Stanley. Members were reminded that we did a detailed presentation around our financial situation during a council meeting, where membership were invited. Charlie answered Tony's specific question by identifying how much Charlie reported Societa eared on the Morgan Stanley Invest Account in his presentation to the Council and members who came to the brief. Tony shared we should have this information quarterly. Charlie shared he would consider doing more often. Motion to accept into record by: Tim Pedro Seconded by: Tony Perfilio Discussion: see above. Voted-Yes unanimously

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<u>Buildings and Grounds:</u> Scott thanks whoever has been picking up sticks. Check your email blasts, as we are asking for help from members to do chores and to take the lead in some upcoming projects. We need your help! Contact Mark Warner if you're interested. Maria shared if you have any perennials to donate, she could use them on the grounds!

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<u>Kitchen Report</u> – John thanks the Cucina crew! John calls Jim, Jack and Steve Carusone up to the front (all past presidents). John gave them all echo toy microphones in honor of their service! John thanks/ honors Mark Degrossa. Kitchen raffle winner is Pat Cutugno- AND Nate Powers! Congratulations! Several folks volunteered to help move tables around tonight. Thank you! John reminds to please continue keeping the lodge clean and the way you found it! <u>ON-GOING/UNFINISHED BUSINESS</u> Lodge Beautification Program- Jim shared they will be presenting to council soon and more information to come.

<u>Lodge Security System</u>- meeting tomorrow and we'll let you know. <u>Update from Council Meeting 3/18/25</u>- new council members were invited, security system discussed, asphalt repair and other projects that need prioritizing were discussed. More information to come.

50/50 Raffle benefitting Samaritan' Purse- disaster relief organization. They help folks all over the world and they have a Dayton Chapter. Winner is Michelle Jahnke!

Learn Scopa (Italian card game) May 16th at 6:30pm-please bring a dish to share and sign up.

FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS: Next Council Meeting – April 15, 2025 @ 6:00pm

Next Membership Meeting - May 6, 2025 @ 7:00 pm

CLOSING PRAYER – Our John Pirelli Chaplin – Anne Beecroft ADJOURNMENT OF THE SOCIETA DI MUTUO SOCCORSO MEETING @ 8:39pm. Good Evening! Respectfully submitted Nicole Duff, Recording Secretary



The annual Bocce Classic tournament is <u>Friday, July 18, and Saturday, July 19</u>, 2025. 32 teams will compete for lodge bragging rights - and prize money!

Food, beverages, fun, raffle baskets, and a silent auction Bocce/Pasta night for you and 23 of your friends will be available. For more details, contact Elaine Long 937-829-3086 or elainelongbellbrook@gmail.com.

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 -

Main lodge 8 hours = \$325 Both above options require \$300 refundable deposit for cleaning / damage.

Little House and Lodge combo \$500.00 with a \$300.00 refundable deposit for cleaning/damage



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Recent activities!



Italian Gardening presentation held March 29th by Scott Davis and Maria Rzecznik, was a big hit!. Session 2 being planned for May. More to come!

Thanks to Crystal, Caitlin, Marisa, Cathy and Joyce for painting the bocce cabinets. Thanks to Mark W for organizing all the supplies, and Mark S for helping with the numbers' rods. And a shout out to Chuck S for scrubbing all the cabinets and prepping with painter's tape. It takes a lodge Grazie, Elaine





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Easter!



Last Cooking Demo until after Festa!



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50/50 Winner is Michelle Jahnke! -Benefitting Samaritan's Purse-Congratulations! May's 50/50 will benefit Shriners

> **New Member Initiation** Tuesday, June 3rd 7pm

New Member Orientation Tuesday, June 10th 7pm

Men's and Women's Bocce league play has BEGUN. If you are still interested in playing contact Jim Balsamo at balsam5775@aol.com or 937-269-4504. / Caitlin Davis (937) 716- 9008 or caitlin.smith1310@gmail.com

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.

4090 Wilmington Pike, Dayton, OH 45440 skyasian4090@gmail.com (937) 949-9883



BOCCE RRS

The 2024 Bocce Classic continued the tradition of supporting local charities and promoting the Italian game of bocce. One of our charities was Shoes 4 The Shoeless. They provide new gym shoes and socks to children in desperate need. This service gives hope, encouragement, and comfort to the children. Accepting the donation is Kris Horlacher, executive director. There are volunteer opportunities for anyone interested. You can contact Kris at 937-239-0147.

A special thank you to the many Bocce Classic volunteers. A big thanks to those who donated charity baskets and to those who purchased raffle tickets. Thank you to Jacob Walker of Walker Toyota for sponsoring the complimentary pasta dinner, and to Bill Daniels, owner of Pizza Factor,

for donating his delicious pizzas.

John Fantauzzo La Cucina Manager **Bocce Classic committee** member

