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FESTA FESTA FESTA



It's FESTA time!

IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DO SO, PLEASE SIGN UP TO WORK A BOOTH OR TWO, OR THREE. SEE ATTACHED BOOTH CHAIR LIST.

FESTA SET UP; SEPTEMBER 2ND, 3RD AND 4TH ALL DAY

FESTA: SEPTEMBER 5, 6 AND 7TH

FESTA CLEAN UP: MONDAY SEPTEMBER 8, 9:00AM - 4:00PM



Upcoming Events

PROMOTE THE FESTA-MARCH IN THE LABOR DAY/HOLIDAY AT HOME PARADE
Members, bring your children/grandchildren to walk in Kettering's Holiday at Home Parade on Labor Day, September 1, 2025.

Meet at the MCL Cafeteria parking lot (4485 Far Hills Ave) at 9:45 AM. Wear Italian colors—Green, White, Red. We provide Italian music/flags to carry; doughnuts and water to drink. March is 1 mile (Far Hills at Stroop Road to Dorothy Lane). Arrange your pick-up at Dorothy Lane. (Contact Linda Fischbach for more information 937 305-6032)

DAYTON SCAVENGER HUNT: On Saturday September 27 10AM we will be meeting at Levitt Pavilion, 134 S Main St, Dayton for a scavenger hunt. Teams of 4-6 people will follow clues on their phones to find and photograph Dayton landmarks. Don't worry if you do not have complete teams we will pair people up. The hunt covers approx 2 miles and takes 2 hours. We will meet afterwards at Brixx Ice Company for prizes and food/drinks. Cost is \$20 which covers the scavenger hunt and prizes. You can sign up by contacting Kim Sease at 937-371-3990.

Come Learn Italian with Rosie!

Classes will be Thursdays beginning at 6:30 at the Little House, exact date to be determined (likely mid-September, after Festa. Please let Rosie know if you are interested as this is limited to 20 people!

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

1st Tuesday
3rd Tuesday
September 2nd
September 16th
August 26th

NO member meeting
Council Meeting 6:30 pm
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September Membership Meeting

Finance Committee Members:
Gloria Marano, Andy Militello, Sharon Smith, Frank Clement & Charlie Rigano

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 caitlin.smith1310@gmail.com or (937) 716-9008.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE:

Belinda Ferrara.....937-286-1172
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Kathy Fleury..... 937-902-5943

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Rita Chislaghi.....937-689-4141
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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).

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.)

SEPTEMBER 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Labor Day!\nHoliday at Home Parade	2 FESTA Set up	3 FESTA Set up	4 FESTA set up	5 FESTA	6 FESTA
7 FESTA/ Meatball Madness 5k @ 10am	8 FESTA CLEAN UP	9	10	11 Social Cmt Mtg @ 6:30pm	12	13
14	15 Heritage Planning Mtg @ 7pm (Little House)	16 Council Mtg @ 6:30pm	17	18	19	20
21	22 Cooking Demo @ TBA	23	24	25 Women's Bocce Banquet @ 6:30pm	26	27
28	29 Men's Bocce Banquet @ 6pm	30				

BUSINESS DIRECTORY

The Business Directory is available to both members and lodge supporters.
John Pirelli Lodge is not responsible for advertiser content.

Do you want to advertise for your business? Contact Andre Tagliamonte @ 937-477-6716 or Andre@tcgwork.com

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AGENDA - GIOVANNI PIRELLI LODGE #1633

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING – Aug. 5, 2025, 7:00pm

CALL TO ORDER 7:00 pm

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

WELCOME! (State and National Officials in attendance). Jack Giambrone, Jim Balsamo, Andy Militello, Fred Ferrara, Katie Swiger

- GUESTS? Tony Carusone // FIRST TIMERS? None
- STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES OF OUR ORDER - Andy
- OPENING PRAYER – Our John Pirelli Chaplin Maria Rezcznik
- 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) Michelle will walk a mic to you.

- ROLL CALL – Niki: All council members present except for excused absences of Marisa Varney and Sharon Smith.

- PAST MEETING MINUTES – (Revisions or changes? Accept into record.) No changes, accepted into record.

- COMMUNICATIONS – Niki: None

- FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT – Frank updates on new applicant Kathy Kline- sponsored by Phil Levin. She owns Tom and Dots gelato shop in Miamisburg. Discussion: None. Voted into membership unanimously. Current census in the 480's

- TREASURER'S REPORT – Guest was escorted out of the room during the treasures report for John Pirelli and Societa. Charlie shared details of all accounts/ balances and expenditures. Charlie has been married for 56 years! We had 100% return on Bocce Classic beverages. Motion to accept into record made by John Belluardo. Seconded by Steve Torre Discussion: Vince Trombino asked about the cost of QuickBooks. We cannot afford a CPA to do all our books for us. Charlie does all the day to day / month to month expenditures, 1099's etc. Charlie does not do our taxes but provides input to the tax firm. Voted: YES Unanimously.

- MEMBERSHIP REPORT – Sharon and Marisa (excused) Thanks to everyone who helped w/ badges tonight.

- STATE UPDATE – Jack. /Andy- none

- REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS **Please limit to 5 minutes or less**

- Social – Belinda- 50/50 for tonight is the Diaper Depot. They help families who are struggling with diapers. Upcoming Events: Steak and Wine dinner at Valley Vineyards on Nov 8 at 6pm. Sign-up sheet at next two meetings for RSVP and payment. We cook our own steak/ salmon/ shrimp or do a buffet instead. Dessert and two wine/ beer tickets are included. There are three meal choices, and you need to decide at time of sign up / payment so Valley Vineyards can prepare. It should be fun. The deadline will be October 25th. Prices 1) Steak/ shrimp or crab cakes is \$44 and includes 2 drink tax. 2) Premium includes a Filet and is \$55. Buffet cost is \$31. This event is capped at 80 people, and you must be 21 y/o and older. More information to come. Bella villa blast will include the entire menu. Dayton Scavenger Hunt is September 27th at 10am. \$20 per person. We will start at Levitt Pavillion and there will be teams of 4 or 6. You can develop your own team, or you will be assigned a team. You will get clues on your smartphone. It is about a 2-mile trek around the city and will take about 1 ½ hours. We'll end at Brix around noon, and prizes will be given. You purchase food. If more people sign up, it will be cheaper, and you will get some money back.

*Sunshine – Rita shared that a sympathy card was sent to Anna and Mark Kollmorgen on the passing of Anna's sister Rosie. Get well cards were sent to Cathy Colosimo, Lou D'aloisio, Steve Torre, Dee Anticoli, and Vicky Lambright.

*Heritage – Linda reports that October is Italian Heritage Month- Kick off w/ Holiday at Home parade which is on Labor Day. This is a fun event so please plan to attend. On Oct 3rd, Father Satish will do "Blessing of the Animals" (eve of St. Francis anniversary). and will be held here- outdoors. On Oct 4th, Italian Heritage Tea- focused on your ancestry. Please bring photos of your parents/ grandparents etc. Michelle Jahnke will oversee refreshments. Men/ women/ older children are welcome to attend! Columbus Day event has been moved to Oct 12th, and there will be a Dinner / Dance. Joe DeGrazie will be singing for us and there will be a catered dinner. More information to come. Later in the month- There will be a Children's Story hour, which we hope to make a regular occurrence. We are hoping to have an event Oct 25 focusing on Italian heritage/ movies etc. Shaun Power shares suggestions around supporting our heritage and ideas to drive/ increase membership. He reports that our Italian culture worldwide is diminishing. Shaun is proposing a 3-year plan to grow and sustain our club for the next 50 years. Shaun shared some highlights. We are coming up on 50 years of Festa in the next 3 years, plus America is celebrating 250 years. Ideas include Live Stream Festa Cam will be here on the grounds – this is a first! We want to stream the event to help get the word out. Some locals don't know about us.

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We do not have to change significantly- just market better. 2) Please be kind to existing members and say hello- connect with them. Make others feel welcome. 3) Announcement during Festa to invite those of Italian heritage to join. 4) Name tags on Festa volunteers to say "Ask me about Membership". More ideas will be presented at Council. Mark Pinti is chair of membership booth and will have applications. Greg Torre (Steve Torre's son)- volunteered to help video some of our members' stories, in an effort to preserve our heritage. You can make an appt to come in to share your family story to be recorded. Greg will be setting up a series to help us preserve our heritage in archival form. Greg will provide an outline of an interview style to help guide us. He is also working on the Web Cam for Festa. Additionally, Greg works for a local access TV station and can get our message out the broader community. Thank you! Our next heritage meeting will be Monday, Aug 18th at 7pm. We need your help and input! Linda thanks those who have stepped forward. Kevin Sorice asks if we can run our commercial during the live stream? Can we record our Bocce tournament games? Location of the camera for live feed at Festa was discussed. Michelle Jahnke asked if we do Living Dayton? Yes, we have in the past. We will be able to "share" the live feed on our Facebook accounts. We also plan to share w/ the State and National too. Steve Fleury highlights that the two men helping us with these new efforts are YOUNG!

***Bocce League Captains (Caitlin/Jim) Women's-** Caitlin reports we have successfully rescheduled the WDTN interview and there will be more to come. Caitlin adds that the dates for Social Bocce have been chosen. These are all Fridays and play begins at 6:30pm. Oct 10th, Oct 24th, Oct 31st, Nov 7th and Nov 14th.

Jim reports on Men's Bocce- Leon's 4 Kings are dominating and being chased by Greenhouse Garden. Jim adds that all 4x8 bricks have been installed. We are still awaiting the larger bricks.

***Bocce Classic -** Elaine Long had all those who helped with the Bocce Classic, stand up to be recognized! Thank you! Elaine adds that the event this year grossed \$20,000; Expenses were \$5,000; and we will donate \$9000 to charities! The lodge earned \$6000. Our first ever Bocce Night Out auction sold for \$900 and this will take place on Oct 17th. The new Bocce Classic champions are the 4 Marksmen ~Congratulations! FYI that between courts 3 and 4, winners circle bricks can be found!

***Care Flight-** Joe Baldasare reports this event is on August 16th and will begin at 7:30 w/ breakfast. All proceeds will go to helping to replace the 30-year-old helicopter with a new one (Italian by the way). There will be two games for seeding and seeding will be based on points. Then there will be a single elimination tournament. There will be door prizes, raffles, gift cards, alcohol, handmade items etc. The goal is to have thirty-six teams and right now we have 35. Care flight will plan to land here on the grounds during the tournament. There will be an area prepped for this landing that is expected to take place between 11:30am and Noon. There will be a TV crew here to video the tournament also. There will be a \$6 pasta lunch. There are no expenses- 100% proceeds will go the helicopter and will be in the name of OUR LODGE. Make sure you fill out the application if you plan to play. Terri Baldasare shares that we can use our TV spot to highlight how our lodge is helping the community.

***National Update -** Gloria adds that she, Katie, Jack, and Caitlin will be headed to Florida soon for the national convention. Jack reports that National put out a 60 page booklet and shared some numbers. There will 10 issues to vote on, and 5 will affect us. National has 1.6 million dollars in current assets- where do they get that number? Imember - Ohio is listed as "in process". If you are having trouble accessing Imember, please write down your information so Jack can make sure it is right. Jack gave numbers of members of ten largest in the country and Ohio is 5th in the country w/ 1951 members statewide. We are close to #4. Gloria encourages all members to get in and activate your Imember accounts. Mark Pinti asks what is Imember? Jack and Gloria update that this platform helps capture information across the country, help to keep informed of what is happening at state and other state levels. Some quick training may be upcoming. You can use it to update your information, putting in social and other activities, newsletters, and generally as a tool to get information to you quickly.

● UNFINISHED/ONGOING BUSINESS – WSU Scholarship update/presentation – Jack invites Peter Carusone and family to join him at the front. Jack recognizes Peter Carusone with a plaque, marking the "The Peter Carusone Italian - American Scholarship at Wright State University". Steve Carusone thanks Jack for his efforts on this project. Jack adds that Phase one of returning the money is complete. Phase 2 is getting all names of those who contributed. Phase 3 is having those folks sign an agreement to turn funds over to us. Jack will keep us posted.

● Open to the floor. None

● NEW BUSINESS:

-Open to the floor. None

● WELFARE OF THE ORDER –

Belinda – Orator's Report- None

Andre- Newsletter Sponsors: Our business directory is now FULL! Thanks. Please patronize those who advertise!

Open to the floor- Anniversaries? Birthdays? Tony Amato will be seventy-eight next week! Congrats. Libby thanks everyone that attended the Seafood Boil. We had a wonderful time and the food was excellent!

● ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING @ 8:11pm /OPEN SOCIETA DI MUTUO SOCCORSO

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AGENDA - SOCIETA DI MUTUO SOCCORSO

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- CALL TO ORDER @ 8:11 PM
- MINUTES FROM PAST MEETING – changes or revisions? No. Accept into record. YES
- COMMUNICATIONS – Niki- Stan Palmere's thank you note for nominating him for the Tom Filino award; and Habitat For Humanity for the recent 50/50 donation.
- TREASURER'S REPORT – Charlie shared details on all accounts balances and expenditures. Pre- Festa expenses reviewed. Motion made by Jack Giambrone to accept into record. Seconded by Tim Pedro Discussion: None Vote: Yes unanimously.
- REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

Buildings and Grounds: Scott D- Thanks those who are watering and pulling weeds. We are in Festa mode! Thanks to those who helped repair court 1-Steve Bertolo, Stan Palmere, Tom Varney, Jim Balsamo, Tim Pedro, Fred Ferrara, Scott Davis, Drew Titone, Tony and Mark Warner. Thanks to Greg Sorice for replacing the bocce court lights and some of the lighting in the parking lot- switching over to LED. Mark fixed the sweeper on the bocce court – please do not use this sweeper without permission. Chuck Levin asked if the hole by the ramp to the parking lot is slated to be fixed? It's a trip hazard. Yes- it is on the list to be fixed before festa.

Lodge rentals-Hickeys- Not present

Kitchen Report – John thanks the cucina crew! Kitchen raffle winner is Michelle Tagliamonte! 3 Basil plants also given away to – Jan Holbrook, Tonina Lamanna & Carole DePasquale. Congratulations! Reminder that our next meeting is August 26 at 7pm (our September member meeting due to Festa), will be our Ice Cream Social and there will be no meal/ snack served. Maria Sprague is retiring and moving to Maine, so this is her last meeting. John highlights that Maria has been involved in so many activities over the years, including serving on council as the recording secretary We'll miss you! Maria said she will come back to visit. Maria was given flowers and a card/ gift. Buona Fortuna, Maria!

*ON-GOING/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Lodge Beautification Program Update-Jim updates that they received 3 bids and recommended to council to go with First Onsite for a cost of around \$83,000. The contract to begin work will soon be signed. There is no specific start date but the work will begin after Festa. A member asked what work will be done? New roof (removal of old roof), mesh/ two coats of stucco, and new mural on north wall to include the new Sons and Daughters of Italy logo.

Festa update-Brian/Jim- 48th annual Festa is 31 days! It takes a Lodge! Please volunteer to work several shifts! Saturday August 23rd and 30th will be Festa prep. Then, daily after labor day for set up. The Monday after Festa is clean up. Thank you, Chuck, for organizing help from Lexus Nexus volunteers to help with the clean-up. Yard signs are available tonight. Please KEEP them, they will last several years. Dennis asks if there an "on call" volunteer? No- but just go ask the booths if they need help. Maria Doepker reports that they will need help cutting peppers and onions on Thursday Sept 4th at 9am. Please bring your favorite knife and cutting board. Meatball Madness is Sunday Sept 7th at 10am. Flyers are coming and will be in Bella Villa blast. Come join us!

Cookie Making-Katie thanks to those who have helped make 7000 cookies thus far! We'll be making Biscotti Sunday 10th. We will have a "pop up" cookie dough making on Thursday Aug. 7th. Cooking making dates also on Aug 23 and 24. Sign up to work the cookie/ dessert booth – help is needed.

Update from Council Meeting 7/22/25-*Update from Jim on options for beautification project/selection made// membership growth events// Update on kitchen/meals// updated application// Festa item/approved new cannoli machine// credit cards/Wi-Fi coverage going forward// restructure of meeting to help kitchen// maintenance project updates// imember registration

* New Business

open to the floor- Michelle Tagliamonte asks if The Italian Fall Festa Facebook page has been updated? It appears to be last year's information. Andy will double check.

- 50/50 Raffle winner is Terri Baldasare!
 - FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS: Next Council Meeting – Aug. 19, 2025 @ 6:30 pm
- Next Membership Meeting – Aug 26, 2025 @ 7:00 pm **Note date change** NO MEAL- Ice Cream social at end of meeting instead!
- CLOSING PRAYER – John Pirelli Chaplin -Anne Beecroft
 - ADJOURNMENT OF THE SOCIETA DI MUTUO SOCCORSO MEETING @ 8:41pm
- Good Evening!

Respectfully submitted
Nicole Duff, Recording Secretary

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Peter Carusone Recognition Award



Care Flight Bocce Tournament



National Convention



Brian Andzik (3rd National VP); Jack Giambrone (National Trustee); Gloria Marano (National Arbitration Commission); Katie Swiger (FOTO Chair); Eldora Perfilio (Italian Relations/ Culture Chair); Natalie Thornton (Ohio Delegate); Dave Corsi (Ohio GL Pres); Vera DiCiano (Ohio Delegate and Cleveland Lodge President); Caitlin Davis (FOTO rep for Ohio); Mary Kovach (VP of CSJ); & Tony Perfilio (National Orator)

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SAVE THE DATES

(more info coming):

October 3rd: Blessing of the animals

October 4th: Italian Heritage Tea

October 12th Columbus Day Event

Social Bocce begins in October

Nov 8th Steak & Wine event at Valley Vineyards -

(Sign up & pay at the August 26th or October 7th member meetings)- See the Bella Villa email blast for details on menu/ pricing/ details

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 Cucina crew is continuing the tradition of prompt, friendly service and the finest small plates this side of Napoli! Members at the August meeting enjoyed Veggie Boats, Bowtie Pasta with a Pesto sauce, Penne with red sauce, a variety of Pizza's, followed by Ice Cream for dessert after the meeting.

Molte grazie to the Steve Torre family, Pasquale Cristiano, Marco Warner, Diane and Ralph Conte, Tomaso Toskin, and Luke Sabatino for their help in the Cucina. Thanks to those who helped clean up after the meeting. If you would like to donate to our raffle basket, just bring your donation in and see me.

John Fantauzzo
La Cucina Manager