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Jack Giambrone, Vince & Kay Trombino, Marisa Varney, Libby Balsamo & Gloria Marano accepting a Proclamation from Beavercreek City Council, honoring Italian American Heritage Montth.

SAVE THE DATES!

Cork Crafting DIY Event

When: Sunday, November 8th
Time: 1-4pm
Where: The Lodge
Fee: $5:00



Many of us save our corks when we open our favorite bottle of wine and why? Of course just in case you have a DIY involving corks! Plenty of corks will be provided but feel free to bring your own! We have three different cork crafts to choose from but you can choose one of your own to create. See the attached pictures for reference! Snacks to share are welcome! Soft drinks and water will be provided but if you would like anything different feel free to bring along!

You can sign up/pay at the November membership meeting or call/text Belinda Ferrara at 937-286-1172 to let us know you will be joining us!

December Activities

Friday, December 4th
Christmas Open House @ 6:30pm

Saturday, December 12th
Kids Christmas @ 11:00am

Monday, December 14th
Cooking Demo @ 6:00pm

Friday, December 20th
White Elephant @ 5:00pm

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TRUSTEES: Caitlin Davis, Tim Pedro, Steve Torre, Drew Titone, Andre Tagliamonte

50/50 winner- benefitting Mercy Pets, is Anne Beecroft!

Don't forget about Member shout outs!

November 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3 Member Mtg & new member initiaion @ 7:00pm/ Small plates @ 6:15pm	4 Non member bocce @ 6:00pm	5	6 Social Bocce @ 6:30pm	7
8 DIY Cork Crafting @ 1:00pm	9	10	11 Non member bocce @ 6:00pm	12 Social cmt mtg @ 6:30pm New Member Orientation @ 6:30pm	13	14
15	16 Cooking Demo @ 6:00pm	17 Council Mtg @ 6:30pm	18 Non member bocce @ 6:00pm	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 Non member bocce @ 6:00pm	26 Happy Thanks giving!	27	28
29	30					

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Upcoming Meetings

1st Tuesday	Member Mtg @ 7:00pm
3rd Tuesday	Council Mtg @ 6:30pm
November 3rd	Member Mtg @ 7:00pm
November 17th	Council Mtg @ 6:30pm

Finance Committee

Gloria Marano, Andy Militello, Sharon Smith, Frank Clement & Charlie Rigano

If you know a Lodge member that has been hospitalized, or in need of a Get Well card, please contact Rita Chislaghi 937-689-4141. If one of our lodge members has passed away, please contact Anne Beecroft at 937-829-7716 or Maria Rzecznik at 937-287-5242

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AGENDA - GIOVANNI PIRELLI LODGE #1633
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING –Oct. 6, 2026, 7:00pm

CALL TO ORDER @ 7:02pm **Attendance: 71**

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

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

John expresses a big "Thank you" to the Cucina Crew!

- **GUESTS? Yes, Pat and Leo Catugno's friends, Kathy and Douglas Goetz. 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 – 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 wefeel 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 members are present except for excused absences of Charlie Rigano, Andy Militello and Caitlin Davis.**
- **PAST MEETING MINUTES – No corrections/ revisions- Accepted into record.**
- **COMMUNICATIONS – Niki.Thank you note from The DesGravise family**
- **FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT – Frank reports we have 63 new applicants (most from Festa). Frank read the complete list aloud. See attached document for all new applicant names. All are paid. All voted in together by members, unanimously. Thanks to all in the Heritage booth for their recruitment efforts. Also, Frank has Booth results for chairs.**
- **TREASURER'S REPORT – Charlie is absent. Guests escorted out of the room for this report. Gloria shares details on all account balances and activity. Final festa numbers are not in yet due to some outstanding invoices. Motion by Jack Giambrone to accept into record. Seconded by Mark Warner. Discussion: When will unpaid expenses be known? It could be in the next few months. Did we make money? We cannot speculate at this time. Report voted into record -YES unanimously.**

Societa treasurer's report also done now due to guests being here and out of the room at this time. Gloria shares details on all account balances and activity. Motion by Pete Petrini to accept into record. Seconded by Pat Catugno. Discussion- None Voted YES unanimously.

- **MEMBERSHIP REPORT – Sharon and Marisa share that there will be new member initiation at the next member meeting on November 3rd. Orientation will take place on November 12 at 6:30pm. 81 people in total will be invited to the next round. As a result, we are asking for food donations for this gathering! Please come and introduce yourself to the new folks.**
- **STATE and SUPREME LODGE UPDATE – Jack shared that the next state meeting will be on Saturday October 17th. Jack represents us in 5 national meetings. Jack shared some details around national and state projects and membership numbers. For example, there is a program called Lion to Lion, described as a powerful way to build stronger leaders, create a culture of continuous growth, transfer knowledge, strengthen confidence, and prepare future leaders from within. Currently, we are 5th in the nation related to membership numbers, however we'll be 4th after adding our 63 NEW members voted in tonight! There are currently 29,655 national members, with a plan to get 31,000 by end of the year.**

REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS **Please limit to 5 minutes or lessSee TV for details**

***Sunshine – Rita- None. Please let Gloria know if you are interested in taking over this responsibility. Very low key/ stress. We need YOUR HELP!**

***Heritage -Linda welcomes all. Tonight's raffle will go to Mercy Pets. This is Father Satish's charity, where he matches all donations given for pets, to feed children in need in the US and throughout the world. Please see Lynne and Brad Mallare to sign up for the Columbus Day Dinner/ dance. At this dinner, we will be honoring 5 of our members for their great work (Stan Palmere, Eldora Perfilio, John Fantauzzo, Katie Swiger and Mike Garrambone). There will also be an authentic southern Italian dance/drumming exhibition of "musica popolare" by Nikole Rosaria Manieri of Mandorla Arts.There is still room to sign up tonight! Thanks to Jake Bontatibus for providing the food for the event. The heritage tea will take place on October 24th. Carmela Swiger shares more about the event. There will be a focus on and presentation on the Molise region by Dave Ramano (and food from the area). Encourage you to sign up, and bring items with you that show your family's heritage.Sign up through the 12th.Mark Warner led us all in singing happy birthday to Linda Fischbach!**

Your paragraph text

***Documentary-Shaun Power thanks Linda for helping keep our heritage alive in a special way! Shaun updates on the filming during our recent Festa. The crew was here for 22 hours. There were lights, drones, thousands of dollars in equipment etc. This will serve as the primary cornerstone to share our story with a plan to release a video to help advertise our 50th festa next year. Shaun shows unedited film excerpt to give us an idea! If you have any pictures, articles, or stories from ANY FESTA- please email them to this address:jp50film@gmail.com. We'll include this in the Bella Villa blasts and the newsletter. If you have physical pictures, please don't scan them, we'll plan to get them in hand and use in the little house possibly. Steve Fleury asks if will we use this as a marketing tool? YES. All revenue from streaming will go to John Pirelli. We have 30 hours of film/ photo. Great job!**

- **Open to the floor. John Caniglia had great feedback from his out of town sister but she requests DIET COKE!**
- **NEW BUSINESS:**
  - **Open to the floor. None!**
- **WELFARE OF THE ORDER –**

Belinda – Orator's Report. None
Andre- Newsletter Sponsors None!
Member Shout outs Chuck sends thanks to Gloria, Stan, Marisa, Rosie and Jeff for cleaning the chairs! Linda shouts out Niki Duff for the minutes / newsletter and Anne Lombardo for her great job in taking over the Bella Villa blasts. Julia Hall thanks Elaine Long for organizing the bocce pasta dinner and hand making pasta! Elaine adds thanks to those who helped to include Scott Davis and Mark Warner and all else who helped too! Maria Rzecznik agrees Elaine does so much here! Pete Petrini shouts out Charlie Rigano for all of the time he puts into the lodge and all of his reporting. Mark Warner shouts out Maria Doepker for coordination another great Meatball Madness event!
GMM raffle tickets/Questo Mese. Gloria still has raffle tickets for $5 each or a book for $35.Let Gloria know ASAP if you'd like any.If you have not already, please check out this month's Questo Mese magazine to see some familiar faces! We were proud and honored to have National President Lupo with us during Festa!
Beavercreek Proclamation- Last Monday, the City of Beavercreek Council held a meeting and provided us with a proclamation around Italian Heritage Month.
Open to the floor- Niki and Dan Duff are celebrating their 30th anniversary! Rosie's birthday is this month also! Lastly, please keep Katie Swiger's dad In your thoughts and prayers due to upcoming surgery.

- **ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING @ 8:01pm /OPEN SOCIETA DI MUTUO SOCCORSO**

AGENDA - SOCIETA DI MUTUO SOCCORSO
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING –Oct. 1, 2026

- **CALL TO ORDER @ 8:01pm**
- **MINUTES FROM PAST MEETING – No changes or revisions. Accepted into record.**
- **COMMUNICATIONS – Niki. None**
- **TREASURER'S REPORT – Charlie, excused (motion to accept) See John Pirelli Minutes**
- **REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS: **Please limit to 5 minutes or less**See TV for details**

Buildings and Grounds: Scott D. thanks Drew and his group for putting the playground mulch down before festa!. Please let someone on council know if you need the swings up and then we'll take them back down for winter. Thanks to all who are keeping grounds and the garden tended to/ taken care of. We filled in all of ruts and holes on the grounds. We are also prepping for garlic planting soon.

· Lodge rentals-Hickeys/calendar – N/A

· Social-Belinda shared the 50/50 tonight will benefit Mercy Pets. There will be a Tailgate party on Sunday October 25th from Noon- 4:00pm. There will be corn hole, 2 televisions to watch games and hot dogs. Sign up or call / text Belinda. Cork DYI craft event will be Sunday Nov 8th from 1:00pm-4:00pm and costs $5. Sign up and note what design you want. You DON'T need your own corks but can bring with you if you have them. Sign up now or the next meeting. Sharon and Marisa have agreed to do the Presepio again this year, featuring a new rendition of bocce courts! They will also spearhead decorating the lodge for Christmas. They are suggesting a new tradition where lodge members can donate an ornament that may highlight their family's heritage. We'll put a note with your name, then add to the tree. We plan to start the weekend after Thanksgiving. Anyone can come and help decorate! Details of day/ time will be put out in the Bella Villa blasts.

· Cooking Demo-Michelle reports that this event is October 19th at 6pm. Correction made, of Members are $23 and nonmembers are $28. There is a max of 50 people and so far, about 30 have signed up. Please come join us!

· NO SOCIAL BOCCE THIS WEEK, but will take be every Friday otherwise until Nov 6th.

· Festa-Jim Balsamo shared that all final numbers and a report will be given, likely in January. THANK YOU ALL for all of your efforts! We cannot do it without you! We have lots of great things planned for Festa 50!

· Katie Swiger expresses gratitude about being honored at Columbs Day Dinner.

Cookies- We had about 1200 left over and believe it did not rain, we would have sold out! Thank you all who helped make and sell the cookies this year! Several folks from the Middletown lodge came to help and felt welcomed. On Sunday Oct 18th , the Middletown Lodge is holding a Bunco event. Cost is $15 and don't need to know how to play. Let Gloria know if can attend and support our neighbor lodge!

-Kitchen Report – Gloria congratulates John and Jack (and any other coaches) on National Coaches Day! John shares we have take home/ grab and go cookies tonight!

Housekeeping: Please remember when you do an event, please leave the lodge in BETTER SHAPE than you found it and ready for the next group.

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··Kitchen Raffle winner is newly voted in member Kathy Goetz! Kathy Fleury and Jake Bontatibus won gorgeous MUMS! Congratulations to all!
*ON-GOING/UNFINISHED BUSINESS
* Bocce fundraising/nonmember league-Fred provides update that we started a nonmember league to help raise money to repair courts There are currently 5 teams. One may not return and if not, we need another team to play them tomorrow. Please let Fred know if you are interested. We had a total of $3400 in donation jars during Festa (Andre's idea!). Saturday night at the Men's bocce banquet winnings (most teams)donated back their winnings to the fund. Jim Balsamo shared $25 per person for the Men's Bocce Banquet. After expenses we had $476 left over; those at the banquet voted to donate the money to the Bocce Fund in lieu of receiving a refund, are donating back to the fund. We are approaching $14,000 raised thus far. We plan to have a tournament in the Spring to help the cause.

*Update from Council Meeting 9/15/26
*Guests: Stan-Reynolds & Reynolds Foundation donation of $2500
*Great number of membership applications (63)
*Maintenance updates/mud ruts/clean up from Festa
*Christmas events

* New Business
open to the floor – Shaun Power compliments all for Festa for being so kind and welcoming!
- 50/50 Raffle winner is Anne Beecroft!
- FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS: Next Council Meeting –Oct. 20, 2026 @ 6:30 pm

Next Membership Meeting – Nov. 3, 2026 @ 7:00 pm *New member orientation
- CLOSING PRAYER – Our John Pirelli Chaplin Anne Beecroft.
- ADJOURNMENT OF THE SOCIETA DI MUTUO SOCCORSO MEETING @ 8:32pm Good Evening

Respectfully submitted,
Nicole Duff
Recording Secretary.

More Save the Dates!

- New Member Initiation: Tuesday, November 3rd at 7:00pm during monthly member meeting
- New Member Orientation: Thursday, November 12th at 6:30pm
- Cooking Demo: Monday November 16th at 6:00pm

Recent fun....

Columbus Day Dinner/ Dance



Honorees John Fantauzzo, Stan Palmere, Katie Swiger, Mike Garrambone and Eldora Perfilio (not pictured)





“Musica popolare" by Nikole Rosaria Manieri



Dancing





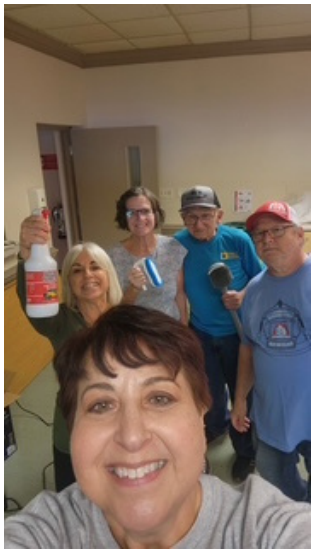
The Giambrone Family

Thank you to the chair cleaning crew!









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Men's and Women's Bocce Banquets



Marcus Levin and Fred Ferrara,
Winners of this years Men's Bocce League,
Infiniti Bocce.



Raffle baskets and goodies



Erica Hall, Judy Bruno, Cathy Colosimo & Linda Fischbach enjoying their banquet

La Cucina & CUPA Grazie!

At the October membership meeting our members enjoyed a variety of small plates, which included Chicken Parm, sausage, and italian meat sliders, penne with meatballs, salad, a variety of pizzas, spinach dip, veggie and cheese boats, and Italian cookies.

Thanks to Luke Sabatino, Tomaso Toskin, Marco Warner, Scott Davis, Steve Torre, Ralph Conte and Suzanne Perazzo for their help in preparing and serving our members.

A reminder for the Nov. meeting, we will be serving at 6:15PM. We will stop serving 10 minutes before the start of the meeting.

If anyone wants to donate to the Cucina raffle, just bring it to the next meeting. Your donations are appreciated!
Grazie,
John Fantauzzo
~~Cucina Manager~~

Thank you for reading!