



# SOLON ITALIAN CLUB NEWSLETTER

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## **February Meeting Agenda**

Date: February 29, 2012  
Time: 7:30 PM  
Where: Solon Community Center  
Cost: \$5.00

Meeting Called to Order  
- Roll Call  
- Minutes - Last Meeting  
- Treasurer's Report  
- Committee Reports  
- Old Business  
- New Business  
- Adjournment  
- Dinner

*Please remember that the \$5 fee helps de-fray the cost of rent, food, beverages and supplies.*

## **Sunshine Committee**

There is no news to report this month.

*\*Any member who knows of anyone of our members or their immediate family who is ill or has passed away is to contact Joe Glozzo, Jr at (216) 470-6556 or Jerry Fana at (330) 425-3678.*

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## **Our Mission**

*"The purpose of this organization is to promote the heritage, culture and traditions of Italian Americans through social, educational and recreational events. The organization shall also advance the educational development of Italian-American youths by generating and distributing funds for collegiate scholarships."*

## **Celebrity Bartender Event Huge Success!**

*Over \$3200 raised for Dino Rinaldi in 4 hours!*

Club members and their friends rallied to Dino's of Solon on Thursday, February 23rd for the Legends of the Solon Italian Club Celebrity Bartender event.

Thanks to your active participation, healthy appetites and generous tips, we were able to help out a great young man who is recovering from injuries sustained late last year.

What an excellent way to pull together and do something meaningful in the community! Congratulations and many thanks for all who were there and contributed!

## **Italian Language Classes**

We are considering offering another Italian Language Class this spring. It will be held on Thursday evenings. Cost is \$65/person for members and spouses and \$80 for non-members. Class will begin around 7 pm, run for 2 hours and last 8 weeks.

We are also considering a class for children, ages 5-14. These classes will also last 8 weeks, run 1 hour and be held on Thursdays from 5:30-6:30pm. Cost for the children's class will be \$40/person.

We want to gauge the interest to determine if we can count on a class large enough to support the cost of the program.

## **Bocce League Sign Up**

It's time to sign up for bocce! League play begins on either Tuesday or Friday evenings, May 15 and 18. The season will run until September 11. We're hoping to get 16 teams signed up to play. Only Tuesday teams will play on Tuesday and Friday teams on Friday. The top two teams in each division will play in the championship in September. To register a team go to the club website.

## **Reservations Due for Reverse Raffle/Dinner Dance**



Tickets are already on sale for the Annual Reverse Raffle/Dinner Dance which will be held at Casa di Borally on Saturday, April 28th.

As in the past, the Club will sell side boards and a Chinese auction will be held. Donations of prizes for the auction are encouraged. Tickets are \$125/couple. To donate prizes or make reservations for the Dinner/Dance, call John Zito at 440/248-6308. This will be a Solon Italian Club Foundation event. All proceeds will go to the Foundation.

## **April 2 is Scholarship Deadline**

Applications for the 2012 Solon Italian Club Scholarship Program are available at the Solon High School Guidance Office and can also be downloaded at the Club's website.

The deadline for submitting completed applications is April 2, 2012. All applications by Solon High School students must be submitted to the Solon High School Guidance Office and must be verified for class ranking and GPA. For all non-Solon High School students graduating in 2012, their applications, transcripts and essay must be received at Bill Russo's office by April 2, 2012. The address is 33595 Bainbridge Rd., Suite 104, Solon, Oh 44139.

## **Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for April 7**

Plans are already underway for the 28th Annual Easter Egg Hunt in Solon to be staged on Saturday, April 7th at noon. The Solon Italian Club in cooperation with the Solon Recreation Department will hold the event on the varsity football field at Solon High School. More than 1,000 area children are expected to participate.

Preparation for the event includes buying and stuffing more than 10,000 plastic eggs with candy. The annual stuffing party will be held on Friday, March 30th at 6 pm at the Solon Community Center. Members and their families are invited to help with the egg stuffing. It's always a fun event.

## **Solon Italian Club Supports WJCU Radio**

WJCU Radio (88.7 FM) held their annual radiothon on Sunday, February 18 to raise money for programming support and equipment. The Solon Italian Club joined our friends from other Italian American clubs by taking a shift at the studios on the campus of John Carroll University. Tom Romeo represented the Club during the weekly broadcast of "Memories of Italy", a show that brings the Northeast Ohio community a wide variety of beloved Italian and Italian-American music, community news and special guest interviews. It is a radio program aimed at bringing families closer together by creating special memories through our beautiful Italian culture, heritage and family traditions. The program is broadcast in both Italian and English, in an effort to reach all generations in our Italian-American community. "Memories from Italy" is hosted by Joe Zodda, Filippo Andalaro, Aldo Filippelli and Donato Cristillo.

## **Club Welcomes New Members**

We are pleased to welcome new members to the Solon Italian Club including:

Joe Bandiera, Joe Bonsignore, Nick Carlozzi, David Consolo, Brent Fiorucci, Tom Fusci, Paul Lepri, Joe Minadeo, Chris Perry, David Perry and Nick Zavarella.

The membership of the Club is at its all time high of 180 members. We're excited to continue to grow and encourage our newest members to get involved quickly to fully appreciate the value of belonging to our organization!