



SOLON ITALIAN CLUB NEWSLETTER

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March Meeting Agenda

Date: March 28, 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

Member Rich Sesso experienced difficulty with one of his legs last month and is undergoing treatment.

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

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."

Egg Stuffing Party - Friday, March 30

The Easter Egg Stuffing Party will be held on Friday evening, March 30 at the Solon Community Center at 6 pm. All members and their families are invited to attend and help us stuff eggs. We are planning on stuffing close to 12,000 eggs this year!

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.

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.

Member Spotlights Begin at Next Meeting

Beginning at the March meeting, we are inviting 3 different members to provide a 3 minute presentation on themselves. Each will tell us about their history with the club, their family background and their business activities. This is a feature that we hope to continue, each month.

Nominating Committee Presents Slate in March

The nominating committee, chaired by past-president, Tom Romeo, will present the slate of officers and new trustees at the March general meeting. Nominations from the field will also be accepted at that time. According to the club by-laws, the nominees will be presented again in April and May with elections held at the May meeting.

Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for April 7

The 28th Annual Easter Egg Hunt in Solon will 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.

As in the past, attendees are encouraged to bring canned goods to be donated to a local charity. In addition, the Club is asking that attendees and members of the community bring non-perishable goods to send to U.S. Armed Forces overseas. Items like: toothpaste, toothbrushes, socks, deodorant, dental floss, cotton balls, disposable hand and feet warmers, toilet paper, razors, hair gel, shampoo, soap, chap stick, wet wipes, foil packets of chicken, dried fruit, energy bars, snack cakes, hot chocolate, candy, beef jerky, playing cards, batteries, puzzle books, and blank greeting cards (to send notes back home) are ideal.

For the first time, the Club will be selling hot dogs, hamburgers, chips and soda at the event.

Last Call for Reservations for Reverse Raffle/Dinner Dance

The Annual Dinner Dance/Reverse Raffle 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. The grand prize in the raffle is \$3,000. Tickets are \$125/couple and are available first come/first served. To donate prizes or make reservations for the Dinner/Dance, call John Zito at 440/248-6308. All proceeds will go to the Foundation.

John is asking everyone who has tickets out to bring payment to either this month's meeting or to the egg stuffing party on Friday night. We are pleased to welcome new members to the Solon Italian Club including:

Italian Heritage Night - Lake County Captains

The Solon Italian Club is, once again participating in Italian Heritage Night with the Lake County Captains on Friday, July 13 at Classic Park in Eastlake. A block of tickets have been purchased and members, friends and family are encouraged to join in the fun. Those interested in attending the game can buy tickets for \$15 which includes your seat and a food voucher for the "Italian Feast" planned for the night (cavatelli, sausage sandwich and cannoli). Festivities planned for Italian Heritage Night include a bocce tournament, a parade of Italian Clubs (which we will be participating in), pasta eating contest, morra tournament, Lake County 'Palio' Horse Race, Race of the Seven Fishes, Italian sing along and post game fireworks. For tickets or more information on the event, contact Tom Rhea at 440-542-9920.