



SOLON ITALIAN CLUB NEWSLETTER

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

Meeting Called to Order

- Roll Call
- Committee Reports
- Presentation of Member Needs Survey Results)
- Adjournment
- Dinner

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

Sunshine Committee

The Mother-in-Law of member Thom Pinizzitto passed away last week. The club expresses our sympathy and condolences.

Mike Rhea had surgery on his knee and is recovering at home.

*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.

Welcome New Members!

The Solon Italian Club is proud to announce the addition of the following new members to the organization in November:

Lawrence Barrett
Vic Buzzelli
Louis Catania
Tony Grisanti

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."

Another Great Stag Raffle

Mark Bertolone and his committee staged another highly successful Stag Raffle on Friday, November 16 at Birchwood Party Center. The group sold side boards, table tickets and about 130 men attended the function. "We were very happy with the turnout and definitely had a great time," says Bertolone. The dinner and raffle were followed by a Texas Hold'em Tournament which featured 36 players and was won by club member, Salvatore (Gary) Catania.

Buon Compleanno!

Best wishes to the following members who celebrate birthdays in the month of December.

12/3	Antonio Calabrese
12/3	Greg Corradino
12/14	Ken Badalamenti
12/17	Joe Gliozzo, Jr.
12/23	Steve Spinelli
12/25	Ron Ricca
12/25	Chris Savelli
12/25	Bob Yodice
12/29	Ray Kramer
12/31	Al Benedict, Jr.
12/31	Bill Russo

Did we miss you? It's possible we need to update our records. If you have a birthday this month and we neglected to acknowledge it, we apologize!

Collection for Troops at Christmas Party

The Annual Solon Italian Club Christmas Party will be held at the Solon Community Center on Sunday, December 2nd from 3-6 pm. As in the past, attendees are being asked to bring non-perishable goods for a holiday shipment to our troops overseas. "We've done this for 10 years now and it's become a proud tradition for the club," said event chairman Al Giammaria.

The Club will collect food, toiletries, personal care products and recreational goods to send to our troops overseas. Among other things, the soldiers request: 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).

The children attending the Christmas Party will, again, write letters and create hand-made cards to send with the packages to the troops. Members of the Italian Club of Solon High School will be on hand at this year's event to help.

Solon & Wickliffe Clubs Bocce

The Solon Italian Club and Wickliffe I&A enjoyed a Saturday afternoon on the bocce courts together in a friendly head-to-head match for bragging rights and a trophy. At the end of the day, Wickliffe emerged victorious on the courts, but all agreed that it was a great social event between the two organizations. Participants vowed that it would be an annual gathering. We want to thank the Wickliffe I&A for being gracious hosts and providing wonderful food and refreshments. We look forward to next year's event - and many more to come!

Club Awards & Scholarship Reminder!

Any Solon Italian Club member that has been in good standing for 5 years and has a son or daughter that will be graduating high school in 2013, you will need to send written correspondence to Bill Russo no later than December 31, 2012 identifying the child's name and school they are graduating from. This will make your child eligible for a \$750 Club Award. Please note that if the deadline is missed the child can still apply for the Solon Italian Club Scholarship.

2013 Scholarship Applications are now online on the Scholarship Page of our Club website.

While a child may be eligible for both an Award and Scholarship, they will only be able to receive one or the other, not both, based on whether they meet the requirements established by the Scholarship Committee.

Another opportunity available to Solon High School Students only is the Italian Cultural Foundation Essay Awards. Students interested should contact Anne Johns in the Solon High School guidance office.

For more information please contact Scholarship Chairman Bill Russo via email at brusso1202@aol.com.

Club to Ring the Bell for Salvation Army

The Board of Directors of the Solon Italian Club committed to the Salvation Army to provide 'bell ringers' for their annual collection in front of Giant Eagle in Solon. Club members are invited at the General Meeting to sign up for 1 hour shifts on Saturday, December 15.

Please note: NO GENERAL MEETING IN DECEMBER. Our next General Meeting will be Wednesday, January 30 at 7 pm at the Solon Community Center