



# SOLON ITALIAN CLUB NEWSLETTER

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## **October Meeting Agenda**

Date: October 31, 2012  
Time: 8:00 PM (NEW TIME!)  
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**

There is nothing 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 Gliozzo, 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."*

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## **General Meeting Date - Oct 31.**

**Time: 8:00 pm**

This is a reminder that our regular monthly meeting for October will be held on Wednesday, October 31 at the Solon Community Center. The meeting will begin 30 minutes later than normal...at 800 pm. Please mark your calendar for the time and date!

## **Last Call for Stag Raffle Tickets**

The Solon Italian Club will again host a Stag Reverse Raffle in 2012. This year's event will be held on Friday, November 16th at the Birchwood Banquet and Party Center, 7540 Northfield Road in Walton Hills, Ohio beginning at 6:00 pm.

Side boards (\$2, \$3, \$5 and \$10) will go on sale as the doors open. Dinner will be served at 7:30 pm. Tickets for the Stag Raffle are \$75 and can be purchased in advance by contacting Chairman Mark Bertolone at 440-248-7260 or via email at camloab@att.net. Ticket price includes food, beer, liquor and a chance to win the grand prize of \$2,500!

As a bonus for attendees, a Texas Hold'em Tournament will follow the Raffle in the Banquet Hall. Buy-in is \$50.

Mark will have tickets at the meeting next week. Please plan to purchase your tickets then!

## **Clam Bake is Huge Success...again!**

Tom "The Clam Man" Romeo and his faithful crew of clam (and lobster) bakers threw another incredible Clam Bake party on Saturday, October 13 at the Solon Community Center. It was a rockin' success from food to karaoke. It was also another sold out event for the third year in a row. Two hundred and forty people attended and enjoyed a delicious bake! Many thanks to Tom and his entire committee for staging the event and serving such a fabulous meal!

## **Register for the 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. Children and Grandchildren of members who are current with dues are invited to attend and participate. Gifts, torrone and oranges will be presented by Santa to children, 10 and under.

A special visit is planned again by La Befana. "This has become a treasured Club tradition," says event chairman Al Giammaria. "We strive to preserve our Italian heritage and believe the legend of La Befana is an excellent one to share with our young people," says Giammaria.

Registration for this year's event will be totally online. Members will receive several reminders via email of the party and are asked to register their children and grandchildren through an online process. They will also be reminded at the October and November general meetings.

## **Club shows up in force for Columbus Day!**

Nineteen members rallied to Little Italy on Monday, October 8 and rode the Club float in the 2012 version of the Columbus Day Parade. Special thanks go to the Finelli Ornamental Ironworks Company for allowing the use of their flatbed truck for the day to carry the float, Tom Romeo for pulling the trailer and Suzi Castiglione for supplying the beads. We had a blast! Glad such a big group could make it!

## **Member Needs Survey Complete**

The Member Needs Survey is complete and results will be shared with the membership at the October meeting. We will also post a report on the club website.

## **Buon Compleanno!**

Best wishes to the following members who celebrate birthdays in the month of November:

11/7 - Derek Boerner  
11/9 - Joe Bonsignore  
11/11- John M. Cirino  
11/11 - Greg Ferrazza  
11/18 - Robert Gerrets  
11/20 - Tony Capizzani  
11/24 - Thomas P. Fucci

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! Please get in touch with Mike DiCarro, Membership Chairman so we can update our records. We'll be happy to include you in the future!

## **Welcome New Members!**

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

Joe Box  
Steve Gazda  
Ron Lanci  
Jim Hemel