

Wickliffe Italian-American Club

The Wickliffe Italian American Club was founded in 1932, and received its non-profit charter in 1933. Our purpose is to promote the social, civic, and cultural fellowship of the Italian heritage.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

September 6th Glow-in-the-Dark Bocce Tournament

Check Our Website for a Current List of Events: www.wickliffeianda.com

BUON COMPLEANNO:

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 - JOSEPH CARROSCIA
- 3 - LINO PEROSSA
- 7 - MARIO DINERO
- 8 - RICHARD CONTINENZA
- 8 - KEVIN LIDDY
- 9 - ANTHONY DONSANTE
- 14 - MARIO CASERTA
- 21 - BRIAN LATESSA
- 22 - JOSEPH OPPEDISANO
- 24 - FRANCESCO CONTINENZA
- 24 - MICHAEL GERMANO
- 25 - GERALD TURI
- 25 - RICHARD FRIEL, II
- 27 - JOE KLEINHENZ

AUXILIARY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 5 - Louise Ruffner
- 15 - Debbie Tripepi
- 15 - Cheryl Latessa
- 16 - Pat Marinello
- 21 - Josephine Colacarro
- 28 - Lillian Mucci
- 30 - Sue Iacobucci

INAUGURAL BEATS & EATS EVENT ROCKS THE I&A CLUB

What's the best way to spend a beautiful Friday evening in Northeast Ohio? Bocce? Listening to live music? Enjoying artisan food and drinks among friends? More than 1,000 attendees elected one or more of these options at the first 'Beats & Eats' fundraiser at Wickliffe I&A on July 20th.

The summer crowd was entertained by three bands that collectively offered something for everyone. Cleveland Magazine's awardee

for "Best Cover Band" Tricky Dick and The Cover-Ups thrilled with a broad set of pop and rock favorites. While Cleveland Country Magazine's Spotlighted band Yosemite Slim brought a rural and western vibe to the event.

Plus, for those really looking to mellow-out, local favorite Easy Glistening brought back the 'Yacht Rock' sound of the 70s and 80s.

Two of Cleveland's most popular food trucks, Smokin' Rock n' Roll, and

PastaTivo made sure no one went home hungry, while the Club's nine bocce courts allowed the crowds to burn off some calorie (and alcohol), including via the use of our glow-in-the-dark bocce ball sets.

The event raised funds for the Wickliffe I&A scholarship fund. At the event this year's recipients, 19 of our finest young men and women, were presented scholarships to assist as they soon embark on their collegiate studies.

REACHING FOR RECOVERY EVENT AIDS ADDICTION FACILITIES

Wickliffe Italian/American Club Members, Russ Meraglio and Gino Latessa, lost their sons to drug overdoses. Shortly after Russ' son, Ryan, passed in October, 2017, they created the nonprofit "Fight the Urge, Inc." to combat drug addiction and to support self-supporting treatment/rehab facilities.

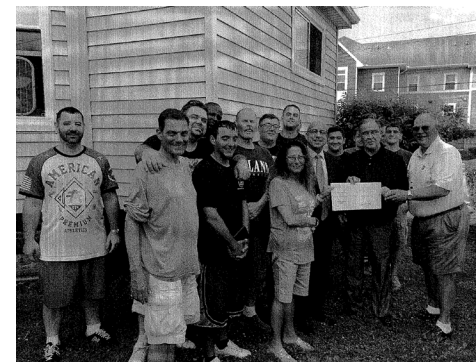
They scheduled their inaugural fundraising event, Reaching for Recovery, on July 28th at the Wickliffe Italian American Club. The mission was to provide financial support to self-supporting sober homes that

provide a safe, sober living environment with a strong rehabilitation aspect.

Over 300 people attended the event and enjoyed a BBQ dinner, ice cream truck, reverse raffle, and a Chinese auction. The proceeds received allowed Fight the Urge, Inc. to distribute \$15,000.00 each to Friends of Recovery, Northeast Ohio, and The K.I.S.S. Foundation. The checks were presented shortly after the fundraising event and the proceeds will benefit the Tikvah Home, Willoughby, Ohio and The Lia House and Ronnie's House in Cleveland, Ohio.

Other members of the Italian American Club have also lost their children and grandchildren to addiction and they were remembered at the event. Gino and Russ plan to make this an annual event. It is their hope to reach out to other organizations for support and to establish new sober homes in Lake County, Ohio in the future.

They were grateful to all support they received whether from large or small donors to make the inaugural event a success, and especially the assistance from the Italian/American Club.



ANNUAL FAMILY PICNIC

The Club held its annual Family Picnic on Sunday, August 5th - a hot summer day that was perfect for a picnic! About 80 people were on hand to cook out, play some bocce, and share time with their families. The grill was fired up and members took advantage of it with some tasty concoctions filling the summer air. As usual, the Club provided pop, water, and beer and also hot dogs later on in the day. Thanks to Phil Fratino for organizing things this year. The Family Bocce tournament saw newcomers making a splash, as the Koval (Rocco) team featuring cousins of member Larry Koval (and their spouses) took first place, defeating the Donsante-Dinero team.

Family Bocce winners (from left to right): Colleen Vargo, Ron Vargo; Lisa McDonnell, Terry McDonnell.

