

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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President: Charles Albertone
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NEW MEMBERS INDUCTED IN JANUARY

Each year, our club goes through the process of bringing in new members to join the ranks who have a common bond with us in terms of our heritage, families, and the community that we are in. In order to join the club, you must be sponsored in by an existing member. We do not have open enrollment. All of the guidelines for membership are spelled out in our by-laws. Members propose prospective new members usually once a year, beginning in September. The Membership Committee, led by the Club's Vice President, then interviews each of the prospective members and votes to either move them on or rejects them. If they pass the muster of the Membership Committee, the Board will then consider the recommendation of the committee and vote to move them forward to the full membership body for final approval. Once the full membership body votes in December, then the new members are notified that they are being accepted into the club and will then be inducted at the January Membership meeting.

This year we had six new members join the ranks of the Wickliffe Italian-American Club. Five out of the six are Resident Members. Their ages range from 30 to 69 years old. Here are their names and their sponsors:

Gary Minadeo	sponsored by David Krych
Michael Pasquino	sponsored by Chris Simon
Anthony Jenkins	sponsored by Steven Tripepi
Joseph Cisternino	sponsored by Mario Dinero
Anthony Previte	sponsored by Anthony Donsante
Dennis Metz	sponsored by Adam Continenza

Each of the new members will be assigned to a committee by the Vice President (to be determined). We welcome our new "brothers" and look forward to getting know each and every one of them through the year.



Gary Minadeo



Joseph Cisternino



Anthony Previte



Dennis Metz

UPCOMING EVENTS

March Events:

- 5 - MEMBER MEETING
- 26 - BOARD MEETING
- 30 - SCHOLARSHIP WINE MAKING / TASTING AT TREVI

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

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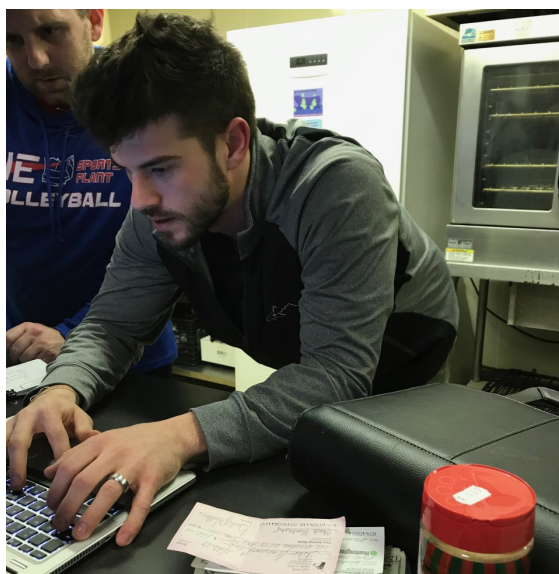
MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 7 - MICHAEL VITANTONIO
- 11 - PHILLIP SIMON
- 13 - JIM SHIRLEY
- 16 - PETER VITANTONIO
- 16 - JOSEPH GAMIERE
- 18 - RICH LIDDY
- 18 - JOE PITINGOLO
- 19 - MICHAEL CLAYTON
- 19 - MARCO ORLANDO, JR.
- 21 - JOHN D'ANGELO
- 25 - ANTHONY T. CONTINENZA
- 30 - GARY MINADEO

AUXILIARY MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 20 - BETTY BAUZA
- 27 - CONNIE DEPALMA

MEET I&A'S NEWEST OFFICER



In January, Rob Sason began his service as the Club's Financial Secretary. Lucky for the Club, he is more than prepared for this function. Rob is a registered financial secretary at Zapatelli Financial Services and former bank auditor. A proud Northeast Ohioian and 'son of Wickliffe', Rob attended grade school at Mt. Carmel, graduated high school from Lake Catholic and earned his bachelor's degree at John Carroll University.

Rob's service and leadership at the club, where he is a member of the scholarship committee in addition to his officer role, is second nature. He fondly recalls, "I grew up on Rockefeller and probably spent more time at the club than I should have. I was a recipient of an I&A scholarship in 2010, so when I joined the I&A in 2017, joining the committee and giving back to the next generation was an easy decision." When asked about his favorite club memories, he unsurprisingly states that "the Challenge Cup bocce tournament is something that I've looked forward to for many years, but nothing beats hanging around the courts with my dad on Thursdays for the club league."

Excitingly, it won't be long before a third-generation Sason will spend quality time at the club. Rob and his wife are welcoming their first child, a daughter, this June.

Congrats to Rob on his leadership role, civic contributions and growing family.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Charles Albertone

This month I would like to show some appreciation, not only to our members, but specifically to the Executive Committee. There is no question that 2018 presented some challenges. They were exciting, but challenges nonetheless. New Board members, renovating our party center, acquiring a new caterer, and hosting several large (and very successful) events are ones that come to the top of mind. Their support, in the Club and in me, never wavered. In fact, I could sense the backing becoming even stronger. Even when some meetings lasted a little longer than we all wanted them to, they were productive. A little known fact about our regular membership meetings is that they are essentially a "cliffs notes" version to the Board meeting held a week earlier. Here's to 2019 and continued support, momentum, and success! GRAZIE!