

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.

July 2019

www.wickliffeianda.com



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UPCOMING EVENTS

July Events:

- 2 - MEMBER MEETING
- 19 - SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS / BEATS AND EATS
- 30 - BOARD MEETING

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

BUON COMPLEANNO:

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 3 - LESTER LATESSA
- 4 - BRIAN VITANTONIO
- 8 - REGIS MATIYASIC
- 11 - CHRISTOPHER YANICK
- 12 - RONALD PERROTTI
- 12 - ANTHONY GRANDINI
- 13 - RICHARD DICICCO, JR.
- 13 - LOUIS SEVERINO
- 14 - KARL WELMS
- 14 - TIM AQUILA
- 19 - GINO LATESSA
- 20 - CHUCK WILLIS
- 20 - MICHAEL BELLISSIMO
- 21 - HARVEY CONTENZA
- 27 - BRIAN BUSHNELL
- 31 - ROBERT GALLESE

AUXILIARY JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 8 - JANET BRUNETTI
- 10 - LOUISE SEUFFERT
- 19 - TONI PEROSA
- 30 - GINA OPPEDISANO

SUMMER KICKOFF BOCCE TOURNAMENT

The Club launched this tournament a few years back as bocce players wanted another chance to play on the vaunted courts of the Wickliffe Italian-American Club. In previous years, this was just a smaller version without all of the fanfare that accompanies the Cleveland Challenge Cup of Bocce in August, with 4-man teams competing against each other. Call it a warm up if you will. But this year, Tournament Director Chuck Britton Sr., decided to change things up a little bit and shift to a 2-man tournament. According to Chuck, it was a little easier to fill the targeted 32 team field, and since it would be something a little different, it would bring some players out of the woods to check it out.

Then Rose Matiyasic volunteered to put a Women's Division Tournament together in conjunction with the Men's 2-Man tournament, to bring some more players down to our grounds. Rose has done a great job of taking over responsibility for running the Women's Division at our

August Tournament, so this was a natural expansion of her role. She was able to recruit 8 Women's teams (4 person teams) to compete at the Summer Kickoff, and Chuck attracted 34 Men's 2-man teams.

The games were competitive as usual and the winners emerging from the pack were familiar faces, at least on the Men's side, with Pete Melaragno and Pino Rosati taking first place, while Brian Polantz and Joe Zdesar took 2nd place, with Anthony Croce and Domenic Aveni finishing third. On the Women's side, a team consisting of players from Lexington, Kentucky and Ashtabula combined to take first place, while Formica Plumbing took 2nd. Congratulations to all who competed and enjoyed the day, and also and especially to those who volunteered their time to help out – like Chuck Britton, Luciana Desensi, Bill Hawkins, and Rose Matiyasic. Now it's time to look forward to the Cleveland Challenge Cup of Bocce, which will be here before you know it. August 23rd-25th! Stay tuned.



BEATS AND EATS 2019



Live Music
Tricky Dick
Country Redford
Cleveland's Breakfast Club
Food From
Pasta Tivo
Little Piggy
Slice of Pizzazz

Cash Bar • Raffles • Bocce

Friday July 19th, 2019
At the Wickliffe Italian-American Club

29717 Euclid Ave. Wickliffe, OH
Doors open at 6 Bands start at 6:30 PM
5 Dollar General Admission

Pizzazz (Slice Pizzeria, Pizzazz Pizzeria) Plus, check out the Trevi Catering stand!

Grab one of our signature cocktails, from our fully stocked cash bar, which features an assortment of beer, wine and liquor!

Take a break from the dance floor and roll some bocce balls on one of our 9 courts, or "get lit" on our glow in the dark bocce courts!

Rain or Shine - the grounds feature Lake County's largest pavilion!!

Tickets available at the door for \$5 or at www.2019beatsandeats.eventbrite.com

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Charles Albertone

The next few months of my write-ups will focus on upcoming events (which will then be recapped in the following issue). These will not be advertisements as much as they will be my thoughts on the event. This month, I will discuss the "Beats-&-Eats" fundraiser on Friday, July 19th. This will be the second year for this event, recognizing our Scholarship Award recipients. In the past, we held traditional reverse raffles, but the interest had been waning. Last year, at the first Beats-&-Eats, we had planned for 250 attendees, hoped for 500, and with the help of social media that evening, wound up with around 1,000 guests. The comments we received were nothing short of remarkable – a lot of first time visitors who did not realize the impressiveness of our grounds! I've always been a "people watcher", and last year was a blast sitting back and watching all of the fun being had by everyone. Our committee does a great job preparing for the event and the members execute the various tasks, like bartending and trash removal, throughout the night. There are some things being improved upon, but the focus remains on honoring our recipients and enjoying a great evening of music and food!