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#### APRIL BIRTHDAYS:

Arthur Corbin Jr 4/6  
 Mark Gaspar 4/19  
 Phillip Latessa 4/28  
 Lester Latessa Jr 4/2  
 Dave Loparo 4/30  
 Leo Marra Jr 4/11  
 Peter Nunes 4/14  
 Douglas Schnug 4/23  
 Phil Simon 4/7

#### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup>  
 Pinewood Derby @ Pat O'Brien  
 Chevrolet-Lakewood  
 Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>  
 Club Brunch  
 Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>  
 Red Cross Blood Drive  
 Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup>  
 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner  
 Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup>  
 Scholarship Reverse Raffle  
 (Applications are due soon!)  
 See Anthony Donsante)  
 Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>  
 Co-ed Youth Bocce Tourney at the  
 Abruzzi Club in Westerville  
 Friday, July 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>  
 World Series of Bocce, Rome NY  
 Fridays 5/30, 6/13, 8/15  
 Club Nights! Details to Come

**Friday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>  
 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Pat O'Brien  
 Cleveland Challenge Cup  
 of Bocce Tournament!  
 \$15,000 in Prize Money!**



Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> Inaugural  
 Cornhole Tournament

#### YOUTH GROUP CALENDAR:

Saturday, May 31<sup>st</sup>  
 Captain's Game  
 Saturday, July 19<sup>th</sup>  
 Pool Party @ Coulby  
 Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup>  
 Cookout with Members

#### MEMBER SPOTLIGHT – Harvey Contenza

Harvey Contenza has been an active member of the Wickliffe Italian – American Club since joining in 2001. Harvey was born in Cleveland on July 21, 1939; he grew up in Cleveland before moving to Euclid. While attending Euclid schools Harvey played basketball, which is hard for us to believe since he's not a very tall man, he also wrestled in the 98 lb. classification. Harv as most of us call him joined the Army and was stationed in Berlin, Germany from 1961 to 1963 in the First Infantry nick named the "Bloody One" Harv was a semi-trucker driver for UPS for 31 years hauling freight on triple trailers, from Cleveland to all points East and West. Harv is married to his wonderful wife Lucy, they live in Wickliffe and have three sons, Ron, Dan and Jeff. Harv and his wife are enjoying life and their three grand-daughters Zoe, Ava and Mia. Harv's passion is working on cars, traveling yearly to see relatives in the Abruzzi region of Italy, and has been known to also like to do a little gambling.

Harv's other passion is taking care of our club's grounds and facilities. If anything needs to be repaired, or replaced at our club Harv takes charge and gets the job done for us. Harv was very instrumental in finishing off our major project last year which was the addition of new restrooms and storage area. In the summer Harv can be seen with several other club members grooming our seven bocce courts. All of the members of the Wickliffe Italian- American Club want to thank Harv for the many hours of his time and all his hard work and effort in making our grounds and facility something all of us can be proud of. *(Gino Latessa)*

#### MEET THE BOARD...

This week's spotlight is on our Vice-President, James Vincent. Jim was born in Cleveland on June 19, 1943, and grew up in Willowick. He graduated from Eastlake North High and attended Fenn College. He began his career in refrigeration in 1961, working for his grandfather. He is now owner/operator of that same company, Pump and Ice Machine, located in the Flats of Cleveland and is working toward his 50<sup>th</sup> year in the business. Jim has been a very active member of the Wickliffe Italian-American Club since 1995. He has served as a trustee for several years and is currently the Vice-President of the club. Jim is also one of the four ticket captains of our raffles and a very important member of the Scholarship Committee. Jim plays the quintessential Vice-President always ready to step in and take over when necessary, a real "Ace Reliever". Jim's skill to get people together is a blessing as well as a curse. Jim is always called upon to lead a work-party when anything needs to be done to the grounds or in the clubhouse. As evidenced by our beautiful, park-like grounds, Jim is very successful every time he answers the call, which is anytime he is asked. Dedication and Loyalty are two words constantly spoken when anyone mentions Jim's name. Club President, Gino Latessa said, "any successful organization needs men they can count on and Jim is absolutely one of our go-to guys". Jim has been happily married for 44 years to Barbara, who belongs to the Wickliffe Italian-American Women's Auxiliary, and they have three children and three grandchildren. Jim lists gardening, fishing, and the outdoors as his hobbies along with spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. *(Paul DiCicco)*

#### LADIES AUXILLARY

Angela Trimboli was recently elected President of the I&A Auxiliary. She follows Lillian Mucci who "retired" as president after many years of service to the Auxiliary. Sue Iafelice was elected to serve as Secretary to carry on the duties of Pat Marinello who also served for many years. The ladies thank Lil and Pat for their years of dedicated service.

The Auxiliary members are busy planning the Annual Spring Card Party set for Thursday, April 24 at the I&A Hall located at 29717 Euclid Ave. James Catering will provide an elegant salad bar and dessert. The Card Party is a fundraiser, from which proceeds are used to fund charitable causes in Wickliffe. This past Christmas, several children from Wickliffe Elementary and Middle Schools were gifted with warm articles of clothing to help get them through the cold winter season. Tickets are available from any member or by calling 440-585-5057.

Another fundraiser in the works is the publication of an Italian Cookbook. Please pass along your favorite recipes to Rita Simon.

**NECROLOGIO** (Obituary): none!



Left to Right back row...Trustees Rick Continenza, Rick DiCicco, Charles Albertone, and Vice-President Jim Vincent front row left to right...Trustee Jim Duda, Secretary Clarke Brassell, President Gino Latessa, and Treasurer Pete Vitantonio (not pictured), Trustee Dominic Olivo or Financial Secretary Ralph Randall)