



# Wickliffe

CLEVELAND  
CHALLENGE CUP  
OF BOCCO

# Italian-American Club

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### JULY BIRTHDAYS:

Tim Aquila 7/14  
 Michael Belissimo 7/20  
 Brian Bushnell 7/27  
 Joseph Chillemi 7/25  
 Leslie Ciancibello 7/15  
 Harvey Contenza 7/21  
 Richard DiCicco, Jr. 7/13  
 Vincent DiMattia 7/22  
 Robert Gallese 7/31  
 Bart Latessa 7/1  
 Gino Latessa 7/19  
 Regis Matiyasic 7/8  
 Joseph Seifert, Jr. 7/10  
 Louis Severino 7/13  
 Peter Vitantonio 7/3

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Friday, July 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>  
 World Series of Bocce, Rome NY  
 Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup>  
 Club Night – Pig Roast  
 Friday, September 12<sup>th</sup>  
 Tripe Feast/Bocce Tourney  
 Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>  
 Clam Bake

**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> – 24<sup>th</sup> Inaugural  
**Cornhole** Tournament, Sponsored by  
*Pat O'Brien Chevrolet*  
 Details Announced: \$50 entry. \$1000  
 First Place, \$500 Second Place, and  
 \$100 Third Place Payouts.  
See website for details!

### MEMBER SPOTLIGHT - LOUIS TURI, JR.



This Month's Member Spotlight Shines on Louis "Luigi" Turi Jr. Lou Turi Jr, has been an active member of the Wickliffe Italian – American Club since joining in 1954 Lou was born March 4, 1923, in Wickliffe, Ohio, he graduated from Wickliffe High School in 1940 and attended John Carroll University then graduated in 1950 from the Cleveland Marshall Law School. Lou has a very successful law practice with his office located in Wickliffe. Lou is married to his beautiful wife Pat; they have 7 children, and 11 grandchildren. Lou has held the offices of Secretary and Vice President of the club. Lou's passion for our organization is to maintain the member's involvement in our Italian heritage and culture. Lou also has been instrumental in having Professor Antonio Palermo (a long time college friend) teach many of our members our Italian language. Lou also has been on the legal advisory board taking care of many legal issues throughout the years for the club. Lou is still a very active member at a the young age of 85, he attends almost all of our monthly meeting, attends many club functions throughout the year, helps out at the Pat O'Brien Cleveland Challenge Cup of Bocce tournament, and if you want to know the history of our club, or anything pertaining to the city of Wickliffe just ask Lou he'll have the answers for you. Lou enjoys life; he's traveled to Italy three times and also enjoys fishing, hunting, and of course playing bocce. *(Gino Latessa)*

### ITALIAN HERITAGE NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK



Italian Heritage Night at the Lake County Captains game on May 23 was a huge success, our club had over 100 members and guests attend the game and pregame festivities. A bocce game was played on the field before the game. The Pete Vitantonio team played the team from the Solon Italian Club, and Bryan Vitantonio rolled out the first pitch to start the baseball game, he rolled a bocce ball right across the plate. It was a great evening, a great venue and ended with a spectacular fireworks show. *(Gino Latessa)*



Gino, Clarke, Dom, Jim and families



Rick, Dom, Rick, Rocky, and Tony

### MEET THE BOARD...



This month's spotlight is on Peter Vitantonio. Peter has been a member of the club since December 1990. One year after joining, he was elected to the Executive Committee as our Treasurer, a post he has yet to relinquish. Every year Peter's position is put up for nominations, and every year no one is nominated, thus Peter remains our Treasurer. Very few people in the club could handle the awesome responsibility of club finances, Director of the Men's Bocce League, and the HUGE roll he plays selling tickets and accounting for the finances of the Cleveland Challenge Cup of Bocce tournament. Peter takes on these rolls with a great attitude and a necessary calmness. Peter's family has deep roots in our Club and in the City of Wickliffe. His grandfather, Peter, was a founding member of our club in the late 1930's. Peter's father Louis and son Peter are also members, making the Vitantonio's one of few family's with four generations of membership.

Peter is a lifelong resident of Wickliffe, graduating from Wickliffe High School and Case Western Reserve University. Peter is a Certified Public Accountant and is the managing member of Peter A. Vitantonio & Associates, LLC, for the past 19 years.

Peter is married to Debbie, a Nursing professor at Lakeland Community College, and they have three sons, Peter, Bryan, and Michael. His hobbies include music, travel and sports. *(Paul DiCicco)*