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The IAPBC brings together individuals of Italian descent to celebrate family, culture, and heritage by extending "one hand to greet and one hand to give"

THE CLUB IN REVIEW

- Congratulations to the **Carovillese Lodge and Club** for a successful celebration of their 100th anniversary as an organization. Founded in 1925 by immigrants from Carovilli, a small town in the Molise region of Italy, the Carovillese Mutual Aid Society began as a fraternal organization offering support and solidarity to newly arrived Carovillese families. It provided financial assistance in times of need and served as a cultural anchor for Akron's growing Italian-American community, especially in the historic North Hill neighborhood. Cent'Anni!!



- **Viva La Panza** again exceeded all expectations this year with a sellout crowd of over 600 attending the last Wednesday of October. This year, over \$125,000 was raised to provide funding for our scholarships and charitable contributions.
- The IAPBC **Columbus Day/Italian Heritage and Culture Day** celebration was special this year as Akron City Councilmember and longtime IAPBC member **Jeff Fusco** was presented a certificate of appreciation for his unwavering dedication to the preservation and celebration of Columbus Day and the rich tapestry of Italian Heritage and Culture. Congratulations and many thanks to you Jeff!



- Interested in reading about **North Hill** Akron and wonderful memories of Italian Americans who lived there? Check out the **Goomba Chronicles**, a new book written by three local authors that will have you reading every page without wanting to put it down. Available on Amazon.



- **Save the Date** – Our **2025 Christmas Gala** will be Friday, December 5th at Greystone Hall in downtown Akron starting at 6 PM. Be sure to register at our website, <https://iapbc.org/christmas-gala/>
- The IAPBC membership is now open to all **men and women** of Italian descent. Please check out our web page and Facebook page for information. Membership for 2024 remains at \$125 and can be mailed to **IAPBC PO BOX 901, Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44223** or online at www.iapbc.org.
- The **IAPBC Endowment Fund at Akron Community Foundation** 501(c)3 is now accepting tax-deductible contributions. Please visit www.akroncf.org to contribute or contact Laura Lederer llederer@akroncf.org, 330-436-5611 for more information. Our goal is to raise \$1 million to provide scholarship funding to students with Italian ancestry.
- The Club meets informally for lunch each week on Thursdays at 12 noon. The first and fourth (and any fifth) Thursday of the month at Akron Family Restaurant, 254 W Market St, Akron, OH 44303. The second and third Thursday of the month at Dontino's

