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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

- The time has come for the **IAPBC 2024 Morra Tournament!** Please find the information below to sign up and join us for a night of culture and camaraderie celebrating this traditional Italian game of Morra. Our 2024 IAPBC Morra Tournament will be held on Wednesday, April 24th at Todaro's. Cocktails start at 6pm. Buffet dinner starts at 7pm. Play begins at 8pm. Cost is \$60/person to watch or play. Teams are made up of 5 persons = \$300/team. We're looking for 16 teams! There will be a 50/50 raffle drawing. You must RSVP by Monday, April 22nd to get a team or seat. First come, first serve on the teams until we fill 16 teams.

This event is just not for those playing. We encourage our members and guests that have not experienced this Italian hand numbers game to join us. This event is quite the watch! Men and women are allowed to form teams as well as co-ed teams. Trophies and bragging rights awarded to the top 2 teams.

What is Morra? Morra is a hand game that dates back thousands of years to ancient Roman times. Each player simultaneously reveals their hand, extending any number of fingers from that one hand, and calls out a number. Any player that successfully guesses the total number of fingers revealed by all players combined wins against that player. Teams are formed of 5 persons. Each team must eliminate the other team by beating them twice through their lineup of five.

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- Wine Down Wednesday** this month is at Dontino's Restaurant and will feature **Tom Podnar**, a conservator of historic monuments and sculpture and a board member of the Italian Cultural Garden in Cleveland who will present the history and future of the beautiful historic garden. April 17 at 6 PM and cost is \$25 plus tip.

- Scholarship applications are available **NOW** to high school seniors in Summit County with Italian heritage. Please contact your school guidance counselor or download at our Facebook page. Contact Scholarship Committee chair **Rocco Caponi** (rocco.caponi@gmail.com) for more information. **Deadline is April 15th.**

- 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 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 2457, North Canton, OH 44720** or online at www.iapbc.org.

- The Club meets informally for lunch Thursdays at 12 noon, **Akron Family Restaurant**, 254 W Market St, Akron, OH 44303 except for the 3rd Thursday of the month at **D'Agnes's**, 566 White Pond Dr, Akron, OH 44320

