



ITALIAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

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Messaggio del Presidente

Dear IAA Members

I have always maintained that one of the most significant aspects of the IAA involves the scheduling of our monthly gatherings. These monthly gatherings make it possible for members of the IAA and their families and friends to come together to socialize with others who share a sense of pride in their Italian heritage. In support of this mission, the July gathering of IAA members and their families and friends included coming together for an evening featuring what IAA Board member Charlie Francesconi refers to as the "lighter side" of Italian culture, which involves doing what Italians seem to do best—enjoying good fun and good fun in a family-friendly environment. In this case, the "lighter side" featured enjoying a dinner of meatball sandwiches and salad while working off some of those calories with a few games of bocce at Gotcha Bocce during the IAA bocce tournament. Congratulations go out to Diane and Tom Millett, the winners of the bocce tournament. Diane and Tom are the daughter and son-in-law of longtime IAA board member Ann Moir. A photograph of "the champs" displaying their trophies can be seen in the newsletter.

The IAA monthly gathering for August will be very special but still feature many of the essential elements that have made past IAA events so successful. More specifically, on Saturday, August 20th, members of the IAA and their family members and friends will be gathering at the Frazier Museum in downtown Louisville to view the exhibit of "Da Vinci—The Genius." This gathering will be very special in that, according to a description from the Museum's website, "Da Vinci- The Genius" is the most complete exhibition on Leonardo to tour the world. The exhibit demonstrates the full scope of Leonardo da Vinci's remarkable genius as an inventor, artist, anatomist, sculptor, musician, philosopher and architect." Like all of the IAA gatherings, the special event will allow IAA members and their families and friends to experience a sense of pride in our Italian heritage by seeing firsthand the impact this Italian had on history. And, like all other IAA gatherings, this special event promises to be very family friendly, as well as include a gathering for lunch at nearby Luigi's Pizzeria. We are hoping to achieve a group rate of just \$10.00 per adult by securing 10 or more individuals to attend this event. You can find out more information about this special IAA event in the *UNISCALI* ("Join Us") feature of the newsletter. I look forward to seeing all of you at this truly historical event. . . . *With warmest regards,*

Bernardo J. Carducci, President

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View the DA VINCI Exhibit at the

Frazier Museum
829 West Main Street
Louisville, KY

Date: August 20, 2011

Time: 10 am

Cost: \$10 Group Rate for 10 or more

Mark Your Calendar for Saturday August 20.

IAA Members along with family members and friends, are invited to a tour of the "DA VINCI" Exhibit at the Frazier Museum. We will gather in the lobby between 10 am and 10:30am. The tour will begin at 10:30 am. Group admission is \$10 per person for groups of ten or more (children 14 and under free with a limit of 4 per paid adult). Visa, MasterCard and Discover as well as cash ,checks are accepted. Individual admission is \$18 for groups below ten adults.

A Da Vinci AudioTour is available for an additional \$3 per person, children under 14, \$2.To reserve an Audio Tour device, please call Paul Castagno at 425-1082.

Parking is available on the street or in paid parking near the Museum.

Tickets stubs are valid all day.

For more information about the tour, Google Frazier Museum, Louisville DA DINCI Exhibit.

2011 IAA BOCCE CHAMPS



Diane & Tom Millett

FELICE 😊
COMPLEANNO !! ♥

Darrin	Francesconi	8/2
Robert	Waters	8/2
Frank	Mascagni, III	8/3
Barbara	Melillo	8/9
James	Benassi	8/13
Brooklyn	Flitt	8/15
Rose	Isetti	8/18
Jean	Zappa	8/20
Debbie	Pollard	8/25

**PREVIEW
SEPTEMBER EVENT**

**ITALIAN FESTIVAL
Downtown
Jeffersonville, IN**

**Saturday and Sunday
September 24 and 25**

Sponsored by Adrienne & Company

Memorial

Long time IAA member Mary Margaret (Babe) Waters passed away in July.
Mary Rose Mattei submitted the following memorial for Babe Waters.

Mary Margaret Waters . . . Louisville, KY 40220

Born on December 28, 1929, Mary Margaret Waters was the youngest of 4 children born to Pellegrino and Amerisa Mattei who immigrated from the village of Gromignana, Italy in the region of Coreglia in Tuscany. The Mattei's owned GCJ Statuary Company located on East Madison Street in downtown Louisville.

Mary Margaret attended St. Martin of Tours at Shelby and Gray through the 8th grade. She graduated from Sacred Heart Academy in 1947. She attended one semester at Ursuline College.

When Mary Margaret celebrated her 18th birthday, her boyfriend, William "Bill" C. Waters proposed marriage to her. "We actually met when I was 11 years old," she remembers. "Bill came to our house to date my sister and did for awhile. After he returned from WW II, they broke up. Later, I asked him to my junior prom and he went." The two were married on June 26, 1948.

Bill was employed at American Air Filters as a welder and was promoted to an inspector. Mary Margaret was a homemaker. They had 7 children, one of whom is SMBC receptionist, Diane Mattei.

She enjoyed canning and freezing. She also liked to bake bread and made all the baked goods for her family every Thursday. She was also in a bowling league.

Bill and Mary Margaret were married 32 years, when Bill had a massive heart attack and died. "I don't know what I would have done without my faith," says Mary Margaret. "I would not have survived. You go through life with ups and downs and faith in God is what gets you through. I pray and whatever happens, I accept as His will."

Mary Margaret is sustained by her faith in God. A lifelong Roman Catholic, she is a member of St. James Catholic Church. Her favorite hymn is "How Great Thou Art."

In November 2008, Mary Margaret's health dictated a move to Sacred Heart Rehab. From there she moved to Golden Living, Hillcreek in February 2009. "This is a good place," she says. "I have met a lot of wonderful residents and staff."



**Remember
Italians also speak
with their hands**