



ITALIAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

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Guest Editor - Bernardo J. Carducci

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Membership - Mary Perry

Kentucky – Indiana



Luigi "Lou" Perry "tricking out" his truck to be the IAA "float" in the Frankfort Avenue Easter Parade.

Messaggio Speciale del Presidente

The month of November brought many significant changes to the IAA. The most significant change, without question, was the passing of longtime IAA member Lou Perry. It will be very hard to think about the IAA without Lou. Lou served the IAA in a number of capacities. Lou was instrumental in guiding the IAA board for many years with his wisdom and calm demeanor during many of our heated discussions. Lou also helped to keep the records of those meeting for years through his service as the secretary of the IAA Board of Directors. Although he preferred to work quietly behind the scenes, Lou was a vital part of helping to organize many of the IAA's most visible activities. Most notably, Lou served as the volunteer coordinator for the *Festa Italiana*, recruited bocce referees for the IAA's participation during the Kentucky Special Olympics, organized the "Taste of Italy for L'Aquila" fundraiser to help the victims of the devastating 2009 earthquake surrounding L'Aquila, and, on the lighter side, participated in the Frankfort Avenue Easter Parade. Lou was also the editor of the IAA's newsletter for many years. The newsletter received praise from IAA members locally and readers from across the country for its creative and informative presentation of events and activities associated with our Italian heritage in Louisville, across the country, and in Italy. The IAA will forever owe an expression of gratitude to Lou for everything he did for this organization. I think I can speak for all of the IAA members when I say that we are better Italian-Americans in particular and better people in general because of the presence of Luigi "Lou" Perry in the IAA and in our lives.

Warmest Regards,
Bernardo J. Carducci, President

The Dedication of Romano L. Mazzoli Reading Room

On November 8th, the Romano L. Mazzoli Reading Room was dedicated in the Archives and Record Center of the Ekstrom Library on the campus of the University of Louisville. In addition to serving as the archival storage of the congressional papers of Romano Mazzoli, the reading room also includes a display case dedicated to the IAA. The IAA display case features information and items documenting the contributions associated with the presence of Italians in Louisville. Since the information and items in the display case will be featured on a rotating basis, the IAA is seeking additional contributions to appear in the display case. The IAA is especially interested in seeking old family photographs and heirlooms documenting the Italian heritage of IAA members to feature in the display case. Photographs can be electronic copies. After the completion of their time on display, all photographs and items will be returned to the original donors. Anyone with questions or an interest in having items considered for display should contact Bernardo J. Carducci by phone at 502-432-3169 or E-mail at bcarducc@ius.edu.

The Election of the 2012 IAA Board of Directors

On November 9th, 2011, the IAA held its annual Election/Dinner meeting at Clifton's Pizza. Prior to enjoying the all-you-can eat buffet, we held our elections for the 2012 IAA board members and officers. Congratulations should go out to Mary Perry and Angelo Vaccaro on their reelection to the IAA board. Special congratulations should be extended to Madison Steele on being elected the newest member of the IAA board of directors. The elections that night also resulted in the election of Bernardo Carducci as president, Charlie Francesconi as vice president, Bob Scorsolini as secretary, and Mary Perry as treasurer. Other IAA board members who will continue to serve during 2012 include Marty Hank, Ann Moir, and Paul Castagno. Please extend your congratulations and appreciation to all of these individuals for their willingness to provide their time and effort on behalf of the IAA.

Suggestions for IAA Events in 2012

The members of the IAA Board of Directors would like to hear from you regarding suggestions for possible events in 2012. The board is particularly interested in events that involve family-friendly activities. These events can feature local attractions, such as museums, restaurants, movies, and musical/theatrical performances. The board is also interested in community events that will help to raise the visibility of the IAA. Such events might include the IAA partnering with other organizations, such as churches, libraries, and civic groups, for the purpose of fundraising for worthy causes. Anyone interested in making suggestions for possible IAA activities should contact Bernardo J. Carducci by phone at 502-432-3169 or E-mail at bcarducc@ius.edu.

Seeking Contributions to the IAA Newsletter

The editors of the IAA newsletter are seeking contributors by IAA members. Such contributions might include a summary of a trip you made to Italy, a description of a photograph or family heirloom you discovered, a story about a family gathering focusing on your Italian heritage, or a comment regarding an item with an Italian theme you saw while reading a magazine or an Internet website. The point is the focus of the IAA newsletter should be about items by its members that are of interest to its members. Your contributions do not have to be of a professional quality; they just have to be of interest to others who have an interest in those things Italian. Please e-mail your contributions for possible inclusion in the IAA newsletter to Mary Perry at M2Peri@aol.com or Bernardo J. Carducci at bcarducc@ius.edu.

Good Things to Know this Time of Year

Buon Natale e Felice Anno Nuovo (translation: Merry Christmas and Happy New Year)

New Year's Tradition Italian Style: Wearing red underwear is the thing to do to ring in the New Year, as doing so is said to bring good luck in the coming year!

FELICE COMPLEANNO !!**Birthdays 11-11**

Romano	Mazzoli	11/2
Rick	Moir	11/5
Richard	Mancini	11/8
Elvira	Kettler	11/10
Louise	Tino	11/10
Liliana	Mazzoli	11/20
Mark	Nethery	11/22
Joseph	Altobellis	11/27
Francesca	Cordini	11/27
Marvin	Hanka	11/28
Katherine	Pellegrini	11/29

Birthdays 12-11

Joseph	Mula	12/22
Anna	Moir	12/24
Neil Peter	Manias	12/25
Charles	Buccola	12/29
Bob	Scorsolini	12/31

Birthdays 1-12

Caitlin	Francesconi	1/08
Franco	Cordini	1/10
Ray	Parrella	1/10
Michele	Clem	1/18
Linda	Perri	1/19
Maria	Terry	1/20
Nancy	Walcher	1/20
Zach	Flitt	1/21
Paul	Palumbo	1/28

Happy, Happy Birthday Happy, Happy Birthday Happy, Happy Birthday

Membership Dues are *DUE* January 1, 2012

Yearly membership for IAA is \$15 for adults and children under 18 are free. Lifetime Membership is available. A Membership Application Form is on Page 4. Membership forms are also on our website. Send dues to Italian American Association of Louisville, c/o Mary Perry, 7809 Windgate Drive, Louisville, KY 40291

Our January 2012 News and Notes will be published at the END of January 2012.

**Merry Christmas
And
Happy New Year**

We wish you good fortune and good friends for the New Year

ITALIAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF LOUISVILLE**Membership Application Form****January _____ through December _____**

- New Membership**
 Renewal Membership
 Lifetime Membership

DATE joining club _____

Recruited by _____

Last Name	First Name	Middle Initial/Name	
Address	City	State	Zip
Home Phone #	Cell Phone #	Occupation	
Work Phone #	Fax Phone #	E-mail Address	
Birthplace and Origin of Heritage			Birth Date

SPOUSE INFORMATION: (Fill out if spouse is also joining the club at this time.)

Last Name	First Name	Maiden Name
Work Phone #	Fax Phone #	E-mail Address
Birthplace and Origin of Heritage	Occupation	Birth Date

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP: All membership dues are renewable on January 1 of each year.

- ADULT** \$15 per year per person
 YOUTH Free—children up to age 17 with parent membership
 LIFETIME \$125 one time payment per person

PLEASE LIST THE NAMES AND BIRTHDAYS OF ALL YOUTH MEMBERSHIPS

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

May we include your membership information in the IAA directory? Yes No

Please return completed form and dues to: Make checks payable to the **ITALIAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION**
 Mary Perry, Treasurer
 7809 Windgate Drive
 Louisville, KY 40291

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