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ITALIAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

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Il Messaggio dal Presidente

This is the type of presidential message I just love to write because there is so much good news. First, there is the great news of **Italy winning the World Cup**. The excitement was noted locally by WAVE-3 when a camera crew was sent to cover the IAA's gathering at Clifton's Pizza to watch the game and show support for team Italia. Coverage of the event was shown on both the 6:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. newscasts. There was a great close up of Lou Perry and a wide shot of all of us doing our "I-T-A-L-Y" group cheer in our green, white, and red colors. In addition to the cheering, there was also plenty of eating going on, too.

Another cause for celebration was the opportunity we had to share our love and sense of family with the kids at St. Joseph Children's Home at our **annual family cookout**. The children always have such a good time eating the wonderful food prepared by IAA member Bob Waters and crew out in the open air and showing their artistic side when singing karaoke. A special highlight of the karaoke was Lou and Mary Perry singing the Sonny and Cher classic "I've Got You, Babe." I was told by a staff member that while there are many folks who do a lot of charity work on behalf of St. Joe's, the IAA is one of the few organizations to actively engage the children in their events in such a personal way. And the principal reason we are permitted to have such personal interaction with the children is that we always have such family friendly, non-alcoholic events, which is important to the staff and administration of St. Joe's, since many of the kids are living at St. Joe's as a result of alcohol-related family problems. I am told that the IAA provides a very positive family role model for the kids. Such high praise is certainly a cause for celebration.

On Saturday, August 12th, the IAA will once again show its support of St. Joe's by sponsoring **a booth at the St. Joseph's Picnic**. We will be seeking volunteers to work two-hour shifts throughout the day. The volunteers for the shifts can be family members and friends. Since the St. Joe's Picnic is the largest church picnic in the area, it is a great place to see folks that you might not have seen for years and an outstanding way to promote the IAA and recruit new members. We will be contacting IAA members soon to secure volunteers for this special event.

On September 8th and 9th, the IAA will be presenting its **FESTA ITALIANA** on the grounds of St. James Church. The continued success of FESTA depends on the efforts of IAA members to serve as volunteers. The IAA volunteer coordinator will be seeking commitments from IAA members to volunteer at the FESTA ITALIANA.

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NEXT SOCIAL ACTIVITY

August 12 – St Joe's Charity Event
(see p 3 for details)

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**ITALY WINS
WORLD CUP
of Soccer**

64 games, the world's best, battled it out for soccer's ultimate prize. **ITALY** will lay claim to **world champions** for the next four years. See p. 6

Siamo Campioni del Mondo.
We are Champions of the World!



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Finally, I want to call your attention to the new **MEMBERSHIP SURVEY OPERATION: "I WANT YOU"** at the end of this newsletter. The survey is designed to help us identify the talents of IAA members in an effort to better promote the IAA in the community.

As you can see, we have much to celebrate. So I hope you will bring your family and friends to celebrate with us at all of our upcoming events. I look forward to seeing you at these events. And please serve as a **volunteer** when asked (better yet, call Paul Castagno at 425-1082). The success of the IAA depends on your willingness to do so.

Warmest regards,
Bernardo J. Carducci, President

ANNUAL EVENTS IN ITALY

TUSCAN SUN FESTIVAL - Cortona, August 5-10, 2006 - With the charming Teatro Signorelli, the atmospheric medieval open-air Piazza Signorelli and Fortezza Medicea as venues for the Tuscan Sun Festival concerts, Cortona continues to distinguish itself as the ideal host of the annual Italian event, which includes daily concerts, lectures and literary programs, multiple art exhibitions, and nightly receptions with culinary events and wine tastings....a festival that honors its heritage and celebrates its future.

FESTIVAL DEL SOLE - in NAPA VALLEY, CALIFORNIA as the sister to the "TUSCAN SUN FESTIVAL" in CORTONA, ITALY.

FERRAGOSTO - ASSUMPTION DAY- August 15, National Holiday. This is the day that Mary, the mother of Jesus, was taken up and assumed into heaven and it virtually shuts down Italy. Most of Italy's geographical interior is already dysfunctional because August is considered 'vacation month' from the first day of August.

CONTESA del SECCHIO - 2nd Sunday of August, Sant'Elpidio a Mare (Marche); which is a folk and historical re-enactment in 15th century costumes. They make a game that originated from the frequent quarrels among the women of the different neighborhoods about drawing water from a well placed in the center of the village square. According to the legend it was decided to establish an order of priority with an annual competition (called lu jocu de lu puzzo) among the four village neighborhoods to avoid these quarrels. Each team has to throw a ball and get it into the well while at the same time trying to prevent the other teams from throwing their ball in. The district with the highest score wins the pail with the right to draw water first for a year.

FESTAMBIENTE (International Festival of the Ecology) - 1st thru 3rd weekend; Rispecchia (Toscana). The focus of this festival is the ever suffering earth and it is held in a wonderful, protected natural preserve called the Parco Naturale della Maremma. The sponsor is Legambiente which is Italy's most visible pro-ecological organization and features exhibitions, films, displays, seminars, an ecological market with tastings of food grown without pesticides, natural cures and therapies, and a playground for the kids.

TOURNAMENT OF THE HEALTHY WRIST: citta -Pulsano, (Taranto) features an iron arm competition. The townspeople also participate in a parade in which they wear authentic Medieval costumes.

ROCCIAMELONE FESTIVAL: citta - Susa (Torino); 1st week of August. This is a parade starting in front of the Cathedral and ending 24 hours later on the top of Mount Rocciamelone (10,000 feet), where the heavy statue of the Holy Virgin of Rocciamelone is carried to its resting place each year.

SKITTLES CONTEST FOR WOMEN: citta - Farigliano (Cuneo); 3rd & 4rd Sunday. This contest originating from an ancient fight among men settled by Isabella, mistress of Farigliano, who organized that the fight be resolved by the women with this skittles contest.

FRIENDSHIP FESTIVAL: citta - Passo di Pramollo (Udine). Celebrates the common Hapsburg origins of the people living in Koornten (Austria) and Friuli (Italy) and the respective traditions of each.

Take your birthday honey to the:
KENTUCKY STATE FAIR

BIRTHDAYS --- AGOSTO 2006

BUON COMPLEANNO !!

Last Name	First Name	Birthdate
Grisanti	Michael	8/10
Mascagni, III	Frank	8/3
Melillo	Barbara	8/9
Galafaro	Anita	8/15
Pulzone	Kay	8/8
Rothenburger	Janevera	8/15
Waters	Robert	8/2
Mettallo	Todd	8/17
Pollard	Debbie	8/25
Spradlin	Charlie	8/29
Benassi	James	8/13
Mattiussi	Sylvia	8/21
Mazzoli	Helen	8/1

SING.....

"Tanti auguri a te,
Tanti auguri a te,
Tanti auguri a (name of person),
Tanti a auguri a TE!"

It is the same tune as our:
"Happy Birthday to You"

(our database has these names only....,
please if you see an omission, contact us).

HISTORY TRIVIA

FIRST ITALIAN IMMIGRANT

Commemorative Stone
Verrazzano Monument in Battery Park, NY



CHE PASSA!
(WHAT'S HAPPENING !)
St Joe's Charity Event

August 12, Saturday – *St Joe's Charity Event*. Once again IAA will operate a booth as part of the event to raise money for St. Joseph's programs and services. Paul Castagno will coordinate with the "shift captains". Volunteers are always welcomecontact Paul at 425-1082; parking in the back is a must this year.

FESTA ITALIANA – September 8 & 9

AVIGLIANO

Province – **Potenza** Region - **Basilicata**
Population - 19,463 Aviglianesi



ROOT-IN-THE-BOOT
to
IAA MEMBERS:
VACCARO
Angelo Rocco
Del Marie



Economic base: 234 industrial firms, 253 service, and 92 administrative offices; zip code – 85021

People doing genealogy research:

Rocco Vaccaro researching the following family names; Vaccaro and Summa.

My father Antonio Vaccaro was born in Avigliano December 27, 1887 and immigrated to the USA on August 4, 1906 on the vessel Gallia arriving at New York .

Famous Aviglianese:

Giuseppe Rosa, born October 12 1873 to Giacomina and Angela Vaccaro. Emigrated to Arlington, New Jersey--Master Tailor

Genealogy requests for records The Mother Church in Avigliano keeps records from all the churches in Avigliano. The address is:

Don Gaetano Corbo
Chiesa Parrocchiale
Santa Maria del Carmine
Citta di Avigliano 85021
Provincia di Potenza, Italia

POPES – 1st & 2nd CENTURIES
LEAVING THEIR MARK

First Century (5 popes) --- **St.Peter** (30-67) 37 years - He was a fisherman from Galilee named Simon....."upon this rock I will build my church; and I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven".....the creation of the papacy; Peter was martyred on the 29th of June. **St.Linus** (67-76) 9 years; born in Volterra, became the second Pope. He prescribed to the women to enter inside of the church with the head covered, and he named the first fifteen bishops. He was martyred. **St.Anacletus** (76-88) 12 years; born in Rome. Credited with clergymen having short hair and for work to begin construction of St Peter's basilica. Under his pontificate Vesuvio's eruption (24 August, 79), and for the unveiling of the Colosseum; didn't die martyr. **St.Clement I** (88-97) 9 years; born in Rome, but of Jewish origin; he wrote the first document that affirmed the supremacy of Roman bishop over all the other Churches in the world. Emperor Nerva had him exiled to Pontus and later condemned to death and thrown into the sea with an anchor around his neck. **St.Evaristus** (97-105) 8 years; born in Palestina from Jewish parents; he created parishes; and set up a tradition to celebrate marriage publicly and with the blessing of the priest.

Second Century (9 popes) ---- **St.Alexander I** (105-115) 10 years; born in Rome in a noble family. He became pope very young, was the first elected pope instead of being designated by last will; instituted the use of holy water, and prescribed that the host be made of unleavened bread. He was martyred. **St.Sixtus I** (115-125) 10 years, born in Rome. He set up the triple chant of *Sanctus* during the Mass. **St.Telephorus** (125-136) 11 years; born in **Calabria**. He prescribed fasting and penance during the seven weeks before Easter, and celebration of Mass on Christmas midnight. **St.Hyginus** (136-140) 4 years; born in Athens. He established, that the churches should be dedicated structure, also he prescribed the godfather and godmother for the baptism. **St.Pius I** (140-155) 15 years; born at Aquilea in Friuli. He is attributed with the choice of the date for the celebration of Easter. **St.Anicetus I** (155-166) 11 years; born in Syria. He battled against the huge number of people bringing heresy to Rome; and against emperor Marcus Aurelius who brought the new phase of very hard persecutions on the Christians. **St.Soter** (166-175) 9 years; born at Fondi, Latium. He was the first to recognize the sacramental character of marriage. **St. Eleutherius** (175 - 189) 14 years; born in Epirus, he continued the fight against the persecutions unleashed by Marcus Aurelius.....on the death of Marcus his son Commodus became an emperor. With him the Church entered in the period of peace. **St.Victor I** (189-199) 10 years ; he was an African; his papacy was a tranquil and favorable period for Christianity thanks to the protection of Marcia and Julia Domna, the wives of the emperors Commodus and Septimus Severus.

Italy: People

Population 58,057,477 (July 2004 est.)

Age structure

0-14 years: 14%; 15-64 years: 66.9%; 65 years and over: 19.1%

Median agetotal: 41.4 years

Population growth rate0.09% (2004 est.)

Birth rate9.05 births/1,000 population (2004 est.)

Death rate10.21 deaths/1,000 population (2004 est.)

Life expectancy at birth: total population: 79.54 yrs.

Ethnic groups: Italian (includes small clusters of German-, French-, and Slovene-Italians in the north and Albanian-Italians and Greek-Italians in the south).

Religions: predominately Roman Catholic with mature Protestant and Jewish communities and a growing Muslim immigrant community.

Languages: Italian (official), German (parts of Trentino-Alto Adige region are predominantly German speaking), French (small French-speaking minority in Valle d'Aosta region), Slovene (Slovene-speaking minority in the Trieste-Gorizia area.)

Literacy: definition: age 15 and over can read and writetotal population: 98.6%

PULZONE's CINEMA PICKS

by Katherine Pulzone, IAA Board Member

THREE COINS IN A FOUNTAIN

(1954)

Romantic comedy starring Rossano Brazzi, Clifton Webb, Dorothy McGuire and Louis Jourdan filmed entirely in Italy. Three American roommates working in Rome and each having found the man of their dreams, hope to seal their fate. So they throw coins in the magnificent Trevi fountain. Thus, the tradition of throwing a coin in the fountain ensuring your return to Rome, was started with this movie. The scenery is stunning and the dialogue witty and funny. Of course the title song Three Coins In A Fountain by Sammy Cahn lives on as one of Italian American favorites. 101 minutes (way too short for this fan).

Sidebar: for all the readers who watch this movie and have never been to Italy, will surely root out their luggage. When seeing the **Trevi Fountain**, make sure you visit it in the night as well as the day. The lights make the fountain seem to come alive and the water's reflections bounce off the nearby walls. Besides, all the vendors come out selling their terrific cups of café, pastries, fruit beverages and all kinds of memorable goodies.

ITALIAN LESSIONS – Dialect of Luigi

Vowels/Vocali a = ah e = a i = e o = oh u = oo

Nouns/Il Nome: Genders ... **masculine** - ends in "o" or "e", **feminine** usually ends in "a"

VERBS – Where The Action Is

1. Italian VerbsA verb is formed by two parts: the root and the verb ending. The root doesn't change (except in some Italian irregular verbs), and it contains the meaning of the verb. To get the root, take out from the infinitive tense the verb endings "are", "ere", or "ire".

The verb ending is variable and it contains much information about:

- The person who does the action or who is subjected to the action (I, you, he, etc.)
- The number of the persons (singular or plural)
- The way the action is expressed (certainty, doubt, order, etc.)
- The time when the action is performed (now, in the past, in the future).

2) The person and the number in the Italian verbs.....

In the Italian verbs the persons are three and they can be singular and plural.

SINGOLARE

1st person	io (I)
2nd person	tu (you)
3rd person	egli, ella (he, she, it)

PLURALE

1st person	noi (we)
2nd person	voi (you)
3rd person	essi, esse (they)

Egli, ella, essi and esse are rare in the everyday's use of the Italian language, both spoken or written. They are replaced by *lui, lei and loro*.

Remember

Italians also speak with their hands

Alcuni giorni lei è il testaobiettivo-er, alcuni giorni lei è il testaobiettivo-ee..

Some days you're the headbutt-er, some days you're the headbutt-ee.



WORLD CUP - 2006

Italy's *Azzurri* won the FIFA World Cup

AZZURRI - Blue is the color used by the House of Savoy, which ruled the kingdom of Italy from 1861-1946. The Italian National Team was formed during the rule of the House of Savoy and the color has never changed.



Italy's Marco Materazzi evened things up at 1-1 when he scored on a header.



Zinedine is ejected after headbutting Materazzi off his feet

Your sister wears combat boots !



Italy's goalie Gianluigi Buffon saves a header in the first overtime period. A fantastic tip of France's shot over the goal post.



Fans Sing The Italian National Anthem



Soccer Fans Celebrate Italy's World Cup 2006 Triumph



ITALIAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF LOUISVILLE

MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

OPERATION: "I WANT YOU"



LA VOGLIO

I WANT YOU

In an effort to revitalize and increase the membership of our Association, we are seeking to identify the talent and expertise of all IAA members. To achieve this objective, we are asking that you fill out and return the brief survey below by Monday, August 21, 2006. The information you provide will help to compile a new Directory of Member Expertise that will help the IAA to maximize the efforts of our members in promoting the continued growth of IAA. Your prompt attention and invaluable assistance in this regard is greatly appreciated.

IAA MEMBERSHIP EXPERTISE SURVEY

There are basically eight areas where you will (to the degree that you are able, knowledgeable and/or just plain willing) to help the Association prosper, in keeping with our mission of promoting the Italian heritage in our community. Simply **circle** those specific tasks where you feel your efforts will be best utilized.

ADMINISTRATION: Help with the paper work, processing applications, maintaining accurate and updated directory of membership.

FINANCE: Assist Treasurer with collections of dues, accounting Of fundraising, informing about investments, investigating possibilities to purchase Club House.

HOSPITALITY: Receive and welcome new members through invites to events; receive and represent them to membership at monthly meetings.

MEMBERSHIP: Active review of daily newspapers and other periodicals for "Italian" names to welcome and encourage their membership.

PROGRAM: Help to prepare a year of monthly programs of general interest, inviting guest speakers to stimulate our minds. Assume responsibility for executing such programs at monthly meetings.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS: Work with local educational entities to establish avenues to both receive and donate awards to worthy scholars.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS: Seek to establish relations and rapport with newspapers, churches, schools, hospitals and other community groups. Allow our membership to be more visible and helpful in the community In which we live.

EDUCATION: Contribute to the *IAA Newsletter*; look for publications about our heritage or present-day Italian American relations and welfare, travel, etc.

Please provide the following information:

Name:

Address:

Phone #:

E-mail address:

Mail the survey to:

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YOUR HELP IS NEEDED BE IT A LARGE ROLE OR A SMALL ONE