

ITALIAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

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Il Messaggio dal Presidente:

The IAA, in one form or another, has been around in the area since the early 1900's. For all of those years, its mission format has reminded the same—to promote the heritage of the local Italian community and serve as a social hub for Italian-Americans living in the area. The longevity of the organization is a testament to its ability to do what it does best. As president, I have always tried to do all I can to facilitate the basic mission of the IAA. It is in the spirit of continuity and longevity that I would like to announce that the IAA is in the process of developing its very own Internet web site. The web site will be the IAA's attempt to let individuals all over the city, state, region, and nation know who we are and what we do. For example, on the web site, we are planning to include information about the history of Italians in this area, membership information, a listing of our upcoming events, a directory of IAA-owned businesses, and a variety of specialty links, such as a gallery of IAA photographs (e.g., photos from last year's Italian festival or other past events), and some specialty links for individual IAA members who would like to post information and photographs of their family.

The potential for spreading the word about the IAA through the Internet is tremendous. However, what we will need most of all is information to put on the IAA's web site. So, in addition to announcing the formation of the web site, I am also asking for your input on what else you would like to see on it. I am also asking that you begin gathering information to be considered for inclusion on the web site. So, start looking! I will have more to say about the development of the IAA's web site in future issues of the newsletter.

As always, I want to thank all of you for your continued support of the IAA as active members. I hope you will continue to support the IAA by renewing your membership this month. If you have not already done so, it is my unfortunate task to remind you that your IAA membership, along with future issues of the newsletter, will expire with this issue of the newsletter.

I look forward to seeing all of you at the IAA's upcoming events.

Warmest regards,
Bernardo J. Carducci, President

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NEXT ACTIVITY

**THIS IS IT! YOUR LAST NEWSLETTER IF YOU HAVE NOT PAID YOUR IAA DUES FOR 2005
....SEE THE LIST PROVIDED p. 6.**

ALSO – IAA Goes to the Opera (see p.3)

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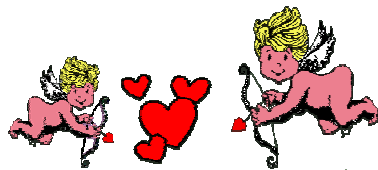
CARNIVALE



CARNIVAL * MARTEDI GRASSO (Mardi Gras or Fat Tuesday)

Evokes emotions, images, color, Venice. Masks are ageless. They have no gender and no class. Masks are silent too, which makes them even more mysterious. The mask lets you be what you want to be and it's also a representation of yourself. Never take a mask off. You'll surely be disappointed.

Carnival officially starts in mid-January and ends on the day before Ash Wednesday, for that is the first day of Lent, the period of 40 days abstinence during which Christians were once forbidden from eating meat. During the first week of celebrations adults go to veglioni (late night parties), often wearing costumes and masks while children wear disguises to school and around the piazzas feeding on the candies stuffed in their pockets. Carnevale pastries (which are thin dough strips fried and dusted with powdered sugar) called frittelle, tortelli or (con't on p. 4 – CARNIVALE)



Valentines Day in Italy

In Italy Valentine's Day is celebrated as a Spring Festival and is held in the open air. The young would gather in leafy glades or ornamental gardens, where they would listen to music and hear poetry read, then they would stroll off with their valentine together into the gardens.

In many Italian cities it was customary for an engaged couple to announce their engagement on this day. For a while before the day, shops would be decorated and filled with all sorts of bon-bons.

The Different "Languages of Love"

- Service is a Language of Love.
- Gifting is a Language of Love.
- Sharing is a Language of Love.
- Time is a Language of Love.
- Attention is a Language of Love.
- Patience is a Language of Love.
- Support is a Language of Love.
- Forgiveness is a Language of Love.
- Non-Judgment is a Language of Love.
- Understanding is a Language of Love.
- Mercy is a Language of Love.
- Compassion is a Language of Love.

Ti amo – I Love You

FINALLY ... A JOHN BASILONE POSTAL STAMP

World War II hero **John Basilone** will be honored with a commemorative postage stamp on **May 21, 2005** by the U.S. Postal Service (USPS). Marine Gunnery Sgt. John Basilone will be one of four Marines to be honored in a USPS Distinguished Marine stamp series that will be released on May 21. The other Marines are Daniel J. Daly; John A. Lejeune and Louis B. Puller. John Basilone was the only enlisted Marine in World War II to earn both the Medal of Honor and the Navy Cross, the nation's two highest military honors for bravery in battle. General Douglas MacArthur called him "a one-man army" for his valor in a battle with a Japanese regiment during the Battle of Guadalcanal on October 24-25, 1942.



BIRTHDAYS FEBBRAIO 2005 BUON COMPLEANNO !!

Last Name		Birthdate
Dattilo	Gus	2/16
Brown	Gordon	2/10
Schweitzer	Stephen	2/17
Azzara	Michael	2/13
Hamza	Hamza	2/10
Perry	Lou	2/24
Streckfus	Enedina	2/5
Hanka	Matt	2/18
Maccaferri	Sandy	2/3
Fragale	Frank	2/5
Palazzo	Ray	2/11
Beatty	Theodora	2/11
Brown	Eddi	2/10

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).



These gleaming habitations (whitewashed each year) are curious, rounded structures with cone-shaped, grey stone roofs. They are trulli, typical of the province of Bari and Taranto, and are unique in all the world.

UPCOMING EVENTS....

.....**Jim Vito Flitt (Filleto)**

EDITOR'S NOTE:

IAA WELCOMES OUR NEW PROGRAM DIRECTOR, JIM VITO FLITT. *Jim, I'm sure would welcome your ideas for the monthly IAA activity and/or HELP in assisting on an eventBuona Fortuna Giacomo*

OPERA - FEBRUARY 18 – Friday at 8:00 pm.
.....IAA goes to the Opera "La Cenerentola" at the Kentucky Center for the Arts located in Whitney Hall. Tickets range between \$34.50 - \$79.50. Call Jim for details at 241-2610; email jflitt@mfic.com.

CATHEDRAL OF LEARNING - PITTSBURGH

Located in the Cathedral of Learning on the campus of the University of Pittsburgh, is a group of rooms uniquely designed and named the Nationality Rooms. With Italians being the largest cultural group in Allegheny County in the State of Pennsylvania, they were the first invited to create a room that best represented their culture. To the rear of the room is a wonderful **portrait** of Elena Lucrezia Cornaro Piscopiashe was the first woman in the world to receive a degree from a university. She was granted a Master and Doctor of Philosophy in 1678 from the University of Padua; a **fireplace** made from sandstone that was once located in an old house in Florence. Set in the fireplace are the words *O Lord, Do Not Forsake Me; an armadio* when opened reveals a chalkboard for the professor to use while teaching class and on top of the armadio sits the **bust** of Dante.

The most fascinating features of the room are the benches and the architrave. The **benches** used by students are reminiscent of benches located in a monastery....each has the name of an Italian university and the year it was founded carved on the back, and the **architrave** also contains names carved into the olive wood. These names were selected by the committee from a list of names submitted by scholars in Italy. Each name is significant to the history of Italy and the World. the names chosen are: Brunelleschi, Da Vinci, San Francesco, Dante Alighieri, Botticelli, Michelangelo, Galileo, Petrarca, Colombo, Tiziano, Machiavelli, Raffaello, Galvani, Verdi, and Marconi.

ROOTS IN THE BOOT (storie di famiglia)

I will be looking for "famiglia" stories from our membership about stories from your "roots in the boot". Everyone has at least one to share; so e-mail yours to me. Here's one from our new IAA Program Director, Jim Vito Flitt (Filleto).

According to *The History Channel* the worst European earthquake (7.5) and a 40 foot tsunami hit the area of southern Calabria and Sicily on December 28, **1908**. The cities of Messina (Sicily) and Reggio di Calabria (Italian mainland) and the area lost about 100,000 lives and 90% of the buildings were destroyed.

In **1693**, 60,000 people were killed in southern Sicily by an earthquake, and in **1783** most of the Tyrrhenian coast of Calabria was razed by a massive earthquake that killed 50,000. The **1908** earthquake struck at 5:20 AM without warning and the tsunami hit later. The dazed and injured survivors, clad only in their nightclothes were forced to shelter in caves, grottoes, and impromptu shacks.

In **1909** Jim's grandfather, Joseph DeGaetano, moved to America with his four brothers after losing their parents and two sisters in the earthquake/tsunami.....thanks Jim for sharing that "roots in the boot" story.

HOW'S YOUR LATITUDE?

Ever wonder about the latitudes between here and Italy? Well, wonder no more:

Montreal -----	Milano
Toledo -----	Roma
Louisville -----	Palermo

BENEFITS OF OLIVE OIL

The Food and Drug Administration said recently that producers of olive oil could say on their labels that there was "limited and not conclusive" evidence that people could reduce the risk of coronary disease by replacing saturated fats in their diets with olive oil.

ANNUAL EVENTS IN ITALY

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chiacchiere fill the shops. Celebrations reach a crescendo of parties and parades on the final day, Martedì Grasso (Fat Tuesday) when a symbol of the carnival itself is burned on a bonfire (with many regional variations on this theme). Local traditions often play a major role in the way carnival is celebrated, giving the festivities unique flavor in many cities and towns. The duration of the festivities varies from locality to locality but it usually lasts a week to ten days from beginning to end. Everything remains open and the country takes on a festive, party spirit. National Holiday period that is observed in all of Italy

SAN VALENTINO (Saint Valentine's Day). The most popular legend depicting the origin of Valentine's day tells us that some 1700 years ago the Roman Emperor Claudius II outlawed marriage claiming that it decreased his male soldiers' zest for battle. Despite the Emperor's decree, a priest by the name of Valentine is said to have continued to perform marriage ceremonies for those who requested it. On February 14th, 269 AD, Valentine was beheaded for his commitment to young love. According to lore, lovers in Italy and around the world have been celebrating the memory of Valentine ever since. Italian storefronts and street vendors are flush with fresh flowers and candies.....February 14 ...National Holiday that is observed in all of Italy.

MASQUERADE FEASTS with big parade floats. The floats are made by master craftsmen from Viareggio who draw inspiration from political satire. At the end of the equestrian competition, which is typically Gallurian. The climax of the Carnival is the traditional marriage between King Giorgio and Mennena, a member of the lower classes. The marriage ends up with the burning of the king.....Shrove Tuesday and Thursday; citta of Tempio Pausania (province of Sassari).

SAINT BAGIO DAY....this Saint saved a youngster who had a fishbone stuck in his throat. For this, he became the Patron of Sore Throats. The tradition is to eat a slice of leftover panettone (a type of angelfood cake) with a glass of wine to bless one's throat (look for two for the price of one panettone specials).....February 3National Holiday.

ITALIAN LESSIONS – Dialect of Luigi

Vowels/Vocali

a = ah e = a i = e o = oh u = oo

(simple, but workable at this stage)

Nouns/Il Nome:

Genders ... **masculine** - usually ends in "o" or "e",
feminine usually ends in "a".

Definite Article/Articolo Determinativo

In English the definite article has only one form: **the**. In Italian, it has different forms according to the gender, number, and first letter of the noun or adjective it precedes.

i ragazzi e le ragazze the boys and girls
il quaderno e la penna the notebook and pen

The article agrees in gender and number with the noun it modifies and is repeated before each noun.

la Coca-Cola l'aranciata *the Coke and orangeade*

gli italiani e i giapponesi *the Italians and the Japanese*

le zie e **gli** zii *the aunts and uncles*

The first letter of the word immediately following the article determines the article's form. Compare the following:

il giorno	<i>the day</i>
l' altro giorno	<i>the other day</i>
lo zio	<i>the uncle</i>
il vecchio zio	<i>the old uncle</i>
i ragazzi	<i>the boys</i>
gli stessi ragazzi	<i>the same boys</i>
l' amica	<i>the girlfriend</i>
la nuova amica	<i>the new girlfriend</i>

**Remember
Italians also speak
with their hands**

**Vieni fra le
mie braccia,
il mio
valentine !!**

**Come to me,
my valentine !!**



ITALIAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

Membership Application Form

January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005

- New Membership
- Renewal Membership
- Lifetime Membership

DATE joining club _____

Recruited by _____

Last Name First Name Middle Initial/Name

Address City State Zip

Home 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: Adult membership is \$12 per year. Youth membership is \$1 per year. All membership dues are renewable on January 1 of each year.

- ADULT \$12 per year for each person over the age of 18
- YOUTH \$1 per year for each child under the age of 18
- LIFETIME \$100 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/Membership
4319 Saratoga Woods Drive
Louisville, KY 40299**

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PAID IAA MEMBERS - 2005

If you have any questions, call our Membership guru – Mary Perry at 263-5480 or M2Peri@aol.com

Last Name	First Name	Membership	Last Year Paid
Aldi	Eugenia	Adult	2005
Altobellis	Joseph	Adult	2005
Altobellis	Salvatore	Youth	2005
Altobellis	Vincent	Youth	2005
Amenta	Conrad	Adult	2005
Badaracco	Martha	Adult	2005
Beatty	Theodora	Adult	2005
Beatty	John	Adult	2005
Beilman	Alexa	Adult	2005
Benassi	James	Adult	2005
Brackett	Jules Emmett	Adult	2005
Bukowski	Nicole	Youth	2005
Bukowski	Maria	Lifetime	Lifetime
Camarata	Ann Marie	Adult	2005
Camarata	Joseph	Adult	2005
Campisano	Frank	Lifetime	Lifetime
Canto	Allesandra	Youth	2005
Canto	MacKenzie	Youth	2005
Canto	Sean Michael	Adult	2005
Carducci	Bernardo	Lifetime	Lifetime
Castagno	Philip	Lifetime	2005
Clem	Michele	Lifetime	Lifetime
Damico	Al	Adult	2005
Damico	Rosalie	Adult	2005
Dattilo	David	Lifetime	Lifetime
Dattilo	Gus	Adult	2005
DeVuono	Lewis	Lifetime	Lifetime
Fazio	Al	Adult	2005
Fazio	Jean	Adult	2005
Flitt	Patricia	Adult	2005
Flitt	James Vito	Adult	2005
Fragale	Frank	Adult	2005
Gabriele	Vincenzo	Lifetime	Lifetime
Gadlage	Anthony	Lifetime	Lifetime
Galafaro	Anita	Adult	2005
Galofaro	Anthony	Adult	2005
Galofaro-	Julie	Adult	2005
Grisanti	Michael	Lifetime	Lifetime
Hanka	Martha	Lifetime	Lifetime
Hanka	Marvin	Lifetime	Lifetime
Hanka	Matt	Adult	2005
Kaseta	Joseph	Youth	2005
Kaseta	Alicia	Youth	2005
Kettler	Elvira	Adult	2005
Kettler	Leonard	Adult	2005
Lampe	Julie	Lifetime	Lifetime
Lanning	John Alan	Adult	2005
Marrillia, Sr.	Sam	Adult	2005
Mascagni, III	Frank	Lifetime	Lifetime

Mason	Audree	Adult	2005
Mattei	Mary Rose	Adult	2005
Mattiussi	Sylvia	Lifetime	Lifetime
Mazzoli	Enrico	Lifetime	Lifetime
Mazzoli	Liliana	Adult	2005
Melillo	Barbara	Lifetime	Lifetime
Mitchell	Dolores Dattilo	Lifetime	2005
Moir	Rick	Lifetime	Lifetime
Moir	Fred	Adult	2005
Moir	Anna	Adult	2005
Moore	Thomas	Adult	2005
Norton	John	Adult	2005
Norton	Cynthia	Adult	2005
Ochsner	Angela	Lifetime	Lifetime
Palumbo	Suzanne	Adult	2005
Palumbo	Paul	Adult	2005
Pellegrini	Katherine	Lifetime	Lifetime
Pellegrini	Andrian	Lifetime	Lifetime
Perry	Lou	Lifetime	2005
Perry	Mary	Lifetime	2005
Pulzone	Katherine	Adult	2005
Pulzone	Kay	Adult	2005
Pusateri	Evelyn	Adult	2005
Quistberg	Nancy	Adult	2005
Renzi	Joe	Lifetime	Lifetime
Rothenburger	Robert	Adult	2005
Rothenburger	Janevera	Adult	2005
Sangalli	Marjorie	Adult	2005
Sangalli	John	Adult	2005
Schweitzer	Carol	Adult	2005
Schweitzer	Stephen	Adult	2005
Shipp	Rose	Lifetime	Lifetime
Smith	Elena	Adult	2005
Spooner	Judith	Lifetime	Lifetime
Spradlin	Charlie	Adult	2005
Spradlin	Katie	Youth	2005
Spradlin	Sarah	Youth	2005
Spradlin	Victoria	Adult	2005
Tomassetti	Lola	Adult	2006
Tomassetti	Albert	Adult	2005
Tomassetti	Berard	Lifetime	Lifetime
Tomassetti	Al	Lifetime	Lifetime
Vaughan	Velma	Adult	2005
Waters	Robert	Lifetime	Lifetime
White	Ron	Adult	2005