

# ITALIAN AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

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## *Il Messaggio dal Presidente:*

The IAA has never been an organization to take the summer off. Once again, we have a full schedule of activities for our members to enjoy. On June 25th, it was the IAA Turtle Run Winery Tour and Picnic. On Sunday, July 16th, from noon to 4:00 p.m., it will be our annual **IAA Family Picnic** at St. Joe's where we invite the children and staff members of St. Joseph Children's Home to join our family and friends for an afternoon of food, games, and fellowship (see more on p. 3).

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 Charity 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. **FESTA** is fast becoming one of the most popular and well-attended ethnic heritage fairs in the metro area because of the dedication of the IAA to provide authentic Italian food and music in a family friendly atmosphere. **FESTA ITALIANA** is our most highly visible community event and the best way we have to show the metro area how proud we are of our Italian heritage. The continued success of the Festa Italiana 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**.

Well, as you can see, the IAA has put together another summer of family friendly activities. However, the continued success of these events depends on your participation. I look forward to seeing you at these events and hope you will serve as a volunteer. So, mark these special days on your calendar and show the community how proud you are to be members of the IAA.

Warmest regards, Bernardo J. Carducci, President

### ITALIAN AMERICANS NOT SO FAMOUS:

- \* The man who captured Billy the Kid was **Angelo "Charlie" Siringo**, a famous Pinkerton detective.
- \* Two of the signers of the Declaration of Independence were of Italian descent: Maryland's **William Paca** and Delaware's **Caesar Rodney**.
- \* "Rosie the Riveter," was **Rosie Bonavita**.

### NEXT SOCIAL ACTIVITY

**IAA PICNIC - July 16**  
(see p 3 for details)

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**LAKE RESIA**

The **Adige River** with its source in the Alto Adige (South Tyrol) region is the second longest river in Italy, after the Po River. The river flows out of the artificial Alpine lake close to the borders with Austria and Switzerland. The lake is known for the **church tower** that marks the site of the former village of Alt-Graun that was abandoned and flooded in 1953 when the dam was finished. The Adige River then



runs eastbound flowing past the city of Verona. Both the Adige and the Po run parallel in the river delta without properly joining. As a river in the mountains, it is subject to sudden swellings and overflows. It is also

connected through artificial underground canals to Lake Garda for flood prevention. Italian and German cultures blend along the Adige River and the western Dolomites.

### "O say can you see ...."



## ANNUAL EVENTS IN ITALY

**PESCARA JAZZ FESTIVAL** - this festival is one of the oldest jazz festivals in Italy; Citta: Pescara, ABRUZZO; 3rd full week of July. The fact that this picturesque Adriatic beachtown is encircled by hills where a number of historic towns are perched just adds to the attraction. The first four days are called 'Jazz en Province' and involve a series of concerts spread throughout these nearby hilltop towns. Then, on Friday night at 9:30 PM, the festival transforms the packed Parco de Naiadi into a throbbing, rhythmic mass as some of the world's greatest jazz artists perform some of their greatest music. Duke Ellington, Ella fitzgerlad, Miles Davis, Benny Carter, Cecil Taylor, Horage Silver, Chick Corea and Herbie Hancock have all graced this stage! An event not to be missed!

**FEAST-DAY IN THE REDENTORE** - Giudecca Island, VENICE; third Sunday in July. This popular event originated in 1577, when the population suffered from the plague, to recall the promise made by the Venetian authorities to build a church if the pestilence would disappear. All the balconies sport colored lights, lamps and balloons. On Saturday, people cross the canals on bridges made of boats and go in mass to wait for midnight when, on the lagoon, a beautiful fireworks display unfolds (I want to add that there's a special pontoon-bridge that the city puts up for the more timid visitors so the island can be reached easily by foot). One of the more dramatic moments is when a boat laden with flowers arrives to head up the parade made up of many other typical Venetian-styled boats (including gondolas). After the phenomenal fireworks show at midnight, many boatmen stay on their crafts to await the arrival of the sun the next morning while non-boating revelers continue on to the Lido of Venice where they dance until sunrise. Tables of food line the waterfront main street along the length of the island where diners feast on traditional Venetian foods such as: bovoleti (small snails), sarde in saor (sardines and onions) and melons slices wrapped in prosciutto ham. On Sunday there is a solemn mass in San Marco Square and a regatta on the Giudecca Canal.

**EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP ENDURANCE POWERBOAT RACE** - Viareggio, LUCCA; last weekend of July. The world's premier Group A powerboats line-up on the azure waters of the Italian riviera off Viareggio for this annual Endurance European Powerboat Championship. The run pits the best powerboaters in the world against each other for this race across the Ligurian Sea to the port of Bastia (on the northern tip of the French island of Corsica) and back again to Viareggio. Competitive spirit and obsession with speed is luring a growing number of Italians into the F-16 fighter-jet style cockpit of these 2,000 horsepower boats (three times more powerful than the engines in Formula One cars). Once powered by surplus airplane engines and souped-up American V-8's, today's technology has reached an entirely new plane with Lamborghini engines that sell for upwards of a million dollars apiece powering the majority of these boats that can reach speeds of 250 kilometers an hour. It's a sport that has no trouble attracting yachters and speed-demons, but few can actually relate to the thrill of travelling over a sheet of water at these high speeds or the danger of not-uncommon exploding engines, flipping boats and fatal accidents.

**SUMMERTIME BLUES FESTIVAL** - Alcamo, SICILY; last weekend of July. The 120,000 attendees of this ever-growing musical extravaganza near Palermo will attest to the fact that the natural beauty of the concert site, next to a stainless blue sea, enhances the magic of the event.



## BIRTHDAYS --- Luglio (July) 2006

**BUON COMPLEANNO !!**

Last Name	First Name	Birthdate
Spagnolo	Sally	7/14
Galofaro	Anthony	7/10
Castagno	Philip	7/14
Brown	Nevia	7/28
Zanni	Carol	7/2
Impellizzeri	Richard	7/29

### 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).

## ITALIAN ASTROPHYSICISTS LAUNCHES ANTI-MATTER PROBE

Italian satellite Pamela was launched into orbit recently to probe one of the greatest puzzles of the universe, anti-matter.

Astrophysicists say matter and anti-matter existed in roughly equal

quantities at the time of the Big Bang. But now there are only tiny quantities of anti matter.

The two types of matter annihilate each other on contact, so the big question is: Why is there so much more normal matter zooming around in the form of planets and stars? Hopefully, Pamela (Payload for Anti-matter Matter Exploration and Light-nuclei Astrophysics) will shed light on this mystery. Italy's National Nuclear Physics Institute (INFN), described the satellite as an advanced astrophysics instrument.



## CHE PASSA! (WHAT'S HAPPENING !)

### IAA PICNIC

**SUNDAY, JULY 16th from 12 noon-4 pm** - All IAA members are invited to attend our annual IAA buffet picnic/cookout at the pavilion behind the Saint Joseph Children Home's GYM. Food will be ready to serve by 12:30 pm. THE SJ STAFF AND KIDS WILL EAT FIRST AS WE SERVE THEM. Your children and grandchildren under 18 are free. However your friends AND family who are not paid IAA members will be charged a fee to cover our expenses. Every family should bring an item to feed 20 or MORE people.

#### Last name list:

**A-G** - Desserts or hot vegetable dish; **H-P** – SALADS (tossed, potato, pasta, fruit or macaroni); **Q-Z** - Chips, cheese, crackers, or cold veggie tray with dip.

**IAA will provide cold watermelon for all!**

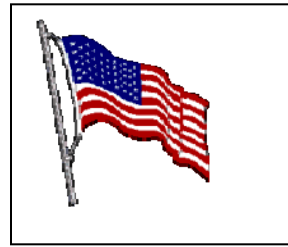
PLEASE remember that we are provided this space free of charge and that SJ asks us NOT to bring beer, wine or other alcoholic drinks on their property. Violators will be asked to leave. This is a great way to get the members together with new potential members. Anyone who joins and pays their dues (\$15) that day gets a free meal too!

**SEE YOU on Sunday, JULY 16th!**

### THE BELL TOWER (Campanile)

We all know that the "bell tower" served the church it stood near, but it was to many the symbol of their world ..... which was as far as they could see from the bell tower. This would help to understand their strong relationship to the comune or area around the bell tower – this was their world. As far as Kingdom, republic, country, etc goes; it was a distant concept.

Inside the bell tower there were numerous large cast iron bells. As an example at St. Mark's in Venice each bell has a name and a purpose; **Marangona** rang mornings and evenings at the beginning and end of the work day, **Maleficio** rang for capital executions, **Nona** rang at the 9th hour, **Trottiera** called magistrates to meetings in the Palazzo Ducale, and the bell of **Pregadi** called senators to the Palace.



we have the  
freedom to....

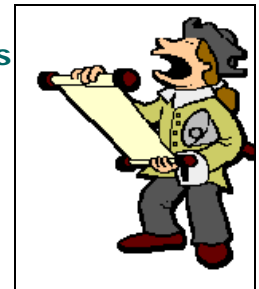
**VOTE**  
GRIPE  
BELIEVE  
COMPLAIN  
ELECT  
PARTY

**HELP AT FESTA ITALIANA**  
CHOOSE  
MARCH  
PRAY  
SPEAK  
WORSHIP

**OUR BEAUTIFUL AMERICA  
LEADS THE MARCH IN  
FREEDOM OF RIGHTS  
AND LIBERTY**



"Hallowed be the  
day, forever bright its  
memory in the heart  
of the Nation.  
Sing to it, poets;  
shout to it, freemen;  
celebrate it with  
bonfires, parades,  
and triumphant  
assemblies" ..... **4 July**



### FESTA ITALIANA ALERT – YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

Committees and Chairs (call one to HELP) .....September 8-9

**Admissions-Raffle** paul castagno & sponsor ([pcastagno@peoplepc.com](mailto:pcastagno@peoplepc.com)); **Ticket Booth** lou perry L4Perri@insightbb.com

**Finances-Money Room** mary perry [m2peri@aol.com](mailto:m2peri@aol.com) **Soft Drinks** vicki spradlin VickiSpradlin@yahoo.com;

**Beer** bob scorsolini [bscorsolini@aol.com](mailto:bscorsolini@aol.com); **IAA Booth (Information & Membership)** vacant

**Pastry Booth** ann moir [anfrmoir@insightbb.com](mailto:anfrmoir@insightbb.com) ; **Fund Raising** mike pollio & iaa; grape stomping contest L4Perri@insight.com

**Pasta Eating Contest** – vacant; **Bocce Demonstration** lou perry [L4Perri@insightbb.com](mailto:L4Perri@insightbb.com)

**FESTA Chair** - Bernie Carducci; [bcarducc@ius.edu](mailto:bcarducc@ius.edu)

**HELP – give 2 hours, have fun 2 hours; HELP – give 2 hours, have fun 2 hours - HELP**

**PULZONE's CINEMA PIC**

**"Only You" (1994)**

Marisa Tomei, Bonnie Hunt, and Director: Norman Jewison (famous for hit romance-comedies)

Okay fellow Italian-Americans. This is the movie of all movies that will sweep you into Italy's breathtaking beauty, music, history and of course "amore". It's a romantic comedy about a teacher engaged to a podiatrist in Pennsylvania who, when she was 13, paid a palm reader to tell her the name of her dream man. Ten years later, while trying on her wedding dress with her sister-in-law, the phone rings and it's the man she heard about from the gypsy. He's calling her soon-to-be podiatrist from Venice and off she goes to the airport in her wedding dress. She talks her sister-in-law into coming with her to Venice, and they are greeted by a spectacular sunset over the Grand Canal on a gondola. They find out he left for Rome and the hunt begins. They track him to Rome where Marisa's character meets her true destiny "destino" who decides to help them find the man with the right name, even though he risks losing her. They wind up in the Roman countryside and finally Positano. This is top notch, visually stunning cinematography and you will be immediately swept away.

Just make sure you get the 1994 movie and not the other *Only You*.

**LEARN TO SPEAK ITALIAN  
IMPARARE A PARLARE l'italiano**

One of our members has graciously offered to teach "Conversational Italian". He had lived in Europe, and has a very functional command of the Italian language; there would be no charge for this valuable learning experience. Class frequency and location have not been established at this point. If interested, please e-mail Bob Scorsolini [bscorsolini@aol.com](mailto:bscorsolini@aol.com). Time and place will be determined if there is enough interest.

COMUNE DI  
AVIGLIANO



Provincia di Potenza

**AVIGLIANO**

Root-in-the-Boot to:  
IAA members - the  
VICARO family.

Population - 12,025  
inhabitants (Aviglianesi);  
altimetric spawn - 696  
metres.

Economic base: 234  
industrial firms, 253  
service, 244 "other" firms,  
and 92 administrative  
offices; zip code - 85021.

**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"

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**I Piccoli Italiani**

(The Little Italians)

**genealogy words (vocaboli genealogia)**

voo-kah-BOO-lee jeh-neh-ah-loo-GEE-ah

- anno (AH-noh, year)
- atto (AHT-toh, record/deed)
- bambino/a (bahm-BEE-noh/nah, baby m/f)
- battesimo (baht-teh-SEE0moh, baptism)
- cattolica (kaht-toh-LEE-cah, Catholic)
- chiesa (key-EHS-sah church)
- certificato (cher-tee-fee-KAH-toh, certificate)
- citta (CHEET-tah, city)
- coniugale (KohN-eeoo-JAHL-eh, married)
- diocesi (dee-oh-CHEH-see, diocese)
- fu (FOO, was-as in deceased)
- infante (een-FAHN-teh, infante)
- madrina (mah-DREE-nah, godmother)
- marito (mah-REE-toh, husband)
- matrimonio (mah-tree-moh-MEE-oh, marriage)
- mese (MEH-seh, month)
- moglie (MOH-l'yah, wife)
- morte (MORH-teh, death)
- nato (NAH-toh, born)
- occupazione (ohk-koo-pah-tsee-OH-neh, occupation)
- ora (OH-rah, hour)
- padrino (pah-DREE-noh, godfather)
- parrocchia (pah-rohk-KEY-ah, parish)
- provincia (proh-veen-CHEE-ah, province)
- residenza (reh-see-DEN-tsah, resident)
- riassunto (ree-ahs-SOON-toh, summary of record)
- sepolto (seh-POHL-toh, buried)
- testamento (tehs-tah-MEHN-toh, will)

**Remember ....**

**Italians also speak  
with their hands**

**Bene, non ho mai amato  
realmente quel tè inglese  
comunque ---- lo sforzo-  
ho ai 342 toraci di tè a  
bordo. , Andiamo adesso  
le palle di neve di lancio  
ai soldati inglesi.**

Well, I never really liked that  
British tea anyhow ---- heave-ho  
to the 342 chests of tea on-board.  
Now, let's go throw snowballs at  
the British soldiers.

