

DUESTHAT's IT.....NO MORE FREE 2004

RIDES....Check the list (last newsletter) for your friends. If you don't see them, call them and encourage them to join.

The IAA Board welcomes **Michele Melillo Clem** to the short list of Honorary Lifetime Members.

HENRY MANCINI.....POSTAL STAMP – APRIL 13

This stamp honors Italian American Henry Mancini, one of the most successful composers in the history of television and film as well as a popular pianist and concert conductor. Mancini's legacy of Grammy- and Oscar-winning scores includes music from the television series "Peter Gunn," and films such as "Breakfast at Tiffany's" and "The Pink Panther."

OH YEA !

Facts about the 1500s:

**** Most people got married in June because they took their yearly bath in May and still smelled pretty good by June. However, they were starting to smell so brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide the body odor. Hence, the custom today of carrying a bouquet when getting married.

**** Baths consisted of a big tub filled with hot water. The man of the house had the privilege of the nice clean water, then all the other sons and men, then the women and finally the children – last of all the babies. By then the water was so dirty you could actually lose someone in it. Hence the saying, "Don't throw the baby out with the bath water".

**** Those with money had plates made of pewter. Food with high acid content caused some of the lead to leach onto the food, causing lead poisoning and death. This happened most often with tomatoes, so for the next 400 years or so, tomatoes were considered poisonous.



BIRTHDAYS – APRILE 2004
BUON COMPLEANNO !!

Rick Dahigren	4 -12th
Hallie DeVuono	4 - 16 th
Al Fazio	4 – 8 th
Marty Hanka	4 – 26 th
Mary Rose Mattei	4 – 13 th
Ashley Judd	4 – 19
Ron “Horshack” Palillo	4 - 2
Henry Mancini	4 – 16
Tony Danza	4 – 21
Leonardo da Vinci	4 – 21
Rome (753 BC)	4 - 21

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 a mistake or an omission, contact us)

SARDINIA (Sardegna – Sar den na)

The island of Sardinia has been colonized and invaded by the Greeks, Phoenicians, Romans, Pisans, Genoese and Spaniards. Through these ravages, the locals (known as the Sardi) have retained their identity and singularity, remaining strangely insular people. The landscape is rugged and the remaining wildlife distinctive, from albino donkeys to griffon vultures.

My nephew and family leave soon for a 2 year assignment on the north shores US sub-base.

UPCOMING EVENTS....Mary Rose Mattei

Get out your family calendars and mark these dates! We want you and your family to be active members of our IAA group and hope by giving you information on these events in advance; you will be able to join us each month in 2004.

MARCH

St. Joseph Day Mass and Buffet

We have combined all our MARCH activities into one great night. Join us at 6 pm, on Thursday evening, March 18th, in the Chapel of Saint Joseph Children's Home on Frankfort Avenue for our annual **Saint Joseph Day Mass / Dinner** with Father Paul Beach. This Mass will be offered for the souls of all our IAA family members. After that we will gather down the street at CLIFTON'S PIZZA for a great \$9.00 **Italian Buffet**. One of our newest members, Jim Allsopp, will be in charge of our salad for the evening. He has bottled his favorite **family dressing recipe** and will tell us all about that. He will also share a book about the Italians in the area where he grew up. We will have more **GREAT music** from the IUS music department. This is an evening you will not want to miss, THURSDAY, MARCH 18th, mark your calendars now.....RSVP to Mary Rose or Louie at 244-9339 by **March 16**.

APRIL

Easter Parade and Lunch

Our IAA APRIL activity is the wonderful FRANKFORT AVENUE **EASTER PARADE**, on **SATURDAY, APRIL 10th**. We will gather across from BLUE DOG BAKERY, just east of Saint Joe's, at 10:30 am. Wear your red, white and green and walk or drive down the parade route with us. We will gather at the new NORTH SIDE INN for **lunch after the Parade**. The parade route ends at the School for the Blind and the restaurant is a few blocks west of that near Mellwood. This NEW place has gotten rave reviews and is just the spot to unwind after the parade.

MAY

Dine at Michele's and Italian Author's Nite

On MONDAY, May 10th, we will have a special evening at Michele Melillo Clem's new place on **829 East Market Street**. Come hear and meet two of Kentucky's wonderful and talented **ITALIAN female authors**, Dianne Aprile and Donna Valtri Crane. We are so honored to have both these ladies to speak to our IAA group. It will be a very special evening. Come sip some wine, enjoy wonderful food and conversation and buy a great book. This is the evening after Mother's Day so treat yourself to a nice evening out!

JUNE

Art Studio and Huber's

IAA is planning to visit the southern Indiana Mount Saint Francis **artist retreat** of Italian Sculptor, Guy Tedesco, and then **tour Huber's**. We will enjoy hearing from a working artist who has roots in Louisville and art pieces all over the USA. His statue of explorers Lewis and Clark is in Jeffersonville, Indiana.

JULY

Family Picnic and Cookout

In July, we will have our **annual cookout** at Saint Joseph for our members and the resident children and staff. It is a nice Sunday family activity. Plan to join us.

AUGUST

St. Joseph Picnic – IAA Booth

Saturday, August 14th.....all members are needed in the IAA booth at the annual **Saint Joseph Home Summer PICNIC**. Come lend a hand to help our group. Bring your own chair! On Friday evening, the 13th, the home has a new, smaller, **FREE** gathering with music and a bit of gambling and more picnic food....call Mary Rose.

SEPTEMBER

FESTA ITALIANA - Louisville

September 10 - 11 on EDENSIDE DRIVE next to ST. JAMES CHURCH on Bardstown Road.....FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, for our **Italian Festival**. We will share our Heritage with all of METRO Louisville. Check with Bernie if you can help with this special weekend event. More details in the weeks ahead. This will be our biggest event of the year!

OCTOBER

Columbus Day Dinner / Awards

Monday, October 11 - Third annual IAA **Columbus Day Dinner-Awards** at the Knights of Columbus Hall on River Road. The beautiful view of the Ohio River, larger space and delicious menu will make this a nite to remember. Details to follow. Contact Lou Perry.

Proverbio/Proverb

Bisogna navigare secondo il vento

English Equivalent

As the wind blows, you must set your sail

ANNUAL EVENTS IN ITALY - APRIL

PESCE d'APRILE –April Fool's Day.

PASQUA - Easter - The most important religious holiday in Italy; Papal blessing at St. Peter's.

DOMENICA delle PALME - Palm Sunday.

VENERDI SANTO - Good Friday there is a procession of the Cross from the Colosseum to Capitoline Hill. LUNEDI dopo PASQUA (Monday after Easter) which celebrates the rising of Christ. It's just about as important of a religious holiday as Easter.

FESTA della PRIMAVERA - Azaleas in terra cotta pots adorn the Spanish steps. FESTA della RESISTENZA - Liberation Day April 25th - This is the Italian version of our Fourth of July

PALMS OF PALM SUNDAY

Palm Sunday commemorates Jesus as he entered into Jerusalem. His path was decorated with palm branches, which is a symbol of victory. There are many traditions that families partake on this day. One tradition that seems to have slowly disappeared is the art of palm weaving...go to website:

<http://www.italianculture.about.com/gi/dynamic/offsite.htm?site=http://www.italiansrus.com/articles/palmweaving.htm>

This art form has been in my family for generations. Each year my brother John would make decorative [crosses](#) from the palms we received on Palm Sunday. In other families they would get palms at the start of Lent and spend hours creating various decorated palms shaped like a [cone](#), [braid](#) or [rose bud](#). You may or may not be familiar with this tradition, but that doesn't mean you can't take this opportunity to learn how to make decorative palms. To start, you can use the **Palm Weaving Tutorials** at the website above.

Proverbio/Proverb

Donna danno, sposa spesa, moglie maglio
The husband reigns, but it is the wife that governs.

OR.....Oui, cher (yes, dear)

ITALIAN LESSONS

1 - Alfabeto....twenty-one letters

2 – Vowels/Vocali

a = ah e = a i = e o = oh u = oo
(simple, but workable at this stage)

3 – **REVIEW**..... I don't wish to question your ability to grasp the foreign concepts or language, but a little review and practice on #s 1 and 2 above is what the Doctor ordered.

Great words to practice with, then try them on someone who speaks Italian:

aiuola ...means "flower bed"..... has 5 syllables and 6 letters; its plural AIUOLE is the shortest Italian word with all 5 vowels.

indivisibilissimi ...means "very unsplittable".....has 8 I's and no other vowels.

ghiaccio ...means "ice"..... has 8 letters and only two syllables.

smettalo !!means "cool it !!"

un fessomeans "a fool"

un amico...means... "a friend"

Also, practice with words in sentences, like:

Ti devo dire francamente che sei una testa di cavolo. (Frankly, I think you've got a vegetable where your head should be.)

Italians also speak with their hands.

Che puzza!
(ke puttsa)

English translation:

What a smell!



AROUND TOWN UPDATE:

LUIGI'Son Main Street.....he's moving about two doors down towards the "Bat"; and he's trying to get his name back from the second venture.

PIAZZA DI FELICEincludes *FELICE DI VINEYARDS* and also the restaurant *MELILLO'S*, and outside beside the piazza and the restaurant is a *BOCCE COURT*. Also in the piazza area are several places for *small businesses* to the right of *MELILLO'S*all at 829 E. Market.

Extra Credit Italian Lesson:

LUIGI'sLoo ee gee's

PIAZZA.....pjatt saa public square.....also via Lou-dialect, it's pee azz sa.

DIpreposition "of" dee

FELICEfe lit fe Lou-dialect is Fa lee ca – which means happy, happiness.

Editorial:

Within the piazza the **vineyard** area is ceramic tiled with two huge, wood functioning vats; and several old "home brew" units; and in the cellar is the "Via Vino" lined with wooden barrels of ageing wine and a separate room "Vino Cantina" which must hold billions and billions of bottles of wine.

The **restaurant** is beautiful marble and tile with a ten seater bar and a 50 seat capacity restaurant with a mix of Italian northern, southern, and Melillo dishes.

Bob Valvano CELEBRITY BOCCE

TOURNAMENT ...the teams have now grown to 10 for the May 31 event on the Belvadere. This ought to be interesting.

The Origin of Musical Notation

This Spring the hills are still alive with the "Sound Of Music". In one well-known scene in the *The Sound of Music*, the children dance around the statue of Pegasus, the winged horse, singing "Do-Re-Mi." During the song, one of the children complains that the nonsensical syllables "...don't mean anything..." What she doesn't realize, of course, is that the lyrics have their roots in medieval choral music, drawn from syllables of each of the first six phrases of the text of a hymn to St. John the Baptist.

Written by Paolo Diacono (ca 720 - 799) the Latin words "Ut queant laxis, Resonare fibris, Mira gestorum, Famuli tuorum, Solve polluti, Labii reatum," translate to "So that Your servants may sing at the top of one's voices the wonders of Your Acts, absolve the fault from their stained lips."

Using the syllables ut, re, mi, fa, sol, and la as names for the six tones, C to A, an Italian monk named Guido d'Arezzo (990-1050) created the System of Solmization (sometimes called, after him, Aretinian syllables or the Guido System of Syllables). Later ut was replaced by the more singable do and another syllable, si or ti, was added, giving the scale seven syllables called do-re-mi-fa-sol-la-ti to form the present system of singing names for the tones of the scale. The syllable sol was later shortened to so, making all syllables uniform in spelling and ending with a vowel.

With all this revelry revolving around the revival of a stage play based on a German film, "Die Trapp-Familie," that told the true-life story of the von Trapps, an Austrian family that had fled their homeland following the Nazi Anschluss of World War II and found haven in America, it would be doubtful if audience members realized that **one of the most famous songs from the production originated with an Italian monk over 1000 years ago.**